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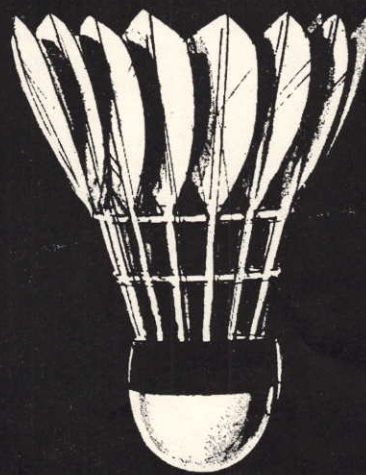


The first United States Uber Cup Team which defeated Canada 7-0, in the American Zone Tie at Kitchener, Ontario February 25 and 26. The victors travel to England for the interzone semi-final against India, the winner of the Asian Zone. The U.S. Team: Back row, l to r: B. Massman, M. Varner, Mrs. Connie Davidson (Manager), J. Devlin, E. Marshall; Front row, L. Alston, S. Devlin.

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MORE ABOUT THE NATIONALS

For those of you who may not have noticed in the last issue of BIRD CHATTER, the 1957 U.S. Nationals are being held in Spokane, Washington on Monday thru Thursday, April 8-11 in the Spokane Coliseum. The Entries close Saturday March 16 and should be sent to Merle R. Corrin, YMCA, W 827 First Ave., Spokane 4, Washington.

The '57 Nationals will be the 17th Annual Championships and the 4th Open Amateur Championships.

Sponsored by the Athletic Round Table and conducted by the Spokane Badminton Club and the Spokane Y.M.C.A. Badminton Club, an added attraction is the offer of the Tournament Committee to attempt to house out-of-town players in private homes, upon request, a policy normally not followed for National Championships and something which will be very much appreciated by the players.

The Championship is open to all amateur players who are members in good standing of Clubs in Associations affiliated with the International Badminton Federation, and over 16 years of age as of April 8, 1957. To enter Veterans Doubles a player must be 40 years of age or over as of April 8, 1957.

The Championships will be conducted in accordance with the Grant System and are under the Rules and Regulations of the American Badminton Association. RSL Shuttlecocks have been approved for use in the tournament.

Honorary Chairman of the tournament is Joseph Albi, President of the Athletic Round Table; General Chairman is Merle Corrin with Jack Harvey as Vice-Chairman; Secretary is Avery Peyton; Publicity, Bob Showacre; Foreign Correspondence, John Huneke; Gym Arrangements, Jack Harvey; Finance, E. W. Van Tyen; Transportation, Charles Sheffield and Ticket Chairman, Bill Hart.

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Tour Europe Playing Badminton

Have you ever thought of a European badminton vacation? Here's your chance! Three weeks vacation in Europe. Play badminton from Glasgow to Paris, with stop-offs in Scandinavia. Play in England, Scotland, France, Amsterdam, Brussels, Germany, Oslo, Gothenberg, Copenhagen. 18 to 20 days for approximately \$590.00, possibly less depending on the size of the group, leaving from New York or Washington, D. C. Hotel and meals will be included in the price of the tour there is the possibility of private housing in some of the countries. Transportation to and from Europe will be by air, with the rest of the tour by train and ship. Live like a European for three weeks and love it!

You don't have to be a good player. Class B, C, and D players are encouraged. Matches will be arranged for you against players of your own ability in each city. This is a friendly delegation and not a 'blood and thunder' tour. There will be plenty of sight-seeing during the day with the matches being played at various clubs in the evenings, followed by entertainment. See where the Thomas and Uber Cup matches have been played, where the Danes practice, where the famous All-England Championships are held. Trips to Loch Lomond, Edinburgh, Windsor, the mountains and fjords of Norway, the Louvre and many other historic and famous places.

Do you think this would be fun and would you, your wife, husband, or friends like to go on such a trip? If so, write to BIRD CHATTER and let us know if you are interested. This is not signing up for the trip but purely to let us know how many might be interested if such a tour could be arranged.

EDITORIAL

The departure in this issue from the cover advertisement run for the past several years has come about through the cancellation of the contract. We hope that the change will meet with your approval and we welcome comments upon it. Personally, we prefer a cover photo but it does present us with the problem of a lack of revenue from this space. We intend to do without advertising on the cover and to make it up with more advertising inside the magazine.

The response to the column "What Do You Think" has been good from the readers but very poor from those questioned, only slightly more than half ever answer. For this reason we intend to drop this article in its present form and instead to put forth the questions to all of our readers in one issue, inviting their answers for the next issue. In that way those who are interested will let us know and perhaps turn the series into more of a forum for the exchange of ideas. Again, we welcome your questions as well as your answers.

By the time the next issue goes to press we will have a new set of national champions, juniors and seniors. Among them there will be new names, especially in the juniors where there will be no defending champions. Spokane should produce some top contenders for the Thomas Cup Team next year. Good luck to all the players.



Barbara Prince
Number 1 East Coast Girl

JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



Southern California representatives in the Junior Nationals. l. to r. Front row: Stan Hales, Ardyce Carr, Virginia Greene, Al Hales. Back row: Don Paup, Ted Ebenkamp.

The General Chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. S. William Bender, report that arrangements are almost complete for these nationals which are being held in Wilmington, March 30-April 1st, on the courts of the Dilwyne Badminton Club and the Tower Hill School. The four Dilwyne courts are situated on the lovely grounds of Montchanin, the family estate of the R. R. M. Carpenters, whose eldest son R. R. M., Jr. (Bob), owns the Philadelphia Phillies Baseball Club. Also at Montchanin is the Soda-house, where the duPonts first manufactured gun-powder and which now houses the late Mr. Carpenter's trophy room, he was a celebrated explorer and big-gamehunter, and a large hall which doubled as a beautiful badminton court and room for showing movies.

The last issue of BIRD CHATTER listed the Committees in charge of the tournament and to these have been added Irving O'Neil, officials and referees; Wm. Russell, Robt. de Great, McGill Gawthorp and Frank Newlin in charge of the physical set-up.

For contestants living more than 200 miles from D. C., a free trip to the Nation's Capitol is scheduled. All contestants must register at Tower Hill School between 2 and 9 p.m. on Friday March 29. Play starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday and the last match will be called for 9 p.m. Play starts at 10 a.m. on Sunday, the Under 15 finals will be played at 4:30 p.m. and the semi-finals of the

Under 18 at 6:30 p.m. Finals in the Championship events are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday April 1. Wilson Tournament Shuttles will be used.

Among the top contenders in the Championship events will be Barbara Prince of Kennett Square, Pa. who was 18 last November. She is a freshman at Westchester State Teachers College. Judging by the results of the Eastern Open last December Barbara and Cynthia Dryden of Baltimore, are the two top girls on the East Coast this year, while Bernard Talley Jr. of Loyola in Baltimore, and Glenn Hackett, Lewiston, N. Y., occupy the same position among the boys. California expects to send three girls east this year, Ardyce Carr and Virginia Greene from Glendale and Ann Erkkila of Manhattan Beach, and five boys, Al Hales, Pasadena; Don Paup, Long Beach; Ted Ebenkamp, Manhattan Beach; Scott Seiler, San Diego and Stanton Hales, who will play in the 15 and Under events. These girls and boys showed great promise in adult "B" flight competition last season, Ardyce Carr winning the Singles in the Semana Nautica Open and the Doubles with Virginia Greene in the Manhattan Beach Summer tournament, while Paup and Ebenkamp carried off the Men's Doubles in the latter tournament. Ann Erkkila is the Semina Nautica "C" Champion. An all around athlete at school, 16 year old Ann has come along fast in the last year.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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| March 1-3 | Mass. State Junior Chps., Massachusetts. |
| March 2 | Md. State Junior Chps., Baltimore, Md. |
| March 4-10 | Granite Club Invitation, Toronto, Ontario, Can. |
| March 8-10 | Mason Dixon Open, Baltimore, Md. |
| March 16,17* | Midwest B. T., Chicago, Ill. |
| March 15-17 | Middle Atlantic, Philadelphia, Penna. |
| March 15-17 | Mass. State A, Boston, Mass. |
| March 15-17* | Washington State Open, Seattle, Washington |
| March 20-23 | All England Championships, London, England. |
| March 18-24 | Maryland State Closed, Baltimore, Maryland |
| March 23, 24 | Kodak Invitation, Rochester, N. Y. |
| March 29-31 | Southern B. A. Tournament, Atlanta, Georgia. |
| March 29-31* | Washington State Closed, Seattle, Washington. |
| March 30 April 1 | U.S. JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Wilmington, Delaware. |
| April 6 | Western New York B & C Chps., Lewiston, N. Y. |
| April 5, 6 | Oregon State Open, Portland, Oregon. |
| April 8-11 | U. S. NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Spokane, Wash. |

*Tentative

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sorrow that we learn of the death of Paul Hoy Helms, on January 5, 1957. Mr. Helms was creator and chairman of the Helms Athletic Foundation and a great benefactor of world sports. The American Badminton Association has directly benefitted through the placing in the Helms Hall of Fame of a perpetual trophy for Badminton thus giving recognition to Badminton along with many major sports. On behalf of the officers, Directors and Members of the American Badminton Association, your secretary has written Bill Schroeder, Managing Director of the Helms Athletic Foundation, expressing to the family of Mr. Helms and to the staff of Helms Athletic Foundation our deepest sympathy in their great loss. His untimely passing as a result of cancer leaves a void it will be difficult to fill. His many fine contributions to the world of sports will serve as a perpetual monument to the memory of this truly fine sportsman, benefactor and gentleman.

ABA Activities

Our great preoccupation with the first running of the Uber Cup has temporarily eclipsed our thinking on the Thomas Cup Competition which will take place early in 1958. However, Ted Jarrett, Chairman Thomas Cup Committee, has been working on plans for choosing and training a team. These plans will be presented at the Spokane meeting at which time it will be necessary to authorize the officers of the A.B.A. to formally enter our team in the coming competition. Entries close in June 1957. At least one player on the last Thomas Cup team has definitely retired. With our ambitious younger generation of players coming up there may be others whose positions on the team are in question. These younger players include Berry and Armendariz who did play last time plus Davis, Hartgrove, Roche, Kevorkian, Palmer, Leib and others. There should be plenty of competition for these positions.

It is again time to seriously consider bids for the 1958 Junior and Senior National Tournaments. The ABA Directors have been asked to encourage any competent group who might be interested in such sponsorship. On February 3rd the Southern California Badminton Association at its annual meeting voted unanimously to place a bid for the 1958 Junior Nationals to be jointly sponsored by the City of Burbank Department of Recreation and the S.C.B.A. This bid complies with the resolution passed at Philadelphia last April and under the circumstances further bids for the 1958 Junior's are not being solicited. However, we still are in the market for bids for the 1958 Senior Nationals. We have heard that the Detroit area may bid for it but in the meantime we are very anxious to receive at least one good sound bid within the next few weeks so that a definite award may be made at Spokane.

Another project has originated among some of our top players. A committee headed by Joe Alston, Chairman, proposed a plan called the Southern California Badminton Association Player's Fund and a set of rules has been presented not only to the S.C.B.A. but also to the Amateur Status Committee and to the A.B.A. Board of Directors. This plan provides a means by which all players may be permitted to play in exhibi-

tions or to give lessons either to individuals or groups and a sum may be contributed by either the individual or the group to the S.C.B.A. Players Fund. This fund will be held by the Association Treasurer and any player who has made any promotional effort which resulted in any contribution to this fund may in turn request financial assistance from the fund to apply on travel and/or daily expenses involved in the player's participation primarily in a National or State Championship Tournament. Disbursements from the fund are controlled by the S.C.B.A. Board of Directors. The rules submitted by the committee rigidly protect the Amateur standing of the players and have already been approved "in principle" by the ABA Amateur Status Committee and the ABA Directors. There are minor corrections still to be made and the final draft of the rules will be presented for approval at the annual meeting in Spokane. This plan is endeavoring to make it possible for more players to be able to participate in our major tournaments and at the same time have more participation by players in the promotion of the game with the general public.

