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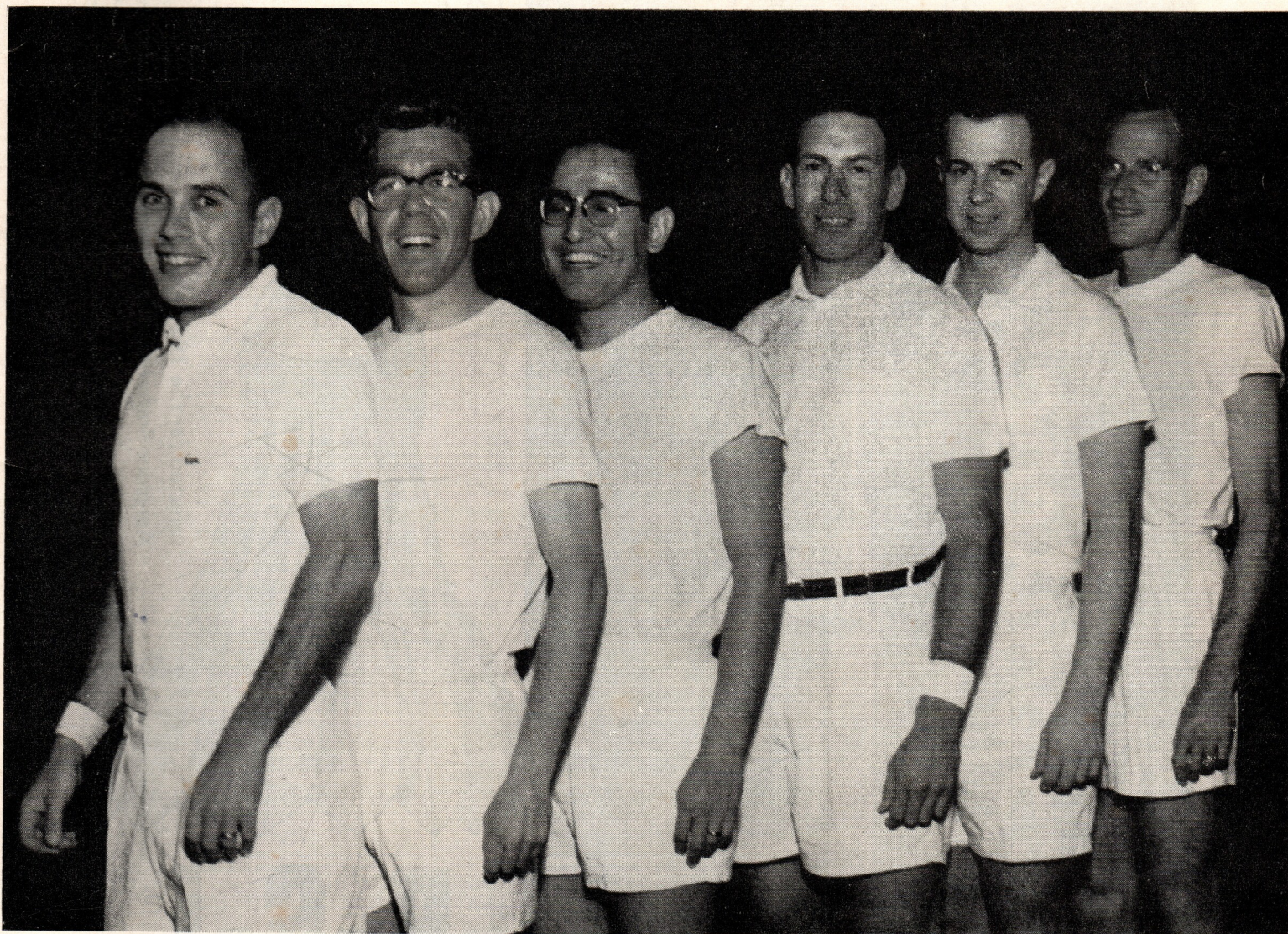


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U.S. Thomas Cup Team after 9-0 victory over Canada.

From left: Joe Alston, Ron Palmer, Manuel Armendariz, Jim Poole, Mike Hartgrove, Wynn Rogers.

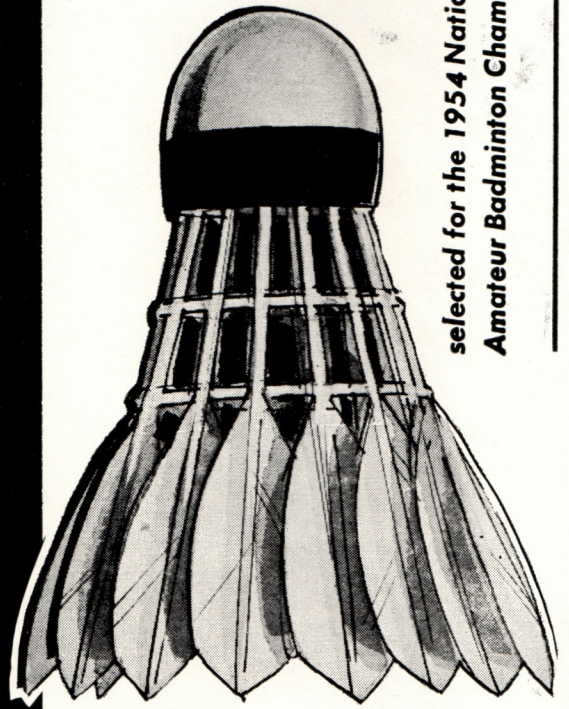
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EDITORIAL

In these days of so much unrest in the world everything we hear is East versus West—in material wealth, in missile research, in armament, in health, in sports. Can't we get away from this in our own badminton world?

Very distressing news has reached us of the almost hostile attitude of some players, both senior, and, more distressing still, junior players as well, towards any one who does not come from their particular part of the country. Badminton is a sport, a means of recreation, and an outlet for excess energies or tensions which may build up but it should never become a tool by which different groups become unfriendly, and by their own admission, inhospitable to anyone not in their group. Snobbery has no place in such a game. One quite naturally roots for a friend in tournament matches and quite often in club games too but don't let us get the name for being bad sports, for that is what we are when we show obvious unfriendliness toward someone outside our own group.

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This will be the last issue of BIRD CHATTER before the U.S. National Championships and to the players in both the Junior Nationals in California and the U.S. Open in Boston we wish the very best of luck. We also would like to express appreciation on behalf of every tournament player, whatever his or her standard, in all parts of the country, to the workers who make competition possible. It's no easy job to run a tournament, and often not much fun either, and those who do such work deserve our thanks.

Ranking Change

The singles rankings of John Leib and Fred Knight have been reversed. John Leib is Number 9, Fred Knight is Number 10.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

March 5-8	Canadian Open, Victoria, B.C., Canada.
March 6-8	Delaware State Under 15, Wilmington, Dela.
March 7-9	Granite Club International Invitation, Toronto, Ont., Canada.
March 7-9	California State, Burbank, Calif.
*March 7-9	Massachusetts State, Boston, Mass.
*March 8	Maryland State Under 13, Balto., Md.
*March 14-16	Middle Atlantic Chps., Philadelphia, Penna.
*March 15	Maryland State Under 15, Balto., Md.
March 20-22	Delaware State Under 13, Under 18, Wilmington, Dela.
*March 20-21	Western Intercollegiate, Waco, Texas.
*March 21-22	Baylor Open, Waco, Tex.
*March 22	New Jersey—M.B.A. "C," Elizabeth, N. J.
*March 22-23	Maryland State Under 18, Balto., Md.
*March 24-29	Maryland State, Baltimore, Md.
*March 28-31	U. S. JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Under 15 and Under 13 Tournaments, Burbank, Cal.
*April 1-5	U. S. NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Boston, Mass.
April 19-20	Oklahoma Open, Ponca City, Okla.
*April 25-27	Southern Championship, Miami Springs, Fla.
May 9-11	Southern California, Long Beach, Calif.
July 4-6	Semana Nautica, Santa Barbara, Calif.

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With prices rising steadily as they are these days even BIRD CHATTER has had to succumb to outside pressure. The cost of printing the magazine has been raised and with the subscription rates still at the 1941 level, BIRD CHATTER cannot possibly absorb this increase. We are, therefore, regretfully forced to pass on some of this increase to our subscribers. The new rates, effective July 1, 1958, may be found elsewhere in the magazine.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

England

England seems to have found a young and promising player in eighteen year old Peter Waddell who captured the English Invitation Singles. The tournament is closed to all but the top English players and is the basis for selection of their international teams. Further news on the All England Championships is that among the contestants will be Eddy and David Choong of Malaya, former U. S. Open Champions; Finn Kobbero and Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen, current U. S. Open Champions from Denmark; and the Irish International Team, consisting of Ireland's top men and women. Austria has been elected to membership in the I. B. F. (Gazette)

Czechoslovakia

The following was received from J. R. Benes of Prague and shows the growth of badminton in Czechoslovakia.

I started the game with some friends in spring last year. We had only a few shuttlecocks and when further supply was absolutely unobtainable, there was very little hope for further progress. Thus remained only a few enthusiasts of us, who continued by making the birds for ourselves, in a primitive and amateur way, of course. In time some of the friends obtained a few shuttlecocks made of plastics, from their relative abroad. In the meantime the quality of home-made shuttles improved too, so that the whole situation was a bit better in autumn. In December, badminton was played in two sport clubs in Prague. One of them was the tennis club where I was a member, where a new independent badminton club was formed. The other one was a badminton club at a University, Department for Railroad Engineering. In January four clubs were existing in Prague.

In December two exhibition matches were held at the University gymnasium, combined with instructions. This was when the first reports on badminton appeared in the newspapers. The interest of the public for the new game was very high

and it has been increasing very rapidly ever since.

On January 26, the first tournament—The Prague Championships—was held in the gymnasium of my club, where five courts are available, with sufficient seating capacity and all necessary equipment, as microphones, etc. There were 70 entries, including some prominents from other sports, as for example Mr. Hadaš—the world's exchampion in bowshooting, Mr. Kuneš, who is well-known in international bicycle racing, and some others. Though most of the contestants started playing badminton only a few months ago and the quality of the play could not be compared with the level in the countries where badminton has a long tradition, the event was a very good success, considering that its main purpose was to make the game popular. The reports on the event appeared in most newspapers, in the television programs and in the newsreels.

Malaya

The Badminton Association of Malaya has announced a "comprehensive coaching scheme" and will appoint four coaches in each state in Malaya. Mr. Heah Joo Seang, the President of the B.A. of Malaya was quoted in a Malayan paper as saying that "Badminton, more than tin and rubber, has placed Malaya on the map . . . given the support of the nation and the backing of the government, we will certainly succeed" in defending the Thomas Cup. Eddy Choong has asked that 2,000 to 3,000 dollars be available for the coaching schemes. To testify to the backing of the government in badminton, the Malayan B.A. has been granted \$6,000 for Thomas Cup training. The Association has also accepted an invitation to send a badminton team to the Asian Games in Tokyo this year. This is the first year that badminton has been included in the games.

