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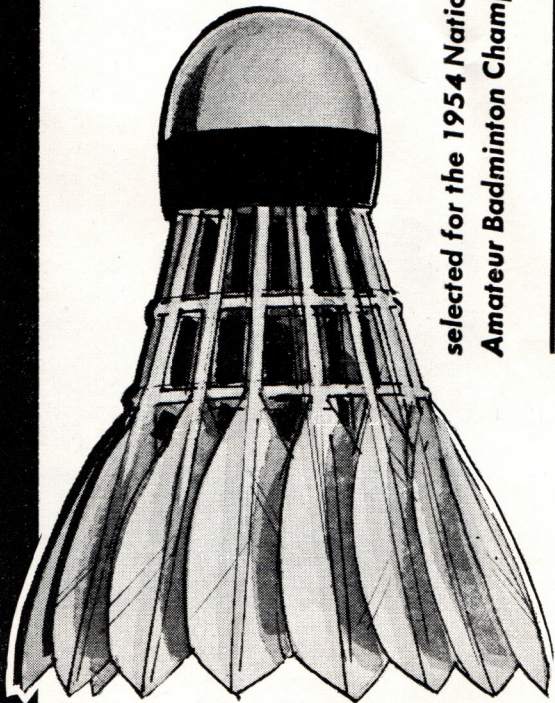
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EDITORIAL

What has happened to our Junior Nationals? At last report there was no National chairman and no site for the 1959 Nationals. For the last twelve years we have had a healthy junior set-up starting with the first Junior National in 1947. What has happened to the interest and how can we hope to encourage the youngsters without some form of National competition? Eight former national champions played in one single tournament in December and many other former champions have done well in senior competition. One former champion was a member of the 1958 Thomas Cup Team. We need the junior players just as much as they need us. Let's be sure we have a National Tournament for them this year.

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While on the subject of National Championships it is interesting to note that five Asian players are expected to compete in the National Open in Detroit. Tan Joe Hock of Indonesia was undefeated in Thomas Cup singles during the last contest. Among his victims were Eddie Choong, Finn Kobbero, Erland Kops, Charoan Watnasin and Teh Kew San. Joe Hock is the present Indonesian Champion. Teh Kew San and Lim Say Hup of Malaya are young and extremely good players. Kew San is Malaya's top singles player while Say Hup is Number One doubles with Johnny Heah. Together they held the Malayan Open doubles in 1957 and Say Hup is the current mixed doubles champion.

Charoan Watnasin and Kamol Sudthivanich were members of the Thailand Thomas Cup Team. Watnasin has wins over Ron Palmer, and Jim Poole and is the current Malayan Open singles titleholder. Together these two hold the Malayan Open doubles. Kamol is the top Siamese

doubles player and with his partner had a win over Joe Alston and Wynn Rogers in the Thomas Cup Tie with Thailand. He is also four times holder of the doubles championship of Thailand. This will be the first appearance on this continent for any of these players, with the exception of the Canadian Open in which they will compete the week before our Nationals.

Canada will undoubtedly have many representatives in Detroit for it is within reasonable travelling distance for many players. All this talent from Asia and our own continent should produce another Championship of extremely high calibre.

The Honorary Chairmen for the 1959 Nationals make an imposing list. We are very honored to have among the list six ambassadors of foreign nations, the Governor of Michigan and the Mayor of Detroit. The fourteen members of the honorary tournament committee for the Detroit Nationals are: H. E. Prince Aly Khan, Pakistan Ambassador to the U.S.; H. E. Norman A. Robertson, Ambassador for Canada; H. E. Sir Harold Caccia, Ambassador for Great Britain; H. E. Count Knuth-Winterfeldt, Ambassador for Denmark; H. E. Thanat Khohman, Ambassador for Thailand; H. E. Moe-karto Notowidigdo, Ambassador for Indonesia; the Honorable G. Mennon Williams, Governor of Michigan; the Honorable Louis C. Miriani, Mayor of Detroit; Col. Edward P. F. Eagan, Harold F. Moor and Charles Wilson of the People-to-People Committee; Bert H. Wicking of the Grosse Pointe School Board; Hilles Pickens, President of the Canadian Badminton Association and Warren Booth, President of the Detroit News.

I.B.F.

The International Badminton Federation Handbook for 1958-'59 contains the listings of the details and championship records of the thirty-seven national badminton organizations which are affiliated with the I.B.F. This includes the winners of every national championship in every event since the inception of that particular championship. There are action and still photos of the top players of the world and several historical articles, including one on the founding of the International Badminton Federation, by Sir George Thomas, and the First Twenty-five Years by H.A.E. Scheele.

The entire Thomas Cup and Uber Cup scores, from all contests, are entered as well as the laws of badminton. The handbook may be obtained direct from the I.B.F., 4 Madeira Avenue, Bromley, Kent, England or from the ABA Secretary, Kenneth Macdonald, 54 Sagamore Road, Bronxville 8, New York.

England

The English Invitation is comparable to a closed championship of that country. Only the top players in the country are invited to play and upon the results of this tournament depend the selection of the English Team for all International Matches this season.

In the singles Heather Ward defeated Mrs. Iris Rogers 11-2, 12-10 and Tony Jordan defeated Hugh Findlay 15-9, 15-7. The major upset of the tournament was the defeat of perennial ladies' doubles winners Iris Rogers and June Timperley by Heather Ward and Barbara Carpenter 17-16 in the third game. John Best and Tony Jordan and June Timperley and Tony Jordan were the title holders in the other two events. England plays Scotland in January, Ireland in February and Denmark and Sweden in March. (B.C.)

England has filed a challenge in the European zone for the Uber Cup Contest in 1959-'60. (BADMINTON GAZETTE)

Czechoslovakia

I am very glad to say that by now badminton has got a definite foothold in Czechoslovakia. We have devoted all the summer months to make badminton popular as a recreational game for all holiday resorts, spas, swimming places, moto-camps, etc. Since September we have started competitions not only in Prague, but also at Brno (capital of Moravia) and Bratislava (capital of Slovakia). From now on inter-club competitions are planned in Prague for all Sundays throughout the whole season, with the exception of terms reserved for children, juniors and seniors championships of Prague and other official events. The teams in our competitions comprise 4 men and 2 ladies playing altogether 11 matches.

J. Benes

Word has been received that Finn Kobbero and Palle Granlund have been banned from International competition by the Danish Badminton Association for conduct in Malaya during the time of the Thomas Cup Ties in June. This means that Finn will be unable to defend the two titles he holds in the U. S. Open.

Los Angeles *Evening Mirror News*.
Tuesday, November 11, 1958.

Guy S. Miller of Reseda the other day returned an overdue book, "Badminton for All" by J. F. Devlin, to the L. A. City College Library. He found it while going through some old things at home. It was due back May 29, 1942. At 2 cents a day, 30 days a month, 16 years and five months overdue he figures the fine would be \$118.20. He hopes the library won't be severe with him. In between he served in the Marine corps and became a teacher. . . .

Matt Weinstock

To the Editor of BIRD CHATTER:

I enjoyed reading in your first issue the fine account of the highly successful Badminton Tour of Europe, which was organized by yourself and the Kolles. It is most gratifying to learn that this unique venture was considered a great success by all of the travelers and a fine contribution to international good will. The officers of the A.B.A. are delighted that the tour came off so well and that it inspired the enthusiastic comments reproduced in BIRD CHATTER, and they congratulate all who worked long and hard on the organization and conduct of the tour.

It has been a matter of regret for the A.B.A. officers that the Association could not formally sponsor the tour, to the extent of being an official party to the planning. Unfortunately, some misunderstanding of the Association's position resulted because the proposed flight charter contract was not submitted to the A.B.A. until April, at which time arrangements for the tour were already well advanced and a sizeable number of people had already signed up for the trip. Government regulations, as contained in the proposed air charter contract, would have involved the Association in the assumption of substantial financial obligations to which we could not possibly commit ourselves. In spite of the efforts of our best legal minds to find a way which might permit the Association to get behind the tour officially, it was regretfully concluded that A.B.A. support of the project could comprise no more than our blessings and good wishes.

