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**BADMINTON BIG-WIGS IN LONDON** take time off from the International Badminton Federation meeting to enjoy the I.B.F. Silver Jubilee Dinner. American Badminton Association President, Edwin S. Jarrett (second from right), chats with Mr. N. P. Kristensen of Denmark (l), Mr. David Bloomer of Scotland, and Mr. Humphrey Chilton of England.

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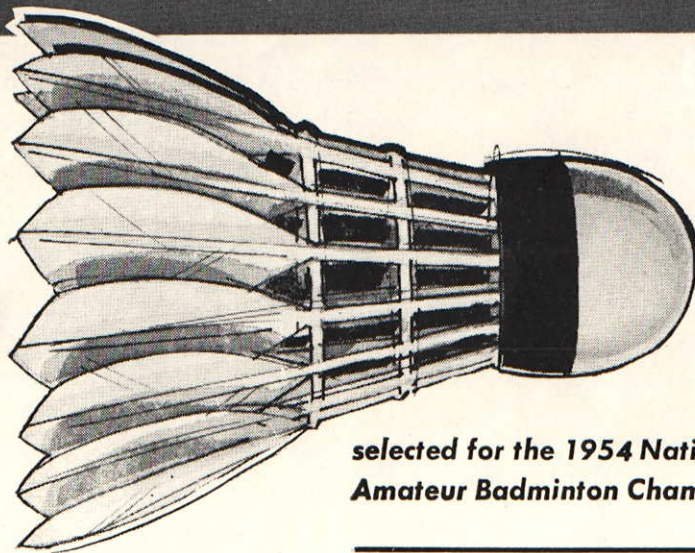


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This is reported to the editor by Don Richardson of Waban, Mass., current chairman of our Rules Book committee, though he stresses the work of the former chairman, Rufus Beach of Chicago, Illinois from 1953-1957 as a major factor in the whole picture.

Of this total, almost 6000 have been printed and issued by the ABA, and it is estimated that two major sporting goods distributors have also issued at least a half a million themselves, with our blessing.

Where do they go—how is it done—and what can it mean? These are the questions BIRD CHATTER wanted to know, and we feel you may be interested in some of the answers.

WHERE—primarily, they go into badminton sets, distributed by such concerns as Spalding, Cortland, MacGregor, Sportcraft, Wilson and Rawlings, to name some of the larger distributors. Most of these firms also fill individual requests, but perhaps it is more interesting to us to know that the ABA probably sends out more separate copies than all the distributors combined. Just consider our last year's records—shipments to 32 of our states, including Alaska and Hawaii, 2 Canadian provinces, Germany, Uruguay and 15 military APO points. In these 32 states we covered 13 sport shops, 6 YMCA's, and 2 Boys Clubs. We had some 65 requests from students, teachers, officials of clubs and associations, as well as many active players. One

mother, who had received a badminton set for her children without any rules book (someone goofed) wanted a copy so that she could understand what the game was all about and stay ahead of her small fry. The booklet also went into the hands of 3 city recreation departments and Radio Station CHEX, as a sports reference book.

HOW—(and this is a plug) merely by contacting the Rules Book Chairman—see descriptive blank printed in every issue of BIRD CHATTER.

## WHAT CAN IT MEAN?

TO YOU—a printed source of the up-to-date rules, with some simple explanations of a few controversial points, plus many helps in basic stroking, etc. The booklet also covers many things which the major badminton organizations will do for you and your club or association.

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From the practical point of view, this Rules Book operation is, and we hope it will continue to be, a steady source of revenue to support our association's activities.

The 1960 corrected edition is nearly ready, but the current edition has all rules corrections included for those individuals who request copies for themselves.

How about putting yourself, or your group, in the 2nd million who will have copies?

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Malaya

In the Malayan Open Singles Championships, concluded on August 4, Charoen Watanasin of Thailand defeated Teh Kew San of Malaya 15-12, 15-12. United States Open Doubles Champions Teh Kew San and Lim Say Hup defeated Erland Kops of Denmark and Eddy Choong of Malaya 15-11, 15-9 for the doubles title. Siam's Patuang Pattabonges took the ladies singles by defeating Tan Gaik Bee of Malaya 11-4, 11-0.

The Badminton Association of Malaya trained ten players on their Uber Cup Squad. The first round of the Asian zone was played against Hong Kong on September 5.

In the Selangor Gold Cup International Tournament on August 7-10, won last year by Watanasin of Thailand, Erland Kops of Denmark, the 1958 All England Champion, defeated Nandu Natekar of India 15-10, 15-8 in the finals in a thirty minute match. Natekar had defeated Thanoo Khajadbbhye 15-11, 18-13 in the semi-finals. The men's doubles was won by Tan King Gwan and N'joo Kim Bie of Indonesia who defeated Lai Fook Ying and Lim Say Hup of Malaya 15-9, 15-12.

Malaya defeated Indonesia 4-1 in a junior match on August 12.

## Asian Confederation Organized

The big news from Asia is the announcement of the formation of the fourteen member Asian Badminton Confederation (ABC) on July 31, 1959. Tengku Abdul Rahman is the first president, with vice-presidents Mr. Heah of Malaya, Mr. Ruia of India and Mr. Sudirman. Headquarters are in Singapore.

The Confederation will run the first Asian Open tournament over Easter weekend, 1960. The plan is to invite five players, including a junior player, from each of the fourteen member nations, all invited players receiving free board and lodging while competing. The ties will be run on a knock-out basis, each team consisting of four singles and one doubles.

India has the job of planning and publishing a magazine as the official organ of the Confederation, whose members make up nearly one-half of the membership of the International Badminton Federation.

## Czechoslovakia

The 1958-59 season was the first full season of badminton in Czechoslovakia. Prior to this, badminton was started competitively in the first half of 1958 governed by a committee formed by the Prague tennis section of the Czechoslovak Federation for Sports and Physical Culture.

In September 1958 two district badminton sections were formed—in Prague and Brno. When more badminton clubs are in existence in the province and Slovakia it will be possible to form several more district sections which are then to form the Central Section of the CSTV, a body corresponding to a National Association. Only the central section will be authorized to apply for membership in the International Badminton Federation.

The Prague section comprises eight clubs, the Brno section five while only four clubs exist in the provincial towns. New clubs are mostly formed at the beginning of autumn by those who started playing badminton for fun in the summer. The handicap is the lack of suitable halls.

Sixteen teams competed in team competition in Prague last season. The Prague Championships in April were more or less unofficial national championships. The winner of the men's singles was Indonesian Ismail Sairun, who also won the doubles with his countryman Sjamsul Rachman, and the mixed doubles with Dr. Nada Benesova of Prague. Dr. Benesova won the ladies singles, and the ladies doubles with Miss Vilma Pavlicjova of Prague. Peter Lacina won all three events in junior competition while his brother Jiri won in the up to 15 event.

Most of the Prague players have a year to a year and a half of experience. Seven Indonesian, one Australian, and two Indian players, mostly students, are club members participating in the competitions. The more experienced players of Prague defeated the representative team from Brno 10-1, and 11-0 in a home-and-away series. Brno is making rapid progress and now has eight teams competing in tournaments and matches.

J. R. Benes

## New Zealand

After a lapse of nine years, the New Zealand National Championships were held in Christchurch, known as the "Cathedral City," the venue being the King Edward VII barracks, in the week ending September 5, 1959. A feature of this year's events was the fact that the number 1 man and number 1 lady players were not in their best form, due to injuries and, possibly, the after effects of flu. With no other outstanding players, and the margin between players which could be ranked from number 2 downwards not very much, the effect was to render the ultimate winners far from certain picks. Some seven or eight leading officials, including one National Selector, had a private sweepstake just prior to the playing of the finals, and no one picked better than three winners out of the fire events.

As always, we were looking for prospects for future international competition and, unfortunately, there was not a great deal to enthuse about.

Miss Glenys Hopkinson (Uber Cup #3 singles), continues to show steady improvement and as she has probably still got her best badminton years in front of her, could become New Zealand's number one lady. Mrs. Jeff Robson (Uber Cup #2) showed a welcome return to her form of the early fifties and once more became the National Singles champion. Mrs. Val Gow demonstrated she is still one of the best doubles players. She and Mrs. A. Butterworth were far superior to the Wellington pair of Sonia Cox and Betty Mayer. Mrs. Gow was the dominant figure, having won this event five times since 1950.

In the men's singles final Jeff Robson won comfortably from Paul Skelt for his seventh National Singles title. Features of this match were Robson's good footwork and Skelt's excellent retrieving. The well-known combination of brothers Paul and A. D. Skelt pulled the men's doubles finals "out of the fire" from A. M. Stephens and N. R. Thompson, 17-16 in the third game. It was certainly a match which held the spectators very tense in the final stages.

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# International Federation Meets

For the first time, the American Badminton Association was represented by its President at the annual meeting of the International Badminton Federation. President Edwin S. Jarrett and Humphrey Chilton, U. S. delegate, represented the A.B.A. at the meeting held in London in July. The following is Mr. Jarrett's first-hand account:

The Annual General Meeting convened at the Charing Cross Hotel at 10:30 A.M. on July 1st. Twenty-three national organizations and two associate members were represented, a number of the former by two delegates each. In the absence of the outgoing President, Brigadier R. Bruce Hay, who had been detained in South Africa by ill health, the chair was occupied by Mr. A. C. J. van Vossen of Holland, Vice President and nominee for President. The meeting proceeded in orderly fashion, giving formal approval to many routine matters and acting on the major and more controversial items after relatively limited discussion. As a result, the entire meeting lasted just 3 hours, and adjournment was taken for luncheon about 1:30 P.M.