As of July 1, 1958, the rates for BIRD CHATTER will be increased. The new rates will be:
 Domestic \$1.50 per year



Doris Delord and Rosine Capehart of New York who are currently the number two ladies doubles team on the East Coast. They reached the finals in Montreal, Rhode Island, Wilmington, Delaware and Washington, D. C.

HI HO THE VOLKSWAGON

BY L. DeL

Both Capehart, Rosine and DeLord, Doris
 Would be O.K. in any chorus.
 When you see them play the questions are
 How those great girls get in that itty-bitty car.

Notes from the Directors

ABA President Claude Welcome has named Mr. L. P. "Pem" Pleasants to serve out the unexpired term of Richard Slauer as Director for Region 1. Dick has moved to West Virginia and felt that he should resign. The term of this office will expire in 1958.

Word has been received from the I.B.F. that the National Badminton Organizations of Austria and North Borneo have applied for membership in the International Badminton Federation and been accepted.

Claude Welcome has announced the following shuttlecock awards for the national championships—for the 5th U. S. Open in Boston, the R.S.L. Shuttlecock: for the 12th Annual Junior National, the Wilson Tournament Shuttlecock.

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Thomas Cup Ties in Full Swing

Wynn Rogers of Pasadena, California has been named to the 1958 U.S. Thomas Cup Team. He replaces Don Davis who is now an alternate. Wynn has been a member of every U.S. Thomas Cup team—1949, '52, '55 and '58! The team consists of: Joseph Alson, Pasadena, California; Manuel Armendariz, Glendale, California; Michael Hartgrove, Pasadena, California; Ron Palmer, Glendale, California; Jim Poole, San Diego, California; Wynn Rogers, Pasadena, California.

Named as alternates in case any of the team members are unable to play at the time of the tie are Bill Berry, San Diego; Don Davis, Seattle; and Michael Roche, Baltimore. It is interesting to note that five of the six team members belong to the

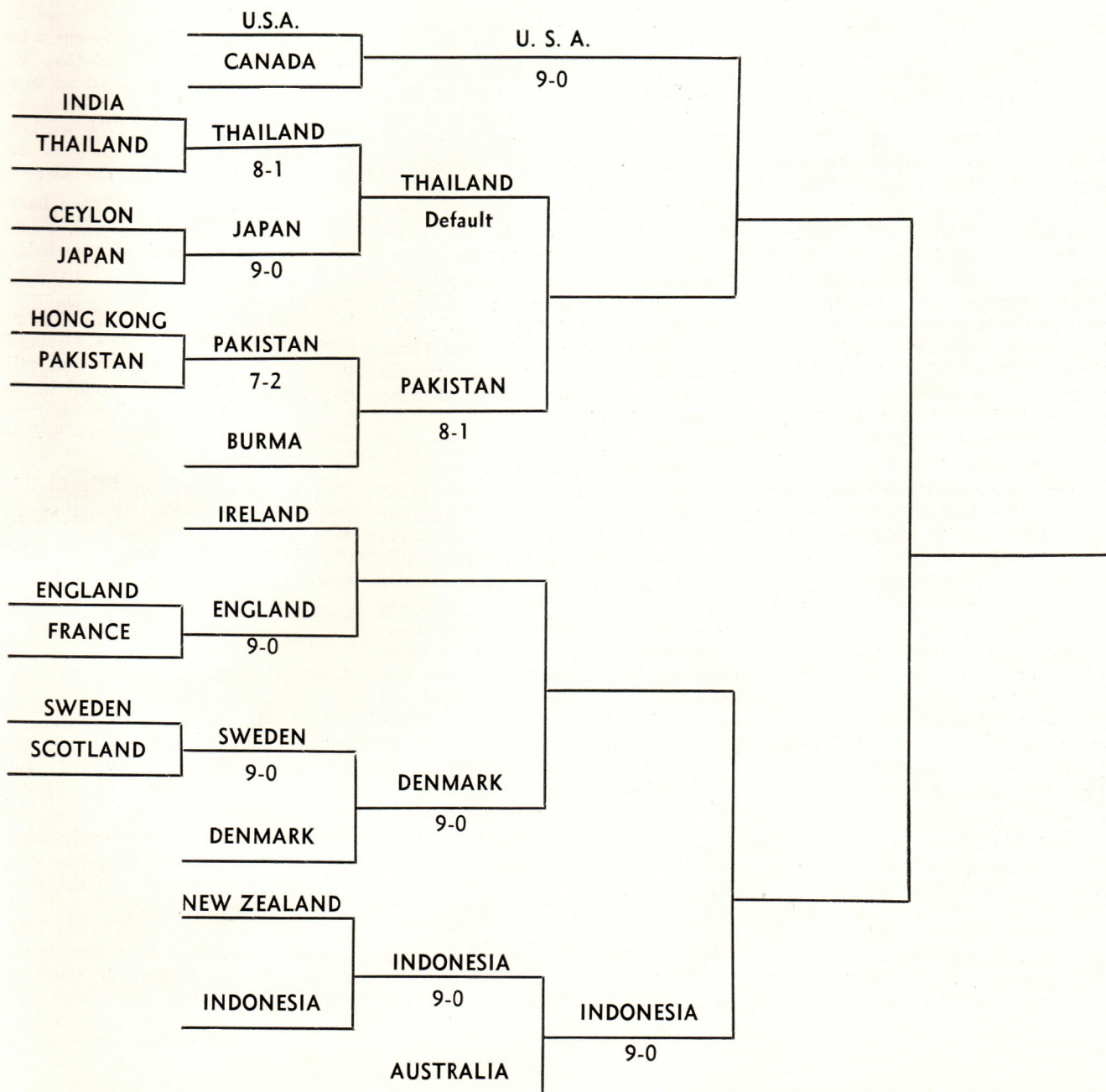
same club! This is a wonderful achievement but is it truly a healthy sign for the game?

By the time you read this issue, the Tie with Canada will have been played in Long Beach, California and we hope to be backing our team in Malaya in June. Among the members of Canada's Thomas Cup Team we predict Jim Carnwath, Bev Westcott and Don Smythe of Toronto, Dave McTaggart and Bert Fergus of Vancouver.

Since January three ties have been played, all of them in the European Zone. In the first round, England defeated France 9-0 and Sweden defeated Scotland 9-0. Sweden subsequently lost to Denmark by a 9-0 score putting the Danes in the final round eagerly awaiting the winner

of the England-Ireland contest.

In Malaya the Thomas Cup Trials series held just before Christmas produced a new outstanding team in Eddy Choong and Oi Teik Hock. The feeling among some of the Malayan authorities has been that Ooi Teik Hock and Ong Poh Lim should be split up and each be paired with a younger partner. David Choong has been reported to have said that Malayan doubles are weak in the back court and have no real answer to high clears, other countries take note! In the January trials there were 1,000 spectators for each of the two days. Further trials were held February 8 & 9 and March 1 & 2 after which the team was announced, too late to be included in this issue.



European Tour

Invitations from Abroad

The following letters have been received from London, Oslo and Copenhagen inviting players taking part in the badminton tour August 23 to September 12 to play in these cities. Colonel Eagan of the People-to-People Sports Committee has also given his views on such a tour. Plans are under way for other matches in Brussels and Gothenburg.

Since the last issue went to press several more people have joined the tour—Richard Hasbrouck, William Frey, Dorothy Thomas, Elizabeth Summa and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parsons, all of Pennsylvania, along with Polly and Jorgen Kolle of Washington, D. C., and Sue and Judy Devlin of Maryland. The team captain and official spokesman for the tour may possibly be Frank Devlin, a name as well known to European enthusiasts as it is to those in the U.S. There will be official receptions at the clubs at which the matches are held and the entire three weeks will be packed with extra arrangements and surprises.

The tour members will be traveling in their own aircraft from New York to London and on the return trans-Atlantic trip and you may be sure that drinks and a champagne dinner will be served aloft!

For those of you who are new subscribers or who missed the itinerary published in an earlier issue the following places are to be visited in the three week tour: leave New York on August 23, arrive London, Oslo, Gothenburg, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Paris, return New York September 12. All levels of players are welcome.

You've heard of the "go-now-pay-later" plan? Ours is the "pay-now-go-later" plan! The entire trip will cost you only \$595.00—a real bargain rate—but let us have your deposit now so your reservation will be held for you. You can pay the rest, in installments if you wish, before

you leave. For further information and details write to BIRD CHATTER. Do it now and get in on the first tour of this kind ever organized. It's going to be lots of fun!

People-to-People

January 24, 1958

DEAR MISS DEVLIN:

Thank you for yours of January 21st advising us that BIRD CHATTER is promoting a foreign tour of U.S. badminton players—a tour in which championship standing is not a participation pre-requisite. This is an excellent people-to-people project, and is illustrative of what President Eisenhower had in mind when he said, "If we are going to take advantage of the assumption that all people want peace, then the problem is for people to get together . . . to work out not one method but thousands of methods by which people can gradually learn a little bit more of each other."

Charles E. Wilson, President of the People-to-People Partnership Program, recently phrased the same thought in these words: "Communications between governments seem to have broken down. When this happened in the past, war was the last resort. What, then are we going to do about the matter? It seems obvious that man must begin to know himself better and to know one another better. As human beings, all men must do for themselves what governments have been unable to do—communicate. So we've decided to do something about it ourselves. We've decided to inaugurate our own 'Do-It-Yourself' diplomacy. That's the people-to-people idea. We don't believe we have been getting a true picture of our world neighbors, and we don't believe they have been getting a true picture of us."

Sportsmen have demonstrated repeatedly their effectiveness as "am-

bassadors ordinary," and, if I may be permitted one more quotation, I should like to submit one taken from a report by Betty F. Schmidt published in the September issue of *The Archers' Magazine* on the U.S. archery team's participation in the 18th World Championship matches in Prague, Czechoslovakia: "None of us are skilled in diplomatic observations; we're just six Americans who went to do a job and feel that we actually performed two jobs: we won the tournament, and we won hundreds of new friends. We worked harder at making friends than we did at shooting and are not sorry."

Invariably, where sportsmen have failed to make friends abroad, it has been because of a lack of knowledge of the people in the countries visited—their customs, traditions, mannerisms, and temperament, and, if there is any single bit of advice I should like to pass along to those who will be making the tour, it would be to acquaint yourselves as thoroughly as possible with these matters before leaving home.

If we can be of any help in this project, please feel free to call on us. Meanwhile, our best wishes for the organization of a most successful tour.

