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The U.S.A. Thomas Cup Team awaits opening ceremonies of the Fifth International competition held June 1-11, 1961 in the newly built Sports Arena (background) located in Djakarta, Indonesia. For eye witness account, see page 5.

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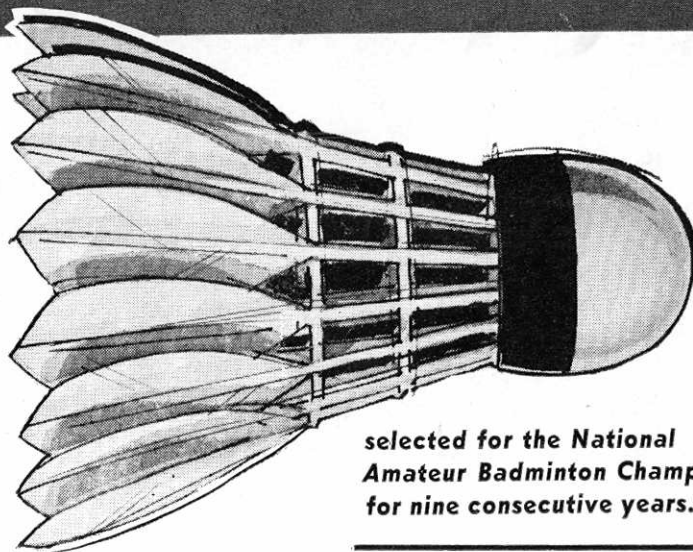


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Letters to Editors

With so many Juniors winning championships in various other sports, I would like to go on record as saying that I believe badminton tournaments, that is, particularly our Senior Nationals should be opened to our top junior players if they are of a calibre to warrant playing. If junior tennis players can represent this country in international play, then I think it's high time for our top juniors to have a chance at our Senior Nationals—especially since they have been approached for Uber Cup possibilities. What do you think? I would like to see *Bird Chatter* have a section where one can express his opinion on things similar to this. It's happened in golf, tennis, swimming—why not badminton!

Naomi Bender
Wilmington, Dela.

Ed. note: No sooner asked for than granted... at least, the space to express one's opinion.

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Recently our tennis club had a visitor from Bangor, Maine. During the time he spent here, we introduced him to badminton. When he left, he was quite enthusiastic about learning the game and wants to know where he can play it where he lives.

Do you have any record of clubs playing in or around Bangor, Maine? If so, please let me know so I can write to him while the interest is still there.

Marty Trifonoff
Dearborn, Mich.

Ed. comment: Our records do not show a club in that area, but perhaps one of you readers can make a suggestion.

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I am very interested in your Junior column and might suggest a name "The Klassy Kids Kolumn" or "The Klassy Kids Korner." Let's see how many other names you have suggested.

Ethel Marshall
Eggertsville, N. Y.

Ed. comment: *Bird Chatter* has had these suggestions: "Fledglings," "Carried" and "By-Lines." Why not send in your suggestions?

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Most of the badminton in Oklahoma is in Ponca City at the present time. We do have a very active club playing several times a week in our air conditioned gym. I like your idea of publishing playing schedules for the benefit of those traveling around the country. We play regularly on Wednesdays 7:30-10 p.m. and Saturdays from 1-6 p.m. In addition, one can arrange to play every day at noon. We enjoyed having Stan Sangdahl in for several days during the summer and Ted Jarrett a year ago. Anyone passing through and interested should contact myself or George Harman.

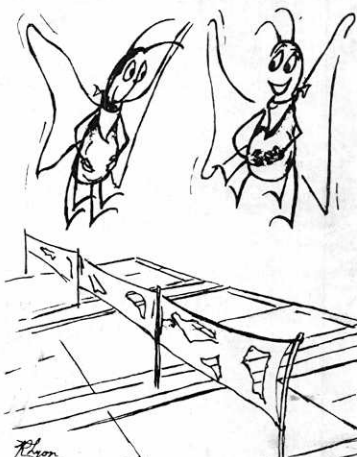
John Sudbury
Ponca City, Okla.



Questions have arisen as to the rule covering spectators calling lines during tournament matches. Umpires and "helpful" spectators should read and observe the following point of badminton law from page ten of the Official A.B.A. Rules Book:

Law 21. It shall be the duty of the umpire to call "fault" or "let" should either occur, without appeal being made by the players, and to give his decision on any appeal regarding a point of dispute, if made before the next service; and also to appoint linesmen at his discretion. An umpire's decision shall be final, but he shall uphold the decision of a linesman. When, however, a referee is appointed, an appeal shall lie to him from the decision of an umpire on questions of law only.

The A.B.A. Umpires Assn., in their list of **Recommendations to Umpires**, further states that "if a decision cannot be given, say so and give a "let." NEVER ask spectators nor be influenced by their remarks."



"Gee, that was great! Now let's head for the Gut'n Feathers Club."

ABA REPORT



NEW ABA EMBLEM FOR CHAMPIONS

Here is something new—a beautiful newly designed colored emblem (see above) that will be worn on blazers by all Champions of both Junior and Open National Championships.

The "ABA" letters will be replaced by the appropriate designation, i.e., "Champion Ladies Singles," etc. Size of the emblem is 4"x4½".

ABA President Carl Andersen wishes all 1961 Champions to know that the emblems will be ready shortly and each one will receive theirs by mail.

Middle Atlantic Open Warm Up For Nationals

The Delaware Valley Badminton Association has set March 23-25, 1962 as dates for the Middle Atlantic Open tournament this season giving players an excellent warm-up tournament for the Canadian Open at Montreal, Canada and the U.S. Nationals, Indian-town Gap, Pa. which will be held on

UBER CUP TRY-OUTS DURING 9TH OPEN

After a record number of World Series wins, the cry was, "Break up the Yankees!" The women of the U.S.A. established their supremacy over the women of the challenging nations for the first time in 1957 by winning the Uber Cup, symbol of World Badminton supremacy on the distaff side. This cup was successfully defended in 1960. In both competitions, the U. S. forces were led into battle by the mighty Devlin Sisters. Now that team is broken up insofar as the U.S. Uber Cup Team is concerned. Sue Devlin Peard has declared for Ireland and will play for the Irish team in '63. Thus, the U. S. will field its third team in international competition without the Devlin team.

To date, UC Chairman Ethel Marshall announces the following players as interested aspirants for the team: Lois Alston, Beulah Armendariz, Tyna Barinaga, Charlotte Decker, Cynthia Dryden, Pat Gallagher, Judy Devlin Hashman, Rosine Jones, Doris Martin,

consecutive weekends following the Middle Atlantic.

Players from other areas in the U.S. are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to play Eastern circuit players at the St. Joseph Memorial

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Ethel Marshall, Bea Massman, Dot O'Neill, Jeanne Pons, Sharon Pritula, Abbie Rutledge, Carlene Starkey, McGregor Stewart, Helen Tibbetts and Margaret Varner.

The UC Committee feels that this is a fine potential squad from which to choose the team. Members of the committee are: Chairman Ethel Marshall, Naomi Bender, Thelma Burdick, Mary Conner, Dorothy Parsons and Jack van Praag plus the current President of the A.B.A., Carl Andersen, and the National Ranking Committee Chairman, John Leib, who are ex officio members.

It is desired that this large representative squad compete in as many local, regional and international tournaments as possible in order to compile outstanding singles and doubles records for consideration. In addition, there will be matches and preliminary try-outs at the 1962 U.S. Open.

The 1961-62 season will be one of preparation with the older girls working towards making the team and the younger girls striving for recognition. With all these girls in there fighting for a team spot and the Committee always on the look-out for new young talent, players might adopt the slogan, "In '62, it may be You but in '63, it may be me."

Club Play Directory

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TEAM'S EYE VIEW OF DJAKARTA PLAY

by Jim Poole

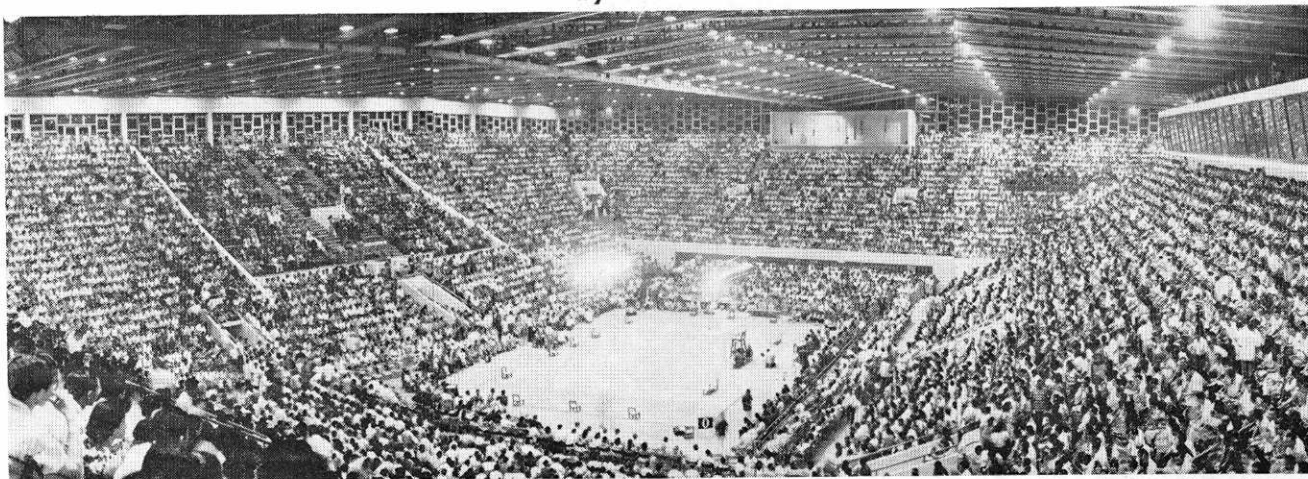


Photo by Atom Press, Djakarta

The U.S. team left for Djakarta on Friday night, the 19th of May from L.A. International. Dick Mitchell, Bill Berry and I had come up from San Diego and met the other team members, Joe Alston, Mike Hartgrove, Wynn Rogers and Ronnie Palmer, at the airport. Many of the Southern California badminton players and officials were on hand to see us off.

Enroute we spent one day in Hawaii and then flew directly to Djakarta with stops only for fuel at Guam, Manila, Saigon and Singapore.

We were met in Djakarta by Indonesian badminton officials and also top players, Tan Joe Hok and Ferry Sonneville. They placed at our disposal two Volkswagen buses for our entire stay. The buses had American flags flying from them, drivers were provided, and liaison officers were at our call 24 hours a day.

All teams were housed in a Thomas Cup village, along the lines of an Olympic Village, with special flag raising ceremonies each morning and evening. A dining room, mail room, and telegraph station were established for exclusive use of the Thomas Cup participants. House boys, guides, dining hall attendants, assistants and assistant assistants were readily available at any time. The effort was tremendous; the results great by Indonesian standards, however, poor by U.S. standards.

The city of Djakarta was decorated with pictures of the Thomas Cup and messages were strung on banners across the roads and lanes, as well as on buildings and tree tops, advertising

the event. Cup fever was at its fullest within the city. Each night the state owned Radio Republic impressed on its listeners the following message: "The Thomas Cup games are already near—let us all prepare for this big event. Do not miss this golden opportunity to win international prestige for Indonesia."

The matches were played in a newly built 10,000 seat sports hall (see picture above). This hall forms a part of a \$12,500,000 Asian Games Complex project which was financed and partially constructed by the Russians. The completion of the hall was hurried by round-the-clock construction to make it ready for the Thomas Cup matches. Work was still being performed on the day of the first tie.



Tan Joe Hok and Ferry Sonneville of Indonesia

The matches were ceremoniously opened by acting President Djuanda. President Sokarno was still on his world tour at the time of the matches. But, before he left, he warned Indonesians that the staging of the Thomas Cup matches and the holding of the 1962 Asian Games were symbols of Indonesia's prestige and honor in the international world. He exhorted every Indonesian official, civilian, member of the armed services and sportsman to go all out in making these events an outstanding success. As you can see, Thomas Cup and Badminton are "big time" in Indonesia.

