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MEN'S SINGLES

1. Channarong Ratanaseangsuang
2. Jim Poole
3. Don Paup
(Ken Fleming)
4. (Tom Heden) tie among 3
(Fred Trifonoff) players

LADIES SINGLES

1. Janice DeZort
2. Judy Adamos
3. Diane Moore
4. Mary McMurray

MEN'S DOUBLES

1. C. Ratanaseangsuang-P. Loaharanu
2. D. Paup-J. Poole
3. J. Alston-W. Rogers
4. M. Armendariz-M Hartgrove

LADIES DOUBLES

1. (L. Alston-H. Tibbetts) tie for #1
(M. Breckell-J. Pons)
3. J. DeZort-D. Moore
4. A. Buckalew-M Trifonoff

MIXED DOUBLES

1. J. Alston-L. Alston
2. P. Loaharanu-H. Tibbetts
3. D. Paup-J. Pons
4. W. Rogers-B. Armendariz
5. S. Hales-M. Breckell

SR. MEN'S DOUBLES

1. W. Lyons-W. Rogers
2. J. Cogan-C. Randolph
3. L. Calvert-D. Trader
4. L. Calvert-W. Kinnear

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Editor's Note

This is a new volume of Bird Chatter, No. 25, with a new look and a new editor and you will find that quite a number of things have been changed. With the idea that the first issue should perhaps be a sort of reference one, you will find on the last page, a list of ABA Officers and Directors and their addresses, and the names and addresses of all Committee Chairmen. Also, because the Club Directory goes out of date so quickly it has been replaced by a list of the Presidents and Secretaries of all the affiliated Associations. Either one of them should be able to give the travelling badminton players the Club information he desires.

Also in this issue is the first of a series of instructional articles. These start at the very beginning, for the novice, and will gradually work through the elementary instruction to advice and pointers for the advanced player. This was a very popular part of Bird Chatter some 12 years or more ago and we have been asked to include it again.

Because we had to put the deadline forward by three weeks I have not heard from many of the Regional reporters. We hope to have a complete list in the next issue. The big events this season are the sending of our Uber Cup Team to defend our title of International Champions in New Zealand, the organizing of a third European Tour, a possible International Match with Canada, and of course the Senior and Junior National Championships. There are details on all these events elsewhere in the magazine.

Bird Chatter is the mouthpiece of the ABA and it is edited for its members. Your constructive criticism will therefore always be most welcome. And, though we may not always be able to follow it, we will try.

Ed. Grace Devlin

IN MEMORIAM

Sadly we report the death of Kenneth F. Macdonald on April 17th, 1965. He had suffered a heart attack the previous year from which he had made a good recovery, however, though he gave up playing badminton he continued to play tennis and died suddenly on the tennis court.

A great friend of Ted Jarrett, he was a most able ABA Secretary during the two years of Ted's Presidency and in 1963 he and his wife Jo, together with a most able Committee, hosted the Final Uber Cup Tie between England and Indonesia.

Ken was born and went to school in New York City and received his Ph.D. degree from Brown University, Providence, R. I. His career was in the decorative fabrics field and he was a member of the Gramatan Hills Badminton Club and the Badminton Club of New York City.

Besides his numerous badminton friends Ken will be keenly missed by Jack van Praag who was his predecessor as Secretary of the A.B.A. and with whom he worked very closely. All members of the badminton fraternity will join with me in our deepest sympathy to his wife and the members of his family.

Ed.

LADIES' INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



All across the country a few hard-working people, headed by the Uber Cup Committee, are organizing the women badminton players into local Uber Cup Doubles Squads, not as pairs but as individual doubles players. We have divided the country into 6 Regions and have a Committee member representing each region. Abbie Rutledge is working with New England and the Metropolitan area, and Grace Devlin with the Middle Atlantic States. After a series of play-offs the best 8 from each Region will meet the weekend of December 4 - 5 in Wilmington, where Naomi Bender will run her annual Uber Cup Doubles Tournament (for the 9th consecutive year), on the "Mix-Up" System, and the East Coast will then name its individual doubles players in order of merit, which the players themselves will have determined. Gloria Eli is working with the Midwestern Group and Elma Roane with the Southern; while on the Pacific Coast Jeanne Pons and Jim van Horn will organize their players in the South and the North respectively for final play-offs, with the best of that Coast then being named. But why individual players and not pairs, you ask? Well, the answer is simple, when you are 13,000 miles away from home and one member of your doubles team

is taken ill, sprains an ankle or some such mishap, it is essential not only to be able to replace her with another doubles player, but also it is imperative that the remaining half of that team is able to play, and play well, with someone other than her regular partner. We also are looking for our best doubles players to be able to provide at least two strong singles players. For this is a long and very expensive trip and every effort must be made to pick the best possible Team.

Since lack of funds has caused Denmark to default, it would seem logical to expect to play either England or Indonesia in the Challenge Round. England has recalled Heather Ward Nielson from South Africa to play for them and with Ursula Smith and Angela Bairstow on the team they are expected to be stronger than in 1963, and if we are to be successful again we too must be better than we were last time.

We undoubtedly have the potential, one look at this year's Ranking List and we find that we have five girls of "under 21" in the Singles and the ex-Junior Champions are again our No. 1 Doubles pair, with more Juniors knocking at the door of their elders ranked above them.

In case you may think I have put too great emphasis on 'youth', this may be so to the extent that I feel many of them should be better than they are, but I also feel that some of our "over 21s" are capable of playing very much better too, and their experience and knowledge of the science of doubles will undoubtedly shine brightly in this planned series of Doubles games. So we must exploit and develop this potential through hard practice, coaching and a much greater concentration on over-all improvement, as well as great physical fitness. All of these factors will show up by the time the Team is picked.

In International badminton accuracy is of prime importance. Players must be able to play countless consecutive

accurate dropshots, smash to within 3" or less of the lines, be able to serve so that the bird just skims the net or very high and very deep to the back of the court. Produce extremely accurate shots on the forehand and the backhand, and a large variety of them, and THINK while they play.

This is what we are looking for in the members of the 1966 Uber Cup Team which will be selected at the National Championships and announced on April 9th during the Finals.

UBER CUP 1966

N.Z.B.F. Secretary, G. F. Vincent

All N. Z. badminton enthusiasts are elated with the prospect of staging the Inter-Zone Finals and Challenge round of the Ladies' International Championship for the Uber Cup.

Planning is well advanced and indeed, many seats for the various ties have already been sold on an advance preferential basis. The indications are that all ties will be a complete sell-out.

The N. Z. Badminton Federation has set up a special committee to handle overall arrangements for the ties, and the local association, which have allocated the individual ties, have set up their own special Uber Cup committees. All these bodies are in close liaison and nothing is being left to chance.

The venues are: -

Semi-finals to be held on Saturday,
14th May -

Napier and Dunedin.

Final to be held on Tuesday,
17th May -

Auckland

Challenge Round to be held on
Saturday, 21 May -

Wellington

The cities chosen to stage the ties are well spread over the country and it is hoped that visitors will take the opportunity to see some of the scenic beauties of New Zealand.

Napier is one of the main cities of the province of Hawkes Bay. A seaside city, it is situated about half way between Auckland and Wellington, and is noted as the fruit bowl of New Zealand.

Dunedin is in the south of the South Island, settled originally by Scottish immigrants and has many links with Scotland. Many visitors state that Dunedin people are the friendliest in the whole country.