Sincerely,
EDWARD P. F. EAGAN
Chairman

London

I thank you for your letter, in which you wrote to me about the scheme for a large party of club players from the U.S.A. to visit Europe this summer. This is an ingenious idea, and I can well understand that its success should be very helpful to the promotion of the game on your side.

There is only one club in the London area which could reasonably accommodate an invasion of about 50 overseas players on the same eve-

ning, and that is, of course, Wimbledon. I have spoken to the Secretary of that club, and he tells me that he fancies the suggestion would be well received. Accordingly, and as the club is open throughout the summer, I think you can take it for granted that things could be arranged there.

Sincerely yours,

HERBERT SCHEELE
Badminton Association
of England

Copenhagen

Regarding the badminton tour . . . I can inform you that the GBK club is very interested in the project, and the idea (of a match) has been accepted by the board of directors. There will be room for the "battle" anytime you want.

MOGENS KOLLE
GBK, Copenhagen

Oslo

With regard to previous contact concerning the European Badminton Trip, we are very happy to see that the plans are now being realized.

Bringing the possibility of such a tour before a meeting last fall, we were all confident that a tour of this kind would be a wonderful experience not only to the participants of the tour, but to us, fortunate enough to be chosen your Norwegian host.

Bygdø Idrettslag, the owner of one of the most beautiful badminton clubs in all Scandinavia, is looking forward to having you here on August 29th or 30th, 1958, and we also hope that you will have time to take part in some social activities in connection with the match.

Confident that you will love Oslo, the beautiful capital of Norway, we are looking forward to seeing you here.

Yours faithfully,
HANS GUSTAV MYHRE

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Aug. 29	7th day	OSLO—Half day sightseeing.
Aug. 30	8th day	OSLO—Badminton match.
Aug. 31	9th day	Leave OSLO for GOTHENBURG. Afternoon sightseeing in GOTHENBURG.
Sept. 1	10th day	GOTHENBURG—Badminton match.
Sept. 2	11th day	Leave GOTHENBURG—for "wonderful" COPENHAGEN. Afternoon free.
Sept. 3	12th day	COPENHAGEN—Morning sightseeing. Afternoon free for shopping.
Sept. 4	13th day	COPENHAGEN—Badminton match.
Sept. 5	14th day	COPENHAGEN—Excursion to Elsinore—Hamlet's Castle.
Sept. 6	15th day	Leave COPENHAGEN for AMSTERDAM.
Sept. 7	16th day	AMSTERDAM—Morning sightseeing. Afternoon free.
Sept. 8	17th day	AMSTERDAM—Badminton match.
Sept. 9	18th day	Leave AMSTERDAM for PARIS.
Sept. 10	19th day	PARIS—Morning sightseeing of historical Paris. Afternoon free for shopping.
Sept. 11	20th day	PARIS—Morning sightseeing of modern Paris. Balance of day free for last minute activities. Evening departure for New York.
Sept. 12	21st day	Arrive NEW YORK.

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The Scandinavian Badminton Scene

BY HANS G. MYHRE

WITH the All England Championship only about two weeks ahead, it might be interesting to take a look at the Scandinavian Badminton Scene from which area many of the potential champions are.

In singles Finn Kobbero of Denmark has consolidated his ranking as Europe's first player, and in 1958 it is expected that he will win the title. This is his fifth try at the title, and although he has been pretty close before, this might be Finn's year. So far he has only lost one match this year, very surprisingly to the tall Swede Bernt Dahlberg, who has improved a lot this season. Bernt beat him in the international match between Sweden and Denmark in Copenhagen last month by the close score of 9/15, 15/9, 17/14. Bernt Dahlberg might be the "dark horse" in the All England, but lacks Finn's experience only having played once or twice in this tournament before.

The sensation of the 1957 tournament, Erland Kops from Denmark, has not improved considerably this year, and he has not beaten his countryman Finn Kobbero in any of his many finals in open tournaments. In the Sweden-Denmark match Kops lost in three games to Bertil Glans, who has been in the All England semi-finals twice before and is playing very well at the present time.

The American doubles champions, Finn Kobbero and Jorgen Hammergaard have lost some ground to other Scandinavians and are not playing as well together as before, but might be in shape for the rest of the season.

As to the Thomas Cup, Denmark has a pretty strong team lined up for the final matches in Malaya, and expect to be the holder's strongest opponents. There is no doubt that Denmark will send their strongest team ever to try to beat Malaya this year, but their great handicap undoubtedly will be, as in previous years, the heat that might put them out of the game even before the challenge round. But their 9-0 victory over Sweden was impressing.

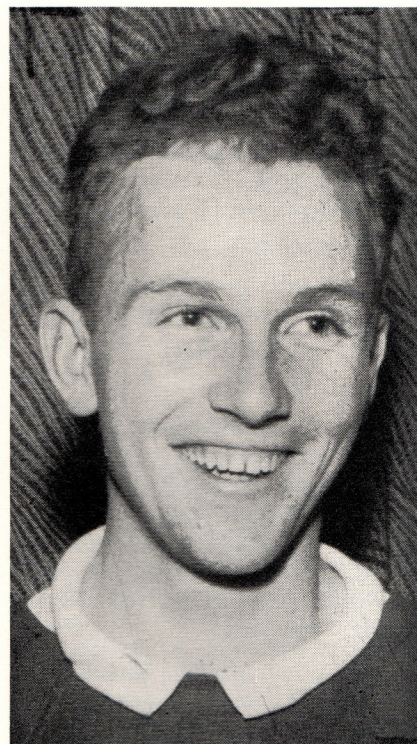
Talking about top Scandinavian badminton you have probably already noticed that no Norwegian player has been mentioned yet. The Norwegian Badminton Association was founded some 20 years ago, but has never been of Danish or Swedish standard. In 1953 the young players took over, and most of the top-ranking players today are about 20-22 years old. The interest for outdoor badminton in the country is tremendous, yet the association has only 1500 members. Oslo, the capital of Norway is the center of the badminton activities, and every year in November the "Norwegian International Championship" is held here. The game is played in big tennis halls, also perfect for badminton. They are built with curved roofs and excellent fluorescent lighting.

There are numerous tournaments held over the country during the badminton season, which lasts from September to May, but only the top tournaments draw people due to the great interest and wonderful conditions for skiing and skating. Oslo has been visited by a lot of the "big" badminton names in exhibitions and tournaments since the war; Wong Peng Soon, Eddy Choong, Paul Holm, Finn Kobbero and Jorgen Hammergaard just to mention a few.

The style of playing in Norway is very similar to that you have seen from the Danes, the main reason for not being of top class being the lack of international matches and tournaments. We have a lot of promising youngsters that will become far better than the present top players, and there is actually no reason why we should not become as strong internationally as the Swedes and Danes in years to come.

Having this opportunity of writing in BIRD CHATTER I would like to thank all the badminton players I got to know during my stay in the United States for making it such a wonderful experience. I do not remember all your names, but I will certainly never forget the way you accepted me and let me feel at home in a different country so many thousand miles away from my own and I feel confident that there could be no better way to international understanding.

Here is hoping that many of my friends will read this and accept my best wishes.



Author Myhre

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The Game of Singles

BY JOE ALSTON

Now that I have retired from competitive singles, I feel that I can comply with the editor's request to write an article on singles, inasmuch as no one will now have the opportunity to say, "Why don't you practice what you preach!"

I believe that almost everyone who has been connected with the game of badminton has at one time or another heard someone say, "that fellow is a great player because he has a good eye," or, "he is a champion because he has such quick reflexes," or some similar type of statement attempting to explain why a certain individual is a winner or champion. It is true that a particular winner or champion may have an extremely good eye or have quicker reflexes than other players; however I do not feel that you can say he is a great player because he has one or two outstanding points about his game.

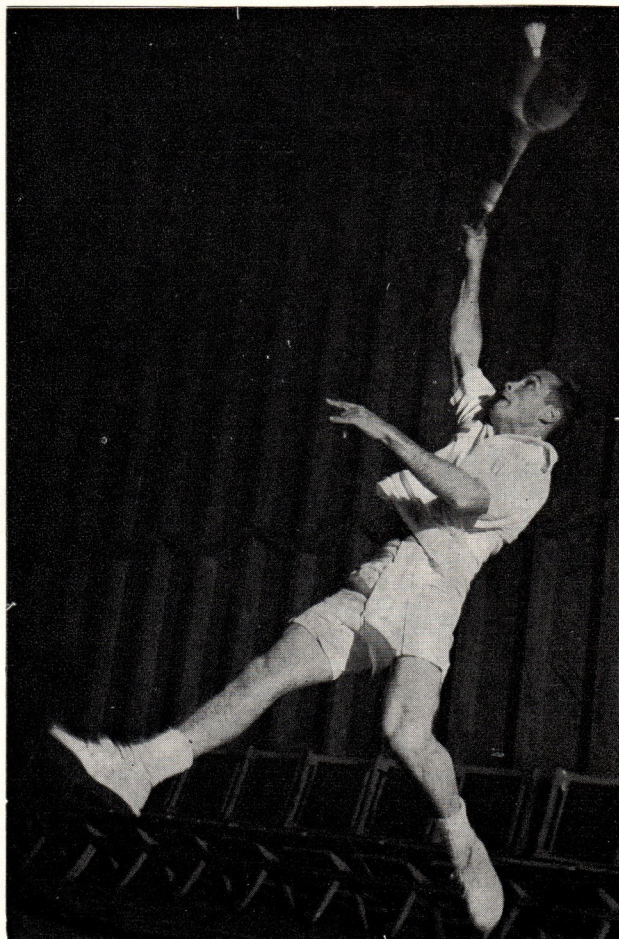
We have all seen players who have great potential, but who never develop into really outstanding players. There are players that on the surface appear to have everything, but when the going gets tough they seem to completely fall apart. In the writer's opinion, there is a very fine line between being a good singles player and a really outstanding singles player.

It goes without saying that an outstanding player will have all of the basic shots, will be in excellent condition and in most cases will have had considerable experience in top flight competition. However, we have all seen players who possess all of the above mentioned qualifications, but still never win or even come close to winning a major event. Why? I sincerely believe that in most cases that question can be answered by saying that such a player does not have the proper mental attitude. To be outstanding or great a player must be completely convinced in his own mind that he is the best player and that he is capable of beating anyone at any time. I don't mean that he should be cocky or underestimate his opponent, but he must be confident. He must be so sure of his ability that he will not get "shook up" when he runs

up against a player with equal ability, endurance, etc. An outstanding player must feel sure that he is in equal or better physical condition than his opponent; that he can return any shot his opponent hits; and that his opponent will "crack" before he will. The thoughts which go through a player's mind while playing a tough singles match will, of course, vary with each individual, depending on the style of his game. If you are an aggressive player you must realize that you are prone to making more errors than an outstanding retriever. In order to cut down on errors an aggressive type

player must concentrate primarily on always being on top of the shuttle or meeting it as close to the top of the net as possible.

