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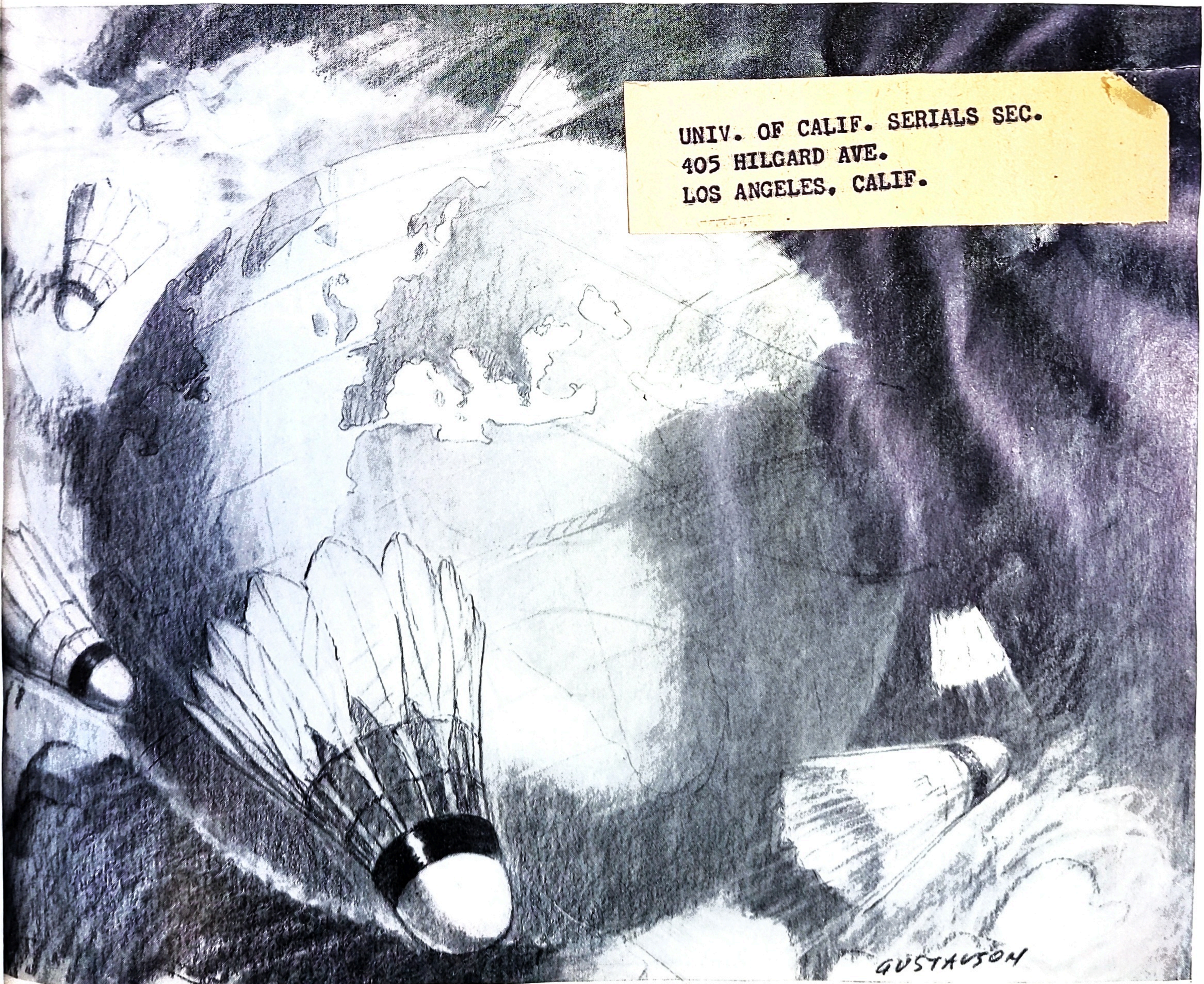
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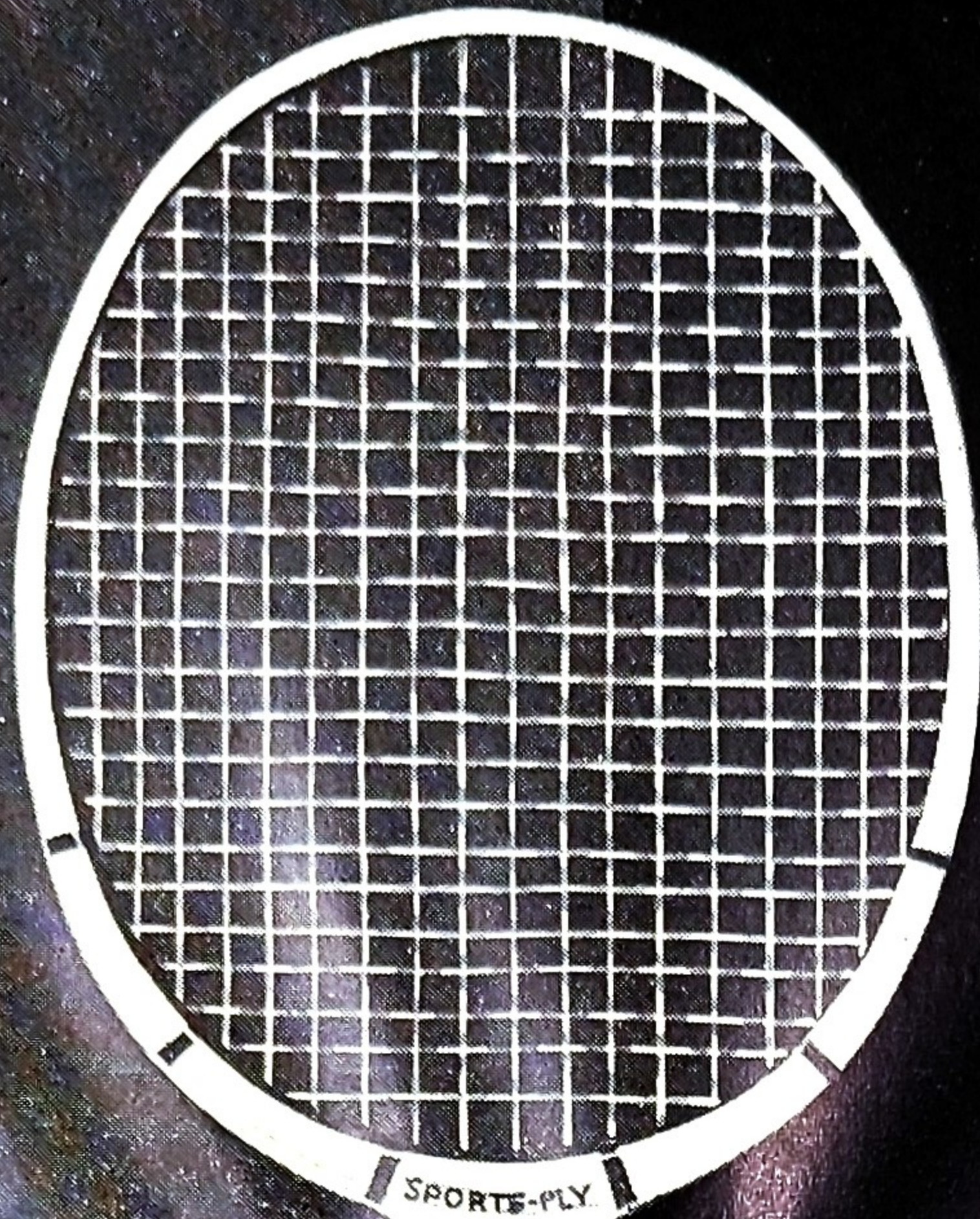
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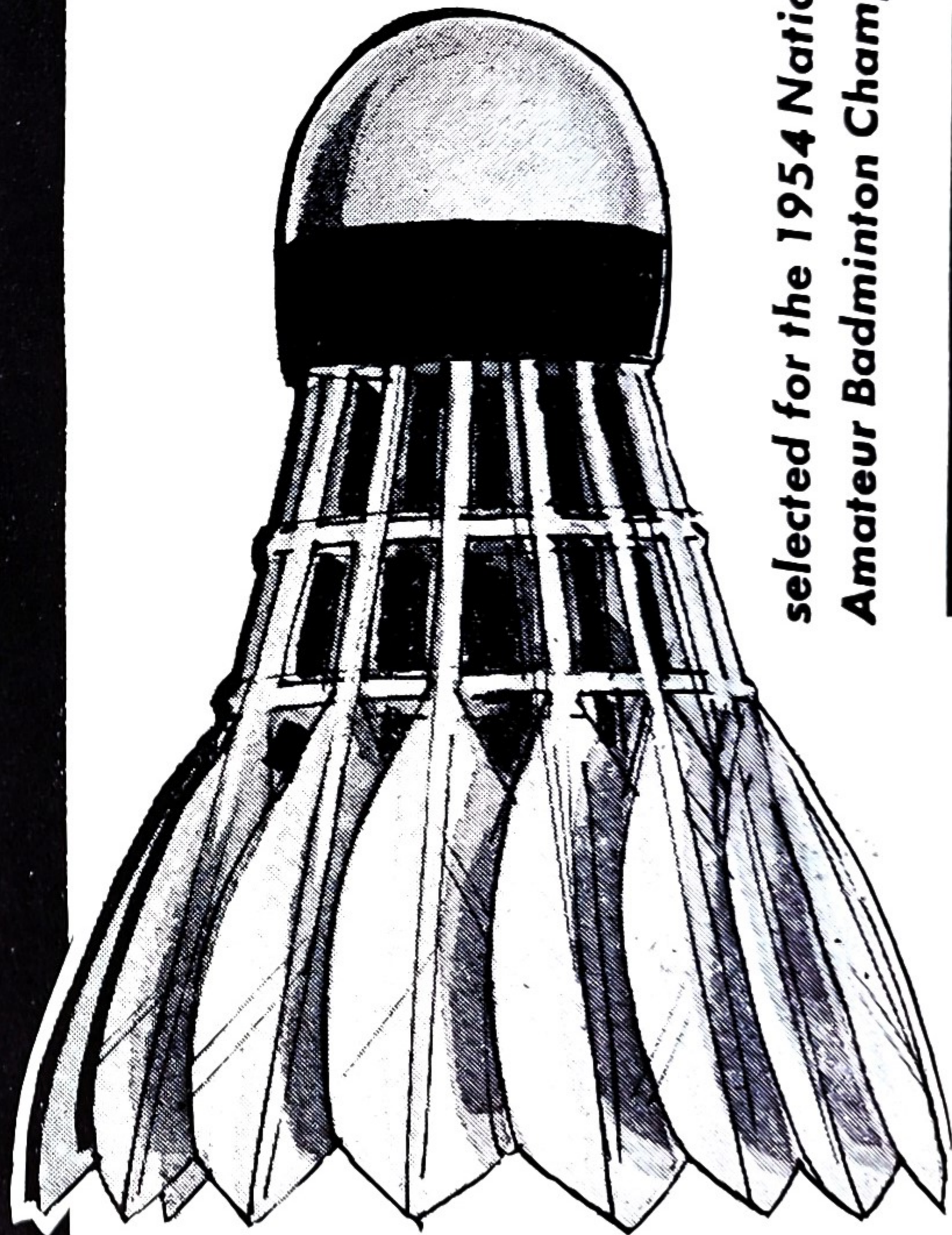
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EDITORIAL

Should the U. S. Nationals remain Open? That is the big question to be decided upon this April. The five year trial period is over and we must decide what is best for the game of badminton in the U.S. To get views from somewhat of a cross-section of badminton enthusiasts we wrote to association presidents, ABA officials, to those who were in the thick of it when the decision was first made in 1953, and to the players. Unfortunately several of those questioned failed to answer, which seems to indicate indifference on their part. We wish to thank those who answered. We hope that their views will throw some light on the problem.

President Eisenhower's People-to-People Sports Committee is endeavoring to promote sport as a common bond between all peoples through the friendships between active players from different countries. This fact in itself seems to commend an Open National Championship.

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Word has come to us that there has been considerable coaching from the sidelines during junior matches. While there is nothing in the official rules of the game that pinpoints this as being illegal, it is certainly bad sportsmanship. Junior tennis ran into this sideline coaching problem and dealt with it by prohibiting spectators from being near enough to the court to help the players. Will we have to do the same?