This issue of BIRD CHATTER presents a different front cover from that in previous issues. The Cortland Line Co. who purchased this space for advertising for several years past, cancelled their contract quite suddenly after the last issue. It was decided by the editor that this space might well be used for ABA purposes rather than to attempt to fill it again with advertising. She will probably try it for several issues but the big problem will be replacing this lost income. It would therefore be a very generous gesture upon the part of all "Badminton Boosters" to personally try to find additional advertising to replace this lost income and to thereby assure an even better and more attractive BIRD CHATTER in the future.

There are other projects on which we will report at a later date. The A.B.A. officers and Directors will welcome any constructive suggestions or criticisms on any of these matters. We are a democratic organization and look for help and guidance from every club member.

CLAUDE WELCOME, *President*
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Uber Cup News

Helen Gibson, chairman of the Uber Cup Committee, has announced that Connie Davidson, widow of Kenneth Davidson the former coach-manager of the Thomas Cup Team, was elected Manager of the Uber Cup Team. Judy Devlin has been elected vice-captain of the team. The American Zone Tie with Canada at Kitchener, Ontario will be played the nights of February 25-26. The team will stay at the Mayfair Hotel as will the cheering Squad which to date consists of Helen Gibson, Claude and Thelma Welcome, Ted Jarrett, Frank and Grace Devlin, and Hans Rogind.

The winner of the American tie will then go to England for a semi-final match against India and if successful they will probably meet Denmark for the championship and the right to hold the Uber Cup. They will also compete in the All-England Championships and in either the Scottish Invitational at Aberdeen or the World Invitational Tournament in Glasgow before returning home.

The Fund

Additional contributions to the Uber Cup Fund are \$95.00 from the Towson Open Tournament:

\$25.00 from the Delaware Valley B. A.: \$20.00 from Hood College, Frederick, Md. and \$60.00 from the Wilmington Ladies Doubles Round Robin, \$50.00 from the Western New York B.A. \$41.60 from the Purdue Open and \$11.50 in donations. The total now stands at \$5354.51.

The Uniform

The team's uniform, planned by Evvy Howard, consists of a white blazer with the U.S. Uber Cup emblem on the pocket, mailman blue skirts and white blouses. The girls will play in uniform shorts and shirts.

The Ties

Ireland defeated Scotland 5-2; Ireland took the first four matches. India defeated Malaya 4-3 in Kuala Lumpur, no details are available at present. Denmark defeated England 5-2 in London on January 16. Of the two matches won by England, Heather Ward defeated Aase Schiott Jacobsen, 12-10, 11-8 and Iris Rogers—June Timperley defeated Birte Christiansen—Aase Schiott Jacobsen 15-6, 18-15. Tonny Ahm who won the All England Singles in 1950 and 1952 showed that though she is 42 years old she is still a very

strong player when she defeated June Timperley 12-10, 11-0.

Denmark plays Ireland in the European Zone finals.

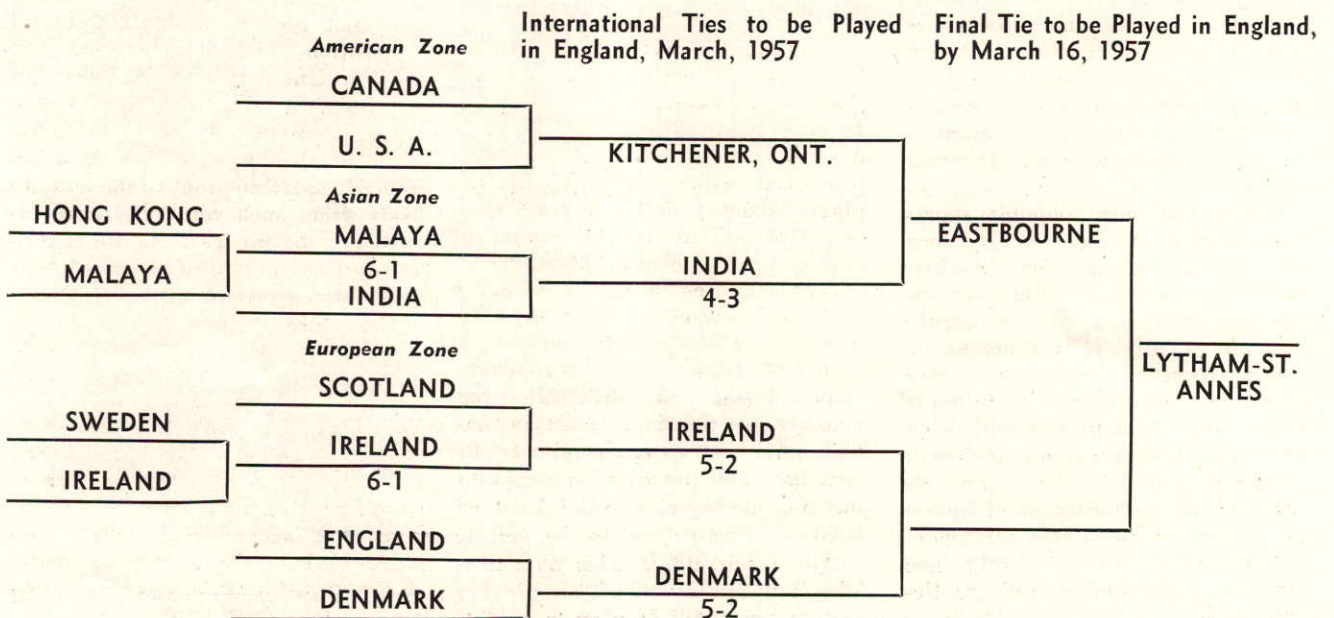
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The following additional Committee Chairmen have been appointed upon approval by the Board of Directors.

- Roger A. Baird—Kenneth R. Davidson-Trophy Rules Committee
- T. M. Royce—Helms Hall of Fame Nomination Committee
- Abbie Rutledge—Intercollegiate and Interscholastic Play Committee
- Edwin S. Jarrett—Promotional Activities Committee
- Don Richardson—Revision of Rules
- H. Herpel Perkins, Jr.—Rules
- Robert Wright—Study of Amateur Status Rules
- Donald Richardson—Special Committee to Study Rules and Regulations of Thomas Cup and Uber Cup Competition and Recommend Changes Therein.
- Ralph H. G. Mathews—Umpires Committee and Umpires Association
- Dick Mitchell—Nominating Committee

The Uber Cup Draw



BADMINTON IN SOUTH AFRICA

DR. GEORGE LOGUE



Dr. George Logue

The recent visit to South Africa by a United States side has done a great deal towards developing a cordial badminton relationship between the two countries. We enjoyed having the team here and we learnt a great deal from them. We are looking forward to a series of return matches in the not too distant future.

Although South Africa covers roughly the same area as the three states of Arizona, California, and Texas, our population is much smaller. Our players are drawn from all four provinces of the Union; the Cape, the Transvaal, the Orange Free State, and Natal—as well as from the neighbouring territories of Rhodesia. All in all, this accounts for some seven to eight thousand players.

Unlike the more popular sports, badminton is played only by local whites at the present time. Perhaps the main reasons for this are the high cost of shuttles and the extreme shortage of suitable halls among the coloured people. Among the whites, badminton has become a bilingual game; since it is played with keenness by both English and Afrikaans-speaking South Africans. For the latter group a shuttle is a "pluimbal," which means a feathered ball.

The "trek" spirit of South Africans can be well seen in the way that local badminton has come to be or-

ganized. Although the Union can boast of only four provinces, there are actually fifteen in the South African Badminton Union! This fission into smaller units of organization has never been favoured by the parent body but many administrators of the game look upon it as inevitable. Large but sparsely populated areas cost quite an amount of money to keep running, particularly with the high travelling expenses of players and selectors to trial matches, and of delegates to meetings of the provincial executive committees. The Transvaal is made up of four such provinces and the Cape—seven.

Our controlling body is the South African Badminton Union, the headquarters of which may be moved triennially from one centre to another on the decision of a general meeting. At the present time our badminton capital is Johannesburg, the heart of our goldmining industry. It has been there for some time because in this city is the wonderful Wanderers Club, a wealthy and progressive body that is prepared to give every support to all the sporting groups from which it is constituted. For example, on their extensive property which embodies among other things the famous cricket ground where South Africa plays her international matches, they have erected a special three-court badminton hall. In it, Margaret Varner described playing conditions as ideal.

The South African Badminton Union is financed by an annual player registration fee of 15 cents. In addition to this players pay annual dues to their district and their provincial bodies. All this costs the player about 1 dollar a year. Club subscriptions are in the region of two dollars a month. Most of the clubs are housed in one-court church halls but in some of the centres use is made of large halls on certain nights of the week. In Durban and Cape Town, for example, test matches are played in military drill halls. At Port Elizabeth the Feathermarket hall is used. This building was once the market for ostrich feathers—thus the name.

The venue for the South African Championships and the inter-provincial tournament changes from

year to year. Although there is little profit in these ventures, most of the leading provinces vie with each other for the honour of having these events. According to the constitution they must be held at the coast and at some inland centre in alternate years. After the national championships the selection committee publish their rankings for the year. These apply only to participants in the championships themselves and can often be misleading if, as was the case in 1956, some of the leading players do not participate. On the other hand it does preclude some fading champion from holding his top ranking by simply not entering in the annual tournaments.

The prize of the inter-provincial contest, in which mixed teams participate, is the Melvill Cup, donated by the proprietor of a well-known Johannesburg sports firm. With the increase in the number of provinces participating and the consequent necessity for breaking up the competition into A and B sections, Mr. Melvill last year presented a second trophy. Each year, the winner of the B section replaces the bottom team in the A section.

Visiting players have often asked how the South African Badminton Union can afford the expense of so many overseas teams to this country. Since World War II we have had the British (twice), the Danes, and the Americans. Such tours cost some 13,000 dollars each and are prompted by the realisation that, with South Africa so far removed from the hub of world badminton, our standard will not improve without imported opposition. The South African Badminton Union spreads the financial responsibility for each tour among all the constituent provinces in the form of guarantees. Thus, although there is no great profit to the national body from such ventures, there can certainly be no loss. In their turn, some of the provinces share out their guarantees among their constituent clubs. Such a procedure not only eases the burden on provincial shoulders but also ensures that the clubs will sell the tickets! This year we are looking forward to a visit from a British team. Any profits that may accrue to the South African Badminton Union from such tours are being accumulated with a view to one day sending over a representative side to the international tournament.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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

1. Do you think there would be a demand for lessons in your area if a professional coach was available to travel through the country visiting the various clubs and badminton playing groups?

Ruth Berry, California. I think it would be quite advisable. We have many junior players as well as new enthusiasts who are neglected for lack of time and consideration.

Spencer Davis, District of Columbia. I feel there are not enough players in this area to make it monetarily worth while for a professional. In order for him to function at all, he would have to be subsidized.

Marion Kip, Pennsylvania. By and large I would say the demand for the area would be fair.

B. F. Pitman, Texas. We believe that quite an interest will be developed if a professional instructor were to visit our club. It would, of course, depend on him, as well as his fees, etc. We would be very interested in learning more about this if you have any other information.

Clint Stephens, Maryland. I believe there would be lots of demand for such a coach in my area. We've run a series of badminton clinics in my club with well-known amateurs explaining and demonstrating, and the interest has been tremendous. Such a traveling coach would be very helpful to beginners though I doubt if he could be of help to potential tournament players due to a lack of time (if he had an extended schedule of travel). Thinking beyond the question a little, I can't help but wish we could get a full time professional in our area who would earn a good living and be able to benefit juniors and seniors, beginners and advanced players. This is one of the many things that will have to be done to raise badminton from the status of a minor sport to a major sport, which we all hope for.