Practically all tickets for each of the eight nights of play were sold in advance with a "first class" ticket for all the games originally costing \$60.00 U.S. and later reduced to \$26.00 U.S.; the reason for the reduction was that the exchange rate on Rupias for tourists increased from forty-five for one U.S. dollar to ninety for one U.S. dollar after tickets were put on sale. The estimated gate for all the matches was \$111,000 U.S. Now to the ties:

June 1-2

These dates found Thailand, champion of the Asian Zone, in an overwhelming shut-out of the Australian team, 9-0.

June 3-4

For each of the nights of the matches against Denmark, we were given motorcycle escorts right to the door with other cars clearing traffic aside for us.

The scores of the tie with Denmark were:

1st night

Poole lost to Kops 10-15, 15-4, 17-14
Berry lost to Kobbero 15-10, 12-15, 15-10

Alston-Palmer lost to Kops-Borch 15-10, 17-16

Rogers-Hartgrove lost to Kobbero-Hansen 15-4, 15-8

2nd night

Berry lost to Kops 15-11, 15-0

Palmer beat Nielsen 6-15, 15-6, 15-4

Poole lost to Kobbero 15-6, 5-3

Rogers-Hartgrove beat Kops-Borch 9-15, 15-12, 17-14

Alston-Palmer lost to Kobbero-Hansen 15-2, 15-6

As can be seen, we lost 7 to 2. There were, however, three extremely close matches (Berry vs. Kobbero, Poole vs. Kops, and Alston-Palmer vs. Kops-Borch). If we had won all the close ones, we would have been the upset victors. However, here is another time that the little word "if" assumes proportions out of line with its size.

Some of you are probably wondering about our team lineup. We lined up our doubles team in the manner shown above for a number of reasons. One, Alston and Rogers have never come close to Kobbero and Hansen, and it was felt that we needed a win over this pair to win the "pot." Two, it was felt that a strictly defensive game (which could be played by Palmer and Alston) in the Djakarta heat could

wear down Kobbero and Hansen and produce this point. Three, Palmer's and Hartgrove's games were not too compatible, and, therefore, it was felt that we were stronger over-all by splitting Rogers and Alston. The heat, however, was not as tremendous as expected and there was a drift of the shuttle in the large hall making the defensive type of game extremely difficult to play. Our strategy, therefore, did not work in regard to Palmer and Alston, but it was not completely off as Hartgrove and Rogers looked extremely good in picking up their win. The lineup of the team was determined by a series of team meetings and test matches with the final lineup determined by a vote of the team and manager.

June 6-7

The match between Denmark and Thailand produced some fine badminton. Kobbero's loss the first night to Channarong was a severe blow to the morale of Denmark. This was followed by the crippling blow of Kobbero-Hansen's loss in doubles which finished their aspirations.

The Danes felt they would win 3 or 4 singles and 2 doubles. The Danes had not considered the possibility that Kops in singles and Kobbero-Hansen in doubles would lose. After being down 3-1 going into the second night, the Danes put up little opposition.

Erland Kops, the All-England
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MILITARY RESERVATION TO HOST 9TH OPEN



P. J. Boltz, Special Services Director, Chairmans National Championships

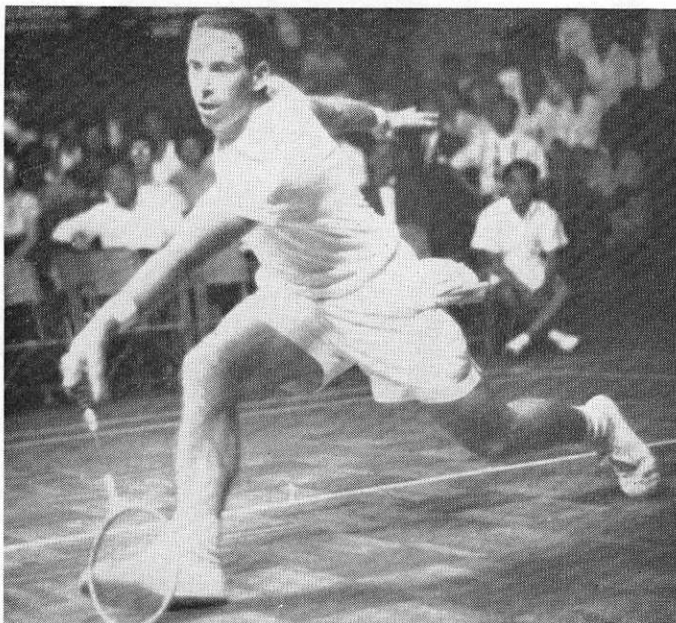
Mr. Paul J. Boltz, a native of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and Special Services Director at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, will serve as General Chairman for the 1962 National Open Amateur Badminton Championships.

The Badminton Championships, featuring top seeded players from all parts of the world, have been slated for April 4-7 in the spacious Indiantown Gap Military Reservation sports arena.

Although this is his first experience in a National Level Competition, directing high level events is not new to "PJ". He has been employed as Special Services Director at IGMR for the past six years, and aside from coaching, has directed many Army sports events. For the past two years, he directed the well known Central Pennsylvania Open Badminton Tournament.

Boltz, who lives with his wife, Julia, in Indiantown Gap, Pa., attended Cornwall High School. He is a graduate of Elizabethtown (Pa.) College, and a graduate student of Temple University. An avid sports enthusiast, he played soccer, basketball and baseball during his school years.

During World War II, he served with the US Naval Amphibious Forces in the Pacific, and was a member of the US Naval Reserve for eight years.



Jim Poole "On The Move" in Djakarta

BADMINTON IN AUSTRALIA

By Roy Ward

ED. NOTE: The author, Mr. Roy Ward, is Secretary of the Victorian Badminton Assn., in Mentone, Victoria, Australia, in addition to his regular employment as the only badminton newspaper writer in Australia. He produces a badminton column for the National Sporting paper called "The Sporting Globe." Interest in badminton would appear to be very great in Australia to warrant such a position; would that this were true in the U.S.A. where we must fight for every inch of publicity in the newspaper media.

Badminton has been played in Australia for about fifty years but it has been only 35 years since the national body — The Australian Badminton Association — was founded. Prior to 1935, there were always official interstate matches between Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania and later West Australia, South Australia and Queensland joined in. The National titles in singles, doubles and mixed doubles did not come under official recognition until 1935 although they had been played since the 1920's. In August 1935, when the national organization was formed, the number of players in Australia numbered fewer than 3000 registered for competition and since that time it has trebled.

The Roy Brady Era

In 1938, the President of the Victorian Association, H. R. (Roy) Brady, became secretary of the Australian Association and from his arrival on the scene the game started to flourish throughout the commonwealth.

Brady, a member of the State Government service, is a quietly spoken churchman who made a host of friends throughout the South Eastern Asian zone. He was a great diplomat, had a profound knowledge of the sport and all its implications in a federal system. Through him the national ties on the sport were strengthened thus enabling Australia to become an international badminton country.

Victoria, the Top State

Victoria has 5000 registered players and has dominated the team championships for 30 years. Tasmania, the island state in the South, is the only other state to have won the Ede-Clendinen shield in that time. The donor of this shield, Bob Ede-Clendinen, played for Tasmania in the 1920's and later settled in Victoria where he was a leading administrator of the game.

Leading Players

As in many parts of the world, Badminton is a great family game and

many of the leading players are either brother and brother, brother and sister or husband and wife teams.

On the national scene, the most famous family combination has been the McCabe brothers, Stan and Alan. In 14 years from 1938 to 1952, Stan McCabe won six national singles titles, two mixed and with his brother, Alan, three successive doubles titles. Both players represented Australia ten times. They were the very first players to demonstrate fully the need for finesse in what Australians had previously made a power game. Clever doubles players with extraordinary ability around the net, they used the drop shot to the utmost to wrong foot players.

Since the McCabes, the Russell family has taken over. First there was Dick, now a professional, and then came Stan and his wife, Margaret. Dick won four state singles titles, a national doubles with Charlie Fildes (then 42 years of age), and a mixed with Ethel Peacock.

Stan Russell is the younger brother of Dick and is the greater player but without the record that really proves it. Stan is 5 feet 10 inches and weighs around 160 pounds. He is very fast on the court and never gives in without an all out fight. Over the past ten years, he has appeared in the national finals without winning one yet. He has won four state singles titles and national doubles titles with Don Murray and Stan McCabe. One day, Stan Russell, now about 30 years old, will win the national title and could beat one of the Malaysians who have dominated the singles game.

Eva Robert, forced out of the game about five years ago with a broken achilles tendon, was one of the really great women players in Australia. Eva did not have the chance to play the international circuit, but had she done so she would have most certainly won many major events. She frequently beat leading men players and was the best exponent of mixed doubles we

have seen. She won three mixed events and five national singles and doubles.

Mrs. Margaret Russell, wife of Stan, has been out of action for the past year minding the latest male member of the family. Prior to this period of activity, Margaret was unbeatable in singles because of her all court game of deftness and power. Margaret rarely played in practice with women players because of their inability to provide her with match practice.

In the other states, Mrs. June Bevan, the current national champion from New South Wales and the city of Newcastle, is our best player. June has played against New Zealand on five occasions with Margaret Russell. Until the latter returns to the scene, there are no challengers for June's crown.

Today's Champion

At the last national meet Ong Eng Hong won the singles; David defeated Andrew for junior singles then they combined to take the doubles; Andrew teamed with another ONG, (no relation) and a very popular man, (ONG Soo Kit) took the national senior doubles.

The only other player of note to mention, who has been seen in Europe at least, is Don Murray who was married on May 19, the day before the Australian team left for Indonesia. Don Murray toured the European theatre from 1951-54 and won an occasional minor tournament. About 1954 he won the West Berlin tournament and returned to Australia to win two successive singles titles. Don has been master of physical fitness and a terror for practice. He has been known to practice a drop shot for two hours a night for a fortnight until it was nearly perfect. That is why visiting overseas players claim that he has the most deceptive drop in the game. Don is the squash rackets champion of Tasmania as well.

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The International Scene

by Jack H. van Praag, ABA National Publicity Chairman

For the first time in history an American won the Malayan Open Championship as our own Jim Poole, 1961 United States Open Champion, defeated his fellow townsman from San Diego, California, Bill Berry, 15-11, 18-14. This unprecedented All American final took place at Kuala Lumpur before a crowd of 10,000 wildly cheering but sweltering fans.

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In commemoration of the recent Thomas Cup Matches held at Djakarta, Indonesia has issued a set of three stamps picturing the Thomas Cup, symbol of world Championship in Badminton, and the magnificent Sport Hall at Djakarta, where the Ties were held. The stamps were issued June 1st and were designed by M. Karnedi. Denominations and colors of the stamps are 75 sen violet blue, 1 rupiah yellow green and 3 rupiah orange brown.

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Frequent correspondence with our warm friend, Josef R. Benes, reveals the fact that through his untiring efforts Czechoslovakia is making steady strides towards the formation of a National Badminton Association which will seek recognition from the International Badminton Federation. For years Joe has sought, and received, our small help towards the achievement of this goal. He has just finished preparing all the necessary regulations governing the activities of a National Badminton Association to have them approved by the Czechoslovak Sports Federation.

He has sent us a copy of "The Report on the Development of Badminton in Czechoslovakia" which he sent to the International Badminton Federation and which reveals some very interesting information. Although Badminton was an unknown game in Czechoslovakia before 1958, it is now rapidly becoming one of the more popular recreational games there. The first steps to introduce the game were obviously difficult as manufacturers were reluctant to put rackets and



Winner and Runner-Up
Malayan Open
Jim Poole and Bill Berry

shuttles as well as nets, etc. into production where there previously was no demand or market for such items. Through Joe's untiring and enthusiastic actions, together with the help of a few devoted followers and converts to the game, equipment of sorts was obtained and Badminton was born in Prague. We were able to make our small contribution by sending him several packages of used and new Badminton gut strings (obtained through the good efforts of our friend, Jake Lipman, of Pittsburgh).

Though much still remains to be done, it is significant to note that in the past two years the demand for Badminton rackets has overtaken the demand for tennis rackets. Badminton is being played in most of the summer resorts and recreation centers. All competitive players have been "mobilized" in summer months to introduce Badminton wherever they spend their vacations.

