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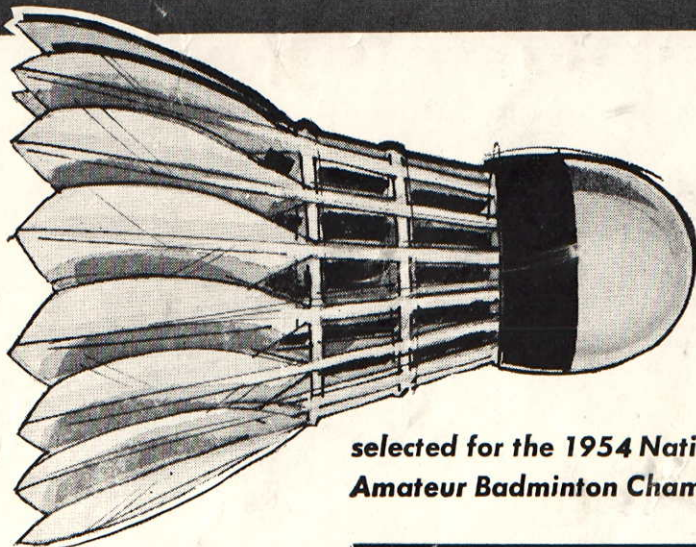


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# Thelma Welcome Retires from Competition

*British and U. S. Star Won Titles in Five Countries*



In 1948 Thelma Welcome (r.) was the runner-up to Ethel Marshall in the singles, and with Janet Wright won the National Ladies Doubles.



A left-hander, Thelma was the holder of Championships of five nations.



Ladies Doubles winners in the U. S. Nationals in 1949 were Thelma and Janet (right) when they defeated Zoe Yeager and Patsy Stephens in Waco, Texas.

In 1928, Miss Thelma Kingsbury was a young and very promising player just starting to make a name for herself in English badminton circles. In 1960 the same Miss Kingsbury, now Mrs. Thelma Welcome, has announced her retirement from badminton where she leaves a most illustrious record and a host of friends.

Thelma Welcome has been living in America since 1938 and has piled up nearly as many U. S. National Championships as she has All England titles. A resident of Glendale, California where she revels in the warm sunshine—"so perfect for tennis"—Thelma won seven All England titles before leaving her native land after her 1937 Double victory! Not only were All England titles hers, but she figured in 10 Welsh Open Titles (three of them with Mrs. Bertie Uber, donor of the Uber Cup

International Trophy), 7 Scottish Open titles and two Irish Open singles. From 1932 to 1937 not one season went by without Thelma's name appearing as Open champion of at least one of these countries, and in 1936 she was singles champion of all four! In 1933 she won her first All England title, the ladies' doubles; in 1934, '35 and '36, the doubles and in '37 both events. Thelma was the last, but one, English player to win the ladies singles, until 1959.

A brief career as a professional spanned the time between British and American titles. Since 1941 Thelma has notched seven U.S. titles and has made three International appearances for her adopted country, all of them as a member of the U.S. team which toured South Africa in 1955. In '41 Thelma won the U. S. singles and doubles, and from 1947 through 1950 she and Janet Wright

of San Francisco were National Doubles Champions and undisputedly the best ladies' doubles pair in America.

A left-hander with a deft drop shot, good speed afoot, and an innate feel as to where the shuttle should be placed to be most difficult for the opponent, Thelma came back into competition after a very serious operation in 1951. Though not as powerful after her illness, she was a threat to any player. Her last National title was the Senior Ladies' Doubles in 1958 in partnership with Lois Kirby of California. Thelma is one of the U. S. badminton players who has been honored in the Helms Hall Badminton Hall of Fame in Los Angeles.

The mother of a teen age daughter, Rosemary Scovil, Thelma plans to remain active on the tennis courts and in her swimming pool for many years to come. A stylish, striking dresser, her presence in badminton will be missed both for her play and for the glamor she inevitably lent to

the game. The following is a letter written to BIRD CHATTER by Thelma upon the occasion of her retirement.

The November-December issue of BIRD CHATTER was especially welcome to this reader, since several factors during the past year have brought about the eventual retirement of 'yrs. truly' from badminton. Earlier than I had hoped for, but hardly premature!!!

However, after 32 years of fun and competition, I would like to express to all my friends in Badminton everywhere, very many thanks and a very sincere wish to see you all again whenever you are in the Southern California area.

It was not possible for me to attend the National Championships in Detroit in 1959, and of course, suffered many pangs of nostalgia since it was the first Nationals I have missed since 1941. (Except for '42 when rules and regulations did not permit my entry.)

The progress of BIRD CHATTER has been a most interesting development and a credit to all who have contributed to the success of the publication. The comments with regard to changing the name of our magazine were also food for thought, as while "BIRD CHATTER" is still an interesting title, it might seem that a more explicit nomenclature embodying the name BADMINTON would have a more direct appeal to the serious devotees of the game, as well as to those less familiar with the term 'BIRD' as frequently used.

May I suggest: "AMERICAN BADMINTON and World-wide News" as possibly a title to stimulate more interest in subscriptions from other countries and also attract our own players of all calibres?

This issue of BIRD CHATTER gave me particular delight to read of the successes of many badminton players, and especially that of the "Helms Foundation Award" to Helen Gibson, who is one of my first and finest friends in the United States, and is certainly a most worthy recipient of the highest honors for her talent and devotion to the game.

Another pleasure was to read of Mr. Walter Holdstein's honor as a special guest of Italy in Foreign Trade. It couldn't have happened to a kinder and more generous gentleman. As most of us know, Walter and

## AN AMERICAN IN EUROPE

Wilmington's Bob Reichert spent some time in Europe this fall, where he met and played with badminton people from the Scandinavian countries and England. The following is an account written by Bob especially for BIRD CHATTER on his return to the United States and shows how much the common bond of badminton enriched his travels.

I flew to Hamburg on September 12th and after about five days in Hamburg and a day in The Hague, I went to Copenhagen for a couple of days where I met Mogens Kolle. You will recall that he was in Washington in 1953 and played our Eastern Tournaments, doing rather well. Mogens and I played perhaps a half a dozen times during my three visits to Copenhagen. We played at Gentofte Badminton Klub—seven courts, including one exhibition stadium court, 689 members, one-third junior. Mogens is one of the most willing and best instructors I've ever known. At Gentofte I met and played with Henning Becker-Hansen, who is one of the best Danish mixed doubles players. He is to be stationed at the Danish legation in San Francisco starting in December. I also met some of the top Danish women players, including Birte Kristiansen, Tonny (Olsen) Ahm, Agnette Friis and Aase Schiott Jacobsen. The Danish Uber Cup squad held a practice one evening while I was at Gentofte.

Concerning the men, Finn Kobbero is playing terrific badminton this year. He's pointing for the All England singles which has eluded him so far. At the rate he's going, he

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his charming wife Sophie have hosted many terrific parties throughout the years of National Tournaments, and I am happy for this opportunity to express openly my appreciation to the Holdstein's and to Helen Gibson for their most intensive efforts made in the interests and promotion of Badminton in the United States and it's resultant goodwill universally.

With every good wish to all for a happy and successful year through 1960.

Yours very sincerely  
Thelma Kingsbury Welcome

should be an odds-on choice. Kobbero is no longer teamed with Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen, but may play with Erland Kops. Kops is now back from the East and is in great shape after playing some tournaments in the East.

Mogens is still playing his smooth, deceptive and terrifically effective game although he's no longer entering international competition. I had dinner a couple of evenings at his place and met his charming black-eyed Swedish wife, Kirsten, and their two-year old blond black-eyed daughter, Tina (who incidentally is expected to have a new playmate early in 1960). With Mogens and Kirsten, complete unpretentious hospitality is the word, and indeed the ready friendliness and congeniality of the Danish badminton's group made my visits to Copenhagen memorable occasions.

From Copenhagen (first visit) I went to Stockholm, where I spent a couple of hours at the famous Sturebadet taking a Finnish bath with massage to revive my frame that was all aches from my Danish play. Then I phoned Bjorn Franzen, who lined me up for singles with Berndt Dahlberg. Now Berndt, perhaps Sweden's No. 1 player, is 6½ feet of sparkle and humor with "down the chimney" drop shots. We played at the Stockholm Badmintonklubb, which has seven excellent courts and clubhouse facilities. Bo Nilsson, another top Swedish player, is now working in the New York City area and playing in the Eastern Tournaments.

After a couple of days in Stockholm, I went to Oslo where I met and played with Hans Myhre. Of course many of us met this wonderful guy in 1957 when he was in the States playing our tournaments from coast to coast. Others met him during our European badminton tour. He sends his regards to all his badminton friends.

Hans is a real dynamo—working long hours with his father Eric's super travel bureau, playing badminton at 7 a.m. three to four times weekly as well as several evenings, and handling a multitude of chores as president of the Norwegian Badminton Association. The Norwegians are making an all out effort to upgrade the level of their international

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## U. S. Uber Cup Team to be Selected



The New Zealand Uber Cup Team which defeated Australia in the Australasian Zone finals. The Team is due to arrive in the United States during the last week in March. Back from left: Miss G. Tomkins, Miss Sonia Cox, Mrs. Heather Robson, Miss Nancy Fleming (Manager). Front: Mrs. V. Gow, Miss Betty Meyer, Miss Glenys Hopkinson.