I also feel that many players forget (or possibly never even realize) that if you are going to take a chance or gamble you should do it only when you are the one that served the shuttle. You must make your opponent earn each and every point, because there is no nicer gift or anything that will build up your confidence more than to receive three or four "cheap points" in a tight match. I believe that if you want to be a top flight competitor you should



Joe's deceptive drop.

(Courtesy FRIENDS magazine)

An Innocent Abroad

By FRANK W. PEARD

During the last two months I have played more badminton in Baltimore, New York, Westport, Providence, Boston, Buffalo and Toronto, renewed old acquaintance with American and Canadian friends who visited Ireland and England to play badminton during the last ten years, and met many supporters of the game in different venues. Naturally, I have been impressed by certain aspects of the game which differ from those in Ireland, where I live, or in England and Scotland, where I have played frequently in tournaments and international matches. I am giving you these impressions for what they are worth, realizing that I may be rash in saying anything on such short experience and in the full knowledge that I have seen only one small part of the vast territory of North America.

First, I must comment on the slow shuttles (birds, to you) which seem to be used everywhere. They are feet slower than those used in Ireland, England and Scotland generally and yet many people at home are of the opinion that we use too slow a shuttle—that it does not comply with the laws of the game as laid down. They say that the game should demand the touch necessary to control the shuttle at the back of the court, and that the average player should be readily able to reach the back of the court so that sheer strength is not the main requisite of the game. Slow birds eliminate skill and deception because they are not responsive to flicks or light touch shots, and are consequently detrimental to the game. Well, if our shuttles are too slow and do not comply with the laws, yours certainly don't!

The next thing which impresses me is the extravagant use of shuttles, mainly because they break up so quickly. Now, I am not criticising the manufacturers, for the shuttles seem to be just the same quality as those we have at home but generally speaking they are apparently so badly stored that (a) they are dreadfully slow because all the weight-giving moisture has been dried out

of them and (b) they are extremely brittle, again because of extreme dryness. No one seems to go to the trouble of storing shuttles properly and a common sight here, which we never have at home, is what I call "snowflakes"—feather tips lying all over the court after an evening's play. It seems to be quite usual for people to steam shuttles at a radiator vent, to make them fly faster, and make them less brittle, but this is not the answer because the glue becomes soft under such treatment and the shuttles quickly collapse. I think if players here realised the extra pleasure there is to be obtained from playing with crisp, firm, properly stored shuttles they would ensure proper storage, and as for cost—well I'm sure that the average game I play here uses at least twice and probably three times as many shuttles as in Ireland, simply because of breakages.

What next? Well, the general facilities are usually much superior to anything we are accustomed to. In Dublin, a city of half a million people, we have about 50 clubs all playing in one-court halls, parish halls for the most part, and there is only one hall built specially for the game. It contains four courts, is owned by the local governing body of the game, and is available to all players. Belfast, about the same size as Dublin, has about 100 clubs, of which all but two or three play in one-court halls. There, too, the local authority of the game is building a new hall to be available for all players. Having considered the matter, I am not at all sure that it is a healthy state of affairs to have one or two large clubs in a city rather than a whole host of little ones. With many clubs, team competitions can be organized in different groups. Competition is the life-blood of sport and leads to the expansion of the game. In Dublin we have a league, in various grades, in which every club and more than half the players participate—each year about 110 teams, comprising 4 men and 4 women each, compete and enthusiasm and keenness run high,

particularly in the closing stages. It has seemed to me, rightly or wrongly, that badminton organization in the places I have visited has tended to be too insular—too much concentration on the individual club and not enough on a broad general basis. This last point might be restated in other words—that not enough is done for the ordinary player, to maintain his or her interest in the game. This runs to the tournaments also. I was amazed not to find handicap events in the tournaments here as they are a recognized feature of almost every tournament at home. A handicap event gives every player a chance of winning something and certainly the fun of battling through a few rounds, whereas in purely open or graded level events most players know their chances are nil and they are not enthusiastic about entering. Our local end-of-season tournament in Dublin has five level and seventeen handicap events in different grades and attracts approximately 500 competitors.

By now I have probably drawn the wrath of the entire East Coast on my head, so there's no harm in making just one more criticism to wind up! Why don't people play Mixed Doubles? There seems to be a complete lack of appreciation of this very fine branch of the game everywhere I go. Now I've said enough—before the season is over you will probably meet me somewhere to tell me how wrong I am about it all—speak up, I can take it!

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SINGLES

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always beat your opponent as bad as you possibly can in both tournament play and practice sessions. This, I believe, will assist a player in developing the "killer attitude," which is a necessity in top flight competition.

Many players will look great as long as they are winning, but will completely fall apart when they get behind or the rallies start getting longer and longer. On the way to the top all players will experience this problem. Years ago Dave Freeman gave me the solution to this problem by stating "if you get behind or things are not going too well, slow the game down to a walk in your own mind." I believe that he made an excellent observation and the more you think about it, the more sense it makes.

After reading the above, the obvious comment is "this guy is crazy, who could possibly do all that stuff, it's impossible." My answer to that is that it is impossible for almost all of us, but the player that can do it all is a truly *great* player and the closer you come to meeting all of the above mentioned points the more outstanding you will be. During my twenty years of tournament singles play Dave Freeman was, in my opinion, the only *great* singles player I ever saw or played against.

This writer is certainly not suffering from the delusion that he was or ever will be capable of mastering all of the above mentioned points. I do believe however, that if you are a good player who has been on a plateau for some time, that you can move into the class I have been referring to as "outstanding" by just keeping in mind a few of the above points.

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PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS

Jim Poole

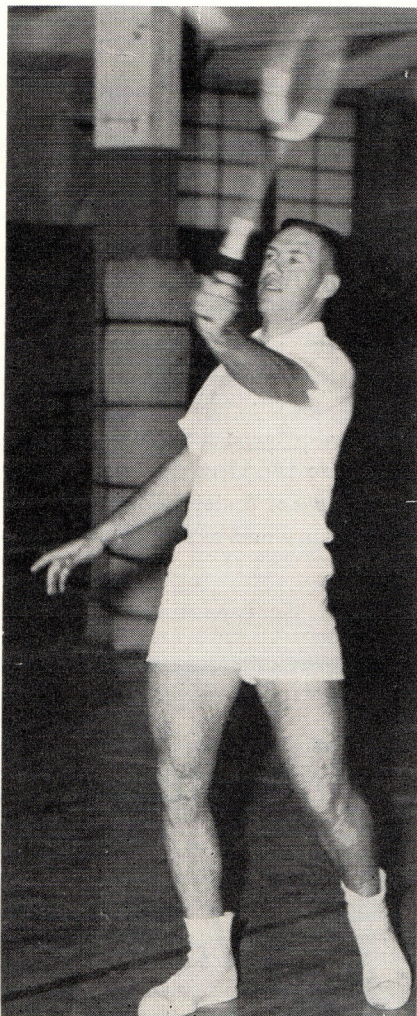
If a varied athletic history is a good background for a successful badminton career, then surely Jim Poole made an excellent start toward becoming a shuttle expert. He has been involved in volleyball, basketball, and baseball on a large scale. But we'll get to that gradually.

Jim was born in Nashville, Tennessee, February 6, 1932. During 1946 Jim's father, a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, was transferred to the West Coast, so the whole family settled in San Diego. For the most part they have scattered now. The father and mother are living in Long Beach, California, where C.P.O. Poole, working on his 17th year in the Navy, is stationed aboard a ship, working as a boiler technician. The youngest child is a 19 year old boy who now is in Savannah, Georgia. His slightly older sister is a nurse in the Los Angeles Hospital. Jim is still living in San Diego. He works part time for the S.D. Recreation Department, as a playground director. His main job at present, however is taking graduate work at college. But I'm getting ahead of the story.

As a sophomore at San Diego State College in 1952, our subject got his start in badminton. He had played some tennis before, liked it, so decided to try more racket games by taking a regular badminton class. Some friends eventually took Jim to the Municipal Gym for additional play. It was here that he became interested in competition and the San Diego Club affairs.

Now for those other sports and activities . . . there were four years of collegiate basketball, followed by membership on the A.A.U. team which represented the United States in the 1955 Pan American Games in Mexico City. The U.S. team won the title by defeating Argentina in the finals.

During his springs at college, Jim played all-conference baseball as a pitcher. This talent brought him a job in Alaska, the summer of 1952, where he played on the Alaskan Labor Union Team. Once again it was a successful team, which won the semi-pro championship of Alaska.



Jim Poole enters national scene

As for volleyball, he was picked as a member of the second string All-American Team in college. But, of course, there's more. While in the service, Jim was on the team which won the World Wide Armed Forces title.

Speaking of the service, because of his R.O.T.C. training at San Diego State (Now how did he find time for that?), Jim became Lt. Poole immediately after his graduation. Starting as a personnel service officer at Edwards Air Force Base, he was later transferred to Tyndall A.F.B. in Florida and Ellington Field in Houston, Texas. Before he

finished his term of service in June of 1957, he won several badminton tournaments at bases and Y.M.C.A. clubs, and represented the Air Force at the Philadelphia U. S. Open Tournament in 1956.

With the January announcement of the new Thomas Cup team, Jim's very recent triumphs in top flight badminton have brought on the sudden honor of once more representing the United States in international competition.

On December 21st, 1957, Jim was married to Velma Sue Blundrett in Texas. They met while he was stationed in Houston. And so another badminton "widow" joins the already large group. Good luck and congratulations to both of them. Here's hoping we are seeing only the beginnings of a long, strong, and successful playing career for Jim in badminton.

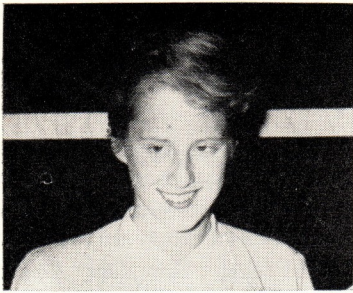
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McGregor Stewart

Five foot three, eyes of blue, and close cropped red hair are characteristics of a Baltimore girl with a good badminton game and an unusual name. McGregor Stewart, or Mac to many of her friends, is a tomboy turned badminton player whose boundless energy is now used in running around the badminton court instead of playing softball with the boys in the neighborhood.

Born in Baltimore twenty years ago this April, Helen McGregor (she never uses her first name), has moved up through the junior ranks to become junior national champion in 1955 and '56 and currently is ranked Number 10 in the country in Ladies Singles. A freshman at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, she has already this year won the singles events at the Purdue Invitation and the Michigan Open defeating South Africa's Bea Maré.