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FLASH

U.S. Thomas Cup Team announced December 29!
Joseph Alston, Pasadena, Calif.
Manuel Armendariz, Glendale, Calif.
Don Davis, Seattle, Wash.
Mike Hartgrove, Pasadena, Calif.
Jim Poole, San Diego, Calif.
Ron Palmer, Glendale, Calif.
Team Alternates are:
Bill Berry, San Diego, Calif.
Michael Roche, Baltimore, Md.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Jan. 12-13	Indiana Open, W. Lafayette, Ind.
*Jan. 13-18	Maryland State "C", Baltimore, Md.
Jan. 18-19	Western New York "B" & "C", Lewiston, N. Y.
Jan. 18-19	Metropolitan Chps., White Plains, N. Y.
Jan. 25	Ladies Doubles Invitation, Wilmington, Del.
Jan. 25-26	Dave Freeman Open, San Diego, Calif.
Jan. 25-26	Illinois Open, Glencoe, Ill.
*Feb. 3-8	Maryland State "B", Baltimore, Md.
Feb. 5-8	B. C. Open, Vancouver, B. C., Canada
Feb. 7-9	So. California, Long Beach, Calif.
Feb. 7-9	National Capitol Chps., Washington, D. C.
*Feb. 8-9	Delaware Valley "B", Phila., Penna.
Feb. 8-9	Niagara Falls Ontario Open, Ontario, Canada
Feb. 14-16	Seattle Open Invitation, Seattle, Wash.
*Feb. 15-16	Delaware Valley "A", Phila., Penna.
Feb. 22-23	Niagara Falls C. C. International Invitation, Lewiston, N. Y.
*Feb. 28-Mar.2	Mason-Dixon Tournament, Baltimore, Md.
Mar. 5-8	Canadian Open, Victoria, B. C., Canada
Mar. 7-9	Granite Club International Invitation, Toronto, Ont., Canada
Mar. 7-9	California State, Burbank, Calif.
*Mar. 8	Maryland State Under 13, Baltimore, Md.
*Mar. 14-16	Middle Atlantic Chps., Phila., Penna.
*Mar. 15	Maryland State Under 15, Baltimore, Md.
*Mar. 22-23	Maryland State Under 18, Baltimore, Md.
*Mar. 24-29	Maryland State, Baltimore, Md.,
*Mar. 28-31	U. S. JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Under 15 and Under 13 Tournaments, Burbank, Calif.
*Apr. 1-5	U. S. NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Boston, Mass.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

England's Tour To South Africa

From June 27 when they left London to the end of August when they left South Africa, the English team of three men and three women played in nine provincial matches and five test matches, winning every one. The closest match for the team of Tony Jordan, Jack McColl, John Shaw, June Timperley, Heather Ward and Barbara Carpenter was the second Test Match held August 5 and 6 in Port Elizabeth. The score of this match was 7-4. The team was most generously entertained by the South African B. A. and undoubtedly found it as enjoyable as did the U. S. Team invited there in 1955.—(the Badminton Gazette)

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Two interesting promotional aspects of the game have been written up in the Gazette. One is the following:

"The first coaching course for coaches lasting a whole week was held in Shropshire from August 31 to September 7. There were twenty-two people devoting a week of vacation to the task of learning to coach others. Running at the same time as the course was one of the normal Badminton coaching holidays, which means that over forty players were using the eight courts provided. The students on the coaching holiday were used by the coaches as "guinea-pigs" on which to practice. It was a most successful experiment. Three more National Coaching week ends have been arranged for the season."

The other item of interest—On November 25th the Badminton Association of England arranged with Independent Television to hold a special 45-minute program, semi-instructional and semi-exhibition, which featured demonstrations from players well known in playing and coaching circles.

New Zealand

At the last general meeting of the New Zealand Badminton Federation it was agreed that a New Zealand ladies' team would be sent overseas in 1959-'60 to compete for the Uber Cup. They are planning well in advance and should be able to produce a good team, possibly led by five times New Zealand singles champion Sonia Cox. (Gazette)

Denmark

Knud Lunoc, the editor of the official magazine of the Danish Badminton Federation, was highly honored recently — at the twenty-fifth anniversary of his club. Knud started the day by being presented with a medal from his club, the F. B. K.; at lunch the Copenhagen B. A. presented him with an honorary emblem and at dinner Knud was given an emblem by the Danish Badminton Federation for his twenty-five years of work for his club and his editorship of Danish "BADMINTON." (Badminton)

EUROPE VIA BADMINTON

Responses for the European Badminton Tour are still coming in and to date 9 people have definitely signed up to go on the Tour. Itineraries have been sent to fifty-three people who have requested them. We have received a very nice letter from the GBK Club in Copenhagen, Denmark expressing their desire to arrange play for the tour members. More complete information has been sent to those for whom we are holding places and the departure date for the three week trip has been set at either the last week in August or the first week in September. For further information write direct to BIRD CHATTER.

Places on the tour are being held for the following:

Arthur W. Chesterton, Marblehead, Mass.
Arthur D. Chesterton, Marblehead, Mass.
Marjorie W. Chesterton, Marblehead, Mass.

Mrs. Robert Fell, Philadelphia, Penna.
Bill Fischer, Sarnia, Ont., Canada
Miss Joyce Messenger, East Lansing, Mich.

Lawrence Pleasants III, Marblehead, Mass.

Roy Reeves, Philadelphia, Penna.
Lois Roecklein, Syracuse, N. Y.
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JUNIOR

JOTTINGS

An Eastern Canada-Eastern U.S. Match is being planned for later in the season, the date and site has not been determined. Mr. L. Pleasants of Marblehead is in charge. Ethel Marshall and Bea Massman have over fifty youngsters in a junior class each Saturday and also have a Canadian group at the Niagara Falls, Ontario Club. Another junior program is that conducted by Miss Eve Stockton in Flint, Michigan.

The biggest boon to junior development has been the cooperation of city and town recreation departments in opening their schools for week-end play. Our thanks to them. This really helps in building the game.

College notes on two juniors—Baltimore's Sally Coulter attending Goucher College in Towson, Md. and California's Ted Ebenkamp a freshman at Compton College. Dave Lyette of Washington spent the summer vacationing in Europe.

An international match was held between the Minnesota B. A. and the Manitoba, Canada B. A. on November 23 in Fort Garry, a suburb of Winnipeg. Five boys and five girls represented the U. S. and lost to their northern neighbors by a 15-0 score, in a five events program. An invitational tournament was held in conjunction with the match in which ten more players were invited to play, making a total of twenty U. S. players in the tournament. The U. S.

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MARGARET VARNER TO TOUR ASIA

Margaret Varner, the country's second ranking singles and doubles player, is making a goodwill tour of Asia for the U. S. Department of State beginning on January 28. The tour is under the auspices of the International Education Exchange Service. She will not compete in any tournaments but will coach, speak to various groups and play exhibitions. Her six and a half week tour will take her from San Francisco to Hong Kong, Rangoon, Bangkok, Colombo, Madras, Calcutta, Dacca, New Delhi and Karachi and will find her in London three days before the All England Championships.

team managed to win nine of these 43 matches. The Minneapolis juniors were royally entertained at a banquet and dance after the finals of the tournament, held at the Wildewood Club. The Minneapolis group practices on Monday evenings at the Edina High School gym which has eight courts.

The Massachusetts B. A. Awards insignia to Jr. State finalists and some semi finalists. . . . The junior members of the Manhattan Beach (Calif.) Badminton Club have formed a club to promote more badminton playing among the Juniors. The group consists of young people who are attending Junior or Senior High schools. The first meeting was called to order by Mr. Otto Becker, one of the fathers, and he later turned it over to the newly elected president, Nancy Vening. The officers are Linda Erkkila, Secretary; Todd Murphy, Treasurer; Anne Erkkila, Badminton Chairman, Burleigh Brewer, Special Events Chairman; Susan Vening, Telephone Chairman.

In the S.C.M.A.F. 18 and under Junior tournament in Burbank, Ardyce Carr and Don Paup carried off singles honors while Ann Erkkila & Helen Carter and Don Paup & Ted Ebenkamp were Doubles winners. Mixed winners were Helen & Don.

As of July 1, 1958, the rates for BIRD CHATTER will be increased. Due to an increase in printing costs, effective with this issue, we are forced to raise our subscription rates, both domestic and foreign. The only rate remaining the same is that to Canada. The new rates, effective July 1, will be:

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Canada	1.50 per year
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In the last issue of BIRD CHATTER we omitted the name of Charles Newhall from the list of members of the executive committee of the A.B.A. As immediate Past President of the A.B.A. Mr. Newhall holds a position on this committee. BIRD CHATTER regrets the error.

Ham Law, Dick Yeager Elected to Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame

AS THE result of recommendations which were made by the American Badminton Association, the Helms Hall Board of Los Angeles, in connection with its 1957 elections, has chosen Hamilton B. Law, of Denver, Colorado, and Richard O. Yeager, of Shelton, Washington for Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame honors.

The election of Hamilton Law and Richard Yeager brings to nine the number who have been chosen for Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame recognition, to date, as follows: Joe Alston, Mrs. Bertha Barkhuff Cunningham, Dr. David Freeman, Walter Kramer, Ham Law, Ethel Marshall, Wynn Rogers, Thelma Welcome and Dick Yeager.

Hamilton B. Law and Richard O. Yeager will become recipients of Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame awards, and both will have their names engraved upon the Badminton Hall of Fame trophy which is lodged in Helms Hall, Los Angeles, international sports shrine.

Hamilton Law was National Mixed-Doubles champion in 1937 and 1938 teaming with Bertha Barkhuff. These victories came in the first and second U. S. National Badminton Tournaments. Hamilton Law and Richard Yeager won the U. S. National Badminton Doubles title, at Philadelphia, in 1938, and duplicated the achievement at New York City in 1939. Richard Yeager teamed with Zoe Smith to win the U. S. National Badminton Mixed Doubles crown in 1939. Besides attaining No. 1 ranking in both Doubles, and Mixed Doubles play, Law and Yeager were both ranked high in Singles for a number of years, varying between 5 and 6.

Law was six times Seattle, Washington champion and won many titles in Washington, Oregon, California and Colorado: Yeager, during the years 1946-1949, was a frequent winner of tournaments in Baltimore, Md., Marblehead, Mass., New Jersey, and Westport, Conn., as well as in the Metropolitan New York district.

Hamilton B. Law was born at Waterville, Washington on September 23, 1913. He was graduated from Medford, Oregon High School. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II, being stationed in Alaska. Law is affiliated with Prudential Life Insurance Co., in Denver, Colorado.

Richard O. Yeager was born at Olympia, Washington on July 9, 1917 and graduated from the University of Washington in 1939. During World War II, Yeager served in the U. S. Navy, attaining rank of Lt. Commander. He was assigned, during 1940 through 1946, to the Asiatic, Pacific and Atlantic Fleets. Yeager is President of the Cascade-Olympic Corporation, and the Cascade-Olympic Construction Company, in Shelton, Washington.



Seattle City winners, three of whom also won titles in the Vancouver Open. From left, Henry Mahnkey, Carl Anderson, Virginia Andersen, Zoe Yeager, Mary Jean Bushell, Nicky Johnson, Don Davis. To find out who won what see Tournament Results section.

The First Decade of Junior Nationals

1947 - 1957

BY A. PLAYER

Baltimore, Maryland, March 1947—The First Junior National Badminton Championships were conducted by the American Badminton Association, run by Raymond G. Scarlett. There were one hundred and forty-three entries from ten states, all of them 'unknown' quantities. Now, ten years of Junior Nationals behind us, we are reaping the harvest of those early Nationals and have an extensive junior development program in many high schools and junior badminton classes throughout the country. In ten years a tournament first held with a mixture of excitement and misgivings has grown to be a fixture sought after by junior centers in many parts of the U.S. It is to examine this first decade, 1947-1957, that this article is written, to see the development of the youngsters into top flight players and to see what those former top juniors are doing now.