Mrs. Muntaz Lotwallo, of Bombay, India was captain of the 1957 Indian Uber Cup Team. She and Dr. Athavale are one of India's doubles pairs on the 1960 team.

The American Badminton Association will select the members of the Uber Cup Trophy following the Connecticut Open Tournament in New Haven on January 24. Two California members of the Uber Cup Squad, which was chosen at the National Championships in April, will be flown to the East Coast especially for this tournament. The team may not consist of more than six players, and the matches may be played with a four member team since the Tie consists of three singles players and two doubles pairs. It is likely that at least four members of the victorious 1957 Team, which swept aside all opposition in an unprecedented 20-1 record, will be members of the 1960 Team. Probable repeaters are Lois Alston, Judy Devlin, Susan Devlin and Margaret Varner. Mrs. Alston has retired from singles play; she played the number three position in 1957, which leaves this spot on the team wide open to squad members. On the basis of this year's tournaments, the results

of the Conn. Open and try-outs, the U.S. team will be selected.

The Midwest Newsletter published an appeal to all their readers to support the Uber Cup effort. They have asked for contributions to be sent direct to Helen Gibson, or to Ted Anderson of Illinois. This is a most commendable attitude, for which the Uber Cup Committee is most grateful.

The chairmen of the three Ties already scheduled to be played in this country are Wayne Schell, Mrs. J. Frank Devlin and Mrs. John Cornell. Mr. Schell is Chairman of the semi-final Inter-zone Tie between Canada and New Zealand which will be held at the University Club in downtown Boston, Mass. on April 4 or 5.

The final Inter-zone Tie will take place on April 7 in the gymnasium of the Gilman Country School in suburban Baltimore, Md. under the direction of Mrs. Devlin. The U.S.A. will play the Inter-zone winner on April 9 in Philadelphia at the field house of St. Joseph's College and this Tie will be conducted by Mrs. Cornell.

### Canada

CANADIAN SPORT MONTHLY is currently decrying the fact that neither Canada nor the U.S.A. has shown much in the way of new badminton players since 1957 and the first Uber Cup Ties. Canada's topline talent is sparse, and though no Uber Cup Squad had been announced at this writing, the Team members seem to be fairly obvious. Marjorie Shedd, Jean Miller, Jean Folinsbee, Kae Grant, Joan Hennessey and Dorothy Tinline would be our guess, with perhaps Ann Murray or Joy Campbell as alternates. Of these only the Misses Tinline, Murray and Campbell were not considered for the 1957 Team. Canada has a fine chance against New Zealand, should they choose and train a squad early enough. The Invitation Tournament at the Strathgowan Badminton Club in Toronto will most likely be a Team trial tournament. Mrs. Dorothy Walton will once more be the non-playing Captain of the Team.

Canadians say that their ladies are lacking in International competition, yet most U. S. Tournaments are open

to Canadian players with few taking advantage of them. International match fixtures are still a "must" that should be organized for the benefit of all.

#### Denmark Blanks England

The Danish Uber Cup Team defeated England 7-0 in Copenhagen on December 4. The Danish Team consisted of Kirsten Thorndahl, Hanne Jensen, Birte Kristiansen, Tonny Holst-Christiensen, Aase Winther and Inge Hasselsteen. Of these players, only two were members of the 1957 Danish Team—Miss Thorndahl and Mrs. Holst-Christiensen. Miss Thorndahl helped account for the only point scored against the U. S. Team in the 1956-57 Contest. The accent in the Team is on youth. Miss Hasselsteen is barely out of the junior ranks and many of the other members are in their early twenties. Hanne Jensen was the only Danish player to play both singles and doubles. This was an unfortunate year for England as two of her top three players from the 1958-59 season were not available for the Tie. Denmark should, on her record, emerge as

European Zone winner to play India in the Inter-zone semi-finals.

#### India Defeats Malaya

Four out of five members of the 1960 Team were holdovers from 1957 when India defeated Malaya 5-2 on December 3. Mrs. Kapadia, Mrs. Prashar, Mrs. Lotwalla and Dr. Athavale were all members of the Indian Team which played the U.S.A. in the semi-final inter-zone Tie in 1957. Miss Meena Shah is the only newcomer to the team. India now awaits the European Zone winner and are busy making plans for their trip to America. The date and port of arrival of the Team have not been set but the U. S. is eagerly awaiting their arrival, along with that of the New Zealand Team, and our Canadian neighbors. This will be a gala year for women's badminton in the United States.

The results:

#### Denmark 7, England 0

Singles: Tonny Holst-Christiensen def. June Timperley 11-5, 11-1. Inge Hasselsteen def. Margaret Frost 11-2, 11-1. Hanne Jensen def. Sylvia Ryder 11-7, 11-1.

Doubles: Kirsten Thorndahl-Jensen def. Timperley-Brenda Holborn 15-7, 15-10, def. Audrey Marshall-Ursula Smith 15-12, 15-5. Birte Kristianson-Aase Winther def. Timperley-Holborn 15-2, 15-9, def. Marshall-Smith 15-8, 15-5.

#### India 5, Malaya 2

Singles: Tan Gaik Bee (Mal.) def. Mrs. Sushila Kapadia 11-7, 11-6. Mrs. Prem Prashar (India) def. Jean Moey 11-3, 11-1. Meena Shah (India) def. Rosey Low 11-2, 11-3.

Doubles: Kapadia-Prashar (India) def. Tan-Mrs. Amy Heah 17-14, 13-15, 15-11, def. Mrs. Cecilia Samuel-Mrs. Ewe Choon Gee 15-11, 15-9. Mrs. Mumtaz Lotwalla-Mrs. Suman Athavale (India) def. Samuel-Ewe 15-12, 15-12, lost to Tan-Heah 15-12, 15-9.

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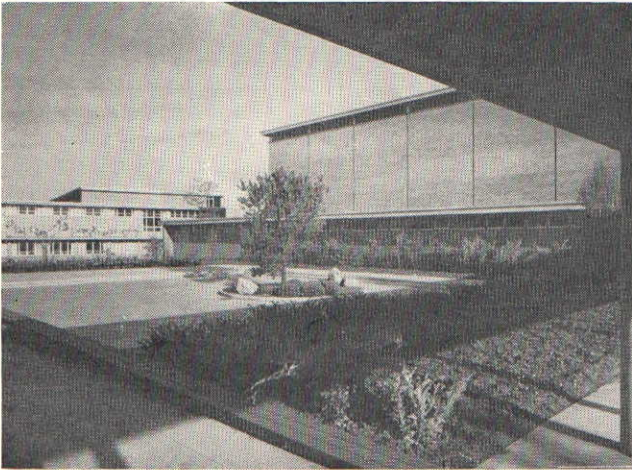
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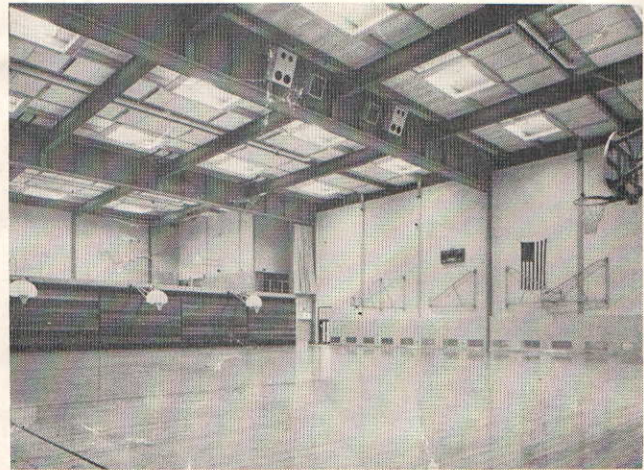
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# 7th U. S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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**NEW PROVISO WEST HIGH SCHOOL** west of Chicago, Ill., scene of the 7th U.S. Open Championships to be held March 31 to April 2. The large building to the right houses the gymnasiums. Perkins & Will, Architects-Engineers, Chicago, Ill.



**INSIDE VIEW** of the gym. Overlooking the large main gym on either side are two smaller gyms all of which will be used for the preliminary rounds. Photos by Bill Hedrich, Hedrich-Blessing.

The annual "Big Top" of U. S. badminton will be held at new Proviso West High School in Hillside, Illinois, a Chicago suburb, March 31st thru April 2nd, 1960. It has all the earmarks of a real attraction for spectators and players alike. The Chicago Badminton Club and its co-operating area clubs have plans afoot which offer tempting and free social activities to all contestants.

Chicago has had a long history of successful badminton tournaments and the local workers want the 1960 "Nationals" to be up to traditional standards set by some of the pioneers of organized badminton from the Chicago area.

One innovation being tried is a three-day tournament: play will start early Thursday March 31st and be completed Saturday night, April 2nd. It is hoped that one day less away from work or school will attract more contestants both locally and from outside the Chicago and Midwest area.

Chicago is possibly more accessible via all modes of transportation than any other major city in the United States. It is the heart of rail and air systems of all major lines and it

has been the target for improved highways and tollroads from every direction. Its rapid growth as a great inland port now even makes it possible to arrive by steamer from many points in the world. This latter method is not really recommended, though, unless time is unimportant.

Co-Chairmen for this tournament are: Joseph Tiberi, a real veteran worker and recent U. S. Open Vets finalist; Bill Lafayette, for many years a leading Midwest player; and George Brown, a perennial Class B player who has put in a lot of work in the Midwest and is a National Director. Working with them is a fine corps of devoted badminton players, a few of whom have gained national recognition, like Hap and Thelma Burdick, but many others too who are the "cannon fodder" that every tournament needs in order to break even financially.