The following major items which were acted upon will be the only ones reviewed in this report:

*A proposal to change Rule 8 of the Federation: "Representation and Voting Strength at Annual Meetings."* The principal feature of this proposal establishes a graded classification of membership, entitling each national organization to a voting strength ranging from a minimum of one vote to a maximum of five votes—in accordance with qualifications based on length of membership and participation in the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup competitions. The A.B.A. strenuously opposed this concept as undemocratic and discriminatory, but found little support—and the proposal was carried by more than the necessary  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority. Accord-

ingly, at the 1960 meeting, 11 nations (including the U.S.) will each have 4 votes, 3 will each have 3 votes, 3 others will have 2 votes each, and twenty others (including Indonesia, current holder of the Thomas Cup!) will have just 1 vote each.

*Proposals to alter the Regulations for the International Badminton Championship (Thomas Cup competition).* The first of these proposals, as passed, gives the Committee of Management the authority to select the site of the Thomas Cup challenge round after a Champion Nation has *successfully defended the Cup once* in its own country or on courts of its own choice. (Comment: This measure is obviously designed to permit the transfer of the challenge round away from a location where climatic or other conditions may be a serious handicap to some of the competitors). The other proposal increases I.B.F.'s share of the gross receipts of the inter-zone and challenge round ties to 10% (formerly 2½%), one-half of which shall be credited to a reserve fund for defraying any balance of the travel expenses of competing teams in situations where the normally available money is insufficient.

*Addition to the Tournament Regulations.* An extensive set of regulations for the seeding and draw of National Open Championships was adopted. These standardize the pattern to be employed in all tournaments which are sanctioned as National Open Championships, a pattern very closely similar to that now used in the All-England event, with which most world-ranking players are already familiar. The application of these new regulations was made mandatory, in spite of a strong plea by the A.B.A. that a trial period be allowed. Accordingly, the A.B.A.'s existing regulations, as they have been used for the past several years, are now superseded, and the

new and different pattern will be employed at our Open Championships next spring. Details of these regulations will be published in BIRD CHATTER prior to the 1960 event.

*Proposal by the Badminton Association of Malaya to change Law 14(h) of the Laws of Badminton,* by eliminating the reference to wood shots, was decisively defeated. Thus, this law remains as it has been, i.e., that wood shots are illegal.

The A.B.A. proposed that the Executive Committee meet by mail, so that members might be elected from as many nations as possible.

The meeting concluded with the election of officers and the making of the draw for the Ladies' International Championship (Uber Cup). As a result of the elections, the officers of the I.B.F. for the next year are: President—Mr. A. C. J. Van Vossen; Vice Presidents—Mr. David Bloomer (Scotland), Major McCallum (No. Ireland), Mr. N. P. Kristensen (Denmark), Mr. D. N. S. Robertson (Canada), Brigadier R. Bruce Hay (England), and Mr. Humphrey Chilton (formerly U.S. delegate); Hon. Treasurer—Mr. H. Morland; Hon. Secretary—Mr. H. A. E. Scheele.

The draw for the inter-zone ties in the Uber Cup competition, made by H. H. the Maharani of Jaipur, resulted in matching the European Zone winner with the Asian Zone winner in one semi-final and putting the American Zone winner against the Australasian Zone winner in the other semi-final.

On the evening of July 1st, following the Annual General Meeting, the I.B.F. held a Silver Jubilee Dinner, at which Sir George Thomas, its Founder President, was guest of honor. This was an informal affair, attended by some 70 officials, players, and friends of the game.

# THE SCIENCE CALLED BADMINTON!

Badminton is a game which to date, Russia has not claimed to have invented. The equipment consists of a net, too high for the great majority of your shots to go over—a shuttlecock or bird depending on how formal you like to be—and a light racquet full of many, many holes.

You will soon find that the badminton court has two sizes. Your side—very, very wide and long—the other side, very, very short and narrow. The net is also a little higher on your side—how else could your beautifully stroked shots end so miserably in the net.

It is recommended that the costume should be something which permits complete freedom of action. Likewise color apparently is a factor because you will always find the clause—all players required to wear white at tournaments. They do not, however, specify white what? It may be white pants—white shorts (bermuda, jamaica or extremely short)—tight fitting shorts—loose fitting—with or without ruffles and flounces—transparent and non-transparent. You will see all kinds and sorts—just like going to the beach in the summertime.

The purpose of the game—to win! For some of us, however, we are extremely thankful if we are able to return the bird without hitting a wood shot or messing the feathers. There are those who can place their shots and others who can even anticipate shots, but this article will not interest those advanced players.

The ruling against woods and carries is the bane of all badminton players. Have you ever noticed the erratic way the bird flies when you hit one of these shots? It is practically impossible for even the experts to return any of these hits. Therefore, it is obvious that the rule was established by seasoned players to discriminate against beginners—who else can hit more woods and carries than beginners?

There are three types of badminton games—the game of endurance, better known as singles; doubles; and men's singles, window dressed with a girl for moral support, called mixed doubles. Singles, well, the best that can be said for this game, is that it is good for the waistline. It is also

a good way to run off excess energy if you are so fortunate as to have any of the end of the day. The theory of the game—run the opponent off the court, off his legs and into the ground. Use skill if necessary!

Doubles is much more complicated. The system of play is believed to center around something called rotation and something called front and back which is a complicated way of saying—don't both of you go for the same bird at the same time. Your actions are generally hampered by the fact that you have a partner who is just never where he or she should be. But on the other hand, your partner serves as a good alibi whenever a match is lost. (She wasn't playing very well that day!) By all means never play with your very best friend—you might ruin a beautiful friendship.

Mixed doubles is a very interesting game—for the man. The girl's function it would appear is to look beautiful—the man's to play the game. The girl is moved around the court from side to side, front to back, like a pawn in a chess game. She is allowed to serve, and if there is any doubt in your mind as to the death of the Age of Chivalry, just serve about two inches above the net and watch that charming, gracious, six-foot blond guy on the other side, smash that bird right back between your eyes. And your own partner who would go out of his way to be of help to you, ordinarily, will make no effort to pick up the bird which he has just smashed into the net. But such is life, and it really is fun to play mixed doubles.

You will find, however, that there is more courtesy on the court than in normal life. For example, there are players who apologize to their partners for missing a shot; apologize for not giving the bird directly to the opponent for service and there are even those who apologize for hitting the bird in the first place.

But to all players, good or bad, there are moments which make all badminton well worth the effort. Remember the time you served a high clear and the receiver, much to your glee, thought you were going to serve short, and rushed the net while the

bird sailed, like Sputnik, right over her head. Ah, yes, then there was the time when you hit a soft net shot and the bird just seemed to climb the net like a ladder and barely fall over to the other side. The comments and looks you received, left much to be desired but you merely ignored them and added another point to your score.

Seriously, the feel of the racquet in your hand; the crisp snap of the bird winging its way back across the net; the graceful stroking of each shot; the feeling of partnership in doubles as you work together as well as you know how, regardless of the end result; the friends you make on the badminton court, and the sheer joy of exercise, is what draws us all each week to our favorite club to play.

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## Bird Chatter Retirements

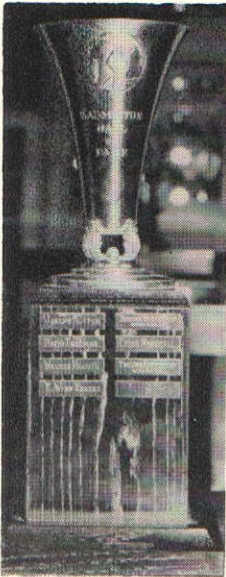
BIRD CHATTER owes a great debt of gratitude to two members of the 1957-59 staff who worked so tirelessly towards publishing this magazine.

Mr. Richard L. Ball has been associated with BIRD CHATTER since 1956 when the editorial offices moved to Maryland and has devoted countless hours to the organization of the treasury of this magazine. The treasury was small, and the job honorary, not to mention 'ornery, but Mr. Ball spent a great deal of his leisure time in keeping the funds in "apple-pie" order.

A second out-going staff member is Mrs. E. M. Dryden, to whose lot fell the cataloguing of all the subscriptions and whose efforts were directed towards increasing the circulation. Our thanks to both these invaluable aides.

BIRD CHATTER has now a business manager whose job embraces the positions held by Mr. Ball and Mrs. Dryden. Introducing Mrs. James W. Flack to our readers!

# HALL OF FAME AWARD



Helms Trophy

Helen L. Gibson, of East Norwalk, Connecticut, has been chosen for Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame honors in connection with the 1959 elections. The selection was made by the Helms Hall Board of Los Angeles, following recommendation which was made by the American Badminton Association.

With Mrs. Wanda Bergman, Miss Gibson was National Ladies Doubles Badminton champion in 1938, and she was a finalist, with Mrs. Bergman, in 1937, 1939, and 1942, and again, with Eleanor Ross in 1951.

Miss Gibson was National Singles finalist in 1939, Mixed Doubles finalist in 1951, and Senior Ladies Doubles finalist in '58-'59. The East Norwalk, Connecticut Badminton ace of long standing has been the winner of innumerable sectional, and inter-sectional crowns, including the National Capitol Open, Eastern States Open, Mason-Dixon Open, Stamford City, Fairfield County Closed, and Connecticut State Closed. Her feat in being a Connecticut State Ladies Closed Doubles champion for 21 years is one which will possibly never be equalled.

