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When I went into the Post Office to apply for a transfer of the 2nd class mailing permit for Bird Chatter from Dover to Owings Mills, the first thing the Postmaster asked me was, "Is your mail all zip-coded?" Well, thanks to Al Laubinger's efforts it was and I quickly surmounted that hurdle. After December 31, 1966, 2nd class mail will not be handled AT ALL unless every address is zip-coded and so I want to make a very strong appeal to all of you, when you send in your subscription or your Club's list please be SURE that the zip-codes are there and that they are correct.

Its quite an experience mailing a 2nd class periodical, interesting, but quite a job if you're a novice. Because we rushed the first issue out to avoid the Christmas mail the addressograph plates were not available, and we used addressed labels which the printer stuck on and then, with the magazine bundled for each state, he jogged out to the Owings Mills P. O. --- within 20 minutes he was at my house and I had 1500 copies of Bird Chatter and a whole heap of P. O. bags on my living-room floor -- the day before Thanksgiving!

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After 13 hours work we returned the bags of mail to the P. O. and with a sigh of relief left the Postmaster to work out the price of mailing, which varies from issue to issue, according to the percentage of advertising in the magazine.

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RED CHINA MEETS THE WESTERN WORLD

An excerpt from the "Danish Badminton Magazine" translated by Hans Rogind for BIRD CHATTER

Ten small Chinese Badminton players came to Denmark in September and shook to pieces the rock fast belief that Denmark was among the leading Badminton champs of the world.

The Red Chinese invaded the Danish halls and beat, night after night, the whole Danish elite including a world champ and other world ranking players.

The Chinese have never been on any ranking list. They recently came out from under the bamboo curtain to show what they had learned in the few years they had played Badminton in China.

And they did show that they had learned enough to whip all of the Western World's understanding of who is best with the feather bird. The Danes did not get a leg on the ground or get any birds on their opponents courts, either. The Chinese won every game and even gave the top players, Erland Kops and Ulla Strand, what is called an egg, in other words a 0.

THE CHINESE WAY

It was democratic on the go when the Chinese drove up in front of the various Badminton halls.

Flanked with local living ambassadors, and various leaders on the tour, they marched in neat, straight lines into the locker rooms.

Three young girls and five young men were somewhat dressed the same way, all with long white pants and very big overcoats. In their hands they carried the same type of brown suitcase with equipment and also containing white cotton shorts and shirts and dark red warm-up suits with white stripes.

"At least they are not very smart-

ly dressed," said one of the top Danish players when the Chinese first made their appearance in the Western Badminton world.

A couple of minutes later when the first Danish birds were like dead stones on their court side, the Danes were more willing to look away from the fact that the Chinese had not invented the latest fashion in the Badminton world.

What they had invented, however, was a whole new series of ways in which they could kill the bird and also reach birds which the Danes had figured never to see again.

They had, among other things, a funny way to deceive their drop shots. The Danes would stand far back on the court awaiting a long, hard smash and suddenly from out of nowhere, the Chinese would sneak the bird over the net with a complete surprise shot.

The Danes didn't have an earthly chance to get there and pick it up; but, on the other hand, if the Danish players dealt with similar deceptive drop shots, they experienced, time after time, that the Chinese would be way down in the corner and suddenly pick up their drop shots.

UNTIREN CHINESE:

DRIPPING DANES

All of the matches ran off somewhat in the same manner. Single or in pairs, the Danes were defeated. Everytime before a match started, the small black-haired people put a pin in their opponents sweater, smiled, shook hands, and bowed while the audience applauded.

But that was the extent of their smiles. Then the game started. The Chinese seemed quite untouched by their efforts. They never lost their wind and didn't perspire even at the end of the game. They could actually step right into the commercial as a human being who had solved the per-

spiration problems and made life successful.

With the Danes it was a different story. They bulldozed and jumped around and got more and more out of wind, white and red in the face, and mad over their helplessness which they often openly showed by calling themselves the worst of names. From time to time they were sitting flat on the floor when they lost their balance after a hunt for the bird.