It is still too early to tell what foreign players will be in Chicago next March 31st but Tan Joe Hok is as close as Texas where he attends school and Bo Nilsson of Sweden is in New York and it would be shameful if all the foreign girls here for

Uber Cup matches were not there. The local committee has pledged cooperation with the World Circuit, at least on a modest financial basis until it is known if more can be offered.

This being a national event on an international scale, the Chicago clubs are seeking the support of all organized badminton groups throughout the country. Last year Detroit had its Thunderbird promotional program as the key to its fund-raising plans but Chicago will try something a little different. Each club and association will be hearing from the tournament committee about a plan which helps, financially, the tournament, each club and association who assist, and since all profits are shared with the ABA and area associations, all badminton.

Plan now to meet your ABA Officers and Directors, the world's top players, and hundreds of would-be-world's—best badminton players in Chicago's suburban Hillside on March 31st, 1960. Excellent playing and spectator facilities await you along with the warm hospitality of badminton hosts in and around Chicago.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The November-December issue of BIRD CHATTER is the best you have ever done. The magazine is developing a definite personality which makes it much more interesting to read. You are really "coming through" to us and have a nice balance between U. S. news and news from other parts of the world.

Virginia Hill, Glendale, Calif.

Your mention of BIRD CHATTER's beginnings in the November-December 1959 issue brought back many memories and slightly shocked me to realise that it has been eleven years since we first tried to publish the magazine here in Seattle.

There was one vital name left out

of your story however. In thinking of badminton in Seattle one can easily remember Ham Law, Dick Yeager, Zoe Smith, Tim Royce and in the present time Carl Andersen. Through these people the Pacific Northwest has contributed enormously to badminton. But there is one person in Seattle who has never been thanked properly for her contribution, to my knowledge. All of the people I have mentioned above would agree with me. This person is Gladys Mallory and to mention our publishing the magazine without mentioning her name would be a tragic error.

Gladys acted as Business Manager from the Summer of 1948 (eleven years ago imagine) until June 1951 and did more unsung and tedious

work than any of us. Our proudest issue was May-June 1949 when Gladys had sold enough advertising and subscriptions to enable us to put out and pay for a 32 page edition. Gladys and I left the magazine in the Summer of 1951 and the production passed to Steve Johnson and Luise Stone for two additional years.

Gladys, although she has always been a top-flight player, certainly was not the caliber of a Del Barkhuff or a Zoe Smith. She certainly did not have the administrative impact on the ABA of a T.M. Royce. But in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, "Mrs. Badminton" is Mrs. Gladys Mallory and in that we all here agree.

Bob Kildall, Seattle

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In order to be eligible for the 1960 Tour, all members must belong to the touring badminton players club, The Hit and Miss Club. Club dues are \$2.00 per person and should be sent either to Miss Margaret Raymond, 64 Ellis Crescent So., Waterloo, Ontario, Canada or Miss Susan Devlin, Dolfeld Road, Owings Mills, Md. Upon receipt of your dues, you will be sent further information on the tour.

Officers of the Hit and Miss Club

are: President, Van Tanner of the District of Columbia; Vice President, Jack Cogan of Manhattan Beach, Calif.; Secretary, Margaret Raymond of Waterloo, Ontario; and West Coast Treasurer, Gladys Mallory, of Seattle, Wash.

Remember the high praises of the 1958 Tour that we published in the November, 1958 issue of BIRD CHATTER? This one will be every bit as good. Do plan to join it! Start saving NOW!

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| 1st Day<br>Saturday | Leave NEW YORK via chartered aircraft for DUBLIN.  | 17th Day           | HAMBURG. Half day sightseeing of the city, driving through the main streets of downtown Hamburg and through the residential district around Lake Alster; continue via the City Hall, Stock Exchange, St. Pauli amusement district and the Elbe Landing Stages to the Main Station.  |
| 2nd Day             | Arrive DUBLIN. The balance of the day will be free for individual activities.  | 18th Day           | Leave HAMBURG by rail for BONN, capital of West Germany.  |
| 3rd Day             | DUBLIN. Morning sightseeing including the Cathedral, Dublin Castle, Trinity College, the Catholic University Church, St. Patrick's Cathedral and O'Connell Monument. The afternoon will be free.   | 19th Day           | In BONN. Badminton Match. Late evening departure by rail for PARIS.   |
| 4th Day             | DUBLIN. Badminton Match. Evening departure by steamer for LIVERPOOL.   | 20th Day           | Arrive PARIS in the morning. Continue in the afternoon to Le Touquet and from there by air to LONDON.   |
| 5th Day             | Arrive LIVERPOOL and continue by rail to EDINBURGH.  | 21st Day           | LONDON. Full day sightseeing of the British capital. See the Tower of London, Tower Bridge, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament with Big Ben, the National Gallery and Nelson's column in Trafalgar Square, to Buckingham Palace to witness the Changing of the Guard, Downing Street No. 10, home of the Prime Ministers, Hyde Park, Piccadilly Circus, St. James' Palace and Dickens' Old Curiosity Shop. |
| 6th Day             | EDINBURGH. Day free, with Badminton Match in the evening. Visit the Castle on the Hill, with its fine Chapel and War Memorial, famed Princes Street, the main thoroughfare and shopping street of Edinburgh; Holyrood Castle and House, St. Giles Cathedral and the former House of John Knox. | 22nd Day           | LONDON. Day free, with Badminton Match in the evening.  |
| 7th Day             | EDINBURGH. Day free, with Badminton Match in the evening.  | 23rd Day           | Depart LONDON by chartered aircraft for NEW YORK.   |
| 8th Day             | Leave EDINBURGH by rail for NEWCASTLE, to board the North Sea steamer for BERGEN.  | 24th Day<br>Monday | Arrive NEW YORK.  |
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| 11th Day            | OSLO. Morning city sightseeing will include the Royal Palace, the Town Hall, Oslo Cathedral and the Frogner Park, where the famous statues of Vigeland are located. Badminton Match in the evening.  |                    | MEALS: Half pension throughout (breakfast and dinner).  |
| 12th Day            | OSLO. The Day will be free with evening departure by rail for COPENHAGEN.  |                    | TRANSFERS: From air terminals and railroad stations to hotels and vice versa, including portage and tips.   |
| 13th Day            | Arrive COPENHAGEN. The rest of the day will be free for rest and individual activities.  |                    | COURIER ESCORT: An experienced, bi-lingual courier will accompany the group from Dublin back to London.   |
| 14th Day            | COPENHAGEN. Morning sightseeing of the city will include the Amalienborg Palace, Rosenborg Castle, Nyhavn, Tivoli, and the famous "Little Mermaid" on the Lange-linie Promenade.   |                    | SIGHTSEEINGS: By de luxe motorcoach as stated in the itinerary, including the services of a local English-speaking guide and entrance fees to places of interest.   |
| 15th Day            | COPENHAGEN. The day is free, with Badminton Match in the evening.  |                    |   |
| 16th Day            | Depart COPENHAGEN in the morning by rail via Gedser and Grossenbrode for HAMBURG.  |                    |   |

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# Sweden's No. 3 Joins East Coast Badminton



Bo and Marianne Nilsson, now residents of New Jersey. (Photo by Bill Hedrich)

Joining Indonesia's Tan Joe Hok, now at Baylor University in Texas, as among the very best in foreign players now residing in America is Sweden's tall and lanky Bo Nilsson.

Twenty-three year old Bo, among Sweden's best for the last three years, is currently the Men's Doubles Champion of his native land and the #3 ranking singles player. Bo has been living in New Jersey with his pretty wife Marianne since they came to this country on September 17. He is working as an apprentice to learn the trade of service and repair of adding and computing machines for the Addox Company of New York City. This is a highly skilled job and will require two to three years of training.

Bo is a 6 foot 3 inch Scandinavian with a sense of humor and a quietness perhaps partly due to a language barrier. Though he speaks English well, America is still a very new country to him.

Bo has already played in two U.S. tournaments—the Westport mens doubles and the Towson Open. A top entrant in the 1959 All England

Championships, he had not played badminton since last March before entering these tournaments on successive weekends in December. His style of play is very reminiscent of Kobbero and Hansen, the Danes who dominated our Nationals in 1957 and 1958. He has the same build, though sparer than either of the Danes, and the same backhand smash and slow, deliberate service.

A most popular entrant in the Towson tournament, Bo defeated the #6 ranking American, Bunky Roche in three long games, and then badly tore a shoulder muscle in his following doubles match. Though he finished that round, the quarter-finals, and played and lost his semi-final singles to Don Davis, his shoulder was really too bad to continue and he defaulted the remaining event. This is a recurrence of an old injury and Bo fears he will be out of competition until early in March.

Bo had his choice of going to South Africa with the Swedish Team last summer, or taking his present position in New York. We feel his decision was the right one and we wish him every success in America both on and off the court. He was heard to remark that quite possibly he and Marianne might settle here. American badminton would certainly benefit!