2. What do you consider to be the most important stroke in a game of singles?

Berry. I consider the clear the most important stroke, not only as a good aggressive shot but as a good defen-

sive shot as well. A well executed clear forces the opponent to return his shot to an easily accessible spot and also helps the hitter in "trouble" to find his footing.

Davis. The clear.

Kip. A good clear.

Pitman. The most important stroke in singles seems to be controversial, but, many agree that a high lob to the base line, and the drop shot just across the net, are two very important shots.

Stephens. Since the four basic strokes of badminton are the clear, drop, drive and smash, the serve being a variant of one of the three, the normal answer would be the smash. The clear, drop and drive are used in a careful sequence designed to run your opponent and get him out of position, forcing him to lift the bird to you short, so that you can smash for the point. This actually works out in competition for the novice and the experienced player. Many times you will also find that well played opening shots will win the point of themselves. However, I don't like to focus too much on one shot, because a good sequence of well placed and carefully thought out shots is the key to singles in my opinion. From this point of view, the most important shot in singles could be the "thoughtfully placed" shot.

(Answers not received from three men sent questions)

The most essential strokes of all in singles are a good service to the back of the court and strong clearing shots. The service, to be any good, should fall within a few inches of the base line; otherwise an opponent who can smash will kill it outright every time.

Variety is, of course, important, and drop shots must not be neglected. Save in exceptional circumstances, a drop shot in a single should not be a risky stroke . . . it may be safely laid down as a general rule that one should play to the back of the court whenever one is in any

real difficulty, or when one's opponent is near enough to the net to have a chance of jumping in on a drop. Whenever the attack is secured it must be followed up vigorously. Here, smashing is the chief weapon, and severity of the utmost importance . . . smash with sufficient restraint not to prejudice your next stroke—unless you have an opening for an absolute winner, then, subject only to that consideration, smash hard and often. *G. A. Thomas in a book by S. M. Massey, BADMINTON.*

The clear is used more in singles than in doubles and the player who obtains its maximum effectiveness has learnt the foundation of good singles play. It is well to remember in singles that, when in doubt, you should clear—within 6 inches of the baseline. *Noel Radford, BADMINTON.*

In singles . . . you clear to make sure your opponent is at the back of the court . . . that's where he is least dangerous to you. If he should clear back again, you can then try a drop-shot with safety. The smash is the game's chief attacking stroke and you will win more points off it outright than from any other but in singles, smash only if you are in a commanding position. When and where to place the shots becomes most important. *Eddy Choong & Fred Brundle, BADMINTON.*

Of first importance in a single is the mastery of a really good high service using the full length of the court. . . . The safest and best return to a high serve, assuming it to be of good length, is a high clear or else a drop shot. The smash should never be used off a good length serve, except perhaps at the very beginning of a game, to find out if your opponent has a very weak defense, when it could be used, though very sparingly. . . . In a single a smash or drop should only be played when you feel you are in a position to reach any reply with comfort. *J. F. Devlin, BADMINTON FOR ALL.*

The basic idea in singles is to run your opponent and force him to hit the shuttle up short to you in mid-court so that you can smash down for a winning placement.

The clear and the drop-shot are used mainly to create these openings and the smash is saved to finish off the rally. Too much smashing be-

comes very tiring. The high, deep serve is the basic serve for singles. . . . Concentrate on each stroke, including your serve, keep the shuttle in play, and don't give your opponent cheap points by making unforced errors. *Kenneth R. Davidson & Lealand R. Gustavson*, WINNING BADMINTON.

Always make your opponent's court as large as possible and your own as small as possible. This is done by hitting to the corners. Always try to make your clears a good length and always try to play your drops as close to the net as possible, without taking unnecessary risks.

Having learnt how to serve I would advise the beginner, at first, to keep his game as simple as possible . . . he must keep elaborate, fancy shots out of his game and be prepared to work very hard indeed . . . and last, but not least, he must try to get back to the center of the court as early as possible after having made his shot.

Of all the points this last is, I think, the most important, as it means the difference between being in position or being out of position,

and it is impossible to emphasize too much. *E. & H. S. Uber*, BADMINTON.

Smashing is usually a waste of energy except where there is a reasonable chance of scoring outright. . . . His (the player's) chief aim should be to make that opponent's life miserable by feeding him with the shots he likes least, so that sound placing is the pre-eminent qualification for successful singles play. *Mrs. R. C. Tragett*, BADMINTON FOR BEGINNERS.

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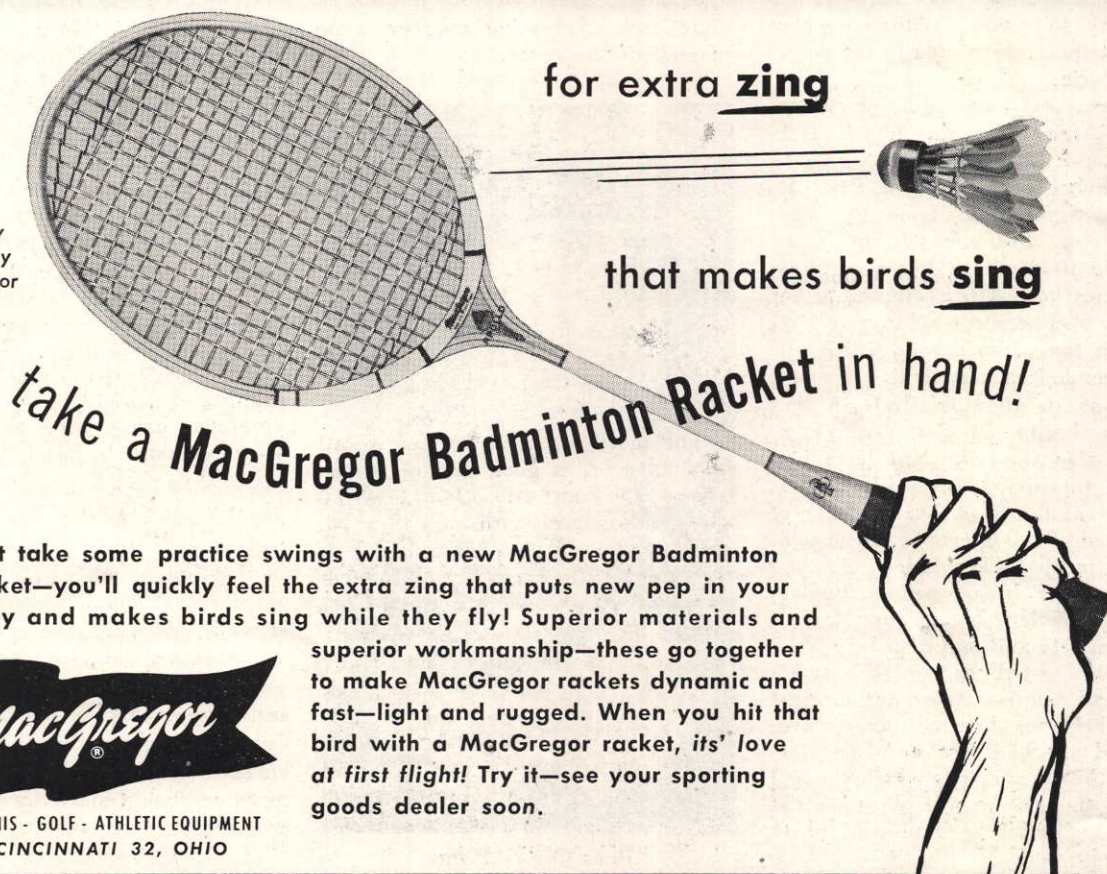
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Beatrix Maré

Beatrix Maré, former National Women's Singles Champion of South Africa, is now a graduate student at Purdue University. Beatrix is working toward a Master's degree in Education and hopes to complete her work by February, 1958, at which time she plans to return to her home in Pretoria.

Beatrix was born in Krugersdorp, South Africa, on March 15, 1928 and attended school in the Afrikaans High School for Girls in Pretoria. She was graduated from the University of Stellenbosch in Cape Town in 1950 with a degree in physical education. After completing her degree, she began teaching in Pretoria in the same school which she had attended as a student.

It was in 1951 in Pretoria that Beatrix began playing badminton. Before this time she had been primarily interested in field hockey, softball and cricket but because of the speed of the game she found badminton much to her liking. Coming from a sports-loving people, Beatrix had an excellent background for all of the sports and had also been very much interested in squash, swimming and tennis. After her interest in badminton became more pronounced she had less and less time for all the other sports which she had played, though she still plays a great amount of field hockey—and plays extremely well.

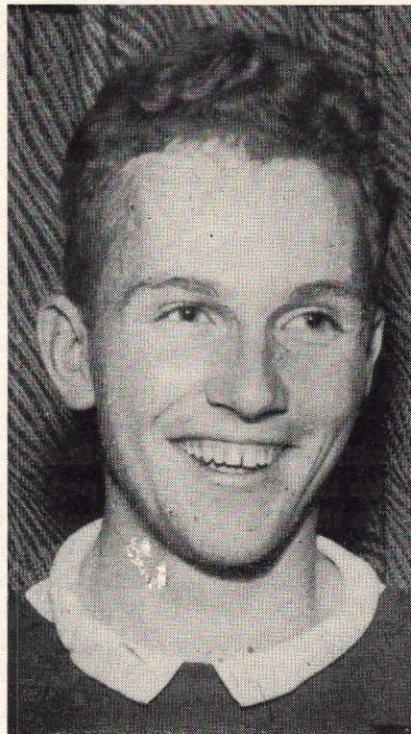
Beatrix has been given the honor of representing the Province of Transvaal in South Africa at field hockey, cricket and badminton. Since 1951 she has improved her badminton to such an extent that in 1955, four years after she began playing, she became the national women's singles champion and was also a winner in mixed doubles with Johannes Reed in that same year. Beatrix is well known to the members of the United States Badminton Team which toured South Africa in the summer of 1955, having represented her country in the matches against the Americans.

A.R.

Hans Gustav Myhre

Several tournaments this year have been lucky to include, in their list of competitors, a tall blond Norwegian by the name of Hans Gustav Myhre. Hans is the 1956 singles and doubles champion of Norway and an excellent good will ambassador for his country.

A 21 year old six foot two inch right hander, Hans has an infectious smile and a pleasing manner both on and off the court.



Hans Gustav Myhre

Born in Oslo, Norway he came to this country last September, the recipient of a Fulbright scholarship at Iowa State University in Iowa City. He entered the School of Business at Iowa State but then switched to his real love, Journalism. He is a free-lance photographer and journalist and is at present reporting sports news to some sports papers in Norway.

His journalistic bent has already been exercised in the Editorship of the Norwegian badminton gazette; it is not functioning during his absence. He has already been Secretary of the Norwegian Badminton Association.

Upon his return to Norway, in December of this year, Hans plans to enter his father's travel agency business. He has conducted tours thru Europe and has plans for fifteen talks, showing his own slides of his American travels, which he will give on his return to Norway. He spent Thanksgiving in Colorado and Christmas in California and has been sightseeing in Washington, D. C. and Canada while playing in Badminton tournaments.

With all these interests and badminton as well, Hans loves to ski, which sport is unfortunately a little difficult in Iowa! He has also played tennis with a fellow student, Art Andrews, nationally ranked in the country.

Hans badminton style is very reminiscent of the Danes, Finn Kobbero and Hammergaard Hansen, who played on the East Coast last March and April. Hans started playing badminton eight years ago and since then has annexed 4 Norwegian National titles; the Singles and the Doubles in 1953 and '56. He was runner-up in the singles in 1954 and '55. His badminton at Iowa has necessarily been confined to a plastic shuttle against the gym wall, an exercise which is very good for wrist action but which can't possibly replace actual play. In spite of this, Hans has reached the semi-finals of the Strathgowan Invitation in Toronto, the finals of the Illinois Open and the quarter-finals of the National Capitol Championships. He uses his height and reach well and with more practice should show up well in the late season tournaments.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUGGESTION RE KEN DAVIDSON AWARD

Because I have been as actively associated with and interested in badminton as many years as I have, now 26, I have had the opportunity to see its development and to know some of the people who are responsible for that development.