Miss Gibson has been an officer or a Director of the American Badminton Association since 1947, and

she has contributed greatly to the organization and its activities. The new Hall of Famer has also devoted much of her time and effort to junior Badminton. However, she is probably best known as Chairman of the Uber Cup Committee, and it was under her guidance that the United States team became the first to win the Ladies International Badminton crown.

Helen Gibson becomes the twelfth player to be elected to the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame. Her name will be engraved upon the Badminton Hall of Fame Trophy in Helms Hall, Los Angeles.

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# UBER CUP SITES, (SIGHTS), SET

The second contest for the Ladies International Trophy, the Uber (you-ber) Cup, is already under way. In fact all three ties have been played in the Australasian zone and the first zone winner for the 1959-60 contest is New Zealand.

Three of the fourteen countries entered in the current contest are competing for the first time — New Zealand, Indonesia, and Thailand, and all elected to challenge in the same zone.

The Asian zone ties have also started, while Europe starts with the England-Denmark tie in Copenhagen on December 4. Canada is the lone entrant in the American zone and as such is already a zone winner, drawn to play New Zealand in the United States the first week in April.

The United States squad, chosen at the 1959 Nationals, has not yet started training, but East Coast members are expected to take part



in the Wilmington Ladies Doubles and the Towson Open in December. One member of the squad was overlooked in the May issue—McGregor Stewart of Baltimore is



Slauer

one of the four members who was not also on the 1956 squad. The others are Beulah Armendariz, Norma Slauer, and Rosine Jones. Shirley Mans was chosen for the squad but has since turned professional. From the eleven lady squad a team of three singles players and two doubles pairs must be chosen to defend the silver and gold trophy presented by Mrs. Betty

Uber of England and won by the U.S.A. in the inaugural contest in 1957. Since the organization of the ties calls for all countries to "fight it out" before challenging the Holder, the U. S. Team will compete in only



Jones

one tie, the Challenge round, against the champion nation of the interzone ties. This match is scheduled for St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia, Pa. on Saturday, April 9.



Armendariz

The interzone final will take place in Baltimore, Md. on Thursday, April 7 in the gymnasium of the Gilman School, and will be sponsored

by the Gold Seal Wine Company of New York State.

The New Zealand team plans to play in the All England Championships and will arrive in this country

one week before tackling the Canadian Team.

## AUSTRALASIAN ZONE New Zealand 4; Thailand 3

New Zealand was lucky in the draw. As Indonesia and Thailand had entered out of their Zone, choice of courts went to Australia and New Zealand respectively.

The first round was played against Thailand in the Army Drill Hall, Dunedin, N. Z., on Saturday, August 15 and resulted in a win for New Zealand by four matches to three. The salient features were the help given to New Zealand by the

winter cold, and Miss Pattabongs' disposal of Miss Sonia Cox with consummate ease. The ability of Miss Cox has been held in very high regard in New Zealand for some time, ever since she first came to public notice as a junior of thirteen. She had been troubled by a pulled leg muscle, and there was doubt as to whether she would be available for the Dunedin match. Even allowing for this fact, and with the knowledge that Miss Pattabongs is generally regarded as the best lady player in Asia, this thrashing of their top lady came as a tremendous shock to New Zealanders.

In the doubles played by Thailand, Miss Pattabongs dominated the play. The standard of doubles play in New Zealand has, for many years, been behind the singles standard.

At the completion of the singles, New Zealand led 2-1, but after the first three doubles had been played the score was evened at 3 all, the entire tie hingeing on the final match between Mrs. Heather Robson and Mrs. V. Gow and the number 2 Thai team of Miss Sumol Chanklum and Miss Supatra Kunakorn. New Zealand won the match 15-4, 15-0 and the tie 4-3.

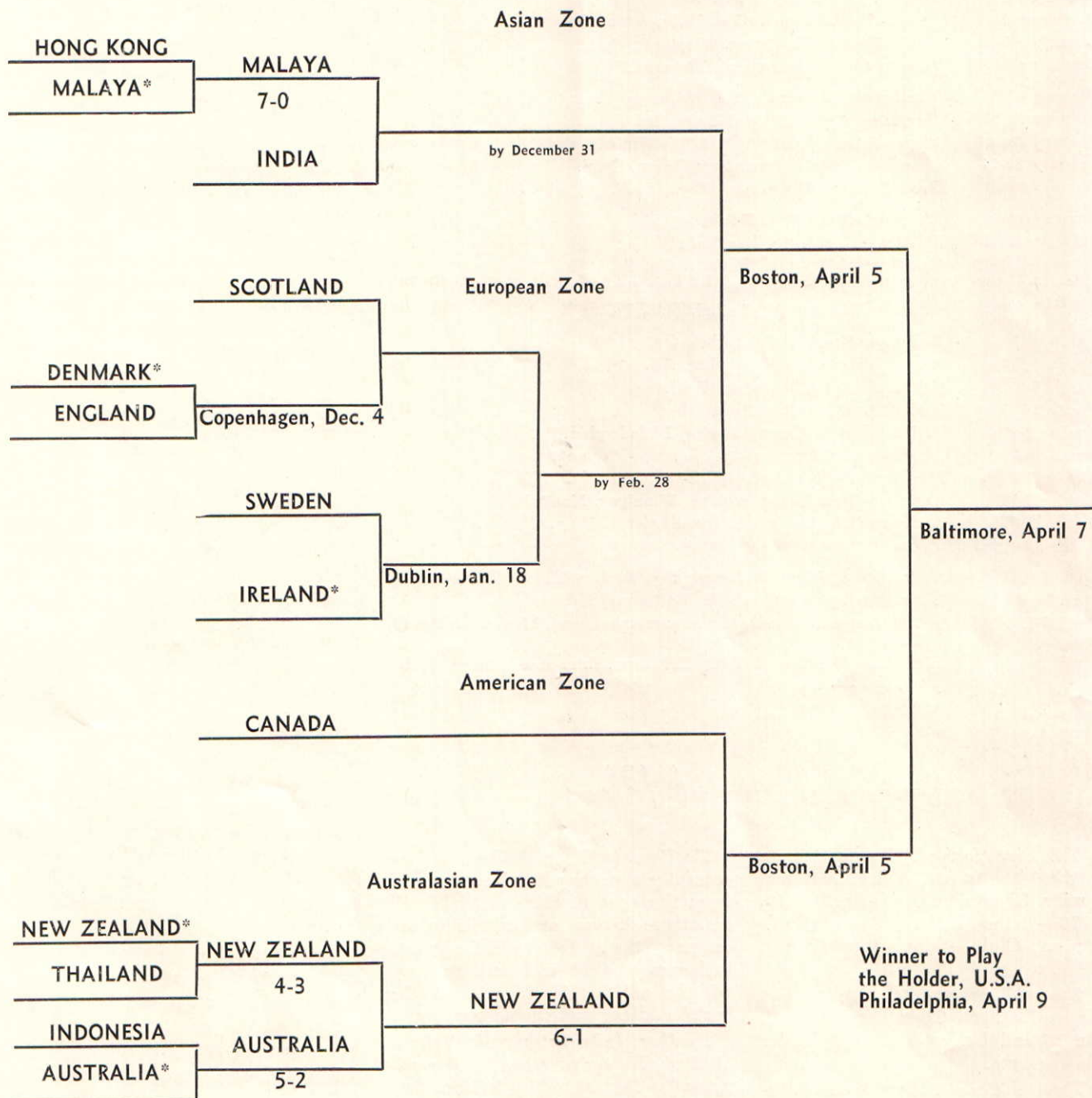
## New Zealand 6; Australia 1

The final of the Australasian zone was played on Saturday, September 26 in Wellington, N. Z., between New Zealand and the Australian team which had downed Indonesia. The result was one which even the most optimistic of New Zealand badminton fans had not expected to be so decisive. From playing against each other in Whyte Trophy (men and women) matches, Australia and New Zealand have a very good idea of their relative strength. In this year's Whyte Trophy Australia and New Zealand halved the six ladies events.

Miss Glenys Hopkinson gave New



# UBER Cup Draw 1958-59



\*—this country has choice of courts

Zealand their first point, and then Mrs. Twining of Australia led Mrs. Robson by one game and 8-7 in the second when Mrs. Robson put a winner in her opponent's back hand corner and the latter fell over while

trying to make the recovery. She had to forfeit the match. New Zealand led 3-0 after the three singles, then lost the first doubles but won the next three. Mrs. Twining's injury was still affecting

her play sufficiently to slow up her usual speed around the court and, had this injury not occurred, the two doubles in which Mrs. Twining played, might well have gone to Australia.

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

November 7, 8	San Diego Open "B" & "C", San Diego, Calif.
November 20-22	Pacific Southwest Tournament, Pasadena, Calif.
December 4-6	Western States Open, Manhattan Beach, Calif.
December 5	Ladies' Doubles Invitation, Wilmington, Dela.
December 5	Men's Doubles Invitation, Westport, Conn.
December 11-13	Towson Open Tournament, Towson, Md.
January 11-17	Strathgowan International Invitation, Toronto, Canada.
January 18-23	Maryland State "C", Baltimore, Md.
January 23, 24	Metropolitan Closed "A, B & C", White Plains, N. Y.
January 22-24	Connecticut State Open, New Haven, Conn.
January 30-31	Dave Freeman Open, San Diego, Calif.
February 8-12	Maryland State "B", Baltimore, Md.
February 12-13	S.C.M.A.F. Jr., Long Beach, Calif.
February 12-13	Delaware Valley "B", Philadelphia, Pa.
February 20-22	Northern California Championships, San Francisco, Calif.
February 26-27	Delaware Valley "A", Philadelphia, Pa.
March 4, 5	Louisiana Open, Natchitoches, La.
March 4-6	Mason Dixon Open, Baltimore, Md.
March 4-6	California State, Burbank, Calif.
March 12-13	Texas Open, Houston, Texas.
March 18-20	Middle Atlantic Championships, Philadelphia, Pa.
March 16-19	All England Championships, London, England.
March 21-27	Maryland State Closed, Baltimore, Md.
March 23-26	Canadian Open Championships, Winnipeg, Manitoba
March 25-27	Southern B.A. Championships, Shreveport, La.
March 30-April 2	UNITED STATES NATIONAL OPEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS, Chicago.
April 5	Uber Cup semi-final inter-zone ties, Boston, Mass.
April 7	Uber Cup final inter-zone tie, Baltimore, Md.
April 8-11	UNITED STATES JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Manhattan Beach, Calif.
April 9	Uber Cup Challenge Round, U.S.A. vs. inter-zone winner, Philadelphia, Pa.