**NEXT DEADLINE FOR**

**BIRD CHATTER**

**FEBRUARY 10, 1960**

## ABOUT RANKINGS

By JOHN LEIB

The game of badminton has many beautiful facets to it, not the least of which is the fact that the outcome of a match is determined, almost invariably, by the relative skills of the participants. It is a deplorable situation which allows the recognized ranking of players to overlook, disregard, and frequently violate this fact. Yet this situation has existed for years, exists at this time and will continue to exist as long as the badminton playing public accepts it.

This writer is fully aware that his position may be an unpopular one, that badminton players may prefer the ranking of players to be done in this way so that when an unpopular victory is scored (the bad guy beats the good guy!), the victor need not be given lasting credit for his win. But this writer also wonders if the badminton-playing public is aware of the mechanism by which rankings are produced. He remembers when he was first playing the game in seriousness, and he presumed the rankings of his heroes were determined to as great an extent as possible from an analysis of the records of the season's tournament play. It was only after obvious inequities appeared in the ranking lists that he became enlightened as to the methods used and found this not to be the case.

Almost no guidance in determining rankings is offered in the Rules and Regulations of the American Badminton Association. The only requirement for ranking a player is that he participate in the National Championships or three other sanctioned tournaments. Thus, were the most popular man in badminton to satisfy this requirement, there is no automatic control to block his being ranked first in the nation, even though he may never have won one match!

This places a great responsibility upon those chosen to establish rankings. Unfortunately, with no controls placed on them, they frequently seem to answer the question, "How do you think they would rank if they had played the way they should be capable of playing?", or, "How would they rank if they played the way you would want them to play?", when the data which tells how they *did* play is readily available for the consideration of all.

Thus the data sometimes is a glaring contradiction of the rankings.

The seriousness of this situation may not be immediately obvious. But consider the plight of Jim Poole, Mike Hartgrove, and Bill Berry, each of whom richly earned the right to a top ranking, in that order. The honor due them in these positions is quite tainted and suspect, should indifference to fact be displayed anywhere in the list of rankings. That this indifference to fact does exist shall now be shown by comparing rankings and facts.

Don Davis was picked to rank above Dick Ball. In comparing these two there are two strong categories of data available from tournament records. One is effectiveness against common opponents, the other is direct competitive play between the two. Obviously, the second category

is the most impressive, but the first category will be examined first to see what it indicates. Against only two common foes were their degrees of success different. Against Roche, Davis had the better record, winning one match out of two, while Ball lost all three of his matches. But against Westcott, whom each played once, Ball won while Davis lost. So, at best, only a slight edge could be claimed in favor of either on the basis of common opponents. Now, in the second category, when the two played against each other, Ball won. Yet the ranking committee has recommended, and had accepted by the Directors, the ranking of Davis above Ball. Davis is #8; Ball is #10.

The case of Dick Ball being placed above Jack Keating will be examined. With little other comparative data to work from, the ranking committee

chose not to permit the victory of Keating over Ball in our National Championships to inhibit the selection of Ball to rank above Keating.

As this writer is a member of the 1959 Ranking Committee of the American Badminton Association, he feels it his duty to the badminton-playing public to bring this to the fore for their consideration. It is suggested that any comments be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors of the A.B.A.

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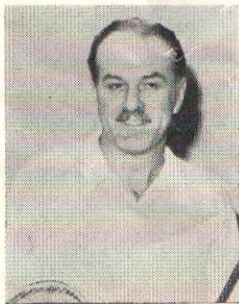
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# Flying Feathers

Word has it that Shirley Mans has visited Denmark, Germany and Russia with Hugh Forgie's Badminton Act. She was billed as "The Happy Hoosie—Shirley Marie" when part of a circus act in Copenhagen . . . In the Ranking list of the Swedish Badminton Association, published in the November issue of their official publication "Badminton," Bo Nilsson holds the Number 1 mens doubles ranking and the number 3 mens Singles ranking . . . Congratulations to newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lougheed of Connecticut.



Newly-wed Bob Lougheed  
of Connecticut.

Wynn Rogers of California celebrated his first year of eligibility in the Senior Doubles by winning that event with Waldo Lyon, the mens doubles with Joe Alston and the mixed doubles with Beulah Armandariz in the Pacific Southwest Tournament. Beulah was also a three event winner . . . Helen Tibbetts of California has been working with young Nancy Vening. Helen is working hard with all the juniors at her club in preparation for the Junior Nationals . . . Margaret Pajares has been awarded a National Recreation Association Citation for her work in promoting junior badminton in Burbank. The award was made at a surprise reception in her honor.

The Guelph (Ontario) juniors play Saturday afternoons on five courts for a five hour session. About sixty youngsters play under instruc-

tors in a total of three divisions. Guelph's most celebrated badminton player is former Canadian Champion Jack Purcell who started his career on these same courts . . . A large Montclair (N.J.) group drove to Montreal for the Invitation Tournament over Thanksgiving weekend. Although enjoying most of the matches from the sidelines, Ed Gerardo, Don Kerr, Ken Mansuy and Bob and Carol Kenny enjoyed a wonderful badminton weekend.

Vern Burton plans to take around fourteen Port Angeles (Wash.) juniors to the 1960 Junior Nationals . . . Dottie Hageman of Seattle has been sidelined with a bad back incurred in a strenuous badminton game . . . Gladys Mallory of Seattle in Florida in early December . . . Tim Royce, former A.B.A. President from Washington State, now in his early seventies, is still a regular once or twice a week player.

John Leib left from the Towson Open Tournament in Baltimore in early December to fly to Cape Canaveral where he had an assignment with the Army missile program . . . Once more the age limit for the Nationals is being discussed; this time by Vic Pritula, the National Chairman of Junior Activities. Mr. Pritula would also like to see the Junior National 18 and Under Champions allowed to play in the National Championships regardless of their ages . . . Waldo Lyon, an avid shuttle-chaser from San Deigo, was Chief Scientist aboard the Nautilus when it made the world's first trip under the North Pole. Waldo has been the steady partner of Wynn Rogers in Senior Doubles play this season, and at this writing they are undefeated.

The Manhattan Beach (Calif.) B. C. held a junior club Tournament the day after Thanksgiving; A six event affair, it was run by and for the juniors . . . San Francisco's John Poong has a nephew, Don attending Los Angeles State College. A very talented young player who it is

hoped, will be entertaining the Southern California tournaments this season . . . Former BIRD CHATTER editor Marguerite Miller and husband, Spencer, were in the East visiting son Don and family but returned home to California before Christmas.

Californians seem to have priority on injuries this Fall. Joy Auxier, recovering from a sprained ankle, managed to break a finger! Stan Hales, the Junior National Champion is side-lined with a broken collar-bone; Vickie Tentz sprained an ankle in the Western States Open in December and Rod Starkey had a bad case of leg cramps in the same tournament. There will be a shortage of players if this continues!

News from a section of the country we don't often hear from! The Arizona Badminton Association is planning to hold an Open Tournament this season . . . The official publication of the Swedish Badminton Association reports that the Swedish Team sent to South Africa was one of the most popular of the foreign teams to visit that country in many a day, and that chances are very good that they will receive another invitation for 1961 . . . The Towson Open Tournament, held in the same gym as the 1959 Junior Nationals, is one of several Tournaments already held this year for the benefit of the Uber Cup Fund. This tournament was under the direction of Susan and Judy Devlin. Connie Davidson and Naomi Bender are among the other faithful Uber Cup tournament chairmen.

Hans Myhre, who was a visitor in this country for a year in 1957-58, and played in several U. S. tournaments, is the new President of the Norwegian Badminton Association. Hans was also instrumental in arranging the Norwegian match for the 1958 European Badminton tour.

Pennsylvania's Barbara Prince and Delaware's Marilyn O'Neil were named to the Southeast Team of the United States Womens Field Hockey

Association at the annual tournament in Roanoke, Virginia. Barbara and Marilyn played in the National Tournament in Washington, D. C. during Thanksgiving weekend . . . Mr. A. C. J. van Vossen, the President of the International Badminton Federation, will be in this country for the Uber Cup Inter-zone Ties in April. This is a great honor, and will be doubly pleasing for Mr. and Mrs. Van Vossen, as Mrs. Van Vossen is from Ohio.

Aage and Marie Ussing Nylén of D. C. are proud parents of a son, Eric . . . Bob and Greta Hill of Montreal (European Tour 1958) are expecting a little "viking" later this year.

The Texas B. A. sends word of two new clubs, the Dallas B. C. and a club formed at East Texas State College in Commerce. . . Three of the four players in the Towson Open Men's Doubles finals were losing quarter and semi-finalists in the singles. Noel Fehm remarked as they all took the court—"This must be the consolation singles!"

## FOURTEENTH JUNIOR NATIONALS

April 8 to 11

A Badminton Club, designed and built by badminton players, especially for badminton. This describes the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club—headquarters for the 1960 National Junior Championships.

This Club was organized over twenty years ago and their hospitality is known far and wide, for guests from all over the world have enjoyed the facilities of this beautiful Club. Players just "passing through" Southern California can usually get up a game, followed perhaps by a relaxing swim in the Club pool.

The members, composed of about 100 families, are very proud of their Club and are constantly adding to

BIRD CHATTER and all our readers would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Charlotte Decker whose mother passed away early in Christmas week.

the facilities and making improvements. In addition to the gym, there is a comfortable lounge and a snack bar. Adjacent to the heated swimming pool and sun-deck there are cabanas and a volley-ball court. They are located high on a hill, overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

The Tournament Committee, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vening, have pledged themselves not to overlook the smallest detail to make this an event which will long be remembered by all participants. The welfare of the young contestants will be the first consideration and all social activities and tours are planned so that they will not interfere with tournament play.

