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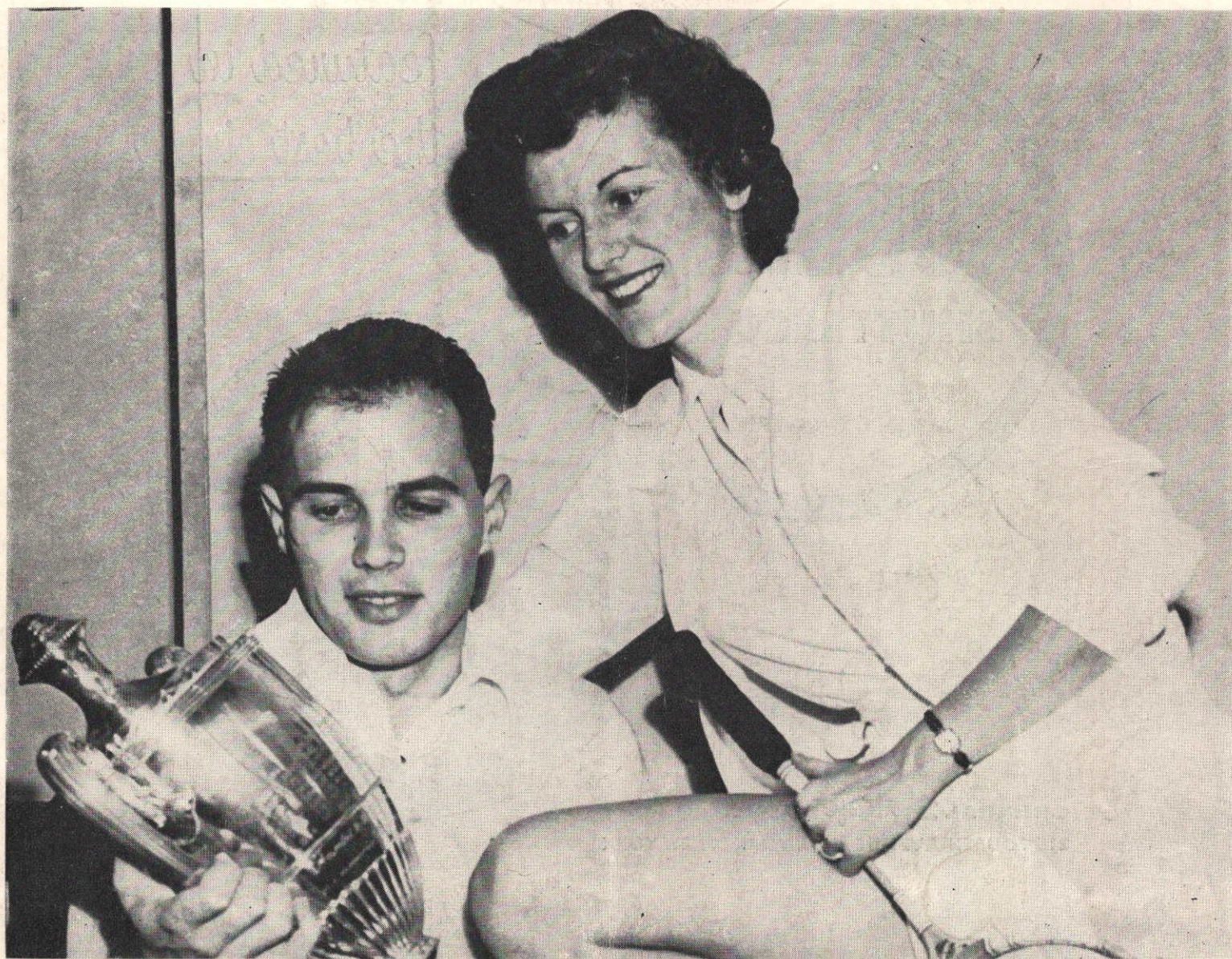


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EDITORIAL

This season marks the 50th anniversary of the Badminton Gazette, the publication of the Badminton Association of England. We would like to send our congratulations to our older sister, and trust that we will be as healthy as they now are upon the celebration of our 50th birthday.

We regret that intercollegiate play has not become a natural sequel to our very active junior programs. Abbie Rutledge and Ethel Marshall are hard at work but they need a great deal of assistance to put their thoughts and ideas into operation. There was only one sanctioned intercollegiate tournament held last year, and that was in the Western region. We feel that there should be a very definite follow up, through the local associations, of all junior players leaving the junior ranks and entering college. There should also be a concerted effort to get badminton into the college curricular of all colleges, by emphasizing it heavily in those colleges or universities conferring Physical Education degrees.

Two years out of every three, the ABA is vitally interested in fund raising for the Thomas Cup or Uber Cup Contests. Many are the worries and grumblings about money-raising. One of the ways in which funds could be painlessly raised, and a way proposed at the General Meeting in 1956 at the Philadelphia Nationals, is to "tax" each entrant in a tournament—say 25¢ or 50¢ per player. This tax is then added to the entry fee. But it is only imposed *once* per tournament. California has adopted this plan, but we have heard of no other association doing so. Couldn't we set this up on a national basis, with the funds designated for these international competitions?

Mexico

An international tournament is being planned in Mexico City to take place probably immediately following the U. S. Nationals in Boston in April.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

November 6-10 Pacific Southwest, Pa-
sadena, Calif.
November 12-17 Boulevard Open, To-
ronto, Canada
November 29-30 SCMAF Junior, Bur-
bank, Calif.
December 6-8 Western States Open,
Manhattan Beach,
Calif.
January 13-18 Maryland State "C,"
Balto., Md.
January 25 Ladies Doubles Invita-
tion, Wilmington,
Dela.
January 25-26 Dave Freeman Open,
San Diego, Calif.
February 3-8 Maryland State "B,"
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February 28-
March 2 Mason-Dixon, Balto.,
Md.
March 7-9 California State, Bur-
bank, Calif.
March 24-29 Maryland State, Balto.,
Md.
March 28-31 U. S. JUNIOR NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUR-
bank, Calif.
April 1-5 U. S. NATIONAL OPEN
CHAMPIONSHIPS, BOS-
ton, Mass.

With this issue there are two new appointments on the Staff. Mr. Bernard Talley and Mrs. Estelle Dryden are the new advertising manager and subscription manager, respectively.

I would like to thank Mrs. Clinton Stephens and Mr. Douglas Penniman for their help during the last year. Patsy Stephens was of great assistance in the subscription field due to her contact with so many players throughout the country.

TOUR EUROPE

Plans for the three week tour to Europe to play badminton are in progress. A tentative itinerary has been mailed to all those who have notified us of their interest in such a tour. We still do not have enough people to fill a plane so if you are interested please contact BIRD CHATTER. The details of the tour appeared in both the March and June issues.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

I.B.F.

Brigadier R. Bruce Hay of England has been elected the new President of the International Badminton Federation succeeding Ireland's J. Plunkett-Dillon. Brigadier Hay has been President of the Badminton Association of England since 1952 and a Vice-President of the I.B.F. since its inception in 1934.

At the general meeting of the Council of the I.B.F. in London on July 3rd, the U. S. was represented by Humphrey Chilton of England and Alistair McIntyre of Scotland. Of the thirty-two member countries, eighteen were represented by delegates and proxy votes were held for four other countries. Austria was elected as an Associate Member and the Republic of China (an Associate Member) is presently applying for full membership.

Singapore Exhibitions

Japan's Thomas Cup Team played an exhibition match against Singapore on July 26 before a crowd of 2,000 at the Singapore Badminton Stadium. The home team won 5-0 in the three singles and two doubles matches. The Japanese were returning home from the defeat of Ceylon in Thomas Cup competition.

Malayan Championships

Four time All England Champion and former U. S. Open Champion Eddy Choong of Singapore won his first Malayan Championship at Ipoh on August 24 when he defeated Abdullah Piruz 16-6, 15-3 in a twenty-two minute match. The ladies champion of Malaya is Tan Gaik Bee who was a triple winner. The men's doubles went to Lim Say Hup and Teh Kew San.

C.C.I. Open, India

Denmark's Finn Kobbero and Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen, U. S. Open Mens' Doubles Champions, have been invited to play in the Open Championships of the Cricket Club of India in Bombay as well as the West India Open. They left Denmark on September 17. Among the players are four known to U. S. enthusiasts, Eddy and David Choong and Johnny and Amy Heah.

International Championships Sanctioned by the I.B.F.

Nov. 15- Dec. 1	Pakistan Championships, Lahore.
Nov. 29- Dec. 2	Indian Championships, Hyderabad.
Nov. 29-30	Welsh Championships.*
Jan. 11-12	Swedish International Championships.*
Jan. 17-18	Scottish Open Champion- ships, Edinburgh.
Feb. 14-15	Irish Open Championships.*
March 1-2	German International Championships.*
March 1-4	Danish Championships, Copenhagen.
March 5-8	Canadian Open Champion- ships, Victoria, B.C.
March 7-8	Belgian International Championships, Brussels.
March 17-21	Hong Kong Champion- ships, Hong Kong.
March 19-22	All England Champion- ships, London.
March 28-30	French International Championships, Paris.
April 1-5	United States Open Cham- pionships, Boston.

*Site to be determined.

Canadian Match

The possibility of establishing an annual international match with Canada was discussed in the editorial in the June issue of BIRD CHATTER. In answer to the following question we print the views of California's Mike Hartgrove and Joe Tiberi of Illinois. *Question:* Do you think an annual match versus Canada with a mixed team would be a good idea, to be played immediately after the U. S. or Canadian Open?

Mike Hartgrove. Yes, I think this is a good idea, especially if such a match could be played in conjunction with the U. S. Open.

Joe Tiberi. I think this is a very excellent idea and believe it should be carried just a little further. . . . Why not combine the activities of the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup teams and have mixed matches instead of separate competition for men and women? The United States has the top women's team in the world as evidenced by their victory in the Uber Cup. Our men's team lost in the Thomas Cup after beating Canada. In previous competition we were able to go to the semi-finals and

finals. . . . If we were to combine the Uber Cup and Thomas Cup, I strongly feel we could have the best mixed team in the world. At the present time badminton isn't strong enough in the United States to support both the Uber Cup and the Thomas Cup teams at least for the very near future. However, I believe we could support one good team and the mixed matches would be a solution to our financial problems.

CANADIAN COLUMN

Thomas Cup

The C.B.A. has selected a Thomas Cup Squad of twenty-seven players representing almost all of the major badminton centers in the country. The squad named consists of veterans as well as young players; Larry Beemer of Niagara Falls, Ontario, is perhaps the youngest at seventeen, while among the "old guard" are Bud Porter, Bill Purcell, Don Smythe, Darryl Thompson and Bev Wescott. Others of the younger players are Ed Hreljac, a former U. S. Eastern Open Junior Champion; Harold Moody, twice Canadian Junior titlist; and Bill Bonney of Montreal. Jim Carnwath and Peter Ferguson are known to U. S. East Coast players, while Bert Fergus, John Bouch and Canadian Champion Dave McTaggart are very familiar names to Seattle and Portland enthusiasts.