## Junior National Plans

*You Are Invited.* To participate in the 14th Annual A.B.A. National Junior Championships—April 8-11, 1960—at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club—Manhattan Beach, Calif.

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*Further Information.* Next issue of Bird Chatter or write to Tournament Co-Chairman Mr. & Mrs. Ray Vening—533—15th St., Manhattan Beach, Calif.

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## LET'S MAKE BADMINTON BIG-TIME

The 1959 United States National Badminton Championship was the first of our Nationals to cooperate efforts with the People-to-People Sports Committee, Inc. This People-to-People program has already done an outstanding job in many sports, based on cultivating and promoting friendship and understanding among the nations of the world. We have been very fortunate to get badminton recognized and many doors have been opened for badminton and its promotion.

Several things were learned by the operation of these championships in Detroit. The tournament committee recommends the employment of a professional publicity and public relations man, with an "in" with local papers, radio and TV and some knowledge of the game, if possible. Last year's venture on this line was more than worth the sum involved, in gate receipts alone.

Much more emphasis should be placed on the staging of a professional-looking event for all those people we are trying to reach and interest in this game. We must make badminton a spectator sport; too often the score is not evident, the officials are "wanderers" and the players not ready to come on court immediately after the completion of the preceding match. It seems as though our Nationals are being staged for the A.B.A. and its players and NOT for the public we are trying to reach.

Good portable lighting fixtures and a portable plastic court so that basketball and other unrelated lines are not on the badminton court, and large score boards, should be made the permanent property of the A.B.A. to travel to each National event.

We must take some vital steps toward pleasing the press and the spectators whom badminton needs so badly.

(Excerpts from the reports of Hans Rogind, 1959 U. S. National Committee Chairman, to the Directors of the American Badminton Association.)

## HOLDSTEIN IN ITALY

Walter M. Holdstein, president of General Sportcraft Company Ltd., has been in Italy as a special guest of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Trade, conducting a survey of the export potentialities of sporting goods for the Italian Sporting Goods Industry. He will also advise on the best possible promotion program to reach the widest American market, as well as analyzing sales and merchandising policies to achieve this goal.

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## ASHAWAY'S "GUIDE"

A campaign to spur the development of badminton throughout the country has been launched by Ashaway Products, Inc. Keystone of the campaign is a complete, illustrated "Guide to Better Badminton," offered for free distribution through sporting goods dealers and other selected outlets.

In digest form, the 16-page "Guide" presents all information required by beginners preparing to take up the fast-paced sport, which has seen a strong surge of interest in recent years. Free supply of the booklet will be offered in a mailing by Ashaway Products, Inc., aimed at schools, playground associations, clubs, YMCA's and other athletic groups. The booklet points out the physical benefits to be gained from badminton by people of all ages, and urges the establishment of the game as a team and tournament sport.

Topics covered in Ashaway's "Guide to Better Badminton" include tips on what to wear, and how to select racquets and shuttles. The grip, fundamentals of court strategy, complete scoring information and basic rules are explained in simple, clear cut fully detailed form. A full-page diagram shows the officially approved layout and dimensions for a badminton court. The "Guide" concludes with suggestions for forming a badminton program within schools, clubs and other organizations, and a list of sources of further information about the sport.

Suggesting that sporting goods dealers join in the effort to promote badminton, the company offers free copies of the booklet in quantity lots. The booklet is suitable for dealer imprinting. Copies may be obtained by writing direct to Ashaway Products, Inc., Ashaway, Rhode Island.



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3. William Berry California
4. Manuel Armendariz California
5. Dick Mitchell California
6. Rod Starkey California
7. Michael Roche Maryland
8. Don Davis New York
9. Ted Mochlmann Missouri
10. Richard Ball Maryland

### Honorable Mention

- Noel Fehm Connecticut  
Vic Van de Ven Michigan

## LADIES' SINGLES

1. Judy Devlin Maryland
2. Dorothy O'Neil Connecticut
3. Beulah Armendariz California
4. McGregor Stewart Maryland
5. Shirley Mans Massachusetts
6. Susan Devlin Maryland
7. Abbie Rutledge Indiana
8. Pat Gallagher California
9. Norma Slauer D.C.
10. Helen Tibbetts California

### Honorable Mention

- Ruth Berry California  
Carlene Hester California

## MEN'S DOUBLES

1. J. Alston California
- W. Rogers California
2. M. Armendariz California
- J. Poole California
3. R. Ball Maryland
- M. Roche Maryland
4. W. Berry California
- R. Mitchell California
5. F. Knight California
- A. Mahaffey California
6. M. Hartgrove California
- D. Paup California
7. W. Schell Massachusetts
- N. Fehm Connecticut
8. E. Boston Illinois
- J. Wigglesworth Illinois
9. W. Anderson Michigan
- V. Pritula Michigan
10. V. Van de Ven Michigan
- F. Trifonoff Michigan

## LADIES' DOUBLES

1. J. Devlin Maryland
- S. Devlin Maryland
2. E. Marshall New York
- B. Massman New York
3. L. Alston California
- B. Armendariz California
4. R. Jones N. Carolina
- D. O'Neil Connecticut
5. D. Hann California
- H. Tibbetts California
6. C. Decker D.C.
- N. Slauer D.C.
7. J. Pons California
- C. Starkey California

8. A. Rutledge Indiana
- N. Pritula Michigan
9. T. Burdick Illinois
- E. Coombs Illinois
10. M. Connor Michigan
- M. Sirwaitis Michigan

### Insufficient data

P. Gallagher, S. Mans, M. Stewart

## MIXED DOUBLES

1. M. Roche Maryland
- J. Devlin Maryland
2. J. Alston California
- L. Alston California
3. W. Rogers California
- B. Armendariz California
4. R. Williams New York
- E. Marshall New York
5. R. Ball Maryland
- S. Devlin Maryland
6. W. Schell Massachusetts
- R. Jones N. Carolina
7. F. Knight California
- M. Knight California
8. W. Berry California
- R. Berry California
9. J. Poole California
- D. Hann California
10. R. Starkey California
- C. Starkey California

### Honorable Mention

- M. Hartgrove California  
H. Tibbetts California  
V. Van de Ven Michigan  
M. Sirwaitis Michigan  
E. Boston Illinois  
E. Coombs Illinois  
W. Anderson Michigan  
M. Connor Michigan  
N. Fehm Connecticut  
P. Fehm Connecticut

## SENIOR MEN'S DOUBLES

1. R. Traquair New York
- R. Young New York
2. C. Andersen Washington
- R. Hill Washington
3. W. Schell Massachusetts
- R. Wright Massachusetts
4. M. Mendez California
- W. Lyons California
5. C. Mitchell Georgia
- A. Patton Georgia
6. W. Parsons Pennsylvania
- T. Parsons Pennsylvania
7. G. Geever Illinois
- H. Drewry Michigan
8. R. Nusbaum Indiana
- H. Perkins Ohio
9. J. Tiberi Illinois
- A. Fish Illinois
10. J. Coyne Michigan
- A. Mularoni Michigan

## SENIOR LADIES' DOUBLES

1. M. Connor Michigan
- M. Sirwaitis Michigan
2. W. Bergman Connecticut
- H. Gibson Connecticut
3. T. Burdick Illinois
- J. Macdonald New York

4. D. Hinkle Ohio
- E. Perkins Ohio
5. E. Cope Connecticut
- E. Mudry Connecticut
6. V. Eliot Michigan
- A. Rogers Michigan

## BOYS' SINGLES

1. Stan Hales California
2. Jack Keating Michigan
3. Richard Gorman Massachusetts
4. Daniel Rudy Maryland
5. Pat Armendariz California
6. Craig Brand Connecticut
7. John Snead Maryland
8. Bill Foy California
9. James Lynch New York
10. John Lockwood Delaware

## GIRLS' SINGLES

1. Patsy Hitchens Delaware
2. Sharon Pritula Michigan
3. Ann Erkkila California
4. Faith Ferris Maryland
5. Janet Ogilvie New York
6. Betsy Deckert Maryland
7. Joyce Schoeppach Michigan
8. Nancy Vening California
9. Patricia Lord New York
10. Barbara Beuermann Delaware

## BOYS' DOUBLES

1. B. Foy California
- S. Hales California
2. D. Rudy Maryland
- J. Snead Maryland
3. J. Keating Michigan
- G. LaFranc Michigan
4. S. Pollock Delaware
- J. Lockwood Delaware
5. P. Armendariz California
- B. Pajares California
6. P. Kortman Delaware
- J. Lynch New York
7. K. Marshall Maryland
- C. Brand Connecticut
8. C. Cummings Maryland
- B. Steinwald Maryland