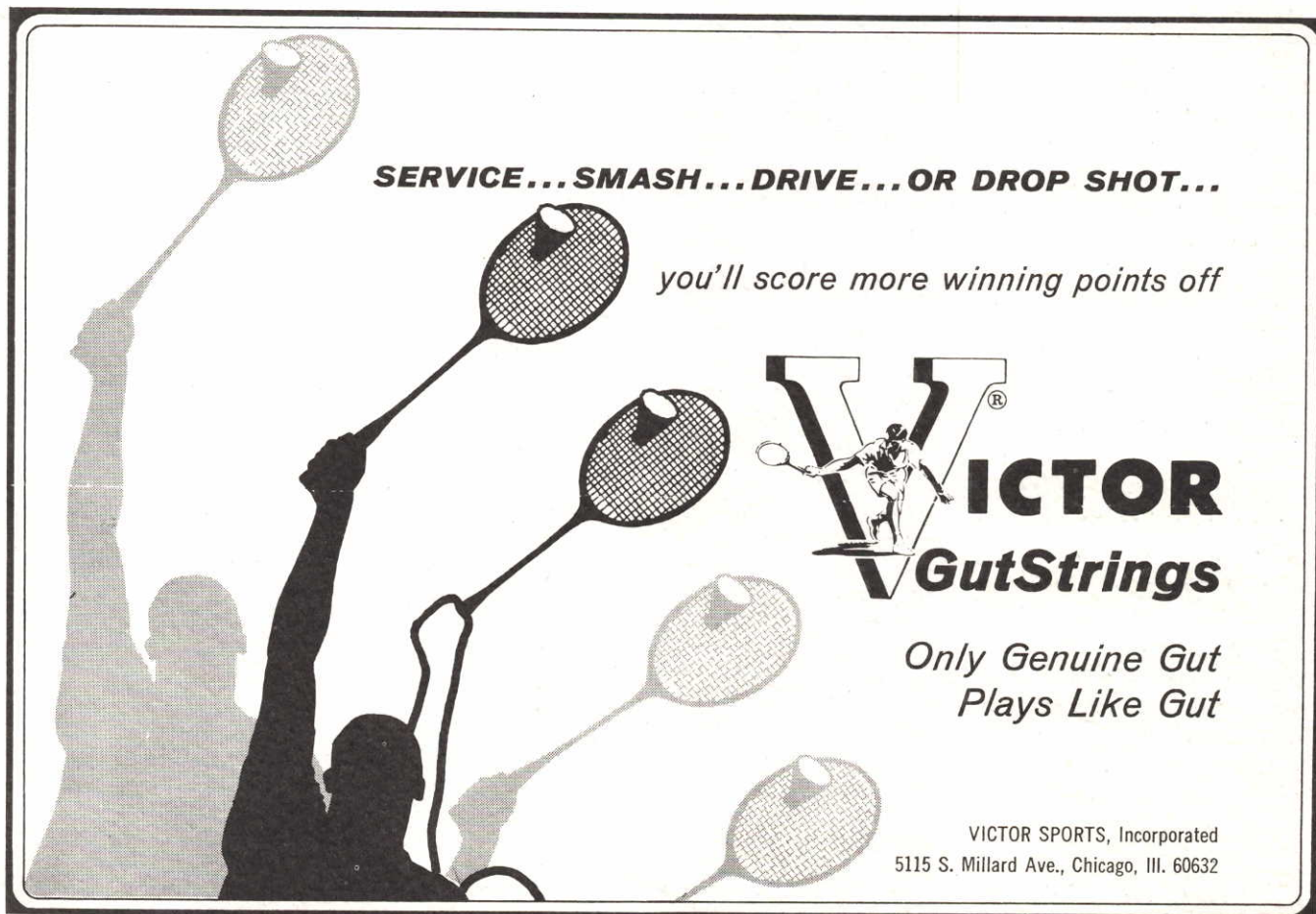
Auckland, the largest city in New Zealand, is situated in the north of the North Island. Sprawling around two beautiful harbours, it is the fastest growing city we have, and is noted for the excellence of its staging of international badminton ties.

Wellington, where the challenge round will be held, is the Capital City and the seat of Government. Other pens, more able than this, have described Wellington as the windiest city in the world, but visitors can rest assured that in May the winds take a holiday.

In addition, it is hoped to arrange a special invitation tournament on 26th,

27th and 28th May at a venue still to be decided. The invitees will be all visiting players, together with leading NZ. players, and it is also envisaged that one or two of the leading Australian ladies will be invited. This should be one of the greatest ladies' tournaments ever held in the world and from early indications, all visiting players will be keen to compete.

All in all, 1966 will be a year to be remembered by N. Z. badminton and everyone here is looking forward to returning the hospitality shown to our teams when they have been in the U. S. A.



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NEW ZEALAND HOSTS UBER CUP

AL LAUBINGER

The International Badminton Federation has selected New Zealand as the site for the Challenge Round and the Semi-Final Matches for the Ladies International Badminton Championship for the Uber Cup. The United States team by virtue of its role as defending champion earns a spot in the Challenge Round where it will meet the winner of the playoffs between the various zone champions.

The I. B. F. Handbook lists the following tabulation for the Uber Cup Championships:

Contests	Competing Nations	Champion Nation
1956 - 57	11	United States
1959 - 60	14	United States
1962 - 63	11	United States

In the first Championships, the United States team won impressively by first defeating Canada in the American Zone finals 7 - 0, defeating India in the first round of the Inter-Zone playoffs 7 - 0 and then winning the Championship by defeating Denmark 6 - 1. In the second Championships, held in Philadelphia, Denmark was again the challenger in the final round. The United States team emerged the winner, 5 - 2. England earned the right to be the challenger in the third Championships at Wilmington. In a tight match our United States girls came out on top, 4 - 3.

With the venue for the upcoming competition scheduled for New Zealand and with all the nations competing once again for that open spot in the Challenge Round and an opportunity to try to wrest the Championship away from us, Frank Devlin, the Chairman of the Uber Cup Committee, has been busy building the strongest and fittest team that we can assemble, and finalizing details of the trip.

Obviously sending our team to New Zealand is going to require a strong fund-raising effort and the full participation of all of the member associations and clubs across the country. According to the preliminary estimates, the initial goal for funds needed will be at least \$11,000, including round-trip fares, incidental costs of operating the team, uniforms, shuttles, etc.

While there is never a completely painless way of raising funds, a program has been developed which permits each association member to participate without putting any strain on his or her family budget. At the suggestion of Frank Devlin, discussions were held with the S & H Stamp Company to explore the possibility of funding the entire operation through the use of trading stamps. This is not a new approach to fund-raising and has worked successfully for a number of organizations. With the help of S & H a plan has been adopted which should enable us to reach the bulk of our goal by asking members to collect and contribute S & H Green Stamps. In addition, the travel agency division of S & H will provide travel arrangements at a special rate.

A secondary drive for cash contributions will be necessary to accomplish the full budget for the trip, since the S & H Green Stamp program is directed at meeting transportation costs only.

IN MEMORIAM

LYNDA HARMAN

"Lynda Harman, daughter of George and Pat Harman, Ponca City, Oklahoma, died in her sleep on May 14, 1965. She was living in Houston with her sister, Lana, at the time of her death."

"The Harman family has been active in badminton for years and have become very close to all of us. The passing of Lynda is a sorrow and a loss to each of us."

-Ponca City Badminton Club

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New Zealand Hosts Uber Cup (cont.)

On a nationwide basis we hope to raise close to 5,000 S & H Stamp Books. Donations of other than S & H Stamp Books are also acceptable as the fund-raising committee will have a means of applying these against their total program.

A Regional Fund-Raising Chairman has been appointed for each Class A Association area. Someone will shortly be in touch with all badminton supporters in your area. When the call does come, it is hoped each person will respond, making a sincere effort to assure that the established goal is reached.