To quote Hilles Pickens, C.B.A. President, on the outcome of the U. S.-Canada Tie; "Canada remains very weak in doubles and with the retirement of Don Smythe has been very weakened in singles. The utmost respect is felt for the younger players on the American side. . . . We do not take very seriously the reports of retirement of Joey Alston. I feel that the United States will have a decided edge on paper and while we are going all out to win, our chief interest in the Tie this year is to lay ground work with some of our younger players for 1961."

Tournaments

"The Canadian Badminton Association wishes to thank the Americans who participated in the First Open Championship and made it so

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A is for Alston

Top Couple Retires from Singles

To a great many people in England, as well as other parts of Europe, the Alstons represent the typical American couple. That is a real break for all of us because there must not be many people in this country who are so popular and talented as Joe and Lois. When they announced, this summer, that they were both through with singles it came as quite a surprise. Both of them take their badminton very seriously, and keeping in shape for the best tournament play or team competition at all times was a strain that took some of the enjoyment out of playing a game which is supposed to be recreation. Now they hope to remove the strain and have more fun chasing shuttles.

Joe and Lois have similar histories. Each of them was born in San Diego, California, went to San Diego State College; each has two brothers and one sister, and is the baby of the family; and of course they have their badminton successes in common.

In other ways the two of them grew up quite differently from each other. Lois (Smedley, then) went to Hoover High School, where she sang in a capella choir, was treasurer of the Girls' League, ran for several beauty queen titles, and won a number of trophies sailing Skimmers. When she was in college, she played on the municipal volley ball and basketball teams, wasn't so sharp in the grades department for a while (so she says), but improved sharply and was graduated with a degree in Physical Education in June of 1950.

Joe went to a rival high school, San Diego High, was a cheer leader, and student body president. Immediately after graduation, he went into the Merchant Marine as a pursuer and had two years of "trips" on the Pacific. At college, he was an honor student and was graduated with a BA degree in Business Administration.

Lois' badminton began when she was in junior high in 1943, with the usual backyard play. Later, she and girl friends drifted to gyms for their workouts. Joe got an earlier start.

In 1936, when he was 9, he developed a more than casual interest in the game. During his junior high days, he went to the San Diego Municipal gym right after school and played all afternoon. Then he would ride his bicycle home for dinner and hurry back to the gym for a full evening of badminton. During this time, John Murphy helped Joe a great deal and took him to the tournaments in the Los Angeles area. Both Joe and Lois happened to be playing at the Hoover High gym one night and a mutual friend introduced them. Soon they were entered in the Hollywood Sport Center's "B" Tournament, and the Smedley-Alston combination was on its way.

In 1951, Joe and Lois were married and went right off to Minneapolis where Joe began his training and work for the F.B.I. They moved to Fargo, N. D. in November of that year, and the following summer another move put them in Detroit, Michigan. In all these cities, they had opportunities to play lots of badminton. It was during this time that both of them became frequent winners of "A" flight events. In the spring of 1953, they were transferred to Los Angeles. The addition of these two in local play, brought a new complexion to the Southern California tournaments, and quite a shot in the arm to badminton interest in the southland.

Among the highlights of their careers, are certainly their 1956 and 1957 trips to Europe. They played in the All England Championships and the Glasgow World Invitational Tournaments both years and were wonderful representatives of our country. Lois and Margaret Varner won the doubles both years in Glasgow, and Joe won the Glasgow Singles in '56 and the All England men's doubles in '57 with Malayan, Johnny Heah. In addition, Lois was on the first Uber Cup team which played its semi and final rounds in England, to win the first International Ladies' Championship for the U. S. Joe has been a prime factor on the last two Thomas Cup teams. Aside from his great work in singles, in all the ties,

By HELEN TIBBETTS



Helen Tibbetts

he was involved in the determining wins on two occasions. At Singapore in 1952, against India, and again at Winnipeg in 1955, against Canada, when the teams were tied at four matches apiece, it was Joe and Wynn Rogers who won the vital ninth match to give the U. S. team the victory and put them one round further into the competition.

Some of Joe's greatest singles play has been against the fabulous Eddy Choong. In the finals of the 1955 U. S. Open, Joe played flawlessly and took the measure of Eddy in two straight sets. At Spokane in 1957, the result was reversed but not until they had played a 17-16 first game which lasted 65 minutes and had the spectators completely exhausted from just watching. Said by many badminton enthusiasts to be the closest and best badminton ever played, was their semi-final match in the 1957 All England Championships. It lasted an hour and a half and finally went to Eddy, 18-16 in the third game.

The Alstons have piled up various interesting statistics in the last few years. Joe was a singles finalist eight years in a row in the U. S. tournies, 1949 through 1956. He is the only American to win the following:

- the U. S. Singles, since our tournament has been open;
- the All England Men's Doubles; and
- the World Invitational Men's Singles.

He has lost only two *games* to domestic players in the last four years. Lois set records during the Uber Cup matches by being the only mem-

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ber of the U. S. team who had any three game matches. She had one in each of the Canadian, Indian, and Danish encounters, all of which she won. Then, in the All England tourney, the following week, she had two more three gamers. Back in the U. S., at Spokane, she fell heir to another pair of three game matches in the quarters and semi finals of the U. S. Open. Aside from these records, it should also be said to their credit that Joe and Lois are one of the few married couples who can play mixed doubles together compatibly and successfully, as is proven by their two U. S. Mixed Doubles wins, 1953, and 1954, and more local titles than they can count.

Besides the contributions they have made to the playing of our favorite game, the Alston name has been found on many committees for both the local and national badminton associations. Just ask anyone who has been on any of these with Joe, what kind of a worker he is. You will find that he insists on doing a thorough and carefully thought-out job. It was an Alston idea to revive the Pacific Southwest tourney. Two years ago, Joe and Lois took over the running of it and have done an excellent job in making it a successful yearly event.

In the opinion department, they have some definite thoughts. For instance, that our "nationals" *should* remain open, because the event has become more important to the country and has raised the standard of play greatly. Joe does feel strongly that our U. S. Championships should be located in one spot permanently. A relatively small town outside a large center such as Chicago would be good. Some spot where badminton would not have too much competition and like the national tennis matches, could be a yearly event which the country would know about and look forward to. One change that Joe and Lois feel would help all badminton players is a radical switch to allow both professionals and amateurs to enter the same tournaments. True, there are practically no pros, now, but what do we have to offer them? If both groups were in tournaments together, the caliber and number of entrants would increase, plus the fact that we would probably have more and more pros around who could give lessons to beginners, young players coming up, and any-

one who is having problems with his game.

The prospect of losing both Joe and Lois in our country's singles picture, is rather disappointing for us, but they have earned the right to relax and enjoy the game. Of course, Lois can really take it easy for the next few months while she is awaiting the January arrival of a new little Alston. Meanwhile Joe will be trying out for Thomas Cup and playing doubles as hard as ever in all the tournaments. Probably no other couple has had more chances to represent our country and surely no one could have done a better job. We will miss their singles prowess, and are grateful they haven't given up the game completely. From now on, just watch for their names in the doubles results.

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The following appeared in the second issue of BIRD CHATTER on Dec. 12, 1941.

The Manhattan Beach Badminton Club celebrated the opening of its newly built club house with a "Doubles" tournament on November 22nd.

The event was high-lighted by a final match between LeRoy Erikson and Raeford Haney of Pasadena vs. Chester Goss and Joe Alston of San Diego. Alston substituted for Dave Freeman who was ill. He is only fourteen years old, is quite small, but is an amazing player. Goss and Alston won in a three-game match, which can only be described in one word, "sensational".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Madam,

Please cancel my subscription to BIRD CHATTER for the reason that interest in badminton has disintegrated, at the Ambridge Country Club, to a very low ebb.

We started badminton in 1935 and continued to play until 1956 at which time the few "spark plugs" became a little too antequated to continue and there was no young interest to carry on. It is a pity.

However, best wishes to . . . BIRD CHATTER for continued success and may youth carry on and continue to spread the spirit of competition.

Sincerely,

GEORGE DAVIS,
Ambridge, Pa.

JUNIOR

JOTTINGS

This is a new, and we hope permanent, column in BIRD CHATTER in which we want to publish news of Juniors and Junior programs. We would like to make it a column for the Juniors and, as far as possible, by the Juniors, so come on kids, let us know what you're doing.

In Wilmington, Delaware, Naomi Bender has been running classes in the public school gyms on Saturday mornings and has also succeeded in getting badminton into the sports programs of several private schools.

In Burbank, California, Babe Pajares gets good cooperation from the Parks and Recreation Department while the moving spirit behind Detroit junior play is Vic Pritula. Californians and ex-juniors Ardyce Carr and Virginia Greene have contributed an article on the 1958 Junior Nationals in this issue while Baltimore's Cynthia Dryden is helping out with BIRD CHATTER subscription work.

In the Buffalo area, Ethel Marshall and Bea Massman hold junior classes all day Saturdays and usually take a group of juniors across the border for matches against the Canadians.

Baltimore's Juniors had to turn down many applications for the Saturday morning classes held in two school gyms. They cannot accommodate more than 120 players. Wilmington and Baltimore expect to have a match in November as do Minneapolis and Winnipeg, Canada.

Al Warner, Director of Badminton Activities in the towns of Needham and Dedham, Mass. expects one hundred youngsters to participate in each area this season. About one half of the youngsters who played in the tennis programs of these towns will probably switch to badminton for the winter. The Rainbow girls of Dedham have also asked for coaching which may mean the entry of badminton into this national organization.

The 1958 Junior Activities Committee consists of Ethel Marshall as chairman and members Vic Pritula, Babe Pajares, Naomi Bender and L. P. Pleasants.