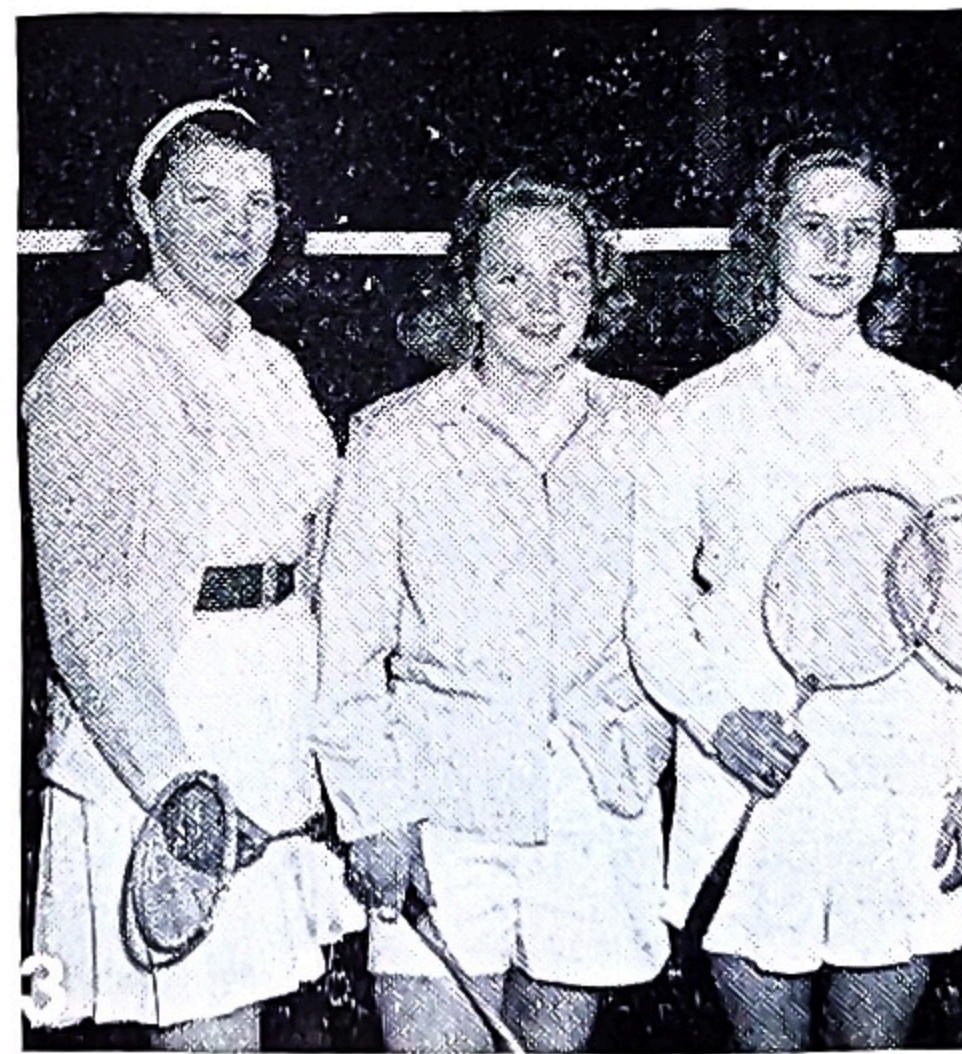
THE PAST

Geographically speaking, Maryland, and more specifically Baltimore, is far away at the top in the production of U.S. Junior Champions. The products of Junior badminton in that city have won or shared in twenty-one of the fifty titles in the ten year period, an average of two a year for ten years, quite a record! Not so far behind, and well ahead of the rest of the field is California with fifteen titles; Missouri, Illinois, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Washington, New York, New Jersey and Michigan can all claim at least one championship. Maryland's strength has been in their girl players, only one title being won in any boys event, while California's titles are equally divided between boys singles, boys doubles and mixed doubles, an interesting observation in the light on the current U. S. Men's rankings. This friendly rivalry is particularly apparent in three of the tournaments. In 1949 all four girls singles semifinalists were Baltimore

girls; in 1950 seven out of eight girls quarter finalists were Baltimoreans and three of the boys singles semifinalists were Californians, and in 1951 the girls semi finals produced two Californians and two Marylanders.

One more interesting year was 1949 which was "family" year. In that tournament there were two brother teams, the Carpenters and the Jarmans of New Jersey and the District of Columbia respectively, and three sister teams, the Marshes of Delaware, the Devlins of Baltimore and the McCormicks of Connecticut. The finals of the girls doubles was an all-sister duel!

It is interesting to follow the progress of the juniors within the junior ranks. Undoubtedly the most prominent junior has been Judy Devlin with a possibly unbeatable thirteen junior crowns to her credit, the first being the Under 18 singles at the age of thirteen. Her debut came at the age of eleven in the first nationals when she lost in the second round!



Susan, Dot, and Barbara in Connecticut, 1948.

Dot O'Neil of Norwich, Connecticut is another product of junior play who first engaged in national competition in 1947. Dot lost to Susan Devlin in the round of sixteen that year but nearly reached the finals the following year when she carried the eventual winner, Barbara Scarlett, to an 11-5, 8-11, 12-11 semifinal match in New Britain, Conn. Dot has since

won several tournaments and is currently ranked #2 in the nation in Ladies Doubles. Susan Devlin was a third contestant in the early Nationals to have gained recognition on a national level. She reached the semifinals of the girls singles in 1947 and '48 and the finals in '49, and is currently ranked #4 in Ladies Singles.



1st Junior champ with runner-up Bullen.

Most well known among the boys entrants in the 1947 Nationals is Missouri's Ted Moehlmann. The first U.S. Boys Singles winner has since been nationally ranked in the mens singles several times and is currently the top singles player in the Midwest. Massachusetts's Peter Sherwood, a slight dark lefthanded boy in 1947 has turned into a good all round player. Pete lost his first rounds in 1947 and '48, lost to Dick Bonesteel of Seattle in 1949 and reached the finals in 1950 beating Connecticut's Harry Quinn, Seattle's Don Davis and California's Mannie Armendariz on his hard fought way.

The '47 Nationals also produced the first of eight triple winners when Ted Moehlmann won all three events. (Other triple crowns have been won by Ron Ryan, Jack Chrisman, Don Davis, Butch Kevorkian twice, and

Judy Devlin, three times.) Ted won the singles against Bill Bullen of New England, the doubles with Don Brown against two Atlanta boys, and the mixed with Massachusetts' Helen Pipes. Barbara Scarlett (now Mrs. Milton Allen) won the first of Baltimore's ten straight girls singles titles and she and Susan Devlin captured the doubles title.

A new face in 1948 that was recognized later was Bunky Roche of Baltimore, a member of this year's Thomas Cup Squad. That year fifteen year old Bunky lost to Bill Kellogg of Illinois in the round of sixteen, lost to California's Jim Bishop in the first round the next year, lost to Mannie Armendariz in 1950 and reached the finals against Steve Hinchliffe of California his last year in the juniors.



D. Brown, '47

One hundred and sixty entries marked a successful second Junior National and established this tournament as a fixture in the junior and the national field. Ron Ryan of San Francisco was a most spectacular figure this year and many predicted a brilliant badminton future for him but unfortunately he has not been able to keep up competitive badminton. Ronnie defeated Bill Bullen in the finals and he and fellow Californian Marilyn Banks (now Mrs. Richard Batchelder) won the mixed from Bill Bullen and Barbara Scarlett. Barbara repeated her singles and she and Susan their doubles win of the preceding year while Bill shared in the boys doubles with Bill Kellogg. Vermont, Rhode Island and California had joined the "original 10" States.

1949—Baltimore was once again site of the Junior Nationals, the only city to have ever held this tournament more than once. Interest was



M. Banks-J. Devlin 1948

high but the associations were still a little wary of holding the event. This was the year of the family teams and produced two triple winners, Judy Devlin and Ron Ryan. Judy carried off the first of her six singles, five doubles and three mixed trophies while Ronnie repeated his singles with Jim Bishop and then partnered Judy to victory in the mixed. The new name this year was Dick Bonesteel who reached the semifinals where he bowed to Bishop.

A record number of States, fourteen, were represented in the Fourth Annual Championships at Boston's University Club in March of 1950. Lee Chadbourne, then in her last year as a junior, was the dark horse of the girls field losing to Judy Devlin in the semifinals. Seattle's Donna Mallory (now Mrs. Connolly) lost to Baltimore's Evie Talley (Hankins) and Sally Thomas of New Jersey lost to Deedy McCormick (Frey) of Connecticut. Three years later Sally was in the finals of the singles and four years from Boston she was again a singles finalist and the girls doubles winner.



Ronnie Ryan receives first of many national trophies from Warren Weary, '48.

In the boys events future champs Don Davis, Mannie Armendariz and Butch Kevorkian were making their first bids. Don reached the quarter finals, Mannie the semis and Butch the round of sixteen. Steve Hinchliffe was the standout winning the singles and the doubles with Mannie. This was the third of five successive years that the boys singles title went to California and the second of four successive years for a completely Californian boys doubles team to walk off with the honors. Judy Devlin defeated Evie Talley for the girls singles, teamed with Deedy McCormick to take the doubles and she and



Jim Bishop and Gibbs twins in 1948.

Ron Ryan successfully defended their mixed title.

1951 saw the entrance of the Gibbs twins of Pasadena. Jean lost to Judy Devlin in the semifinals while Joan lost to another Baltimore girl, Sandra Dailey (Price), in the round of sixteen. Minnesota first came into the picture—the tournament was held in Minneapolis — with Shirley Mans, Irene Urashi and Ramona Gunner. California's Doris Martin took Sandra to three games. Vic van de Ven of Detroit and California's Mike Hartgrove appeared in the boys events. Vic lost to Don Davis while Mike lost to Bunky Roche in the singles but reached the finals of the boys doubles. Judy beat Sandra, she and Deedy McCormick annexed another doubles by beating the Gibbs twins, Steve Hinchliffe repeated his singles and mixed wins and Dean Maurry and Jack Chrisman of (you guessed it!) California won the first of two doubles titles. The mixed final this year was between two unseeded

The biggest nationals of all was held in Lewiston, New York in 1952, the courts barely a stone's throw from Niagara Falls. Fourteen year old MacGregor Stewart of Baltimore and thirteen year old Barbara Prince of Delaware were playing in the Juniors for the first time. Both have since won the Junior singles and doubles. Linda Cobb of Boston lost to Jean Gibbs by three points and fellow Bostonian Norma Slauer lost to Ramona Gunner. This year both Gibbs girls lost to Judy Devlin and Sandra Dailey took the measure of New York's Rosine Capehart.

Dick Ball, Baltimore's only boys event winner, and Lewiston's Cary McFarlane were new names in '52. Dick lost to Jack Chrisman and Gary lost to Baltimore's Bobby Steinwald. Dick worked his way up gradually reaching the quarters against Maurry in '53 and the semis against Gary

Ogilvie in '54. Again there were fourteen states represented but for the first time Connecticut was not on the list. Again Judy won the singles and the doubles, this time with Linda Cobb, against the Gibbs twins. Jack Chrisman won the singles against Don Davis, the doubles with Dean Maurry against Butch Kevorkian and Don Carpenter and the mixed with Joan Gibbs against Jean Gibbs and Dean.

1953—The Inaugural year of the Under 15 events. They were put in on a trial basis and have been amazingly successful already, three of the champions having graduated to winning Under 18 events. The site was San Antonio; sunbathing and swimming under Texas skies were an added attraction. California's Carlene Hester played for the first time and lost to Judy Devlin. The following year she lost to Linda Cobb. Rosine Capehart reached the semifinals of the singles and the finals of the doubles. There were no new names in the boys events. Judy won her fifth singles against Sally Thomas and Judy and Don Davis were triple



Steve Hinchcliffe (center), two years before winning his first national title, with Jack Ebey (left) and Ron Miller.

winner. Linda Cobb was again a doubles winner as was Dean Maurry for the third year. McGregor Stewart and Gary McFarlane captured the Under 15 singles crowns.

In 1954 the top players were pretty much the "old" crowd. All of the top girls had played in the Nationals before while in the boys events Detroit's Russ Pacquette and Lewiston's Gary Ogilvie were newcomers. Again fourteen states sent representatives, this time to Orange, New Jersey. The upset of the tournament was the defeat of Devlin and

Cobb by Capehart and Thomas in the girls doubles. Butch Kevorkian won his first triple crown, partnering Dick Ball and Linda Cobb and Barbara Prince and Glenn Hackett of New York State won the Under 15's.

1955—Cleveland. Hardly history yet! Judy was out of the juniors much to the relief of all! McGregor Stewart kept the girls singles title in Baltimore for the ninth straight year, defeating Barbara Prince and Norma Slauer, of Boston, on the way. Butch Kevorkian again won all three events, this time with Gary McFarlane and Norma. Norma also won the doubles with Nancy Metcalfe of Massachusetts. The innovation this year was the Ken Davidson Award to be presented for excellence in sportsmanship, contribution to the game, competitive spirit and improvement in play. Baltimore's Bobby Steinwald was the proud recipient.

And finally, the tenth year, 1956, and the championships were held in Detroit. Don Paup and Ted Ebenkamp from California were new and good participants. McGregor Stewart successfully defended her singles and



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Norma Slauer successfully defended her doubles, this time playing with McGregor. Bill Bryant of Michigan showed up as a very promising young player, particularly in doubles, when he won the boys doubles with Russ Pacquette of Detroit and the mixed with Marcia Dotson of Minneapolis. Marcia was the Ken Davidson Award winner. Gary McFarlane took the boys singles to New York State for the first time.

There it is—a resumé of that first decade.

THE PRESENT

Now, what happens to our Junior Champions after they have reached the 'witching age of eighteen and left the junior ranks? There have been thirty-two individuals who became champions in this ten year period of Junior Nationals. Unfortunately answers to a questionnaire sent out to these players were not forthcoming from all so the following is based on the seventeen replies received. Four of these champs are Northerners and four Southerners or, more properly, from North or South of the Mason-Dixon line; two were born in foreign countries, five are West Coast born, one is Texas born and one born in the Midwest. All but one is currently playing badminton, either seriously or socially, or both! A good average. Most of them came up through their state junior or Class "B" events, winning these before attaining their national title. The champs now live from Seattle to Pasadena, from New Hampshire to Maryland and from Michigan to Pittsburgh. Junior programs have been the start for most of these seventeen. Ten of them started there on an average of five years before they won their title, aspiring juniors take note!



Smiling Allens hold year old Peter.

Sixteen are college graduates or attending college now and more than one is working on an advanced degree. Mannie Armendariz confessed that his main interest in college was in "getting out" while Barbara Scarlett Allen says hers was her husband-to-be, personable Milton Allen. Jobs range from housewife and mother (there are five children among the group) to engineers and a CPA.; from account supervisor to airline hostess. Unfortunately the badminton played in college was poor or non-existent which shows where a great effort should be made to increase the popularity of the game. Only seven actually played in college programs and the others that played, or are playing, during these years have to go beyond the college curriculum to find opportunities to play.