A lack of suitable halls in which to play has retarded the game on a competitive level but clubs are enthusiastically organized and the results of this missionary zeal are rapidly becoming evident. Clubs are being formed in Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia; Provincial Badminton Associations are in process of formation, and, on the local level, District Associations are being founded to gain recognition

from the Czechoslovak Sports Federation so that National Championships may be held and recognition obtained from the International Badminton Federation.

Regulations have been established for competition and for junior players and their tournaments. Regulations have also been formulated for the ranking of players; courses and tests for referees and coaches have been standardized so that all is in readiness for the ultimate goal, the formation of a National Association.

To our good friend, Joe Benes, his fine wife, Nadja, his nephew, Peter, and the loyal band of hard working Badminton devotees, who are doing such a fine job of organizing Badminton in their country, we wish the very best of luck and success. It might be interesting to note that Nadja and Peter each hold three championships—singles, doubles and share the mixed doubles title between them.

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Our correspondence with our good friend, Nitya Mandal, Secretary of the Presidency Division Badminton Tournament, at Calcutta, India, grows apace. Last year's magnificent Souvenir Programme totalling almost 100 pages featured the American Badminton Association and contained articles by many of our top players and officials. This year, Sri. Mandal has again requested articles by our officials and players and these will be featured in the forthcoming programme which will be issued in December.

Last year this project received the enthusiastic backing of our State Department, our United States Ambassador to India, the Hon. Ellsworth Bunker, and the cooperation of the United States Information Services in India. We have watched this Tournament and its programme grow from very modest beginnings to become a really worth-while project of National proportions.

Information has been furnished Sri. Nitya Mandal by our Publicity Committee and promises have been obtained from several of our leading

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The National Scene

by Jack H. van Praag, ABA National Publicity Chairman

Many of us know that Margaret Varner has represented the United States in two sports, Badminton and Tennis; however, not as many know that Margaret has also represented the United States in still another sport—Squash.

This information came to light when we wrote Margaret asking her to give us a few personal observations in connection with the recent Wightman Cup Tennis match between the United States and England when the U. S. won an overwhelming and wholly unexpected victory over the English team.

Margaret was a member of the 1961 Wightman Cup Team and, in her opinion, the success of the team was due to the fine team spirit and desire to win for the team and its capable captain, Mrs. Margaret Osborne du Pont. Margaret felt that the players put aside all personal desires and turned their energies to the greater goal of a team victory for the United States. It is unfortunate that the two Margarets won their number two doubles by default and thus were deprived of the opportunity to play the match.

Miss Varner said that the fine play of the Misses Hantze, Moffitt and Bricka will not be matched for a long time to come. She also gives wholehearted credit to the indefatigable and capable efforts of the team captain, Mrs. du Pont, who in addition to all her other duties was also Chairman of the United States Wightman Cup Committee.

While we are writing about Margaret Varner, it would not be out of order to give a brief synopsis of her many athletic accomplishments. She has compiled a record that is truly astonishing. Her Badminton accomplishments are pretty well known, but bear repeating. She has been the winner of innumerable state titles and tournaments. She won the All-England Ladies Singles title in 1955 and 1956 and only her nemesis, Judy Devlin Hashman, prevented her from winning the Cup outright by a third victory in 1957. Marg was winner of the United States Open Singles Title in 1955, in Long Beach, California. She



1961 Wightman Cup Team
Kneeling, L to R, Gwyn Thomas and Justina Bricka; Back row, L to R, Billie Jean Moffitt, Captain Margaret duPont, Karen Hantze, Margaret Varner.

was runner-up for the U. S. title in 1954, 1956, 1957 and 1960. She was runner-up for the U. S. Doubles title in 1957 and 1960. She won the U. S. Mixed Doubles title with Finn Kobbero in 1960. She was winner of the World Invitation Ladies Doubles Championship at Glasgow, Scotland with three different partners in 1956, 1959 and 1960.

Margaret made a United States sponsored goodwill tour to India and Malaya in 1954. She was captain of the U. S. Badminton Team tour to South Africa in 1955. In 1959, she made a Goodwill Tour for the United States State Department to Hong Kong, Burma, Ceylon, East Pakistan, India and West Pakistan.

Miss Varner was Captain of the U. S. Uber Cup in 1957, when the Team came home with the Uber Cup, emblematic of the Ladies International Badminton Championship. She was also a member of the 1960 Uber Cup team which successfully defended the Cup. What a record!

There is hardly a sport that Miss Varner has not played, and played well. At the age of ten, she became a junior expert marksman with the rifle. In 1945, she was girl champion of the Southwestern Kids' Rodeo. She has excelled in Badminton, Tennis, Squash, Racquets, Basketball and Field Hockey. She holds many state and sectional

titles as well as a national ranking in Tennis.

Margaret Varner is the current national champion in Squash and was a member of the Noel Cup team which represented the U. S. internationally in Squash in 1960. She has taught physical education at Louisiana State University, Mt. Holyoke College, Sargent College and Boston University. The amazing thing about all this is that in spite of this tremendous accomplishment in sports she retains her femininity.

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A Publicity Committee project, long contemplated, was finally brought to completion, when a letter was prepared and a questionnaire made up, calling for biographical information and statistics which would be helpful in preparing accurate publicity material for Thomas Cup, Uber Cup and other news releases. These letters and questionnaires were mimeographed by our indefatigable Treasurer, Virginia Hill, and were sent to leading players in all parts of the United States. It is our sincere hope that we will get 100% response and cooperation from all to whom these letters and questionnaires were sent. The preceding thumb-nail sketch of Margaret Varner was based on information supplied from an early reply by her to our request.

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Our deep and sincere appreciation goes to National Publicity Committee member, John Poong of San Francisco, for his very fine coverage of all Thomas Cup matches in Asia and for the many fine newspaper clippings air mailed to him from overseas and rushed to us for use in this column in the past.

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It is interesting to note that the Uber Cup Committee is already hard at work preparing for the next defense of the Cup in 1963. The Committee will be guided by its very capable new Chairman, Miss Ethel Marshall. She will have a difficult assignment in following in the footsteps of the marvelous
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My Racquets by Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman

Ed. note: This is the first of a series of articles on the controversial topic, "Do the racquet games complement each other, or are they detrimental to the player who plays more than one?" Mrs. Hazel Wightman, donor of the Wightman Cup, emblematic of world supremacy in ladies tennis, authors the first of this series.

How often have you heard that a "tennis player can't play squash well," or that a "badminton player is no good at tennis"? Although since fifteen years old most of my sport time has been spent with tennis, I have also had a great deal of experience at "mixing racquets."

I think there may be two factors which have made it possible for me to win titles in several different sports. I was early taught that "can" is a better word than "can't," and practice makes perfect so I learned tennis and was able to achieve a mastery of it first. It is true that the tennis racquet is heavier and more unwieldy, the court larger and the distances to be covered longer—but badminton, squash and ping-pong each demand of the player a certain degree of skill in manipulating the racquet, adapting one's self to the court, footwork, judgment of the eye—in fact, the same skills and ability, but in different ways.

After over twenty years of competitive tennis, I first played squash racquets during the early 1920's. Even then, I had heard that "no one can play both tennis and squash," but I found that my basic knowledge of tennis was a real advantage and easily applied to the squash racquet and court. I eventually won the Massachusetts title and the national championship in 1927. With responsibilities of home and children, I had very little time in which to practice, but I usually found

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ous former Chairman, Miss Helen Gibson. However, Ethel is no tyro and has plenty of background experience which will stand her in good stead.

Ethel was the United States National Ladies' Singles champion for seven successive years (1947-1953), a record unmatched by any U. S. National champion to date (both Judy Hashman and Dave Freeman have also won the National singles title seven times each but not in successive years). Ethel has been a very valuable member

myself on the winning side when playing with friends.

Then ping-pong came back to Boston. ("Table tennis" may be a more formal and dignified title, but the old-fashioned "ping-pong" has always seemed to me to be so delightfully descriptive of the game.) I was asked to enter and get others to play in some tournaments. I played many times and won several tournaments, including the state championship.

It was about 1930 that a badminton professional arrived in Boston to introduce the game here, and I was among the ladies invited to try it out. I was immediately intrigued with the game, and again my years of practice with other racquet games was an advantage in learning to play the new game. I played mostly doubles, but played both singles and doubles in A-League matches during a couple of winters. I won several ladies' doubles and mixed doubles tournaments and was a runner-up, with Chet Goss from California, in the National Mixed Doubles one winter.

I have long been interested in bringing tennis within reach of many more children, and have been pleased with the increasing interest in play and instruction in school and recreation programs. I also would like to see badminton used more as a popular sport in schools, as the light racquet is more

of the past two U. S. Uber Cup Teams (1956-57, 1959-60).

In addition to her tremendous playing experience, Ethel has also had a great deal of valuable administrative experience as President of the Western New York Badminton Association, Chairman of the ABA Amateur Status Committee and many other organizational activities. She is a level-headed, capable and active worker who will bring to the Uber Cup Committee determination and zeal.

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It is with deep regret and a personal sense of loss that we note the passing

easily handled by the beginning player than either a squash or a tennis racquet and, also, a practice "court" can be so easily improvised. It is one game in which inexpert players can have the stimulation of real competition playing with willing good players because of the "lucky" shots or peculiar behavior of the "bird."

As a teacher, I have found that with badminton I can help my pupils more quickly to learn the basic fundamentals of the game and with the simple techniques more quickly mastered, the beginner can then concentrate sooner on perfecting his game.

I enjoy watching badminton played because its action is so quick and full of surprises. Singles is very strenuous because of the distances which must be covered and the sudden changes of direction and unlike squash and tennis, where bounces save you some running, the bird must always be hit on the fly. Even in doubles, there are few muscles in any of the four players which are not hard at work pretty constantly, as well as their minds.

Naturally, a player who spends a lot of time with one racquet game will find himself more at home with it than another but any one who tries out two or more of the other racquet games will be rewarded with increased abilities and heightened interest for all. My own varied and practical experience proves that "too many racquets do NOT spoil the game."

from the National scene of A. LeRoy Hill, husband of our very capable ABA treasurer. A quiet and retiring man, LeRoy was deeply interested in his wife, his children and his hobbies. A very bulwark of strength in local Badminton activities for many years, he did a superb job of scheduling two national tournaments, in 1947 at Los Angeles, and in 1955 at Long Beach. He will be sorely missed by his family and by his many friends throughout the country. To Virginia and to the family go our profound sympathy and affection.

Badminton In Australia

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The Malaysians in Australia

Since the war, the Malaysian students who have come to this country for university work have given the game a real lift. They have demonstrated a new skill which has captured the interest of hundreds. The man most famous for this upsurge has been ONG Eng Hong. Hong, a 25 year old Commerce student, has won four national singles titles since 1956 plus a host of friends. This player is most willing to play with anyone and show all classes of people the tactics of the game. With him in Australia, at the moment, are his brother ONG Eng Pin (David), his sister ONG Kiat Pooi (Lennie) and his nephew David.

Where Is the Game Going?

Australia can be expected to move in the right direction under the secretaryship of W. R. (Rob) Hindson, who is a man with vision and equally as diplomatic as his predecessor. Incidentally his wife is a State champion and a prominent tennis player. However, it is more the job of the states to promote the game than the national body. This is one of the poor points of federalism.

In Victoria, the Badminton Centre in Melbourne, the capital with a population of 1,750,000 people has 14 courts for hire every night and afternoon of the week. This building is 285 feet long and 150 feet wide and costs the Victorian Association about \$5,000 a year to run. It is claimed to be the biggest center for badminton in the world. This could be so as seating is only erected for special events and the whole of the floor space is devoted to playing.

In Gippsland, a region about forty miles from Melbourne, they have built three court buildings at Traralgon and at Croydon and Drouin. They are in the process of erecting further three and four court buildings. These are the first buildings specifically erected for the game as the present courts are large church halls. The man behind this move in the country areas is Bruce Maxfield, a member of the Victorian administration. With the expectancy of further halls in other parts of Victoria in the next few years, the number of players in competition will reach 10,000.