In view of the obvious success of the venture, it is apparent that this type of tour has a real appeal for quite a number of individuals. Although the A.B.A. (until it gets stronger and richer) cannot sponsor such a venture to the extent of being a signatory to a flight charter contract, the Association is prepared to give encouragement and its "blessing" to the efforts of organizers of tours of this type which may be planned in the future.

Sincerely,

EDWIN S. JARRETT
President, A. B. A.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Jan. 9-11	Strathgowan Invitation, Toronto, Canada	Feb. 14-15	Dave Freeman Open, San Diego, Calif.	Mar. 20-21	Connecticut State "A".
Jan. 16-17	Seattle City, Seattle, Wash.	Feb. 21-22	Niagara Falls C.C. Tournament, Niagara Falls, N. Y.	Mar. 20-21	T.A.A.F. Tournament, Waco, Texas
Jan. 16-18	SCMAF Junior, Huntington Park, Calif.	Feb. 28-Mar. 1	New England Open, Boston, Mass.	Mar. 20-22	Mass. State "A", Boston, Mass.
Jan. 17	Rhode Island Open, Warwick, R. I.	Feb. 28-Mar. 1	Ohio Open, Shaker Heights, Ohio	Mar. 25-28	Canadian Open Cham- pionships, Quebec City, Canada
Jan. 17-18	Metropolitan A, B, C, White Plains N. Y.	Mar. 6-7	Louisiana Open, Natchitoches, La.	Mar. 27-29	Maryland State, Baltimore, Md.
Jan. 19-24	Maryland State "C", Baltimore, Md.	Mar. 6-8	California State, Burbank, Calif.	Mar. 28-29	Tedesco Mixed Doubles A-B, Tedesco, Mass.
Jan. 30-Feb. 1	Massachusetts State "C", Winchester, Mass.	Mar. 6-8	Connecticut State "B".	April 1-4	UNITED STATES NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS, Detroit, Mich.
Feb. 6-7	Delaware Valley District "B", Philadelphia, Pa.	Mar. 6-8	Washington State Open, Seattle, Wash.	April 11-12	San Diego Closed "B-C", San Diego, Calif.
Feb. 6-8	National Capitol Cham- pionships, Washington, D. C.	Mar. 6-8	Mason-Dixon Open, Baltimore, Md.	April 18-19	Conoco Open, Ponca City, Oklahoma
Feb. 13-14	Delaware Valley District "A", Philadelphia, Pa.	Mar. 7	Mass. State 18-and- Under, Boston, Mass.	May 15-17	27th Annual Southern California Open, Long Beach, Calif.
Feb. 13-15	Massachusetts State "B", Boston, Mass.	Mar. 13-15	Middle Atlantic Cham- pionships, Phila., Pa.		
Feb. 13-15	Connecticut State "C".	Mar. 19-20	Western Intercollegiate, Waco, Texas		



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There will be seven final events; the women's and men's singles and doubles, women's and men's senior doubles, and mixed doubles. The champion of each event will be the winner of two out of three games. The minimum aggregate number of points which normally can be scored is 202, and the maximum is 699.

The individual most correctly estimating the aggregate number of points played in all final events will receive the 1959 Thunderbird. Twelve badminton racquets will be awarded the next twelve closest estimates. In case more than one person submits the same most correct estimate, the winner will be determined by a draw between those giving the same estimate. The draw will be held immediately after the conclusion of the final event.

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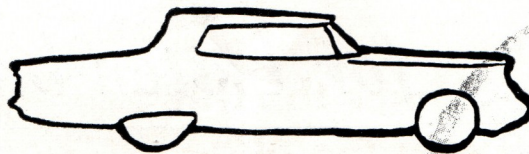
The Badminton Clubs throughout the United States and Canada are being asked to cooperate in the distribution of tickets. Each group or indi-

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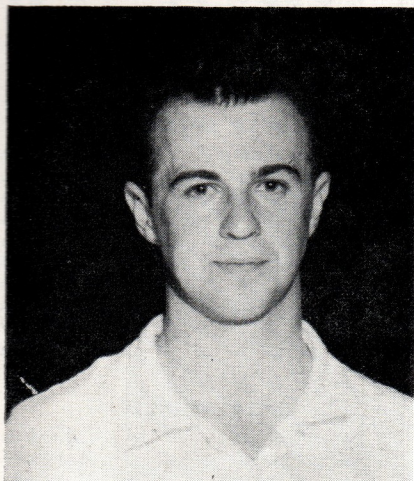
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California's Mike Hartgrove looks like the man to watch this year. His tournament record already this season is most impressive. He has won over Poole, Berry, Armendariz and Mitchell, who are ranked nationally 2 through 5\$.

IN RETROSPECT

On reading through BIRD CHATTER, January-February, 1949.

In the 11th Annual Westport Men's Doubles, one of the most exciting matches was the final between

Dick Yaeger-Ed. Shields and Wayne Schell-Bob Wright, won by the former pair. Fred Fullin and Ken Kost nearly upset the winners in the semi-finals.

Ten years later, Dick Yeager, now living in Seattle, was a member of the BIRD CHATTER European Tour this summer; Wayne Schell, Bob Wright and Ken Kost competed in the 21st Westport Doubles; Fred Fullin is still active in tournament play, but little has been heard from Ed Shields recently.

Also in 1949, photos of the Third Annual Burbank Open showed Ronnie Palmer, Jeanne Pons and Lois Smedley (now Alston). The Manhattan Beach tourney photos included one of Helen Tibbetts, Wynn Rogers, Dottie Hann, Thelma Scovil (now Welcome) and Ted Jarrett. In the New Rochelle, N. Y., Mixed Doubles were Wanda Bergman and Eda Daume. In Texas, upsets in the men's events marked the finals of the T.A.A.F. tournament. Jasper Garland defeated Eugene Tenney and Hap Horn and Nick Roberts defeated Garland and Tenney. In the other events Margaret Varner defeated

Abbie Rutledge, Varner-Rutledge defeated Dorothy Lander and Kay Mitchell, and Lander and Roberts defeated Thelma and Roy Harrison. In Baltimore, Howard Holman and Charlotte Decker captured the Gilman Invitation mixed doubles over Joel Baker and Polly Thompson (now Kolle).

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- Bill Berry California
- Manuel Armendariz California
- Dick Mitchell California
- Don Davis Washington
- Mike Hartgrove California
- Dick Ball Maryland
- Michael Roche Maryland
- John Leib California
- Honorable Mention
Ted Moehlmann Missouri
Fred Trifonoff Michigan

LADIES' SINGLES

- Judy Devlin Maryland
- Dorothy O'Neil Connecticut
- Susan Devlin Maryland
- Thelma Welcome California
- Beulah Armendariz California
- Helen Tibbetts California
- Shirley Mans Massachusetts
- McGregor Stewart Maryland
- Abbie Rutledge Indiana
- Joan Gibbs California
- Honorable Mention
Norma Slauer Massachusetts
Mildred Sirwaitis Michigan

LADIES' DOUBLES

- J. Devlin Maryland
- S. Devlin Maryland
- E. Marshall New York
- B. Massman New York
- R. Capehart New York
- D. DeLord New York
- T. Welcome California
- B. Armendariz California
- J. Gibbs California
- D. Hann California
- J. McCallum California
- H. Tibbetts California
- A. Rutledge Indiana
- M. Stewart Maryland
- C. Hester California
- J. Pons California
- T. Burdick Illinois
- E. Coams Illinois
- M. Mare Indiana
- M. Sirwaitis Michigan
- Honorable Mention
C. Decker District of Columbia
S. Mans Massachusetts

MEN'S DOUBLES

- J. Alston California
- W. Rogers California
- M. Armendariz California
- M. Hartgrove California
- R. Palmer California
- F. Knight California
- R. Ball Maryland
- M. Roche Maryland
- R. Mitchell California
- W. Berry California
- W. Anderson Michigan
- V. Pritula Michigan
- E. Boston Illinois
- J. Wigglesworth Illinois
- D. Davis Washington
- N. Johnson Washington
- C. Stephens Maryland
- B. Harvey Maryland
- B. Bedford Michigan
- F. Trifonoff Michigan
- Honorable Mention
N. Fehon Connecticut
H. Quinn Connecticut