All but two champs play at least one sport other than badminton, some of them doing very well in it. Bill Bryant is a member of the Princeton University Squash Team, Judy Devlin is a member of the U. S. Ladies LaCrosse Team, Ronnie Ryan teaches swimming in the summer and there are several good tennis and golf players. There are one Thomas and two Uber Cup Team members in the group, Mannie Armendariz in 1955 and the Devlin sisters in 1957 respectively. Don Davis has been on a Touring Team, to South Africa in 1955, and five others have played in Junior International Matches with Canada. So far only two former Junior champions have managed to move to the top in Senior competition. Judy and Susan Devlin are, as yet, the only two to have won U. S. National titles although Mannie Armendariz has reached the finals in both the men's doubles and the mixed.

THE FUTURE

The first decade has established a firm foundation for junior badminton in the U. S. but there is much still to be done. Active senior centers, such as Washington, D. C., have no organized junior program and the southern part of the East Coast, which sent players from Georgia to over half of these early nationals, is rarely, if ever, heard from on a national level. Obviously intercollegiate badminton needs a great deal of work and to this end Abbie Rutledge and Ethel Marshall have been putting a great deal of thought. These

are years when the juniors lose interest through lack of time and, particularly, through lack of facilities and good play. In the high schools too, in many parts of the country, badminton is a very minor or non-existent sport. It has great "carry-over" value for the young adult and, according to many of our ex-juniors, has been valuable in procuring jobs and making friends. And what about "little league" play? Tennis has started it, why can't badminton?

So we look to the future, to the next decade of champions, to answer these questions and to show us good sportsmanship and an ever higher standard of play. 1947 to 1957 were years of good fun for these juniors and taught them many a lesson, not only badminton-wise but in the ways of getting along with people and tackling everyday problems with as much determination as if they were "match points." This article of necessity had dealt primarily with the champions but it is a tribute to every boy or girl who has played in a junior tournament and to all those who have spent so much time and energy in helping youth.

Drooping Feathers

Most of us work for our daily bread,
Doing our best to get ahead;
But we who have batted a shuttle or
two,
Have gone on with the years—not
knowing we're through.
The faces we see and the hands that
we clasp,
We can't even remember if they won
in the past.
Or if there's a trophy tall in their
home—
It's the soul of the player we see and
en-throne.
We sweat and we strain not winning
much more,
Yet we battle and strain till we're
sick to the core.
Returning the bird is a feat and an
aim.
We couldn't sit down there's a thrill
to the game!
What keeps us a-going others can't
see;
We're older and slower and can't
hope to be
At the top of the winners—Not you
and not me.
But we've lived it and loved it with
might and main;
And given the chance we'd do it
again!

Dorothy Dobson

The Thomas Cup Picture

The Thomas Cup Committee of the American Badminton Association, under the chairmanship of Ted Jarrett, is moving ahead with its complex tasks of selecting the personnel for the 1958 U.S. team and of deciding on the site for the American Zone Tie with Canada. Although final decisions on these key problems have not yet been reached, definite progress has been made. The highlights of what has been accomplished is reported herewith.

Personnel

In view of the widely scattered locations of the members of the 15-man squad named earlier this year, one of the first undertakings of the committee was to arrange an occasion when this group might be brought together for some official try-outs.

13 members of the squad were assembled for the Pacific Southwest Tournament in Pasadena Nov. 6-10, with Dick Ball and Bunky Roche of Baltimore, Bob Williams of Lewiston, and Fred Trifonoff of Detroit joining the 9 Californians: Alston, Armendariz, Berry, Hartgrove, Knight, Leib, Mitchell, Palmer and Rogers. Ted Moehlmann of St. Louis could not be present and eliminated himself from consideration for the 1958 team, and Don Davis of Seattle was unable to get time off from his job at the Boeing Aircraft plant. The gaps left by the unfortunate absence of these ranking players, and other spots in the special competition which was set up for the squad, were filled by other Southern California players, including Buzz Martin, former nationally ranked doubles star; Jim Poole, up-and-coming young player recently out of the Air Force; and Don Paup and Ted Ebenkamp, last year's National Junior Champions.

In spite of the fact that the Committee realized that the early date of the try-outs would find some of the players short of peak, mid-season form, a strenuous pattern of singles and doubles play was set up to produce the maximum of information on the comparative abilities of the squad group. The singles draw took the form of a double elimination tournament which led into a round-robin for a final group of 6 players. The surviving group of 6 were: Armendariz, Berry, Leib, Mitchell, Palmer

and Poole — all Californians. Unfortunately, the round-robin was not played out in its entirety, since Dick Mitchell, after a game try, had to withdraw because of a pulled leg muscle. In the final tally, the 3 leaders turned out to be Palmer, Berry and Poole — with Bill earning the second spot by virtue of a 1-point "squeaker" over Jim, 5-15, 18-17, 17-16. As a result of his strong play as a "filler" in this singles draw and in recognition of his fine progress since getting back into full-time competition, the Committee is glad to announce that Jim Poole has been added to the official Thomas Cup squad. Confirming the Committee's confidence in his improvement, Jim defeated Berry decisively, 15-8, 15-8, in the quarter-finals of the Manhattan Beach B. C. Tournament. In addition, it is learned that he is also blossoming out as a doubles player; playing Mixed Doubles with Joan Gibbs, he perpetrated a Grade A upset by beating Beulah and Manny Armendariz!

In order to get the fullest amount of information on the doubles potential of the squad members, the group was augmented to a total of 16 and then drawn into 4 separate 8-team tournaments — one of which was played through on each of 4 evenings. Thus, each player teamed with a minimum of 4 partners (including playing at least once with his regular partner, if any), many of which pairings were specific tests set up by the Committee. Much valuable data was gathered from this play, particularly on the non-Californians in combination with those of the local group who dominate the National rankings. A cumulative record of all wins was kept for each player, with the following 8 coming out as the leaders (in order); Rogers, Alston, Armendariz, Hartgrove (tie for second amongst last 3), Roche, Williams, Ball and Palmer. In a special play-off involving this group, Alston-Williams won the "final" from Armendariz-Hartgrove, 3-15, 15-10, 15-6.

Working from the records of the above try-outs, supplemented by the results of recent major tournaments at Victoria and Vancouver, Manhattan Beach, Montreal and Westport, the Committee is now starting on the difficult task of selecting a final

group of 8 or 9—representing manpower for a team of 6, with 2 or 3 alternates—from which the team to play Canada will be chosen. It is hoped and expected that the Committee will be able to announce the names of these players before this article goes to press.

Site of American Zone Tie

The United States has "choice of courts" for the 1958 American Zone Tie, and intensive efforts have been made to try to find a spot where the match with Canada might be put on successfully—in terms of good organization, maximum publicity and spectator attendance, and financial results. The location of the preponderance of our squad in Southern California naturally suggested that area because of important savings in travel expenses, but prospects appeared dim up to just before a recent informal discussion with the Canadian officials at Montreal. However, the Long Beach (Cal.) Badminton Club, supported by the Southern California Badminton Association, has now presented an offer to hold the Tie at Long Beach City College (site of the U. S. Open Championships in 1955), and this proposal has been put before the Canadians. It can be said that every effort will be made to find a way to stage this Tie in the United States, since the last two encounters between the countries, in 1952 and 1955, were put on in Canada. We are anxious that every possible benefit be gained from this opportunity to hold this important event in our country.

Malaya

Malaya has held three series of Thomas Cup Trials, the last taking place in Penang from December 22 to December 31. Two doubles players were dropped from the trials after the second series as well as one singles player. Three others were selected to take their places, one of them being David Choong, 1954 U. S. Doubles finalist. There were fourteen players selected for the third trials. Johnny Heah has decided to concentrate on the doubles only and is not trying out for a singles position. (Singapore Straits Times)

Australia

The final Tie of the Australian Zone was held in Melbourne between Indonesia, the winner over New Zealand, and Australia. Indonesia won 9-0. The only three set match was that between Tan Joe Hok and Lie Poo Djan of Indonesia and C. R. Cutt and I. Hutchinson of the Australian team, played on the final day of play.

For those of you who want to keep the Thomas Cup Draw, published in the last issue, up to date, here are the current scores to fill in:

Thailand def. Japan by default
(unconfirmed)

Pakistan def. Hong Kong 7-2

Indonesia def. New Zealand 9-0

Indonesia def. Australia 9-0

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First contact them personally or by mail; introduce yourself as a member of the ABA and explain to them some of the benefits of belonging to the organization—it arranges and manages Junior and Open National Tournaments and International matches. It establishes and upholds rules of play and is a source of information and contact with the badminton world.

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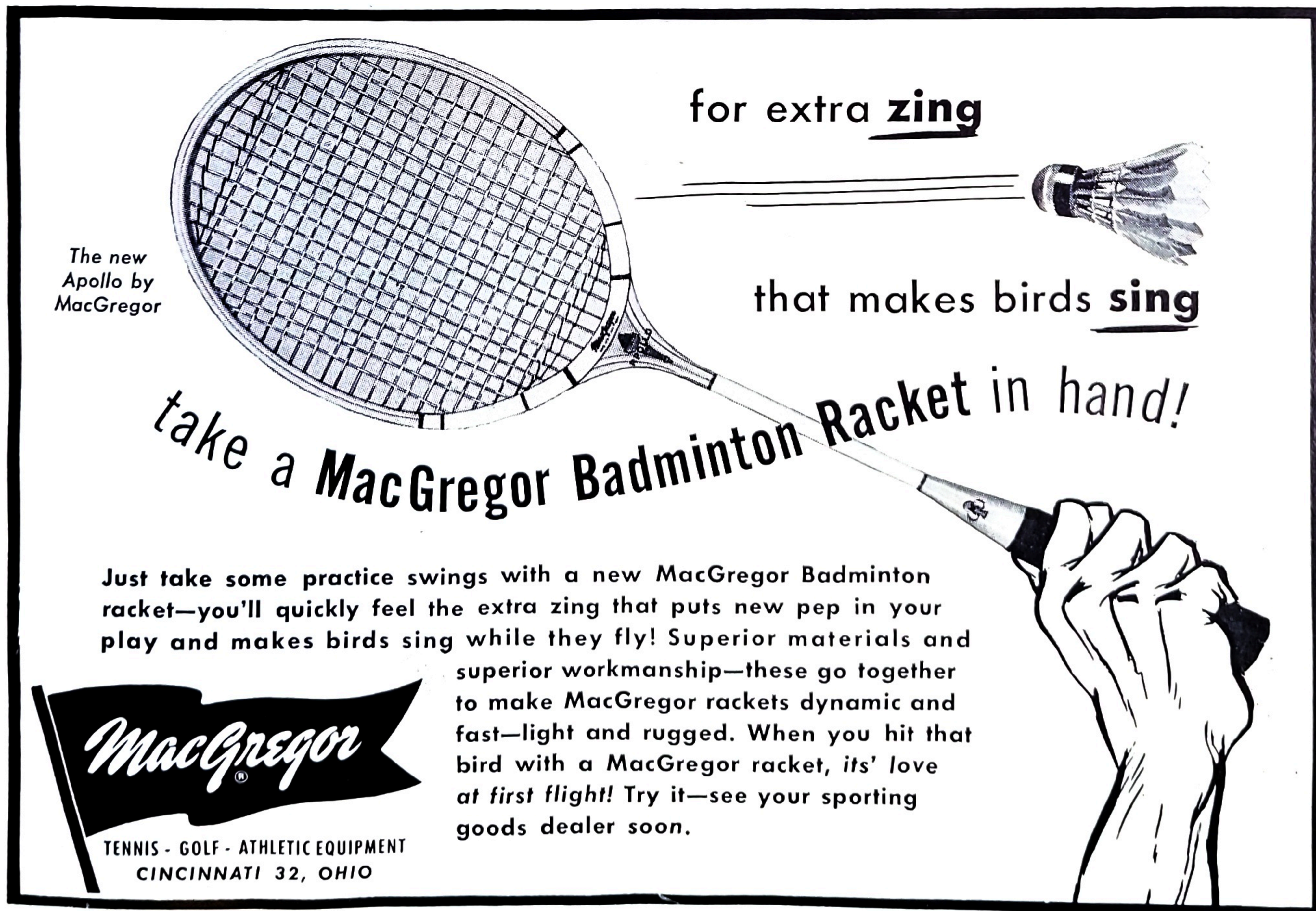
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PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS

B is for Bender



F. W. Peard

The latest overseas visitor to the U.S. badminton scene is Frank Peard. A 38 year old from Dublin, Ireland, Frank didn't take up badminton until the age of twenty but went on to represent Ireland in twenty-seven international matches since 1947 and to establish himself as the top singles and doubles player in Ireland since the war. With his men's doubles partner, Jim Fitzgibbon, Frank reached the semi-finals of the All England Championships in 1953 bowing out to Eddy and David Choong in a brilliant three game match, a photo of which is on the masthead of the English Badminton Gazette. Frank copped the Irish Close Championship singles from 1950 through 1953. He and Jim are seven time men's doubles winners and Frank has shared in five mixed championships. He also has to his credit the 1950 Irish Open Singles and Doubles and the Doubles in '48 and '54; and the Scottish Open Singles in 1949 and '50 and the Doubles in '48, '49 and 1955.