The women's team deserves the enthusiastic support of everyone of us. The spirit that we put into the fund-raising program will insure that the team will arrive in New Zealand in top physical and mental condition, ready and able to defend the Uber Cup against a difficult field. Starting now, let's all become "stamp collectors" and bring home the Uber Cup one more time.

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A.B.A. Annual Meeting and Directors Meetings—New Orleans

by Jack van Praag, Chairman, National Badminton News Committee



Many items of general interest were discussed and voted upon by the Directors of the American Badminton Association meeting in numerous sessions during the four days of the 12th Open U.S. Badminton Championships at New Orleans. An attempt will be made to briefly summarize some of the decisions made.

Probably one of the most far-reaching decisions made was to instruct our delegates to the I.B.F. meeting in London, June 29th, to vote for reverting back to the old "wood-shot" rule,

making the wood shot an illegal one. There was a great deal of discussion, pro and con. A canvass of areas as reported by the Directors from various regions showed a pretty even distribution of opinion between reverting to the old rule or further liberalizing the present rule to allow everything to go except an intentional sling shot. Our delegates were instructed to vote to return to the old rule. Should this motion fail to carry at the IBF Annual General Meeting said delegates were further instructed to vote for a motion to further liberalize the rule. Since this latter motion, proposed by Canada last year, was overwhelmingly defeated then, it seems most unlikely the motion to liberalize the rule will again be presented. There is a strong feeling among many nations that it was a mistake to change the rule and it is more than likely that a majority of the votes will favor returning to the former rule outlawing the wood shot. However there is a question whether or not a two thirds vote can be mustered, and this is the majority needed to change a rule. It is rather ironic that the five votes cast

by the ABA at the IBF Meeting two years ago was exactly enough to enable a vote to change the rule to its present wording to carry, 60 to 30.

The Directors voted to approve the idea of the establishment of a National Badminton Educational Foundation as outlined by the National Committee for Reorganization headed by Charles B. Newhall, former ABA President.

It was voted to combine the Ken Davidson Memorial Trophy Fund and the Ken Davidson Development Fund into one fund to be known as the Ken Davidson Fund.

Subject to review by the ABA Executive Committee and final approval by the Directors at a subsequent Mail Meeting, it was voted to apply to the IBF for a sanction for the holding of an International Match between selected teams of the U.S. and Canada. Each team will probably consist of seven or eight participants and will consist of singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

A.B.A. Annual Meeting(cont.)

The Directors further voted to accept the generous offer of Grace and Frank Devlin to provide a perpetual trophy for the proposed U.S. - Canada Tie.

Accepted in principle was the establishment of a Junior Uber Cup team. Age limit will be 21 or under as of April 30th of the year of selection.

The generous and thoughtful offer of the Badminton Players of the U.S. of a "Grateful Players Award" to be awarded to a "behind the scenes" worker for the advancement of Badminton, was unanimously accepted. A Committee, to be appointed by the President of the ABA, will make the selection.

Approved also was a plan to issue Ranking Certificates to Nationally Ranked players.

Due to insurmountable problems arising in connection with the holding of a "Closed Tournament" in conjunction with the U. S. Open, it was decided to cancel the holding of the Closed Championships. A Committee will be formed to study this problem and work out a formula that will be workable and equitable.

Named at the Annual Meeting, and formally presented, was the 1965-66 Uber Cup Squad. Those named include Lois Alston, Tyna Barinaga, Mary Ann Breckell, Janice De Zort, Judy Hashman, Caroline Jensen, Dorothy O'Neil and Jeanne Pons. Other members may be named as further tests and trials are held. J. Frank Devlin is Chairman of the Uber Cup Committee.

Accepted at the Annual Meeting was a constitutional amendment that the President of the ABA be elected for two years instead of the present period of one year. All other elective officers will continue to serve one year terms, all terms of office to coincide with the fiscal year ending June 30th.

We are grateful to Col. Eddie Eagan, Chairman of the People-to-People Sports Committee, Inc., for the interesting reference to the U.S. Open Badminton Championships made in the current issue of the Committee's Newsletter which has wide national distribution. The Committee supported the Championships, which took place at Tulane University last April, because it drew contestants from nine foreign countries and twenty-three states. It was pointed out that the largest foreign delegation came from Mexico, (36), of whom 16 were contestants, with smaller representations from England, Thailand, Denmark, Jamaica, Japan, Canada, Ireland and Scotland. Reference was also made to the valiant efforts of the American Badminton Association to raise \$10,000.00 with which to send a team to defend the Uber Cup in New Zealand next May. We deeply appreciate Col. Eddie's whole-hearted interest, over many years, in Badminton. We are happy to be a part of the People-to-People program to promote international friendship through the medium of Sports.

In a letter just received from Hugh Forgie, Hugh strongly suggests that the ABA try to arrange to hold one of our U.S. Open Tournaments at one of the U.S. Service Academies. He states that the Generals and Admirals at Washington have great respect for Badminton. There is a strong Badminton Club at the Pentagon, where Hugh annually gives a demonstration and conducts a clinic. Certainly it would be a wonderful thing to conduct one of our U.S. Open Tournaments at West Point, Annapolis or Colorado Springs. Hugh and Janet Forgie, as well as Shirley Marie (Mans) spent the summer touring Australia with the "Ice Capades" after which they went on tour in Europe with the "Holiday on Ice" show. Hugh's "Badminton on Ice" act continues to create a sensation wherever it appears throughout the United States and the rest of the world. Hugh

continues to wage his one man campaign to stimulate new interest in the sport of Badminton.

Our thanks are due to Jack van Praag for his story on the National Open Championships in New Orleans. He made a special effort to write this story during a very busy period but unfortunately was not given the credit for his work.

Ed.



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The International Scene

by Jack van Praag, Chairman, National Badminton News Committee

Committee member, Dr. John Poong of San Francisco, in a very interesting letter tells of a visit of a nephew of his from Rangoon, Burma a short time ago. He revealed that he had witnessed the play of Badminton players from Red China, who had beaten the Burmese badly. He was told that the Red Chinese players had defeated Tan Joe Hock and Ferry Sonnevill in Red China. Word had leaked out from Hong Kong of the speed of the Red Chinese players but the information was questioned until it had actually been witnessed and confirmed by Dr. Poong's nephew.

Margaret Barrand, U.S. Mixed Doubles Champion, and her husband, Rev. G. W. "Bill" Barrand, have just adopted a 9 weeks old baby girl and are thrilled with the new addition to their household

Letters from Barbara Grebe, Secretary of the Mexican Badminton Federation, and from Carolina Allier, Mexican Champion, indicate that the Mexican Open Badminton Championships the end of November should be a great success. Many top players have been invited to compete. It is a pleasure to report that Carolina is again the feminine Badminton champion of Mexico having recently won the Ladies' Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles titles. Congratulations to a worthy Champion.