MIXED DOUBLES

- R. Williams New York
- E. Marshall New York
- H. Hartgrove California
- H. Tibbetts California
- M. & B. Armendariz California
- M. Roche Maryland
- H. Gibson Connecticut
- R. Ball Maryland
- S. Devlin Maryland
- W. Schell Massachusetts
- R. Capehart New York
- T. Moehlmann Missouri
- A. Rutledge Indiana
- W. Anderson Michigan
- M. Connor Michigan
- E. Boston Illinois
- E. Coams Illinois
- W. Rogers California
- J. McCallum California
- Honorable Mention
C. Stephens Maryland
P. Stephens Maryland

SENIOR DOUBLES

- W. Schell Massachusetts
- R. Wright Massachusetts
- M. Mendez California
- F. Serafin California
- G. Geever Illinois
- R. Nusbaum Illinois
- F. Fullin Connecticut
- H. Seavey Massachusetts
- H. Drewry Michigan
- H. Perkins Ohio
- C. Andersen Washington
- R. Hill Oregon
- W. Robinson Illinois
- J. Tiberi Illinois
- D. McArthur California
- H. Wilkinson California

SENIOR LADIES' DOUBLES

- L. Kirby California
- T. Welcome California
- W. Bergman Connecticut
- H. Gibson Connecticut
- T. Burdick Illinois
- B. Massman New York
- M. Connor Michigan
- N. Park Michigan

BOYS' SINGLES

- Ted Ebenkamp California
- Jack Keating Michigan
- Tom Trelloggen California
- Scott Seiler California
- Stan Hales California
- Dan Rudy Maryland
- Stan Ash Illinois
- Richard Gorman Massachusetts
- Bill Foy California
- Ray Park California

GIRLS' SINGLES

- Anne Erkkila California
- Faith Ferris Maryland
- Cynthia Dryden Maryland
- Sharon Pritula Michigan
- Janet Ogilvie New York
- Helen Carter California
- Patsy Hitchens Delaware
- Sara Crisler California
- Maribeth Halloran Minnesota
- Betsey Deckert Maryland

BOYS' DOUBLES

- T. Ebenkamp California
- T. Trelloggen California
- J. Keating Michigan
- S. Ash Illinois
- D. Rudy Maryland
- S. Hales California
- W. Foy California
- R. Armendariz California
- S. Pollock Delaware
- J. Lockwood Delaware
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- J. Ogilvie New York
- A. Erkkila California
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MIXED DOUBLES

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- C. Dryden Maryland
- J. Keating Michigan
- M. Halloran Minnesota
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Mainstays of Quaker City Badminton



In Philadelphia the words "badminton" and "Cornell" are synonymous. We all know what badminton means, but by Cornell we mean John and Pat, mainstays of all phases of the game in this area—from a National Tournament (1956) down to a friendly game at the Wissahickon Badminton Club.

In fact it was through badminton that these two met one evening out at the Haverford School, where they still play. They are the number one mixed doubles team for Haverford in the Philadelphia District League matches. They have also been members of the Wissahickon Badminton Club for many years, and just last month won the annual Husband and Wife Club Tournament, defeating Marion and Tom Kip. Pat claims she and John are the "fightingest" married mixed team in the East, but many of us may well dispute the claim.

Pat was born and raised out in the famous Main Line section of Philadelphia, Bryn Mawr to be exact. Upon graduating from high school she entered the School of Nursing at Bryn Mawr Hospital, and at the time she met John, she was working for a pediatrician.

John grew up in New York and when World War II came along he was attending M.I.T. He left college and served as a lieutenant in the Army until he was hit in the knee by a German bullet, an injury which kept him hospitalized for a year. He returned to M.I.T., graduated, and then received an M.A. in Chemistry from the Brooklyn Institute. He came to Philadelphia and entered the firm of H. D. Juste and Co. where he is a research chemist in plastics.

John has played badminton for about eighteen years, has held the Connecticut State Mixed Doubles title with Evelyn Vogt, has won the Philadelphia District men's doubles with Fronnie Crawford, and the singles title twice. He has been runner-up several times in all three events.

Pat Cornell is a human dynamo at diverse activities. She takes care of a home and two children, Diane, 5 and Peter, aged two and a half. Shortly after her father's death a few years ago, she received her broker's license and now runs a successful insurance business. She has been secretary of the Delaware Valley Badminton Association for at

least five years. John and Pat received the Middle Atlantic Open Tournament after a lapse of several years and have been co-chairmen of it since that time. Pat is subscription agent and also regional reporter for BIRD CHATTER. Currently she is Regional Tournament Chairman and John is National Ranking Chairman.

Besides their mutual interest in badminton, the Cornells both love and enjoy music and gardening. John has a green thumb and has raised some very large and exotic plants which grace the living room of their home in Berwyn. John writes poetry in his spare time and Pat somehow finds time to study Russian at a nearby high school. In the summer, spent at Cape May Point in New Jersey, they both turn to tennis, swimming and sailing for exercise.

There are few workers as enthusiastic and diligent as the Cornells and players from all over the country may be proud to have them in the badminton community.

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ON COACHING THE MORE ADVANCED PLAYER

BY NANCY HORNER

The following is the second of two articles written especially for BIRD CHATTER by Mrs. A. M. Horner, Honorary Coaching Chairman of the Badminton Association of England. While she has directed this article toward the more advanced player, it will be of instructional value to many intermediate players.

When confronted with a class of badminton players who have played the game for some time, the coach should make it his first aim to find out the standard of performance of each individual. Anybody who has done much coaching knows that the description given by a pupil on his entry form rarely presents a true picture of his playing ability, though it may be a good guide to his character! Start therefore by letting everybody have a knockup in turn, and watch the play carefully, because it is on your assessment of the standard that you will base your plan of campaign.

Having done this, you will probably find, unless your players are of a really high standard, that it is necessary to go through the whole programme of strokes, not forgetting the grip, footwork, and all the other points I have mentioned in my notes on coaching beginners. Here, however, it will not be essential to spend so much time on shadowing the strokes in slow motion, and you will rather concentrate on practising on court with a shuttle. I find it a good plan, in addition to explaining the correct way to make a stroke, also to indicate the more common faults, as this enables the players to analyse each other, and greatly adds to their interest.

Perhaps I might now give some idea of the mistakes one normally finds, with a few suggestions on how to tackle them. I shall as before assume that the coach has a knowledge of the build-up of the various strokes, and not embark on technical details.

1. *The grip.* A frequent cause of trouble is the tight grip, where

the racket is clutched in the palm of the hand with consequent lack of facility in moving it from one position to another. Remind the pupil of the light weight of a badminton racket, which makes this unnecessary, and try to make him think of controlling the racket with his fingers, not with his palm. A little net play here may help, working up to the smash, taking care that in the process the pupil does not tighten up again. Watch that the fingers, particularly the index and second finger, are slightly spread.

2. *Overhead shots.* The commonest faults (apart from the tightening process I have just mentioned) are:

(a) not to have the clear, smash and drop shots sufficiently distinguishable one from the other, but to be content with hybrid shots that are a mixture of all three. The development of a good wrist action is essential. Concentrate on making the pupil attain length and height with the clear, steepness and direction (in addition to speed) with the smash, and deception with the drop.

(b) not to be able to disguise from the opponent which overhead shot is going to be played. Explain the importance of this, and see if your pupil can learn a similar "wind-up" for all his overhead strokes.

3. *Backhand strokes.* There is very often a weakness on this wing, which can be conquered only by practice and more practice. The tightness of the muscles, normally due to panic, and incorrect footwork have something to do with the weakness, but the strengthening of the wrist by sheer practice does more good here than anything. (While on the subject of back-

hands, it is as well to mention that a common fault is to let the shuttle fall from a height and play a defensive backhand shot, when it easily could have been attacked with a forehand smash, when still in the air, by a slight adjustment of the feet.)

4. *Serving.* Last, but by no means least, is the tendency for even quite talented players to be satisfied if their service merely goes into court. They pay too little attention to accuracy, direction and variety. The coach must ensure that the player knows all the types of service, and can use them at will. Practice is, of course, essential.