Frank's business specialty is management accounting and he is currently on a year's leave of absence from Ireland's famed Guinness Brewery. He is connected with Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery in their Boston office but hopes to be sent to their other various branches throughout the country.

Arriving in New York just before the first big snowstorm of the season

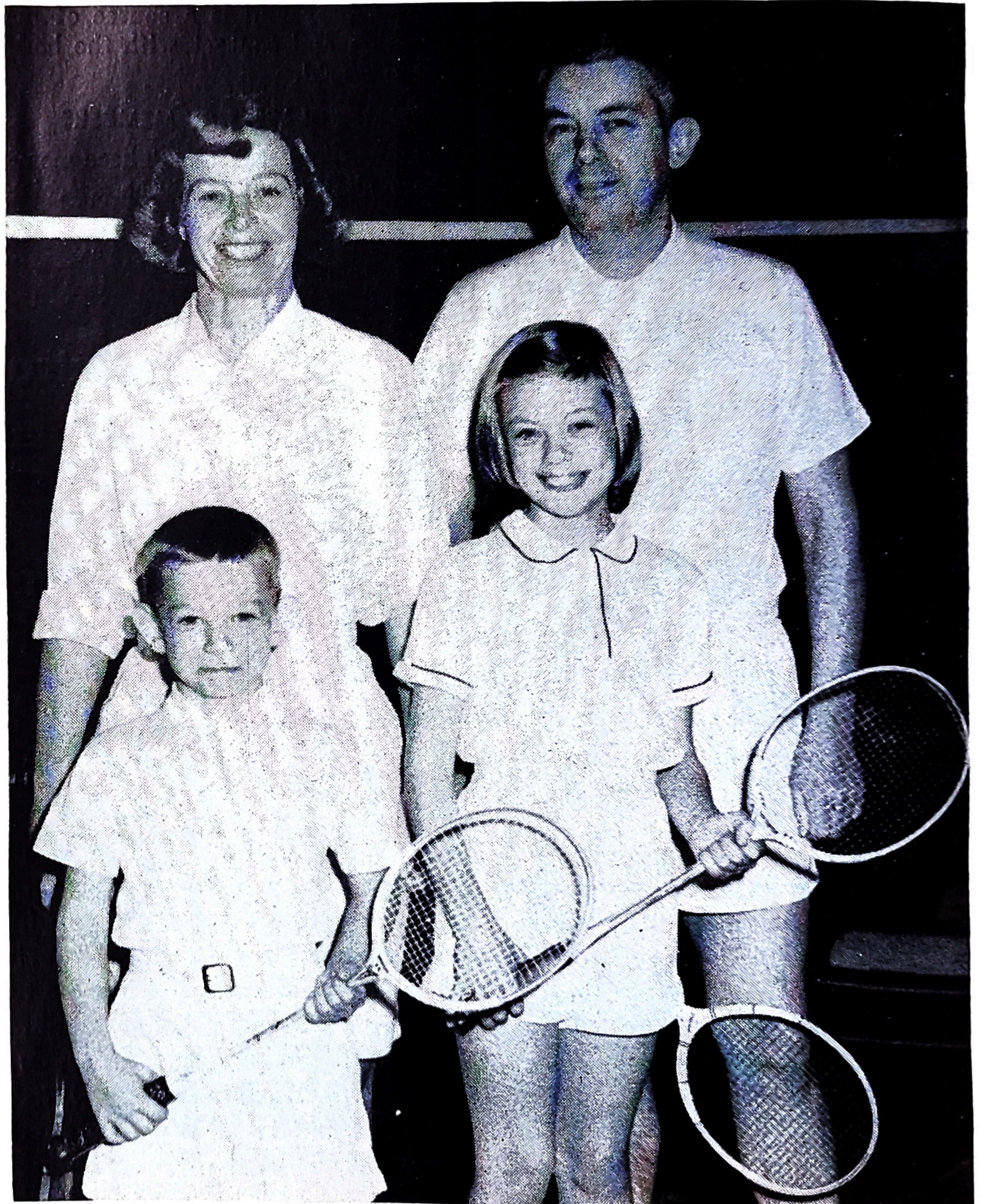
and then hurtled into the middle of the subway strike, Frank's first impression of New York must have been that it was nothing if not a tumultuous city! Used to being in the office ten minutes after he left home in Dublin, it took him four hours to get there during the strike, and that was from Woodside, L. I., normally a short hop by subway.

Frank is a most entertaining and interesting person and with his slight Irish brogue, an excellent ambassador for his country! He has already made friends in Westport, New York, Baltimore and Boston and will, I am sure, make many more before his stay on this side of the Atlantic is over.

S. D.

To many Juniors all across the country the names of Naomi and Bill Bender bring back memories of the 1957 Junior Nationals, held on the Dilwyne courts in Wilmington, Delaware, but to many hundreds of adults they represent a great deal more, for these two have been associated with the playing and organizing of a variety of sports for a number of years.

Naomi Bender was born and educated in Wilmington and she taught pre-Kindergarten classes for many years at the Tatnall school in that city, as well as spending some time at secretarial work there. Her number one sport is Swimming, at which she excelled, and at which she was Delaware Champion for more years than she cares to remember. It also



Beaming Benders

ranks high on her list of favorite sports because it was at a swimming meet that she met Bill, a racing swimmer and diving champion, and married him in 1942.

S. William (Bill) Bender is an Eastern Shore of Maryland lad, being born in Cape Charles, where he attended school until he came to Wilmington in 1936 and entered Beacon College for two years, and then graduated from the Whorton School, University of Pennsylvania two years later with a B.A. certificate in Accounting and Economics. Since then Bill has been associated with the Wm. Cann Company, Bookbinders and Lithographers, of which he is currently Vice-President.

During her school years Naomi played basketball and also left wing on her school hockey team. She was an outstanding high school player, making the Delaware All-Star hockey team in 1947. But she is prouder of having organized the Delaware Field Hockey Association in '47 than of any prowess, which was considerable, that she showed on the field. While in her early twenties Naomi took up Badminton at which, with her athletic abilities and quick reactions, she soon excelled and carried off the Delaware State Championship in Singles and Doubles innumerable times. Just eleven years ago when a Junior Badminton group was started on the Dilwyne courts, Naomi and Bill were among the prime movers in this venture and these two are responsible for its continuance and phenomenal growth. Every Saturday, and three evenings a week this red-head can be found with her 'kids,' teaching them strokes, court manners and embuing them with the tremendous enthusiasm which burns so brightly within her.

Bill's sports activities have been even more numerous than Naomi's. He played semi-pro baseball for 15 years, football on his college team, was a racing swimmer and diver, a tennis player and Delaware State Badminton Mixed and Mens' Doubles Champion for many years and, though he has never entered tournaments, he is an expert bridge player. During World War II Bill was a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, stationed at Norfolk, New Orleans and then Newport. While at New Orleans Naomi, by then Mrs. Bender, had the time of her life teaching Life Saving and Swimming to the Pan American Airline Pilots.

Besides their work with Junior Badminton Players, and incidentally their staunch support of the Uber Cup Fund which was tremendous, Naomi has given 22 years to teaching swimming for the Red Cross. However, the Benders' chief hobbies are their two children Nancy, aged 8 and Doug aged 6, both of whom are impatient to attain the age of 10 and be allowed to join the Dilwyne Juniors, and a log cabin on Shellcross Lake, Middletown, Delaware where the family spends the summer fishing, boating and, you guessed it, swimming.

G. I. D.

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Included on the entry blank will be the event of Senior Ladies' Doubles, with play to be scheduled if possible, but subject to the number of entries in the other regular events.

The tournament will start on Tuesday, April 1, at 1 p.m. with Men's and Ladies' Singles, followed by Doubles on Wednesday. Veterans' Doubles will start at 9 a.m. on Thursday. Semi-finals in all events will be on Friday evening.

On Saturday afternoon the finals of the Ladies Singles', Mixed Doubles, and Veterans' Doubles (also Senior Ladies if included) will be scheduled, with finals in Men's Singles, Ladies' Doubles and Men's Doubles in the evening.

Cordially,

WAYNE V. SCHELL
General Chairman

JUNIOR NATIONALS

The Southern California Badminton Association and the Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Burbank have combined forces to present what they hope will be the most successful Junior Nationals ever to be held. The Recreation Department has been sponsoring badminton tournaments since 1936. Several of the past and present National Junior Champions have come up through their junior badminton program, so they were more than willing to make their facilities available for this National event. The Southern California Badminton Association has conducted two senior National Championships so that the details of running the tournament are in expert hands. Co-chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. George Pajares. Mrs. Pajares (Babe) is in charge of the junior badminton program for the city of Burbank and conducts classes for juniors each week. Serving on the various committees are a number of former ranking juniors who have played in previous Junior Nationals.

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Flying Feathers

Midwesterner Tom Heden, now stationed with the U. S. Army in Germany reached the finals of the Second Nijmegen International tournament held in September in the Netherlands. Tom and B. Bosman of the Netherlands lost to the English pair of G. C. K. Hashman and C. F. Ciniglio. . . . The badminton Bandit — Baltimore's Bill Hedrick had three badminton rackets and a dozen shuttles stolen from his car parked in front of his house. Watch for a newcomer to the circuit this season!

Denmark's Mike Kolle, a former visitor over here, is the proud papa of first-born Dorthe. . . . Marie (Ussing) and Aage Nylen of the District of Columbia, receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter in October. . . . Polly and Jorgen Kolle went cruising down to the Virgin Islands, Haiti and Cuba in October, and did they love it! . . . D. C.'s Jim Edmunds became a bridegroom last summer. . . . Spencer Davis, of Washington is also a proud papa. . . .

Monthly informal mix-all matches at member clubs were held in the Metropolitan B. A. starting in November. The matches are conducted under a handicap system designed to encourage beginners in the game. . . . Philadelphia's Harry Hackett recovering from an eye operation and has started to play badminton again. . . . Evans Foo of Malaya and Gwen Grant of Vancouver now playing badminton in San Francisco. . . . The O'Mearas of San Francisco have bought some property in San Diego and are planning to move to Southern California. They will be missed by their friends up north. . . . A man who never plays but was awarded a trophy is John Pomeroy, Sr. The Hong Kong Association gave him an award for his keen support of the game. He is now residing in San Francisco.

Purdue's Abbie Rutledge twisted her knee while playing Hockey in the Fall and was out of badminton until December. Abbie will be playing tournaments in England in February and March. . . . Rumor has it that among the All England contestants in London in March will be Margaret Varner, Judy Devlin, Abbie Rutledge, Joe Alston, and Dot O'Neil. . . . Irish Internationalist

Frank Peard of Dublin has been on the East Coast on business. He visited New York, Baltimore and Boston, as well as the Westport Doubles in Connecticut. Frank has represented Ireland in twenty-seven International matches. . . . Canada's Marj Shedd, Don Smythe, Joan Warren and Bill Purcell were missed by many at the M. A. A. A. Tournament in Montreal. . . .

Joe and Lois Alston have been attending Baby classes. . . . Helen Gibson has eighty children in her school in Connecticut playing badminton. A short court is marked out with masking tape and play is over a sagging volleyball net but the children love it. . . . Miss Nancy Fleming of Wellington, New Zealand, the new Vice-President of the New Zealand Badminton Federation, is probably the first woman to hold the Vice-Presidency of any national Badminton organization. . . . Reports are that there is great enthusiasm for Badminton in France. . . . Michigan's Bill Bryant is a member of the Princeton University Squash Team and is trying to fit badminton tournaments into his squash schedule.

Seattle's Donna Connolly expecting a visit from the stork. . . . Arizona is a new hot bed of badminton. . . . Congratulations are due for two couples around Southern California. Bud Gibbons and Lee Kanaga were married in September. Bill and Ruth Berry are the proud parents of a son Christopher Lee, born on November 20th, the day after the third birthday of their adorable daughter, Lee Ann. . . . Joe Alston's mother is making a satisfactory recovery after suffering a stroke in late October. . . . In October Toi Erkkila, who is in charge of junior activities at the Manhattan Beach (Calif.) Badminton Club, fell off a horse and broke his right shoulder in four places plus 7 ribs. He has now advanced to an immense cast complete with metal screws. . . . Baltimore's Jack Hessey dropped in at a Pasadena B. C. practice session during his trip to the west coast, but was too rushed to play. . . . The Long Beach B. C. seems to be the only club in California which can brag about 100% BIRD CHATTER subscription. How about the rest of the State?

Baltimore's Liz Melville and Bill Cox tied the knot on December 14th. . . . Anne Obrecht was hostess for the Baltimore Badminton Club at a party where films of the European trip taken by three of the club members were the hit of the evening. . . . Jane Higgins capably handled the luncheon for the Baltimore-Wilmington Match held in Baltimore's Gilman Gym. . . .