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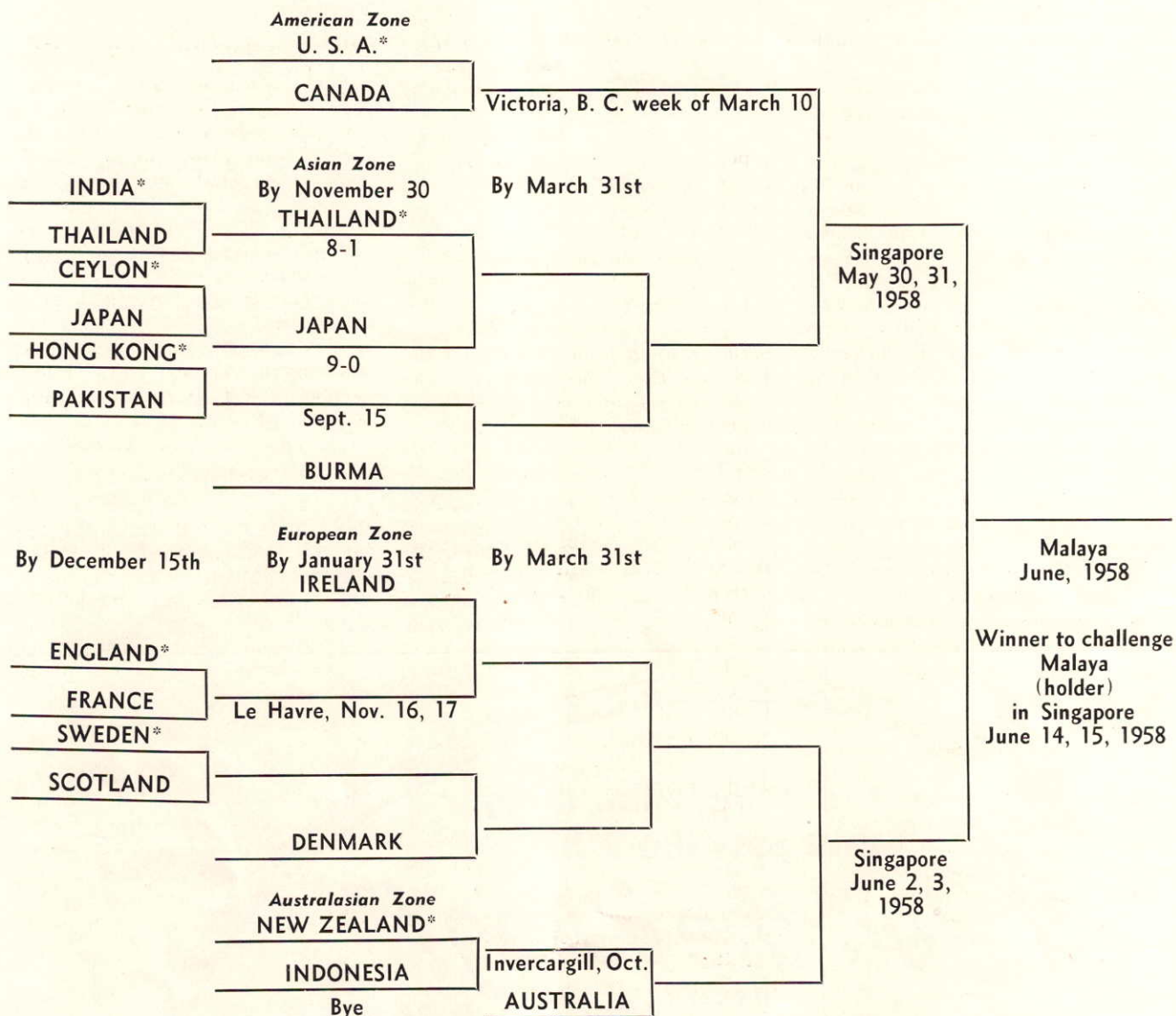
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Thomas Cup Draw 1957-58



*This Nation has choice of courts.

The first contest for the International Badminton Championship was held in 1948 with the Final Round of the Inter-Zone Ties held in England. The champion nation which emerged that year was Malaya which has successfully defended the championship twice and appears to have a good chance to do so again.

Competition takes place every three years and is divided into four zones of play for the preliminary rounds. The four zone winners then meet for the right to challenge the

holders for the title of "Champion Nation".

The 28" high silver gilt trophy was presented to the International Badminton Association in 1939 by Sir George Thomas, Bart., one of England's most famous badminton champions and a past president of the I.B.F.

In the 1948-49 contest the U.S. defeated Canada 8-1 in the finals of the American Zone and lost to Malaya in the Inter-Zone semi-finals by a 6-3 score. Members of the U.S. team that year were Dave Freeman,

Marten Mendez, Carl Loveday, Wynn Rogers, Clint Stephens and Bobby Williams. In the 1951-52 contest the U.S. defeated Canada 6-3 in the American Zone finals. They then defeated India 5-4 in the Inter-Zone finals and entered the challenge round against Malaya. They were defeated by Malaya 7-2. Members of the Second U.S. Thomas Cup Team were Marten Mendez, Carl Loveday, Wynn Rogers, Bobby Williams, Joe Alston and Dick Mitchell. In the third contest in 1954-55 the U.S. once more beat Canada, this

time with a very close 5-4 score. They then lost to India in the Inter-Zone semi-finals by a score of 6-3. This team consisted of Carl Loveday, Wynn Rogers, Bobby Williams, Joe Alston, Dick Mitchell, Manuel Armendariz and Bill Berry.

The Thomas Cup Committee of the American Badminton Association has been busy for several months organizing the operations which must be undertaken to select and field a team to represent the United States. This committee is currently headed by Edwin S. Jarrett of New York, the other members being Claude Welcome of Glendale, Calif., President of the A.B.A., together with T. M. Royce of Seattle, Roy W. Jordan of St. Louis, Donald Richardson of Waban, and Charles B. Newball of Marblehead. With the current head of the Association and four former presidents, the two last named of whom accompanied the U.S. team to Singapore in 1955, making up its membership, the committee is well manned with individuals who have had extensive contact with Thomas Cup operations since their inception.

The first action of the committee was the naming of a squad comprised of those players whose past performances and experience entitle them to consideration for the 1958 team. The group named to the squad consists of: Joe Alston, California; Manuel Armendariz, California; Dick Ball, Maryland; Bill Berry, California; Don Davis, Washington; Mike Hartgrove, California; Fred Knight, California; John Leib, California; Dick Mitchell, California; Ted Moehlmann, Missouri; Ronnie Palmer, California; Michael Roche, Maryland; Wynn Rogers, California; Fred Trifonoff, Michigan; and Bob Williams, New York.

The next step planned by the committee is the holding of a program of formal try-outs in the form of a special tournament to be played in Pasadena, California, Nov. 6-10. This event is aimed at providing a thorough test of each individual's ability to measure up for either a singles or doubles position on the team. Working from a pattern suggested by Dick Mitchell, the committee is shaping a unique program which incorporates the features of both double elimination and round-robin play in the singles event and multiple pairings in the doubles. The results of these try-outs will be determinative as far

as the current relative playing abilities of each player in concerned. However, final selection of the team members will involve the committee in the consideration of other factors as well, such as the availability of any individual for the necessary amount of travel, etc. The try-out tournament will be conducted by Joe Alston and his associates in Pasadena, with supervision on behalf of the committee in the hands of Claude Welcome, assisted by Joe Alston and Dick Mitchell.

The date and site for the American zone tie with Canada have not yet been fixed. In accordance with the pattern laid down by the International Badminton Federation, the U.S. has the choice of courts this time. If satisfactory arrangements cannot be set up in this country to assure a profitable operation on the match, the committee may waive our right to the choice of courts in order to permit the event to be played in Canada. The possibility of holding the contest in California again is currently being investigated, but no report on results can be made at this time.

The first big surprise of the Thomas Cup Ties was the upset of the highly rated Indian Team 8-1 by Thailand at Bangkok on July 20 and 21. Among the enthusiastic backers of the victorious team was the King of Thailand. Of interest to U.S. readers will be the matches of India's T. N. Seth and Nandu Natekar who competed in the U.S. Open in Niagara Falls in 1954 and also played in the International Invitation in Baltimore. T. N. lost to Thano Kajad-bhye in two games and Charoen Watnasin in three while Nandu also lost to these two players, extending Kajad-bhye to three games. India's lone victory came in the third singles in which A. L. Dewan defeated Pinip Pattapongse. The Siamese team is comprised of youngsters whose ages average 20. T. N. was impressed by Watnasin but felt he would only get about five points from Finn Kobbero or Eddy Choong. (Singapore Straights Times).

Denmark

The Danish Badminton Federation has selected their Thomas Cup Squad which is currently practicing together once a week. The members are Finn Kobbero, Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen, Erland Kops, (All

England runner-up), Palle Granlund, Poul Erik Neilsen, Knud Aage Neilsen, John Nygaard and Ole Mertz.

"We Can Beat Denmark"—Eddy

Such was the headline in the Singapore Straights Times on August 7th. Eddy Choong was quoted at the Malayan Championships as saying "We can beat the Danes next year in the Thomas Cup. It will be tough but it can be done." Denmark's chief strength is that their team has already taken shape. We on the other hand have to start from scratch almost. Denmark has the advantage over us now. But we can win it back and keep the cup next year." Eddy's version of the Danish team—Finn Kobbero, Erland Kops and Palle Granlund for singles, Kobbero and J. Hammergaard Hansen for doubles plus one more team. This is how Eddy sees the Malayan team—Oon Choong Teik (now in England), Johnny Heah, Eddy Choong for singles and Eddy and David Coong as one doubles pair with a partner to be chosen for Johnny Heah. It will be interesting to read this prediction next June!

Lee Siew Yee, Singapore Times reporter, has this to say about Malaya's chances of retaining the Cup; "It is in doubles that Malaya's strength has ebbed fastest. No Malayan now plays the power-smash. Certainly we shall not keep the Cup if we continue to kid ourselves into believing our players to be better than they are!"

Siam

The Siamese have introduced a new form of badminton—the trebles game. Six players make up a match, three on each side, and the result is play at a greater speed than in doubles which is itself fast enough to be rated as the fastest team game in the world next to ice hockey.

The trebles game calls for greater speed of foot and quickness of eye, sharper reflexes, faster stroke execution and superb fitness. This may be the secret of the success of the Siamese Thomas Cup Team over India this year.

This trebles game is the outcome of the vast numbers of players who have taken up badminton in Siam recently.