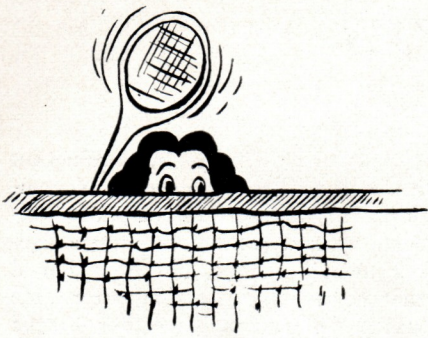
Having said all this, I appreciate that your advanced player is anxiously waiting for you to get down to the question of tactics! He may think he knows all about the shots, but what he really wants to be helped with is where and when to play them. You must therefore bear this in mind, and not spend too long at each session on stroke production, but divide your time judiciously between strokes and tactics.

It is usually simplest to start with mixed doubles, because in this game the division of labor between the two partners is more generally understood. I suggest you give a short talk on the aim of the partnership, stressing the main points—low serving to gain the attack; keeping the shuttle down; aiming for the ends of the net, the "no-man's land" behind the lady and in front of the man, and far corners of the court; pointing out the errors of crossing the shuttle if your opponents are in position, of playing it up the middle, of taking it late in its flight when you could attack it earlier; and so on. Then give everybody a good opportunity of playing, with those not in the game analysing the faults that are made.

From mixed it will be a fairly simple matter to go onto ladies' and men's doubles. You should point out again the need for thinking in terms of attack, and getting into the back

DIARY OF A BADMINTON TRIP

Tales of our correspondent, McGregor Stewart
and Abbie Rutledge, in England



In mixed doubles the lady must keep her racket high so as to hit down on the shuttle and be better able to "put it away."

and front formation whenever possible (particularly in ladies' doubles which are inclined to turn into a war of attrition). The mistake of not using the whole court, which will already have been apparent in the mixed game, will probably be very evident again, and you will almost certainly be able to show up the habitual mistakes I have already discussed.

Should your class be young and fit, it is very important to emphasise the merits of singles practice. The tactics of the game may not be so complex, but weakness of stroke and positioning will show up, and any lack of physical fitness. In other words, the singles player must have everything, and for this reason anybody who hopes to reach the heights is well advised to devote a great deal of time to singles play.

When coaching advanced players, it is often a good plan to have some of the course on court playing under one coach, and to have the remainder under another coach discussing tactics in some quiet corner. I have found a miniature court is a great help, and this can be marked out either on a sheet of metal with magnets for "men," or on a piece of punched hardboard with golf tees. The tactics side of badminton is a most fascinating study, and provides endless topics for discussion, but, unfortunately, I have not the space to go into it at greater length here.

Our trip to England began on February 6th when we boarded the "Ryndam," a Holland-America line ship. The first few days found us spending a good part of the time trying to keep to a training program that Abbie had worked out for us. Then our supposedly good sized ship began to rock and sent more than half of the people on board to bed—Abbie with them. She was so sick for about two and a half days that I felt guilty enjoying fairly good health and she vowed never to go by boat again. We were put off the boat at one thirty at night at Cobb, Ireland with no place to go. Cobb was dark and scary and its one hotel was shut tight. We were in luck and found an American couple who suggested we take a cab with them to Cork which was fifteen miles away. You should have seen four of us attempt to squeeze into one of those small English cars with our luggage. Most of the luggage ended up on top of the car bound with ropes and it was a wonder one of us didn't. We stayed that night or, I should say, early that morning in a boarding house and early in the morning we caught a train to Dublin some three hours away. Although the day was damp and rainy it did not take away from the beauty of the Irish countryside. I've never seen such beautiful or such green country. Even though I expected Ireland to be green I was amazed at the rich color of the land.

Upon our arrival at Dublin, Abbie and I were met by Bill Holwill and Jim Fitzgibbon and they escorted us to our hotel. At the hotel we met Major John McCallum, 'Honest John' McCleary and many other very wonderful people. We were then informed that we were to play in the Irish Open Championship at 2:30! Needless to say, we were in no condition to play at all. Abbie kept complaining that the floor wouldn't remain still and I had the same trouble.

The day before we arrived the Irish and Scotch teams had had a match against each other so consequently both of the teams were in the tournament. Abbie and I man-

aged to struggle through to the semis but we both stopped there. In doubles we went out to Scotland's top team.

Abbie and I attended a most unusual party during the Championships. Between the dance numbers there was all kinds of entertainment along with a master of ceremonies, one of the funniest men I have ever seen. All told it was a wonderfully pleasant evening but I must say that we were surely happy to hit the bed the next morning. The Irish are kind people who can't seem to do enough for you. And then, off to England.

When we arrived in London Bill Holwill took us to the boarding house that would be our home for the next six weeks. We were living in Wimbledon and only a block away from the Wimbledon Squash-Badminton Club where we were to practice. Our room was an immense room with five large windows that did their best to let the cold in. Abbie and I slept with seven blankets on each of us. On top of the blankets, I had my heavy wool coat and wore two pairs of pajamas, plus my bathrobe, plus wool socks. It equalled one warm person. Abbie got by without the coat but always had a wool sweater over her pajamas!

Our second tournament was in Nottingham, England. It was in an old armory with low rafters and a cement floor—and it was cold. Nottingham is an old city and it seemed as if we had stepped into another century. We were told we would be staying at the Flying Horse Inn and couldn't imagine what it would be like. Both Abbie and I let our minds run back to the days of Robin Hood and we both got worried. However, we were pleasantly surprised when the Inn turned out to be free of hitching posts and men in shining armour. It was actually a very neat and pleasant place. I lost in the first round to Marg Warren. Abbie played Heather Ward in the finals and played well until she slipped on a wet spot (it was raining outside and dripping on the court) and hurt her leg. We came to know the Eng-

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Flying Feathers

Badminton has again been honored by a commemorative stamp, this one issued by Japan in connection with the recent All-Asian Olympics, in which badminton was included for the first time. Three commemoratives were issued by Indonesia last summer. . . . Portland's Seth and Francis George bring their six month old son to the club during badminton sessions. . . . Carlene Hester and Rod Starkey of California will marry on January 17th. . . . Western Ontario has a newly formed Tri-county League between London, Woodstock, Kitchener, Waterloo, Granite, Stratford. . . . The new team of J. Heinz Honnegger and Walter Bradford are giving the Metropolitan N. Y. players some stiff competition.

Anni and Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen are the proud parents of a son born in November. Denmark's Hammergaard is three time winner of the U.S. men's doubles. . . . Maung Hla Kyi, who played with the Philadelphia Y for the last couple of years, has returned to his home in Rangoon, Burma. . . . Bill Hussey, the American Consul in Bangkok and a BIRD CHATTER reader, continues to report on Thailand badminton. . . . John Pomeroy Jr. is back in San Francisco after his sojourn in the Army, during which he played tournaments in Seattle and British Columbia. . . . D. C. players Mr. and Mrs. Rowland C. W. Brown are moving to Westport Connecticut, in January. . . . Till Habersfeld, former Secretary of the Switzerland Badminton Association, who is ranked number two in Switzerland and is winner of the Switzerland Men's and Mixed Doubles, is now residing in the San Francisco area, and playing there too.

The San Diego, California, Badminton Club has inaugurated the "Scott Seiler Memorial Trophy" to be awarded to the most outstanding junior boy or girl each season at the Southern California Junior Tournament. The recipient will be given a miniature of the trophy to keep permanently. . . . It is good to hear that Tom Heden is playing in Southern California, where he is a graduate student at UCLA. Tom won the Swiss Men's Doubles in 1958. . . . Sir Harold Caccia, British Ambassa-

dor to the United States and an Honorary Chairman of the coming U. S. Open, is a member of the Badminton Club of the District of Columbia. Another B.C.D.C. member is the Honorable Neil McElroy, U. S. Secretary of Defense. . . . San Francisco State College is holding a badminton tournament for men's singles. Sixteen players signed up. . . . Janet Wright was in Los Angeles visiting Connie Davidson during the Western States Open. She was in the audience and it was good to see her around the courts again. She is just as much fun as ever, and reports that her leg, (the heel she pulled in the 1955 Long Beach National), mended well and gives her no trouble.



Janet Wright, in Los Angeles, watching the Western States Open.