Not meaning in any way or in the slightest degree to detract from the importance of playing champions I do think that as the years go by it is clearly shown that there are individuals whose contribution to the game outweighs that of individuals who are competing in the A.B.A. championships. Without what they have done there would be no cham-

INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR

Here's hoping Hans writes home glowing reports of the U.S. and we may have some Norwegian visitors soon.

S.D.

tion for there would be no badminton.

It is my proposal that these individuals be considered candidates for the Ken Davidson Memorial Trophy.

Of course this would require some changes in the present requirements for making the awards but knowing Ken as intimately as I did and the principals he stood for, I believe that proposal would be more in keeping with his thinking than the present arrangement. He was more concerned with the correct development of the game than he was in winning championships.

L. R. GUSTAVSON

Dear Editor,

Just finished reading the January-February issue received today and I couldn't put it down until I had read it from cover to cover.

It's a most interesting and informative issue with plenty of diversity for the new and the old in badminton. . . . There were so many atten-

tion-holding items that it would be difficult to say which one was my choice. From a past players' angle I was very interested in the various tournament results and hope you can continue to get reports of plenty more. . . .

I did miss one thing, and that is some comment as to what is going on or to be planned from the National office. . . .

DONALD RICHARDSON,
Waban, Mass.

(Ed. For ex-Editor Richardson and other readers who are interested in news from the administrative top, see the article by President Claude Welcome in this issue.)

Nationals

(Continued from page 3)

We hope to have not only our Danish friends, Finn Kobbero and J. Hammergard Hansen, defending champions in three events, but also numerous other foreign players to give the event a distinct foreign flavor. Many Canadians and some Mexican players are definitely expected. See you in Spokane.

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Flying Feathers

There were five different nations represented at a tournament held in Aalborg, Denmark in December. Besides the Danish entrants there were two Norwegians, one Dutch, eleven Swedes and one Indonesian. The latter, Ferry Sonneville, has been in Holland for the last two winters. (Badminton) Among the spectators were three Germans and an Englishman. . . .

Seattle's Dick Bonesteel has finished law school and is playing badminton regularly. . . . The Metropolitan Badminton Association is thinking of requesting a "fleet discount" from Volkswagen because of the Mighty Mite's popularity with members Doris De Lord, Joan and Bill Strathdee, Joe Periera, Ralph Davidson and Ken Mansy. Talk of drops and smashes has been replaced by mileage and motors. . . . The subscription manager would like to thank all of you who have helped in obtaining new subscribers and mostly especially Al Warner for the Needham, Mass. Juniors, Helen Tibbetts for California subscriptions, Polly Kolle for D. C., and Hans Rogind for Michigan, Canada and overseas. . . .

Boston's Butch Kevorkian has entered the U.S. Air Force. . . . Norristown, Pa., tennis players, the Cross sisters, are now playing badminton.

Oregon's Jim Hodgkins report on the latest activities of Jim Jr., with the Armed Forces in Germany must have gone astray. Seems that Jim, Jr., who speaks no German, was asked to play badminton with a top flight German group, and gave such a good performance he was made a member of their team. Badminton by the sign language, mighty interesting.

Camera bugs Rachael Funk and Carol Steinbaugh using Bill Bender's movie camera lights to take indoor pictures during the Wilmington Ladies Doubles Round Robin Tournament. . . . Philadelphia district planning to run a Delaware Valley Open Junior Tournament shortly before the Junior Nationals. . . . Philadelphia's Dr. Carl Fischer engaged to be married. . . . Canada's Dave and Jean Waring Folinsbee expecting a little junior. . . . Newly-

wed Dave McTaggart, B.C. star, playing badminton in Scotland and England during March. . . .

Dave's compariot and Canada's second ranking player, Peter Ferguson, also invited to compete in the World Invitation in Glasgow and the All England Championships in London. . . . Milton and Barbara Scarlett Allen's son, born early in January, called Peter. . . . Betsy and Dick Hewes called their son Richard. . . . There are 38 different countries associated with the International Badminton Federation. . . . Bill Bullen, 1948 Junior National Doubles Champion, and wife Jean are at Dartmouth. Jean working while Bill finishes last two years. . . . In the Open Championships played in Odense, Denmark recently,



Ruth Jett proves that in Philadelphia nearly everyone reads BIRD CHATTER

Kobbero—Hansen were pressed to 15-12 in the third game by two youngsters Albertsen—Rasmussen. . . . The Hodgman sisters, Adelaide and Joan, who were elected First Vice-President and Secretary respectively of the Metropolitan B.A., took a short vacation from their badminton activities this Fall when Adelaide married Chris Marx in September and Joan became Mrs. William Strathdee in November. Both couples are looking forward to many future mixed doubles matches. . . . Seattle's Lorraine McCullough and Dick Horswell have become a permanent mixed doubles team. . . . Denmark has an up and comer, Erland Olsen, who recently defeated Finn

Kobbero in a spectacular game. . . . The only Northern California entrant in San Diego's Dave Freeman Tournament was Doris Martin. However, there was no shortage of interested and interesting spectators. Among these, Chet Goss, Claire and Johnny Murphy, Dave and Dolly Freeman. Remember when Chet and Dave were U.S. Men's Doubles Champions? One team that they battled in local tournaments was Carl Loveday and Johnny Murphy. . . . Joe Alston has earned a new nickname—THE HEX! During the Dave Freeman men's singles final Joe was playing against Dick Matchell, when Dick sprained his ankle. Two weeks before, when Joe and Mike Hartgrove were practicing, Make sprained his ankle. Even before that, in doubles play, Manuel Armendariz suffered the same fate at Joe's "hands." So watch out! Joe is really knocking off the competition. . . . Congratulations to John and Buddy Lieb, they became the parents of a 6 lb 5½ oz. daughter, Amy Ellen, on Jan. 25. . . .

Baltimore's Bob Steinwald and Ed Tillery assisted the Devlins at a clinic and exhibition at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland on January 5. There is a very interested group of students playing at this women's college. Bob is president of his class at Johns Hopkins University for the third year in a row. . . . Bunky Roche is back in Maryland again, stationed at Ft. George Meade he is practicing regularly at Gilman B.C. with Dick Ball. . . . Joe and Lois Alston and Margaret Varner have been invited to play in the World Invitation tournament in Glasgow, Scotland March 28-30.

Norway's National Men's Singles Champion, Hans Myhre visited Pasadena in December, mainly to cheer Iowa State University in the Rose Bowl Game, but he also played a little badminton. . . . The Los Angeles City School System has a new vice principal in one of its elementary schools, Dottie Hann. . . . There are no vacant courts on Thursday nights at the Manhattan Beach Club these days. Four teams of club members are fighting for the

M.B.B.C. "championship." Each team plays each other team twice—thus each squad plays six times. It gets players on the courts who don't play very often and everyone agrees it is fun. . . . The Manhattan Club is sporting a newly decorated ultra-modern lounge. With expert decorating advice from Nadine Russell, plus many hours put in by the committee, the job has been done "to a turn." . . . Alfred Hales and Virginia Green were the main workers on the Pasadena Badminton Club's Mixed Doubles Tourney, Feb. 8. The extra purpose of the affair was to raise funds to help send juniors to the Junior National Championships in Wilmington, Delaware. . . . In February, Manhattan Beach youngsters who are under the supervision of Toy Erkkila will play against George and Babe Pajares' group from the Glendale-Burbank area. These coaches deserve 'unlimited credit'—they have taught, disciplined, chauffeured and maintained the interest of large numbers of juniors, almost single-handed. . . .

Baltimore's Ed Tillery working for Hal Webb, MBA prexy, in the construction business. Ed is awaiting his call from Uncle Sam and ex-

pects to enter the Coast Guard . . . Frank Devlin and daughters Susan and Judy on "I've Got A Secret," Wednesday, Feb. 20th in aid of the Uber Cup Fund. . . Lee Chadbourne now adding Modern Dance to her other accomplishments. . . Vic Van De Ven is an accomplished accordionist. . .

Badminton players are not spared trials and tribulations. Three well known badminton families are having trouble with their youngsters. Helen and Chuck Tibbets' three year old is due for an ear operation, Vic and Norma Pritula's ten year old twin son Bob has been having serious eye trouble and Pat and John Cornell's year old boy has had an operation to correct a hip ailment. We wish them all a speedy recovery. . . .

In the English Invitation, Nov. 23-24, Heather Ward ex-Junior Champion of England, scored her first win over Mrs. Iris Rogers, England's No. 1 player, 5-11, 11-3, 11-3. (Gazette) . . . The All England Championships will be held at the Empire Pool and Sports Arena, Wembley, believed to be the largest hall in which it has ever been held. (Gazette) . . . A crowd of 1200 spectators watched the fina's of the New

Zealand Championships last August (Gazette). . . . Thomas Cup Challenges have been received from Burma, Ceylon, Japan, Australia, Indonesia (Gazette). . . . Oregon B. A. Pres. Clayton Wentz who accepts orders from people for automobiles when he isn't playing Badminton, had been giving Dan Bailey the Business of late, and when he called to ask Dan about heading the Oregon Closed, Dan greeted him with a resounding "yes," he thought he was buying an Oldsmobile! . . . U.S. Women Lacrosse players Millie Barnes and Kate Barrett converted to badminton as a winter conditioner.

(Continued from page 7)

ment circuit. Such a venture would cost in the neighborhood of 12,000 dollars.

Although badminton has been played for many years in this country, it was only in 1939 that the national body came into existence. Since then the game has spread steadily in towns and country districts in the lands lying between the Cape of Good Hope and the Belgian Congo, bringing pleasure and enjoyment to many thousands of young South Africans.

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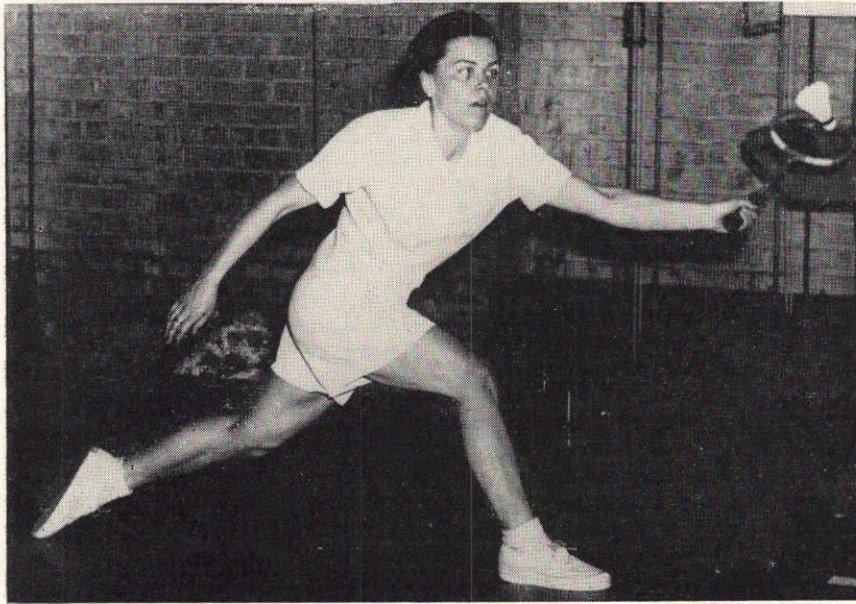
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Of course you've got to have some speed to make your game effective. But it's not the most essential thing in reaching your objective. You've got to have the stamina, it calls for great endurance. You've got to have the will to win: to give yourself assurance. You've got to use some tactics, keep the other fellow guessing, And never let him diagnose the strategy you're stressing. And if you use psychology, of this there is no doubt. Keep the other fellow running and you'll finally wear him out. But even this is not enough, there's something you must dread, And that's when victory is in sight that you might lose your head. For instance, here is something that could really be a menace, You might become forgetful and assume you're playing tennis! But, isn't this the same almost in any other task?