YESTERYEARS

by Alma

January 1944

Helen Noble (Tibbetts) is forging to the front rapidly. She is one of the strongest young players on the West coast—a graduate of the same school that produced Dave Freeman, the one conducted by Prof. Guy Reed at Pasadena. Helen defeated Evelyn Boldrick (Howard) before she left for Durham and the National Championship in '42. Looks like we'll have some hot contests when the Nationals are resumed.



Helen Tibbetts

April 1946

In 1926, Douglas Fairbanks Sr. returned from England where he learned to play some Badminton. He introduced the game to many of his friends and the public by playing Badminton-On-Stage in a Los Angeles theatre. In 1937, Ken Davidson and Thelma Kingsbury, former English amateur stars, opened at the swanky Rainbow Room in Rockefeller Center in New York City. They followed into the Roxy Theatre where, during their run, Thelma was taken ill and Hugh Forgie, a former Canadian star, was substituted.

March 1947

One of the strongest contingents to come out of Western Canada descended on Seattle, Wash. and took all major events in the Washington State Open. Jim Forsythe of Vancouver defeated Alan France of British Columbia in two hard fought games while Jean Bardsley of Vancouver defeated Lois Reed for the Ladies Singles title.

June 1948

The Third Junior and Juvenile Tournament of Western New York Badminton Association held in April broke all previous records with 188 event entries. The Ethel Marshall Trophy for Junior Girls' Singles and the Bobby Williams' Trophy for Junior Boys' Singles were won by Esther Szulist of Buffalo and Randy Rice of Niagara Falls.

May 1949

Over 8,000 fans crowded London's chilly Haringay Arena to cheer two slim United States badminton champions to the mythical "World's Mixed Title" in the All England international tournament held last March. Attractive Patsey Stephens and her good looking mate, Clint, thereby disproved a badminton adage that husband and wife do not make champions.

January 1950

To inaugurate their beautiful gymnasium, El Centro Deportivo Chapultepec, in Mexico City, the Mexican players invited seven Southwestern star players to take part in the first international matches ever held in the Mexican capitol. And surprised U.S. players after being treated as invading conquerors were unceremoniously taken apart on the courts.



Ethel Marshall

March 1951

Dallas, Texas, the site of the 11th Annual United States Senior Badminton Championships, has the welcome carpet out. Ethel Marshall, Buffalo, will be trying to make it five straight national singles titles. If she is successful, she will be within one victory of Dave Freeman's six successive win streak which he set between 1939-1948.

June 1952

The most exciting, thrill packed Tie played in the annals of International competition occurred on May 27, 28, in the hot, humid, sweating atmosphere within Happy World Stadium in Singapore as 8,500 shrieking fans were galvanized into prolonged and boisterous applause as the U.S.A. Thomas Cup Team came from behind in the ninth and final match to snatch a 5-4 victory after having a comfortable 4-1 lead over the Indian squad.

Flying Feathers

Labor Day weekend found the former Paddy Shaw of Montclair, N.J., La Jolla, Calif. and Yellowstone Park, Wyo. becoming the bride of John Patrick Magnusson . . . John is also employed by the YP Co. The couple will be living in Bozeman, Mont., in the park off season . . . appropriately, the wedding took place in the Yellowstone National Park Chapel.

A June wedding was that of Norma Slauer to Bill Veal in Wheeling, W. Va. . . . Norma and Bill are now members of the New Orleans BC where he is practicing law . . . McGregor Stewart was a bridesmaid.

Dick Ball, M.A. graduate from Johns Hopkins U. last June, was married in early November to Susan Hoyt, Junior at Goucher College . . . Susan hails from Connecticut. Dick will work for the Maryland State Planning Commission.

Donald Kerr had the misfortune to be involved in an auto accident near New Orleans during the summer but we can report him completely recovered and on the job again in N.J.

Ernest Sutter, president of the New Orleans BC, was National Intercollegiate Tennis Champion during his Tulane college days . . . he and his brother, Cliff, at one time ranked No. 3 in U.S. Men's Singles, won the National Senior Doubles Championship this past summer.

On the East Coast, we learn Doris DeLord played in the Nationals at Forest Hills . . . Rosine and Creighton Jones have moved permanently to N.Y. . . . they are expecting an heir in January; meantime Rosine keeps busy finishing college at Columbia and playing "fun" badminton . . . Bob Rice was discharged from the U.S.A. in August and is back in Niagara Falls in law school.

Clay Norment was in D.C. in July and August after two years in Japan . . . he reports his children speak fluent Japanese . . . Clay returned to Japan in September to begin another two year stay with his family . . . we hope the children speak fluent English when they finally return stateside.

Lighting, thunder and gallons of rain failed to daunt the spirits of those

in attendance at the beautiful candle light wedding of Barbara Prince Register during the summer . . . wedding guests were soon forced to appear barefoot rather than suffer the discomfort of soggy shoes at the reception.

The Southern BA is losing two of their top ranking women players from tournament play this season since Jo Ann Young, Memphis, No. 1 LS, has moved to Florida and Austin Club member, Virginia Hicks, No. 3 LS, has moved to Mississippi . . . both gals took new teaching positions.

Bunky Roche, who missed the Long Beach Nationals, is a regular at Wissahickon this season . . . could be he plans to attend Indiantown Gap and wants to be in top shape . . . Wissahickon players are moving in and about the area like jumping jacks . . . recent moves were made by the Hacketts, Stovalls, Hamiltons, Cornells and Frys . . . Bill and Willy Fry are to be congratulated on their new offspring, a boy, Mark.

Philadelphians are very unhappy this year to lose one of their long standing players, Roy Reeves, now studying in Mexico with plans to return to his home in Newfoundland shortly . . . another of Philadelphia's losses will be Northern California's gain when Fritz Kalhammer moves there to work for Stanford Research.

Tan Joe Hok is a regular visitor at the Natchitoches, La. club . . . Joe's observations and opinions concerning the Thomas Cup activities, training methods, etc. as well as the American team are of much interest . . . as a matter of fact, Louisianans are puzzled as to just what is the definition of an amateur badminton player.

Dr. Charles "Red" Thomas of Natchitoches BC is now working for the Louisiana State Dept. as State Supervisor of Health and P.E. . . . Charles Holbrook, Houston BC at the U. of Texas, reports a new gym is to be built there in two years which will be windowless, air-conditioned and fluorescent lighted . . . another Houston bird chaser off at school is Mary Askew, P.E. major at Sam Houston State . . . Bill Menefee, badminton director at Baylor, has been named

head basketball coach there . . . with all the new duties, he will turn badminton over to Mary Tindle . . . Mary ran the Intercollegiate and Open tournaments this past spring.

As a matter of interest, Offutt AFB's Top Flighters' Club is fast becoming an All-Service club with the addition of new members, Rear Admiral John J. Hyland and Colonel Charles B. Hines, USA.

We are sure everyone will be happy to know Mary Conner is feeling fit again . . . she played lots of golf during the summer and plans to try her hand at badminton real soon.

Seattle, Wash. has an enviable record to boast about in residents who have held U.S. Championships in badminton . . . Tim Royce, Walt Kramer, Dick Yeager, Ham Law, Zoe Smith and Mrs. Del Barkhuff combined their talents to bring six national championships to the community . . . to bring the saga up-to-date, Tim Davidson and Ken Crow are present holders of the U.S. 15 and Under Junior Doubles crown.

Care to keep up with what former Junior National Champions are doing? 1957 GD champions were both busy this summer . . . Ardyce Carr became Mrs. Ron Buckalew and Virginia Greene became engaged to Alfred Hales with a July 1962 wedding date in mind.

Naturally, almost everyone of us had a vacation trip somewhere . . . of the more novel, Ruth Shaw spent hers in Alaska as did Jeff Tibbetts . . . Ray Vening and Chuck Tibbetts weren't on a vacation but did get to Paris for the Air Show . . . the most fabulous trip of all must have been Bill Berry's and Mike Hartgrove's "other way" return from the Thomas Cup matches in Djakarta, Indonesia . . . for more of this, see next issue of BC.

The "foreigners" are invading Southern Cal's badminton courts with the appearance of Ole Hansen, Denmark, and Paisan Loaharanu, Malaya . . . we have not yet had the opportunity to see Ole, but the young 17 yr. old Malayan, Paisan, has made quite an impression having won several local

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Leprechaun Letter



from
Sue

The 1961-62 badminton season is well under way in these islands. The Badminton Association of England held its first tournament during the middle of October, and the Badminton Union of Ireland held a two-night series of exhibition matches in Dublin the preceding week. Playing in Ireland were four players known to American audiences—Charoen Wattanasin of Thailand, Sonia Cox, the New Zealander who played Uber Cup matches in Boston and Baltimore, and the Devlin sisters, Judy Hashman and Susan Peard. Another early season fixture was a badminton "circus" in Bris-

tol, England. Five Irish players put on a combination funny-and-serious act, fit to bring the house down.

One of *Bird Chatter's* contributors, Mrs. Nancy Horner of Scotland and England, who wrote a series of articles in 1958-59, has received an invitation to visit South Africa for two and a half months as the guest of the S.A. badminton association. She is going for the purpose of coaching, particularly the training of coaches. This is a great honor. Mrs. Horner was seen on TV in September in a half hour instructional show for teen age viewers.

A fund raising scheme of rather unique proportions is being run at the moment by at least two badminton groups in England, one in Essex and the other at Wimbledon. The scheme is based on the football pools, and badminton enthusiasts are now scanning the football results even more excitedly than the badminton results to see if they have won any money, a thing they certainly haven't won in badminton circles, a notorious place

for spending it! A certain proportion of the takings are retained by the club or association; the holder of the winning card receives a prize.

The majority of the European badminton-playing countries have a minimum of two international matches a year, excluding Thomas Cup or Uber Cup Ties, and plans are underway for this year. England will have at least four matches—Scotland, Ireland, Denmark and Sweden—which will give their players a wealth of first-class competition.

Summer seems to have produced little startling news: Judy Hashman spent six weeks in Maryland during June and July and saw many badminton friends. England's Uber Cupper, June Timperley, is expecting a second little player around Christmas, and Scotland's Bob McCoig, who travelled to Calgary for the 1961 Canadian Championships, has since married and is living in England.

That's all until the New Year!

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WEDNESDAY, 4 APRIL 1962

Registration continues; 1st round of Singles, 11:00 a.m.; 1st round of doubles, 5:00 p.m.; Dutch cocktails and dance, 10:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 5 APRIL 1962

Continuation of play in all events, 10:00 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Cornwall Charcoal Furnace Tour, 9:30 a.m.; Fashion Show, 3:00 p.m.; Happy Hours, 9:00-12:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 6 APRIL 1962

Uber Cup try-outs, 9:00-11:00 a.m.; Tour Hershey Chocolate Corporation, 9:00-10:30 a.m.; Quarter-Finals, 1:00-5:00 p.m.; Semi-Finals, 6:30-10:30 p.m.; Host Luncheon and Dance, 10:50 p.m., contestants free, guests \$2.50.

SATURDAY, 7 APRIL 1962

Uber Cup Try-outs, 9:00-11:00 a.m.; ABA Brunch, 11:00 a.m., \$1.50; Finals, 1:30-5:30 p.m.; Grand Ball, 8:30 p.m., contestants \$3.00, guests \$6.00.

NOTICE

Members of the ABA, CBA and IBC, desiring ENTRY or HOUSING applications are urged to write HEADQUARTERS, 1962 NATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS, P.O. Box 14, Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

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To our many friends of the A.B.A., five patron tickets may be purchased at a cost of \$10.00; or if you desire, a specially blocked page in the official Souvenir Program will be set aside for anyone desiring to send a congratulatory message at \$10.00 per block; also, see your Club President about the advanced sale of the Official Souvenir Program and the A.B.A. Club Registry. We are looking forward to seeing you many fine people in scenic Central Pennsylvania next April. Make your plans now.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

by Helen Tibbetts

The editorial in the May-June issue was a step toward stimulating more interest in Junior Development Programs. To assist those persons interested but unsure as to proper approach to a sound developmental program, Bird Chatter will feature clubs from various areas who now have successful Junior Programs.

The Manhattan Beach Badminton Club, of Manhattan Beach, California, is most fortunate in having a large membership of families, and a wonderful club building, which we own ourselves. This is not necessary for a good junior program, but it does help when we have the use of the gym practically any time. We have about 70 participating juniors, most of whom are regular, weekly students. In order to accommodate the needs, in what we feel is the best fashion, we have divided our group into three levels and teach them on three different nights.