NATIONAL RANKINGS 1956-57

The following are the national rankings of the ABA subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

MENS SINGLES

1. Joe Alston California
2. Ronnie Palmer California
3. Dick Mitchell California
4. Bill Berry California
5. Don Davis Washington
6. Martin Mendez California
7. Mike Hartgrove California
8. Manuel Armendariz California
9. Fred Knight California
10. John Leib California

Honorable Mention

- Michael Roche (Military Service) Maryland
 Fred Trifanoff Michigan

WOMENS SINGLES

1. Judy Devlin Maryland
2. Margaret Varner Massachusetts
3. Lois Alston California
4. Susan Devlin Maryland
5. Helen Tibbetts California
6. Thelma Welcome California
7. Abbie Rutledge Indiana
8. Beulah Armendariz California
9. Dottie O'Neil Connecticut
10. McGregor Stewart Maryland

MENS DOUBLES

1. Joe Alston California
Wynn Rogers California
2. Ronnie Palmer California
Fred Knight California
3. Manuel Armendariz California
Mike Hartgrove California
4. Dick Mitchell California
Bill Berry California
5. Clint Stephens Maryland
Michael Roche Maryland
6. Bill Anderson Michigan
Vice Pritula Michigan
7. Dick Ball Maryland
Noel Fehm Connecticut
8. Earl Boston Illinois
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9. Russ Hill Oregon
Nick Johnson Washington
10. Fred Trifanoff Michigan
Vic Van de Ven Michigan

WOMENS DOUBLES

1. Judy Devlin Maryland
Susan Devlin Maryland
2. Margaret Varner Massachusetts
Dottie O'Neil Connecticut
3. Ethel Marshall New York
Bea Massman New York
4. Lois Alston California
Beulah Armendariz California

5. Carlene Hester California
Jeanne Pons California
6. Dorothy Hann California
Joan Gibbs California
7. Eleanor Coombs Illinois
Thelma Burdick Illinois
8. Helen Tibbetts California
Jean Gibbs California
9. Doris DeLord New York
Rosine Capehart New York
10. Charlotte Decker Maryland
McGregor Stewart Maryland

MIXED DOUBLES

1. Bob Williams New York
Ethel Marshall New York
2. Joe Alston California
Lois Alston California
3. Mike Hartgrove California
Helen Tibbetts California
4. Manuel Armendariz California
Beulah Armendariz California
5. Wynn Rogers California
Joan Gibbs California
6. Bill Berry California
Ruth Barry California
7. Clint Stephens Maryland
Patsy Stephens Maryland
8. Bill Anderson Michigan
Mary Conner Michigan
9. Earl Boston Illinois
Eleanor Coombs Illinois
10. Don Davis Washington
Donna Connolly Washington

VETERANS DOUBLES

1. Joe Tiberi Illinois
Bob Traquair New York
2. Martin Mendez California
Fred Serafin California
3. Carl Anderson Washington
Russ Hill Oregon
4. Rupe Topp Washington
Henry Mankey Washington
5. Ken Aderholt Missouri
Herpel Perkins Missouri
6. Bert Fish Illinois
George Geever Illinois

Girls Singles

1. Barbara Prince Pennsylvania
2. Virginia Greene California
3. Ardyce Carr California
4. Anne Erkkila California
5. Cynthia Dryden Maryland
6. Sally Coulter Maryland
7. Martha Lou West Maryland
8. Janet Ogilvie New York
9. Sharon Pritula Michigan
10. Mimi Knight West Virginia

Boys Singles

1. Ted Ebenkamp California
2. Don Paup California
3. David Lycette Washington
4. Bernard Talley Maryland

5. Alfred Hales California
6. Glenn Hackett New York
7. Jack Keating Michigan
8. Dan Rudy Maryland
9. Cliff Reid Massachusetts
10. Len Pleasants Massachusetts

Girls Doubles

1. Virginia Green California
Ardyce Carr California
2. Barbara Prince Pennsylvania
Martha Lou West Maryland
3. Sally Coulter Maryland
Cynthia Dryden Maryland
4. S. Lamb Michigan
Anne Erkkila California
5. Faith Ferris Maryland
P. Pritchard Massachusetts
6. Janet Ogilvie New York
J. Roland Delaware
7. Mimi Knight West Virginia
J. Davis Rhode Island
8. Patsy Hitchens Delaware
Nina Vosters Delaware
9. Marilyn Merchant Massachusetts
M. Greene Massachusetts

Boys Doubles

1. Ted Ebenkamp California
Don Paup California
2. Glenn Hackett New York
Bernard Talley Maryland
3. David Lycette Washington
Al Hales California
4. Len Pleasants Massachusetts
Cliff Reid Massachusetts
5. Dan Rudy Maryland
John Schultz Pennsylvania
6. Jack Keating Michigan
John Snead Maryland
7. C. Rennert Texas
C. Schwartzberg Texas
8. A. Raines New York
J. Hogue Delaware
9. A. Greene Massachusetts
T. Martin Massachusetts
10. Doug Dixon Maryland
Tom McDavid Maryland

Mixed Doubles

1. Ted Ebenkamp California
Barbara Prince Pennsylvania
2. Don Paup California
Ardyce Carr California
3. Al Hales California
Virginia Greene California
4. Glenn Hackett New York
Martha Lou West Maryland
5. Dan Rudy Maryland
Cynthia Dryden Maryland
6. Bernard Talley Maryland
Sally Coulter Maryland
7. David Lycette Washington
J. White Massachusetts
8. Len Pleasants Massachusetts
Marilyn Merchant Massachusetts
9. Jack Keating Michigan
Sharon Fritula Michigan
10. Ted Martin Massachusetts
P. Pritchard Massachusetts

HOW TO PLAY BADMINTON

STROKE PRODUCTION

by Ken Davidson

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Broadly speaking, in Badminton, there are only two kinds of stroke—the Forehand and the Backhand—each of which is divided into four main types of shots—(1) Smash (2) Clear or Lob (3) Drive (4) Drop-shot. Each of these, in turn, can be played in many variations of speed, direction, and angle and they all help to make the fascinating flight of a shuttle one of the game's most attractive features.

Of necessity, the production of a stroke is closely allied with footwork and body balance. To make a perfect shot, the footwork, body balance and the movements of the body, arm and racket must work together in unison. To place the body in the proper position and to bring the racket into motion so as to cause it to reach its maximum at the correct moment and send the shuttle to its desired destination is known as Timing. To some, timing comes naturally, others acquire it through hard work, and all have to practice it.

The "trial and error" method of learning to hit the shuttle is a long and tedious road when handicapped by a lack of knowledge. If a stroke can be naturally and correctly produced, without having to stop and think *how* it is done, then greater efficiency on the court is far more likely in a much shorter period of time.

A stroke is produced by the movement of the arm wielding the racket. This full movement is split into (a) A backward-swing (b) A Forward-swing (c) A Follow-through. These are not three separate movements but are all part of one continuous, rhythmical motion of the arm.

Let us take for granted that the body is in the proper court position—ready to adjust the final step in the footwork and ready to move the racket over to either the Forehand or Backhand side of the body to make the stroke. The left foot is placed ahead of and/or across the right foot for all Forehands and the right foot is placed ahead of and/or across the left foot for all Backhands.

The Back-Swing

The Back-swing is the movement of the arm which takes the racket

back, preliminary to its coming forward to hit the shuttle.

At the same time as the racket is being taken back on the back-swing, the final step in the footwork is underway. These two movements, separate within themselves, are synchronized so that on the completion of the back-swing the body weight is balanced on the back foot. (The toes of the front foot will be lightly touching the floor—preparing to accept the body balance when the racket flows into the forward-swing of the arm movement.)

Under normal circumstances, while awaiting a return from the opponent, the racket is carried in the "ready position", in front of the body around waist height, with the head of the racket a little above the level of the wrist. (Players in a net position, who have less time to make any movement, carry the racket up with the head of the racket being at or above the level of the head.)

FOREHAND strokes requiring a full swing of the racket, find the elbow fully bent and the right shoulder at the end of the back-swing. This is essential on all overhead forehand strokes but not quite so pronounced on shots hit below shoulder height, and, in the case of defensive shots on the forehand side the racket will be carried down from the "ready position" and swung in a lower and shorter arc.

On BACKHAND strokes necessitating a full swing, the elbow is well bent and the right hand, is near the left shoulder at the end of the back-swing. (Reverse all instructions for left-handed players).

The bending of the elbow is an important part of the backswing. It is never rigid or fully extended in the back-swing and it must be bent so that it can aid the wrist in adding speed and power when it straightens out in the forward swing. On some delicate net shots, the elbow may bend only partially and, at times, may have little total movement throughout all the stroke, but this is the exception rather than the rule.

Back-Swing on Serve

The serve, being the stroke to start the play, should be considered apart from other strokes, even though it is normally a Forehand. The

player about to serve has time to position his feet before the back-swing. (In fact the rules state some part of both feet must remain in contact with the ground in a stationary position until the shuttle is delivered). Then, of course, there is never any need to hurry the stroking movements of the serve. Many players make the back-swing, pause there in that position, and go into action by starting the forward swing. The service, hit underhand below the waist, being a control stroke (particularly so in doubles) rather than a power shot, does not demand that the elbow should bend as much in the back swing as in normal forehand strokes played in the course of a rally.

Overhead Forehand Back-Swing

The back-swing for the overhead forehand stroke is different from all other back-swings insofar as the racket head describes a long circu-

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BADMINTON IN JAMAICA

by Lucien Tai Ten Quee

Badminton first started in Jamaica about 21 years ago. It is said that the game originated in a school situated in the hills of Mandeville, 65 miles from Kingston, the capital city. Afternoons were set aside for games but, being in a rainy part of the country, the boys were often forced to find some form of indoor sport, and badminton was the solution. The game was also played in the early days by soldiers stationed in Jamaica. Nowadays, however, it is enjoyed as an outdoor sport, unlike other countries where it is played primarily indoors. Since weather conditions are ideal, badminton is played all year round.

The first tournaments were held at Sabina Park in Kingston, which is the main centre of all sporting activities in Jamaica. Around 1938, a group of persons interested in badminton started regular sessions more or less on an organized basis. Chief among them was a commercial businessman who was then a representative of a sporting goods store which sold badminton equipment. From this group the Jamaica Badminton Association was eventually formed, and the late Allan O. Ritchie became the first President of this Association. Tournaments were held under the auspices of the Association until activities were curtailed by World War II in 1942.

It was not until 1953 that interest in this game was revived by a Steering Committee comprised of eight persons, from which the new Jamaica Badminton Association was formed. This same year the All Jamaica Championships were first held at the St. Andrew Club, and proved to be an outstanding success. So great was the interest that several individual clubs were formed, and the following year inter-club events took place. Much credit, however, must go to the many commercial firms who have given their support by way of donations of trophies, prizes, and financial assistance.

One of the chief reasons why badminton has become so popular in Jamaica is the fact that it is played only at nights, when folks have been able to rest and relax after a busy day at work, and still have time for a social evening of badminton. Un-



Lucien Tai Ten Quee

like other countries, however, we have no ranking junior players, since only one school in the island includes badminton in its sporting curriculum.

The standard of play in Jamaica is considered fair, but among the women players there is much room for improvement. We have been fortunate in having Jimmy Leslie, Scottish international player, who has been out here for three years. His presence has done much to improve the standard of playing among our men.

This year, however, has been the most important and colourful in the history of badminton in Jamaica. The Association has been privileged indeed to have been able to present the Devlin sisters, Susan and Judy, who came down to take part in the tournament. Their presence has been a source of great inspiration to all who have been fortunate enough to see them in action, and invaluable lessons have been learned, especially among our lady players. Some of our local participants have been honoured in partnering Susan and Judy in doubles events, and will no doubt treasure this experience as the most thrilling of their badminton career.