Merle Corrin, Chairman of the 1957 Nationals, says that the Nationals really helped badminton in Spokane and that there are more players turning out each week and more interest shown. . . . At the Standley Home Products warehouse in Seattle, everyday at lunch time the equipment is moved so the employees can play badminton. They play during their morning and afternoon coffee breaks as well and now want to put up lights for night play! The company pays for the rackets and the shuttles. . . . the Washington Athletic Club were sponsors of the Seattle City Tournament this year. . . .

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China and Silver Anniversaries



San Francisco Chinatown B. C. members set aside badminton duties and rackets to demonstrate in the China Doll Revue celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the club. From left: Helen Zuckerman, Fon Leong, Evelyn Lee, club treasurer.

Chinatown 1937-1957

Recently, the Chinatown Badminton Club of San Francisco, held its 20th Anniversary celebration with a dinner dance and an amateur revue, with talents recruited from the playing members. Normally, the amateur show is part of the Spring Dance, an annual event held to raise funds for birds and other equipment for the use of members of the club, and also to defray expenses for the annual junior tournament. But to help lure some of the Charter Members away from their easy chairs and TV sets, it was decided to include the acts on the celebration program. It was a success, and a lot of the antiquated members have decided to come back and play, strictly, as vets.

Westport 1932-1957

That it doesn't take a huge metropolis to form a badminton center has been proven by the history of the Badminton Club of Westport (Connecticut) which, early last summer held a banquet celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary.

In 1932 a small group of badminton devotees who played in the YMCA gym in this modest-sized New England town organized with a desire to further interest on both an informal and competitive basis. The Club entered a team in the Metropolitan Badminton Association, centered in New York City. Soon thereafter, handicapped by the

low gym ceiling, it persuaded the Y to make available its auditorium for badminton, and, in so doing, gained for the Y a large additional membership interested in the game.

Badminton, largely through the influence of the Westport club, gained other strongholds in Connecticut, and the result, in the middle thirties, was the formation of the Connecticut Badminton Association. Since that time Westport has competed in the Connecticut association. In addition to winning numerous state titles, its leading players have also won Eastern and national titles in regular as well as veterans' and junior divisions. The Club's annual invitation men's doubles tourney, held early in December, is one of the features of the Eastern season.

At the banquet the Club had a lot

nents. Boston's Wayne Schell, many-time winner in the Westport Invitation, reminisced on past tournaments, and was followed by Lealand Gustavson, first president of the Westport Club and a longtime leading player and organizer from the local up to the national level, who told of the Club's origins.

One of the highlights of the affair was the presentation, by Charlie Newhall of Marblehead, Massachusetts, a former president of the ABA, of the Uber Cup to Helen Gibson to hold temporarily. This presentation came on behalf of Claude Welcome, current president of the ABA, and was in appreciation for Helen's splendid work for the Uber Cup team in pre-competition planning.

Later Chuck Hutchinson, president of the Westport club, named



The Westport Club's four honored guests at their Silver Anniversary Banquet: Wanda Bergman, Lea Gustavson, Lucille Gustavson and Cora Lindsay, all charter members. On his left and helping first president Lea cut the cake is Chuck Hutchinson, the current president.

to look back on as well as a future, and the members in attendance enjoyed a rewarding evening. Ted Jarrett, of New York, vice president of the American Badminton Association, recalled his early tilts with Westport members when they played in the Metropolitan Association, and gave a report on the recent Thomas Cup and major national tournaments.

Peg Varner, captain of America's World Championship Uber Cup team, detailed the exploits of our distaff players in triumphing over their Canadian and European oppo-

our honored guests of the evening, four members in attendance who were in the original group of fifteen who founded the Club in 1932—Wanda Bergman, Cora Lindsay, and Lucille and Lealand Gustavson. Helen Gibson then presented them with sterling silver pins, appropriately engraved, on behalf of the Club.

After dinner, featured by an impressive birthday cake with twenty-five silver candles, badminton movies

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Should Our Nationals Remain Open?

In 1953 the Nationals were voted upon to be held as an Open Championship for a trial period of five years, (thereby permitting players other than U. S. citizens or permanent residents to participate.) The five years are over and we are faced with the question of whether or not the championships should remain open. At the present time, fifteen countries hold Open Championships, nine of them also holding a closed championship. The following is an expression of opinion from players, officials and interested parties questioned by BIRD CHATTER.

Dave Freeman, 7 times U. S. Singles Champion

The Nationals was always a closed tournament when I was playing. It is my opinion that opening the Nationals has given more opportunity for widespread publicity and color to the game of badminton in the United States, which was badly needed. If we are to build up our game of badminton as a championship sport, and win back the Thomas Cup, an increase in incentive is needed to encourage more youngsters of school age to take up the game, with an idea of tournament competition rather than backyard socializing. Keeping the Nationals open in my opinion is one step in that direction, and I vote for the United States Championship remaining open.

Judy Devlin, U. S. Ladies Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles Champion.

Very definitely there should be an Open Championship of some kind held on this side of the Atlantic. Because of the size of both Canada and the U. S., it does not appear feasible for these countries to hold both an open and a closed national championship. I would be in favor of working towards one big "North American Open," to be held jointly by the U. S. and Canada, ten days after the All England is held. Then each national tournament could remain closed, facilitating ranking, and making it possible for the best U. S. players to also have the honor of winning the U. S. Championship, which they rightly deserve. However, let us keep our national *Open* until it is possible to hold a North American Open. The game here

badly needs the added publicity, spectator appeal and high standards of play which the players from overseas bring.

Joe Alston, U. S. #1 Singles and Doubles Player

I definitely feel that the U. S. National Championships *should* remain open to players from all countries. I feel that by keeping the tournament open it affords our players the opportunity to gain international experience and observe and play against better players than they would ordinarily meet. I also believe that the open tournament creates a much greater spectator interest which in turn increases the popularity of the game. Under our present set up players chosen on the Uber Cup and Thomas Cup teams actually have the opportunity to play against foreign players prior to the actual tie, which at least gives them some experience in the "Major Leagues." Last, but not least, I feel that there is a great deal of value and fun in meeting and associating with the foreign players. I think that we will all agree that we have thoroughly enjoyed all of our foreign guests since we opened the Nationals four years ago.

Margaret Varner, U. S. #2 Ranking Singles and Doubles Player.

I feel the tournament should remain as an open event. Foreign entries always add color and competition to a tournament and thus, add more prestige to the winning of such a tournament. Also, an Open national tournament could develop into one of the leading international tournaments of the world such as the All England Championships. I think the amount of money spent on expenses for foreign players to compete should be carefully considered and somewhat in proportion to gate receipts.

Perhaps a closed national tournament should be established in order to determine U. S. champions. The drawback to this plan is the fact the U. S. is so large and few players would find it possible to compete in both championships. Of the two types of tournaments, I would prefer the Open since rankings fairly well

establish the merit of players within the country.

Joanne Hessey, President, Maryland Badminton Association.

I have been weighing the pros and cons of having the Nationals remain open, and find that although on the whole I am in favor of keeping them open, I have one large reason against it. Having always been connected with the administrative end of tournaments here, and having to stretch the dollar to do the work of two, the tremendous expense incurred by bringing players from all over the world is a tremendous drain on the A. B. A. and the tournament budget. Having the players earn some of their expenses by giving exhibitions for a week or two beforehand leaves them so exhausted that by the time they play in the Nationals they are not on their top form. If, however, we in the United States can work out a plan with Canada to share the traveling expenses and have the two tournaments run on consecutive weekends, as is now being planned I hear, this would do a great deal to cutting down this expense.

In favor of keeping the nationals open, I feel that with other major badminton playing countries opening their nationals, we almost have to keep ours open in order to give our Uber and Thomas Cup players and prospective players the same advantages of meeting good foreign competition as the foreign players are receiving. I also feel it stimulates spectator interest in our tournament to have foreign players competing. Whether the amount of extra revenue gained from using foreign names and titles in tournament publicity in anyway compensates for the extra traveling expenses I would have no way of knowing. I, personally, enjoy seeing the different styles of play and the way in which our players cope with them.

Badminton, in the United States, has always been a little recognized sport and perhaps by keeping our Nationals open and showing more people the best available play, eventually, it will be realized by the general public that indoor badminton is a hard, fast game demanding great skill and endurance and not the back-yard patting most people associate now with the name.

Helen Gibson, Chairman Uber Cup Committee

I think the U. S. Championships should not remain open. I served on both the Study Committee and the Rules Committee for the Open Championships.

Originally I thought that opening our championships would promote badminton, improve the calibre of play and increase gate receipts. There is no concrete evidence to prove that any of this has been accomplished. The greatest draw back has been the struggle for local committees to raise funds to help the foreign men players to enter our tournament. We find it difficult to raise sufficient funds for our Uber and Thomas Cup Teams.

I believe that if the same amount of money raised for foreign players' travel could be used for Uber and Thomas Cup promotion, plus helping our own worthy players to attend the Nationals it would stimulate players to the extent of increasing interest in our A. B. A. and be of greater value in the promotion of badminton in this country.

However, I would be in favor of opening our championships to Canada every other year. This would in no way cause financial difficulties to either association.

Don Richardson, past president of the ABA and a former editor of BIRD CHATTER.

In any discussion of deciding this year to continue our Nationals as an Open event the results of the last 4 years should be appraised. And this appraisal should be made from both general values and the financial aspects.

General Values — For

1. Greater publicity for badminton in this country.
2. More reports of our Open in the publications of other countries and more knowledge of our other operations through the medium of communication by those who visited us for this event.
3. Probably some reason for invitations to many of our leading players to exhibit or compete in other countries.
4. An opportunity for the U.S. to see many of the leading players of other nations in action, and for many to meet with them on an informal basis of fellowship.

5. An opportunity for a large number of our players to meet these leading players in competition, a factor which may be excellent value to the development of our International Teams.

General Values — Against

1. Tournament operations have been much more involved, with particular reference to the seeding and placing of both visitors and our own players.
2. The national ranking of our players has been more difficult to make and at times highly controversial.
3. These problems have been largely due to the loss of comparative play at our Open, as to many of our "top ten" have been unable to meet due to early elimination by the extra strong visitors.
4. This loss of comparative matches between our men players especially, has restricted vital information needed by the International Cup Committees.
5. The lack of more rounds of play by our rising players and the resultant loss of comparison matches could tend to retard their interest to make long trips to our top event.
6. "Misunderstandings" have arisen between our visitors, the Committee running the Open, and the ABA management, both from tournament operations and the matter of financing.

Financial Aspects — For

The only one I can see is that it has provided more personal financial advantage to some of the top players to get to one or more of the last 4 Opens.

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1. An increasing problem to finance the visits of these visitors, particularly as the present policy of the Association is not to handle this financing directly by the ABA itself.
2. The cost of financing the invitations to these visitors has resulted in a lack of profit at any Open (one showed a very negligible profit) since this program was adopted, and has made "back door" inroads in the ABA policy mentioned above.
3. Travel and stay financial agreements are approaching an illogical and perhaps an unreasonable point, due to the questionable feeling of necessity for foreign attendance, and the consequent pressure to meet this necessity.

No one opinion can be the final answer to the decision the Directors must make this coming April. They must weigh the values, and there have certainly been some, against the problems which have arisen. If the better players believe they prefer to meet the top foreign players even though it may restrict their own play, or present more problems for their personal ranking or chance to make an International Team, then the management must not necessarily reject the continuance solely on the grounds of administrative difficulties, and possible loss of financial profit from the event.

Part of our lack of profit from the Open, to date, has been, to my mind, a lack of proper policy and judgment in making agreements with the visitors, and perhaps, also to the actual running of the event from a cost standpoint.

Quite frankly, my original opinion to oppose a continuance seems too severe, IF, the Directors will recognize that the ABA can no longer take a somewhat standoffish attitude not to be involved. I would, therefore prefer to see another two years trial, but only if the ABA enter into the situation in a real definite way. This should include a study to determine a fair type of financial agreement to visitors, a possible greater control of the Championships Committee's operational expenses, a reasonable public opinion poll from the top 20 men and women players, and an opinion from the Ranking and International Teams Committees as to the effect on their operations.

From now until April is not enough time to solve a problem of such magnitude and future consequences either way. Let's think and study so that we can come up with as logical an answer as possible.

A.B.A. Participates in People-to-People Foundation

At a White House conference in September 1956, President Eisenhower launched a program designed to promote contacts and activities among individuals around the world which would further international understanding and friendship.

The People-to-People Foundation, Inc. seeks to do this through the media of common interest, using existing bonds of understanding to foster that broader understanding, trust, and respect which is essential to friendship and peace. It is a positive program, with constructive goals. People-to-People activities are not new; they have been conducted by numerous groups and individuals for many years. *What is new is the concept* of a national People-to-People movement which seeks to increase the volume of exchange activity and to improve its quality. Some 40 committees have already been formed, each in a different field of interest; Advertising, Banking, Music, and Sports to mention a few.