Parents are expected to take their children to the club and work with them until they are fairly accurate about connecting with the bird. Then, the child may enter the program. (Usually, this would not be under the age of eight.)

The first level, or Beginners class, is held from 7 to 8 on Monday nights. Their first lessons, and actually the greatest part of all lessons, in the first level, deal with: proper grip, footwork, serving and overheads.

Since we have three courts, we use three teachers, each working with a third of the class. He or she runs them one at a time through the basic things listed above. After a round or two of each stroke, we have rounds of rallies. Two misses, and back to the end of the line.

When these basic steps are covered, the kids must work until they develop some accuracy and ability to play a rally without reverting to jumping, improper grip and strokes. Other issues which we try to cover on the Monday nights are scoring system, faults . . . including the many-times hit wood shot, and court etiquette including not walking over corners of courts, shaking hands after a match,

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The Junior Scene

Outstanding Junior



BARBARA BUMP, "Barby" to most who know her is a very attractive young lady of seventeen years of age. In competitive play (4 yrs.) "Barby" has achieved quite a formidable record: 1958-1960—National Jr. Doubles runner-up; 1959-1960—Mass. Jr. State Champion: Singles, Doubles and Mixed; 1961—both Metropolitan N.Y. and Conn. State 'B' Champion: Singles, Doubles plus Mixed Conn. State; 1961—Conn. State Jr. Champion: Singles, Doubles and Mixed; 1961—National Jr. semi-finalist, Doubles, Mixed and winner of Jr. Girls Singles Consolation; and 1961—Award winner, Kenneth R. Davidson Memorial Cup, U.S. Junior Nationals.

Having moved from Duxbury, Mass. to Greenwich, Conn., she is now in her senior year at Greenwich Academy where she maintains a splendid average of A- in school work. Her favorite subject is algebra. An active member in choir, French Club, Captain of school tennis, field hockey and volleyball, she is certainly considered a well-rounded athlete.

She is a member of the National Honor Society; 1960 winner Duxbury High School Science Fair (Mass.); 1960 winner I.O.O.F. *United Nations* Speaking Contest (interscholastic); 1961 sectional school-girl Field-Hockey Stuyvesant Team. She is an excellent sailor and knows her way around the golf course.

In the N.E.L.T.A. she is ranked No. 18 in Singles and No. 7 in Doubles. As to Barbara's future plans, college, and time permitting, continued play in badminton. Those of us who have observed her growing ability on the badminton court—predict a brilliant future for her nationally. Good luck, "Barby."

Seattle Site of World's Fair and Jr. National

The Washington State BA will host the 1962 Junior National Badminton Championships in Seattle from April 17-20, 1962.

An added incentive for not only juniors to attend, but parents as well is the Seattle World's Fair—Century 21. This \$80,000,000 exposition begins its long run on April 21.

Tournament Co-chairmen are ABA President, Carl Andersen, and his wife, Virginia. Official headquarters will be the Olympia Hotel. Arrangements have been made there for dormitory-type rooms which will sleep about 60 children plus other regular rooms.

By next issue, we hope to have more information for all interested Juniors and parents.

The Right Way To PLAY BADMINTON

*Available postpaid for \$1.00 from:
Elliot Right Way Books
Kingswood, Surrey,
England*

Packed into the 100 odd pages of this book by English instructor, Cyril Rangecroft, is quite a good supply of information. It is aimed at the beginner and/or ordinary club player who has not been taught formally. Mr. Rangecroft's writing style is lively. When reciting normally dry rules, his sense of humor and very British choice of words make for interest.

In certain areas, the author does not suggest any system except his own. Although a bit more choice would be necessary for tournament players as to court positions in doubles, serving positions, etc., his basic rules are good, clearly written, understandable, and would produce an excellent player, if followed to perfection.

Different from the usual teaching plan, the author begins with mixed doubles tactics. From there, he goes into doubles and lastly singles. He has a healthy respect for the women's part in mixed, but hopes sincerely that women's doubles will take a turn for the better.

Each stroke is defined along with the proper time and reason for using it. Acceptable court manners are laid

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Junior Jottings

FROM MARYLAND

Donald L. Ferris, Reporter

The Ferris family hosted our previous three crown Jr. National champion, Stan Hale of California, this summer during a vacation trip. Kenny Ferris won several singles and doubles tennis events. Met Bob and Rick Dow of Buffalo at New York State Open Jr. Tennis Tourney and all three won titles.

Mrs. C. P. Stephens, former National and All England Mixed Doubles Champion, is Junior Chairman for the Baltimore group this season. She reports that sixty young hopefuls will take part in their Saturday morning classes. Among those adults assisting with the program is McGregor Stewart, No. 2 LS player in the U.S. Matches are planned with the Delaware Valley groups. A good number of these Juniors are preparing early and looking forward to meeting and competing against Juniors from other areas in the Seattle Nationals in April.

FROM NEW YORK

Ethel Marshall, Reporter

Jim Lynch, last year's national Jr. Mixed Doubles Champion is a freshman at Buffalo STC. He is winning already in adult ranks in tennis in Buffalo. In the National Public Parks Tourney in Minneapolis, (he represented Buffalo) and was runner up in singles and did well in mixed doubles with Bea Massman.

The township of Amherst Jr. Badminton program got underway October 8. Many of these youngsters participate in the Niagara Falls Country Club Jr. Invitational tourney in February. Many promising juniors are coming up from this area. John Creighton of N.F.C.C. plays varsity tennis. Steve Barker, N.F.C.C. does well in Jr. golf as well as Carolyn Keller, 16, from Amherst who won the Buffalo City "Hole in One" Golf tourney. This event attracts thousands.

FROM MICHIGAN

Tom Muthig, Reporter

Patton Park Recreation Center Badminton Club is getting under wing with prior champs Jack Keating, 1959 18 and under Mixed Dbls. winner and George LaFranc playing again. Jack is attending Wayne State Univ. and George, Henry Ford Community Col-

lege in Dearborn. Sharon and Bob Pritula both are going out for basketball at Cody, but finding time for both tennis and Badminton.

John Oynoian will be back again as one of top juniors. John is No. 1 Sgls. tennis player at Western High School. Tom Muthig, '61 13 and under Sgls. and Dbls. winner, is playing football with Cody High but hard at Badminton also.

FROM DELAWARE VALLEY

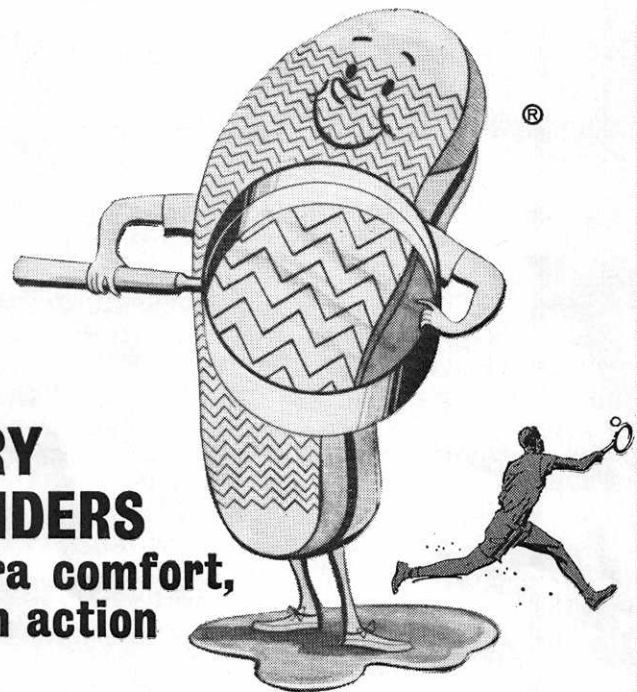
Naomi Bender, Reporter

A badminton exhibition at the Springer Junior High School (a new territory outside the city of Wilming-

ton) given by juniors, namely one Wheeler Neff and Kathy Bunce against Nancy and Doug Bender, all in 13 and under bracket, created much enthusiasm and the Benders' now have a new adult class to instruct.

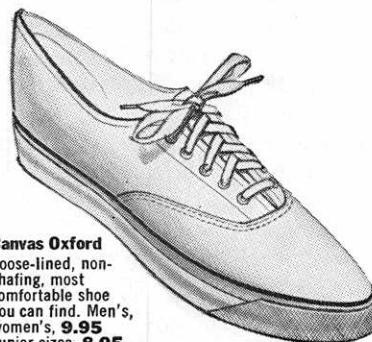
Barbara Beuermann (Delaware Doubles Jr. winner with Patsy Hitchens) spent the summer with her parents in Japan and is now attending college. Like many of the badminton juniors from that district, she is real interested in tennis. Same goes for Robin Seitz, who won the New Castle Tennis Tournament in Sgls. Kenny

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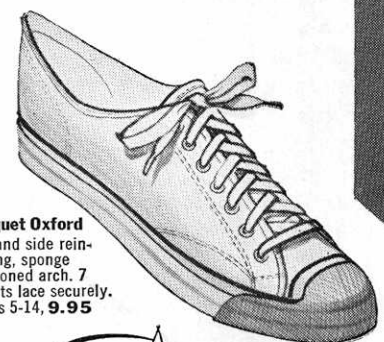


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NATIONAL RANKINGS 1960-61*

LADIES' SINGLES

- Judy Hashman England
 - Dorothy O'Neil Connecticut
 - McGregor Stewart Maryland
 - Sue Peard Ireland
 - Pat Gallagher California
 - Doris Martin California
 - Abbie Rutledge New York
 - Norma Slauer D.C.
 - Helen Tibbetts California
 - Carlene Starkey California
- Honorable Mention — Berry, Connolly, Hicks, Dot Martin, Young
Insufficient Data: S. Pritula

LADIES' DOUBLES

- Hashman-Peard England-Ireland
 - Alston-Tibbetts California
 - O'Neil-Rutledge Conn.-N.Y.
 - Pons-Starkey California
 - Decker-Slauer D.C.
 - Martin-McMurray California
 - Anderson-Hageman Washington
 - Berry-Turner California
 - Connolly-Mallory Washington
 - Breckell-Shaw California
- Insufficient Data: Anderson-Jones, Marshall-Massman, Pritula-Pritula

MEN'S SINGLES

- Jim Poole California
 - Bill Berry California
 - Rod Starkey California
 - Manuel Armendariz California
 - Mike Hartgrove California
 - Don Paup California
 - John Leib California
 - Dick Ball Maryland
 - Stan Hales California
 - Ted Moehlmann Missouri
- Honorable Mention: Bedford, Fehm, Johnson, Park, Trifonoff
Insufficient Data: Lynch

MEN'S DOUBLES

- Alston-Rogers California
 - Hartgrove-Mahaffey California
 - M. Armendariz-Poole California
 - Paup-Starkey California
 - Berry-Mitchell California
 - McQuie-Moehlmann Missouri
 - Ball-Roche Maryland
 - P. Armendariz-S. Hales California
 - Anderson-Bedford Michigan
 - Calvert-Mejia California
- Honorable Mention: Cooper-Goodman, Eichelberger-Haase, Fehm-Schell, A. Hales-VanPraag

MIXED DOUBLES

- Rogers-Hashman Calif.-England
 - Alston-Alston California
 - Paup-Pons California
 - Armendariz-Tibbetts California
 - Starkey-Starkey California
 - Johnson-Andersen Washington
 - Roche-O'Neil Md.-Conn.
 - Berry-Berry California
 - Bedford-Bowling Michigan
 - Heden-Kirby California
- Honorable Mention: Mahaffey-McMurray, Moehlmann-Stewart
Insufficient Data: Ball-Stewart, Rogers-Armendariz

SENIOR MEN'S DOUBLES

- Mitchell-Rogers California
- Schell-Seavey Massachusetts
- Andersen-Hill Washington
- Parsons-Parsons Pennsylvania
- Lyon-Rogers California
- Calvert-Trader California
- Drewry-Geever Ill.-Mich.
- Kinnear-Lyon California
- Kinnear-Serafin California
- Giles-Loomis California

SENIOR LADIES' DOUBLES

- Decker-Kirby D.C.-Calif.
 - Burdick-Davidson Ill.-Calif.
 - Mallory-Pajares Wash.-Calif.
 - Van Sickle-Auxier Canada-Calif.
- *Rankings subject to approval of ABA Board of Directors.