One of the main objectives of the Association is to acquire a suitable site for the building of indoor courts. It is also hoped that in the near future representative players will be able to take part in tournaments overseas, and eventually in the Thomas Cup competition.

In closing, I would like, on behalf of the Jamaica Badminton Associa-

tion, to extend our grateful thanks to the officers and members of the American Badminton Association for their cooperation in allowing Susan and Judy Devlin to take part in this tournament, and I would like to personally express what a great pleasure and privilege it has been to have met these two girls who are, without a doubt, among the most charming and likeable ambassadors of goodwill ever to have visited our shores. Their friendly personalities have captivated everyone with whom they have come in contact, both on and off the court, and their conquests in the tournament have been equalled only by the lasting impression they have made on badminton enthusiasts in particular and on the public of Jamaica in general.

CALYPSO HOLIDAY

Swimming in tropical waters, tasting exotic fruits and enjoying unlimited hospitality and entertainment, were among the highlights of our visit to Kingston, Jamaica for the All-Jamaica Championships from September 23rd to October 4th. The All-Jamaica Badminton Association very generously invited Judy and me to compete in their National Championships and we had a thoroughly enjoyable time doing so. Sight-seeing kept us busy during the day as the tournament was played at night.

Play was out-of-doors in the evenings on two cement courts and matches were delayed at times until the breezes died down. Practically all badminton in Jamaica is out-of-doors as there are only a couple of indoor courts on the island. The playing of the tournament was exactly the reverse of ours, for we played through the week with play suspended for the week-end, during which time we drove over the mountains for an over-night stay in beautiful Montego Bay.

Out-door badminton is very different from anything we were accustomed to but we quickly became used to the cement floor and to expect that many accurate placements might be blown well off course. Because of the breeze the smash has become the dominating stroke in any game.

The men's standard of play in
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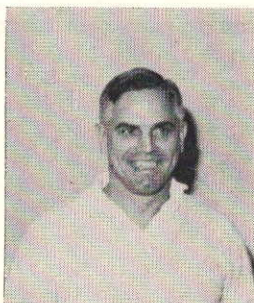
SITES FOR THE '58 NATIONALS

U. S. Open

It's going to be fun to have you here in Boston for our National Tournament in April. It has to be vacation for us and, since vacations are meant for fun, we are going to try to do our best to see that you enjoy yourself on and off the courts.

Boston, an old, historical city, has many places of interest which you will want to visit. You will have time to try some of our excellent eating places and to shop in our stores and specialty shops, so start saving your pennies now for the trip and those extras you will want to indulge in.

The University Club, the site of the tournament, needs no introduction to the players who were here for the 1953 Nationals or to the players who come each year to our New England Open Tournament. To those of you who have never been here, I would like to tell you about our Club and let all of you know some of our plans for the tournament.



General Chairman Schell

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We know that we will be unable to house every one at the club, but directly across the street is the Sheraton Plaza, four blocks away is the Hotel Statler, and there are several

other fine hotels in the immediate vicinity.

We are planning on a large tournament and we would like to have every one come, regardless of their playing ability. The top players are no fun anyway—they don't like parties and they go to bed much too early—and that is why I have stressed the vacation part of our tournament. We will have some activity every night, with a dance both Friday and Saturday evenings. Saturday evening there will be one of our famous (you've never had one like it) University Club buffet dinners.

We are considering having some of the finals on Saturday afternoon, since we have to stop dancing on Saturday at twelve midnight (state law).

I mentioned our swimming pool, so if you would like to participate, bring your suit, and if you would like to play squash, we will lend you a bat.

We hope you will come to Boston. We think you will enjoy our Club—we do.

Cordially,

WAYNE V. SCHELL,
General Chairman

Junior Nationals

by Ardyce Carr & Virginia Greene

Enthusiasm is mounting fast in anticipation of the 12th Annual Junior National Badminton Championships, to be held March 28-31, 1958. The new McCambridge Park Recreation Center nestled in the Verdugo Hills will house this big event. The main building has every modern facility possible contained in its 35,000 square feet. The sports gymnasium accommodates six standard double courts, two standard volleyball courts or one standard size basketball court. Color-corrected Mercury vapor lights are used both inside and out. This type of lighting most nearly simulates daylight of all artificial lighting on the market and is the first building to use this type of lighting.

The lounge adjacent to the gym provides adequate area for reception or spectators. There is a small games room containing four table tennis tables and space for all types of table games.



Writers Carr and Greene

The rest rooms are centrally located. The dressing room floors are radiant heated. The dressing room area is capable of handling 1500 persons at one time including shower and rest room facilities. There are several adjoining meeting rooms which are available to us to use for small social events or just meeting (for instance, in the case of the Nationals, we will use one of these for a banquet.) They adjoin a modern

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JAMAICA

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Jamaica is quite high. There are several good players, some of them English or Irish who are now living there, but most of them local players. One of the most interesting to watch is Ronnie Nasralla, a very tall and lanky player with a tremendous reach, another player who could develop into a top-flight contestant is young Eddie Ziadie.

The women's standard cannot be compared to the mens', due to the fact that there is no "young blood" coming up, and partly I believe, to the fact that there is little or no coaching on the island.

The overall impression of the play was that the players do not use all the court, probably because they have got into the habit of "playing it safe" on account of a possible breeze, and so they confine their shots largely to the center of the court and not often deeper than the inside baseline.

The tournament was ably run by Everard Aquilar, W. Murray-White and Lucian Tai Ten Quee, with Balfe Bradley in charge of umpires

and Pat Clerk scheduling the matches. Everyone, players and officials alike, were most friendly and hospitable, and are looking forward to the possibility of a larger American entry next year. So if anyone has thoughts of going to Jamaica, go to play some badminton, you will enjoy every minute of it!

FINALS:

LS Judy Devlin def. Susan Devlin, 11-4, 11-1.

MS Brendon Clear def. Eddie Ziadie, 15-12, 15-8.

LD J. Devlin-Mrs. Murray White def. S. Devlin-Hope Valentine, 15-4, 15-7.

MD Danny DaCosta-Gilbert Alexander def. Ian Veira-Ron Williams, 7-15, 15-11, 15-8.

MxD Allan Feres-J. Devlin def. W. Murray White-S. Devlin, 15-9, 15-10.

JUNIOR NATIONALS

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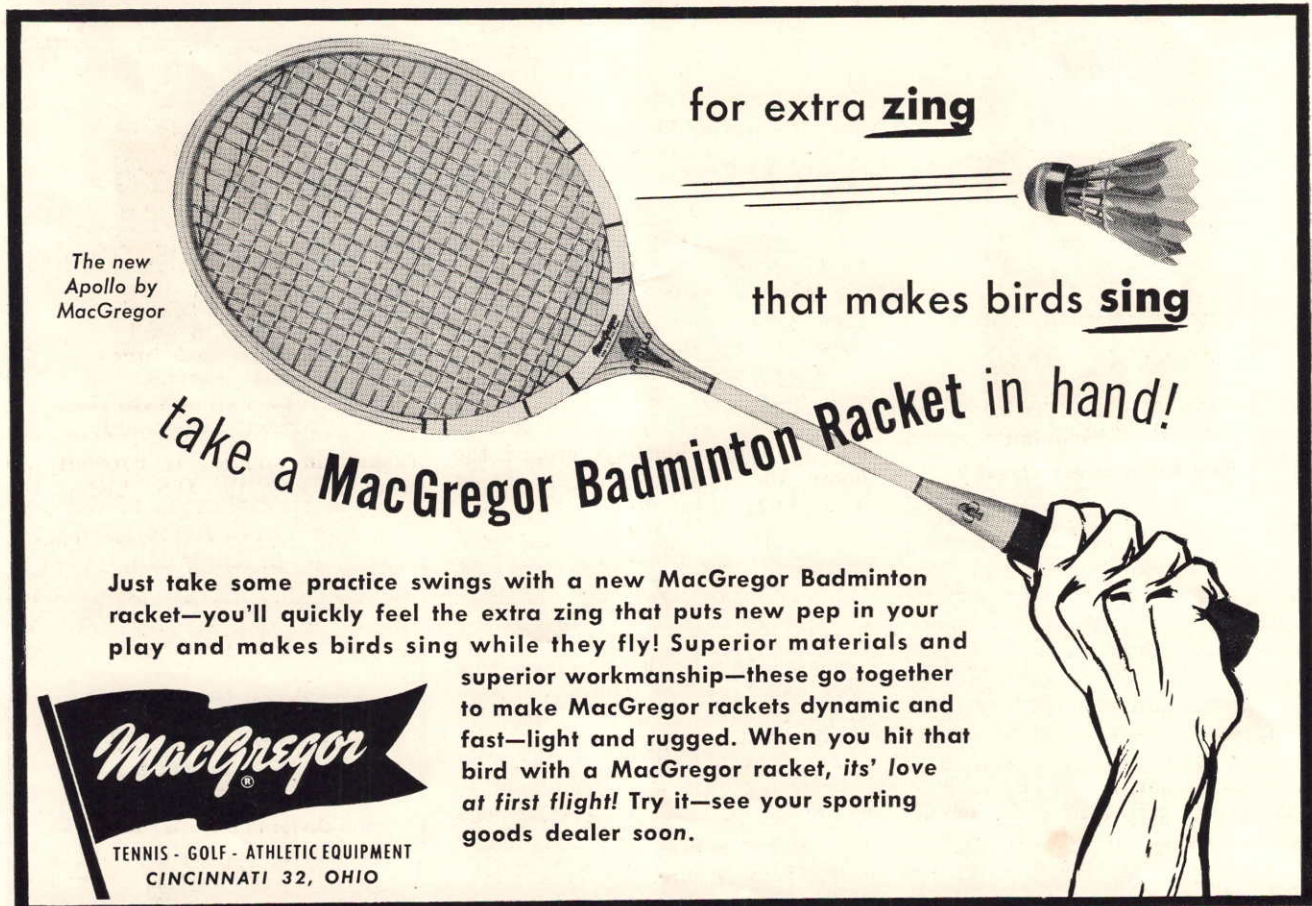
kitchen capable of preparation and service for 1000 people. The secondary kitchen is equipped for snack bar type of service which we intend to use throughout the tourney.

On the lower level is a heated

swimming pool 65 x 164 feet. The 55 foot decks will allow plenty of sun bathing (weather permitting) The pool is lighted overhead and underwater.

This beautiful recreation building sits in the center of a lovely park boasting several tennis courts, baseball diamonds, children's recreation hall picnic tables and stoves and off-street parking. We truly believe we are fortunate to have secured such facilities and with housing accommodations or motels close at hand. Badminton players in Southern California are keenly interested in the Tournament and the Committee has many plans for making this event a worthwhile and memorable occasion for all of those who attend.