Lloyd and Alice Gowan, formerly from the S. F. Bay area but for the last four years residents of Washington, D. C., are returning to S. F. at the beginning of the year. Lloyd has been Deputy District Director of the Washington Field Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and has been transferred to a similar job in San Francisco. The Gowans will be happy to be returning to the West, in order to be near their daughter Pat (Weller), who now has three children, and their son Lloyd, Jr., a flutist with the S. F. Symphony and a member of the S. F. Opera Company. Lloyd plans to marry Lois Auclair in January. Connie, the youngest child, will remain in the East to finish her freshman year at the University of Maryland. The Gowans think they have a badminton first—all three of their children have been runners-up in the Junior Nationals, Lloyd in doubles with Ronnie Ryan in 1950, Pat in mixed with Mannie Armendariz in 1950, and Connie in doubles with Anne Erkkila in 1958.

Southern California bid a reluctant farewell to Frank Peard in November. He was certainly a most welcome visitor. There were some "going away" parties, but it is hoped that he will be returning later. He was in Chicago on November 30, the day they had quite a cold welcome weather-wise. After California, that would be quite a change for him! Frank certainly lent a great deal to the game, with his quick, running style, and his intense eagerness to promote the game in all aspects.

SCBA prexy Al Kirby recently had a ten day pheasant hunting trip. The birds must have heard that he was coming. All he caught was the usual cold! . . . Thelma Welcome played in the La Jolla tennis tournament during the week-end of the Western States Open. Haven't heard the results, but she always does well. . . . Joe and Lois Alston's son Nickey should get the idea of badminton very thoroughly by the time he is able to try it. He comes to practice sessions regularly and even some tournaments. He is a very handsome boy and always the center of attraction on the sidelines. A particularly loyal subject is his "Uncle Mannie." . . . Don Paup now attending Occidental College. . . . Anne Erkkila attends the Davis campus of the University of California. . . . Erica Davis, of Wales, is living in Baltimore, where she is a physical therapist at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Erica represented Wales in international competition three times between 1955 and 1957. . . . Hank Todd and his wife have just returned to Washington, D. C., after spending some time in Japan. . . . The author of the recently published satire on Russian family and political life called *Tales of the Whistling Shrimp*, Vladimir B. Griniovff, plays at B.C.D.C. Also playing there is the motion picture czar Eric Johnston, tennis pro Clark Taylor and his wife, and Lt. Col. Van H. Tanner, Head of the Military Police of Washington, Maryland, and Virginia, and formerly an active player in Newfoundland. . . . Margaret Varner spectating at the Wilmington Doubles. She has notified Hans Rogind that she will not be competing in the U. S. Open.



BADMINTON,
(GENERAL VIEW)
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

NEARLY SEVENTY YEARS AGO the game of Badminton was born at **BADMINTON HOUSE** in Gloucestershire, England.

The above etching and that on the cover show the idyllic first setting for the racquet sport which now has thirty-seven nations organized into the International Badminton Federation.

The cover photo is from a very old etching of Badminton House, the county seat of the Duke of Beaufort, in England. It was in this house that British Army officers who had returned from India were at a banquet given by the Duke in 1890. The Duke became interested in their stories about the game of "poona" played with chicken feathers stuck in champagne corks. Bottles were used as bats and a table as a court, producing a merry game from which emerged the game of "badminton."

The International Badminton Federation celebrates its 25th Anniversary in July, 1959. In 1934 nine

national organizations became founder members—Canada, Denmark, England, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Scotland and Wales. At the present time there are thirty-seven members, the oldest existing associations being the Badminton Association of England, founded in 1893 and the Badminton Union of Ireland, founded in 1899.

The original purpose of the I.B.F. was to standardize the laws of the game of badminton and to promote the interests of the game through-out the world. For this purpose the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup competitions have been the most noteworthy.

The majority of the work done by the I.B.F. has been since World War II. The Canadian Badminton Association proposed the re-drafting of the laws in 1938 and in the same year the U.S.A. was elected as the fourteenth member. The present holder nation of the Thomas Cup, Indonesia, was the twenty-seventh member to be elected, as late as 1953, only six years ago!

Sir George Thomas is the Founder President of the I.B.F., retiring as President in 1955. He is, of course, the donor of the Thomas Cup, the first contest for which was held in 1948.

IN EUROPE

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lish people a little better at the tournament and we enjoyed ourselves immensely.

After returning to Wimbledon we began to practice at the Club in the mornings. It was a little tough to get out of bed in the morning knowing that we would freeze but we gradually became accustomed to the fact and accepted it. The next week Abbie and I played at Wimbledon in the tournament there. At Wimbledon we really got to know the English players—June and John Timperly, Iris Rogers, Esme Andrews, Sylvia Ripley, Heather Ward, Maureen Gibbons, Hugh Findlay and many, many others were just wonderful to us. June kept bringing us fruit and everyone did their utmost to make us feel at home. We learned a valuable lesson about the English and that was once you get to know them they are the best friends you could ever have.

Abbie didn't play singles because of her knee, which she had hurt in Nottingham. I lost to Iris Rogers who later had to default because of a bad ankle. The tournament ended with a party at the club which was most delightful. Abbie entertained us with tall tales about Texas. She really had everyone enjoying her and no one could get a crack by her.

The next weekend found us in Littlehampton on the coast of England. The ride down was one that any history teacher would love—thatched roofs and immense castles including the Duke of Norfolk's castle. The countryside was some of the prettiest we've seen anywhere. We stayed at a nice little hotel and had marvelous food. In the tournament, I played Abbie in the finals and lost. However, our doubles which had been hot and cold all year took a turn for the worse. We lost in the finals to the experienced team of Sylvia Ripley & Betty Grace.

One of the most enjoyable tournaments was the one in Aberdeen, Scotland. Abbie and I went up on a train with a whole group of people and it was a wonderful ride. We stayed with some wonderful people, the Kilgours, and they treated us wonderfully. Here in Scotland we ran across Judy and Sue Devlin who had just arrived. It was certainly good to see a familiar face again and we are



Furdue Coach Abbie Rutledge traveled to Europe last season.

always glad to see those two. We arrived in Aberdeen on a Thursday and shopped around for some sweaters—thought we would do something different in Scotland.

We had exhibitions to play on Thursday night. I had to play Judy in singles which was something different! Abbie and I played Judy and Sue in doubles. The exhibitions were much fun and gave us a chance to get familiar with the place. The next day we had the North of Scotland Championships and it proved to be a wonderful tournament. I lost to Sue and Abbie lost to Judy. The only thing bad about having the Devlins around is that you know who is going to win.

On Sunday we were all taken on a tour of the famous Scottish countryside. The highlands with their rolling snow covered mountains and winding rivers were the most beautiful sights I have ever seen. I was in a car with Judy Devlin and two boys. The roads were covered with snow and many times we ended up pushing the car out of snow drifts. We saw Balmoral Castle which is the Queen's summer home. Abbie had a close call as the car she was in ran out of control and ended up in a ditch at a forty-five degree angle. Luckily no one was hurt but they were surely frightened and so were we.

That night Judy, Sue, Abbie and I hopped on a train back to England leaving the wonderful and friendly Scotch people behind us.

The biggest and most exciting tournament was to come a few days later at Wembley. The All-England Tournament was held there. It was the best run tournament I've ever been to and had all the atmosphere a championship tournament should have and then some. I lost to Heather Ward in the quarters and Abbie lost to the girl from Thailand, Prantung Pattapongse. One of the high lights of the whole tournament was the dinner and dance. The food and especially the speeches were above par

and the dancing afterwards made the evening complete. The All-England is truly a wonderful and delightful experience.

Soon after the all-England, Abbie caught a plane home and I came back by boat. Abbie was still scared of boats and wouldn't even consider the ride. Speaking for both Abbie and me, I can honestly say that England was wonderful. The people are the finest and kindest people I have ever known. We both hope to go back in the very near future.

Chairmen Appointed

Newly appointed committee chairmen are:

Joe Tiberi, Ill., Shuttlecock.

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Abbie Rutledge, Ind., Interscholastic and Intercollegiate Programs.

Robt. Showacre, Wash., Publicity.

Helen Gibson, Conn., Uber Cup.

Jack van Praag, Calif., Helms Hall of Fame Nominations.