Djakarta Play

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Champion, led off the second night and actually was behind in the first set 11-0 before breaking the ice to score; he eventually lost the set 15-1. His play was better the second game but he again lost 15-11.

Narong then won the tie for Thailand with his win over Knudt Nielsen. Kobbero swamped Somsook 15-1, 15-2 for the only other point the Danes could gather. The last match was almost like an exhibition as Kobbero-Hansen used trick shots and numerous fakes to casually play out the tie.

Kops told me later he was extremely disappointed in the outcome as he had trained seriously since 1958 when he had lost to Tan Joe Hok in Singapore and wanted badly to play Joe in Djakarta.

Results of the match between Denmark and Thailand were:

1st night

Erland Kops beat Somsook 15-8, 15-8
Finn Kobbero lost to Channarong 15-17, 13-15

Kops-Hening Borch lost to Chualert-Chuchart 10-15, 16-17

Kobbero-Hammergard Hansen lost to Narong-Raphi 13-15, 11-15

2nd night

Kops lost to Channarong 1-15, 11-15
Nielsen lost to Narong 9-15, 11-15
Kobbero beat Somsook 15-1, 15-2

Kops-Borch lost to Narong-Raphi 15-5, 11-15, 10-15

Kobbero-Hansen lost to Chualert-Chuchart 4-15, 15-13, 10-15

Final match score: Thailand 7, Denmark 2.

June 10-11

I talked to Tan Joe Hok and Ferry Sonnevile after the Dane-Thailand tie and they were apprehensive with the remarkable showing of the young superbly conditioned boys from Bangkok. These Thailand boys spent six months in an army camp getting conditioned for the Thomas Cup ties. Of course, Indonesia was not entirely without similar conditioning prior to the ties.

Most observers felt the Indonesians must win at least four and maybe five singles matches to retain the Thomas Cup. The Thailands had shown surprising doubles strength which was to prove troublesome for Indonesia.

Indonesia was ahead 2 matches to 1 the first night when, in the final match of the evening, Njoo Kim Bie (Indonesia) collapsed on the court without apparent reason. He and Tan King Gwan were leading in the second set 14-8 after winning the first 15-12. The Indonesians were forced to retire or default the last game.

Thus the first night ended 2-2 with the advantage definitely for Thailand as it was doubtful that Sonnevile could beat Channarong or Eddie Jusuf

could beat Narong in the third singles.

The key match between Jusuf and Narong was decided partially on ability and partially on psychology and gamesmanship. The Indonesian, Jusuf, repeatedly changed shuttles and wiped his hands on a towel to outstall the Thailand player 18-14, 15-7. Tan Joe Hok won over Somsook with ease, 15-2, 15-5, giving the defending champions a 4-2 lead.

The deciding match was between Sonnevile and Channarong with Sonnevile winning by playing an ever-attacking, aggressive game in which Channarong was never able to smash one bird. Sonnevile low served, drive served and even served backhand with Channarong always off balance and never able to get set.

The two doubles matches were anticlimax; however, a close surprise doubles win by Tan Joe Hok and Lie Po Djain, in the final match made the 5th Annual International Champions even more jubilant over their 6-3 victory.

Challenge Round: Won by Indonesia 6-3

1st night

Tan Joe Hok beat Channarong 15-9, 15-5

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REGIONAL RANKINGS 1960-61

MIDWEST BADMINTON ASSOCIATION LADIES SINGLES

1. Sharon Pritula
2. Betty O'Bara
3. Norma Pritula
4. Millie Sirwaitis
5. Thelma Burdick

MEN'S SINGLES

1. Ted Moehlmann
2. Bruce Bedford
3. Fred Trifonoff
4. Tom Carmichael
5. Gary Colton

LADIES' DOUBLES

1. Pritula-Pritula
2. Connor-Sirwaitis
3. Bowling-Owens
4. O'bara-Schoeppach

MEN'S DOUBLES

1. Moehlmann-McQuie
2. Anderson-Bedford
3. Drewry-Geever
4. Fisher-Trifonoff
5. Baker-Carmichael
6. O'bara-Geever
7. Deeman-Buck
8. Freeman-Frost

MIXED DOUBLES

1. Bedford-Bowling
2. Anderson-Connor
3. Wigglesworth-Burdick
4. Fisher-Bedford
5. Trifonoff-Trifonoff
6. Buck-Schoeppach
7. O'bara-O'bara

VETERANS' DOUBLES

1. Geever-Drewry
2. Freeman-Frost
3. Fish-Nusbaum
4. Brooks-Calnan

The Right Way To Play Badminton

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out plus some advice on the psychological side of the game. Another section covers match play which might be enlightening for Americans, since we do not seem to have much, if any, of that type competition.

The highlight of the book is chapter 3 where he takes you through the playing of your imaginary first game of mixed. All possible types of errors are made by the author's fictitious players (but most of us have seen ourselves making one or more of the miscues) and a distinct feeling of relief, if not triumph, results with the final point.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BADMINTON ASSN.

LADIES' SINGLES

1. Pat Gallagher
2. Doris Martin
3. Carlene Starkey
4. Helen Tibbetts
5. Ruth Berry
6. Mary McMurray
7. Georgia Turner
8. Linda Erkkila
9. Peggy Landtroop
10. Gloria Page

LADIES' DOUBLES

1. L. Alston-H. Tibbetts
2. J. Pons-C. Starkey
3. M. McMurray-D. Martin
4. R. Berry-G. Turner
5. R. Shaw-M. Breckell

MIXED DOUBLES

1. W. Rogers-B. Armendariz
2. J. Alston-L. Alston
3. D. Paup-J. Pons
4. M. Armendariz-H. Tibbetts
5. R. Starkey-C. Starkey
6. B. Berry-R. Berry
7. T. Heden-L. Kirby
8. F. Knight-D. Knight
9. R. Mejia-M. McMurray
10. W. Haase-D. Martin

MEN'S SINGLES

1. Jim Poole
2. Bill Berry
3. Rod Starkey
4. Manual Armendariz
5. Mike Hartgrove
6. Ray Park, Jr.
7. John Leib
8. Don Paup
9. Tom Heden
10. Stan Hales

MEN'S DOUBLES

1. W. Rogers-J. Alston
2. J. Poole-M. Armendariz
3. M. Hartgrove-A. Mahaffey
4. D. Paup-R. Starkey
5. S. Hales-P. Armendariz
6. L. Calvert-R. Mejia
7. W. Haase-J. Eichelberger
8. A. Hales-D. vanPraag
9. C. Randolph-H. Moore

SENIOR MEN'S DOUBLES

1. W. Rogers-W. Lyon
2. L. Calvert-D. Trader
3. W. Kinnear-F. Serafin
4. D. Loomis-B. Giles

SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES

1. L. Calvert-J. Pons
2. D. vanPraag-I. Gardner
3. E. Spruill-M. Auxier
4. D. Sealey-D. Parsons
5. C. Randolph-L. Carlson

SOUTHERN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

LADIES' SINGLES

1. Jo Anne Young
2. Dot Martin
3. Virginia Hicks
4. Betty Miller

LADIES' DOUBLES

1. Kulze-Hicks
2. Young-Miller
3. Anderson-Roane
4. Martin-Harrison

MIXED DOUBLES

1. Dichtel-Roane
2. Martin-Martin
3. Love-Anderson
4. Sudbury-Young

MEN'S SINGLES

1. John Sudbury
2. Harris Kaffie
3. Charles "Red" Thomas
4. Duane Slaughter

MEN'S DOUBLES

1. Love-Dichtel
2. Mitchell-Patton
3. Sudbury-Martin
4. Sutter-Jenkins

VETERAN MEN'S DOUBLES

1. Mitchell-Patton
2. Pate-Caffery
3. Sutter-Parkerson
4. Hudson-Payne

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Junior Jottings

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Wyatt teamed with Bill Tobin to win 18 doubles. Vicki Milliken won Dupont Country Club 15 and under Sgls and Doubles. Wheeler Neff also came home with a trophy in singles.

Charles Jackson toured just about all of Western Europe and has pictures to prove it. Butch Holmes is attending college in Indiana.

Twins, Joan and Janet Johnson won the Peter Kortman Award for sportsmanship in badminton, all round participation in the game, assisting with beginners, etc.

Cindy Root and brother Don from Philadelphia appeared on Station WCAU in the early part of October on a teenage program on the positive side of teenagers. The Roots are big boosters of badminton in their area with Cindy the 1961 National Jr. Champion in 13 and under Sngles and Doubles.

FROM MASSACHUSETTS
Gail Cutler, Reporter

Most of the Duxbury players spent their summer at the Duxbury Yacht Club playing tennis, golf and swim-

ming.

Pat O'Neil, Needham, spent ten days in July with Leslie Butler, Duxbury. Carol Watson, Baltimore, visited Gail Cutler, Duxbury, for a couple weeks during the summer.

Carolyn Briggs, Needham, spent the summer at Merry Meeting Camp in Bath, Maine. Dick Gorman worked at the University Club filling in for badminton with the Noon Senior Group.

Bruce Mahler, Needham Junior, a National 15 and Under finalist in badminton, won many major tennis tournaments during the summer in his area. Tony Greene had charge of the Needham Tennis Program for the summer.

FROM CALIFORNIA
Susan Vening, Reporter

College has beckoned these Juniors from the Los Angeles and San Diego areas: Barbara Bridges, College of Pacific, major in International Law; Linda Erkkila and Bill Foy, both at Cal Poly, with Linda a major in Architectural Drawing and Bill a Math major; Nancy Vening, sophomore at Arizona State, P.E. major; Russ Lyon, UCLA, physics major; Ray Park and Stan Hale, both at Pomona.

The International Scene

(Continued)

players and officials to send in interesting articles and greetings to be included in the current issue of the programme.

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From the pages of the *Badminton Gazette* of England, we learn that Major J. D. M. McCallum is the new President of the International Badminton Federation, succeeding the late Mr. A. C. J. van Vossen whose sudden passing deeply grieved all of us.

Major McCallum richly deserves the honor that has been bestowed upon him. He is well-known throughout the Badminton world. A former Irish International, the Major has been on the Council of the I. B. F. for exactly twenty-five years. He has done a tremendous amount of pioneering in Europe, especially in Denmark. The Major has been honorary secretary of the Northern Branch of the Badminton Union of Ireland for fifty (yes, that is right—FIFTY) years, a truly remarkable record.

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JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

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thanking umpires, and attempting to get the bird politely to the next server.

Some children will need to remain in the beginners' class for several years, while others are adept enough in a few months to move into the intermediate group which meets 6:30 to 8:30 on Tuesday nights. Here, a student must become fairly proficient in all basic serves and strokes. The real emphasis on backhand hitting comes at this level. Many games are played in the intermediate sessions, but teachers watch for errors which must be corrected. Some amount of grouping and taking turns is still done to work on either the individual child's problems, or on one certain stroke for the whole group. Doubles strategy is begun. This can be dangerous, both physically and socially. The idea of holding complementary positions develops and not taking shots which belong to one's partner. Our main rules for beginning doubles play are: follow into the net after a low serve; play into the net while your partner is hitting a lift-

ed bird; and play sides when opposition is hitting a lifted bird.

Aside from club play, the intermediate students are advised to spend time at home hitting a shuttle against a wall. This practice is hard to beat for improving backhand strength. A line on a wall at net height can be used to practice short, low serves.

Mixed doubles seems to be one game that no junior will venture into on his own, so we try to arrange and encourage mixed games occasionally. The kids usually find they like it. Once a girl learns to stay close enough to the net to reach the net shots well and finds how many chances she has to put the bird away, she is more willing to let her partner have the high and half court shots which seem so tempting at first. The value of a good, low serve should be understood after some proper mixed experience.