In the next issue of "Bird Chatter" we will list points of interest for vacationers and suggested clothing for our "unusual" weather. If you wish any specific information please write to Mrs. Virginia Hill, Secretary, Southern California Badminton Association, 460 Spencer Street, Glendale 2, Calif. See you next issue!



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Flying Feathers

Linda Flack, a Principia College student and former junior player from Baltimore, is spending six months in France as an exchange student. . . Baltimore's Ed Wheeler, for many years a most faithful helper to novice players, both young and old, attended the American Bar Association meeting in London in July. . . Former U.S. Junior Champ McGregor Stewart now attending Purdue University. . . Jean Gibbs, one of California's well known twins, now Mrs. Bob McCallum of Pasadena. . . Norma Slauer, a West Virginia resident from Boston, captured tennis laurels in Western Maryland this summer. . . The Vosters sisters of Wilmington won State honors in their divisions in Delaware tennis this summer.



Fred Fullin comes clean!

Former U.S. and All England mixed doubles champion Clint Stephens shooting very good golf in Maryland tournaments. . . Evie Talley, participant in many east Coast tournaments, became Mrs. Lew Hankins in Baltimore, September 7th. . . She and Lew will be making their home in Manhattan Beach, California. . . Lois Alston and Mrs. Buzz Martin both expecting little shuttle chasers in January. . . Margaret Varner "did" the grass court tennis circuit

this year. . . Minnesota's Shirley Mans living in Massachusetts this winter where she will be teaching school. . .

John Pomeroy Jr. returned to San Francisco for a week's leave in August bringing home men's doubles and mixed doubles trophies from the Seafarer's Tournament in Seattle. . . Lee Chadbourne of New Hampshire and Massachusetts left in August for a ten weeks' tour of the British Isles as a member of the U.S. Touring La-Crosse Team. . . Thomas "Cowboy" Wong and John Poong of San Francisco played in the Santa Barbara tournament over the July 4th Weekend and carried veterans doubles prizes north with them.

Delaware's Naomi Bender was coach of a junior tennis group which won the Summer Tennis Program Championships of Wilmington. . . Don and Sandra Ogden Davis were married on August 24 in Seattle, Washington. Among the guests at the wedding and at a patio and supper party the week before were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Royce and Dick Bonesteel. Dick arrived at a canned goods shower for the couple with all the labels pulled off the box of cans that he brought! Don and Sandra are living in Seattle and Don is working at Boeing. . . Cleveland's Ed DiLeone reached the finals of the U.S. Senior Tennis Doubles Championships held in Boston in August.

Junior National Girls Doubles Champions Ardyce Carr and Virginia Greene are both freshmen at the University of California. . . Bert and Jody (Rahmn) Rhine added a daughter to their family on August 30. With four big boys around the house the little newcomer should have plenty of attention. . . Our sympathy to former BIRD CHATTER editor Marguerite Miller whose father passed away in September. . . Bill and Dottie Busby had a little daughter Kristin, born to them this summer. Her brothers names—Kip, Kirk and Kim! . . . Johnny and Amy Heah, of Malaya, had a short visit to Southern California in late August. Unfortunately they didn't have enough time to play in any of the local tournies. . . Another, but by this time familiar, visitor this summer, Hans Myhre, got in a bit of California sunshine and badminton.

From Ponca City, Oklahoma comes another mother-daughter team to join Seattle's Donna Connolly and Gladys Mallory. The Oklahomans are Lana and Pat Harman. Daughter Lana was a three event winner in the Conoco Association tournament in August, winning the ladies doubles with her mother whom she helped to defeat in the mixed doubles final! . . . Seattle's Joyce and Don Jones greeted a baby girl on August 19. . . Donna Connolly is expecting a little badminton booster in the early spring. . . John Pomeroy, a member of the Hong Kong Team in the last Thomas Cup contest, is now stationed with the U. S. Army at Fort Lewis, Washington. . .

Stella Peplowski from Milwaukee has just joined the Roanoke, Virginia Badminton Club. . . Rosine Capehart, Sec. of the Metropolitan Badminton Association, spent the summer touring the Mid and Far West with a lengthy stop in Maryland. . . The Danish Thomas Cup Team has been invited to play non-Thomas Cup matches against Pakistan and Japan during their probable trip to Asia in May.



LaCrosse player Chadbourne

Lee Chadbourne formerly nationally ranked in singles, is currently in England with the U.S. Ladies La-Crosse Team. . .

At the 25th Anniversary Dinner of the Westport Badminton Club, the Uber Cup was handed to Helen Gibson for safe-keeping until our defense of it in 1959-'60.

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PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS



Fred Trifanoff

Among the group of players who have only recently achieved recognition on a national level is Detroit's Fred Trifanoff. A twenty-six year old native of Dearborn, Michigan, Fred is the current holder of the Open Championships of three states—Michigan, Indiana and Illinois, as well as the Invitational Tournaments of Niagara Falls and the Camargo Club in Cincinnati. His game has improved considerably during the last season though he is still inclined to be somewhat erratic. Fred has competed in the National Capitol Tournament in Washington and the Strathgowan Invitation in Toronto but as yet has failed to oust Ted Moehlmann from the Midwest Crown, though he carried him to three games in the 1957 finals. Among his wins Fred numbers victories over Hans Myhre, Vic Pritula and Vic van de Ven.

The 5'9" slightly built midwesterner attended Wayne University in Detroit and is at present employed as a body designer for the Ford Motor Company. Fred didn't start playing badminton until he was nineteen and so has not had the benefit of playing in the junior program. He has been a member of the Detroit Badminton Club for the last seven years.

Fred played a good game of tennis until last summer when he gave it up so as to concentrate on badminton. He is very interested in jazz and has a large collection of records as well as a tape recorder "wired" for jazz which he has been known to take to badminton tournaments!

His pleasant manner on and off

the court has made him a popular competitor and with more tournament experience and concentration this year he should emerge as a top flight player.

H. R., S. D.

Ron Palmer

Like most badmintonites, Ron Palmer got started playing our favorite game in his yard. But unlike most, never hit a shuttle on an indoor court until his first match in a tourney. From that first experience—the Glendale C Tournament in 1947—where he reached the finals of the consolation round singles, he has stuck with an indoor game. First he practised at the Olive Recreation Center in Burbank. Then in 1948 he "moved" to the new Burbank High gym, where Roy Lockwood saw promise in him and coached him.

Born in Alhambra, Calif., December 15, 1930, Ron and his family have lived in Glendale since 1934. He went through Hoover High and



Ron Palmer (McDonald)

Glendale City College. In 1952, his new home was Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, where he was an instructor in the photography division of the

Army Signal Corps. In New Jersey Ron played a great deal of badminton, winning several tournies including the New Jersey Open and the Washington, D. C. Championships.

After leaving the service, Ron completed his education in accounting at the University of Redlands. He was graduated in February 1956 and went to work for the Menasco Manufacturing Co. right away.

Ron is an accomplished tennis player. He plays 10 to 12 tournaments per year and has to his credit former junior titles, the NAIA Doubles title for 1944, and at present he holds the ranking of 24th in Southern California.

The 1956-57 badminton season found Ron establishing himself as the California State Singles Champion, the player who took Eddy Choong to three games at the U. S. Tourney, a good prospect for Thomas Cup, and quite a doubles player. Early last season, both Ron and Fred Knight found themselves partnersless, so they got together to form what has rapidly become a winning combination. Ron is one of the most improved players in the country today. With his great ability, speed, and determination, he has the potential of being our number one player, in time. Perhaps he could be the one to bring back our U. S. title to the U. S. Let's hope so and wish him luck.

H. T.

BADMINTON IN WALES

BY DONALD DANIEL

Of the four countries which make up the United Kingdom three, England, Scotland and Ireland, have made their name in the badminton world. The fourth, and the smallest, Wales, has remained virtually unknown. In spite of this there is a considerable amount of badminton being played now.

Before the Second World War the Welsh Open Championships attracted many of the greatest players of all time including Mrs. Betty Uber, Miss Thelma Kingsbury (now, of course, Mrs. Claude Welcome) and Tage Madsen. These Championships were revived in 1955 without, however, the glittering stars of pre-war years. Before 1939 Wales played in-

THE CASE FOR EARLY SANCTIONING

In the June issue of BIRD CHATTER the statement was made in the editorial; "Perhaps a concerted effort in behalf of the tournament chairmen and the ABA could be made next season in order that this (tournament) schedule may come out in adequate time for it to be of some use." There have been three interesting developments along this line.

One is in the form of a letter from Jack Hesse, Chairman of the ABA Sanctioning Committee, which is quoted in part. "This problem is not a new one and has been the subject of much discussion and writing over the years. If I may quote from Roger Baird's Tournament Committee Report of the 1954-55 season. 'It is suggested that the Association go on record as favoring in principle the completion of its tournament schedule prior to October 1st each year in the case of a major tournament . . . All applications for sanction be required to be submitted at least 40 days prior to the tournament date and that any application made after such deadline be accompanied by a late filing fee equal in amount to the sanction fee applicable.'"

(Ed. Note: Players should note Rule #3 in the Regulations for Tournament Sanctions which reads in part: if a tournament has not been sanctioned, "the players who competed in the unauthorized tournament shall be suspended from further competition in any tournament.")

"A conflict (of State Championships and Regional Tournaments) seems to exist mainly within Regions I and II. No major conflict seems to exist within any other regions. During the past two years, my Committee has made an analysis of all tournaments run during the height of play portion of the season." A study of the tabulated results led to the conclusion that if all state tournaments were held on the third week end in March, almost all conflict would be eliminated in 1958.

The second result of this editorial is a note from Pat Cornell of Philadelphia, one of the tireless workers for the 1956 National Championships. She speaks briefly, but to the point. "One suggestion is to encourage tournament directors to get their

sanctions cleared and in early in an effort to avoid conflict with each other."

A third point of interest, and perhaps the most significant since it comes from a national publication in no way connected with the ABA, is a letter received by Hans Rogind from *Sports Illustrated*. If badminton is to become more popular, publicity is vital and in a magazine such as *Sports Illustrated*, publicity would give the game a great boost. To quote the letter: "Our 'Coming Events' section lists the major sporting events throughout the nation each week. It is necessary for us to have complete and advanced schedules from many sources. Send us the projected full season schedules of your sport, listing, if necessary, provisional as well as final dates. . . . We usually need at least six weeks advance notice in order to be sure to include very item.'"

Now, chairmen, committee members, and players, can't you get your clubs and associations to look ahead!