Numerous Asian newspaper clippings thoughtfully provided by Dr. John Poong, National Badminton News Committee Member from San Francisco, indicate that years of intensive preparation and application are finally beginning to pay off for Malayasia. For years Malayasia, then known as Malaya, reigned supreme in the world of Badminton, winning the first competi-

tion for the Thomas Cup in 1948-49 and retaining the International Badminton Championship (Thomas Cup) through the first three competitions against increasingly strong competition. However in 1958 "the roof caved in" as a strong and unheralded Indonesian team defeated Malaya in the challenge round at Singapore, 6 - 3. Then, as in the 1963 - 64 competition, Denmark was highly favored to finally win the Cup. Nevertheless Indonesia disposed of the fine Danish team in the Interzone semi-final, 6 - 3. Keenly feeling their defeat and their reduction to the ranks as a first class world Badminton power, the Malaysians have been slowly and painfully building for the future to regain their world stature. This goal they seem well on the way to achieve. The results at the recent All-England Championships certainly indicate this. Underated and unsung, the five Malaysians sent to England won high regard from officials and fans by their successes. Ng Boon Bee and Tan Yee Kahn won the Men's Doubles title without losing a single game throughout the competition. Tan Aik Huang and Yew Cheng Hoe defeated the Defending champions, Finn Kobbero and Jorgen Hammergaard-Hansen, in the quarter finals, losing a three game semi-final match to Oon Chong Jin and Erland Kops. Three Malaysians reached the quarter finals of the Singles event, with the nineteen year old Tan Aik Huang reaching the finals with a surprisingly easy win over Channarong Ratana-Saeng-suang in the semi-finals 15-3, 15-6. In the final, Tan lost a gruelling 55 minute match to the defending champion, Erland Kops 13-15, 12-15. Both players received a tremendous ovation from the wildly enthusiastic crowd who were particularly impressed with the beautiful footwork of the loser, as they were also with the flawless exhibition of Badminton just witnessed.

The Badminton world is deeply saddened by the sudden passing of three well-known Badminton personalities. Of greatest impact is the unexpected passing of Mr. N. P. Kristensen in Copenhagen on Easter Sunday, April 18th, at the age of 66. At the time of his sudden death this beloved sportsman and deeply devoted Badminton booster was President of the International Badminton Federation. Nils Peder Kristensen, more popularly known to his many friends as "Kris", did much to promote international friendship through the medium of Badminton. He was a truly great President of the I. B. F. and he will be sorely missed.

We are sad to report, also, the death in a hospital in Dublin, on April 19th, of John Plunkett-Dillon at the age of 78. Mr. Plunkett-Dillon was an extremely well known Irish and international administrator of a generation ago. He devoted a lifetime to the promotion of the game of Badminton, culminating in his serving as President of the International Badminton from 1955 to 1957. He held many offices in the Badminton Union of Ireland, serving as honorary secretary of that body for 18 years. He fought hard for the formation of the I. B. F. and had a great deal to do with its formation. He succeeded Sir George Thomas to the Presidency of the IBF, when the latter insisted on retiring in 1955. A successful solicitor in Dublin, he was an ardent Irishman, keenly interested in politics and golf.

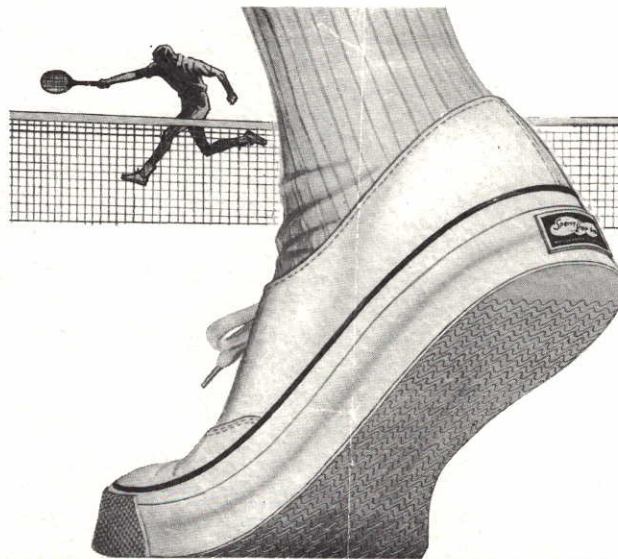
Keenly felt personally is the sudden passing of Lt. Colonel Harry I. Evans, honorary secretary and treasurer of the Canadian Badminton Association at his home in Oromocto, New Brunswick, on April 12th. He had ably served in the posts mentioned for the past thir-

teen years. His passing will be deeply felt in Canada where he was an able administrator, greatly enthused about the game and a great promoter of Canadian Badminton activity. To the surviving family of these three great men, whose passing took place within the span of one week, we extend our most heartfelt sympathy.

For the coming year the Council of the International Badminton Federation has proposed the election of David L. Bloomer as the new President. He has been a member of the Council since 1953, and a vice-president for the past ten years. His election will prove very popular as Mr. Bloomer has given an immense amount of his time and, yes, money for the promotion of Badminton in his native Scotland as well as throughout the world. He inaugurated the World Invitation Tournament and has supported it ever since its incep-

tion. It ranks second in stature only to the All-England Championships and this writer is inclined to believe his friend, Davy, might dispute this second place ranking!!! Mr. Bloomer is well known in the United States not only for his great influence in the game but also through his two visits to this country, attending the first U.S. Open at Niagara Falls in 1954 and again the 11th Open at San Diego, where he was the house guest of the David Freemans. Proposed for election as vice-presidents are Humphrey F. Chilton, England; Sushal R. Ruia, India and Ferry Sonnevillle, Indonesia. Humphrey for many years represented the United States at I.B.F. meetings. All three men are well known throughout the Badminton world for their great interest in Badminton and their deep devotion to the development of the game.

The Annual General Meeting of the International Badminton Federation took place in London on June 28th. The rather formidable agenda provided plenty of fireworks. Proposed was the abolition of the Challenge Round in Thomas Cup competition. This change will prevent a nation from retaining the Cup by winning only one Tie, as has been the case since the first competition. At the request of Indonesia, present holders of the Cup, it was agreed to withhold the application of this rule until after the 1967 competition. The much discussed "wood-shot rule" was again put to a vote. Many who voted for the change before have become thoroughly disenchanted with its application and want to go back to the old rule which made the wood shot an illegal shot. Although a majority voted in favor of the change it did not receive the required two-thirds of the votes cast.



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SOME CHANGES IN THE RANKING RULES & REGULATIONS

At the 1965 meeting of the ABA Directors a revised set of Ranking Rules and Regulations was approved. Some of the new regulations affect the players themselves and at the request of members of the Cttee these regulations are being brought to your notice so that there may be no misunderstanding, particularly on eligibility, when next year's tournament records are considered.

The revised rules state

1. In order to qualify for consideration for a National Ranking a player or team must be a citizen or a permanent resident of the United States on October 1st of the current season, and it shall be the duty of the Chairman to satisfy himself on this if necessary.

2. A permanent resident shall be a player who has been a resident for 2 years prior to October 1st of the season in which he (she) is considered for ranking. Also excluded from ranking consideration shall be persons in this country as students or who reside in the U.S. on a temporary basis with intent of returning to their native country.

SENIOR - have played in at least 3 Sanctioned Tournaments between October 1st of one year and April 30th of the following year.

JUNIOR - have played in at least 2 Sanctioned Tournaments (Junior when possible but in areas where there are no Junior Tournaments then in the Seniors), OR have competed in the Junior Nationals of the current season.

A complete copy of these Regulations, dealing with the duties of the Chairman as well as those of the Committee members, are obtainable from the Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Virginia Mosdale, upon request.

The point which I want to stress in these rules is that only the results of SANCTIONED tournaments may be

used for determining the National Rankings. Many tournaments were played last year without the Tournament Chairman taking out a Sanction. Because the previous rules read 'major' instead of 'sanctioned' tournaments, and it was felt that ignorance of the rule or carelessness of the tournament officials was causing a hardship on some of the players, results from these meetings have been used for the 1964-65 Rankings but this will not happen again, and only when the Sanction Fee has been paid will the results be official and used for rankings.

Another regulation states 'Scores from any foreign tournaments in which ABA members met each other or mutual opponents may be used!, but only domestic tournaments count for the 3 they must play in to be eligible for consideration for a National Ranking. It was a great disappointment that because the 1965 Nationals in New Orleans were so large and were in so many categories that the anticipated Closed Tournament could not be played. Because of the large number of foreign entries few vitally important intra-american matches took place, and because of the size of the country East is East and West is West and never do the twain meet in the normal domestic tournaments held throughout the season, tho occasionally - but not often enough - a Midwesterner may travel East or an Easterner penetrate into the Midwest.