During both the beginner's and intermediate courses, *all* juniors are encouraged to play in every possible tourney. Almost all the children are anxious to play more after such an

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Djakarta Play

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Ferry Sonnevile beat Somsook 15-3, 15-11

Tan Joe Hok-Lie Po Djian lost to Narong-Raphi 7-15, 13-15

Tan King Gwan-Njoo Kim Bie lost to Chualert-Chuchart 15-12, 14-17, retired

2nd night

Eddie Jusuf beat Narong 18-14, 15-7

Tan Joe Hok beat Somsook 15-2, 15-5

Sonneville beat Channerong 15-9, 15-4

Tan King Gwan-Sonneville (Sub) lost to Narong-Raphi 13-15, 15-5, 5-15

Tan Joe Hok-Lie Po Djain beat Chualert-Chuchart 15-5, 13-15, 18-17

Middle Atlantic

(Continued)

Field House in Philadelphia, Penna.

Housing arrangements can be made for players who might wish to come East early. Practice on the Wissahickon Club courts, considered by many as the best set in the country, would be possible.

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Region 1

Connecticut B.A. announces new officers for the 1961-62 season: President, Dorothy von Hacht; Vice President, Dr. David Field; Secretary, Alyce Merwin; (also *Bird Chatter* reporter); Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Anthes; Ranking Chairman, Wm. Kohler; Schedule Chairman, Richard Davenport; Tournament Chairman, Alex Thomson; and Junior Tournament Chairman, Harold Smith.

Region 2

Western New York sports a "News Letter" now covering *People, Places, and Things*. Interested parties wishing to share in the make up should send news items to Ethel Marshall, 31 Fairchild Dr., Eggertsville 26, N.Y.

Delaware Valley B.A. announces their new officers for 1961-62: President Manuel Baltaian; Vice President, Whitney "Bud" Warner; Secretary, Mary Ann Dempsey; Treasurer, Rachel Funk.

The Middle Atlantic Open sponsored by the Delaware Valley B.A. has set dates for this tournament as March 23-25, 1962. General Chairman will be Jack Vaniver of Trevoise, Penna.

Region 3

Badminton play in Louisiana continued throughout the Summer. The Northwestern-Natchitoches B.C.'s "inter-visitation" idea caught on well with Shreveport and Waco groups paying Northwestern SC gym a visit in July. Week end visits for inter-club matches by members of Dallas, New Orleans, Ponca City and Memphis clubs were planned for the Summer also.

The Natchitoches Club plays 2-6 P.M. on Saturday and extends an invitation to any players or clubs to visit and play Saturday night and Sunday. Visitors should contact Duane Slaughter, P.E. Dept., Northwestern State College, if they desire to play.

Region 4

Members of the TOP FLIGHT Badminton Club at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska made a clean sweep in the Base Tournament ending 9 June 1961. This issue was assured after the first round of play. Much of the success was attributed to the coaching efforts of the Club Secretary, Chief Warrant Officer George W. Green, and Chief Warrant Officer Raymond G. Scott.

Some surprise upsets resulted from the hard fought matches. Last year's winner of the first flight singles, Captain Robert T. Gerlach, was deposed by Airman Robert E. Garrett 15-12, 12-15, 15-10. Garrett also teamed with Lt. Colonel Elmer T. Tuck to take the first flight doubles trophy in a highly exciting match 18-17, 17-18, 18-16, from their determined opponents comprised of Colonel Charles T. Van Vliet and Captain Gerlach.

The Gerlach-Van Vliet combination had to go the route to take the Colonel Mason A. Dula-Chief Warrant Officer Scott team 18-17, 15-12, 18-17.

Other match results were:

Second Flight Doubles: Lt. Colonel Jerry J. Hunt and Lt. Colonel Frank L. Voightman had little trouble in defeating Colonel Campbell Palfrey-Major Albert C. Weidenbusch duo 15-9, 15-10.

Second Flight Singles: Colonel Hunt was defeated by Airman Norman Calhoun 15-10, 18-16.

Third Flight Singles: Lt. Colonel Clifford A. Spohn took a tough one from Major Weidenbusch (Club Treasurer) 12-15, 15-10, 15-12.

The TOP FLIGHT Badminton Club of Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska has recently appointed a Coaching Staff, headed by Chief Warrant Officer Raymond G. Scott. This action was primarily designed to give the less experienced players the benefit of the experience Warrant Officer Scott has gathered through the years of participation in many tournaments and other competitions. The Coaching Staff will also endeavor to sponsor a course of instruction to dependents of military and civilian personnel employed at Offutt Air Force Base and Headquarters of the Strategic Air Command. This should prove to be a challenging task and will do much to increase local interest in badminton.

Region 5

The Houston Club now has approximately 25 regular members (and 100% subscribers to *Bird Chatter*) playing Tuesday nights at the City of Houston Downtown Recreation Center. Badminton can be played year round now, thanks to the new, air conditioned recreation center.

Houston B.C. sponsored its annual Fall Warm-up the Houston Open, November 4-5 for all badminton players in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Also for other mavericks of distant origin. Co-sponsor this year was the City of Houston Recreation Dept. with Jim Hamilton, city recreation director, in charge of facilities for the tournament; Mrs. Ogretta Stekoll, president of the Houston club, the tournament director; Jerry Shafer head of the umpire and linesmen staff. Publicity was handled by Paul

Wishnow. Ed Stuart made the draw and scheduled matches. Four courts were available so that all preliminary and consolation matches were run off Saturday with the finals Sunday afternoon. (For results, see issue No. 2, *Bird Chatter*)

The Dallas Badminton Club now has approximately 12-15 regular members playing Thursday night 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. at the Dallas Athletic Club, downtown Dallas (non-club play at noon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Downtown YMCA). The Dallas men's doubles team of Hugh Berryman and Harold Clark is continuing to improve their game and will be top contenders in this event in 1961 Tournaments. They should be seeded in the top four in most local area tournaments. Mr. Everett Johnson, formerly of Ponca City Oklahoma, is now playing with the Dallas Club, as well as several new members with excellent tournament potential.

The Dallas club will again hold the official TBA Open Feb. 3-4, 1962 with play at the Southern Methodist University Coliseum on Saturday and the finals on Sunday in the Dallas Athletic Club. George Martin and Ben Cole, TBA president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, will also preside over the annual association meeting which will be held during the tournament.

Region 6

Southern California B.A. announces these 1961-62 officers: President, Rod Starkey; Vice President, George Pajares; Secretary-Treasurer, Virginia D. Hill.

At the Southern California Junior Tournament in May, the Scott Sieler Memorial Award, sponsored by Carl Loveday and the San Diego B.C., was awarded to Bill Pajares as the most outstanding junior player during the 1960-61 season. This annual presentation is made to a junior who is outstanding not only in ability, but also in attitude and improvement.

TOURNAMENT DATES TO REMEMBER

Houston Open, Houston, Texas	November 4-5
Pacific Southwest A-B-C, Pasadena, Calif.	November 10-12
Western States Open A-B, Manhattan Beach, Calif.	December 1-3
Louisiana Closed, Natchitoches, La.	December 2
Michigan Open, Dearborn, Mich.	December 2-3
Towson Open, Goucher College, Towson, Md.	December 8-10
San Diego County Closed, San Diego, Calif.	January 6-7
Western New York B-C, Rochester, N.Y.	January 20
Dave Freeman Open A-B, San Diego, Calif.	January 27-28
Texas B.A. Open, Dallas, Texas (tentative)	February 3-4
Delaware Valley Assn B	February 9-10
Niagara Falls C.C. Jr. Invitation, Lewiston, N. Y.	February 23-25
Louisiana Open, Natchitoches, La.	March 2-3
18th Annual K.O.B.C., Rochester, N.Y.	March 17-18
Middle Atlantic Open, Philadelphia, Penna.	March 23-25
Canadian Open Championships, Montreal, Canada	March 28-31
Uber Cup Try-Outs, Indiantown Gap, Penna.	April 6-7
U.S. OPEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS, Indiantown Gap, Penna.	April 4-7
U.S. JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, Seattle, Wash.	April 17-20

Junior Development

(Continued)

event. They find parts of their games which need work, opponents whom they want to beat next time, and the trophy aspect is always irresistible. On occasions, we have lost a child's participation altogether after a bad tournament experience. This is rare, however, and it must be felt that if his interest is crushed so easily, it might have been lost along the way anyhow.

Class work for advanced juniors, on Wednesday nights, also 6:30 to 8, is mostly competition. All players are still watched for errors, but the shot selection, doubles teamwork, general perfection of strokes, footwork and timing are the aims. Half of our advanced juniors are regular entrants in all tournaments and they in turn help encourage the others to follow suit. If the coaches can play actual games of both singles and doubles with these students, it is most helpful. We try to do this as often as space and time allow. It is a good way to find "holes" in strategy, weak strokes, and bad court coverage. Other than an analy-

sis of the students' problems, it is a positive demonstration of better placement ideas, different and better serves and service returns.

MBBC does not have a "ladder" for students, but it is a good idea and is in consideration. We have one reward for excellence, so far. When a junior becomes officially an "A" player, as declared by the SCBA classification committee, he or she may then remain after the advanced class and practice with the regular adult group.

Because of the availability of the gym, we encourage the juniors to get together at afternoon sessions, provided they can find an adult to chaperone. Sunday mornings become quite popular for junior play as the season gets along toward Junior-National-Time.

Our program covers the school year and not the summer. It is felt that teachers, chaperones, and the players need time off in order to come back with enthusiasm in the fall. At the start of classes in September, a full nine months schedule is made out for chaperones and teachers for all ses-

sions. Our chaperones are parents of the students, and we have two present Mondays and Tuesdays, and one on Wednesdays. Their job is to handle any department problems, thereby allowing the teachers to concentrate on their jobs. These teachers, so all-important to this project, have enough interest in the future of badminton to devote their time. It must be noted that, at present, 90% of our teaching staff do *not* have children of their own in the program.


Recipe for MBBC Junior Program:

- 1 wonderful gym
- 20 to 30 patient teachers
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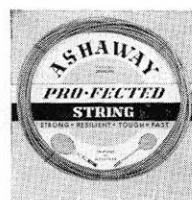
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MASSACHUSETTS STATE "A"
Boston, Mass.

March 10-12, 1961

- LS** Inge Nyborg def. Sondra Fogarty 11-3, 11-7
- MS** Dick Gorman, Jr. def. Wayne Schell 10-15, 15-10, 15-6
- LD** Nyborg-Gagnon def. Witter-Johnson 15-13, 15-6
- MD** Goodman-Cooper def. Bachman-Gorman, Jr. 15-9, 10-15, 15-7
- MxD** Gorman, Jr.-Gagnon def. Goodman-Tinglof 15-2, 18-13
- SrD** Warren-Wright def. Albion-McWhirter 15-10, 15-5

GREATER MIAMI CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS
Miami, Fla.

April 21, 1961

- LS** Irene Washington def. Jane Smith 6-11, 11-6, 11-2
- MS** Rudy Fiore def. Larry Gutierrez 15-11, 15-8
- LD** Jefferson-Saunders def. Roberts-Gutierrez by default
- MD** Fiore-Gutierrez def. Surrows-Toms 10-15, 15-13, 15-8
- MxD** Toms-Skidmore def. Surrows-Elliott 17-14, 15-10

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
Pasadena, Calif.

April 21-22, 1961
18 AND UNDER

- GS** Nancy Vening def. Linda Erkkila 12-9, 11-2
- BS** Ray Park def. Pat Armendariz 15-7, 15-8
- GD** N. Vening-S. Vening def. Erkkila-Auxier 12-15, 17-15, 15-5
- BD** Park-P. Armendariz def. J. Whitaker-E. Armendariz 15-4, 15-2
- MxD** P. Armendariz-N. Vening def. B. Pajares-L. Erkkila 15-6, 15-5

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15 AND UNDER

- GS** Susan Vening def. Judy Pajares 11-4, 10-12, 12-10
 - BS** Ken Fleming def. Bill Coffey, 11-8, 11-3
 - GD** S. Vening-J. Pajares def. D. Moore-T. Treloggen 11-7, 11-4
 - BD** Saben-Fleming def. Van Der Zee-Coffey 11-0, 8-11, 11-7
- 13 AND UNDER
- GS** Diane Moore def. Dioni Kozakis 11-1, 11-2
 - BS** Larry Saben def. Ronnie Jones 11-3, 11-0
 - GD** D. Moore-Kozakis def. Thomas-Hauerwaas 11-1, 11-3
 - BD** Saben-Jones def. Neiss-S. Whitaker 11-0, 11-0

17th ANNUAL OKLAHOMA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
Ponca City, Okla.