WALES

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International matches against other home countries and against Denmark. These also have been revived in recent years and Wales entered the Thomas Cup during the 1954-55 contest, drawing Denmark in the first round. In all the post-war international events results from our point of view have been quite disastrous as every match in every tie has been lost and, indeed, only a very few were taken to three games.

None of the leading Welsh players can be considered anywhere near world class and there do not seem to be any promising players of either sex who will be of consequence in the foreseeable future. Indeed several of the most promising personalities in the international matches play for Wales through a birth or other qualification, they being resident and having learnt their game in England. Our best player, Geoffrey Rowlands, is so situated.

But although from a competitive point of view the situation is very gloomy the actual number of people playing badminton has never been greater and the total of clubs in-

creases every year. This trend looks as if it will continue; interest has been greatly stimulated by a series of exhibition matches given at several large towns in South Wales by famous players, including June Timperley, Nancy Horner and David and Eddie Choong. We hope some of your own leading players will visit us—they would be made very welcome. Who knows but that one day in the future a youngster may start playing who will carry the name of Wales as far afield in the badminton world as has Michael Davies in the Tennis world.

(Ed. Probably the Welsh player best known to our Canadian and American readers is Basil Jones who taught and played over here for many years and is now resident in Washington, D. C.)

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SAN FRANCISCO

A very interesting exhibition was held at the Chinese Center on August 29. Johnny and Amy Heah of Malaya demonstrated the finer points of the game. Johnny is the current holder of the All England Men's Doubles title in partnership with Pasadena's Joe Alston. Mrs. Heah is the former Amy Choong, cousin of Eddy and David. On the schedule of activities run by the San Francisco parks and playgrounds is badminton, played every Sunday throughout the year at the Ocean View Playground. Insertions appear in the paper twice a week to inform the public.

"MELAYU"

DELAWARE

A Junior match was planned between Wilmington and Baltimore Juniors on November 2nd, 12 boys and 12 girls from each city and held in Wilmington. The Ladies Doubles Round Robin is also on tap for the third year, the date being tentatively set for January 25. This has proved to be a most popular tournament.

There is a great upsurge of interest among the youngsters in Wilmington, particularly those who have been playing in organized tennis groups this summer. Already several have had to be turned down by the badminton group for lack of space to hold classes.

The new President of the Delaware Valley Association is Bob Reichert.

WISCONSIN

New officers of the Wisconsin Association elected at the end of last season are: President, Joe Wanek; Vice President, Dale Mrazek; Secretary, Helen Schuller; Treasurer, James Wanek.

The association will not hold a state Open Tournament this season.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

New officers of the Skokie Badminton Club are President Daniel Kelly; Vice President Bill Butler, and Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. Ted Anderson. Directors of the North Shore Badminton Association for this season representing Skokie are Bill Starett and Russell Bartz. The club is planning once more to have 100% of the membership subscribing to BIRD CHATTER.

MIDWEST

The Midwest B.A. now numbers 34 clubs, seven of them new last year. The new clubs are from West Virginia, Ohio, Michigan and four from Wisconsin.

The M.B.A. regrets the resignation of R. H. G. Matthews of Indiana as a director of the Association. His transfer by Westinghouse to the East is our loss and we know the East has gained a staunch badminton booster. Hugh Clayton, a former M.B.A. President and one of our greatest contributors to junior development has resigned because of business commitments.

MARYLAND

The only activity in Maryland this summer has been the annual get-together of the Association members, held this year at the Eareckson's ranch. The entire ranch was turned over to the M.B.A.—horses, spring-fed pool and a televised rodeo to top it off. One of the local clubs has become so closely knit that they have created a Vice-President in charge of social activities!

This season the M.B.A. has inaugurated its first woman President, Mrs. Jack Hessey. The other new officers are: Executive Vice-President, Fred Stuart; Vice-President, Mrs. C. Albert LaPointe; Secretary, Ed Dunning; and Treasurer, Howard Herbst, Jr.



I still say Badminton is a sissy game.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

New officers of the C.B.A. are: Al Kirby, President; Joe Alston, Vice-President; and Virginia Hill, Secretary. There was one new club joining the association last year and that was San Fernando with fifty-one members. The big S.C.B.A. plans for this season center around the holding of the 1958 Junior Nationals in Burbank.

One hundred and ninety children played in the 1957 Junior State Championships necessitating two sectional playoffs.

NEXT DEADLINE FOR

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MINNESOTA

Between 150 and 200 juniors competed in the Minnesota State Junior Tournament last April and played as held in three divisions, Under 13, Under 15 and Under 18. The large turn out is attributed in part to the fact that entry blanks were sent to every state high school Physical Education instructor as well as Y's and Athletic Clubs.

Tentative plans have been made for an International Junior Match between junior players in the Mid-western portion of Canada and the U. S. The date is probably Thanksgiving Weekend and there will be competition among the top 10 Mid-western Juniors as well as the top under 15, and under 13 class juniors.

The officers of the Minnesota B.A. elected at the close of last season are: President, Donald Holstad; Vice Presidents, Joel Anderson, George Morse, Worth Rice and Burck Shane; Treasurer, Lisle Barton and Secretary, Chester Franzell.

CANADIAN COLUMN

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successful at Kitchener last spring. There are plans afoot to coordinate the Open Tournament dates of Canada and the U. S. in successive weeks and in the same portion of the continent. It is considered by us that such a move would certainly be in the right direction."

The 1958 Canadian Open is scheduled for March 5-8 at the Victoria Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club, Victoria, B. C.

Personal

Gordie Simpson will be moving permanently to Fredericton, New Brunswick leaving his home in Montreal as president of the Province of Quebec Badminton Association. His presence should have a very stimulating effect on Maritime Badminton and will certainly prove a great loss to the Montreal area.

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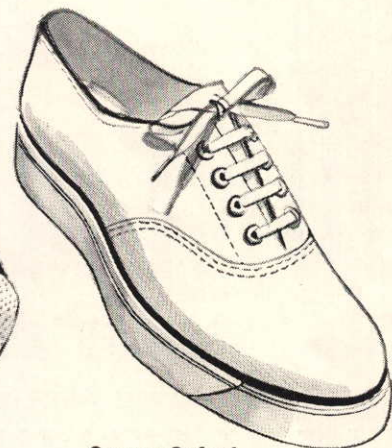


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lar arc, using the shoulder as the center of the circle, on a perpendicular plane.

From the "ready position", start the *overhead* forehand backswing by dropping the racket head downward. The right hand, with the arm now extended, will brush past the right leg as it swings the racket downwards and backwards behind the body. (The body is turned sideways to the net, with the body balance on the right foot). As the arm continues its backward sweep and starts its upward swing, the wrist will naturally turn outwards and will completely turn the racket over. This natural turn of the wrist does not interfere with the continuous sweep of the arm. This turn will have taken place by the time the upward part of the backswing reaches waist level, at which point the elbow begins to bend. By completely bending the elbow the right hand will be drawn up alongside the right shoulder. The wrist, now fully cocked back, makes the head of the racket point backwards until

it almost touches the spine. The racket is now ready for its upward and forward movement to meet the shuttle overhead. The body balance, at this point, is on the back (right) foot.

For drives, or shots made closer to the floor, demanding a full swing on the Forehand back-swing, the racket is carried sideways and backwards from the "ready position" in a shorter arc on a horizontal plane. The bending of the elbow brings the right hand back to its position near the right shoulder. The wrist will naturally open a little outward as the head of the racket is well behind the body. The body weight is balanced on the back (the left) foot.

Backhand Back-Swing

On the BACKHAND side, the back-swing is made as the right foot moves ahead of and/or across the left foot. Where a *full* swing is required on any backhand stroke, the right arm takes the racket upward from the "ready position", across the body and, as the elbow bends further, (the elbow is bent to about a 90 degree angle in the "ready position") the

right hand comes up to the *left* shoulder. The wrist, with the thumb of the right hand almost touching the left shoulder, is cocked fully back so that the racket head points backwards.

For a full swing on any Backhand stroke the right hand will always be alongside the left shoulder at the *conclusion* of the backswing, but the elbow position will vary on what type of shot is to be played. On an overhead backhand stroke, the elbow will be above the level of the right hand and the left shoulder; for a low shot the elbow will be below the level of the hand and shoulder; and it will be perfectly level with them if a stroke at shoulder height is to be played. Again this is being done as the left side of the body is being turned toward the net. At the end of the back-swing the body is still balanced on the back foot.

Back-Swing in Net Play

The quickness of play in the fore-court positions often precludes the making of a full back-swing and/or a full forward-swing of the arm. This is particularly true for play



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at the net, especially for the lady in Mixed Doubles, who normally guards the area in front of the short service line. To circumvent this lack of time, the racket is always carried up ahead of the body with the head of the racket at or above head level. This anticipatory position means the arm is always raised with the elbow bent and the wrist cocked, in a short back-swing position. The straightening of the arm and the forward snap of the wrist supply all the power and speed (angle of return is important too) necessary to put away the shuttle when it's above the level of the net. Do not hold the racket in front of the face. By lifting and bending the arm normally, the head of the racket will be ahead of and a little on the right side (forehand) of the head. A turning of the right shoulder will bring the right arm and racket across to the backhand side. On occasion, the play close to the net may get so close that an opponent's return may come straight at you so quickly that there is not even time to use much wrist action. These are the times when it pays to have your racket up

in a prepared short back-swing position. Simply place the racket head in the line of the flight of the shuttle, and with an almost imperceptible wrist movement, intercept the opponent's return. On this particular blocking type of shot, the wrist "cushions" the shuttle and it rebounds over the net mainly because of the speed imparted to it by your opponent. Under these highly restricted conditions it is normally fatal to attempt any lengthier swing. A longer swing almost always results in dragging the shuttle into the net or, being late, flattening the return out over the backline of the court.

In order that the forward-swing may take over from the back-swing without breaking the continuity of the stroke a slight looping motion is affected by taking the racket head back on the back-swing on a little higher plane than the intended forward swing. The back-swing is an important integral part of stroke production and, correctly performed, it gives the racket head the best chance of going "into" and "through" the shuttle on the forward swing.

The Forward-Swing

The forward-swing includes the all important action of hitting the shuttle. The back-swing places the racket in position, the forward-swing puts it into use.