I think that everyone will agree that those ranked very high up in each division this year deserve their honors but those in the lower echelons are sometimes unbelievably difficult to determine, and often the results hinge on very obscure evidence, but the Committee spend many many hours on this work and I believe came up with a very fair list in the final analysis.

G. I. Devlin, Chairman



Ken Fleming

NEWS OF THE JUNIORS

From California. Ken Fleming will postpone any further badminton competition for four years. He is now a cadet at West Point Larry Saben chose Occidental College in Los Angeles. This honor student wants to be a national champ and decided to stay close to Pasadena, California where he can compete against Poole, Paup, Alston, Rogers, etc. . . . Jan DeZort is attending Southwestern Junior College in Chulavista and has been playing badminton throughout the summer.

From Delaware Valley. Cindy Root, Wissahickon's most notable junior, has recovered from the injury she received last March when she was hit in the eye by a smash whilst playing Mixed Doubles. Hemorrhage of the iris was the result - and inactivity for the next 2 months. She has now quite recovered - playing well - and getting some good competition from the coaching staff at Grinnell College, Iowa where she entered as a freshman this Fall.

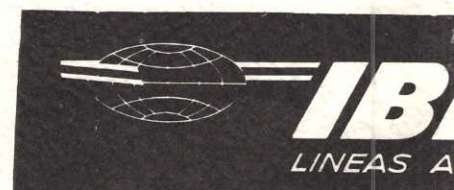
Third European Badminton Tour August 1966

We're off again! Spurred on by the two previous European Tours and last year's Round the World Tour we have contacted the Badminton Clubs in Europe to see if they would be willing to play with us again in 1966, and as before met a willing and enthusiastic response.

On the past tours we had quite a number of "repeaters", in fact there have been some who have been on all the tours, and who have already indicated that they are definitely going again in 1966. For this and many other reasons we have decided to change the itinerary from the last two European Tours to make it more interesting and to see some new places, where we have not been before.

At the same time we had to look out that we did not go too far as the airfare goes up and the tour becomes too expensive, but we think we have come up with a very interesting and exciting itinerary. The tour will leave New York on August 4th and return August 25th, and we shall visit 7 countries during these 22 days. In spite of general increases from 20% - 40% in Europe in the last two years we have managed to arrange the tour at the "Bargain Price" of \$777.00 per person. This will include Transportation, 1st Class Hotel accommodations, most meals, sightseeing, baggage handling, transfers between Airports and Hotels and vice versa, tips and taxes, Badminton Matches and a whole lot of extras we won't go into now.

We will fly directly to Lisbon, Portugal and continue to Madrid, Spain; Zurich and Lucerne in Switzerland; Hamburg, Germany; Copenhagen, Denmark; London and Edinburgh in the British Isles and Dublin, Ireland from where we return to New York.



A to Europe



Badminton matches will be arranged in Hamburg, Copenhagen, Edinburgh and Dublin and this year we will play on the **FIRST** night in each city so that we can visit with our new found friends on the days after the matches, and have them join us in our activities. Based on our experiences in the past Badminton tours we shall try to limit this group to 40 people, and at this time 16 persons (all repeaters from previous tours), have signed up, which means we shall have to accept the remaining 24 on a first come first served basis. It is therefore necessary that you book as early as possible to be sure of "getting aboard".

This year booking may be made through Bill Fisher, 1381 Portage Ave., Winnipeg 10, Manitoba, Canada and Mrs. Polly T. Kollé, 5528 Devon Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. Please clip the application form shown below and return to either of the above named with your deposit in the amount of \$50.00 (refundable in the event of cancellation), and you will receive your confirmation within a few days.

Since we cannot take the space in Bird Chatter to show the entire itinerary in detail, we have prepared a little brochure showing the entire trip, and you can obtain this from Bill Fisher or Polly Kollé.

One thing is certain, this tour is great, and if you really want to see Europe in a different way from normal tourists, this is the way to do it. If you don't believe me, just check with somebody who has been on one of the tours.
J. K.

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COMMENTS ON THE CHANGE OF AMATEUR STATUS RULES

It was the intent of the Committee to simplify and clarify the distinction between amateur and professional status. The new rules dispose of the long list of questionable activities and lay down a clear but more liberal line between the two.

It was further attempted to simplify the travel expense provisions and bring them up to date by eliminating the old and outdated measure of expense.

Under the classification of professional and amateur status the provision for the right of an amateur to sell rackets was clearly spelled out. Also eliminated was the unsportsmanlike conduct provision which had no relation to the distinction of professional and amateur. Also eliminated was the provision concerning tournament participation endangering the status of an amateur if the amateur participates on an amateur basis.

Reinstatement provisions have been changed so that each individual case is treated upon its merits rather than upon the length of time under which a person is active as a professional. Further the rules have been liberalized so that student instruction and repair of rackets is allowed on the same pattern as the USLTA Rules. Completed copy of the rules will be available from the secretary of the Association.

Donal L'Callaghan

THE 1966 OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Plans for the U.S. Open Amateur Badminton Championships April 6-9, 1966 are progressing smoothly and may well produce one of the best tournaments in the event's 13 year history, according to Harold E. Smith of

Branford, Connecticut, tournament director.

"We are fortunate," Smith said. "We have the finest facilities that I personally have ever seen for such an event. We have deluxe accommodations. And we expect an excellent international draw."

The tournament will be held in the brand new, 12-court gymnasium ("high ceiling, excellent lighting and background - plus on-campus eating facilities," Smith notes) of Central Connecticut State College in New Britain, Connecticut. Accommodations (initially 100 rooms) have already been reserved in the equally new Hotel American in nearby Hartford.

(Entries complete with reservation requests will be inclosed in the January-February 1966 issue - *Ed. note.*)

The tournament itself will offer competition in all events, including seniors singles, seniors mixed and seniors mens and womens doubles.

"We've been getting excellent cooperation and assistance from our committee, which has been working on this project since late summer, as well as from former nationals chairmen, ABA officials, representatives of the school, the hotel and many others," he added. "All in all, we're right on schedule in our preparations for this event."

Chuck Hutchinson

THE 1966 JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 20th National Junior Badminton Championships will be held on the 4 courts of The Wissachickon Badminton Club in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Wednesday through Saturday, March 23 through March 26, 1966.

Preliminary matches will also be held on the 8 adjacent courts of Chestnut Hill Academy and Springside

School.

All contestants will be housed in the homes of Club members and friends in the vicinity of the Badminton Club. Trains and planes will be met when requested.

Tours of historic Philadelphia, where 10 years later our Nation will celebrate its 200th birthday, will also be available for all contestants.

Co-hosts for the tournament, as they were for the 17th National Juniors 3 years ago, will be Mr. and Mrs. John Cornell and Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Root, Jr.

The next issue of Bird Chatter will contain entry blanks and additional details. Plan to come to Philadelphia next March and participate in the top junior event of the year.

C. D. R., Jr.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH WITH CANADA

There is a strong possibility that we may have an International Match with Canada this Spring. It is at present in the study phase before the Boards of Directors of both countries and has not as yet been finally approved.

If it is, and we hope it will be, it will be played in Concord, New Hampshire, immediately after the Canadian Championships and on the Monday before our National Championships. Although the complete details have yet to be worked out, the Match will consist of Mens and Womens Singles and Doubles and Mixed Doubles. We expect to have the full details in the January issue of Bird Chatter.