The Foundation has President Eisenhower as honorary Chairman, William J. Donovan, Chairman and Charles E. Wilson, President. Each of the formed committees mentioned above are composed of recognized leaders in their respective vocational or avocational fields.

The People-to-People Sports Committee, Inc., which we are particularly interested in, has Col. Edward P. F. Eagan as President & Board Chairman and Harold F. Moor, Executive Director. It lists members as Bob Considine, Bob Mathias, James A. Farley, Ford Frick, Ben Hogan, Bob Hope, Jinx Falkenberg McCrary, James Norris, Red Smith, Ed Sullivan, Lowell Thomas, Joe DiMaggio, to mention a few.

This Sports Committee, we are happy to announce, has asked the American Badminton Association to serve on a standing Badminton Committee, and it is needless to say, that we are proud to have Badminton recognized in this movement. Judy Devlin has already accepted an assignment from People-to-People to serve on the Sports Committee. Claude Welcome, Edwin S. Jarrett, Jack H. van Praag and Hans Rogind have been selected as members of a subcommittee working directly under

the People-to-People Sports Committee.

Each committee, one for each sport, will seek to stimulate an increase in the volume and quality of international exchange activities among people interested in a given sport. These exchanges may take any number of forms — anywhere from striking up a pen pal friendship with someone abroad having a similar sports interest, to participating in an international tournament or making a round-the-world tour consisting of exhibitions, competitions, training clinics, etc. They will involve bringing to the U. S. people interested in sports, filling requests from nonprivileged peoples abroad for information or for a little help by way of equipment, the collection of books and magazines in the field of sports for distribution abroad. President Eisenhower presented the matter in these words: "If we are going to take advantage of the assumption that all people want peace, then the problem is for people to get together and to leap governments—if necessary to evade governments—to work out not one method but thousands of methods by which people can gradually learn a little bit more of each other."

The Sports Committee of the People-to-People Partnership Program faces a terrific challenge, it has a tremendous job to do; it can't do the job without the wholehearted support of all Americans. The sports Committee, like the others stimulating and guiding the People-to-People movement is non-governmental and non-political, being dependent entirely on voluntary contributions and subscriptions from individuals, organizations and foundations, recognizing the importance and value of the program. Anyone desiring to do so may mail a check to the People-to-People Sports Committee, Inc., 48 Wall Street, New York 5, N. Y.

The American Badminton Association opened their annual National Championship for the first time in 1954 for the participation of players from all over the world. We have since encouraged the entrance into our Open United States Badminton Championship of many of the European and Asian world stars and have enjoyed the exchange of friendly re-

lations, thus promoting good fellowship and better understanding through the world of sport. It is our hope that we will be able to meet many more players here as well as overseas in the future through this important people-to-people program.

HANS ROGIND

WESTPORT

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were shown by Noel Fehm, a Club member as proficient with a camera as he is with a racket. In keeping with the anniversary theme, early films showed play by Helen Gibson and Wanda Bergman, who won the national ladies' doubles title in 1938, and later ones showed leading American, Malayan and Danish stars of the present era.

In the light of this happy occasion Badminton Club of Westport members can hardly be blamed for wishing they could have a twenty-fifth birthday party every year. Perhaps some mathematicians will figure out a way.

PARKE CUMMINGS

JUNIOR NATIONALS

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Their experience has been very valuable in setting up the tournament structure.

FACILITIES: The building in which the tournament will be held is less than two years old and is situated in a large park which has many other recreational facilities available. Immediately adjoining the gym is the heated swimming pool which was described in the last issue. All recreational activities will be supervised by qualified adults. Contestants will not have to leave the building for meals. Food will be served in both dining room and snack bar. Meal tickets will be sold to cover all meals.

ENTERTAINMENT: A get-acquainted party will be held at the recreation center Friday evening, March 28. Also being planned are sight-seeing tours, trips to motion picture studios, and visits to television shows as time permits.

CLOTHING: Weather in the spring will usually vary between 65 and 75 degrees. Informal clothing recommended.

TRANSPORTATION: Mrs. Ken Davidson is chairman of this committee

and will arrange to have contestants met at train depot, bus terminal or airport. Lockheed Air Terminal in Burbank is only a short distance from the Recreation Center. The contestants will also be furnished with transportation to and from the tournament and to all scheduled entertainment.

HOUSING: Mrs. Ronald Carr and Miss Ardyce Carr will arrange housing in private homes from Friday, March 28 until Tuesday April 1, for contestants outside of the Los Angeles area and who are not accompanied by parents. Adults requiring accommodations may make reservations at an A.A.A. approved Motor Hotel within a short walking distance of the tournament. Nearest large hotels are located in Hollywood which is about a 20 minute drive.

ELIGIBILITY: Any amateur who has not reached his or her 18th birthday by October 1, 1957 and is a United States citizen or an alien who has established residence for one continuous year preceding the tournament dates is eligible. For players who have not reached their 15th or 13th birthdays prior to October 1,

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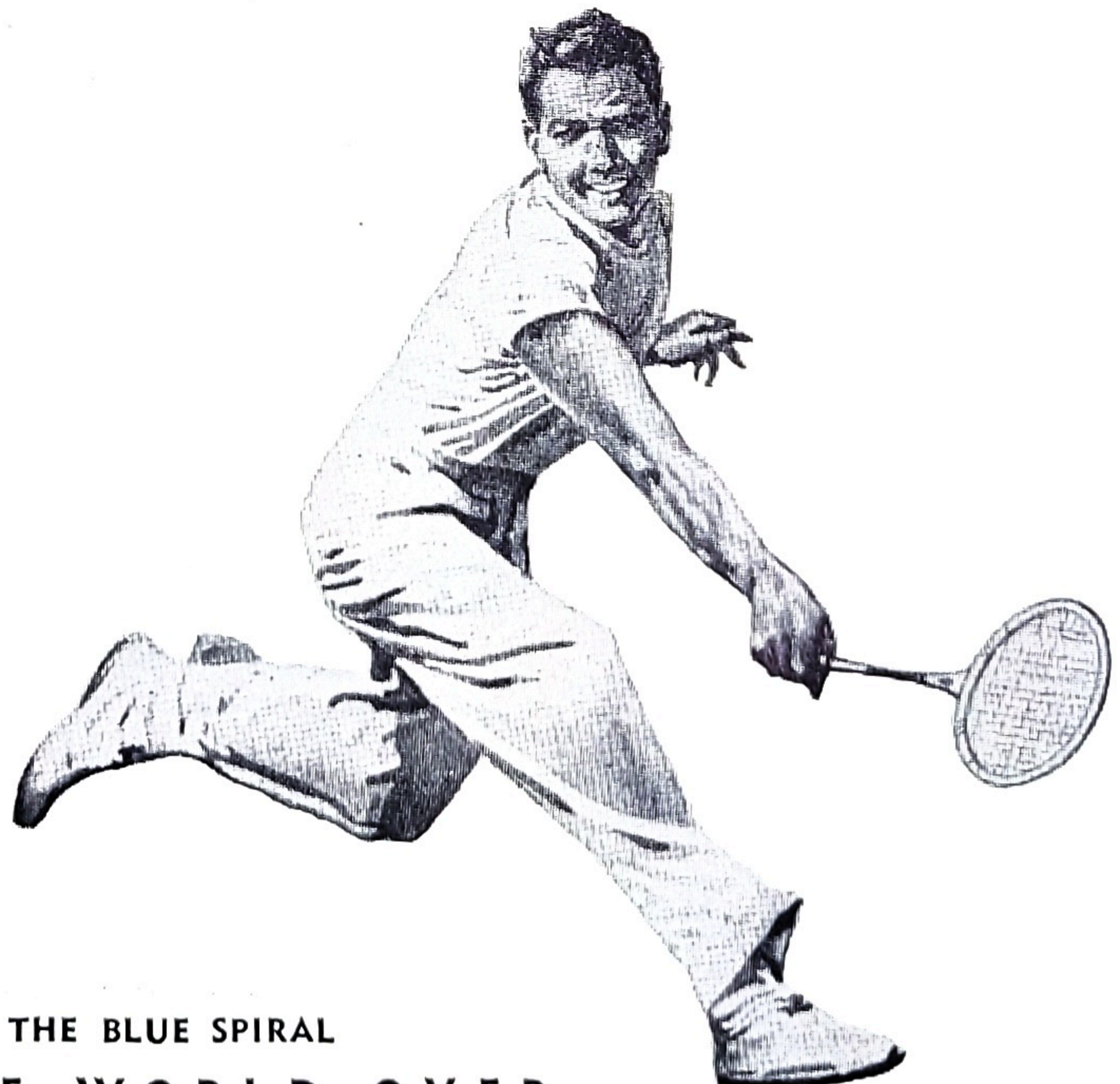
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From Coast to Coast

MICHIGAN B.A.

New President of the Grosse Pointe Badminton Association is Wesley Thompson with Guy Ireland as Vice-President and Jim Howard, Secretary. The club has eighty members and a junior program organized by Bob Bryant and Hans Rogind. The Birmingham B. C. has also held elections, the new President being Donald Hacker. The Michigan Badminton League held its annual tournament on November 30 with Lynn Stockton and Bill Bryant carrying off the singles honors.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Four members of the Badminton Club of the District of Columbia played an exhibition match for the students of American University in Washington on November 4. Over two hundred freshmen, men and women, enrolled in Orientation to Sports watched Charlotte Decker, Clay Norment, John Stewart and Bill Shreve play a spirited doubles match. The instructor, Miss Virginia Hawke, refereed and coincidentally pointed out some of the fine points of play and scoring. The success of the exhibition was immediately apparent, as the students were most enthusiastic. Other colleges in the area have requested exhibitions in connection with class instruction. The B. C. D. C. hopes to give several this season.

WESTERN NEW YORK

New officers for the Western N. Y. B. A. are President Ethel Marshall, Vice-President Mickey Garver and Secretary-Treasurer Bea Massman.

WASHINGTON STATE

Officers elected to serve this year are Avery Peyton, President; Bob Showacre, Vice-President. Directors are Dean Routh, Carl Andersen, Gladys Mallory, Bob Deacon, Vern Burton, Jean Pitts, Merle Corrin and Don Davis. The Park Department now has nine gyms in Seattle available for play on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

SAN FRANCISCO

Hats off to the team of three: John Pomeroy Sr., Jerry Eicklerberger, and Ed O'Meara who did a splendid job of handicapping the 16 pairs participating in the Mixed Doubles Turkey Tournament held on November 24, 1957. Most of the games went to three sets proving that the handicapping was a near perfect job. Only one complaining was John Poong who threatened to fix himself up with plus 11 points the next time such a tourney is held. Walt Hunter and Kay did a good job in reviving badminton in Northern California when they put up this Turkey Tourney in the second year of Walt's presidency as entries came from a radius of 100 miles of San Francisco. After a terrific struggle Jean Kirby and Derrick Schultz retained their Turkey championship after beating Millie Jude and Vern Muhr in three close sets. They had the spectators applauding numerous times. Schultz is from England, while Jude and Kirby are players of national repute.

The Ocean View Open Singles was held on December 29. Among the players was Walt Haas of San Diego who is attending the University of Berkeley.

MELAYU

PHILADELPHIA

The inter-league matches have been completed for the first half of the season. Four teams competed, including the Dilwyne Club of Wilmington, Dela. The Central Y won the first half.

Philadelphia's Wissahickon Club was the site of the Eastern Open Junior Championship, perhaps second in importance to the Junior Nationals. The committee consisted of Chuck Root, Pat and John Cornell, Julie and Peter Salmon, Tom Hamilton, Harry Hackett, Marion and Tom Kip, Bill and Naomi Bender, Bill Frey, Martin Babb and Rachel Funk.

MARYLAND

The M. B. A. has been busy with inter-city matches during the early part of this season. A most successful match was held in Baltimore against a team from Wilmington, Dela. on Sunday, November 24, Baltimore emerging as the victor. The Baltimore Juniors have also been playing matches against the Wilmington Juniors, the first of which was held in Wilmington and won by the Baltimore juniors, though not without quite a struggle. Wilmington is very even with Baltimore in the Under 18 and Under 15 Classes and their Under 18 Boys showed a great deal of promise. Baltimore's strong point was their Under 13 division, in both boys and girls events. The junior matches consist of both home and away games each season.

One more inter-city match was held in December. A very informal team from the District of Columbia played an equally informal team from one of the Baltimore clubs, on December 15, and D. C. emerged victorious.

The Gilman Badminton Club awarded as prizes to the club tournament winners, a year's subscription to BIRD CHATTER which certainly pleased the B. C. staff and we hope pleased the winners as much!

MASSACHUSETTS

The Massachusetts Badminton Association is sponsoring an Inter-State Match at the Gut 'n' Feather Club in Marblehead, Massachusetts on the weekend of January 24, 25, 26. Teams have been invited from the following areas to participate: Massachusetts-Rhode Island versus Connecticut-New York versus Wilmington-Baltimore. Play will be scheduled in a round robin fashion and will consist of doubles and mixed doubles. We are hopeful that all the players and their friends who have enjoyed Marblehead hospitality in the past will welcome this opportunity to return there.