## GIRLS' DOUBLES

1. H. Carter California
- F. Ferris Maryland
2. J. Ogilvie New York
- P. Lord New York
3. P. Hitchens Delaware
- P. Pritchard Delaware
4. N. Vening California
- C. O'Grady California
5. B. Deckert Maryland
- L. Farley Maryland
6. A. Erkkila California
- L. Erkkila California
7. B. Beuermann Delaware
- A. Stamps Delaware
8. N. Butts W. Virginia
- M. Knight W. Virginia
9. M. Halloran Minnesota
- K. Gilfillan Minnesota
10. J. Schoeppach Michigan
- B. Bump Massachusetts

**JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES**

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|------------------|------------|
| 1. J. Keating    | Michigan   |
| S. Pritula       | Michigan   |
| 2. B. Foy        | California |
| H. Carter        | California |
| 3. S. Pollock    | Delaware   |
| B. Beuermann     | Delaware   |
| 4. J. Lockwood   | Delaware   |
| A. Stamps        | Delaware   |
| 5. P. Armendariz | California |
| A. Erkkila       | California |
| 6. J. Lynch      | New York   |
| P. Lord          | New York   |
| 7. S. Hales      | California |
| P. Hitchens      | Delaware   |
| 8. D. Rudy       | Maryland   |
| F. Ferris        | Maryland   |
| 9. J. Snead      | Maryland   |
| B. Deckert       | Maryland   |
| 10. G. LaFranc   | Michigan   |
| J. Schoepach     | Michigan   |

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**BOOK REVIEW**

*Teach Yourself Badminton*, Fred Brundle, English University Press, Ltd., 1959.

The latest book to be published on badminton is by Fred Brundle, and is one of twenty-seven books in the "Teach Yourself" series. In nearly two hundred pages, Author Brundle gives clear, amusing, yet informative lessons on the art of teaching oneself badminton, minus coach or instructor. Both strokes and tactics are included, as well as several telling sentences on mental attitude and outlook on the game for the young player or the beginner, whether he has set his sights on tournament competition or merely on "social badminton." There are several photos of top players in action to demonstrate various points Mr. Brundle wishes to make.

"A good badminton player is always a little aggressive" is a good maxim. "I estimate that nine out of ten beginners grip too tightly" is again a statement with which most instructors will agree. Such phrases as "badminton's cornerstone is Deception" and "Concentration is the biggest match winner of all" show that the author has a good understanding of championship play. "Badminton requires intelligence and determination when played seriously . . . it also requires a high degree of anticipation and a certain zest for deceiving your opponent."

Among the high points of the book are the following: On the subject of fundamentals the Malayan school feels that "with two contestants of equal merit, the one with the good footwork wins by catching the one with the poor footwork off balance."

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# Flying Feathers

We are sorry to announce the retirement of Byron Settle of the Southern B.A. as a reporter for BIRD CHATTER. Ill health forced Mr. Settle to move from Roanoke, Va. to Florida to seek the sunshine but Mr. Settle informs us that, though improving, his health will not yet let him carry on his badminton work. Mr. Settle has been one of badminton's staunchest supporters in the south and he will be missed by badminton enthusiasts in that part of the country.

The SCBA took 100 tickets for the play "Jimmy Kissed Me" at the new Glendale Centre Theatre, the profit of nearly \$60.00 being placed in the Junior Fund . . . Tom Heden, formerly of Minneapolis, and the U. S. Army in Germany, is now a law student at UCLA and playing badminton at the Manhattan Beach B. C. . . . Jack and Grace Cogan called their September baby Kerry Michael . . . Rod Starkey is president of the San Diego B. C. He and Manuel Armendariz are new directors of the Southern California B. A. . . . Southern California ranked their junior players for the first time . . . The SCBA sent \$100.00 to the Uber Cup Fund.

The outstanding New York badminton player, Doris De Lord, and up-and-coming Betty Coumbe, dominated New York State tennis this summer. They paired to win the State Women's Doubles and were the finalists in the State Clay Court Women's Singles. Betty snatched the title in a tight see-saw match. Doris reached the finals of the Eastern Clay Court Singles, and also had a crack at the Nationals in Forest Hills. . . Larry De Lord has again teamed up with Don Hume, but this time it's tennis balls they're hitting. Their synchronized play got them to the semi-finals of the Eastern Grass Court Doubles. Wait 'til next year!

Bob Blizzard is leaving Houston to live and work in Denver on November 15th, 1959, for the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company. Bob is the person responsible for the re-



Carl Loveday (right), at 1947 Nationals where he was runner-up to Dave Freeman.

activation of the TBA a year and a half ago. His knowledge of the game and his experience with tournament play and administrative matters were vital in the organization and operation of the TBA. He hopes to find some badminton enthusiasts in Denver . . . Another European Tour member is engaged. There'll be wedding bells ringing soon for Baltimore's Carolyn Ament.

The Houston Club has a member who has just taken up the game at the age of 75. Carl Scanlan, formerly of Chicago, decided he had done most everything else so he is now attempting to master the little white bird. . . . Ed Stuart and wife, Pete, with Ogreta Stekoll and Bob Blizzard, had the pleasure of dining with Jack Hessey of Baltimore in Houston in October where Jack was conventioning.

Indonesia's Tan Joe Hok, the United States Open Champion, is the recipient of a presidential scholarship to Baylor University in Texas. This scholarship is issued to needy and deserving students, and we are proud that it has gone to a badminton player. Joe is working in the Student Union building to help defray expenses, taking mathematics,

chemistry and english towards his pre-med requirements, and practicing badminton about twice a week. It is hoped that he will be sent to major badminton tournaments in the Texas, Louisiana area.

Jim Hackler, formerly of Berkeley, California, is in Vienna where he hopes to play badminton. Jim expects to spend part of his time behind the Iron Curtain . . . Shirley Mans has joined the professional ranks. She is employed by the Ice Capades as Hugh Forgie's badminton opponent in his act "Badminton on Ice." Shirley is also tutoring Hugh's children for the year that they will all be on tour . . . Bill Frey was so taken with Europe last year on the Badminton Tour that he and a friend toured the European scene in a Volkswagen this summer.

The Wissahickon Badminton Club of Philadelphia is planning lots of badminton and social events for the coming season. Harry Hackett is the new president of the club . . . Helen Yee-chung, a San Francisco State freshman from Thailand is playing badminton at the Ocean View courts in San Francisco. Vreni Schkolziger, the mixed doubles champion of Switzerland, and formerly a member of the Paris, France, Badminton club, is now playing at Ocean View. . . Philadelphia's John Cornell is slowly recuperating from a severe back injury while Marion Kip of the same city is still suffering from a bad knee . . .

We are pleased to hear that for the first time in many years, the Oklahoma City Y.M.C.A. is playing badminton again. Everet Johnson reports that they hope to field teams of high calibre players in the future . . . A brand new California "junior" born on June 17th to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Loveday, the young man to be called Carl, Junior. "Old Carl was a frequent runner up in the U. S. Men's Singles during the reign of Dave Freeman . . . Ed Fernbaugh terminates the fishing season in favor of badminton at Ocean View once again.

Congratulations to Arnold and Madge Keehn of Philadelphia on their new little badminton prospect . . . Philadelphia's loss is California's gain as Sharlee and Kent Elsworth head west . . . Former junior player Linda Flack of Baltimore is now working at Lord and Taylor in New York City.

Abbie Rutledge has moved from Purdue University to Adelphi College in New York where she is a member of the Physical Education Department . . . After a year's absence from the tournament circuit, former National champion Margaret Varner is making plans to return to competitive badminton . . . Former International player, Erica Davies has returned to Wales following a fifteen month stay in America, spent working at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore . . . Delaware's Bob Reichert is in Scandinavia and Holland where he expects to meet up with badminton players and enthusiasts . . . Detroit's young Sharon Pritula was a semi-finalist in the Canadian Junior tennis championships . . .

Remember how hard it was to tell the Gibbs twins apart? Well, Southern California has a new identity problem. Fred and Fran Koepfel are as identical as twins can get. To be obliging, they usually wear different badminton clothes, so the trick is to remember which one has on what, and on what day. They are two of the best prospects among the junior group. . . Buzz Martin broke down and played in the MBBC Labor Day tourney. This was his first public appearance on the courts in way too long. . .

David McTaggart spent a few days around L.A. in September. He was sailing on a Swedish ship from Vancouver, Canada, to Venezuela and had a stopover. He was horrified to think that we were playing badminton here in the summer! . . . A few years back, Gene Elms was one of the toughest competitors in the Veterans division. He and his wife moved out of the area and we have not seen them for quite some time. We were very sorry to hear that Mrs. Elms, Margaret, passed away in September. She was a truly

lovely person and our sympathies go out to Gene. . .

Ted Jarrett was a spectator at the All England Tennis Championships at Wimbledon in July. Glimpsed at Forest Hills during the U. S. Tennis Championships were Helen Gibson, Margaret Varner, Charlotte Decker and Patsey Stephens . . . The Ocean View Club in San Francisco boasts members from five foreign countries, Burma, Hong Kong, the Portuguese colony of Macao located just off the coast of Red China, the Philippines and Canada . . . San Francisco State College offers badminton courses the whole year 'round including regular and post sessions. Joe Verducci, the football coach, is the instructor. The average enrollment is thirty-two players who participate in both the course and in an extensive intramural program. . .