Flying Feathers

Congratulations are in order for Bob and Barbara Goodell who had a new baby last March (their third)..... Svend and Sandy Nielsen expecting a New addition next spring.....Marion Kip went to Europe last spring. She met her daughter, Barbara, who has been studying in France and together they travelled through many countries.....Pat and John Cornell and their two children took a month's trip to Europe last June. They met Heinz Honegger in Zurich and had a big evening with him. Many East Coast players remember Heinz.

Helen Tibbetts was elected for her third term as Southern California B.A. Prexy: the new Vice-Prexy is Howard Schwitkis (San Diego). The perennial Secretary-Treasurer is Virginia Hill Mosdale who starts her 20th year in this capacity.....Bill and Tom Parsons of Altoona, Pa. played more tennis this summer than they have in a long time. They both played in the National Claycourts in Pittsburgh and Bill played in the National Grasscourts and won three senior tournaments in various parts of the country. Bill should be ranked in the first ten seniors nationally.....This past summer Channerong Ratanaseangsuang spent the entire time with the George Rakelin family in Chicago, Illinois. Charlie couldn't say enough for the wonderful time and hospitality extended to him by this American family and all midwestern badminton players and fans he came in contact with. Channerong is now becoming further americanized with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gardner of La Jolla, Calif., who have taken Chan into their home for the school year as a member of the family, even to tutoring him with his college homework. One unique facet of his new home life is the makeup of the Gardner household for, besides Rose and Tom, there are 2 dogs, a duck and a

chicken, 2 talking birds, a parrot and cockateel along with about 200 other birds, ranging from rare finches to white doves. Another new experience for Chan was using several of his prized silver bowls for the Gardners' 25th wedding anniversary party: for which he and his friend Vanchai prepared delicious Chinese food for the 35 guests.....Nancy Venning Cypert has announced a daughter Jill Alene, born on October 5th.....Anne Erkkila Lucik has already become a world traveler. She and her husband and family lived in Yugoslavia during the past year. Now are in Australia and after 8 to 9 months expect to live in Fairbanks, Alaska for some time. Toi and Esther Erkkila toured Europe last summer, visiting Anne in Yugoslavia.....Tom Heden has moved to New York and Stan Hales is back in Massachusetts at Harvard University... Mary Ann Breckell has a new boss - Jeanne Pons! Mary Ann changed schools, and is now the newest teacher in the Girls P.E. Dept. of L. A. Valley College, where Jeanne Pons is the wheel.....Another recent Junior took the leap this summer - Russ Lyon was married on August 14th..... Ray Park spent the summer working in Pasadena for S.T.L. and is now attending Rice University in Houston, Texas.....Chuck Randolph was one of those hard working policemen who saw so much extraduty in Los Angeles during the August riots.....Pat Armendarix with no beard with ashort haircut is now in khaki working for Uncle Sam.....Dr. John Poong of San Francisco writes that the 4 winners of the recent badminton tourney at the "Y" were George Cruickshank, Scotland and Dickie Ng, Burma over Gaya, Malaysia and Lee Au, Thailand. Chong Phong has returned to Bangkok but his partner, Viravit Tophaiboon is still around..... Thanks to Doris and Walter Haas of

San Diego, Ina and Ian McKinnon are now being shown around the Bay Area Badminton circuit by Dr. Poong. By the way Ian McKinnon is brother-in-law of Bob McCoig of Scotland, who won the Mens Doubles Championships in New Orleans last April.....From the Baltimore Sunpapers comes the news that Mrs. Hulet Smith, of Pebble Beach, Calif. won the National Senior Women's Amateur golf tournament for the second time in Highland Park, Illinois. Mrs. Smith won the Womens Doubles in 1951 with Dorothy Hann and the Mixed Doubles with Wynn Rogers from 1949 - 51.....We hear that Sue Peard has started a class for Juniors on Wednesday afternoons, a half-day in Dublin schools.....News has just reached us that Dot O'Neil has been invited to play in the Mexican Championships next month. She will be travelling down early to get acclimated to the change in altitude.

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Rackets, Shuttles and Grips.

All games have a right and a wrong way in which they can be played and it is always the easiest way which is the right way. In racket games, particularly, the better player is apt to make the game look easy, his strokes are smooth and easily executed and he more often makes the other fellow look like an indifferent player rather than look particularly good himself, at least to the uninitiated spectator. Oddly enough, the easiest way to play a racket game does not always come naturally, except to the few outstanding players who arise in every generation. The vast majority of players of

games set about their exercise with very often unsuitable equipment and generally handicap themselves by doing a large percentage of things incorrectly.

All players can help their game enormously with correct equipment. There is also an underlying principal for their play and upon which their strokes must be based, no matter how much camouflaged by exaggerations and eccentricities. To begin with, a good racket is a great help towards good play. The best racket won't MAKE a good player, but it will go a long way towards helping to make one. A light racket, 5 ounces in weight, tightly strung and with a smallish handle, the diameter of which must necessarily vary with the size of the player's hand, is the first step towards becoming a good player. Rubber soled shoes and light weight comfortable clothing are also essential for this extremely active game.

There are now some inexpensive plastic shuttles on the market which have been so much improved over the last five years or so that I would not hesitate to advise the beginner to start his badminton career by practicing with them until he reaches the stage where he becomes interested in playing in tournaments. At this point he must start to use the standard feathered shuttle for, while this is not true for all countries throughout the world, certainly the vast majority of tournaments in America do use the feathered 'birds'.

An elementary, but one of the most essential things to learn when you take up badminton is to hold your racket correctly. An incorrect grip will land you in hopeless difficulties later on and severely handicap you from the start, so let us get it correct from the start. The great majority of people are right-handed so I shall des-

cribe all grips for them, leaving the left handed ones to read left where I write right and vice-versa.

The ordinary forehand grip is most easily acquired in this way. Hold your racket in your left hand, by the shaft, in such a way that the gut is at right angles to the floor and then grasp the handle with your right hand in the way which is most natural to you, as though you were going to shake hands with it. Then remove your left hand from the shaft and let the head of your racket and your right arm drop in one straight line. You should find that your racket now lies flat against the side of your leg. Do NOT play with your forefinger lying straight up the handle: hold the handle firmly, don't grip it tightly: let your forefinger lie slightly apart from your other fingers and around the handle.

Backhand strokes are not the stumbling block to a good game of badminton that they are in tennis, and beginners can acquire a very serviceable backhand game right from the start. He will lack power for some time, but he will be able to return the bird over the net every bit as easily as on his forehand. One thing, however, is necessary, and that is to change your grip for backhand strokes. This grip is known as the 'thumb-up' grip and is the most logical one for both power and accuracy. Holding your racket with the shaft in the left hand and grasping it very lightly with the forehand grip, shift it over very slightly away from you, so that your thumb can lie flat up the back of the handle. In this way your shots are controlled and directed, as far as the hand is concerned, by the entire thumb as far as the wrist, an admittedly very strong part of the hand.

Beginners sometimes claim that they do not have time to make this change of grip, but this is nonsense, if you have time to make a backhand swing

you also have time, during that swing, to change to the thumb-up grip. It is also noticeable that players who do not change their grip never have strong backhand strokes and run around them to take them on the forehand, which in itself is an admission of weakness.

Wristwork, Footwork

We hear a great deal about 'wrist-work' in badminton, but more often than not all we see is an exaggerated turning over of the wrist AFTER the bird has been hit.

To understand just how large a part the wrist plays in a stroke it is necessary to realize that every stroke is composed of three parts — the preliminary swing, the moment of impact, and the follow through. As its name implies, the preliminary swing is the part of any stroke which takes place before the bird is hit. For forehand shots this consists of swinging the arm back and, this is very important, cocking the wrist back so that the racket is held at a distinct angle to the forearm and not in a straight line with it. Then swing through towards the bird and just as you hit it snap the wrist forward and finish with a follow through of your entire arm along the direction of the flight of the bird, and not with a staccato movement as if you were cracking a whip. In other words, lead with your hand and not with your racket.