April 22-23, 1961

- LS** Virginia Hicks def. Jo Anne Young 11-8, 9-12, 11-8
- MS** Ralph Chesser def. Carroll Knutson 15-4, 15-8
- LD** Young-Roane def. Hicks-Kulze 15-9, 11-15, 15-12
- MD** Harman-Sudbury def. Clark-Berryman 8-15, 15-8, 15-12
- MxD** Sudbury-L. Harman def. G. Harman-Harman 15-7, 7-15, 15-10
- SrD** Harman-Schneider def. Perrin-Krause 15-8, 15-6

WESTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE
Baylor University
Waco, Texas

April 27-28, 1961

- LS** Sue Bedford def. Betty Campbell 11-0, 11-3
- MS** N. P. Wadhwa def. Payson Willard by default
- LD** Bedford-B. Campbell def. Conradt-Goar 15-4, 15-5
- MD** Wadhwa - Poobrasert def. Verrett-Armstead 15-3, 15-9
- MxD** Verrett-Bedford def. Rennert-Monreal 15-12, 15-8

WASHINGTON STATE CLOSED
Seattle, Wash.

April 28-29, 1961

A FLIGHT

- LS** Donna Connolly def. Tyna Barinaga 11-1, 11-8
- MS** Nick Johnson def. Dick Bonesteel 15-2, 15-2
- LD** Andersen-Jones def. Connolly-Malory 1-15, 15-7, 15-7
- MD** N. Johnson-J. Johnson def. Mahnkey-Ferrell 15-9, 15-6
- MxD** N. Johnson-V. Andersen def. Carrell-Barinaga 15-9, 15-1
- SrD** C. Andersen-H. Mitchell def. Mahnkey-Ferrell 8-15, 15-6, 18-13

B FLIGHT

- LS** Sandra Lacey def. Sharon Kettel 7-11, 11-5, 11-2
- MS** Bob Bainbridge def. Dean Jensen 15-8, 15-13
- LD** Barinaga - C. Jensen def. Graves-Savage 15-4, 18-15
- MD** Jones-Mitchell def. Peters-Howisey 18-16, 15-3
- MxD** Mitchell-Hoffman def. Vanderhoof-Halko 15-8, 15-13

C FLIGHT

- LD** Doherty - Blundean def. S. Jensen-Essman 14-17, 15-4, 15-12

- MD** Howisey-Peters def. R. Carroll-Lee 15-3, 15-1
- MxD** D. Jensen-C. Jensen def. Davidson-Blundean 15-4, 17-18, 15-9

D FLIGHT

- (Round Robin) (Under 10 yrs.)
Winners: Bobby Jones-Rick Ferrell
Runners-up: Chris Burton-Karry Kreider

TEXAS AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION TOURNAMENT
Waco, Texas
April 29, 1961

- LS** Virginia Hicks def. Lana Harman 11-8, 11-2
- MS** George Harman def. Charles Thomas 15-5, 15-7
- LD** Hicks - Harrison def. Harman - Harman 17-15, 15-4
- MD** Berryman-Clark def. Martin-Cole 15-2, 17-15
- MxD** Martin-Harrison def. Cole-Cole 13-15, 15-8, 18-17

DELAWARE STATE JUNIOR
Wilmington, Del.
May, 1961

18 AND UNDER

- GS** Barbara Friel def. Vicki Milliken 11-4, 4-11, 11-9
 - BS** Kenny Wyatt def. Bill Neff 15-11, 15-8
 - GD** Friel-Herbert def. Johnson-Johnson 15-8, 15-0
 - BD** Engelman-Reese def. Neff-Wyatt 6-15, 15-2, 17-14
 - MxD** W. Neff-Bunce def. Wyatt-Johnson 15-3, 15-5
- 13 AND UNDER
- GS** Kathy Bunce def. Betty Brown 2-11, 11-5, 11-5
 - BS** Wheeler Neff def. Doug Bender 15-3, 15-4
 - GD** Bunce-Hadlock def. Brown-Seitz 15-4, 15-12
 - BD** W. Neff-Morgan def. Bender-Monkman 15-12, 15-8
 - MxD** W. Neff-Jackson def. Bender-Bunce 15-6, 18-17

17TH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES B-C
Los Angeles, Calif.
May 26-28, 1961

B FLIGHT

- LS** Susan Vening def. Ada Wood 11-8, 10-12, 12-11
- MS** Alex Krohn def. Wally Foy 7-15, 15-9, 15-5
- LD** S. Vening-J. Pajares def. Fleming-Dobel 2-15, 18-17, 15-6
- MD** Luevano - Koploff def. Loomis - B. Pajares 15-12, 15-11
- MxD** Randolph-Wood def. W. Lyon-Page 18-16, 15-12

A FLIGHT

- Sr** D. Fleming-Breckell def. Spruill-M. Auxier 11-15, 15-10, 15-7

A CONSOLATION

- Sr** W. Lyon-Page def. Gordon-Warrender 15-3, 9-15, 15-9

C FLIGHT

- LS** Diane Moore def. S. Barrett 11-6, 11-3
- MS** Ken Fleming def. Arthur Obst 16-17, 15-11, 15-9
- LD** D. Moore-S. Vineyard def. Wilson-Neiss 15-10, 12-15, 15-4
- MD** J. Whitaker-E. Armendariz def. W. Tenpenny-Holmes 15-6, 15-3
- MxD** M. Koploff-J. Auxier def. Luevano-Neiss 9-15, 15-7, 15-5

SEMANA NAUTICA
Santa Barbara, Calif.
July 1-2, 1961

A FLIGHT

- LS** Doris Martin def. Mary Ann Breckell 11-3, 11-2
- MS** Rod Starkey def. Don Paup 15-8, 15-18, 15-1
- LD** Starkey-Pons def. Martin-McMurray 15-11, 17-16
- MD** Starkey-Paup def. Mejia-Calvert 18-16, 15-4
- MxD** Paup-Pons def. Starkey-Starkey 10-15, 15-3, 15-8
- SrD** Lyon - Kinnear def. Loomis - Pajares 15-7, 15-4
- Sr** Calvert-Pons def. van Praag-Kirby 13-15, 15-12, 15-4

A CONSOLATION

- LS** Barbara Bridges def. Linda Erkkila 11-9, 11-7
- MS** Walt Haase def. Dick van Praag 15-5, 15-12
- LD** Breckell-Kirby def. Bridges-N. Vening 15-3, 15-7
- MD** van Praag-A. Hales def. H. Hansen-Eichelberger 15-18, 18-15, 15-13
- MxD** H. Hansen-Kirby def. Calvert-Berry by default
- SrD** K. Wells-Wilkinson def. Conn-Auxier 15-8, 15-6
- Sr** Spruill-Auxier def. Lyon-Page 15-9, 10-15, 15-4

B FLIGHT

- LS** Ann Heck def. Ada Wood 11-5, 11-7
- MS** P. Loaharanu def. Alex Krohn 15-4, 15-12
- LD** S. Vening-J. Pajares def. Vineyard-D. Moore 15-8, 13-15, 15-7
- MD** R. Lyon-B. Pajares def. Loaharanu-Krohn 12-15, 15-10, 15-3
- MxD** Randolph-Wood def. W. Lyon-Page 15-9, 15-13

B CONSOLATION

- LS** Sally Vineyard def. Diane Moore 9-11, 11-6, 11-7
- MS** Jack Whitaker def. Dick Warnock 3-15, 17-13, 18-16
- LD** V. Lyon-M. Johnson def. S. Wells-L. Neiss 15-6, 15-8
- MD** Aguilar-B. Smith def. G. Pajares-T. Erkkila 15-7, 7-15, 15-12
- MxD** R. Lyon-J. Pajares def. Aguilar-S. Vening 15-7, 15-3

MANHATTAN BEACH
SUMMER DOUBLES
Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Sept. 1-3, 1961

A FLIGHT

- LD** Armendariz - Tibbetts def. Starkey-Pons 18-13, 10-15, 15-10
- MD** Rogers-Alston def. Paup-Starkey 15-4, 15-10
- MxD** Armendariz - Tibbetts def. Starkey-Starkey 3-15, 15-7, 18-13
- SrD** Calvert-Trader def. Rogers-Lyon 15-10, 7-15, 15-12
- Sr** Kinnear-Tibbetts def. van Praag-Kirby 18-16, 15-2

A CONSOLATION

- LD** Kirby-Greene def. Bridges-N. Vening 18-17, 18-17
- MD** Loaharanu - Haase def. Randolph-Spruill 15-2, 15-3
- MxD** Haase-Martin def. H. Hansen-McMurray 14-17, 15-8, 15-6
- SrD** Wilkinson - Dukehorn def. Pajares-Loomis 15-11, 15-12

- Sr** Spruill-Auxier def. Randolph-Carlson 18-17, 15-9
- MxD** **B FLIGHT**
- LD** L. Erkkila-Bridges def. S. Vening-J. Pajares 15-7, 15-7
- MD** Loaharanu-Krohn def. Wilkinson-Dukehorn 15-4, 15-9
- MxD** Loaharanu - Wood def. W. Lyon-Page 15-7, 15-7
- B CONSOLATION**
- LD** Neiss-Carlson def. Marmie-Petersen 17-14, 12-15, 15-6
- MD** J. Giles-B. Giles def. G. Pajares-T. Erkkila 15-17, 18-13, 17-14
- MxD** Chamberlain-Hilton def. Luevano-Neiss 15-10, 15-13

ALHAMBRA JUNIOR OPEN
Alhambra, Calif.
Sept. 22-23, 1961

18 AND UNDER

- GS** Susan Vening def. Joy Auxier 11-3, 11-5
- BS** Paisan Loaharanu def. Bill Pajares 15-5, 15-10
- GD** S. Vening-Pajares def. D. Moore-Treloggen 15-10, 9-15, 15-7
- BD** Loaharanu-J. Whitaker def. Pajares-Lyon 15-4, 15-7
- MxD** Loaharanu-Auxier def. Lyon-Pajares 15-5, 15-1
- 13 AND UNDER**
- GS** Carolyn Zimmerman def. Mary Coffey 11-1, 11-2
- BS** Ronnie Jones def. Jerry Sides 11-7, 11-12, 11-4
- GD** Bosacki-Fitch def. Zimmerman-Miller 11-9, 11-7
- BD** Jones-Sides def. Lundquist-Pepping 11-0, 11-1
- 11 AND UNDER**
- GS** Jo Bosacki def. Mary Coffey 11-2, 11-2
- BS** Bob Lundquist def. Craig Spruill 10-11, 11-4, 11-4

FLYING FEATHERS
(Continued)

tournaments already . . . from Indonesia, by way of Holland, Gwan See is another Easterner who will be playing around the SCBA circuit . . . from England, Tom Williams has also joined the SC scene and will add the British touch to coming events.

Among the many badmintonites turned tennisites over the summer, Sharon Pritula of Michigan seems to have been more than usually active . . . Sharon represented her area on the Junior Wightman Cup team and reached the semis of the National Girls' Singles Championships . . . did you see the cute picture of her in *World Tennis*?

Tom Heden, Manhattan Beach BC, took his bar exams recently and is anxiously awaiting the results . . . you may now call San Diego BC vice prexy, Walt Haase, "Dr." . . . he finished his dental schooling and is back in San Diego looking down in the mouths.

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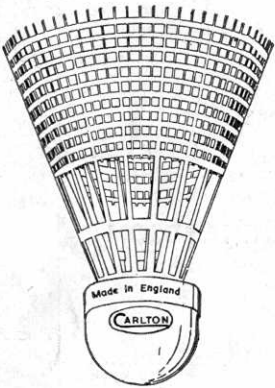
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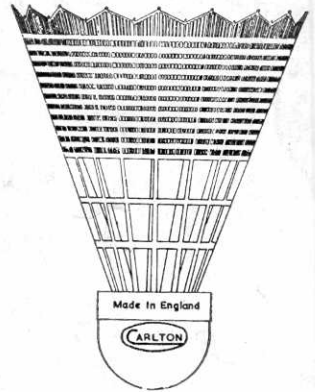
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