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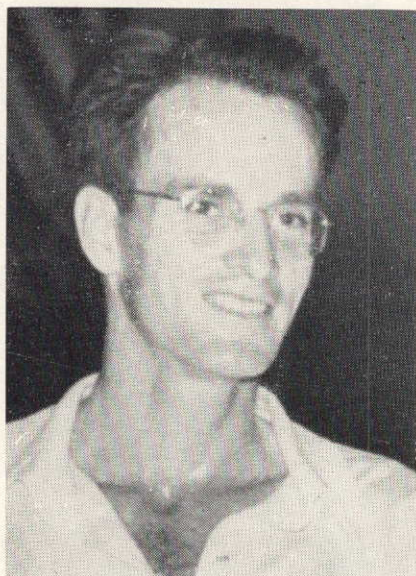


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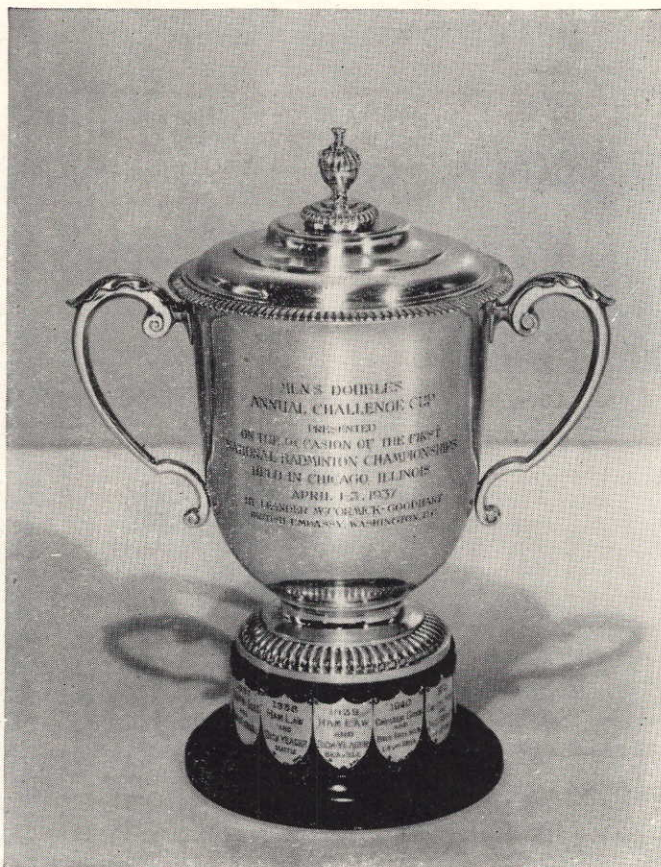
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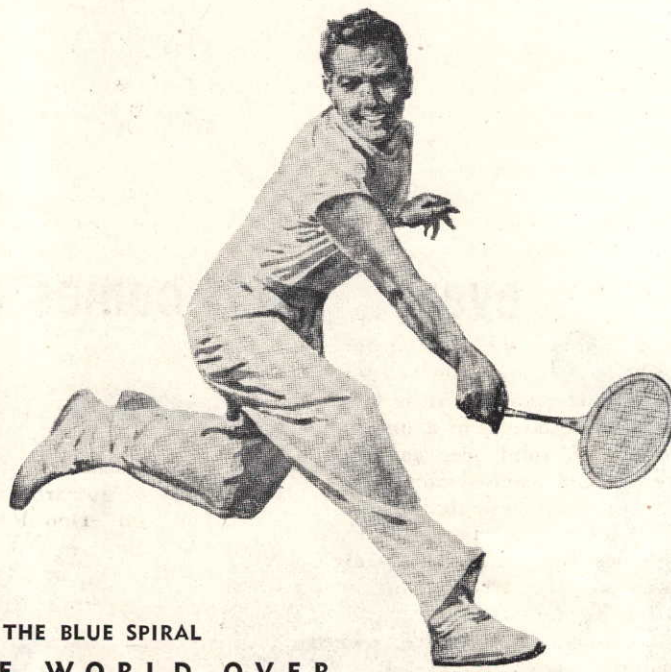
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MARYLAND BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

The Saturday Morning Class, a group of Maryland juniors playing in Baltimore has twice this year published a 'Junior Bird Call' newsletter. Put out by Mrs. Estelle Dryden it keeps the juniors informed of Under-18 news and activities and news of the local senior players. The Under 13 State Championship was held February 16, the Under 15 the following weekend and the Under 18 on March 2. Twenty-one members of the Class played in the Eastern Open Tournament in Boston bringing home two winners prizes and six runners-up.

The Gilman Badminton Club held a series of four clinics, for members only, during the last two weeks in January and the first two weeks of February. The instructors were Ed Wheeler, Dick Ball, Clint Stephens and Susan Devlin.

The Towson Badminton Club is a new group formed within the MBA precincts. This group plays every Friday night at the Goucher College Gym in Towson, seven miles north of Baltimore. Goucher is the site of The Towson Open Tournament in early December.

An article by Paul Gallico appearing in the January issue of the *Readers Digest* shows a different approach to badminton. In St. Moritz, Switzerland there is a race course, three quarters of a mile long and built of solid ice, containing twelve banked curves down which men barrel head first aboard a non-steerable steel sled. Traveling nearly 80 miles an hour on the straight portions of the track, this is a hazardous form of tobogganing. Two of the twelve curves are named Battledore and Shuttlecock, the second being a counter curve of the first and the place where beginners at this sport often meet with disaster. Those who fail to negotiate the second curve, and live to tell the tale, become members of the "Shuttlecock Club." Mr. Gallico is a member.

METROPOLITAN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

New York, New York

The Gramatan Hills Badminton Club in Bronxville, New York was the site of the MBA's second set of double elimination matches. The Bronxville players were host to over forty members of the MBA on Saturday, December 8 who participated in women's, mens' and mixed doubles. As is the custom with these informal competitions, each team must be defeated twice before being counted out. In addition, a handicap point system is used thus giving the lower-ranked players a golden opportunity to eliminate an A-ranked team. This type of play has also given the B- and C-ranked players much needed experience while the A's must look to their laurels.

The five courts of the Bronxville High School allowed the participants ample facilities to run off the many matches without delay during the afternoon, and after a break for dinner, the semis and finals were held. In between games, it was possible for the weary to regain their strength with tea and refreshments served by the distaff members of the host club. Jo MacDonald did a wonderful job on these arrangements which were heartily appreciated by those present.

The results were:

Women's Doubles—Doris DeLord
Mildred Riggio def. Eda Daume
—Adelaide Marx

Men's Doubles—Ed Shields—
Larry Howard def. Ralph
Davidson—Don Kerr

Mixed Doubles—DeLord—Davidson
def. Daume—Daume

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A and B Leagues in Philadelphia Badminton

One of the primary ways of stimulating badminton in the Philadelphia area is through the inter-league matches conducted each year. This league springs from the various clubs in the area who are interested in putting a team into play. The basic team consists of six men and six women from each club playing a total of three womens' doubles, three mens' doubles and six mixed doubles to make a match. This same system applies in both A and B matches but, of course, can be modified to include singles' matches if so desired. At present there are six teams (two from one club) in the A league and these are from the YMCA, Wissahickon, Dilwyne, Haverford and Penn Charter. A schedule is printed and the matches are divided into two halves, six being played before January and six after January in the second half. This not only affords social contact among the many badminton players but tends to link all of the clubs into a solid unit under the auspices of the Delaware Valley Badminton Association. The B League is run in much the same manner with many small groups putting out teams.

We in Philadelphia would like to encourage other cities to set up the same sort of league as we feel it encourages badminton play in both competitive and social capacities.

P.C.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Eleven entrants at the British Columbia Open in Victoria, B. C. were Gladys Mallory, Donna Connolly, Mary Jean Bushell, Joyce Jones, Jo Anne Stowe, Dotty Hazeman, Don Davis, Rupe Topp and Carl Andersen. Withdrawing because of injuries were Henry Mahnkey and Virginia Andersen.

Among a large group of enthusiasts are Floss and Bob Kildall, Tim Royce, Bob Deacon, Dick Bonesteel and Mary Schulties. They and many others will be playing in the Washington State Open and Closed Tournaments.

The Washington Athletic Club of Seattle and the Multnomah Club of Portland played an inter-club tournament the first week end in February.

Tournament Results

SCMAF JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Alhambra, Calif., Nov. 23, 24

The top dogs were really tops as they did what they were supposed to in the First Annual Southern California Municipal Federation Junior Badminton Tournament which had a two day run at the Almanson Recreation Building in Alhambra, California. A group of 80 boys and girls took part in this highly successful tourney which according to Stu Spencer, the Director of Alhambra Recreation, will be an annual event. The awards were presented to the lucky kids by South Pasadena's Mr. and Mrs. Joe Alston. Double winners were Don Paup, Tom Trelloggin, Mike McCallum, Virginia Greene, Carter, O'Grady and Howie Howard.

The results:

Boys' 18-and-Under

Singles: Paup def. Ebenkamp, 15-8, no score.
Doubles: Paup-Ebenkamp def. Hales-DePry, 15-3, 15-3.

Girls' 18-and-Under

Singles: Greene def. Carr, 12-9, 11-3.
Doubles: Greene-Carr def. Engle-Penny, default.

Mixed Doubles 18-and-Under

Paup-Carr def. Ebenkamp-Erkkila, 15-5, 18-14.

Boys' 15-and-Under

Singles: Trelloggin def. Austin, 11-0, 11-1.
Doubles: Trelloggin-Armendariz def. McCallum-Howard, 12-10, 11-4.

Girls' 15-and-Under

Singles: Carter def. Elliot, 11-3, 11-7.
Doubles: Erkkila-Erkkila def. Penny-Engle, 11-1, 11-3.

Boys' 13-and-Under

Singles: McCallum def. Armendariz, 11-7, 3-11, 11-7.
Doubles: McCallum-Howard def. Troger-Yancy, 11-3, 11-5.

Girls' 13-and-Under

Singles: O'Grady def. L. Erkkila, 7-11, 11-2, 12-9.
Doubles: Robinson-O'Grady def. Pajares-Trelloggin, 11-5, 10-11, 11-6.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLOSED JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

San Diego, Calif., Nov. 17

Girls' Singles

Semi-finals: Carol Minter def. Linda Nelson, 11-0, 11-1; Judy McGarry def. Frances Iwata, 11-9, 12-11.
Finals: McGarry def. Minter, 11-2, 11-5.

Boys' Singles

Semi-finals: Scott Seiler def. Bob Blakey, 15-3, 15-1; Dick Lee def. Nick Murphy, 13-18, 15-0, 15-10.
Finals: Seiler def. Lee, 15-0, 15-0.

Girls' Doubles

Semi-finals: McGarry-Betsy Bess def. Nelson-Pam Holt, 15-13, 15-2; Shirlee Greenlee-Iwata def. Laura Smith-Zenna Atkinson, 15-13, 15-4.
Finals: McGarry-Bess def. Greenlee-Iwata, 15-1, 18-15.

Boys' Doubles

Semi-finals: Seiler-Murphy def. Robert Wing-Roger Papaik, 15-0, 15-4; Lee-Blakey def. Bob Gungan-Les Underwood, 15-3, 15-5.
Finals: Seiler-Murphy def. Lee-Blakey, 15-1, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles

Semi-finals: Seiler-Minter def. Blakey-McGarry, 15-2, 15-7; Lee-Bess def. Papaik-Paula Zapata, 15-6, 15-1.
Finals: Seiler-Minter def. Lee-Bess, 15-1, 15-2.