MIDWEST B.A.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors Joseph Tiberi, President, Vic Pritula, Vice President and John Franczak, Secretary-Treasurer, were re-elected for the 1957-58 season. New directors are Earl Boston of Skokie and Abbie Rutledge of Purdue. The annual MBA raffle will be held in March at the Midwest Tournament. The funds produced will probably be used in part to help defray expenses of juniors traveling to the west coast for the Junior Nationals.

OREGON

Another woman President, and a first for the Oregon B. A. Mary Anne Wolfe is the new President of the Association, Don Deardorff is 1st Vice-President, Don Sundleaf is second V. P. Anna Mutti and Louise Niklas are Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

JUNIOR NATIONALS

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1957, there will be tournaments consisting of the five regular events. Players will be limited to three events. Consolation in Singles events only.

ENTRY FEES: Under 18—\$3.00 per person for first event. \$2.00 for additional events. Under 15—\$2.00 per person for first event. \$1.50 for additional events. Under 13—\$1.50 per person for first event. \$1.00 for additional events.

INFORMATION: Anyone wishing further information may write the tournament secretary — Mrs. Virginia Hill, 460 Spencer St., Glendale 2, Calif.

All eligible junior badminton players who anticipate playing in the tournament are asked to send name and address to the tournament secretary in order that other pertinent information may be sent to them along with entry blanks. Those desiring partners for doubles events will please indicate age group and event. The committee will make every effort to fulfill requests.

MARGUERITE MILLER

INSTRUCTION

LEARN TO CLEAR

by Jack Purcell

(Reprinted from Vol. 6, No. 2)

The actual execution of clearing shots is comparatively simple. Because they present little difficulty, many players are prone to carelessness in clearing or lobbing and the "short" clears that they continually put up give their opponents far too many opportunities for easy "kills." Clearing shots should be played with as much care as other strokes whose execution is more difficult. The clear is the most effective shot in the game and, on occasion, is a very valuable offensive weapon.

Clears may be varied as to height and direction but not as to length. Good length is a prime requisite of an effective clear. There is one exception, however, to this statement which I shall dispose of now. In mixed doubles, playing against the common front and back formation, a



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clear just beyond the net player's reach and designed to fall about half-way back in the court, is an extremely valuable shot. This is called the "half clear." Practice should bring in the player to the point where most of his clears will fall within a few inches of the base-line. It is better to take the risk of erring by too much length than to clear short. The latter is suicidal, whereas in the case of the former there is always the chance that your opponent, having doubt as to whether the shuttle is going "in" or "out", will play it. Frequently too, his indecision will result in a poor shot. Even a mediocre player can deal successfully with a short clear and the bombardment that an opponent can direct at you if you continually clear short, will have a highly disorganizing effect on your play.

The height of the clear should depend upon your own position in the court and the position of your opponent. If you have been drawn out of position and require time to return to your proper "base" in the court, you should clear very high; if circumstances are reversed and you have forced your opponent to reach for the shuttle close to the net, your aim will be to get the shuttle to the back of the court as quickly as possible. In this case, the clear should be quite low. Here, of course, care must be taken to impart sufficient height to the stroke to prevent your opponent from making a quick recovery and intercepting the shuttle half way back in the court. When your opponent has been drawn out of position a moderately low clear is a useful offensive shot, sometimes winning the point outright and more often paving the way for a "kill."

Other than in circumstances prescribed in the preceding paragraph, the clear is a defensive stroke and for that very reason, must be accurately placed in order to prevent your opponent from making his return a winner. In singles, especially, I have found the deep clear to the backhand corner to be most effective against nearly every opponent. There are, however, some players who are adept at the round-the-head smash but who find it more difficult to handle a shot over the right shoulder. Against this type of player, the clear to the backhand should be judiciously

mixed with deep clears to the fore-hand corner. Clearing shots may be of three varieties—underhand, overhead and backhand. The underhand clear which is generally played from the fore court, must be delivered with plenty of follow-through. The overhead clear, usually made from the back court, requires more power and possibly less follow-through than the first mentioned type. The preliminary swing should be identical to that used for the smash, with the wrist being carried through with the arm instead of being turned over at the moment of impact. Whereas in the smash the point of impact is in the front of the right shoulder, in the clear it is usually just above, or a little back of the right shoulder.

In clearing off the backhand some players prefer to take the shuttle high, striking it slightly in front of them at the highest point which can be reached by the fully outstretched arm and racket. Others allow the shuttle to drop to about waist level and impart power to the stroke by the free swing of the arm. The former method is, I believe, preferable as the time lost in allowing the shuttle to fall will enable the opponent to get "set" for the return. Moreover, allowing the shuttle to drop to waist level practically limits your choice of shots to one, the high clear, while in playing the shuttle high up with the outstretched arm, the opportunity is afforded to employ deception and use the drop shot just over the net at the last moment instead of the clear. There are cases, of course, where the shuttle has fallen quite low before you are in a position to play it. Here the arm must be used freely to assist the wrist, care being taken to keep the shuttle well away from the body so that sufficient power may be imparted to the stroke.

Most players find it difficult to get good depth on a backhand clear and the cause is frequently to be found in faulty footwork. The right foot must be in advance of and definitely across the left foot and the body sidewise to the net.

Again I repeat, do not play your clears carelessly and at random. Their clever use will pull you out of many a "tight" spot and win many a point.

(In the next issue Joe Alston tells about conditioning for singles play.)

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST AND
T. C. TRIALS
Pasadena, Calif.
November 6-10

The Pacific Southwest tourney proved to be so interesting with its Thomas Cup Tryouts that the regular events were merely background. The four separate Thomas Cup men's singles playoffs, and the five different tournies in men's doubles with the many different combinations of players were truly fascinating.

Ron Palmer had little trouble defeating Bill Berry in the men's singles final, although Bill played well. Hartgrove and Armendariz rushed off to a fast first game win against Alston and Bobby Williams in the terrific men's doubles finals. But the tide turned; Joe and Bob squeezed out game number two and won the third easily.

All the trophies were made by the Mitchell-Loveday sporting goods company. They were available to the committee at half price in order to help with the expenses. All the profits, \$165.00, were donated to the Thomas Cup Fund. TV's John Conte and his lovely wife helped present the awards, as did the beautiful actress Mary Costa. The one and only Ken Murray gave out with a few laugh provoking thoughts plus a sincere tribute to his, and our, long time friend, Ken Davidson.

H. T.

The results: (the men's events results will be found in the Thomas Cup Article)
LS—Beulah Armendariz def. Joan Gibbs, 11-2, 11-5
LD—D. Hann-J. Gibbs def. C. Hester-J. Pons, 15-8, 15-12
MxD—W. Rogers-J. McCallum def. B. Martin-D. Hann, 8-15, 15-3, 15-12
Vet. D—M. Mendez-F. Serafin def. B. Rawak-T. Carter, 15-5, 15-9

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- LS—E. Hankins def. A. Wise, 11-5, 11-3
- MS—T. Ebenkamp def. W. Foy, 15-6, 18-13
- LD—M. Dobel-A. Foy def. D. Carter-H. Carter, 15-12, 17-16
- MD—C. Randolph-E. Helman def. B. Gordon-P. Hyde, 15-2, 15-6
- MxD—R. Myers-I. Gardner def. F. Serafin-M. Breckell, 15-1, 15-7
- Vet.D—B. Giles-C. Henry def. K. Conn-G. Scofield, 15-11, 15-11

VANCOUVER INVITATIONAL OPEN
Vancouver, B. C.
November 15-17

- LS—Clare Lovett def. Maureen Bray, 11-4, 11-3
- MS—Don Davis (U.S.) def. Dave McTaggart, 15-13, 15-9
- LD—Lovett-Bray def. Z. Yeager-M. J. Bushell (U.S.) 15-6, 17-16
- MD—Davis-N. Johnson (U.S.) def. McTaggart-B. Fergus, 4-15, 71-16, 17-15
- MxD—V. Anderson-Johnson (U.S.) def. G. Mallory-Davis (U.S.) 18-16, 15-8

SEATTLE CITY
Seattle, Wash.
November 22-23

- LS—Mary Jean Bushell def. Dottie Hageman, 11-5, 11-3
- MS—Don Davis def. Nick Johnson, 15-10, 15-7
- LD—Bushell-Z. Yeager def. Hageman-G. Mallory, 15-13, 15-6
- MD—Davis-Johnson def. H. Mahnkey-C. Andersen, 15-3, 15-5
- MxD—V. Andersen-Johnson def. Davis-Yeager, 18-13, 11-15, 15-10

PURDUE INVITATION
W. Lafayette, Ind.
November 23-24

The turnout for this tournament was very good, and considering the fact that this is the earliest tournament of the year in this area, play was excellent. Memphis, Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Indiana were represented. McGregor Stewart and Bea Mare played a good final match with many long rallies. This was McGregor's first appearance as a Midwesterner! Fred Trifanoff took the measure of Ted Moehlmann for the first time.

- The results:
- LS—McGregor Stewart def. B. Maré, 11-8, 3-11, 11-8
 - MS—Fred Trifanoff def. T. Moehlmann, 15-10, 15-9
 - LD—Stewart-Maré def. T. Burdick-E. Coombs, 11-15, 17-15, 15-6
 - MD—E. Boston-J. Wigglesworth def. V. Pritula-F. Trifanoff, 12-15, 15-5, 15-10
 - MxD—Coombs-Boston def. N. Pritula-Pritula, 15-17, 15-11, 15-4
 - Vet.D—J. Franczak-R. Nusbaum def. B. Fish-G. Geever, 15-3, 18-15

M.A.A.A. INVITATION
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
November 28-December 1

U.S. entries at the popular M.A.A.A. Invitation numbered fourteen this year as players from D.C., Baltimore, New York, Buffalo, Bridgeport and Boston journeyed to Canada over Thanksgiving

weekend for one of the most popular of tournaments. Toronto players were fewer than usual as defending champion Marj Shedd, along with Bill Purcell, Don Smythe and Joan Warren did not make the trip eastward.

Young Bill Bonney of Montreal and Norma Slauer of Boston won upset matches. Bill defeated Dick Ball in a close three game match while Norma beat Jean Miller of Montreal, former Canadian champion, in the first round.

The Results:

- Semi-finals**
- LS—Judy Devlin (U.S.) def. D. Tinline, 10-0, 11-4; Kae Grant def. Susan Devlin (U.S.) 11-3, 11-6
 - MS—Jim Carnwath def. Bill Bonney, 15-12, 15-17, 15-9; Martin Semple def. Bob Williams (U.S.), 17-15, 15-7
 - LD—J. Devlin-S. Devlin (U.S.) def. H. Doig-N. McKean, 15-4, 15-4; R. Capehart-D. DeLord (U.S.) def. C. Decker-S. Mans (U.S.) 17-14, 15-13
 - MD—B. Williams-F. Cartmell (U.S.) def. L. LaFontaine-Mariano, 15-9, 15-4; J. Carnwath-G. Simpson def. H. Moody-B. Bonney, 2-15, 15-8, 15-9
 - MxD—J. Devlin-Williams (U.S.) def. LaMere-LaFontaine, 15-5, 15-1; S. Devlin-R. Ball (U.S.) def. R. McCaig-T. Uyeda, 15-6, 15-11

- Finals**
- LS—J. Devlin def. K. Grant, 11-0, 11-0
 - MS—J. Carnwath def. M. Semple, 15-8, 15-10
 - LD—Devlin-Devlin def. Capehart-DeLord, 15-0, 15-6
 - MD—Carnwath-Simpson def. Williams-Cartmell 10-15, 18-17, 15-7
 - MxD—S. Devlin-Ball def. J. Devlin-Williams, 18-15, 15-6

WESTPORT MEN'S DOUBLES
Westport, Conn.
December 7

This year the tournament had nineteen teams playing, an increase of three teams from the usual draw. Ireland's Frank Peard made his first appearance in a U.S. tournament and teamed with Bob Loughed of Connecticut to defeat Wayne Schell and Bob Wright in three games. They then lost a heartbreaking semi-final match to Noel Fehm and Harry Quinn. Each side had four match points in the third game!

The results:

- Semi-finals**
- N. Fehm-H. Quinn def. F. Peard-B. Loughed, 10-15, 15-13, 18-17
 - D. Ball-B. Roche def. B. Goodman-J. Cooper, 15-2, 15-1
- Finals**
- Ball-Roche def. Fehm-Quinn, 15-3, 15-9

MICHIGAN OPEN
Detroit, Mich.
December 7-8

- LS—McGregor Stewart def. Mildred Sirwaitis, 11-3, 12-10
- MS—Bruce Bedford def. Fred Trifanoff, 8-15, 15-13, 15-10
- LD—E. Marshall-B. Massman def. M. Stewart-A. Rutledge, 15-8, 15-6
- MD—T. Anderson-V. Pritula def. E. Boston-J. Wigglesworth, 15-8, 15-9
- MxD—D. McLean-E. Marshall def. V. Pritula-A. Bowling, 15-9, 15-4

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