Bunky Roche seen modeling clothes on TV during the showing of the Davis Cup matches on a local Baltimore station . . . Dick Ball preparing to enter the U. S. Coast

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# From Coast to Coast

## Southern

The 19th Annual Championship of the S.B.A. will be held in the Centenary College Gym at Shreveport, La., on March 25, 26 and 27, 1960. This tournament is being sponsored by the Shreveport Badminton club and will be held as an open for the first time in the history of the S.B.A. All players who are affiliated with the A.B.A. are most cordially invited to attend. Application blanks may be obtained from Tom Carmody, Sec., at P. O. Box 71, Shreveport, La.

It is our understanding that the International Singles Champion, Tan Joe Hok, is attending school at Waco, Texas, and that he plans to enter the S.B.A. Tournament this next spring.

The 1959-60 officers of the S.B.A. are: Francis Payne, President; Ben Hudson, Treasurer; Tom Carmody, Secretary, all of Shreveport.

Any one having information regarding the First and Second Tournaments that were held in the S.B.A. in 1937 and in 1938—as to where they were held and who were the winners—please contact your correspondent: Winfrey Wynn, Atlanta Athletic Club.

There are at present the following active groups in the Southern region; Atlanta Athletic Club, Memphis, Durham, Shreveport, Miami, Birmingham, Tampa, New Orleans.

The Men's Doubles Trophy was finally retired in 1959 after 18 years, by Patton and Mitchell of the AAC. A new one has been purchased and will be engraved with the names of all the winners from all the past tournaments. The retired trophy will be placed in the Trophy Room at the AAC.

## District of Columbia

New officers of the D.C.B.C. are Van Tanner, Doris Slauer, and Polly Kolle; the President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

## Louisiana

Northwestern State College of Louisiana will sponsor the Louisiana Open Tournament on March 5 and 6 in Natchitoches. This tournament draws players from Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Louisiana. Sponsored by the Department of Health and Physical Education of the college, three gyms will be used making ten courts on which to hold the matches.

Information will gladly be furnished by writing Dr. Charles Thomas, Department of Health and Physical Education, Box 1026, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La.

## Connecticut

New officers of the C.B.A. are Harold Smith, President; Miss Terry Maxwell, Vice President; Miss Elsie Cope, Secretary; and Marie Schultz, Treasurer.

The New Haven Y.M.C.A. will be host to the Connecticut Open to be held the last weekend in January. There will be six courts available for play and housing may be obtained at the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. which is next door. Hotels and motels are also located near the courts.

## Los Angeles Arena Dedication

Jack van Praag of the Southern California Badminton Association supervised the badminton exhibition at the grand opening and Dedication of the new Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena on July 4. Joe and Lois Alston of Pasadena, Wynn Rogers of Arcadia and Helen Tibbetts of Gardena played a mixed doubles exhibition as part of the program.

Though originally scheduled to be televised nationally, the Dedication Ceremonies were presented only to the local viewers. Eight other sports were chosen to be exhibited as part of the program.

## Midwest

Midwest B.A. urging their clubs to sponsor more B tournaments and to run consolation rounds in A tournaments and junior tournaments. A Junior Development and Aid Fund has been set up by the Midwest Association; the Ohio Association contributed generously to the fund at the close of last season. Money will be spent to purchase used tournament shuttles for the junior program, to aid the Midwest Junior finalists in getting to the Junior Nationals and to aid promising juniors who wish to participate in the Midwest Tourney.

The following is reprinted from the *MBA Newsletter*, the official publication of the Midwest B.A.: Among the notes received since the last *Newsletter* is criticism of tournament chairmen who permit individuals to enter without a club affiliation in the Midwest. You must be a member of an affiliated club to enter any sanctioned tournament from the smallest local one to the Nationals. To strengthen and build the game, these rules should be enforced.

Another suggestion which originated outside the Midwest is to provide individual memberships in addition to club memberships. Perhaps a system of tournament player registration similar to that used in tennis would help to strengthen tournament play in badminton too.

It is time for some kind of action!

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## CLUBS SUBSCRIBING 100% TO BIRD CHATTER

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New Haven B. C., Connecticut  
Shady Hill B. C., Massachusetts  
Stamford Y, Connecticut  
Wissahickon B. C. Pennsylvania



**Metropolitan Association  
New York City**

Last year's program of Sunday afternoon play open to MBA members as well as non-members proved very successful. In an effort to foster continued interest, the Association will again sponsor open play at Robert Wagner Junior High School starting Sunday, November 1st, and continuing until March 20th. The school is centrally located in Manhattan at 222 East 76 Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues), and four excellent courts will be available. The dressing room facilities are perfect which will be a great improvement over last year's accommodations. If you're in New York this winter and want to spend an afternoon "hitting the bird," why not drop in?

MBA club members are looking forward to the first informal handicap doubles competition to be held on Saturday November 21, at the Bronxville Club. The genial hosts will be Ken and Jo MacDonald whose hospitality is surpassed by none.

The officers of the MBA this year are: President, Ted Hamilton; Vice-Presidents, Ed Geng and Chris Marx; Secretary, Charlie Stedman, Jr.; Treasurer, Larry De Lord.

**Texas**

The TBA Annual Open Badminton Tournament held April 25-26, 1959 in Austin, Texas at the University of Texas Women's Gym was well attended and highly successful. Mrs. Betty Chappell of the University staff was the sponsor and manager. There were about forty players entered in the usual five events, including the U. S. Open Champion Tan Joe Hok.

Bob Blizard and Ed Stuart were reelected president and secy-treas., respectively, of the TBA. New interest is being shown in the Dallas area and we are hopeful of a new club being organized there.

Tan Joe Hok of Indonesia is now enrolled in Baylor University, Waco, Texas for premedical studies. Joe has graciously made trips to Houston and Shreveport this past summer to play exhibition matches with club members and assist them in improving their game. A large public audience was on hand for the two nights Joe gave pointers in Houston.

**FLYING FEATHERS**

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Guard early in 1960 on the "critical skills" program . . . ABA prexy Jarrett conferred with Phil Hinkle in Cincinnati, George Brown in Chicago and Roy Jordan, in St. Louis, while on a Middle West swing.

Polly and Jorgen Kolle of D. C. became the proud parents of a son, Clay Thompson, on June 26 . . . The Pentagon B. C. of the Nation's Capital, is now quite an active club by all reports . . . The ABA Rules

Book Committee has an illustrious roster—Don Wilbur, the first ABA president; Bob Macmillan, first ABA secretary; John Garrod and Phil Richardson, both former secretaries; Charlie Newhall and Don Richardson, former presidents; and current head Ted Jarrett.

The Officer's Athletic Center, located in the Pentagon in Washington, held a summer singles tournament. The Class "A" winner was Major E. W. Snelling and the Class "B" winner was Col. Russell K. Brock. A doubles tournament is now in progress. . . .

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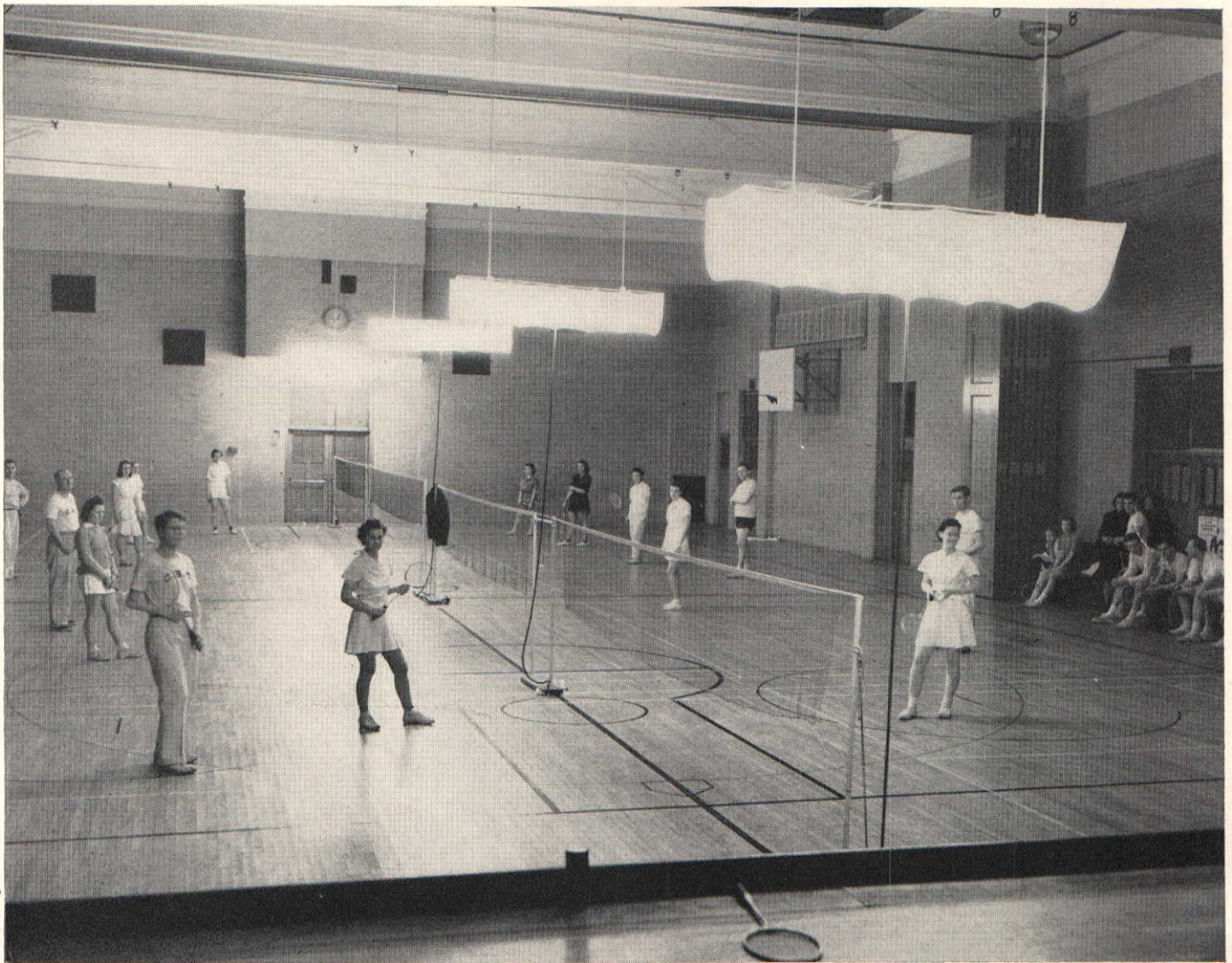
*There are Civic Centers —*



**THE PAN PACIFIC AUDITORIUM** in Los Angeles, midway between downtown L.A. and Hollywood, will hold all the badminton courts anyone could wish for on the 135,000 square feet of floor space. This was the site of the 1947 National Championships. In Spokane, Washington, the Coliseum housed the 1957 National Championships.