Mac learned her badminton in Baltimore's Saturday Morning Badminton Classes for Juniors and all her practicing has been done on the courts of the Gilman Badminton Club where, until her departure for Purdue last fall, she could be found playing several nights a week during



McGregor Stewart—Europe bound

the season with any and all who would play. She is fast on her feet and has worked on her weakness, the backhand, until it has become one of her most consistent shots. Judy Devlin has been of assistance to her in singles and Charlotte Decker probably helped McGregor's doubles game more than anyone else during their partnership last year. Her present mentor and partner is Abbie Rutledge. She & Abbie are at the present time in Europe competing in as many tournaments as they possibly can!

McGregor's aims are undoubtedly a berth on the 1960 Uber Cup Team and a National title. She has plenty of determination for the job. She could make it.



Dave Freeman seen on back court coaching his young sons during the Dave Freeman Open. Both boys played in the junior events.

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Congratulations are in order for young Greg Martin of Monrovia, Calif. January 17th he acquired a baby sister named Dana. Mother and father, Jackie and Buzz, both doing fine . . . Sincere sympathy for Mrs. Hulet Smith whose mother passed away in January . . . Anyone passing through the Glendale-Burbank area lately may be aware of a buzzing sound. Don't worry about your hearing. It is just that there is a hive of activity preparing for the Junior Nationals. Things seem to be progressing nicely . . . Two of Southern California's up-and-coming players of a couple of seasons ago have been missing for a while. It seems that Gwen Garnsey and Laurie Cook have by-passed badminton for marriage . . . Happily for junior activities Toi Erkkila's broken collar bone and ribs have been mending well. He is out of a cast and even playing a little, left-handed . . . Anyone familiar with Cal. Tech. will tell you it is one of the two toughest colleges in the country. We are very proud to inform you that one of their students and our players, Alfred Hales, has a higher than A average . . . Manuel Armendariz spent three weeks in Caracas, Venezuela on business. He got home on Christmas Eve. Sort of interesting to note that Venezuela had been in a state of revolution ever since he left!



Abbie Rutledge, due to play in the championships of six nations.

. . . McGregor Stewart left for England and badminton in the British Isles the first week in February. . . Susan Devlin off to England in March to join Judy in the North of Scotland Championships, then on to London for the All England to join Margaret Varner, Abbie Rutledge and McGregor Stewart. Margaret and the Devlins go to the World Invitation in Glasgow on their way back to Boston for the Nationals.

Lewiston's Bob Rice spectating at the Strathgowan Invitation in Toronto. Bob is starting Law School at Middlebury College in Vermont . . . Toronto's Marj Shedd is a top notch volley ball player . . . Gary Ogilvie, ex-junior from Lewiston, is attending Dental School in Philadelphia . . . Joan Warren recovering from a January knee operation. . . . Congratulations to Ken Kost on his January 11th marriage to Midge Toaster, who believe it or not works for G. E. . . Connecticut's Harry Quinn engaged to be married in September. Vancouver's Bert Fergus also engaged.



Newly-wed Kost

Dud and Sue Sercombs of Portland are busy these days with a newly adopted baby boy, Warren Dudley, who was all of four days old when they started to care for him . . . Johnny Rankin of Portland, Oregon, has been recovering from the effects of penicillin poisoning and has not played badminton this season. He and his wife Betty have been extremely active players . . . Jean Cook, formerly of Santa Monica, is now a member of the Cleveland club of Portland . . . Mr. J. Segal, a former tennis champion of France, is now living in San Francisco and has been watching badminton tournaments with his young son.

Lois and Joe Alston became the proud parents of Nicholas Alston Scott in South Pasadena, California, on February 6. The young one weighted in at eight pounds, three ounces and was holding a silver shuttle! . . . D.C.'s Clay Norment, one of their hard working club members, is expecting a fourth child to join his three little blond daughters

. . . Gordon Lew, who played badminton in Baltimore last season, is back in Boston studying at the New England Conservatory of Music. . . .

The French composer Georges Bizet wrote a miniature masterpiece, Childhood Games, which has been transformed into a Suite for Orchestra. The third part of this work is entitled "Badminton!" . . .

Baltimore Badminton Club has had four players laid up with injuries in recent weeks. Louise Fowler with a very badly cut hand and arm, Beth Sparks with a malady which has left her very weak, Jerrie LaPointe with a torn knee and Bill Cox with a snapped bone in his left wrist. Sounds like a dangerous club to belong to . . . Marilyn Banks Batchelder is planning to start a badminton group at the Y.M.C.A. is her new home town of Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . Ron Palmer of California, and Dee Ann Gideon are making plans for a summer wedding . . . Philadelphia's Roy Reeves stopped in at Baltimore's Gilman Club for a couple of days after the National Capitol tournament.

Bill Saunders, a Baltimorean who helped for many years with that city's junior classes, is now living in New Hampshire and organising a badminton group at the Laconia Y.M.C.A. In an area of approximately twenty miles there are about 100 players. Three-quarters of them are inexperienced but they show a great potential and they hope to run a tournament next year. . . SPORTS ILLUSTRATED is conducting a series of six monthly TV programs on Saturday mornings over WKBK in Chicago. Called SPORTS ILLUSTRATED SPECTACULARS, they deal with Physical Fitness and are designed to show the average family how to keep fit. Among the participants in the second show, on January 18, dealing with Physical Fitness in the Home, were Stan Musial and Billy Pierce for Baseball, Bonnie Prudden for Fitness, gymnast Muriel Davis and, for badminton, Susan and Judy Devlin. . . Dave Freeman seen on a back court coaching his young sons during the Dave Freeman Open. Both boys played in the junior events.

JUNIOR

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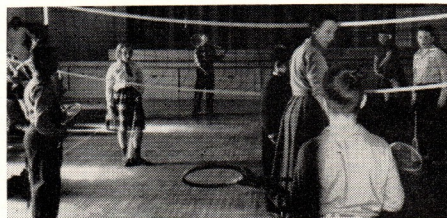
Sidelines from the Eastern Open Junior tournament in Philadelphia in December. Sam Pierson's poker games between matches. . . Muffi Howard's blue "sack" dress attracting a lot of attention. . . Peter Kortman and Janet Ogilvie winning special awards for their cooperation and sportsmanship. . . Stanley Ash winning a special award for traveling the longest distance, from St. Louis, Mo. Stanley showed real promise by upsetting Canada's Bill Campbell in the second round and Len Pleasants in the third round. . . Another upsetter was Betsy Deckert who beat Sandy Loving and Janet Ogilvie. . . Canada's Andy Henderson really enjoying America's square dancing. . . Sharon Pritula rapidly following the footsteps of Judy Devlin by winning all the events she played in. . . The mothers of Danny Root and Ted Hutton agonising during their sons' Under 13 struggle. . . Western New York juniors Jim Lynch and Pat Lord were both triple event winners of the State C tournament. . . Baltimore's Dan Rudy and Faith Ferris are Maryland State "B" Singles winners.

Connecticut has started a "Little League" for juniors. Organized by Lealand Gustavson, the league has seven teams participating—Wilton, Westport (2), Fairfield (2), Milford and Hamden. The boys and girls are in Junior and Senior High Schools and each match consists of four singles, four doubles and two mixed, each team playing four matches. Darien, New Canaan and Norwalk also have junior play but not as yet at the league level. Hugh Forgie and Stig Larsen of the Ice Capades have given assemblies in Fairfield, New Canaan and Westport and have caused a noticeable increase in interest among the juniors.

A change has been suggested for the age limits for junior tournaments. The change proposed is from under 18 (as of October 1) to 18 and under as of the first day of the tournament. The limiting ages would then be 19, 16, and 14 as of the date of the tournament.



Ethel Marshall (far left back row) and Bea Massman (far right back row) with the group of Niagara Falls, N. Y. youngsters whom they teach. Several of their students have won class B & C adult tournaments. Janet Ogilvie is currently the number 1 girl in Western New York.



Helen Gibson of East Norwalk, Connecticut with the group of school children she has started playing badminton. She has had up to eighty children playing during the noon recess. They play five to a side; two front, two back and one at the middle of the center line.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I was interested in reading the editorial in the latest edition of BIRD CHATTER concerning the question of keeping the U. S. Nationals open particularly with reference to your having written to "those who were in the thick of it when the decision was first made in 1953," for their opinions.

As I was the only Director or other interested person present at the Directors meeting in 1953 who voted against opening up our National Tournament, I feel a bit overlooked in not having been contacted.

In any event, if it is of any interest to anyone, I have seen no results during the past four years to change my opinion that the tournament should not have been opened or that it should now return to a closed status.

Sincerely,
Hulet P. Smith

The following was received by Polle Kalle of the District of Columbia from Bill Hussey in Thailand. He played with the D. C. group when transferred to Washington by the Navy and had played with Dave Freeman when they were both stationed in the Canal Zone.

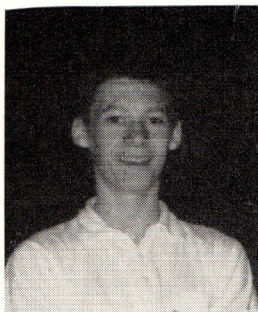
". . . Am writing this to you from a 6,000 foot mountain peak near the Laotian border while camped in a village of the Chieftan of the YAO mountain tribes, a very colorful group of costumed people, most of whom still speak Chinese although out of that country for more than 100 years. . . The chief occupation is raising poppy from which opium is extracted. Am on a three week tour of the troubled Laotian border, mostly on foot. Badminton is a major sport in this country and there is a good chance that it may soon surpass Malaya in the quality of players. I brought Jack Kramer and his tennis players to Bangkok, the greatest gate ever known to Thailand. . .
Bill"

Coast to Coast

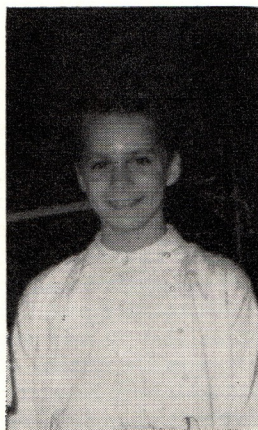
JUNIOR NATIONALS

Among the participants in the Junior Nationals this year will be Puss Prichard of Massachusetts, Jack Keating and Sharon Pritula of Detroit, Cynthia Dryden and Dan Rudy of Baltimore and at least ten boys and girls from Wilmington, Delaware, site of last year's championships. Ted Ebenkemp of California will be the only defending champion. California's top girl player, based on last year's rankings, will be Ann Erkkila.

Entrants in the nationals will be offered a \$10.00 meal ticket for the three days, a tour of the Walt Disney studios and Disneyland, and swimming facilities. Part of the finals may be televised.



Jack Keating, top junior in the Mid-West and Eastern Open winner, a top contender for national honors.



Sharon Pritula who will be defending in the under 15 tournament.