DOCTOR DAVE FREEMAN 5TH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

San Diego, Calif.

Making a clean sweep of every title open to them, Joe and Lois Alston of South Pasadena came home with six winner's trophies and six championships won at the Fifth Annual Dr. Dave Freeman Tournament. Joe won the men's singles for the third time in four years. Unfortunately Dick Mitchell, the 1956 champion, suffered an ankle injury in the second game of the men's singles finals and had to retire from both the singles and the men's doubles.

"A" Flight

Men's Singles—Semi-finals: Alston def. Palmer, 15-5, 15-3; Mitchell def. Berry, 15-11, 15-10.
Finals: Alston def. Mitchell, 15-8, 4-0 default.

Women's Singles—Semi-finals: Alston def. Pons, 11-1, 11-0; Armendariz def. Gibbs, 11-4, 4-11, 11-4.
Finals: Alston def. Armendariz, 11-3, 11-2.

Men's Doubles—Semi-finals: Alston-Rogers def. Calvert-Kinnear, 15-6, 15-6; Berry-Mitchell def. Knight-Palmer, 15-7, 15-6.
Finals: Alston-Rogers def. Berry-Mitchell by default.

Women's Doubles—Semi-finals: Alston-Armendariz def. Pons-Gallagher, 15-5, 15-4; Gibbs-Hann def. Berry-Martin, 15-3, 15-11.
Finals: Alston-Armendariz def. Gibbs-Hann, 15-11, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles—Semi-finals: Alston-Alston def. Berry-Berry, 15-4, 15-5; Rogers-Gibbs def. Kinnear-Pons, 15-12, 15-6.

Finals: Alston-Alston def. Rogers-Gibbs 15-9, 13-15, 15-4.

Veterans Doubles—Finals: Mendez-Serafin def. Carter-Fleming, 11-15, 15-3, 15-7.

"B" Flight

Men's Singles—Finals: Foremost def. Ebenkamp, 15-8, 15-8.

Women's Singles—Finals: Breckell def. Erkkila, 11-3, 11-1.

Men's Doubles—Finals: Starkey-Haase def. Helman-Gray, 15-9, 8-15, 15-2.

Women's Doubles—Finals: Breckell-Shaw def. Kanaga-Winton, 15-6, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles—Finals: Starkey-Ivie def. Ebenkamp-Erkkila, 15-10, 15-12.

Veterans Doubles—Finals: Janes-Gray def. Kirby-Helman, 18-15, 15-4.

"C" Flight

Men's Singles—Finals: Stan Hales def. Dick Sieben, 15-7, 15-10.

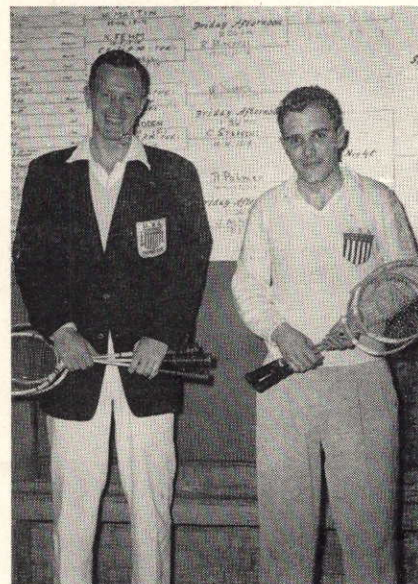
Women's Singles—Finals: Barbara Frerichs def. Anita Page, 11-8, 11-0.

Men's Doubles—Finals: Mies-Schwitkis def. Johnstone-Armbruster, 15-8, 15-8.

Women's Doubles—Finals: Fleming-Miller def. Carter-Doble, 15-13, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles—Finals: Russell-Armbruster def. Conn-Shaw, 13-18, 15-5, 15-7.

Veterans Doubles—Finals: Jack van Praag-Conn def. McMurray-Auxier, 15-12, 7-15, 15-7.



Clint Stephens (l), surprise doubles winner in the National Capital, and Joe Alston, triple winner in the Dave Freeman Open.

"GOLDEN BIRD" CLASS "B" TOURNAMENT

River Forest, Illinois, Dec. 2

Ladies' Singles

Finals: Charline Anzalone def. Elsie Figler, 11-4, 11-0.

Ladies' Doubles

Finals: Nancy Richardson-Anzalone def. Mariann Meier-Bertha Lucas, 15-8, 15-8.

Men's Singles

Finals: Robert Taylor def. Vance Smith, 15-6, 17-15.

Men's Doubles

Finals: Biff Obara-George Brown def. Smith-Gilito, 15-9, 6-15, 15-10.

Mixed Doubles

Finals: Glen Stevens-Al Sikorski def. Barbara Berger-Obara, 15-6, 18-14.

CONSOLATIONS

Ladies' Singles

Finals: Jean Childs def. Irene Palinski, 11-6, 11-1.

Ladies' Doubles

Finals: Shirley Usiak-Glenn Stevens def. Childs-Mary Peake, 11-9, 11-0.

Men's Singles

Finals: Al Sikorski def. Fritz Cornell, 11-1, 11-2.

Men's Doubles

Finals: Cornell-Al Naegli def. Ben Gurney-Du Jardins, 11-9, 6-11, 11-6.

Mixed Doubles

Finals: Stella Putra-Naegli def. Bea McCormick-George Boyle, 2-11, 11-3, 11-9.

EASTERN OPEN JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Marblehead, Mass., Dec. 26-28

Under 18

BOYS' SINGLES

Finals: Al Massey (Canada) def. Ross Lundy (Canada), 14-17, 18-17, 15-7.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Finals: Barbara Prince (Chadd's Ford) def. Cynthia Dryden (Baltimore), 3-11, 11-7, 11-5.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Finals: Glenn Hackett (Lewiston)-Massey def. Tim Ralfe (Canada)-Lundy, 15-11, 15-10.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Finals: Prince-Martha West (Baltimore) def. Dryden-Sally Coulter (Baltimore), 15-5, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES

Finals: Prince-Hackett def. Coulter-Bunny Talley (Baltimore), 15-8, 15-7.

Under 15

BOYS' SINGLES

Finals: Jack Keating (Detroit) def. Ted Martin (Needham), 15-9, 15-11.



Eastern Open contestants Cynthia Dryden, Barbara Prince and Sally Coulter. Cynthia and Sally were finalists in two events while Barbara became a triple winner.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Finals: Patsy Hitchens (Wilmington) def. Faith Ferris (Baltimore), 11-4, 11-7.

Under 13

BOYS' SINGLES

Finals: Carl Cummings (Baltimore) def. Sam Pierson (Baltimore), 15-4, 15-4.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Finals: Nina Vosters (Wilmington) def. Nancy Sawyer (Duxbury), 11-7, 11-5.

THE STRATHGOWAN INVITATION

Toronto, Ontario, Jan. 11-13

The Strathgowan Invitation, a highly popular early season Canadian tournament, lived up to its usual excellent standard again this year. Play in the mens events was dominated by Canadians, perhaps a forewarning for next year's Thomas Cup Tie. Of the younger players, Peter Ferguson of Toronto, stood out as the best. Though somewhat troubled by a pulled back muscle he managed to overcome some very stiff opposition from fellow Canadian Jim Carnwath. Jim, the possessor of a fine drop-shot, used this shot to great advantage but couldn't overcome the fleetier and more powerful Ferguson.

In contrast to the Men's singles, play in the women's was evenly divided between Canadians and Americans. Three U. S. ranked singles players, and Devlin sisters and Charlotte Decker, along with McGregor Stewart and Norma Pritula, formed a strong contingent. Canada's Marj Shedd and Kae Grant were the chief opposition with Dorothy Tinline and Aveleigh Hepworth showing considerable depth in the top ranks. The womens doubles became an All-U.S. battle with the

ousting of Canada's top team, Shedd and Joan Hennessey by the Devlins and the absence of Joan Warren who had not yet played competitively since her illness.

Canada again had the upper hand in the men's doubles with the exception of Bob Williams and Alan Hardison of Buffalo. In contrast to the singles, the doubles domination moved to "old soldiers" Don Smythe, Bud Porter, Bill Purcell and Bev Wescott. The mixed doubles provided some interesting and unexpected results throughout with the top team from each country as opponents in the finals. The U. S. team managed to eke out a victory from a very sharp Shedd and Purcell.

Results:

Ladies' Singles

Quarter-finals: M. Shedd def. D. Tinline, 11-6, 11-8; S. Devlin def. N. Pritula 11-3, 11-2; K. Grant def. C. Decker, 11-5, 11-4; J. Devlin def. A. Hepworth, 11-6, 11-0.

Semi-finals: M. Shedd def. S. Devlin, 11-8, 11-4; J. Devlin def. K. Grant, 11-2, 11-1.

Finals: J. Devlin def. M. Shedd, 11-0, 11-0.

Men's Singles

Quarter-finals: Ferguson def. Parkes, 15-10, 15-9; Semple def. Pritula, 15-3, 15-4; Carnwath def. Van De Ven, 15-4, 15-6; Myhre def. Moon., 15-12, 15-2.

Semi-finals: Ferguson def. Semple, 15-8, 15-4; Carnwath def. Myhre, 15-11, 16-17, 15-9.

Finals: Ferguson def. Carnwath, 13-18, 15-9, 15-5.

Women's Doubles

Quarter-finals: Massman-Marshall def. Robinson-Johnston, 15-4, 15-0; Hepworth-Marshall def. Stewart-Decker, 15-7, 15-10; Shedd-Hennessey def. Pritula-Grant, 15-6, 15-7; Devlin-Devlin def. Smith-Tinline, 15-3, 15-5.

Semi-finals: Massman-Marshall def. Hepworth-Marshall, 15-7, 15-10; Devlin-Devlin def. Shedd-Hennessey, 15-7, 15-7.

Finals: Massman-Marshall def. Devlin-Devlin, 16-18, 15-11, 15-12.

Men's Doubles

Quarter-finals: Wescott-Purcell def. Traquair-Phillips, 15-9, 15-4; Martin-Kirkconnell def. Myhre-Sebben, 15-9, 15-2; Smythe-Porter def. Young-Cartmell, 15-12, 15-9; Hardison-Williams def. Cornish-Semple, 15-7, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Wescott-Purcell def. Young-Cartmell, 15-7, 15-11; Hardison-Williams def. Smythe-Porter, 15-4, 5-15, 15-5.

Finals: Wescott-Purcell def. Hardison-Williams, 15-11, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles

Quarter-finals: E. Marshall-B. Williams def. Marshall-Irvine 15-9, 15-9; Stewart-D. Sebben def. Pritula-Pritula, 15-11, 15-4; K. Gallacher-K. Bonnyman def. C. Decker-Myhre, 15-11, 15-8; M. Shedd-B. Purcell def. R. Johnson-B. Johnson, 15-4, 15-9.
Semi-finals: Marshall-Williams def. Stewart-Sebben, 15-5, 15-5; Shedd-Purcell def. Gallacher-Bonnyman, 15-4, 15-1.
Finals: Marshall-Williams def. Shedd-Purcell, 14-17, 15-6, 15-9.

Veterans Doubles

Finals: Stafford-Traquair def. Wallis-Tomlinson, 15-9, 15-9.

PHILADELPHIA "B" CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chestnut Hill, Pa., Jan. 11-13

Women's Singles

Finals: Connie Cross def. Nancy Cross, 11-6, 11-5.

Men's Singles

Finals: Manuel Baltaian def. Frank Nicholson, 18-15, 15-6.

Women's Doubles

Finals: Cross-Cross def. Mary O'Connor-Betty Oberheidt, 15-11, 15-6.