### Conditions of the Tournament

**ELIGIBILITY**—Any amateur who will not reach his or her 19th birthday before April 30, 1960 and is a United States citizen or an alien who has established residence for one continuous year preceding the tournament is eligible. Competition in the 15 and Under and 13 and Under  
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# From Coast to Coast

## District of Columbia

Prospects for the 1960 season are very bright indeed as the Badminton Club of D. C. has a completely redone floor on which to play at the St. Alban's School. Out of well over 100 members, seventy-five are former members of the club. Many are new members, most of whom are badminton "buffs" who have been playing for a varied number of years. The playing range of the membership covers every continent but Antarctica. The winner of the first athletic contest (badminton) held inside the Arctic Circle is a member. He was not, however, with Peary's Expedition!

Keen competition between members of a congenial group is the ultimate in good badminton. The club officers are interested in bringing well-matched players together, hence a very active intra-club program. A high degree of coordination has already been reported among the members.

The club anticipates calling on the services of several of the better players to provide badminton exhibitions for some of the local schools. Norma Slauer and Charlotte Decker have been selected for the United States Uber Cup Squad which is a matter of considerable pride to the club. Four club members played in the ladies' doubles round robin in Wilmington, Delaware and several members played in the Towson Open in Maryland. The fun derived through participation in these neighborhood matches, many of which are of very high calibre, is considerable. Badminton players worldwide seem to constitute a very select and very refreshing element of every community irrespective of locale.

Charlotte Decker is chairman for Inter-Club events. B.C.D.C. is scheduled to play matches with Garrison, and Towson, Maryland and Wilmington, Delaware.

## New Jersey

Now we have the news! The New Jersey Badminton Association has decided to run the Eastern Open Tournament in Montclair, New Jersey. Play will commence Friday night, March 11th, for local entries and continues through Saturday, March 12th, with the finals to be played Sunday, March 13th, unless the draw permits a Saturday night finals. The three day event will be sponsored by Montclair State College who will supply eight courts and possibly some sleeping accommodations.

May we take this opportunity to invite one and all to attend the 1st Annual Easterns. Address all inquiries to Bob Kenny, tournament chairman. The committee will be composed of Hank Schmidt (college representative), Don Kerr (referees), Ralph Davidson (facilities), and Art Atkinson (finance).

The Bronxville Round Robin was a bigger success this year than last. Ralph Davidson notched a double win, teaming with Millie Riggio in the mixed and Ed Geng in the Men's Doubles.

Badminton seems to be on an upswing in this area. More people are playing and the calibre of play seems to be higher. Some of the reason for this may be due to three relative newcomers to this area; John Leib, Don Davis and Bo Nilsson, Sweden's number three. We hope they stay with us a long time.



Abbie Rutledge of Purdue holds the #1 singles and doubles ranking in the Midwest for 1959

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## Massachusetts

Henry Der is the new 1st Vice President of the M.B.A., tournament Chairman is Sam Smyth, Junior Activities is Mrs. Nita Costello, League Chairman is Brenda Lumsden and membership is Harvey Winchester.

The highly active Massachusetts league decided to have two groups again this year, North and South. League play started in early December. There are twenty-four member clubs.

Wayne Schell is in charge of exhibitions given by the Association and has been doing a very good job in promoting interest in badminton. The Needham B.C. had more entries in the B, C and D tournaments last season than any other M.B.A. club. Congratulations!

## Metropolitan

On November 21 the Handicap Doubles Tournament was held at the Gramatan Hills B. C. in Bronxville, N. Y. There were sixteen men's doubles, four ladies' doubles and seven mixed doubles pairs. Top men's pair were Ralph Davidson and Ed Geng, top ladies were Doris De Lord and Mildred Riggio, while Davidson and Riggio also captured mixed honors. Five foreign countries were represented in this tournament—Scotland, Denmark, England, Thailand, and Macao.

## Midwest

The rankings for the Midwest B.A. have been released. Holding top positions in the six events are Abbie Rutledge, Ted Moehlmann, Abbie Rutledge-Norma Pritula, Earl Boston-Jim Wigglesworth, Mildred Sirwaitis-Vic van de Ven, and Harry Drewry-George Geever. The Ford B.C. heads the list with eight ranked players, followed by the Chicago B.C. with six and Detroit B.C. and Skokie B.C. with five each.

## Maryland

Twenty-four schools and colleges sent representatives to a clinic and demonstration at Southern High School on November 14. Susan Devlin conducted the clinic, under the auspices of the National Section for Girls and Women's Sports, and was assisted by McGregor Stewart and Mrs. Gordon Marshall.

Clinics have also been given at various schools by Dick Ball, Bob Steinwald, Susan and Judy Devlin, and Bunky Roche. McGregor Stewart, Susan Devlin, Dick Ball and Bunky Roche travelled to Cumberland for a demonstration for a full house of 350 persons at the Central Y.M.C.A.

The M.B.A. held a highly successful Badminton Ball as a preliminary to the season. Nearly 400 badminton

enthusiasts enjoyed an evening of dancing at what may become an annual event.

## California

In player classification, players become eligible for advancement from B to A etc. in an event immediately following a second win in that event during a twelve month period. This requires the Classification Committee to function after every tournament. Other State and Regional Associations have different rules and regulations regarding player classification.

The Manhattan Beach B. C. held a Junior-Senior Mixed Doubles Tournament for the benefit of the Uber Cup Fund. Each team had to be composed of one junior and one

senior player, and all proceeds went to the Fund. The tournament was run by Connie Davidson, and was climaxed by a Buffet Dinner Dance.

## BADMINTON CIRCUS

Jack Morton's Circus consists of a troupe of Irish badminton players who combine coaching and clowning in an hilarious show that has become an established favorite with badminton clubs throughout Ireland. The idea is that a little comedy mixed with hints and tips on how to play goes down very well. The members of Morton's Circus, while they aim to entertain, never lose sight of the fact that their principle object is to show how the game should be played, but it's when they show how not to play that the fun really starts.



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# Dick Ball Repeats Singles Win in Montreal

The Montreal Amateur Athletic Association hosted their ever popular Invitation Tournament over Thanksgiving weekend. To Canadians this was "Grey Cup" weekend, the Saturday when Canadian pro football teams fight for the National title. This year's Grey Cup Match was in Toronto, and appeared to have cut down the number of badminton players travelling east from that city for the tournament.

The United States sent a large and formidable group of players, twenty five in all, and returned to the U. S. with every event except the Senior Doubles. The men's singles had thirteen U. S. entries, the ladies singles 6 out of 12, and the senior doubles three out of five pairs. The overall quality of play was perhaps not as high as in other years, with the exception of the men's singles in which were entered three ranking Americans, the Quebec Champion and Ontario's number three and four. Only the absence of Canada's top singles player, Jim Carnwath of Toronto, prevented this event from being really top class. Dick Ball of Baltimore was defending champion having beaten Carnwath in this tournament last year.

Six states and the District of Columbia were represented, the largest delegations being five each from Massachusetts and Maryland. Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey had four players each; there were two from New York and one from D. C.

In the men's singles, the quarter finals produced some good matches, especially the battle between Toronto's John Holehouse and Noel Fehm of Connecticut, won by the Canadian 15-13, 4-15, 15-9. John later admitted that he never felt that he had control of the game, as Noel is a master of the unexpected. Young Dick Gorman of Massachusetts ran up against Ball in the round of sixteen, losing 15-4, 15-0. Gorman is a good retriever, but as yet lacks finesse. Svend Neilsen, a Dane now living in Pennsylvania, Bob Henderson of Connecticut, Ted Jarrett, Ken Mansuy of New Jersey, Bill Frey of



**Dick Ball of Baltimore successfully defended the men's singles and the men's doubles at the M.A.A.A. Tournament.**

Pennsylvania, and Jim Riley of Connecticut all bowed out in the round of thirty-two. In the round of sixteen, Don O'Callaghan of Boston lost 15-1, 15-1 to Fehm. The quarter finals matched Ball and Tosh Uyeda of Toronto, Holehouse-Fehm, Don Davis versus Harold Moody of Canada, and Bunky Roche versus Finn Stender of Toronto.

Aside from the Holehouse-Fehm duel, the only other interesting result was that of Roche-Stender, won by the Baltimorean 15-3, 15-6 with considerably more effort than the score would suggest. Dick Ball overpowered Holehouse in the semis 15-7, 15-9 and Davis proved the master of Roche 15-8, 15-10. Don's greatest asset, his smash, came in for much use against a short-hitting Roche.

In the finals, Ball reversed the National Rankings. Ranked #10, he defeated the #6 ranked Davis 15-9, 7-15, 18-15 in an excellent match with a thrilling finish. Dick led 7-0; Don smashed back to 7-5; Ball surged ahead 9-6, 11-8 and 14-9. From there it took him six game points to make the fifteenth point! The second game was a complete reversal as Davis reached 6-0, and 13-3, completely outplaying his rival. In the third, Davis again went ahead, 8-1 and 12-6, and then Ball's length improved and his superior conditioning helped him to 13 all and 3-0 in the set. A very weary Davis lost the game and match 18-15!