NEW YORK METROPOLITAN

The annual championships of the Metropolitan Badminton Association, together with the overlapping but separate Westchester County tournaments, were played on January 18th and 19th at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. The combined events, but particularly the Westchester County Junior competition, received a gratifying lift in the form of a spectacular turnout of girls from the schools in the county.

As a result of a special program, organized and conducted by the Physical Education teachers, headed by Claire Saunders, Chairman of the Association of Women in Physical Education of New York State (AWPENYS), and Evelyn Rose, more than 125 girls from 11 Westchester schools (7 Senior High Schools and 4 Junior High Schools) showed up to play in an elaborate schedule of inter-school round robins. With 8 or 10 players on each school team, previously ranked and paired by their coaches, 4 separate round robins of doubles play were set up for the Senior High School group, with each girl getting to play a minimum of 6 games; similarly, there were 2 round robins for the Junior High girls. Scoring on the total number of games won, the winners were, respectively: White Plains High School and Mamaroneck Junior High School.

It was quite a thrilling sight to see the 12 courts on the floor of the huge County Center solidly occupied from 10 A.M. until past 1 o'clock on the Saturday morning when the tournaments started, with nearly 100 more girls on the sidelines awaiting their turns. Enthusiasm ran high, and quite a number of the youngsters showed the benefit of some effective coaching. Approximately 30 of the girls stayed after the inter-school competition to play in the Westchester County Junior Tournament.

In sponsoring both the inter-school play and the Junior Tournament and supplying shuttles for these events, the Metropolitan Association is looking to further stimulation of Junior play in the New York area. It is now anticipated that next year's program will involve a considerably longer schedule of play for the Juniors.

PORT ANGELES, WASHINGTON

Three years ago after watching badminton die out slowly, the following members of our small club, Pamela Froude, Frances Burton, Grace Loucks, Wilson Brown and myself, Vern Burton, decided that, rather than kill ourselves playing each other, we would start a small junior group from some of the kids that were hanging around. This is generally the case with juniors. They all would like to do something, but were never asked to participate due to the fact that the limitations set on the field houses and gyms by the various boards did not give the players enough time for themselves, so naturally, no one even gave a thought to sharing it with non-club members. It takes plenty of time and effort to start a junior club; although all active kids are good athletes, hardly any of them can just start without some instructions. There comes the teaching of the game and something to hold their interest.

We started at our Junior High School Gymnasium (3 courts) with 7 kids from 11 years to 14 years of age. Since that time we have grown by leaps and bounds. I would say our registration now would exceed 500, but trying to keep an accurate count is almost impossible because of the new ones that show up every night. We started with one night a week, one dozen shuttles and eleven rackets. We now have 4 nights a week from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., 100 rackets, all the shuttles we can use, all Turnished by the Port Angeles School Board. In addition janitors, etc. are furnished free and we have moved into another gym with 2 courts. This makes a hardship on the local town basketball leagues, as we have every night available in the 2 gyms for the kids and are contemplating another night or two at the new high school gym (4 courts). It is really something to see—every available foot of space is used up with these kids swinging rackets and practicing. You are really taking your life into your hands to walk across the gym.

The business men in town have come through with perpetual trophies, for our yearly county tourna-

ment, and we have a match and return with Victoria, B. C. each year with a perpetual trophy to the winner. We now hold this trophy. In addition, several times during the year we have visitors to give a night of outside instructions and combine this with a pot luck dinner in one of our local churches. Everyone turns out. We take 75 or 80 kids to Victoria, Seattle and anywhere else within limits for a match, and do they look forward to that! In this field we are very versatile, as we can furnish competition from 10 years old to 16 years of age, and we are giving California fair warning—I have two boys 15 years old and one girl 12 years old that we are going to enter in the Nationals.

In each group of kids—we teach them by groups and grades, not ages, we have a competition ladder in each event. This is the best way we find to keep their interest at top peak, plus keeping a little order in the run of events. At the last part of the school year, we have our tournament—A-B-

C Divisions. Last year it took us 9 weeks to play off the preliminaries—every night for 9 weeks. We charge 25¢ each event to the kids to buy the give-away trophies and badges. An interesting side-light is that several of the gym teachers from the daily school classes are now taking instructions in badminton for self-protection, inasmuch as the kids all want to play it at school and are constantly beating their teachers.

Home badminton courts are springing up all over town and the interest in the mothers and fathers is beginning to show up on our regular senior club night.

We teach 4th, 5th and 6 grades from all the schools on Thursday night, 7th, 8th and 9th grades on Monday nights, Senior High School on Tuesday nights and Seniors and Class 'A' Juniors on Wednesday nights.

Believe me, there is nothing I have ever been associated with, and I am 45 years of age and have been playing badminton for 22 of them, that

even comes near to the fun and satisfaction of seeing these kids in action. If you want to get young again by trying to keep up with them, then I suggest you start a junior badminton group. I believe you will find that you never enjoyed badminton before and will come to the conclusion, as we all have, that kids and badminton are really lots of fun.

Vern Burton

Flying Feathers

Detroit juniors Sharon Pritula and Jack Keating appeared playing badminton on the "Mouseketeers," children's TV show . . . Johns Hopkins University's McCollum-Pratt Institute, sub-division of the Biology Department, held a one night elimination badminton tournament last month on their Baltimore campus. Among the fifty-seven entries were professors, graduate students, research assistants and secretaries headed by Dr. William D. McElroy, one of the nation's foremost biologists. Organizer Susan Devlin heartily recommends this type of recreation for all groups, scientists or otherwise!

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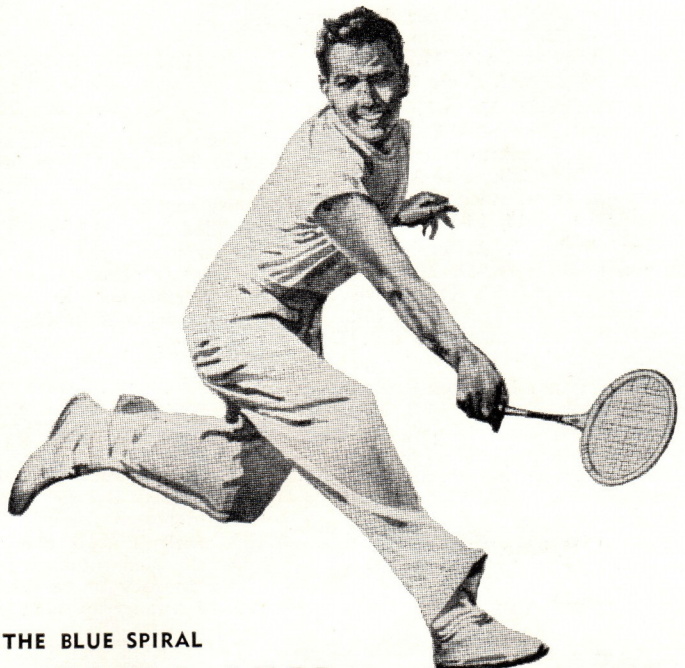
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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

TRI-Y MEET Hamilton, Ontario November 30

The annual Try-Y meet was held in Hamilton, Ontario, Nov. 30 between Hamilton Y, Toronto Broadview Y, and Delaware (N.Y.) Y Badminton Clubs. Prizes were given for best Ladies' Doubles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles matches. The Y having the most winners won a large trophy (each Y put up \$10 towards the cost) to keep for the season. Prizes were awarded to winners, runners-up and consolation winners.

Hamilton Y President—Dino McKee.
Toronto Y President—Robert Cleland.
Delaware Y President—Mary Calder.

WESTERN STATES OPEN Manhattan Beach, Calif. Dec. 6-8

LS—Semi-finals: Joan Gibbs def. Helen Tibbetts 11-3, 5-11, 11-8; Thelma Welcome def. Beulah Armendariz 11-5, 12-11.

Finals: Welcome def. Gibbs 12-10, 11-4.

MS—Semi-finals: Ron Palmer def. Marten Mendez 15-1, 15-3; Jim Poole def. Manuel Armendariz 15-11, 15-12.

Finals: Palmer def. Poole 15-5, 15-9.

LD—Semi-finals: D. Hann-J. Gibbs def. C. Hester-J. Pons 13-15, 18-16, 15-7; T. Welcome-B. Armendariz def. H. Tibbetts-J. McCallum 15-9, 15-5.

Finals: Welcome-Armendariz def. Hann-Gibbs 15-12, 11-15, 15-10.

MD—Semi-finals: J. Alston-M. Armendariz def. B. Berry-D. Mitchell 15-3, 15-5; W. Rogers-M. Hartgrove def. Palmer-F. Knight 2-15, 18-13, 15-8.

Finals: Alston-Armendariz def. Rogers-Hartgrove 15-11, 15-6.

MxD—Semi-finals: J. Alston-C. Davidson def. J. Poole-J. Gibbs 15-2, 15-5; M. Hartgrove-H. Tibbetts def. W. Rogers-J. McCallum 12-15, 15-6, 15-9.

Finals: Hartgrove-Tibbetts def. Alston-Davidson 12-15, 15-7, 15-11.

VetD—Finals: F. Serafin-M. Mendez def. Calvert-E. Helman 15-9, 15-7.

"B" Flight

LS—E. Hankins def. C. O'Grady 11-4, 11-4.

MS—G. Allier def. T. Treloggen 15-8, 15-3.

LD—D. Knight-G. Cogan def. L. Erkkila-A. Erkkila 15-8, 15-9.

MD—C. Randolph-E. Helman def. A. Wilkinson-D. McArthur 15-12, 15-10.

MxD—E. Helman-G. Cogan def. A. Hales-L. Gibbons 15-6, 15-5.

VetD—A. Kirby-K. Wells def. B. Giles-C. Henry (no scores.)



Western Winner Welcome

EASTERN OPEN JUNIOR Phila., Pa. Dec. 27, 28

The place—Wissahickon Badminton Club. The time—December 27 & 28. The event—the annual Junior Eastern Open Tournament.

Philadelphia this year played host to 128 boys and girls from Massachusetts to West Virginia, Illinois to Delaware. A big hand goes to General Chairman Chuck Root and to the adults who came with out-of-town groups and helped out, especially Al Warner, Martin Babb, and Naomi Bender. Thanks goes also to the boys and girls whose excellent conduct was an integral part of the success of the tournament.

Credit for the two best performances goes to Betsy Deckert and Dick Gorman. Betsy defeated the 3rd and 2nd seeded girls each in two games, while Dick, under 15 winner, almost pulled the upset of the tourney by carrying eventual under 18 runner-up Dan Rudy to 5-15, 15-12, 17-15.

Ted Hutton and Sharon Pritula had little trouble in under 13 competition, but Sharon barely edged Puss Prichard in the under 15 level. Puss and Patsy Hitchens showed clear superiority in the doubles in the under 15 group.