W. Warner, Jr., W. Va., Amateur Status.

Previously appointed chairmen in the ABA are:

Hans Rogind, Mich., National Tournament.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT—

In all international team matches played by U. S. teams, we have won 114 and lost 60. We have played against eight different countries.

Wynn Rogers has represented the U. S. in 11 international matches, followed closely by Bob Williams and Carl Loveday with nine matches each. Margaret Varner has played in eight and Abbie Rutledge in five.

Detroit will be the 15th city to conduct the U. S. Nationals.

It is a fault if before or during the delivery of the service any player makes preliminary feints or otherwise balks his opponent.

The server and the player served to must stand within the limits of their respective courts and some part of both feet of those players must remain in contact with the ground in a stationary position until the service is delivered.

SPORTS FUND ESTABLISHED

The establishment of an International Sports Fund within the framework of the People-to-People Sports Committee, Inc. to bring international sports events to every state and community in America was announced by Edward P. F. Eagan, the committee's chairman.

Plans call for the Fund to be developed through the solicitation of memberships which will range in cost from one to twenty-five dollars. Service clubs participating will share the proceeds. Funds realized in this manner will be used to bring an entire new series of international sports competitions and visits of foreign sports delegations to this country, and will send more American sportsmen abroad to represent this country in competition and visits. Individuals acquiring membership in the fund will be entitled to reduced admissions to international sports events staged in this country under sponsorship of the People-to-People Sports Committee. Good sportsmen, because they have learned to practice

fair play, have repeatedly demonstrated their abilities in broadening mutual understanding and friendship with people of other lands.

The Committee, while functioning with the blessing of the Federal Government, relies on private financial support. Affiliated with it are 80 national sports associations. The committee envisages an annual budget of two million dollars, and will need this much to develop a program of sports exchanges equivalent to that of the Russians who, according to Eagan, are doing fifteen times as much as we along this line. Memberships may be considered as contributions to the committee and are tax deductible. Applications should be addressed to the committee, New York 1, N. Y.

The committee says it will shortly announce further plans for development of the Fund which could lead to one of the greatest stimulants in recent years to sports interest in America.

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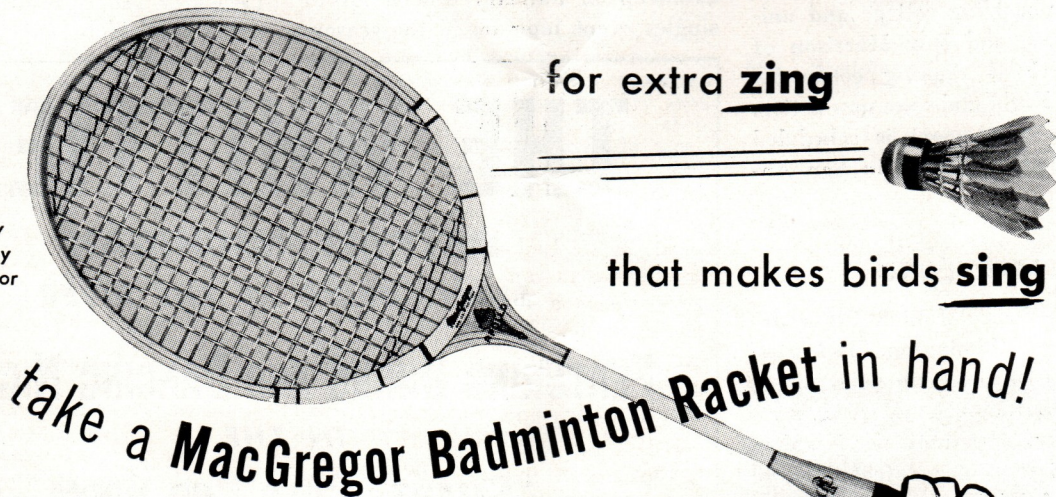
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METROPOLITAN B.A. NEW YORK

The experimental sessions held at Hunter College during November at no cost to the players operated with success and increasing attendance. In December the fee of \$1.00 per player was charged in order to help with expenses. December 14th saw a Round Robin Tournament being held.

TEXAS

Four committee chairmen have been appointed in the TBA. Bill Dobbins of San Antonio heads the interclub matches, Mrs. Kay Mitchell of Baylor is chairman of the tournament committee, Emma Lou Scott of Houston is in charge of membership and is emphasizing college and university play, and Roy Harrison of Fort Worth is ranking committee chairman. Eight clubs are now active. The TBA tournament is scheduled for sometime in March in San Antonio.

MARYLAND

The Baltimore Junior Class defeated the Wilmington, Delaware Juniors 30-10 in an inter-city match played in Baltimore on December 14. Dan Rudy, the nation's Number Six Ranking Junior defeated Steve Pollock of Wilmington in the top Under 18 singles match and Patsy Hitchens of Wilmington scored an upset victory over Faith Ferris, the #2 National Ranking Junior. Carl Cummings and Jimmy Engle of Baltimore led the Under 15 and Under 13 divisions respectively as did Peg Schmeiser and Cathy Snead, also of Baltimore. Wilmington's strongest division was the Under 18 matches which they split evenly with the Baltimore group.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Badminton Club of D.C. is having their most active season in years. There are ninety-seven members playing in five sessions a week. There have been two club tournaments, a ladies' doubles handicap with twelve teams and a men's singles. Marie Nylen and Winnie Wilson defeated Charlotte Decker and Margaret Gregory 15-9, 15-12 and Nish Jamgotch defeated Lloyd Gowen 15-0. (Only one game played.) In the consolations Helen Randolph and Selma Levine defeated Alice Gowen and Sally Anderson and Major Earl Hardy defeated Lt. Col. Carl Aubrey. Lt. Col. Van Tanner is in charge of these tournaments.

Future events are a mixed doubles handicap in January and a mixed singles event later on in the season.

OREGON

Cleveland High School in Portland has an eight court new gymnasium which is filled with badminton players two evenings a week. The Reed College group and the Columbia Athletic Club have merged into the Cleveland group.

The Multnomah Athletic Club held a most successful round robin tournament in early December with sixty participants. Grace Noraine and Dr. William Corbin won the A division. A group of thirty of the club members have just started to play badminton and have formed a group within the club calling themselves "The Duffers!" The Y.M.C.A. in Portland has three courts busy one night a week.

The officers for the 1958-'59 season are President Wes Sundeleaf, Vice President Don Sundeleaf, Treasurer Anna Mutti and Secretary Flo Weidel.

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

14TH ANNUAL PACIFIC SO'WEST OPEN Pasadena, Calif. October 24, 25, 26, 1958

The Pasadena Badminton Club conducted the 14th Annual Pacific Southwest Badminton Tournament and then proceeded to make a clean sweep of all events except Vets. Doubles in the Championship Flight.

The biggest upset of this tournament which attracted all of California's top-ranking players was the stunning defeat in semi-finals of Nationals Singles Champ, Jim Poole by Mike Hartgrove. In the finals, Mike faced Mannie Armendariz but proved that his earlier win was deserved by taking Mannie in two games. The ladies singles was won by Beulah Armendariz over Ruth Berry of San Diego. The strong new ladies doubles combination of Dottie Hann and Helen Tibbetts eliminated State Champs Carlene Hester and Jeanne Pons in a nip and tuck finals match. Joe Alston and Wynn Rogers collected another mens doubles title by defeating Manuel Armendariz and Jim Poole.

The mixed doubles results will, no doubt, cause many a headache to ranking committees in future tournaments. Wynn Rogers who first became mixed doubles (National) champ in 1947 has now teamed with Beulah Armendariz. In the semi-finals they upset #1 seeded Hartgrove and Tibbetts and went on to win the finals by defeating Lois and Joe Alston.

LS Semi-finals: Beulah Armendariz def. Ann Wise 11-2, 12-9. Ruth Berry def. Doris Martin by default.

Finals: Armendariz def. Berry 11-1, 11-3.

MS Semi-finals: Mike Hartgrove def. Jim Poole 17-15, 15-10. Manuel Armendariz def. John Leib 17-15, 15-5.

Finals: Hartgrove def. Armendariz 15-12, 15-12.

LD Semi-finals: Hester-Pons def. Davidson-Kirby 15-10, 15-8. Tibbetts-Hann def. Armendariz-Alston 17-15, 15-18, 15-5.