They were bumping and making altogether much too much noise compared to the people from the Far East.

The audience of local living or brought Chinese people smiled quietly and politely at such occasions. No doubt they thought that they were among nice and funny, even somewhat primitive, people.

THE DANES STROKES WERE FILMED

What is a sports game in the country if it is not followed by an hour of explanation? We could, for instance, mention that the 8 or 10 Chinese players were picked from a race of over 700 million and Denmark's from about 4 million.

We could also cry that the Chinese players all had a type of work which coincided with their training. They are more or less a kind of physical education teach with gymnastics as a major.

However, they are not really 100 per cent professionals because they are brought together after amateur competitions from the whole country of Red China and in their daily lives there are 100 or even sometimes a thousand miles between the team members.

And what makes them so much better than the western players is not only better training but the system or the way by which they train.

The Danish stroke is as accurate as the Chinese and in the hour of de-

feat, our players could at least console themselves with this fact. Every-one of the Danish strokes were filmed, diagrams were drawn, and reports of technique, location of players, etc., were filmed.

After all, the Chinese were inter-ested in the style. When the Chi-nese are going home, they will be able to study why they had to give their opponents some points.

EXERCISE NO DANE KNOWS ABOUT

The Danes must have learned quite a bit, too. Among other things, what happened during the matches didn't seem to be half as interesting as what went on while the Chinese waited to get on the court.

At Badminton occasions, the Dane will sit with his friends in thin dress-es or Badminton clothes and watch the games.

But the Chinese are not that way. They warm up from the moment they put their feet in the hall and do it with a series of exercises no Dane has ever seen before.

In Denmark more sports players will do their warm up on the courts. From time to time some will take a little extra exercise to condition and develop muscle tone and wind but it is usually more a side affair and it does not interest the management to any higher degree.

As an example, the ladies in Dan-ish Badminton probably never get any training of this kind. The men usually are given only supervised condition-ing before international matches. But even for the men it goes that condi-tional training will give power and stamina, but definitely not the cat-like agility the Chinese have attained. Many of our best players, both men and women, are actually so used to and set in the common training pro-grams that they would be unable to do even the most elementary gymnastic exercises. They are, consequently,

plagued with muscle twists, sore backs, stiff necks, sore shoulders, or pains in the joints.

And this is peculiar enough not to be taken as any symbol that anything is wrong in the training program but is just taken as a resulting conse-quence of being a top player.

When the badminton people meet in the dressing rooms before matches, it can often sound like the reports of a bunch of sick old men from a hospital.

All these problems never seemed to worry the Chinese. They are not only strong and as durable as our best players, they are also as light and flexible as ballet dancers and, con-sequently, lightning fast on the court. They will practice in every single spare moment between fights to use this suppleness to further their game.

It isn't just enough that one, for instance, can do the splits to catch a bird if one can't immediately change from this position and take off to catch a bird on the other end of the end of the court.

EVEN THE HANDS ARE COVERED DURING TRAINING

Therefore, the Chinese looked like all their joints were put together with rubber bands while the Danes looked more like they were put together with ropes and chains.

The Chinese have also found out about another important thing. And that is, it is too expensive to warm up during the game, especially if they have spent sometime in an ice cold hall with only shorts or bare arms. Many of them even used skin gloves when they practiced and rested.

It was an educational visit, one in every aspect which warns that other sports can expect similar surprises when groups of small, friendly Chi-nese will come pouring out from under the bamboo curtain to play ball or play any other sports game with the

tops of the Western world.

Leaders of other sports could with great benefit have watched the games on the courts and outside, because the defeat of the Danes in Badminton is of their concern, too.

The Chinese visit was very good to learn from; and, if we today ask members of the defeated players of their feeling after the Chinese visit, most of them did not seem to worry over the defeat itself but more over the whole experience.

The Chinese players were disci-plined and polite just as they looked when they marched in line into the games. They were also happy, smil-ing, and interested and were complete-ly honest in their happiness over the friendship which arose between them and the Danish sports people.