*courts and ...*

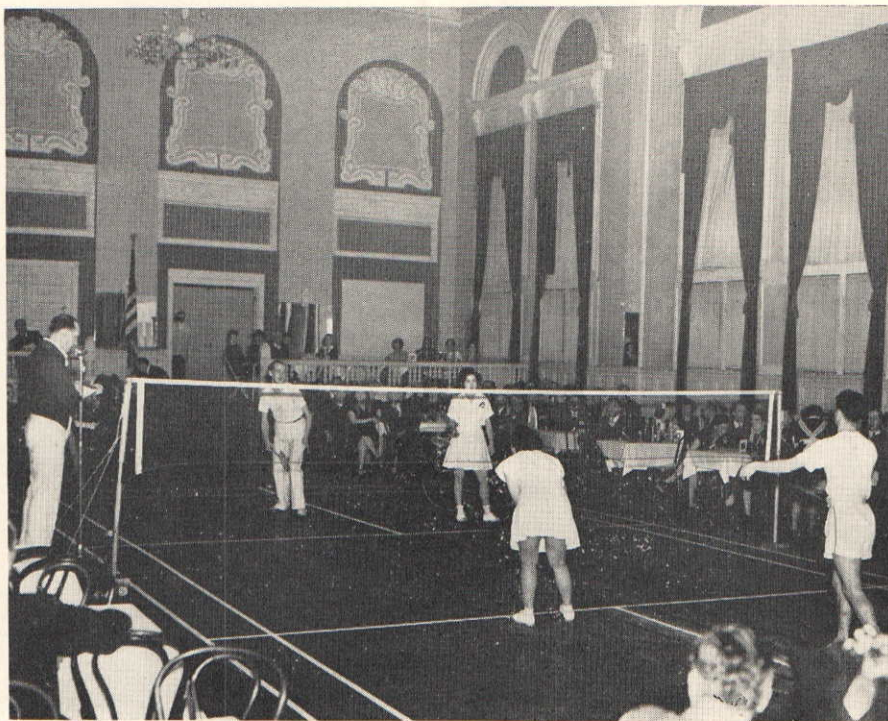
*There are school gymnasiums—*



**THE MORELAND SCHOOL** in Shaker Heights, Ohio, has special lighting equipment and four courts laid out on the basketball floor. A stage at one end of the gym is used for school plays and doubles as a spectator stand for badminton events.

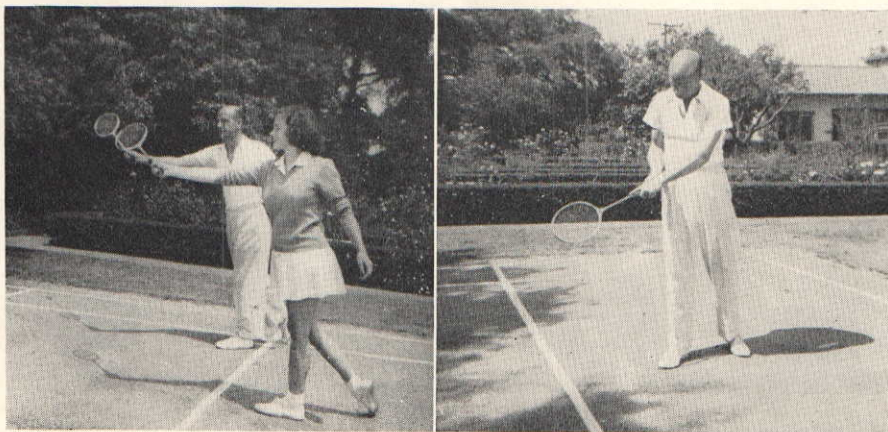
# More Courts!!!

*There are dance halls—*



The above is in Chicago. It could easily also be the Junior League Ballroom in New York City where badminton exhibitions were given while spectators sat at tables to enjoy the matches.

*and the great outdoors*



The majority of the seven million badminton players take their fresh air and badminton together on outdoor courts such as this.

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But what the U. S. lacks are clubs built exclusively for badminton courts where no other lines interfere and where the game may be played twelve months of the year.

# THE SPROUTING SEED

## NOVEMBERS THEN AND NOW

On November 6 nineteen years ago, the American Badminton Association launched an official publication—a mimeographed series of six pages purporting to show the aims of this nation-wide organization, and to draw badminton players and enthusiasts closer together.

In November of 1959, eighteen volumes and 72 numbers later, BIRD CHATTER still has the same purpose, backed now by an attractive format of 24 pages of pictures and stories, a greater circulation and articles of interest to all badmintonites.

1941 was hardly an auspicious time to start such a publication for the following year the November issue announced that there would be no National Championship. The country was at war; 90% of our top badminton players were in the armed services and transportation was a nation-wide problem. However, with an eye to the future, there was a great effort made to start junior programs throughout the country. Tim Royce wrote in the November, 1942 issue that there were barrage balloons over Seattle.

By 1943 BIRD CHATTER had grown to sixteen pages and James F. Crafts of Boston was the President of the American Badminton Association. In November, 1944, BIRD CHATTER printed an article by a witty and rotund visitor from Scotland who, nine years later, would once more be in the U.S. and be responsible for the first visit of American players, other than the 1949 Thomas Cup Team, to the All England Championships and in 1958, responsible for the participation of the five great Asian players in our Championships last year. David L. Bloomer of Glasgow, pictured on our cover this month, wrote his "Impressions of a Has Been" containing one particularly telling phrase—"Striking the bird with the sweet crisp action of that husband who joined the badminton club to keep an eye on his wife."

In November, 1944 Donald Richardson took over the editorship of BIRD CHATTER from Justin Canfield and the publication started to appear on glossy paper with half tone repro-

ductions and photos, a format to which it still adheres. Evansville, Indiana announced through BIRD CHATTER that they were starting organized badminton.

One of the first 100% clubs joined us in 1945, the Webster Groves B.C. of Missouri. Oklahoma held their first open championships in Ponca City, and twelve tournaments were listed in the schedule in the December issue. The junior program proposed and started in 1941 had mushroomed in the intervening four seasons so that the A.B.A. was happily forced into the establishment of a new committee, the Junior Activities Committee under the chairmanship of Lea Gustavson of Connecticut and, in 1947, this committee conducted the first Junior National Championships in Baltimore.



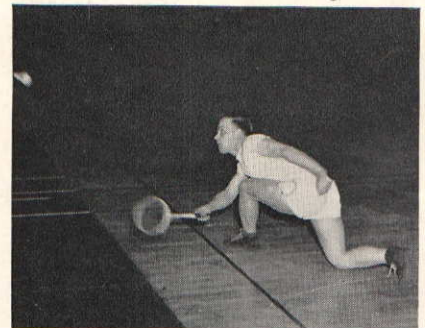
Oklahoma's George Harman has been a mainstay of Ponca City badminton since 1945.

1946 saw the start of Hugh Forgie's now famous "Badminton on Ice." The Ice Capades, with the badminton act included, opened on July 3 and has been running ever since. Knoxville, Tennessee started a city championship during the '46-'47 season.

In 1947 we entered the second decade of organized badminton in the United States. There were twenty-nine tournaments listed in the November number of BIRD CHATTER, along with a series of letters suggesting a change in the name of the pub-

lication. Six names are worthy of mention, though none was used and the magazine is still published under its original name. National Badminton News and Badminton News were both suggested; American Badminton, National Badminton, and just plain Badminton were others. The latter could easily be confused with the publications of both Denmark and Sweden both of whom use this title. One final suggestion was Badminton Chatter.

In 1948 the editorship of BIRD CHATTER passed 3000 miles from East to West—Bob Kildall of Seattle took over and published the magazine with a colored cover and several color illustrations. Seattle was BIRD CHATTER's home for five years, under the editorships of Mr. Kildall, Luise Stone and Steve Johnson. It was during these five years that U.S. badminton truly emerged as a part of world badminton. In November, 1948, BIRD CHATTER ran a preview of the first Thomas Cup matches to be staged on this continent—the U.S. played India in Pasadena on December 11 and 12. In 1950, BIRD CHATTER reported the presence in England of the Choong brothers of Malaya; they were not yet world class players but four years later they came to our shores to play. In 1951, the November issue reported on the summer tour of a badminton team from Denmark to South Africa and the big domestic news was the retirement from competitive badminton of Dr. David Freeman, who had moved



Bob Kildall of Seattle was the third editor of BIRD CHATTER, and an ardent player himself.

to Ann Arbor, Michigan for post-graduate work in neuro-surgery. In 1952, Canada suggested to the A.B.A. that there be a North American Team Championship, on Thomas Cup lines, between the two associations—a proposal still in the formative stage seven years later.