To emphasize the importance of this wrist-work, try to play an underhand stroke, hitting the bird as hard as you can, first with your forearm and hand in one straight line and then play the same stroke with your wrist held back and bring it forward as you hit the bird. You will be amazed at the increased snap you put into your stroke by using your wrist.

For backhand strokes, using the correct backhand grip, swing your racket across your body and bring the thumb nearer to the forearm by bending the wrist over sideways and employ a sideways snap as you hit the bird. This is practically the only wrist-work possible in a backhand stroke. In the follow through the wrist and arm are bound to be in a straight line.

The turning of the wrist, to the right or the left, controls the direction of the shot at the last moment on the forehand, while in backhand strokes the thumb helps the wrist to perform this function.

When you come to the finer points of badminton, correct wristwork is absolutely essential, not only so that you may produce your shots correctly and with as little effort as possible, but because the movement of the wrist is so quick that it is very difficult to detect. It is by making the most of this last moment directing of the bird that the expert achieves deception, one of the greatest assets in the game.

And now we come to 'foot-work', which as its name implies, means the amount of work your feet do in helping you to play a good, powerful, accurate shot. Obviously a slow mover has a difficulty to overcome here, for it is not easy to take up the correct position for a shot if you are always late, but whether you can cover the court easily or not, it is essential that all forehand shots are hit with the left foot forward, that is nearer to the net than the right foot. For those on the left side of the body with the right foot nearer to the net. Now, it is also necessary to do a little more than just sticking one foot forward. You must at the same time turn your left shoulder to the net for the forehand and your right shoulder for the backhand. Take a racket and swing it underhand and you will notice that, if you put

your left foot forward and leave your body more or less facing the net, your right side seems to be in the way of your swinging the racket, but the moment you turn your body sideways you can swing your racket with perfect freedom. If you try to hit the bird from these two positions there will be no doubt to all as to which is the easiest shot to make.

Graceful, easy, rapid movement on the court is the result of always being on your toes. This doesn't mean standing right up on your toes, but what it does mean is standing at all times with your weight well forward on the balls of your feet and not down on your heels. The first thing that anyone does on taking a step forward is to transfer his weight onto the balls of his feet, and so, to have it already there obviously means that you are just that much quicker in starting to move, and in general lighter on your feet and quicker when you run.

Sound footwork is absolutely essential for the proper production of all shots played from any position more than about two feet behind the front service line, because anything hit from back in the court, and the further back the more pronounced this becomes, requires power as well as accuracy. Near the net very little power is required and your stroke is controlled entirely by the arm and wrist.





CHARLES (CHUCK) HUGHES
Courtesy Baltimore Sunday Sun Magazine

Charles (Chuck) Hughes is well known in Baltimore badminton circles. He was one of the leaders in founding the Homeland Club when the Gilman Club folded, and was elected its first President. His friends were indeed proud when this picture and the following story appeared in the June 3rd issue of the Baltimore Sunday Sun Magazine with news that he had been awarded the Police Department's 'Civil Commendation for unusual courage'.

Early in January, 1964, Charles Hughes left his office on South Broad-

way and began walking north on Broadway Pier towards Thames Street.

He had not gone very far when a man came up to him and called his attention to something just beneath the surface of the water in the harbor.

He plunged into the water, which was littered with floating ice, and pulled to the surface a woman who was on the point of drowning. Despite the intense cold, he managed to keep her head above water until a police boat arrived and hauled both of them out. The woman lived.

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- Jan. 15 Flint Open Doubles. Freeman Community School Flint, Michigan (Chairman Chuck Morton, 2056 Hoover, Flint, Michigan.)
- Jan. 28-30 Westchester County Open. Westchester County Center, White Plains, N.Y. (Chairman Piedro R. Megroz, 85 W. Brookside Drive, Larchmont, N.Y.)
- Feb. 12-13 St. Louis Bicentennial Open. Webster Groves, Missouri, 63119 (Chairman G. Harig Ruenzi Jr., 1336 McCutcheon Apt. D, Richmond Heights, Missouri, 63144)
- Feb. 26 "B" Open. Freeman Community School, Flint, Michigan (Chairman Chuck Morton, 2056 Hoover, Flint, Michigan)

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THE JUNIOR EASTERN OPEN WILL BE HELD IN WILMINGTON THIS YEAR, DECEMBER 27 - 28. THERE WILL BE SINGLES, DOUBLES AND MIXED DOUBLES IN 18 & UNDER, 15 & UNDER AND 13 & UNDER. ENTRIES CLOSE DECEMBER 15TH WITH MRS. NAOMI BENDER, 5 STONES THROW ROAD, WILMINGTON 3, DELAWARE.

Leprechaun Letter

From
Sue



I suppose that a report of happenings of the summer and a preview of events of the winter should really start with the personal side of the news since, over here at least, badminton slows down considerably though doesn't actually stop between late April and early September.

The usual exodus of badminton players from the indoor courts to the fresh, and probably wet and windy, air of the tennis courts and golf courses took place. The English Team spent several wonderful weeks in South Africa from where reports of their progress filtered through in the press to those of us still in the northern hemisphere.

Unofficial news circles have it that South Africa's Heather Ward Neilsen is still England's Heather Ward! You know, the way England's Judy Hashman is still very much America's. Mrs. Neilsen has never represented South Africa in a badminton match, though she has lived there for several years, thereby retaining her eligibility for England's Uber Cup Team. She is expected to provide a certain depth and strengthening to their side in their quest for the still elusive Cup.

One of the most travelled ladies of the badminton sorority must be England's Jenny Pritchard. She played in numerous tournaments in England and Scotland, on the Continent, in Canada and in the U.S. during the course of

last season. This was followed by the South African Tour this summer. Now she will be doing her travelling under another name, Mrs. David Horton. She and David were married very shortly after her return from South Africa. David is an English International though not chosen for the African Tour.

Mary O'Sullivan Bryan welcomed a young Irish colleen, Eleanor Jane, in July. Mary travelled to London in October where she played in the Wimbledon Tournament with Judy Hashman and Scotland's Bob McCoig.

Judy spent six weeks in Owings Mills, Maryland during June and July. She and husband Dick were helping at a Tennis Camp in Baltimore and Geoffrey made his second round-trip Atlantic crossing in his short six months!

Ireland's Frank Peard, still yearning for that California climate, is the new President of the Irish branch of the Association of Costs and Works Accountants. Frank also served as the moderator of a most interesting Sports Symposium in Dublin. Among those on the panel was the former Olympic Champion Ronnie Delaney. They discussed their various sports — hockey, football (rugby), cricket, athletics, badminton, tennis — told anecdotes of trips and gave advice to those interested in becoming more proficient in any form of sporting endeavor. Don't smoke or drink and, equally important and rarely mentioned, don't overeat.

Invitations were received during the summer for championships in November in Lucknow, India. England's Ursula Smith and Angela Bairstow, U.S.A.'s Judy Hashman, Germany's Irmgaard Latz, Wilhelm Bochow and Frederick Beinvoogl and Ireland's Sue Peard were all invited.