Three matches were played in Den-mark. One was in Horseholm in a club outside of Copenhagen and several of the top players participated although not all of them in fairness because many had not started the season.

Another match was played in Aar-hus in Judland where some of the local talents participated against the Chinese.

A third game played in Elsinore had Ulla Strand and Karen Jorgensen as the top elite players.

Although the Chinese are fantasti-cally strong in singles it did occur that one could speak to them in the doubles. Maybe with a little more luck and season training behind them, Er-land Kops and Carsten Morild could at least have taken a set in their doub-les.

In Aarhus the big portion of the gate no doubt came to see Erland Kops get revenge. He met there the strongest of the Chinese, Tan Hsien-hu, which actually didn't leave him a chance and among other things gave Erland his first egg. There was, as a

matter of fact, nothing for Erland to pick up, but with the ambition we know he has, we would wish that he would get the possibility for revenge at a time when he is in top shape and among other things, his endurance then should help him.

The reason we believe this is, that after the matches were over, we asked the Chinese if they would play a match between two of their best (so we at least could see one Chinese defeat) but this was turned down and the reason was said to be tiredness.

The question is can the Chinese do as well in long and grueling matches? But this question may not be answered for sometime to come.

The two champs, Ulla and Karen, were closest to the Chinese class when they played a long and grueling three set match in Elsinore which with a little more training could have been theirs.

It is an easy thought that probably no other nation will be able to stop the Chinese players from winning both the Thomas and Uber Cup if their country were a member of the I.B.F. However, as the I.B.F. has accepted Formosa, China with approximately one thousand players as members, it is hardly possible that Red China with more than one million players will seek a membership.

It was simply a tremendous experience to see and meet these top trained players and to learn from them, and we are sure, with the usual Danish phlegm, these slaps on the chin which they received are not going to make it a national catastrophe for them.

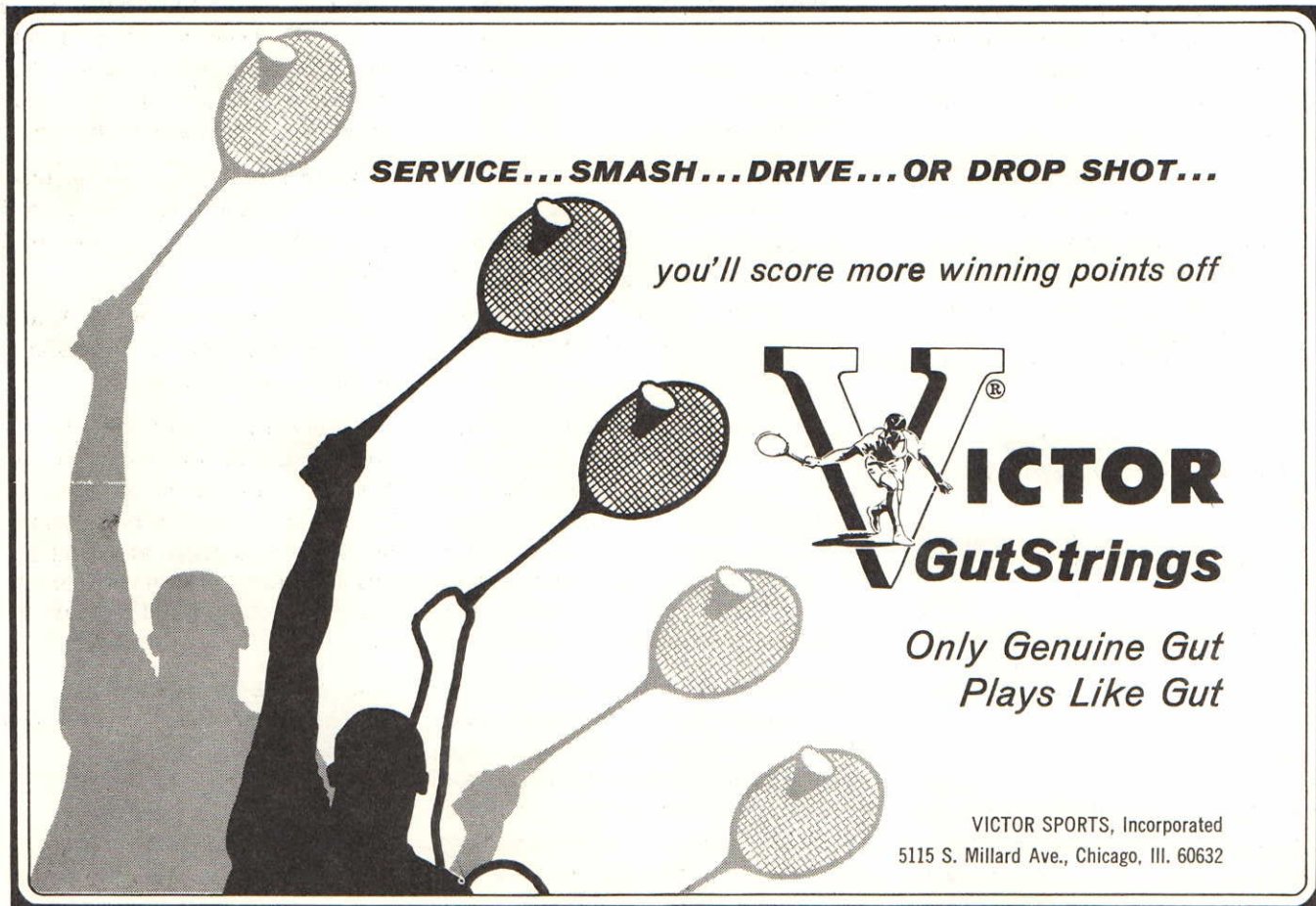
However, it has given them a warning and if they hope to be around in the absolute top, players as well as the management will have to take a new and hard look at themselves and maybe even start all over from scratch.