The ladies singles suffered from the absence of two top Canadians, Marj Shedd and Kae Grant. Jean Miller of Montreal, former Canadian Champion was the sole hope and she lost to Baltimore's McGregor Stewart in the semi-finals. Pat Riley of Connecticut lost to Canadian Barbara Coutts, while young Barbara Bump of Massachusetts won her first round and then lost to Susan Devlin in the quarter finals. Judy Devlin, the defending champion, had little trouble with McGregor winning 11-4, 11-1 in the finals.

In the men's doubles, the #3 U. S. team of Ball and Roche beat Bob Yerkes of Pennsylvania and Riley, Wayne Schell and O'Callaghan, and Davis and Fehm in that order and were clearly the superior pair of the tournament. Schell and O'Callaghan squeaked past Canadians LaFontaine and Mariano 17-15, 9-15, 15-12, and Fehm and Davis beat the top Canadian team of Moody and Gordy Simpson in the semi-finals.

The ladies doubles was another all U. S. final with Judy and Susan Devlin defeating Charlotte Decker and McGregor Stewart. The losers had defeated Canadians Miller and Heather Gibbons in the semis.

Baltimoreans figured in the mixed doubles when U. S. Champions Roche and Judy Devlin trounced the #5 ranking Ball and S. Devlin, neither pair meeting much opposition on their way to the final. Davis and Stewart, and Moody and Miller both fell to Roche and J. Devlin.

The Senior doubles stayed in Canada in spite of the efforts of Wayne Schell and Bob Henderson who lost in three games to Tessier and Bonhomme. Wayne nearly created the sensation of the tournament when he went on court for the semi-finals having forgotten to put on his shorts!

Ten inches of "unseasonal" snow failed to put a damper on this early season curtain-raiser tournament most ably run by Alistair MacLaghlan, Alan Fitzpatrick, John Richey and their committee.



# Develop Your Regional Association

*The following article, written by a business man in the field of management who prefers to remain anonymous, contains some thoughts and hints on good sound organization for our State and Regional Associations.*

The growth of badminton within a country depends only to a limited degree on the largest single organized unit (the A.B.A.) and hardly at all on the smallest units (the clubs). Of greatest importance to development is the medium-sized unit (the State or Regional Association). These bodies provide for the particular needs of the area, are big enough to call on a wealth of experience and talent from various sources, and can cater for their adherents in a way that the national organization cannot. This article sets out to lay down a sound structure of management for the medium-sized organization, to indicate a policy of development, and to provoke thought and discussion.

The officers and club representatives of the state or Regional Association meet at the end of the season to reappraise the events of the season and to elect new officers for the ensuing twelve months. These officers should then take steps to organize the events of the coming season, at the beginning of which a second meeting takes place.

## **The Executive Committee**

The Executive committee is the motivating force in the organization administering the affairs of the Association as a whole. It must be small to act efficiently and to achieve individual and collective responsibility necessary for the calculated risk-taking of development. In fact, as numbers are added to the executive, its quality is watered down and its effectiveness diminished by irrelevancies.

Briefly, the duties of the executive are—to appoint functional committees to do the work of the Association, to oversee the operation of such

committees; to lay down a policy of continuing development; to appoint committees or individuals to achieve such development. The executive committee must be able to stand back and survey the organization as a whole. Too many committees are so overburdened with detail that they have no time for development.

The State organization will always seek out-standing men and women from all walks of life for its committee. It may well have difficulty in getting men of the calibre it requires most—those are the entrepreneurs of the nation who normally are too heavily engaged in managing their own businesses to devote leisure time to further work in a voluntary capacity. The top class administrator is found in every vocation; the problem is to find him and then get him interested in working for the Association. This is the individual task of every member already on the executive.

## **The President**

The President is the constitutional head of the organization. He should be a person of standing, respected, with a wide experience and knowledge of the game. He must be in a position to travel around, constantly attending those functions which the Association manages. He is the most important link between the organization and the participating clubs and players. He must constantly be observing where the Association may be improved, and listening to the comments and criticisms of the players. He can watch for talent amongst the players and spot likely workers for the Association.

The importance of the President as a chairman competent to direct the course of a meeting is considerable, particularly in the Executive which should consist of strong characters. The President should not be an ex officio member of other committees. The same applies to the State secretary and treasurer. This submerges then in detail work and inhibits the development of the members of the functional committees.

## **The Secretary**

Secretary is a misnomer for an official whose duties approximate those of a Managing Director of a commercial concern! He suffers one considerable disadvantage; he depends for results on unpaid personnel. He must be able to command the loyalty and the support of all the workers of the organization.

The Secretary is the link between the Executive committee and all the functional committees. All decisions and policy pass down through him: he continually checks that action is taken and that it is in accordance with the policy laid down by the Executive. Minutes must be kept by all committees and must be available to him promptly. This right of enquiry is essential for purposes of co-ordination. He must be prepared to accept criticism of the Executive's policy and the Executive must not be inflexible. Red tape must not impede action.

The Secretary must carry on a policy of education so that workers at all levels understand the lines of authority and responsibility. Equally important is a good system of communications so that all officials in the Association get their information promptly and reliably. A magazine is most valuable for this purpose. The Secretary should assemble a series of Procedure Notes setting out procedures to be adopted for matches, tournaments, fund-raising, and the like.

Finally, the Secretary must have two objectives which are often overlooked—he must not become indispensable and he must, in due course, discover and train an adequate successor.

## **The Treasurer**

The Treasurer must have some knowledge of accounting as well as the personal attributes with which every good treasurer is endowed. The financial year of the Association should end June 30 or July 1, the 'dead' part of the year. The accounts should be drawn up in such a way that they should show the expendi-

ture of the functional committee. At the first subsequent meeting of the Executive, the accounts should be discussed, the estimates for the ensuing year approved and the functional committees should be advised as to their budgets for the ensuing financial year.

A word on fund-raising efforts—They cannot be countenanced when they are used simply to makeup deficiencies in revenue. They can be justified when used for a special purpose. Any function which gives value for money, or performs a useful service may legitimately be promoted annually or as frequently as it can be justified to earn money. The criterion is the response which its advent arouses in the bosom of the badminton-playing public.

#### Functional Committees

The committee should be small and possess the following qualities. 1. Effectiveness—The committee can be filled with workers having a special aptitude or considered as good potential for the future, or simply players prepared to work. People should be enlisted who are not already on a committee. 2. Continuity. 3. Suitability.

An organization is never static, it is developing or deteriorating. There can be no steady development without conscious long-term plans and intention to develop. And finally, development is achieved by aiming at certain objectives and employing certain methods.

#### Objectives

The objective first and foremost—to cater to the needs of all players. The organization belongs to the players, not the players to the organization. Secondly, to broaden interest and participation. This means more people playing and watching badminton, more individual and club competitions in every district, exhibitions, etc. Thirdly, to improve the management and direction of the Association. Fourthly, to introduce more people into the organization of the game, to spread the work load. Fifthly—to raise the standard of play. This is a delicate point. Probably quite wrongly a badminton organization is judged on its playing results instead of the sum total of general good it provides for those who cause it to exist.

#### Methods of Development

1. To induce a sense of individual responsibility and participation there should be an individual affiliation fee, payable by each player, through his club to the Association. It must be large enough to make people realize it is there, but not so large that they will object to it as an imposition.

2. To increase steadily the activities of the State Associations in every field. The more badminton is played and the better it is organized, the greater the stimulus to further development.

3. To build an efficient organizational structure. To ensure no one is overworked.

4. To run the A.B.A. as a business—particularly in the field of advertising—"selling" the game to the potential player and spectator, and above all, to children.

5. To reach the ultimate in development when the A.B.A. directly employs full-time paid organizers and necessary paid staff.

#### Conclusion

The author has set out a structure of management and indicated a policy of development. If these are sufficient to provoke thought and discussion this article will have fulfilled its purpose.

### BOB REICHERT'S TRIP

*(Continued from page 6)*

team, and I expect we'll see real results in the next few years.

Any time any of us are in Oslo, we must be sure to look up Hans. He is a walking travelog and Chamber of Commerce on Norway. Hans and I took a rush tour of Oslo. Saw the world famous Holmenkollen ski-jump—really a frightening sight because of the tremendous height and steep angle; it's a wonder they don't kill themselves. Also we ate at the Frognerseteren Ski Lodge in the beautiful hills overlooking Oslo and the great fjord. It was a beautiful sight in the early twilight, and so clear that we could see 50 miles or more.

Incidentally, all through the trip the weather was fantastic—warm, clear and sunny. On my second visit to Oslo at the end of October, Hans

and I watched the Norwegian football (soccer) championship game in sweaters. Remember that Oslo is at a latitude about the same as the north part of Hudson Bay not far from the Arctic Circle.

From Oslo (first visit) I went back to Copenhagen and then to Munich where I participated in Oktoberfest, the great Fall Bavarian beer festival—then to Vienna, back to Munich, Zurich and Berne in beautiful Switzerland, The Hague and arrived in London on October 12th.

I was able to play twice at Wimbledon, with the International team the second night. In London I contacted the Hunts, a charming couple who readily invited me to play at Wimbledon. We had some wonderful matches and I met some fine people. Incidentally, John Best is about the top mixed player I've ever seen. He has fantastic bird control. It certainly was a pleasure playing with these people.