Mrs. R. F. Horner of the Coaching Committee of the Badminton Association of England included Ireland in her

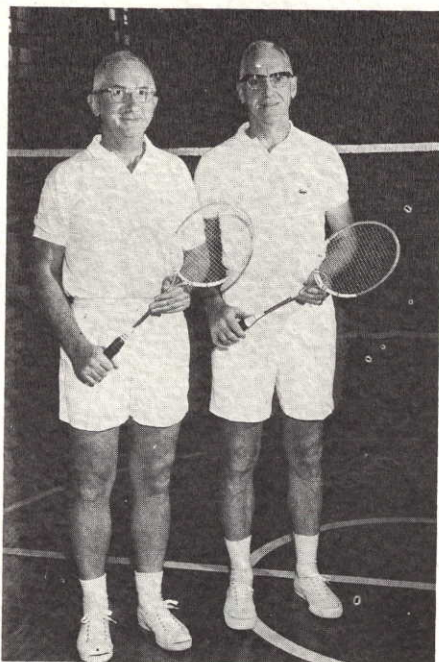
itinerary in October. Her specialty is coaching would-be coaches and she is very adept at it after, as she says, years of experimenting and changing her mind over methods of teaching teachers. She and another coach, both non-professionals, spent two days in Belfast and three days in Dublin. This is a most extensive course, lasting approximately 12 hours, certainly rarely less and often more, and covers most carefully and thoroughly all points of the game. Attending the Dublin course were representatives of 54 clubs. One fledgling coach came from Cahirciveen, Co. Kerry, 200 miles away and just about as close to Boston as you can get and still be in Ireland.

Another new badminton hall opened for business this season, this one in Dundalk the mid-way point between Dublin and Belfast. Built in conjunction with an existing tennis club, it has two courts and is expected to greatly increase the standard and volume of play in that area.

In the sphere of International Matches the usual annual fixtures will be played, the British Isles, Scandinavia, West Germany, the Lowlands all putting teams in the field. West Germany will travel to Ireland in December. The only previous international encounter between these two countries was a Thomas Cup Tie, won by Ireland, in the last Contest. It is also possible that an Indian Team will be playing in the British Isles later in the season.

Uber Cup plans are afoot also. Ireland and Scotland fought it out in Belfast in November and England is making plans to hold the Inter-Zone final in the Abingdon "Gaol", Judy Hashman's home club, provided England reaches the final round. Judy and Dick are both on the Committee.

So activity is not lacking and I shall be reporting results and future plans as best I can.



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**1965 MINNESOTA DISTRICT
BADMINTON TOURNEY
SEMI-FINAL & FINAL RESULTS**

LADIES SINGLES

Semi-Finals -

Belmar Gunderson def. Nancy Heisel
11-8 11-3

Sandy Marien def. Diane Knudson
11-7 11-5

Finals -

Belmar Gunderson def. Sandy Marien
11-4 11-5

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-Finals

Roy Bogen def. Ted Jarrett 15-4
5-15 15-11

Gordy Gutzmann def. Brad Pass 15-5
15-4

Finals -

Gordy Gutzmann def. Roy Bogen
15-8 15-11

LADIES DOUBLES

Semi-Finals

Belmar Gunderson & Sandy Marien
def. Helen Burry and Penny Ridout
15-11 15-2

Barbara Horwitz & Jo Ann Eha def.
Diane Knudson and Dona Lange
15-8 15-7

Finals-

Barbara Horwitz & Jo Ann Eha def.
Belmar Gunderson and Sandy Marien
8-15 15-12 15-11

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-Finals

John Clark & Geo. Wheaton def.
John Rosenow & Gordy Gutzmann
6-15 15-6 15-10

Harold Krinkie & Will Krinkie def.
Ed Bakken & Roy Bogen 15-9 15-11

Finals -

John Clark & Geo. Wheaton won by
default (injury)

MIXED DOUBLES

Finals -

Helen Burry & John Clark def. Jo
Ann Eha & Harold Krinkie
8-15 15-6 17-14

SEMANA NAUTICA

Santa Barbara, Calif., July 3-4, 1965
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT (A)

LS Janice De Zort def. Beulah Armendariz 11-3, 11-5

MS Stan Hales def. Roy Park Jr. 15-6, 15-2

LD J. De Zort-D. Moore def. M. Breckell-J. Pons (scores n.a.)

MD B. Berry-D. Paup def. S. Hales-R. Park (scores n.a.)

MxD P. Loaharanu-H. Tibbetts def. D. Paup-J. Pons 15-7, 15-4

SrMxD L. Calvert-J. Pons def. W. Kinnear-H. Tibbetts 15-12, 17-16

A CONSOLATION FLIGHT

LS Diane Moore def. Mary McMurray 11-4, 11-9

MS Dick van Praag def. Roy Short 15-2, 15-8

LD J. Adamos-S. Vening def. J. Hilton-Marmie 15-3, 15-8

MD C. Randolph-D. vanPraag def. B. Judy-Laidlaw 15-12, 15-10

MxD B. Berry-M. McMurray def. D. vanPraag-A. Leong 15-10, 15-7

SrMxD D. Warnock-V. Lyon def. Luevano-M. Auxier 15-13, 15-6

B FLIGHT

LS Susan Vening def. Gloria Page 11-7, 11-4

MS Gary Sager def. Roy Short 15-0, 15-1

LD D. Chulajata-R. Chulajata def. A. Leong-G. Page 8-15, 15-6, 18-13

MD Gerzine-Nowells def. B. Judy-Laidlaw (scores n.a.)

MxD B. Johnstone-J. Adamos def. W. Lyon-G. Page 15-9, 15-12

B CONSOLATION FLIGHT

LS L. Katz def. R. Richards 11-3, 11-2

MS B. Gerzine def. B. Gibbons 18-14, 15-10

LD Katz-Buchanan def. Baumann-Krause 7-15, 15-7, 15-12

MD Rawak-West def. Ogata-Nelson 15-13, 15-3

MxD Hodgkins-M. Auxier def. J. Aguilar-Miller 15-10, 15-11

**SAM HOUSTON STATE TEACHERS
COLLEGE OPEN
March 27, 1965**

LS R. Kimball def. J. Flint 11-6, 8-11, 11-5

MS T. Wilson def. E. Stuart 15-4, 15-5

LD Scott & Kimball def. Flint & Hinton 15-11, 15-3

MD Tomlinson & Wilson def. Izen Sr. & Phillips 21-8, 21-8

MxD Stuart & Scott def. King. & Wilson 15-11, 15-12

**MIDDLE ATLANTIC
March 12-14, 1965**

LS D. O'Neil def. D. First 11-5, 11-2

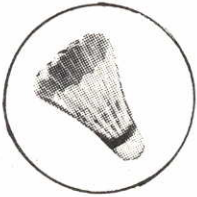
MS D. Gorman def. S. Hales 15-7, 15-0

LD D. O'Neil & D. First def. A. Rutledge & C. Dryden 15-2, 15-13

MD D. Gorman & D. Ball def. S & A Hales 15-5, 15-8

MxD D. Ball & D. O'Neil def. D. Gorman & C. Dryden 15-8, 15-11

SMD T. & W. Parsons def. J. Cornel & W. Vaniver 15-2, 15-12



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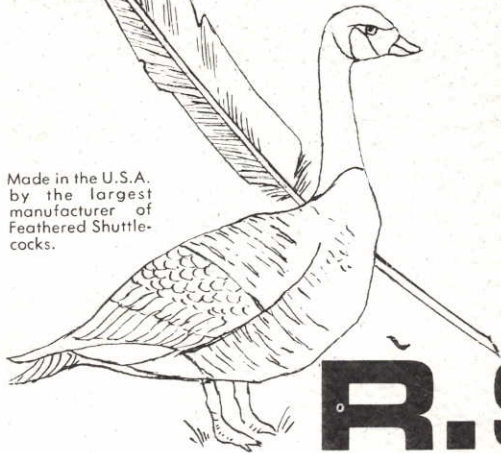
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