The transfer of the body weight from the back foot to the front foot starts the whole forward motion. Thus, the body is automatically leading the way towards the shuttle as the arm starts its forward-swing. The elbow begins to unbend before the wrist starts to uncock, but the elbow completely straightens out the arm, and the wrist so times its release, that the arm and racket are in a straight line at contact. (At contact, the body—leaning slightly toward the shuttle—is balanced over the front foot; the heel of the back foot is now raised). The arm has hardly moved forward while the wrist has swung the racket head through a long arc—actually, in a very powerful forhand the wrist bends through almost 180 degrees. Immediately following contact, the racket head goes ahead of the wrist for the first time, and the

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Tournament	Ladies' Singles	Men's Singles	Ladies' Doubles	Men's Doubles	Mixed Doubles
Rhode Island Under 15	Sylvia Fortin	Lenny Johnson	A. Arnold-S. Davis	C. Miga-D. Keats	A. Eddy-L. Johnson
Louisiana Open	Ann Phillips	John Sudbury	A. Phillips-J. Day	B. Hudson - F. Payne	A. Phillips-T. Carmody
Oregon Open	Mary Ann Wolfe	Don Davis	D. Connolly-G. Mallory	D. Davis-G. Lane	V. Anderson-N. Johnson
Minnesota State	Shirley Mans	Buck Shane	S. Mans-I. Urashi	W. Eckholdt-Clark	S. Mans-H. Krinkie
Ark-La-Tex. Open	Betty Asbury	Bob Lane	A. Phillips-B. Ashbury	R. Nappi-I. Eichelburger	B. Ashbury-H. Newman
Stamford, Conn.		Peter Parahus	S. Taral-R. Herbert	F. Fullin-F. Jasensky	H. Gibson-F. Fullin
Southern Cal. Jr. Under 13	Carole O'Grady	Bill Pajares	J. Rimm-J. Primm	B. Pajares-E. Armendariz	A. Carr-D. Paup
Under 15	Jean Farrand	Tom Treloggen	S. Penny-J. Engle	S. Hales-T. Treloggen	
Under 18	Virginia Greene	Don Paup	V. Greene-A. Carr	D. Paup-T. Ebenkamp	
New Jersey State			F. Shaw-E. Daume	E. Stanton-G. Terpak	E. Daume - H. Daume
Rye Invitation			R. Capehart-D. DeLord	K. Kost-B. Loughheed	H. Gibson-K. Kost

LOS ANGELES B AND C June 20-23, 1957

- LS** Joan Johnson def. Anne Wise, 2-11, 11-9, 11-4.
MS Walt Haase def. Ted Ebenkamp, 15-10, 4-15, 15-5.
LD Mary Anne Breckell-Ruth Shaw def. Lee Kanaga-Janine Winton, 15-8, 17-14.
MD Jack Christie-Dave Trader def. Al Wilkinson-Dan McArthur, 15-6, 15-9.
MxD Wally & Anne Foy def. Winston James-ary Breckell, 15-9, 8-15, 15-3.
MxVD Larry Calvert-Lois Kirby def. Wally Kinnear-Connie Davidson, 15-11, 15-3.

SEMANA NAUTICA OPEN Santa Barbara, Calif. July 5-7, 1957

- LS** Semi-finals: Helen Tibbetts (1) def. Ardyce Carr 11-7, 11-9.
 Carlene Hester def. Beulah Armendariz (2) 11-7, 11-8.
 Finals: Tibbetts def. Hester 11-2, 11-0.
MS Semi-finals: Ronnie Palmer (1) def. Dick van Praag 15-4, 15-0.
 John Leib def. Mike Hartgrove (2) 9-15, 15-8, 15-4.
 Finals: Palmer def. Leib 15-10, 15-7.
LD Semi-finals: Hester-Jeanne Pons (1) def. Kay Hunter-Lois Kirby 15-3, 16-17, 15-8. Armendariz-Tibbetts (2) def. Virginia Greene-Carr 15-10, 5-15, 15-5.
 Finals: Hester-Pons def. Armendariz-Tibbetts 10-15, 15-13, 15-7.
MD Semi-finals: Mannie Armendariz-Hartgrove (1) def. Don Paup-Ted Ebenkamp 15-8, 15-1. Pamler-Fred Knight (2) def. Larry Calvert-Jack Cogan 15-6, 15-5.
 Finals: Palmer-Knight def. Armendariz-Hartgrove 12-15, 17-14, 15-11.
MxD Semi-finals: Hartgrove-Tibbetts (1) def. Calvert-Kirby 15-5, 15-9. Armendariz-Armendariz (2) def. Jerry Eichelberger-Millie Jude 15-9, 15-5.
 Finals: Hartgrove-Tibbetts def. Armendariz-Armendariz 18-16, 15-6.

- VD** Semi-finals: Tom Gray-Winston Janes def. Fred Serafin-Tom Carter (1) 15-13, 15-13. Dan McArthur-Al Wilkinson (2) def. Walt Hunter-Al Kirby 15-10, 15-10.
 Finals: McArthur-Wilkinson def. Gray-Janes 15-11, 15-10.

"B" Flight

- LS** Anne Erkkila def. Helen Carter 7-11, 11-5, 11-1.
MS Ted Ebencamp def. Wally Foy 13-15, 15-4, 15-6.
LD Janine Winton-Lee Kanaga def. Ann Foy-Mary Ellen Dobel 17-15, 15-2.
MD Rod Starkey-Walt Haase def. Tom Gray-Winston Janes 15-10, 15-6.
MxD Ebencamp-Erkkila def. Foy-Foy 15-9, 18-15.
VD John Poong-Thomas Wong def. Nelson Baker-Fred Winstrup 15-2, 15-12.
MxV Everett Meis-May Carr def. George and Babe Pajares 15-10, 15-5.

"C" Flight

- LS** Carole O'Grady def. Linda Erkkila 11-4, 11-6.
MS Ray Formost def. Waldo Lyons 15-7, 15-8.
LD Catherine Wong-Maye Lum def. Lee Neiss-Grace Cogan 10-15, 15-13, 15-7.
MD Lyons-Bill Johnstone def. Gordon Price-Tad Kanetoma 7-15, 15-7, 15-9.
MxD Dan and Faith McArthur def. John and Buddie Leib 13-15, 15-10, 15-10.

MANHATTAN BEACH SUMMER DOUBLES Manhattan Beach, Calif. Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 1957

The one match of the tournament that had every eye in the place focused, was in the men's doubles when the two juniors, Don Paup and Ted Ebenkamp, battled to a 15-11, 11-15, 17-16 win over Jim Poole and Bill Berry. There was an unconscious get by Ebenkamp during the deuce in the third game and terrific rallies throughout the match.

Ladies' Doubles

Semi-finals: Jean Gibbs McCallum-

Helen Tibbetts (4) def. Carlene Hester-Jeanne Pons (1) 15-8, 15-11, Beulah Armendariz-Thelma Welcome (3) def. Dottie Hann-Joan Gibbs (2) 16-17, 15-0, 15-3.

Final: Armendariz-Welcome def. McCallum-Tibbetts 15-5, 17-14.

Men's Doubles

Semi-finals: Joe Alston-Wynn Rogers (1) def. Don Paup-Ted Ebenkamp 15-3, 15-1. Fred Knight-Ronnie Palmer (2) def. Mike Hartgrove-Manuel Armendariz (3) 15-12, 15-12.
 Final: Alston-Rogers def. Knight-Palmer 15-9, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles

Semi-finals: Armendariz - Armendariz (1) def. Rogers-McCallum (4) 15-6, 15-8, Hartgrove-Tibbetts (2) def. Alston-Hann (3) 17-16, 15-5.
 Final: Armendariz - Armendariz def. Hartgrove-Tibbetts 11-15, 15-11, 17-14.

Veterans' Doubles

Final: Al Wilkinson-Dan McArthur (1) def. Fred Serafin-Winston Janes (2).

Ladies' Veterans' Doubles

Final: Lois Kirby-Tibbetts (1) def. Liz Anselm-Thelma Welcome 15-9, 15-13.

Mixed Veterans' Doubles

Final: Alston-Connie Davidson (1) def. Knight-Welcome (2) 15-4, 9-15, 15-9.

CONOCO EMPLOYEES ASSOC. August 25, Ponca City, Okla.

- LS** Lana Harman def. E. Round by default.
MS John Sudbury def. Laddie Cremers 15-7, 15-6.
LD L. Harman-Pat Harman def. J. Sudbury-E. Round 3 games.
MD L. Thomas-L. Cremers def. S. Hunt-S. Pruyne 4-15, 15-8, 15-8.
MxD L. Harman-J. Sudbury def. P. Harman-L. Cremers 3 games.
BS V. Scheffe def. H. Scollhand 15-13, 15-10.
GS J. Clinton def. Lynda Harman 11-5, 11-6.
JrMxD J. Clinton-H. Stolhand def. Lynne Harman-G. McClaskey 15-8, 15-6.

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forward-swing merges into the follow-through.

The Follow-Through

The follow-through is nothing more than the natural continuation of the stroke. No attempt should be made to stop the stroke at contact—let it stop itself—naturally and smoothly. In itself, the follow-through has no direct effect on the *result* of the stroke as it occurs *after* the shuttle has been hit. However, by continuing, after contact, the forward motion of the racket head in the direction of the full stroke, there is more assurance that the racket head will meet the shuttle squarely; whereas if an attempt is made to stop the forward-swing, there is the possibility that it might be done *before* the racket head reaches the shuttle, thereby throwing the shot off timing entirely. Even on the most delicate of net strokes there is some follow-through. In the case of a power stroke, it will be a long sweeping follow-through as, for instance—in a smash—the shuttle is hit overhead but the follow-through will not end until the racket head finishes near the floor.

Refinement in Stroking

There should be no hint as to your intentions. All preliminary actions of the stroke should look alike—no matter whether you intend to release your wrist forward quickly for a hard hit, as in a smash; or release it slowly forward for a gentle hit, as in a drop-shot.

The wrist not only can change the pace at the last moment but it can also alter the direction of the return. By turning the wrist one way or the other the racket head will turn the shuttle in the desired direction without having changed the general direction of the forward swing of the arm. The turning action of the wrist to one side or the other, to change the direction of the return, is started *before* the forward releasing action, which governs the pace, is made. Actually there is no perceptible difference but it is there. The forward releasing action of the wrist will occur no matter whether the turning action of the wrist takes place or not. If no turn of the wrist is made, the stroke will be a normal, straight-forward hit and the shuttle will fly straight ahead. Where strategy calls

for a stroke in another direction the ability to turn the racket head without being obvious does add to deception. This type of deception should not be attempted until a fundamentally sound stroke has been achieved, otherwise more bad shots than good ones will result. The question of "cutting" or "licking" the shuttle keeps cropping up, but no spin will result as in the case of tennis and table-tennis. The shuttle is not a round sphere as are the balls used in those games.

Ease of stroking denotes style, which means a natural and distinctive manner of executing a stroke without the addition of any superficial embellishments. Ease of stroking also means the saving of energy, which is invaluable in long competitive matches.

The correct execution of a stroke is not, in itself, an assurance of success in actual play. If a stroke is played at the wrong time during the course of a rally, an opponent will take advantage of your poor choice of shot. Playing the right shot at the right time is a most important part of Badminton.



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