From London I went to Paris, back to Munich, to Geneva, Frankfurt and again Copenhagen—then to Oslo and back to Copenhagen from where I headed home via Lisbon, Azores and Bermuda where I met my wife, Ruth, for a few days of recuperation for me and shopping for her. I finally arrived home November 1 after 51 days on the road, 200 hours in transit, about 25 money and 29 hotel changes. The pace was far too fast, but the trip was a memorable experience.

On a trip like this it is sure wonderful to have an entree into a congenial group like the badminton people. You are immediately accepted and are able to see life in these countries in the correct prospectus, not through the tinted commercial tourist glasses. I'm certainly grateful and deeply indebted to these people who added so much to the enjoyment of my trip.

### JUNIOR NATIONALS

*(Continued from page 15)*

Tournaments will be limited to players who will not reach their 16th birthday before April 30, 1960.

**ENTRY FEES**—18 and Under Championships—\$4.00 per person for first event. \$2.50 for additional events. 15 and Under and 13 and Under Tournaments—\$3.00 per per-

son for first event. \$2.00 for additional events.

**EVENTS**—Singles, doubles and mixed doubles along with consolation singles will be conducted in all three tournaments. Players will be limited to three events.

**HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION**—Contestants from outside Los Angeles County will be welcomed as house guests of M.B.B.C. members who will arrange transportation from arrival time on Thursday evening, April 7, to departure time, Monday evening.

**MEALS**—A \$10.00 meal ticket will cover lunches and dinners for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. This includes the A.B.A. Luncheon on Saturday.

**TOURS**—Contestants are invited to be guests of Club members for a trip to the famous Marineland on Friday before the tournament gets under way. With all finals scheduled to be over on Sunday night, a trip to Disneyland by chartered bus is planned for Monday. The approximate cost for this trip is \$6.00 which includes admission, rides and bus fare.

**TO PARENTS**—The Tournament Committee fully recognizes the tremendous responsibility they have undertaken in conducting this tournament and supervising the activities of the boys and girls. They are fortunate however, in having a large and enthusiastic committee and every detail has been worked out so that at no time will the young people be left without proper chaperonage and transportation. The operation of the tournament is in experienced hands with the full co-operation of S.C.B.A. members. Every match will be scheduled according to the Grant System and contestants will receive time cards for matches.

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

Anyone wishing further information may write to—Mrs. Ray Vening, 533 - 15th Street, Manhattan Beach, California.

# TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## ALHAMBRA OPEN JUNIOR

Alhambra, Calif.  
Sept. 25-26

18 & Under

- GS** Helen Carter def. Carole O'Grady 11-8, 7-11, 12-10  
**BS** Ray Park def. Stan Hales 15-6, 15-6.  
**GD** N. Vening-C. O'Grady def. A. Heck-L. Erkkila 15-8, 12-15, 15-10.  
**BD** B. Foy-S. Hales def. P. Armendariz-M. McCallum 15-7, 15-2  
**MxD** Hales-Carter def. Park-F. Koepfel 15-11, 18-17.

15 & Under

- GS** Joy Auxier def. Pam Becker 11-8, 11-7.  
**BS** Russ Lyon def. Jack Whitaker 11-3, 11-7.  
**GD** S. Vening-J. Pajares def. Becker-Auxier 11-2, 11-5, 12-9  
**BD** Whitaker-D. Fleming def. E. Armendariz-C. McCallum 11-12, 11-6, 12-11.

13 & Under

- GS** Terri Trelloggen def. Linda Leuke 11-0, 11-5.  
**BS** Ken Fleming def. Howard Howard 12-9, 12-10.  
**GD** Trelloggen-Leuke def. J. Ferrare-J. Pajares 3-11, 11-9, 11-5.  
**BD** Howard-L. Saben def. G. Jones-B. Stombaugh 11-3, 11-4.



Tom Trelloggen, former Junior National Doubles Champion, won the Mens Doubles in the "B" flight of the Western States and the mixed Doubles in the "B" Pacific Southwest.

## MICHIGAN JUNIOR CLOSED

Flint, Mich.  
Nov. 21

18 & Under

- GS** Sharon Pritula def. Joyce Schoepach 11-3, 11-3.  
**BS** Jack Keating def. George LeFranc 15-3, 15-7.  
**GD** Pritula-Schoepach def. S. Rittenmund-M. LaVoie 15-1, 15-0.  
**BD** Keating-LeFranc def. B. Pritula-J. Swift 15-3, 15-8.  
**MxD** Keating - Pritula def. LeFranc-Schoepach 15-5, 15-8.

15 & Under

- GS** Sue Rettenmund def. Linda Wall 11-5, 11-3.  
**BD** Jim Swift def. Tom Lock 15-7, 15-5.

## PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

Pasadena, Calif.  
Nov. 20-22

- LS** Semi-finals: Beulah Armendariz def. Mary McMurray 11-0, 11-4. Helen Tibbetts def. Ruth Berry 7-11, 11-8, 12-10.  
 Finals: Armendariz def. Tibbetts 11-7, 12-10.  
**MS** Semi-finals: Jim Poole def. Manuel Armendariz 18-17, 15-2. Dick Mitchell def. Bill Berry 15-11, 13-15, 15-12.  
 Finals: Poole def. Mitchell 15-8, 15-9.  
**LD** Semi-finals: Alston - Armendariz def. Davidson-Kirby 15-4, 15-3. Starkey-Pons def. Tibbetts-Hann 5-15, 15-8, 15-11.  
 Finals: Alston - Armendariz def. Starkey-Pons 15-9, 15-11.  
**MD** Semi-finals: Alston - Rogers def. Knight - MaHaffey 15-10, 15-8. Poole-Armendariz def. Berry-Mitchell 15-11, 15-10.  
 Finals: Alston-Rogers def. Poole-Armendariz 15-6, 7-15, 15-11.  
**MxD** Semi-finals: Alston-Alston def. Armendariz-Tibbetts 15-11, 12-15, 15-6. Rogers - Armendariz def. Poole-Hann 15-8, 15-10.  
 Finals: Rogers-Armendariz def. Alston-Alston 15-7, 15-11.  
**SrD** Finals: Rogers-Lyon def. Giles-Mendez 15-1, 15-2.

"B" flight

- LS** Helen Carter def. Gloria Page 11-8, 11-2.  
**MS** Ray Foremost def. B. Johnstone 15-1, 6-15, 15-5.  
**LD** Carter-C. Minter def. L. Erkkila-A. Heck 4-15, 17-14, 15-5.  
**MD** J. Christie-D. Trader def. D. Loomis-P. Armendariz 15-3, 15-12.  
**MxD** T. Trelloggen-C. O'Grady def. N. Lyon-F. Auxier 15-13, 15-13.

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### MONTREAL A.A.A. INVITATION

Montreal, Canada  
Nov. 27-29

- LS** Semi-finals: Judy Devlin def. Susan Devlin 11-3, 11-3. McGregor Stewart def. Jean Miller (Can.) 11-8, 11-2.  
Finals: J. Devlin def. Stewart 11-4, 11-1.
- MS** Semi-finals: Dick Ball def. John Holehouse (Can.) 15-7, 15-9. Don Davis def. Bunky Roche 15-8, 15-10.  
Finals: Ball def. Davis 15-9, 7-15, 18-15.
- LD** Semi-finals: J. Devlin-S. Devlin def. C. LaMere-S. O'Doherty (Can.) 15-0, 15-5. M. Stewart-C. Decker def. J. Miller-H. Gibbons (Can.) 15-2, 15-5.  
Finals: Devlin-Devlin def. Stewart-Decker 15-3, 15-2.
- MD** Semi-finals: D. Ball-M. Roche def. W. Schell-D. O'Callaghan 15-2, 15-8. D. Davis-N. Fehm def. H. Moody-G. Simpson (Can.) 15-9, 15-6.  
Finals: Ball-Roche def. Davis-Fehm 15-5, 15-2.
- MxD** Semi-finals: Ball-S. Devlin def. T. Uyeda-C. LaMere (Can.) 15-2, 15-2. Roche-J. Devlin def. Moody-Miller (Can.) 15-8, 15-3.  
Finals: Roche-J. Devlin def. Ball-S. Devlin 15-1, 15-3.
- SrD** M. Tessier-D. Bonhomme (Can.) def. W. Schell-B. Henderson 18-12, 11-15, 15-11.

### WESTERN STATES OPEN

Manhattan Beach, Calif.  
Dec. 4-6

- LS** Semi-finals: Beulah Armendariz def. Pat Gallagher 11-1, 9-11, 11-8. Helen Tibbetts def. Ruth Berry 6-11, 11-3, 11-3.  
Finals: Armendariz def. Tibbetts 12-10, 11-1.
- MS** Semi-finals: Jim Poole def. Bill Berry 15-4, 15-3. Dick Mitchell def. Rod Starkey 15-9, 18-13.  
Finals: Poole def. Mitchell 15-4, 15-2.
- LD** Semi-finals: Lois Alston-Armendariz def. Mary McMurray-Doris Martin 15-4, 15-11. Carlene Starkey-Jeanne Pons def. Tibbetts-Dorothy Hann 17-14, 15-12.  
Finals: Alston-Armendariz def. Starkey-Pons 17-18, 18-13, 15-4.
- MD** Semi-finals: Wynn Rogers-Joe Alston def. Fred Knight-Alan Mahaffey 11-15, 15-6, 18-14. Poole-Manuel Armendariz def. Berry-Mitchell 15-13, 15-7.  
Finals: Rogers-Alston def. Poole-Armendariz 15-7, 15-9.
- MxD** Semi-finals: Rogers-Armendariz def. Poole-Hann 15-2, 6-15, 15-7. Alston-Alston def. Armendariz-Tibbetts 15-5, 15-6.  
Finals: Alston-Alston def. Rogers-Armendariz 15-18, 17-16, 15-10.
- SrD** Semi-finals: Rogers-Waldo Lyon def. Wally Kinnear-Fred Serafin 15-8, 16-18, 15-10. Larry Calvert-B. Worthington def. Bill Giles-E. Mies 15-7, 15-6.  
Finals: Rogers-Lyon def. Calvert-Worthington 15-6, 15-13.