Men's Doubles

Finals: W. Frey-B. Marshall def. Nicholson-Baltaian, 15-6, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles

Finals: McDowell-Baltaian def. C. Root-H. Kipp, 15-8, 15-11.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE "D" TOURNAMENT

Boston, Mass., Jan. 11-13

The Massachusetts State "D" tournament was marked by an exceptionally large entry—50 in the Ladies Singles and 32 in the Ladies Doubles, the largest events—and by the play of a group of ten juniors from Duxbury who, though they were only about twelve years old, gave some of the so-called old girls of Sargent a run for their money in the early rounds. It was encouraging to see these juniors so well trained in their basic play. Another contributing factor to the large ladies entry was the great number (about 25) of girls from Sargent College physical education classes, encouraged to enter by Margaret Varner. A.P.

Ladies' Singles

Finals: Barbara Woerner def. Carol Haussermann, 11-1, 11-4.

Men's Singles

Finals: Dave Sime def. Gene Dalton, 15-3, 15-8.

Ladies' Doubles

Finals: Claire Whelan-Woerner def. Millie Barnes-Barbara Trainor, 15-4, 15-7.

Men's Doubles

Finals: George Tribino-Stanley Pozerycki def. Ray Powell-Ray Mello, 15-12, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles

Finals: Mello-Whelan def. John Metcalf-Kate Barrett, 15-12, 15-12.

RHODE ISLAND OPEN DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Warwick, R. I., Jan. 12

There was a large entry in the 6th Annual R. I. Open Doubles with champions from several East Coast states competing. The men's doubles afforded most of the thrills as the 4th seeded team of Rhode Island's Jack Cooper and Billy Goodman smashed relentlessly on to victory. They defeated last year's winners Bob Warren and Don O'Callaghan, the Massachusetts champions, in the semi-finals. Bill Goodman's bril-

liantly executed round the head smashes and Jack's all around court strategy and steady play made the difference. In the finals Harry Quinn, on a three weeks pass from the army, and Noel Fehm found themselves in an all out offensive struggle and played brilliantly in a losing cause. One of the highlights of this tournament was the fine defensive struggle of Harold Seavey and Al Dockray as they lost to Warren and O'Callaghan in the quarter finals.

In the Ladies' Doubles Helen Gibson and Peg Fehm proved too

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strong a combine for all opposition while in the Mixed Doubles Helen Gibson and Ken Kost trounced all opposition in winning going away. Ken's play was up to his fine steady standard while Helen again was in the right place at the right time. Consolation winners were Dorothy Von Hacht and Joan Tickey in the Ladies Doubles while popular Al Warner and Ed Niit won the men's consolation crown. K.R.

Ladies' Doubles

Semi-finals: Helen Gibson-Peg Fehm def. Madelyne Noyes-Marie Schultz, 15-9, 15-6; Grayce Donaldson-Ruth Blake def. Terry Maxwell-Jean Clark, 15-6, 15-8.

Finals: Gibson-Fehm def. Donaldson-Blake, 15-6, 15-8.

Men's Doubles

Semi-finals: Bill Goodman-Jack Cooper def. Bob Warren-Don O'Callaghan, 15-6, 8-15, 15-8; Harry Quinn-Noel Fehm def. Wayne Schell-Phil Blanchard, 15-17, 15-11, 15-5.

Finals: Goodman-Cooper def. Quinn-Fehm, 17-14, 15-8.

Mixed Doubles

Semi-finals: Gibson-Kost def. Jackie Gragnon-Butch Kevorkian, 15-5, 15-9; Fehm-Fehm def. Kathy Dockray-Al Dockray, 18-16, 15-4.

Finals: Gibson-Kost def. Fehm-Fehm, 15-9, 15-7.

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN INVITATION

Kalamazoo, Michigan, Jan. 13.

The Southwestern Michigan Invitational Doubles Tournament was considered a great success, both from the number of pairs playing, there were 92 entries, and specially pleasing was the number of cities represented. Flint chartered a bus for their 22 players and also represented were Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, Grand Rapids, Grosse Pointe, Jackson, Midland and South Bend, Indiana.

The defending champions were defeated in all three events. Consolation Mens and Womens Doubles were also played so the three courts in the Kalamazoo College Gym were filled steadily from 10 a.m. until after 10 p.m. B.A.

Results:

Women's Doubles

Semi-finals: Aldrink-Cliff (Grand Rapids) def. Greiner-Koopsen (Kalamazoo) 18-15, 15-3; Arnold-Rundell (Flint) def. Bergman-Adams (Kalamazoo) 15-2, 8-15, 15-10.

Finals: Arnold-Rundell def. Aldrink-Cliff, 15-8, 18-17.

Men's Doubles

Semi-finals: Nusbaum-Nusbaum (South Bend) def. Freeman-Terryberry (Grand Rapids), 15-8, 15-12; Pratt-Koopsen (Kalamazoo) def. Croxon-Eli (Flint) 15-4, 15-6.

Finals: Pratt-Koopsen def. Nusbaum-Nusbaum, 15-0, 11-15, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles

Semi-finals: Cliff-Terryberry (Grand Rapids) def. Koopsen-Koopsen (Kalamazoo), 15-3, 15-9; Terryberry-Freeman (Grand Rapids) def. Arnold-Croxon (Flint), 15-10, 15-11.

Finals: Cliff-Terryberry def. Terryberry-Freeman, 15-14, 4-15, 15-11.

MARYLAND STATE "C" CHAMPIONSHIPS

Baltimore, Maryland, Jan. 14-19

Ladies' Singles

Finals: Joanne Hessey def. Faith Ferris, 11-7, 11-4.

Mens' Singles

Finals: Howard Herbst def. Jack Hessey, 15-3, 15-4.

Ladies' Doubles

Finals: Peggy McLean-Nellie Merrick def. Jerry LaPointe-E. Melville, 15-11, 15-13.

Men's Doubles

Finals: T. McLean-D. Baker def. B. Sadtler-E. Kirby, 18-17, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles

Finals: N. Merrick-D. Baker def. P. McLean-T. McLean, 10-15, 15-7, 15-12.

METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jan. 19, 20

The Metropolitan Championships were held on January 19-20 at the Westchester County Center, White Plains, New York at which time A, B, and C events were held. The largest entry was in the "C" classification and it was heartening to see so many new and interested people. The most outstanding performance was made by Marge Butler, of Rye, N. Y., who with her "C" ranking dominated "B" women's play by capturing the Singles and Doubles championships. The Men's A and Veteran's Doubles provided the most excitement, with Hal Daume and Charlie Sheck winning the veterans crown and Ed Shields and Larry Howard winning the former championship. The results:—

M.R.

Class "A"

Men's Singles—Finals: Ralph Davidson def. Ted Jarrett.

Men's Doubles—Finals: Ed. Shields-Larry Howard def. Gene Terpak-Ed Stanton.

Mixed Doubles—Finals: Doris DeLord-Ralph Davidson def. Ellie Ross-Max Schirmer.

Veterans' Doubles—Finals: Harold Daume-Charlie Sheck def. Shields-Larry Howard.

Class "B"

Men's Singles—Finals: Ed Geng def. Bob Hill.

Men's Doubles—Finals: Jack Sasseen-Joe Pereira def. Ed Geng-George Brecknell.

Ladies' Singles—Finals: Butler def. Mildred Riggio.

Ladies' Doubles—Finals: Butler-Riggio def. Elaine Storms-Mary Montgomery.

Mixed Doubles—Finals: Sasseen-Riggio def. Geo. Brecknell-Elvira Lynch.

Class "C"

Men's Singles—Finals: E. Mackie def. Anthony Mosca.

Men's Doubles—Finals: Bill Bredenburg-Ed. Gerardo def. Rennie Sampers-Doubles.

Mixed Doubles—Finals: Dolores Diaz-Bob Kenny def. Terry Lawrence-Mackie.

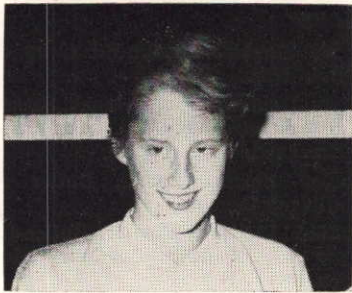


Helen Gibson (l) and Ellie Ross. Helen was a double winner in the R.I. Doubles while Ellie and Max Schirmer reached the finals of the Metropolitan "A" mixed doubles.

ILLINOIS OPEN

Glencoe, Ill., Jan. 19

The fourth annual Illinois Open was held in Glencoe, Illinois with Earl Boston, Jr. and Jim Wigglesworth co-chairmen for the 4th year. This tournament was started four years ago in memory of Earl Boston, Sr., a pioneer of badminton in the Chicago area. One of his dreams was to have an Illinois Open in Chicago and have many well known badminton players attend.



McGregor Stewart, surprise singles finalist.

In the Women's Singles MacGregor Stewart from Baltimore, the 1956 Junior National Champion reached the finals of the Singles but was no match for Abbie Rutledge after the latter recovered from a slow start and a 1-6 deficit. Beatrix Maré top ranked player from S. Africa also fell before Abbie's strong game after a close first game. One of the high lights of the tournament was the match between Hans Myhre, No. 1 singles and doubles player from Norway, and Vic Van De Ven, just returned from the Army. All spectators and players were perched on the edge of their chairs through the entire match, which went to three games. It was a great match for Myhre to win and a heart breaker for Van De Ven to lose, by one point. In the final singles match Fred Trifonoff of Detroit played out of this world to defeat a strong and very accurate Myhre. It was Trifonoff's first major tournament win. We'll be hearing much more from this lad.

In the Women's Doubles Ethel Marshall and Bea Massman, the current national doubles champions, were clearly superior to the rest of the field and lost few points in any match.

Another good match was played by Bill Anderson and Victor Pritula of Detroit who defeated Earl Boston, Jr. and Jim Wigglesworth of Skokie. This too was a three game match marked by long rallies and expert net play. The steady play of Anderson and Pritula was just a little too much for the Skokie boys.

Another dog fight match was played by Eleanor Coombs and Earl Boston, Jr. who defeated Mary Connor and Bill Anderson. These two teams have been battling each other in major tournaments in the Midwest for the past 5 years and almost every time a three game match. This time it was Coombs and Boston who came home the victors.

E.B.

Ladies' Singles

Quarter-finals: Rutledge def. Roane, 1-3, 11-1; Maré def. Slauer, 11-4, 11-7; Stewart def. Pritula, 11-2, 11-1; Mans def. Burdick, 11-5, 11-2.
Semi-finals: Rutledge def. Maré, 12-9, 11-1; Stewart def. Mans, 11-1, 12-11.
Finals: Rutledge def. Stewart, 12-11, 11-4.

Men's Singles

Quarter-finals: Pritula def. Trova, 15-9, 15-10; Trifinoff def. Love, 15-6, 7-15, 15-8; Van De Ven def. Nusbaum, 15-9, 15-1; Myhre def. Root, 15-9, 15-8.
Semi-finals: Trifinoff def. Pritula, 6-15, 15-9, 15-3; Myhre def. Van De Ven, 17-16, 12-15, 17-16.
Finals: Trifinoff def. Myhre, 15-10, 15-12.

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter-finals: Massman-Marshall def. Gunner-Connor, 15-5, 15-8; Mans-Urashi def. Slauer-Stewart, 15-7, 15-7; Maré-Rutledge def. Bedford-Pritula, 15-1, 15-10; Coombs-Burdick def. Roane-Anderson, 8-15, 15-10, 15-7.
Semi-finals: Massman-Marshall def. Mans-Urashi, 15-4, 15-4; Maré-Rutledge def. Coombs-Burdick, 15-10, 15-8.
Finals: Massman-Marshall def. Maré-Rutledge, 15-5, 15-4.