Finals: Tibbetts-Hann def. Hester-Pons 10-15, 15-7, 17-14.

MD Semi-finals: Alston-Rogers def. Mahaffey-Knight 15-3, 15-5. Poole-Armendariz def. Paup-Hartgrove 15-11, 15-7.

Finals: Alston-Rogers def. Poole-Armendariz 15-9, 15-1.

MxD Rogers-Armendariz def. Hartgrove-Tibbetts 15-11, 15-9. Alston-Alston def. Knight-Knight 15-3, 15-4.

Finals: Rogers-Armendariz def. Alston-Alston 15-8, 15-13.

SrD Final: Peard-Calvert def. Mendez-Lyon 15-5, 15-2.

MONTREAL AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION INVITATION TOURNAMENT Montreal, Canada November 28-31

The M.A.A.A. Invitation boasted a particularly good womens' field this year with Canada's number 1 and 3 ranking singles players competing as well as the number 1, 2 and three players of the U.S. From the quarter-finals on, play was of a high quality in the singles. The semi-finals was a replay of the 1958 U.S. Nationals but this time Montreals' Jean Miller took the measure of Dot O'Neil in three games. Judy Devlin defeated Marj Shedd in probably the best ladies match of the tournament, and then downed Jean Miller, the Canadian Champion, in the finals.

It was in the men's singles that the U.S. was particularly pleased to have a champion. The most obvious contenders for this crown were the #2 ranked Canadian, Jim Carnwath of Toronto, Harold Moody of Montreal, Noel Fehm and Dick Ball. It was in this event that Baltimore's Dick Ball showed once more the game he produced against Hammergaard Hansen in the '58 Nationals. Dick's superb backhand shots, clears to fine drops, and a most spectacular backhand smash, coupled with fine conditioning and aggressiveness had the Canadian Thomas Cupper digging for every shot. Dick also played several drop shots which literally "trickled" over the tape.

The men's doubles produced two hotly contested matches, both involving Wayne Schell and Noel Fehm of New England. They had their hands full in the semi-finals with the scrambling team of LaFontaine and Mariano of the host city and in the finals, after a poor start, gave Dick and Jim some anxious moments in the third game.

In the ladies doubles Marj Shedd and Joan Warren had two tough teams in their half of the draw. The pick-up team of Montreal's Nancy McKean and Dot O'Neil extended them in the quarter-finals and Maryland's Charlotte Decker and McGregor Stewart played a good second game in the semi-finals. Unfortunately Joan suffered a knee injury early in the first game of the finals against the Devlins and she and Marj had to default, much to the disappointment of players and spectators alike.

The best mixed doubles match was the semi-final between Schell-O'Neil and Shedd-Carnwath, eked out, after some very excellent play on both sides, by the Canadians. In the final match they were too good for the defending champions, Dick Ball and Susan Devlin who were generally considered to have a good chance to retain this title for the U.S.

This tournament is always highlighted by the Grey Cup Football game, Can-

ada's answer to the World Series, and play is suspended during the football game. This year Alistair MacLachlans' European Badminton Tour slides ran a close second as he showed most of his 400 color slides to a most interested audience.

The results:

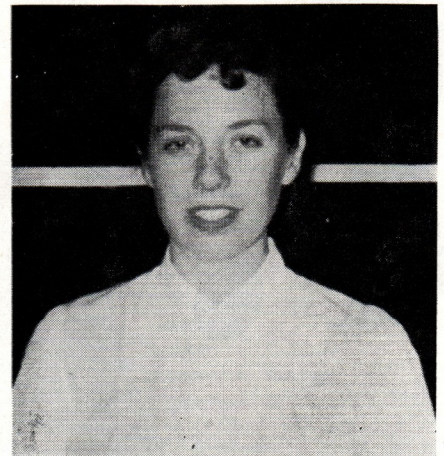
LS Quarter-finals: J. Devlin def. J. Stevens 11-2, 11-1. M. Shedd def. M. Stewart 11-7, 11-2. J. Miller def. S. Devlin 11-6, 12-11. D. O'Neil def. C. Decker 11-5, 11-2. Semi-finals: Devlin def. Shedd 11-4, 12-10. Miller def. O'Neil 12-11, 1-11, 11-6. Finals: Devlin def. Miller 11-1, 11-0.

MS Quarter-finals: J. Carnwath def. A. MacLachlan 15-5, 15-6. N. Fehm def. N. Papineau 7-15, 18-14, 15-4. H. Moody def. F. Stender 18-17, 15-7. D. Ball def. J. Holehouse 15-8, 15-2. Semi-finals: Carnwath def. Fehm 15-2, 15-5. Ball def. Moody 15-5, 15-7. Finals: Ball def. Carnwath 15-7, 15-7.

LD Semi-finals: S. Devlin-J. Devlin def. J. Miller-H. Doig 15-7, 15-2. Shedd-Warren def. Stewart-Decker 15-2, 15-11. Finals: Devlin-Devlin def. Shedd-Warren 3-0, default.

MD Semi-finals: D. Ball-J. Carnwath def. R. Miller-H. Moody 15-0, 15-8. N. Fehm-W. Schell def. L. LaFontaine-Mariano 15-6, 15-18, 15-4. Finals: Ball-Carnwath def. Fehm-Schell 15-3, 8-15, 17-14.

MxD Semi-finals: S. Devlin-Ball, def. Doig-Moody 15-4, 15-9. Shedd-Carnwath def. O'Neil-Schell 12-15, 15-9, 17-14. Finals: Shedd-Carnwath def. Devlin-Ball 15-8, 15-6.



Beulah Armendariz has won both major tourneys in S. California this season.

LAKE ELLYN OPEN
Wheaton, Ill.
November 15, 16

- LS** Semi-finals: Abbie Rutledge def. Sharon Pritula 11-8, 11-1. Norma Pritula def. Thelma Burdick 11-8, 11-3.
 Finals: Rutledge def. Pritula 11-1, 11-5.
- MS** Semi-finals: Vic van de Ven def. R. Mullen 15-8, 15-11. Don Davis def. Fred Trifanoff 15-10, 15-4.
 Finals: Davis def. Van de Ven 15-1, 15-6.
- LD** N. Pritula-A. Rutledge def. E. Coombs-T. Burdick 15-11, 15-2.
- MD** D. Root-D. Davis def. E. Boston-J. Wigglesworth 9-15, 15-5, 15-13.
- MxD** E. Coombs-E. Boston def. A. Rutledge-D. Davis 15-8, 4-15, 15-12.
- SrD** Robinson-R. Nusbaum def. B. Fish-J. Tiberi 5-15, 15-12, 18-16.
- LS** Doris Rather def. Lila Weinberg 11-3, 8-11, 11-7.

- MS** Masood Ahmad def. Al Sikorski 11-15, 15-5, 15-4.
- LD** J. Childs-M. Mitchell def. C. Stanczak-P. Dillon 15-2, 12-15, 15-8.
- MD** J. Franczak-A. Sikorski def. B. Baker-B. Saxton 15-13, 15-11.
- MxD** M. Trifanoff-J. Franczak def. P. Dillon-S. di Antoni 15-11, 15-10.
- SrD** J. Franczak-G. Brown def. D. Pomtich-C. Hayley by default.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH
Strathgowan B. C. (Toronto) Def.
Niagara Falls C. C. (N. Y.) 26-5

- LS** Pat Lord def. Ann Hamilton (Can.) 11-7, 11-5. Carol Robertson (Can.) def. Ruth Dales 11-8, 11-7. Shirley Hancock (Can.) def. Chris McKinnon 11-2, 11-0. Marg Colpitts (Can.) def. Sue Burke 11-3, 11-2. Barbara Dunfield (Can.) def. Sue Baker 11-3, 11-1. Cathy McMillan (Can.) def. Nancy Rayner 11-7, 11-1. Marion Charlton (Can.) def. Ann Hustleby 11-2, 11-2. Joan Rowland (Can.) def. Joan Marsh 11-2, 11-0.
- MS** Ron Crosby (Can.) def. Jim Hackett 15-6, 10-15, 15-6. Dave Cannon def. Tim Smith (Can.) 7-15, 15-8, 18-16. Gordon Grant (Can.) def. John Creighton 15-9, 15-11. Graham Grant (Can.)