"B" Flight

- LS** Linda Erkkila def. Gloria Page 6-11, 11-4, 11-3.
- MS** Pat Armendariz def. Jerry Eichelberger 15-7, 15-8.
- LD** V. Tenz-D. Mattox def. J. Spruill-G. Page 15-9, 9-15, 15-8.
- MD** A. Krohn-T. Trellogen def. D. Loomis-T. Gray 15-8, 10-15, 17-14.
- MxD** P. Armendariz-N. Vening def. T. Trellogen-C O'Grady 18-15, 15-5.
- SrD** A. Kirby-G. Pajares def. E. Heldman-T. Gray 15-12, 17-16.

### SEATTLE CITY

Seattle, Wash.  
December 5, 6

- LS** Donna Connolly def. Joyce Jones 11-5, 11-8
- MS** Nick Johnson def. Cliff Mulberg 15-5, 15-8
- LD** V. Andersen-J. Jones def. F. Kildall-D. Connolly 15-4, 18-16
- MD** C. Andersen-Dick Yeager def. Joe Johanson-N. Johnson 15-10, 7-15, 15-12
- MxD** N. Johnson-V. Andersen def. C. Andersen-J. Jones 15-12, 15-12
- SrLD** V. Andersen-P. Froude def. H. Savage-M. Graves 15-6, 15-5.
- SrMD** C. Andersen-D. Yeager def. H. Mahnkey-R. Topp 15-13, 11-15, 15-3

"B" flight

- LD** Aieto-Froude def. Graves-Burton 4-15, 15-5, 15-9
- MD** Hansen-Mountain def. Jones-Crow 9-15, 15-12, 15-12
- MxD** Mountain-Aieto def. Carrell-Simkins 15-12, 15-11

### WESTPORT MENS DOUBLES

Westport, Conn.  
Dec. 5

Twenty-one teams were entered in the 1959 Westport Doubles, most of them hailing from the New York-New England area. Manuel Baltaian and Svend Neilsen journeyed up from Philadelphia and Dick Ball, Bunky Roche and Hal Webb made the trip from Baltimore. Bo Nilsson of Sweden made his American tournament debut, in partnership with Connecticut's Bob Loughheed. Ball and Roche were clearly superior to the field in winning this even for the third time.

Quarter-finals: B. Roche-D. Ball def. Kohler-Hutchinson 15-7, 15-1. Jack Cooper-Bill Goodman def. Wayne Schell-Bob Warren 15-10, 18-15. Noel Fehm-Harry Quinn def. Bob Loughheed-Bo Nilsson 15-11, 15-7. Ken Kost-Don Davis def. Harold Seavey-Al Dochray 15-5, 15-7.

Semi-finals: Roche-Ball def. Cooper-Goodman 15-4, 15-0. Kost-Davis def. Fehm-Quinn 13-15, 15-9, 15-7.

Finals: Roche-Ball def. Kost-Davis 15-6, 15-3.

**LADIES DOUBLES INVITATION**

Wilmington, Dela.

Dec. 5

The Wilmington Ladies Doubles Invitation Round Robin was held at the Dilwyne Club in Montchanin, just outside the city proper. Seven members of the twelve lady Uber Cup Squad attended, and the match results are to be used in the selection of the 1960 Uber Cup Team. Seven past and present Junior National Champions were entrants in a star-studded field.

The eleven pairs were divided into two sections, the top card of five pairs playing each other two out of three 15 point games, with no setting. The second card played two out of three 11 point games, no setting. The total scores of each match were divided by the number of games played, and recorded on each card.

For the fourth successive year this tournament was run by Mrs. William Bender for the benefit of the Uber Cup Fund, and this year was honored by the presence of the U.S. Uber Cup Chairman, Miss Helen Gibson. Proceeds of over \$100. entered the fund. Mrs. Reese Hitchins, mother of Junior National Champion Patsy, organized a most pleasant dinner at her home before the final matches of the day were played, and another junior mother, Mrs. Stevens, donated a most excellent lunch for the players before play began.

Winners of the tournament were Susan and Judy Devlin who beat Margaret Varner and Dot O'Neil 15-13, 15-8 in the feature match. Varner-O'Neil were otherwise undefeated. One of the best matches was that in which the newly-formed team of Doris DeLord and McGregor Stewart defeated the #6 Nationally Rank team of Charlotte Decker and Norma Slauer 15-10, 15-10. As a further attraction, the #5 team on Card A played the #1 team on Card B. Abbie Rutledge, playing her first season in the East, and Patsy Hitchins justified their position by defeating Barbara Prince and Mildred Riggio 15-9, 4-15, 15-12. Mr. Edward Prince and Mr. John Cornell were the umpires.

It is interesting to note that there was a 36 point difference between the top and bottom of Card A but only a 23 point difference in totals on Card B indicating close matches throughout. The division into two halves, tried for the first time this year, met with the approval of the players who felt that fewer, but closer matches, were an improvement over former years.

The results:

Devlin-Devlin	60
O'Neil-Varner	55½
DeLord-Stewart	43
Decker-Slauer	37½
Rutledge-Hitchins	24
Prince-Riggio	55
Dryden-Bender	45
Beuermann-Ferris	44½
Pfeiffer-O'Neil	40
Cornell-Funk	38
Lutz-Slauer	32

**TOWSON OPEN TOURNAMENT**

Towson, Md.

December 11-13

A fine but disappointingly small field of players gathered in Towson for the first 5 event tournament of the U. S. season on the East Coast.

Upsets marked the distinguished men's field in singles. Unseeded finalist John Leib, transplanted Californian, used his flat game effectively against top seeded Dick Ball, a game noticeable for Dick's inability to adjust to this unusual short, flat type of play.

Leib also accounted for #4 Noel Fehm in two extremely close games. Meanwhile Sweden's outstanding (and out of practice) Bo Nilsson was advancing. He knocked out Bunky Roche in the quarters, a game in which both players were extended in every rally. Bo met disaster in the evening while playing only his seventh game of singles in nine months. He lost to Don Davis. Don, unlucky to lose the first game, came back strongly in the final two to defeat the popular and pleasing Bo who had, unknown to all, pulled his right shoulder muscle in the afternoon, an injury which has forced him out of competition of any kind for two months.

Two fine Canadian singles players also graced the courts. Finn Stender, of Denmark and Toronto, and clubmate John Holehouse made the 10 hour drive with John Forster. Ranked 2 and 3 in Ontario, they were a treat to see, Finn barely losing to Fehm and John being amazingly overpowered by Davis, the class of the field.

The women's singles marked the return of Margaret Varner to action, defeating Dot O'Neil and losing in the final to long time rival Judy Devlin.

The doubles were dominated by Baltimoreans. The Devlins ousted Varner-O'Neil while Davis and Fehm put up a noble fight before succumbing to Ball-Roche, Noel playing an outstanding game throughout.

**LS** Quarter-finals: Judy Devlin def. Cynthia Dryden 11-0, 11-0. McGregor Stewart def. Susan Devlin 11-12, 11-9, 11-7, Margaret Varner def. Barbara Prince 11-0, 12-2. Dot O'Neil def. Abbie Rutledge 11-2, 11-1.

Semi-finals: J. Devlin def. Stewart 11-5, 11-4. Varner def. O'Neil 11-4, 11-0.

Finals: J. Devlin def. Varner 11-1, 12-10.

**MS** Quarter-finals: John Leib def. Dick Ball 8-15, 15-9, 18-16. Noel Fehm def. Finn Stender (Can.) 7-15, 15-13, 18-13. Bo Nilsson def. Michael Roche 15-13, 6-15, 15-10. Don Davis def. John Holehouse (Can.) 15-3, 15-2.

Semi-finals: Leib def. Fehm 17-14, 15-10. Davis def. Nilsson 11-15, 15-3, 15-6.

Finals: Davis def. Leib 15-5, 15-7.

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**LD** Semi-finals: Devlin-Devlin def. Stewart-Doris DeLord 15-3, 15-6. Varner-O'Neil def. Charlotte Decker-Norma Slauer 15-6, 9-15, 15-5.

Finals: Devlin-Devlin def. Varner-O'Neil 15-6, 15-4.

**MD** Semi-finals: Ball-Roche def. Nils-son-Bob Reichert 15-1, 15-4. Fehm-Davis def. Stender-Joe Vaeth 15-10, 15-4.

Finals: Ball-Roche def. Fehm-Davis 15-13, 8-15, 15-10.

**MxD** Semi-finals: J. Devlin-Roche def. Rosine Jones-Davis 15-12, 15-4. S. Devlin-Ball def. Slauer-Nils-son by default.

Finals: J. Devlin-Roche def. S. Devlin-Ball 15-13, 17-18, 15-5.

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