BIRD CHATTER changed locations again in November, 1953, moving south to Glendale, California under the editorship of Mrs. Marguerite Miller. Color was abandoned, but not quality. The first issue from California announced the retirement from singles competition of the top U.S. lady player, Ethel Marshall of Buffalo. In November, 1954 the international aspect of badminton was pointed out in an article by Bill Berry, back from Asia, mentioning the game in Manila, among other places, and in November of 1955 the Thomas Cup team was again featured, the U.S. team losing to India in Malaya. Also in November, four years ago, Northern California had two hundred and fifteen individual entries in their Seventh Junior Championships—ultimately traceable to that first issue of BIRD CHATTER in 1941. The issue also carried a

report of a U.S. team to South Africa.

Since 1956, the magazine has been edited in Baltimore. In November of '56 the Uber Cup competition made its debut on our pages when the first Uber Cup Squad was introduced to the readers. November, 1957 featured still another retirement, that of Joe and Lois Alston from singles competition and last season's November issue featured yet another first, a badminton tour for all grades of players to Europe.

Now in November of 1959, we publish a first-hand account of the annual meeting of the International Badminton Federation by the President of the A.B.A., Edwin S. Jarrett. American badminton and BIRD CHATTER together have grown tremendously since those six mimeographed pages in November, 1941.

#### INTERNATIONAL

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The final of the mixed was between the unseeded pair of A. M. Stephens and Anne McKensie and first seeded N. Thompson and Sonia Cox, won by the latter. If, during the tournament Miss Cox (Uber Cup

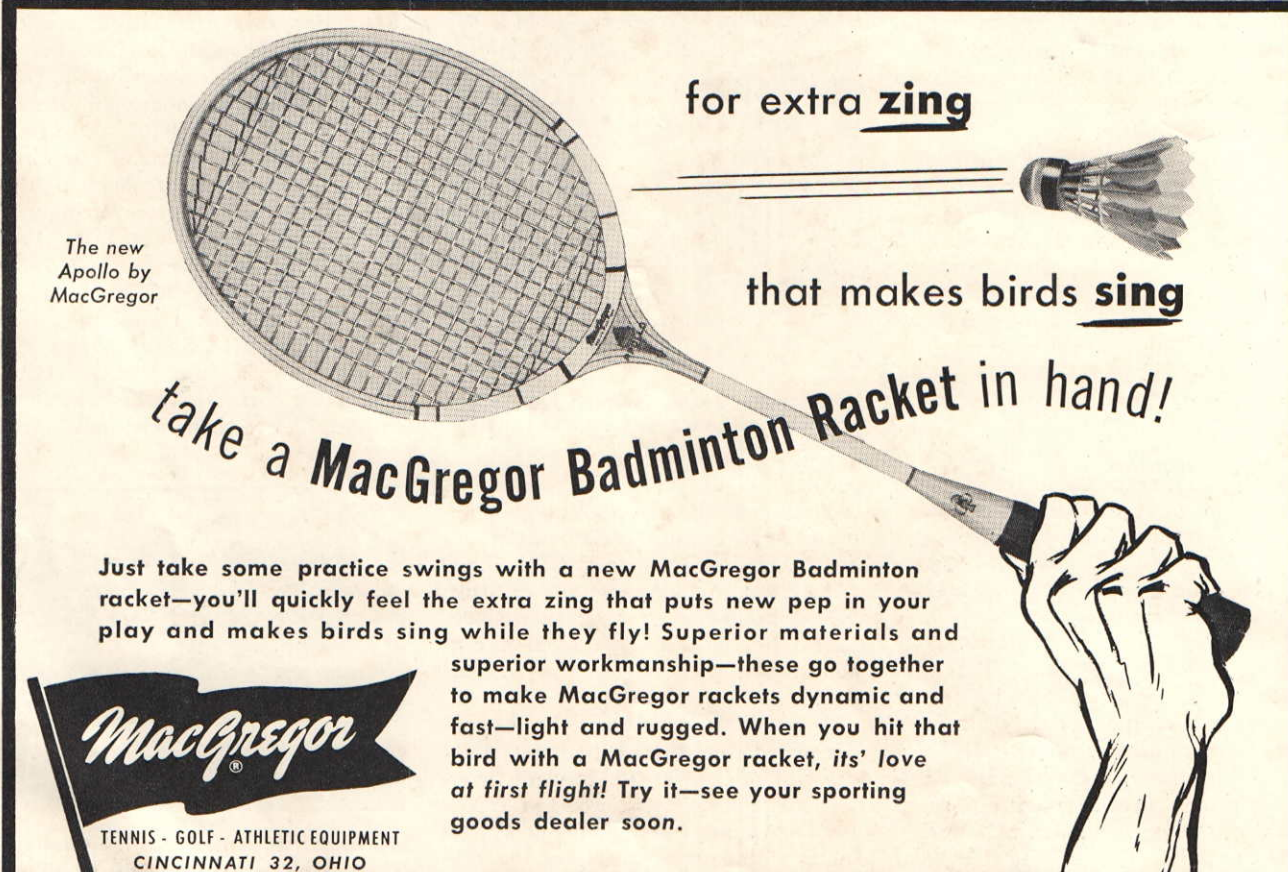
#1) seemed to have lost her singles superiority, in this game she (though not generally considered as good a doubles player) gave the best display, in this regard, that the writer has ever seen her give.

B.H.

#### Sweden

Two of our best woman players, Ingrid Dahlberg and 16-year-old junior champion Eva Pettersson, took part in our trip to South Africa, where they played South Africa 5 times and won 3-2 and the provinces 9 times, and won 8. They were accompanied by three of our best man players. Even if the heat, the high altitudes and the new surroundings together with the strength of the South African ladies made their victories comparatively few, the experiences were very valuable, and young Eva has gained both strength and assuredness. She is the best girl we have had for years, and we sincerely believe in her as a coming champion. In December we will play England in Stockholm and during Christmastime we are planning to gather the ladies to a training camp and hope to get one of the best Danish trainers as "schoolmaster." We are then planning to let them play in the Scottish Open Championships before we meet the Irish team in Dublin on January 18th in the Uber Cup tie. We are playing Germany on January 11th in Sweden, so I think we will be able to give our Irish friends a rather good game.

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## TOURNAMENTS RESULTS

### THIRD INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

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Approximately 3000 spectators watched this well-run tournament with representatives from Mexico, Venezuela, Canada and the U.S. among the players. Part of the finals were televised. The foreign players had some trouble with the altitude; Mexico City is 7500 feet above sea level. The results were received too late for publication in the last issue.

- MS** Bill Berry (U.S.) def. Dave McTaggart (Can.) 15-11, 15-2
- LS** Pat Gallagher (U.S.) def. Norma Pritula (U.S.) 11-3, 11-7
- MD** Berry-M. Hartgrove (U.S.) def. McTaggart-B. Fergus (Can.) 15-5, 11-15, 15-3
- LD** M. Connor-M. Sirwaitis (U.S.) def. C. Martinez-B. Vivanco (Mex.) 15-5, 8-15, 17-15
- MxD** Fergus-Sirwaitis def. Berry-R. Berry 5-15, 17-15, 18-17

## LOS ANGELES "B" & "C"

Los Angeles, Calif.  
June 4-7, 1959

- LS** Betty Bean def. Linda Erkila 11-5, 11-5
- MS** Alex Krohn def. Pat Armendariz 15-7, 9-15, 15-9
- LD** Babe Pajares-May Carr def. Gloria Page-Jenny Spruill 15-13, 15-6
- MD** Dave Loomis-Pat Armendariz def. Mike McCallum-Everett Mies 17-18, 15-4, 15-1
- MxD** Harry Moore-Anne Wise def. Everett Mies-Ada Wood 15-9, 15-9
- Sr. MxD** Wally Kinnear-Babe Pajares def. Dick van Praag-May Carr 15-9, 15-9

### SUMMER DOUBLES

Manhattan Beach, Calif.  
September 4-7

- LD** Lois Alston-Beulah Armendariz def. Jeanne Pons-Carlene Starkey 8-15, 15-9, 15-0
- MD** Joe Alston-Wynn Rogers def. Manuel Armendariz-Jim Poole 15-6, 9-15, 15-12
- MxD** Alston-Alston def. Rogers-Armendariz 15-10, 15-13

## BOOKS

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On the subject of tactics—"Whatever else your serve may lack at first, please make sure it has a purpose." "Remember that the pace of a smash is sometimes important; but the *placing* of a smash is always important." Your opponent "will have considerable say in what sort of game you play." "When presented with a choice of strokes, choose whenever possible the one you can hit down."

On doubles play—"The important thing in doubles is your partner. It is complementary talents that yield the finest partnerships."

In spite of these praises of *Teach Yourself Badminton*, this reviewer has three points on which he begs to differ with the author. The first is a dearth of material on the execution of net shots, the second a rather misleading diagram of the high singles and doubles serves, which are shown landing at the same place on the court; and third, and most serious fault, is the advocacy of the 'stride' footwork, which being contrary to the generally accepted "left-foot" forward teaching should not, in this writer's opinion, be taught to beginners. It is more a method of playing "in spite of" than "because of."

This book should be a valuable aid to the Do-It-Yourself badminton player.

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