UNDER 18

GS—Semi-finals: Cynthia Dryden def. Mimi Knight 11-4, 11-2; Betsy Deckert def. Janet Ogilvie 12-10, 11-9.

Finals: Dryden def. Deckert 11-5, 11-0.
BS—Semi-finals: Jack Keating def. Dave Frost (Can.) 15-11, 15-8; Dan Rudy def. Stanley Ash 15-12, 15-10.

Finals: Keating def. Rudy 15-5, 15-10.
GD—Semi-finals: C. Dryden-J. Ogilvie def. Fortin-Arnold 15-1, 15-3; P. Hitchens-S. Loving def. M. Knight-Johnson 15-5, 15-0.

Finals: Dryden-Ogilvie def. Hitchens-Loving 15-4, 15-6.

BD—Semi-finals: D. Frost-B. Campbell (Can.) def. S. Ash-LeFranc 15-8, 15-9; D. Rudy-J. Keating def. T. Henderson-Wade 15-3, 17-14.

Finals: Frost-Campbell def. Rudy-Keating 11-15, 15-4, 15-11.

MxD—Semi-finals: D. Rudy-C. Dryden def. T. Martin-P. Prichard 15-10, 17-16; J. Keating-S. Pritula def. L. Pleasant-J. Ogilvie 15-2, 15-8.

Finals: Keating-Pritula def. Rudy-Dryden 17-15, 15-5.

UNDER 15

GS—S. Pritula def. Penny Prichard 11-2, 6-11, 11-9.

BS—Dick Gorman def. Ted Martin 12-15, 15-3, 15-11.

GD—P. Hitchens-P. Prichard def. Sawyer-Coffin 15-10, 15-3.

BD—T. Martin-D. Gorman def. McCallum-Wade 15-7, 18-17.

UNDER 13

GS—Sharon Pritula def. Nancy Sawyer 11-0, 11-1.

BS—Ted Hutton def. Don Root 15-5, 15-10.

SAN FRANCISCO OPEN MEN'S SINGLES December 29

This one-event tourney in Men's Singles was declared a success. There were some very exciting matches and earnest struggles to get to the final. On one side of the semi-final John Pomeroy had to fight hard to keep Jerry Eickerberger from taking the second game which Jerry was leading by a wide margin. Jerry's few mistakes towards the end of the second game gave encouragement to John. On the other side of the semi-final the youthfulness and persistent play of Jim Hackler forced John Poong to give in by default although Poong was leading on points in the second game. Because of the success of this experiment John Poong and his friends are planning to hold regular one-event tourneys every 6 to 8 weeks in different events.

Semi-finals: John Pomeroy Jr. def. Jerry Eickerberger 15-8, 15-12; Jim Hackler def. John Poong 15-12, 4-9, default

Finals: J. Pomeroy def. J. Hackler 15-8, 15-6

**SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN
INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT**

**Kalamazoo, Michigan
January 5**

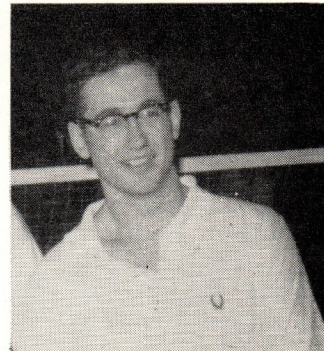
- LS**—Semi-finals: Carolyn Arnold def. Gloria Eli 11-1, 11-5; Eve Stockton def. Janette McKinley 12-10, 11-0.
Finals: Arnold def. Stockton 11-6, 11-7.
- MS**—Semi-finals: Roy Nusbaum def. Bob Croxton 15-6, 15-1; Lee Koopsen def. Harold Nusbaum 15-3, 15-5.
Finals: R. Nusbaum def. Koopsen 15-2, 15-7.
- LD**—Semi-finals: C. Arnold-E. Stockton def. V. Rundell-D. Bund 15-5, 15-3; P. Cliff-A. Alrink def. J. McKinley-G. Eli 11-15, 15-12, 15-7.
Finals: Arnold-Stockton def. Cliff-Alrink 15-8, 15-0.
- MD**—Semi-finals: R. and H. Nusbaum def. P. Terryberry-E. Freeman 5-15; 15-8, 15-8; L. Koopsen-E. Pratt def. B. Croxton-R. Bund 15-5, 15-2.
Finals: Koopsen-Pratt def. R. and H. Nusbaum 15-9, 11-15, 15-11.
- MxD**—Semi-finals: C. Arnold-B. Croxton def. D. Bund-A. Rundell 12-15, 15-4, 17-14; J. and L. Koopsen def. H. Stevenson-E. Freeman 15-7, 15-8.
Finals: Arnold-Croxton def. J. and L. Koopsen 6-15, 15-4, 15-9.

**STRATHGOWAN INTERNATIONAL
INVITATION**

**Toronto, Canada
Jan. 6-12**

The 1958 Strathgowan Tournament was perhaps second only in calibre to the Canadian national championships in the men's play due to the fact that the Canadian Thomas Cup Squad were engaged in trials all during the week and these top men then competed in the tournament. Vancouver's Dave McTaggart, Canadian Champion, and Bert Fergus made the trip east to vie for places on the team with players from the Toronto and Montreal areas. CBA President Hilles Pickens and Thomas Cup Coach Stan Cutts were present along with Dick Birch of the host town, and had arranged several new combinations for the doubles event. Toronto's Jim Carnwath showed astounding improvement over last season's form to overcome Fergus, Bev Wescott and McTaggart and latch on firmly to a Thomas Cup berth. Marten Semple of Toronto displayed remarkable speed and stamina to take a game from McTaggart. He had previously defeated Buffalo's Bob Williams.

The men's doubles produced several three game matches but no outstanding team. Ireland's Frank Peard provided still more international flavor to the event and played in the doubles events only. Among the U. S. players were the Pritula family, Fred Trifanoff, Bruce Bedford and Jack Keating of Detroit as well as several others, including Boston's Wayne Schell. Sixteen year old Jack Keating lost by 15-10, 15-8 scores to Toronto's Peter Ferguson.



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The results:

- LS**—Semi-finals: J. Devlin (U.S.) def. Dorothy Tinline 11-1, 11-0. Marj Shedd def. S. Devlin (U.S.) 1-11, 11-2, 11-5. Finals: J. Devlin def. Shedd 11-3, 11-3
- MS**—Semi-finals: Dave McTaggart def. Marten Semple 11-15, 15-5, 15-0. Jim Carnwath def. Bev Wescott 15-11, 5-15, 15-11. Finals: Carnwath def. McTaggart 9-15, 15-11, 15-6.
- LD**—Semi-finals: E. Marshall-B. Massman (U.S.) def. D. Tinline-P. Smith 15-2, 15-2. J. Devlin-S. Devlin (U.S.) def. M. Shedd-J. Hennessey 15-5, 15-5. Finals: Devlin-Devlin def. Marshall-Massman 15-3, 15-4.
- MD**—Semi-finals: D. Smythe-B. Fergus def. J. Carnwath-B. Porter 4-15, 15-10, 15-0; D. McTaggart-D. Sebben def. B. Purcell-B. Wescott 15-10, 15-12. Finals: Smythe-Fergus def. McTaggart-Sebben 15-10, 8-15, 15-12.
- MxD**—Semi-finals: E. Marshall-B. Williams (U.S.) def. J. Miller-D. Sebben 15-3, 15-9; J. Devlin-J. Carnwath def. S. Devlin-F. Peard 17-16, 15-11. Finals: Marshall-Williams def. Devlin-Carnwath 15-9, 15-12.
- VetD**—B. Traquair-E. Stafford (U.S.) def. J. Wallis-Tomlinson 15-7, 15-9.

RHODE ISLAND OPEN DOUBLES

Warwick, R.I.

January 18

The 7th Annual R.I. Open badminton tournament was a huge success. We had a very good entry and plenty of exciting matches, the best of which was the final mixed doubles which pitted Margaret Varner and Bob Bachman, playing sides, against Wayne Schell and Rosine Capehart. Great teamwork in the last two sets plus Margaret's nearly errorless defensive play and Bachman's energy overcame the brilliant play of Wayne. (Rosine didn't get too many chances to hit the bird in the last two games.)

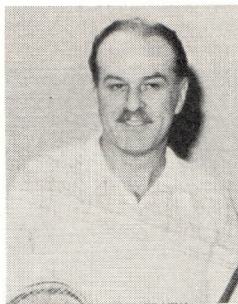
In men's doubles the third seeded team of Ken Kost and Bunky Roche overpowered all opposition in their march to the title. Quarter-final matches were the tight ones, with Cooper and Goodman being one point from defeat in the second game of their match with Seavey and Fullin. The Irish Thomas Cupper Frank Peard played well and moves—covering a great amount of court. He and Bob Loughheed made a fine combination but didn't have enough guns for the winners.

Doris DeLord and Rosine Capehart played extremely well throughout the tournament, but in the finals Margaret Varner and Dottie O'Neil were too strong.

K. R.

- LD**—Semi-finals: M. Varner-D. O'Neil def. P. Fehm-M. J. Smith 15-1, 15-5; D. DeLord-R. Capehart def. S. Mans-H. Gibson 15-8, 15-9. Finals: Varner-O'Neil def. DeLord-Capehart 15-10, 15-10.
- MD**—Semi-finals: F. Peard-B. Loughheed (4) def. J. Cooper-B. Goodman (1) 15-13, 15-7; K. Kost-B. Roche (3) def. N. Fehm-H. Quinn (2) 15-8, 15-10. Finals: Kost-Roche def. Peard-Loughheed 15-12, 15-9.

- MxD**—Semi-finals: W. Schell-R. Capehart (1) def. N. and P. Fehm (4) 18-16, 18-15; B. Backman-M. Varner def. H. Quinn-D. O'Neil (3) 15-5, 15-10. Finals: Backman-Varner def. Schell-Capehart 3-15, 15-9, 17-14.



Connecticut's Bob Longheed, Rhode Island finalist with Frank Peard.

WESTERN NEW YORK "B" AND "C" Niagara Falls, N. Y.

January 18

"C"

- LS**—Pat Lord def. Marilyn Claydon 11-8, 12-11.
- MS**—Jim Lynch def. Jack Wendall 15-4, 15-6.
- LD**—P. Lord-M. J. Nowak def. Kosin-H. Kwiatkowski 15-3, 15-10.
- MD**—B. Levin-J. Lynch def. D. Meyers-M. Schottin 9-15, 15-13, 15-10.
- MxD**—J. Lynch-P. Lord def. J. Hackett-M. J. Nowak 15-9, 15-5.