- def. Pete Tuttle 15-6, 16-3. Bill Cressy (Can.) def. Tim Booth 15-7, 15-11. Dave Charron (Can.) def. Pete Lammerts 8-15, 15-10, 15-7. Jeff Wendell def. Bill Purkis (Can.) 12-15, 15-10, 15-8. Cav Connolly def. Bill Kinsey (Can.) 8-15, 15-10, 15-4.
- LD** Hamilton-Colpitts def. Lord-Dales 15-9, 15-9. Robertson-Hancock def. McKinnon-Burke 15-5, 17-15. Rowland-Charlton def. Baker-Rayner 15-10, 15-7. Dunfield-McMillan def. Hustleby-Marsh 15-4, 15-2.
- MD** Crosby-Smith def. Hackett-Cannon 17-15, 15-12. Grant-Grant def. Creighton-Booth 15-7, 15-3. Cressy-Charron def. Tuttle-Wendell 15-8, 15-2. Purkis-Kinsey def. Lammerts-Connolly 14-17, 15-8, 15-13.
- MxD** Hackett-Lord def. Crosby-Hamilton 13-18, 15-8, 18-17. Smith-Colpitts def. Cannon-Dales 15-9, 8-15, 15-9. Robertson-Grant def. Creighton-Burke 18-14, 18-14. Grant-Hancock def. Tuttle-McKinnon 15-2, 15-4. Cressy-Dunfield def. Booth-Baker 15-4, 15-2. Purkis-Charlton def. Wendell-Hustleby 15-4, 15-13. Kinsey-Rowland def. Connolly-Marsh 15-9, 15-5. Lammerts-Rayner def. Charrow-McMillan 1 game all.

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MENS' DOUBLES Westport, Conn. December 6, 1958

The Twenty-Second Westport Men's Doubles was held in the Y.M.C.A. in Westport, Connecticut. This event usually attracts the top players from New England and several pairs from the Pennsylvania-Maryland area. Play in general this year was poor and by far the most exciting match of the tournament was the semi-finals between former winners Wayne Schell and Bob Wright of Massachusetts and Noel Fehm and Harry Quinn of Connecticut. Noel and Harry lost the first game and were behind 8-13 when they rallied to win it 5-0 in the set. This was a very excellent come-back attempt. They only just lost the third game, 17-16. You can hardly have a closer match than that! Ken Kost and Bob Loughheed had run Wayne and Bob to 15-11 in the third game in their quarter-final match.

Bunky Roche and Dick Ball of Baltimore retained the title they won last year with one sided scores in all their matches. Minnesota's Bill Bryant attended the tournament and we hope to see more of him during the season.

R.L.B.

The results:

Quarter-finals: B. Roche-D. Ball def. H. Seavey-A. Dockray 15-2, 15-5. B. Warren-D. O'Callaghan def. J. Cooper-B. Goodman 15-9, 15-10. W. Schell-B. Wright def. K. Kost-B. Loughheed 10-15, 15-7, 15-11. N. Fehm-H. Quinn def. R. Hutchinson-Kohler 15-11, 15-9.
Semi-finals: Roche-Ball def. Warren-O'Callaghan 15-7, 15-6. Schell-Wright def. Fehm-Quinn 15-8, 13-18, 17-16.
Finals: Roche-Ball def. Schell-Wright 15-8, 15-4.

LADIES DOUBLES INVITATION Wilmington, Delaware December 6, 1958

The Fourth Annual Ladies Doubles Round Robin Tournament was undoubtedly the most successful one to date from the point of view of number of entries and general calibre of play. Only one of the top players on the East Coast was absent from the entry list which consisted of twenty-four players in this one day event, and eight former Junior National Champions were among the contestants—one third of the total—and a strong point in favor of our junior program. This tournament is run for the benefit of the Uber Cup Fund, which could count itself at least \$72.00 richer by the end of the day. The shuttles and the courts are most generously donated and the parents of the Wilmington junior class donated a very pleasant lunch for all the players.

Each team played every other, a total of eleven matches each, and each match consisted of two eleven point games, no set. The total points were kept for each team and added up at the end of the tournament. For the fourth year the high score of the tournament went to Judy and Susan Devlin, who were undefeated. The newly-formed team of Dot O'Neil and Rosine Capehart Jones came in second losing only to the Devlins. The score of this match was 11-3, 11-1. They were hard pressed by Erica Davies, a Welsh International, and Jay Tischinger of Baltimore, who lost the first game 11-8 and led 9-4 in the second only to falter and lose the next seven points! Dot and Rosine were also extended by MacGregor Stewart and Sally Thomas, 22-17. MacGregor and Sally were in turn forced to concede defeat to Barbara Prince and Mildred Riggio 22-20.

The results:

1. Susan Devlin-Judy Devlin 242
2. Dot O'Neil-Rosine C. Jones 224
3. Charlotte Decker-Norma Slauer 210
4. Doris DeLord-Cynthia Dryden 203
5. Sally Thomas-MacGregor Stewart 188
6. Barbara Prince-Mildred Riggio 175
7. Erica Davies-Jay Tischinger 170
8. Marion Kip-Ruth Jett 165
9. Patsy Hitchens-Naomi Bender 134
10. Rita Harney-Marilyn O'Neill 131
11. Alice Gowen-Jeanne Lutz 105
12. Pat Cornell-Doris Slauer 90



Charlotte Decker, above, and Norma Slauer took third position in the Wilmington doubles.

SECOND WESTERN STATES OPEN Manhattan Beach, Calif. December 6, 7, 1958

- LS** Semi-finals. Beulah Armendariz def. Mary McMurray 11-3, 12-10. Helen Tibbetts def. Ruth Berry 11-4, 11-1.
Finals: Armendariz def. Tibbetts 11-5, 11-6.
- MS** Semi-finals: Jim Poole def. M. Armendariz 15-2, 15-11. Mike Hartgrove def. Bill Berry 15-7, 15-9.
Finals: Poole def. Hartgrove 15-8, 15-3.
- LD** Semi-finals: L. Alston-B. Armendariz def. J. Pons C. Hester 15-9, 17-14. D. Hann-H. Tibbetts def. J. Mies-F. Kinnear 15-8, 15-3.
Finals: Alston-Armendariz def. Hann-Tibbetts 15-5, 15-8.
- MD** Semi-finals: W. Rogers-J. Alston def. B. Berry-D. Mitchell 15-9, 15-4. M. Armendariz-J. Poole def. A. Mahaffey-F. Knight 17-16, 11-15, 18-16.
Finals: Alston-Rogers def. Armendariz-Poole 12-15, 15-4, 15-8.
- MxD** Semi-finals: Rogers-Armendariz def. Poole-Hann 15-10, 15-2. Alston-Alston def. Knight-Knight 15-6, 15-4.
Finals: Alston-Alston def. Rogers-Armendariz 15-9, 15-7.
- SrD** Finals: M. Mendez-W. Lyons def. A. Wilkinson-Calvert default.
"B" FLIGHT
- LS** G. Page def. C. O'Grady 11-7, 12-7, 12-10.
- MS** A. Hales def. R. Formost 15-4, 14-15, 17-15.
- LD** Vening-O'Grady def. I. Gardner-L. Carlson 15-6, 18-15.
- MD** B. Smith-C. Henry def. G. Dingel-A. Wilkinson 10-15, 15-7, 15-8.
- MxD** Moore-Wise def. Dingle-Hoffman 15-7, 15-5.

**NEXT DEADLINE FOR
BIRD CHATTER
FEBRUARY 10, 1959**

KITCHENER-WATERLOO GRANITE CLUB INTERNATIONAL INVITATION Ontario, Canada December 13-15

- LS** Dorothy Tinline def. Lil Beamish 11-5, 11-0.
- MS** Jim Carnwath def. Finn Stender 15-8, 15-5.
- LD** D. Smith-D. Tinline def. L. Beamish-K. Hopkins 15-9, 17-14.
- MD** J. Irvine-J. Carnwath def. J. Martin-H. Kirkonnell 15-12, 15-10.
- MxD** M. Connor-Wm. Anderson (U.S.) def. K. Gallagher-T. Uyeda 15-9, 15-7.

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