Mens' Doubles

Quarter-finals: Anderson-Pritula def. Lafayette-Pontich, 15-5, 15-3; Love-Eichelberger def. Myhre-Shepard, 15-12, 12-15, 15-1; Boston-Wigglesworth def. Adams-Koopsen, 15-10, 15-6; Trifinoff-Van De Ven def. Drewry-Casey, 10-15, 15-10, 15-12.
Semi-finals: Anderson-Pritula def. Love-Eichelberger, 15-6, 15-5; Boston-Wigglesworth def. Trifinoff-Van De Ven, 4-15, 15-4, 15-12.
Finals: Anderson-Pritula def. Boston-Wigglesworth, 15-12, 3-15, 15-10.

Mixed Doubles

Quarter-finals: Connor-Anderson def. Mans-Lafayette, 15-8, 15-5; Pritula-Myhre def. Stewart-Van De Ven, 15-4, 15-10; Burdick-Wigglesworth def. Bedford-Shepard, 15-7, 15-7; Coombs-Boston def. Urashi-Trifinoff, 15-8, 15-7.
Semi-finals: Connor-Anderson def. Pritula-Myhre, 15-8, 15-5; Coombs-Boston def. Burdick-Wigglesworth, 15-8, 15-7.
Finals: Coombs-Boston def. Connor-Anderson, 9-15, 15-12, 15-11.

Veterans Doubles

Finals: Drewry-Tiberi def. Fish-Geever, 17-15, 17-16.

WILMINGTON LADIES DOUBLES INVITATION

Wilmington, Delaware, Jan. 26

Ten pairs accepted invitations to play in the Ladies Doubles Round Robin tournament, sponsored by the Wilmington Park Department and the Wilmington Sporting Goods Store, in aid of the Uber Cup Fund, and was successful in raising \$60.

Two of the closest matches were played between Charlotte Decker-Marie Ussing Nylen and Doris DeLord-Rosine Capehart, won by the latter pair 21-19; and Barbara Neely-Patricia Cornell and Judy Peiffer-Naomi Bender, won by the former pair 21-29.

The final match of the tournament was a thrilling one between Sue-Judy Devlin and Margaret Varner-Dot O'Neil. The girls made very few errors and the clever shots and excellent teamwork made the spectators aware that they were watching two of the top teams in the country.

The scoring in this tournament was different from the usual best out of three games. Each match consisted of one game of 21 points, no set, changing at 11.

On changing sides Sue and Judy led 11-5. The final score was 21-6.

M.S.

Results:

| | Points |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Judy Devlin-Susan Devlin | 189 |
| 2. Margaret Varner-Dot O'Neil | 174 |
| 3. Doris DeLord-Rosine Capehart | 168 |
| 4. Marie Nylen-Charlotte Decker | 166 |
| 5. Barbara Prince-Ruth Peoples | 134 |
| 6. Ruth Jett-Marion Kipp | 111 |
| 7. { Rachael Funk-Virginia Crooke | 93 |
| { Cynthia Dryden-Virginia Ball | 93 |
| { Judy Peiffer-Naomi Bender | 93 |
| 10. Barbara Neely-Patricia Cornell | 74 |

MASSACHUSETTS STATE "C" TOURNAMENT

Boston, Mass., Jan. 25-27

In this tournament the field of 76 entrants produced many exciting matches and several upsets. Barbara Woerner, who had won the "D" tournament earlier in the month, was the number one seed in both Singles and Doubles, but was forced to withdraw after the quarter finals because of a pulled achilles tendon. These events were then won by one of the top junior girls in the State, Marilyn Merchant. Cliff Reid who won the Men's Singles, is the current state junior champion. The Men's Doubles final produced one of the day's most exciting matches, particularly in the first game where both sides squandered 2 game points before Washburn and Magrane finally tucked it away. B.G.

Ladies' Singles

Finals: Marilyn Merchant def. Kate Barrett, 2-11, 11-7, 11-6.

Men's Singles

Finals: Cliff Reid def. Walter Bradford, 15-7, 17-14.

Ladies' Doubles

Finals: Merchant-Thelma Belloli def. Ruth MacKay-Angie Marino, 15-3, 15-10.

Men's Doubles

Finals: Bill Washburn-John Magrane def. Hen Sherrerd-Heimar Niit, 18-17, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles

Finals: Bradford-Ann Nolan def. Ray Mello-Claire Whelan, 15-11, 15-7.

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Boys' 18-and-Under Singles

Ron Davis (Det) def. Tom Carmichael (Plymouth) 8-15, 15-12, 15-8.

Girls' 18-and-Under Singles

Renea Bernes (Monroe, Michigan) def. Sharon Pritula (Det) 12-10, 11-8.

Boys' Doubles

Ron Davis (Det)-T. Carmichael (Plymouth) def. John Lennington (Monroe)-Arnold Pierce (Plymouth), 15-4, 15-5.

Girls' Doubles

Susan Lamb (Monroe)-R. Bernes (Monroe) def. S. Pritula (Det)-Linda Ruppert, 15-6, 17-16.

Mixed Doubles

R. Davis-S. Pritula (Det) def. T. Carmichael (Plymouth)-Donna Madden (Ferndale), 15-12, 15-6.

Boys' 15-and-Under Singles

Geo. LeFranc (Dearborn, Michigan) def. Tom Lock (Plymouth, Michigan) 12-15, 15-2, 15-12.

Girls' 15-and-Under Singles

Sharon Pritula (Det) def. Mary Mohr (Det) 11-1, 11-1.

**DETROIT INVITATIONAL
JUNIOR TOURNEY
18 & Under—Jan. 27**

Girls' Singles

Semi-finals: Sharon Pritula def. Renea Bernes, 12-10, 11-8; Donna Madden def. Susan Lamb, 11-3, 11-4.
Finals: Pritula def. Madden, 12-10, 12-9.

Boys' Singles

Semi-finals: T. Carmichael def. Ron Davis, 15-7, 15-6; J. Keating def. John Lennington, 15-6, 15-6.
Finals: Keating def. Carmichael, 15-12, 15-11.

Girls' Doubles

Finals: S. Pritula-Sue Madden def. S. Lamb-R. Bernes, 12-15, 15-1, 17-14.

Boys' Doubles

Finals: J. Keating-R. Davis def. T. Carmichael-Carl Berry, 15-4, 15-5.

**NATIONAL CAPITAL
Feb. 1-3**

Pete Ferguson, 2nd ranked Canadian, and Judy Devlin, United States Champion, won the singles events in the Fourteenth National Capital Tournament, February 1st-3rd held at the St. Alban's School in Washington, D. C. over an exceptionally strong field of ranking United States and foreign players.

Play became intense in the quar-

ter-final round in the singles events when Fred Trifnoff of Detroit upset Hans Myhre, Norwegian Champion and third seeded player. At the same time, Vic Van De Ven, also of Detroit, took fourth seeded Dick Ball of Baltimore to three games, leading 13-12 in the third before losing 18-13. Jim Carnwath, 6th ranked Canadian, defeated Noel Fehm and Ferguson won handily over New Jersey's Ralph Davidson. Sue Devlin, seventh-ranked U. S. player, was the victim of the comeback attempt of Marie Nylen of Washington, D. C., formerly Marie Ussing of Denmark and former All-England Champion. Marie scored a startling and decisive upset after a close 1st game. Equally surprising was the long-sought-after win by McGregor Stewart, National Junior Champion, over 10th ranked U. S. player, Charlotte Decker.

Ferguson, who played superbly throughout the tournament, went on to defeat Dick Ball in the semi-finals. Dick played extremely well in the first game and then lost some of his touch in the second. Ferguson crushed Carnwath in the finals.

Marie put forth a valiant effort against Margaret Varner in the semi-finals, leading by 7-2 in the first game when she ran out of steam. Judy ran through the field like the champion she is, defeating Dotty O'Neil and McGregor Stewart, with the loss of only 4 points, and Margaret 11-6, 11-3.

Clint Stephens (who states that he is out of condition and out of practice and came only for the party) provided the feature doubles match of the tournament, as he teamed with Bunky Roche (also out of practice) to defeat Dick and Noel in a hotly contested semi-final match considered by many to be the best match of the tournament and overwhelm Ferguson and Carnwath in the final with almost errorless play. The Committee, which seeded Clint and Bunky No. 3, believes that they have been indulging in sneak practice sessions.

Sue and Judy stopped Margaret and Dotty O'Neil just in time to avoid an upset in the ladies doubles final after losing the first game and trailing 1-8 in the second, and Judy and Bunky defeated Patsy and Clint Stephens in the mixed final. J.S.

The results:

Ladies' Singles

Quarter-finals: J. Devlin def. D.

O'Neil, 11-1, 11-2; M. Stewart def. C. Decker, 11-6, 9-11, 11-0; M. Nylen def. S. Devlin, 11-8, 11-4; M. Varner def. P. Stephens, 11-1, 11-2.

Semi-finals: J. Devlin def. Stewart, 11-1, 11-0; Varner def. Nylen 11-7, 11-4.

Finals: J. Devlin def. Varner, 11-6, 11-3.

Men's Singles

Quarter-finals: Ferguson def. Davidson, 15-5, 15-6; Ball def. Van de Ven, 15-12, 11-15, 18-13; Trifnoff def. Myhre, 15-6, 15-12; Carnwath def. Fehm, 15-11, 15-9.

Semi-finals: Ferguson def. Ball, 15-12, 15-3; Carnwath def. Trifnoff, 15-12, 15-17

Finals: Ferguson def. Carnwath, 15-9, 15-1.

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter-finals: Decker-Nylen def. Grayden-Fehm, 15-7, 15-6; Varner-O'Neil def. Cornell-Harney, 15-3, 15-2; Devlin-Devlin, DeLord-Stewart had byes.

Semi-finals: Devlin-Devlin def. DeLord-Stewart, 15-0, 15-5; Varner-O'Neil def. Decker-Nylen, 15-3, 15-8.

Finals: Devlin-Devlin def. Varner-O'Neil, 10-15, 18-13, 15-6.

Mens' Doubles

Quarter-finals: Ferguson-Carnwath def. Parsons-Parsons, 15-9, 15-12; Schell-Kost def. Buskey-Davis, 15-3, 15-6; Stephen-Roche def. Trifnoff-Van de Ven, 16-17, 15-9, 15-0; Ball-Fehm def. Myhre-Cornell, 15-5, 15-10.

Semi-finals: Ferguson-Carnwath def. Schell-Kost, 15-10, 15-8; Stephens-Roche def. Ball-Fehm, 15-11, 5-15, 15-12.

Finals: Stephens-Roche def. Ferguson-Carnwath, 15-4, 15-6.

Mixed Doubles

Quarter-finals: Roche-J. Devlin def. Buskey-Buskey, 15-4, 15-4; Myhre-Nylen def. Kost-Gibson, 15-7, 15-9; Stephens-Stephens def. Davis-Decker, 15-12, 7-15, 15-5; Ball-S. Devlin def. Davidson-DeLord, 15-6, 15-10.

Semi-finals: Roche-J. Devlin def. Myhre-Nylen, 15-1, 15-9; Stephens-Stephens def. Ball-S. Devlin, 17-14, 15-6.

Finals: Roche-J. Devlin def. Stephens-Stephens, 15-8, 15-10.

**MARYLAND STATE "B"
TOURNAMENT**

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 4-9

Men's Singles

Finals: Howard Herbst def. Ed. Dunning, 15-3, 15-4.

Women's Singles

Finals: Kay Krauss def. Cynthia Dryden, 11-8, 12-10.

Men's Doubles

Finals: B. Talley-D. Rudy def. B. Brinkman-G. Carrick, 18-13, 18-14.

Women's Doubles

Finals: J. Hessay-M. Leipold def. J. France-B. Thompson, 15-12, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles

Finals: E. Melville-Carrick def. Krauss-B. Bartholow, 15-12, 15-12.

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