"B"

- MS**—Bob Rice def. A. Raynes 15-1, 15-11.
- LD**—J. Wojtas-R. Barody def. M. Calder-G. G. Siebold 15-5, 15-7.
- MD**—M. Garver-B. Hein def. J. Lynch-J. Dicarlo 15-7, 11-15, 15-12.
- MxD**—B. Hein-R. Barody def. B. Rice-J. Wojtas 15-5, 5-15, 18-14.

NEW YORK METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

White Plains, N. Y.

January 18-19

- MS**—Jarrett defeated Bradford 15-14, 15-9.
- MD**—Hammell-Monnett def. Stanton-Terpak.
- MxD**—Daume-Daume def. Kerr-Strathdee.
- VetD**—Daume-Scheck def. Stanton-Terpak
- "B"
- MS**—Honegger defeated Kenny
- MD**—Carr-Sadd def. Weinman-Rae.
- MxD**—Honegger-Hussard def. Rae-Coumbe

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

- MS**—Jarrett defeated Sampers
- MD**—Jarrett-Macdonald def. Sampers-Edgill
- LD**—Wilk-Storm def. Coumbe-Strathdee
- MxD**—Sampers-Wilk def. Marx-Strathdee.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY JR.

GIRLS

- GS**—Fox defeated Grossman
- GD**—Bitte-Doern def. Verbays-Newman

INTER STATE ROUND ROBIN

Marblehead, Mass.

Jan. 25

Unfortunately Connecticut and Maryland were not able to field their strongest teams for the inauguration of what is hoped will be an annual fixture for east coast players. Massachusetts overpowered all opposition to capture the round robin series. Members of the victorious team were Don O'Callaghan, Bob Warren, Wayne Schell, Bob Wright, Bill Goodman, Phil Blanchard, Norma Slauer, and Shirley Mans.

The results:

- Massachusetts 7, Connecticut 1.
- Massachusetts 7, Maryland 1.
- Connecticut 7, Maryland 1.



Bob Wright, member of victorious Massachusetts team.

ILLINOIS OPEN

Glencoe, Illinois

January 25-26

- LS**—Semi-finals: Abbie Rutledge (1) def. Thelma Burdick (4) 11-5, 11-9; Bea Maré (3) def. McGregor Stewart (2) 11-0, 4-11, 11-9. Finals: Rutledge def. Maré (score not received).
- MS**—Semi-finals: Fred Trifanoff (1) def. Dick Root (4) 11-15, 15-5, 15-6; Ted Moehlmann (2) def. B. Bedford (3) 15-5, 15-4. Finals: Moehlmann def. Trifanoff 15-9, 15-6.
- LD**—Semi-finals: Eleanor Coombs-T. Burdick (1) def. Betty Newman-Norma Pritula (4) 15-11, 15-1; B. Maré-Mildred Sirwaites (3) def. A. Rutledge-M. Stewart (2) 15-10, 13-18, 15-7. Finals: Maré-Sirwaites def. Coombs-Burdick 7-15, 15-10, 15-12.
- MD**—Semi-finals: Bill Anderson-Vic Pritula (1) def. T. Moehlmann-Jerry Walker 15-11, 15-11; Earl Boston-Jim Wigglesworth (2) def. B. Bedford-F. Trifanoff (3) 15-8, 9-15; 15-2. Finals: Anderson-Pritula def. Boston-Wigglesworth 15-11, 15-11.
- MxD**—Semi-finals: E. Coombs-E. Boston (1) def. M. Sirwaites-Wayne Shepard (4) 15-8, 15-11; A. Rutledge-T. Moehlmann (3) def. Mary Conner-B. Anderson (2) 11-15, 15-7, 15-4. Finals: Rutledge-Moehlmann def. Coombs-Boston 15-6, 12-15, 15-4.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE "C"

Boston, Mass.
January 24-26

- LS**—Puss Prichard def. Mary Jane Hagan 11-6, 11-7.
MS—Dave Sime def. Richard Gorman 5-15, 15-10, 15-4.
LD—Kay Costa-Joan Ridolfi def. Ann Potter-Joyce Brown 15-10, 8-15, 15-9.
MD—Heu Sherrard-Heimer Niit def. D. Gorman-D. Sime 15-5, 15-8.
MxD—K. Costa-Dave Gale def. Terry Franchi-H. Niit 7-15, 15-13, 15-11.

WILMINGTON LADIES DOUBLES

Wilmington, Del.
February 1

Four very close matches were the highlights of the third annual Wilmington Ladies Doubles Round Robin Tournament in which each team played every other team one 21 point game. The upset of the tournament was the defeat of the newly formed team of Dot O'Neil and Shirley Mans by McGregor Stewart and Cynthia Dryden 21-20, which proved to be the decisive point between the second and third positions in the final tally. Dot and Shirley lost another "heartbreaker" to Rosine Capehart and Doris DeLord 21-19.

All the profits of the tournament were turned over to the Uber Cup Fund. The Wilmington Sporting Goods Company generously supplied the shuttles.

The results:

1. Susan Devlin-Judy Devlin 147.
2. Doris DeLord-Rosine Capehart 136.
3. Shirley Mans-Dot O'Neil 135.
4. Cynthia Dryden-McGregor Stewart 125.
5. Barbara Prince-Mildred Riggio 110.
6. Rita Harney-Marilyn O'Neill 90.
7. Naomi Bender-Judy Peiffer 82.
8. Virginia Ball-Pat Cornell 67.

MARYLAND STATE

Baltimore, Md.
Feb. 3-8

"B" flight

- LS**—Faith Ferris def. Betsy Deckert 11-9, 11-8
MS—Dan Rudy def. Bob Merrick 15-11, 15-0
LD—F. Ferris-J. France def. F. Marshall-E. Dryden 15-2, 15-13
MD—T. Gaudreau-B. Sadtler def. E. Dunning-J. Mellin 18-13, 15-11
MxD—J. Tischinger-B. Talley def. J. France-E. Dunning 15-12, 15-8
"C" Flight
LS—Faith Ferris def. Jackie Otto 15-3, 15-0
MS—John Snead def. John Stinson 15-4, 15-3
LD—Connie Gowen-Alice Gowen def. F. Marshall-E. Dryden 15-11, 15-10
MD—T. Gaudreau-B. Sadtler def. T. Harrison-E. Smith 15-7, 15-8
MxD—C. Dryden-J. Snead def. E. Dryden-E. Smith 15-12, 15-11

NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington D. C.
February 7-9

Canadians dominated the men's singles in the 15th National Capital tournament. Bill Bonney of Montreal showed that he plays his best when under pressure, coming from behind in two close matches to win the tournament. In a semi-final match against Dick Ball of Baltimore, which proved to be the feature match of the tournament, he was down one game and survived two match birds in the second to go on to win. After this remarkable exhibition of concentration and conditioning, he went on to pull out the final against fellow-Canadian Hal Moody in another fine match. Hal won the first game 15-12, and, after a close second game which went to Bill 15-13, Hal seemed to lose concentration, losing the third rather quickly. Hal reached the final by defeating the number one-seeded American, and Midwest Champion Fred Trifanoff.

Judy Devlin again proved her complete mastery of the women's field. Shirley Mans, now an instructor at Wellesley College, lost to Judy in the semi-finals, while Dottie O'Neil had a fine win over Sue Devlin.

The ladies' doubles semi-finals produced two good matches, as Dottie O'Neil and Shirley Mans carried Rosine Capehart and Doris Delord to three games, and Charlotte Decker and Helen Gibson made a fine showing in the first game against Judy and Sue.

The best match in the men's doubles featured two Washington players, Spencer Davis and Paul Buskey, who scored a quarter-final upset victory over Bill Bonney and Hal Moody, only to lose in the semi-final to Clint Stephens and Bart Harvey. The other semi-final saw two fine doubles players, Wayne Schell and Noel Fehm, playing together for the first time. They played well in losing to an experienced team of Bunky Roche and Dick Ball. The final between two Baltimore pairs was somewhat one-sided.

J. S.

The results:

- LS**—Semi-finals: Judy Devlin (1) def. Shirley Mans 11-3, 11-1; Dot O'Neil def. Susan Devlin (2) 11-8, 11-9.
Finals: Devlin def. O'Neil 11-1, 11-0.
MS—Semi-finals: Harold Moody (2F) def. Fred Trifanoff (1) 15-12, 15-9; Bill Bonney (1F) def. Dick Ball (2)

9-15, 17-16, 15-10.

Finals: Bonney def. Moody 12-15, 15-13, 15-1.

LD—Semi-finals: Susan & Judy Devlin (1) def. Charlotte Decker-Helen Gibson 18-14, 15-1; Rosine Capehart-Doris DeLord (2) def. Dot O'Neil-Shirley Mans 15-8, 4-15, 15-9.

Finals: Susan & Judy Devlin def. Capehart-DeLord 15-7, 15-10.

MD—Semi-finals: Dick Ball-Bunky Roche (1) def. Wayne Schell-Noel Fehm 18-15, 15-7; Clint Stephens-Barton Harvey def. Spencer Davis-Paul Buskey (2) 15-7, 15-12. Finals: Ball-Roche def. Stephens-Harvey 15-5, 15-2.

MxD—Semi-finals: Judy Devlin-Bunky Roche (1) def. Peggy & Noel Fehm 18-13, 17-16. Susan Devlin-Dick Ball (2) def. Rosine Capehart-Wayne Schell 15-9, 8-15, 15-13. Finals: J. Devlin-Roche def. S. Devlin-Ball 15-4, 15-5.

ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Feb. 8-10

Scores not received.

- LS**—Marj Shedd def. Dorothy Tinline.
MS—Jim Carnwath def. Bev Wescott.
LD—Shedd-J. Hennessey def. A. Ransom-E. Haymes.
MD—B. Purcell-D. Sebben def. B. Porter-B. Wescott, 3 games.
MxD—M. Shedd-B. Purcell def. E. Haymes-D. Sebben.

ATLANTA ATHLETIC CLUB CHPS.

Atlanta, Georgia
Feb. 12-15

- MS**—James Taylor III def. Robert Johnson, score not given.
MD—C. Mitchell-Patton def. Braswell-A. Hardin 15-5, 15-6.
VetD—C. Mitchell-Patton def. McGhee-Rocker 15-5, 15-8.

CAMARGO INVITATIONAL

Cincinnati, Ohio
Feb. 15-16

- LS**—Bea Maré def. Norma Pritula 11-0, 11-1.
MS—Fred Trifanoff def. Bruce Bedford 18-14, 9-15, 18-13.
LD—T. Burdick-E. Coombs def. B. Newman-B. Maré 18-15, 15-7.
MD—E. Boston-J. Wigglesworth def. B. Anderson-V. Pritula 10-15, 15-8, 15-8.
MxD—M. Connor-B. Anderson def. E. Coombs-E. Boston 15-9, 15-10.
VetD—H. Drewry-H. Perkins def. R. Nusbaum-G. Geever 17-15, 14-17, 15-11.

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