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Some Matters of Passing Interest

Congratulations to the new Mexican Champion. We understand that Dot O'Neil won the Singles title with a win over Jan Dezort who had vanquished Tyna Barinaga in the semis in three games, while Dot had her hands full too, defeating the Mexican, Carolina Allier. Tyna and Helen Tibbetts won the Doubles, their 4th consecutive win this season (their 5th and most recent in the Western States) with an easy win over Dot and Jan. Channerong Ratanasaengsuang failed once more to down the World Champ Erland Kops, tho he put up a good battle, Channerong then won the Men's Doubles with Paisan Loaharanu and the Mixed Doubles with Helen Tibbetts.

From John S. Dart, who is a reporter for United Press International, that Badminton is gaining in popularity in the Soviet Union. He quotes from the August issue of Sportivniye (Sports and Games): "In the country there are now about 5.6 million volleyball players, 3 million soccer players, 2.9 in basketball, 2.2 million in table tennis, 695,000 in gorodki (described as a game played by striking an erection of blocks with a stick), 547,000 in hockey and 527 in handball. The youngest sport—badminton—has already surpassed tennis and left water-polo far behind. Badminton players now outnumber water polo players 6 to 1".

In the same issue is a 675 word article on the forehand smash by Oleg Markov, a member of the presidium of the USSR Badminton Federation. He included a three photo sequence of Nikolai Peshekhonov and a 5 photo sequence of Nikolai Sokolov executing in-the-air forehand smashes. Anyone who would be interested in getting some translations from Soviet Sports magazines has only to get in touch with John S. Dart, 6860 DeLongpre #4, Hollywood, Calif. 90028. He

is anxious to practice his Russian at a very nominal fee.

The silver salver presented to the Dublin Badminton Club by the European Touring Players of 1963 has been presented as a trophy for the Inter-city Championships of Leinster. All those players who so enjoyed the Dublin match and subsequent hospitality will follow its progress with interest and hope that it may, from time to time, come to rest again in the city from whence it started.

An identical salver, presented to the Wimbledon Badminton and Squash Club, was presented as a trophy for an annual Mixed Doubles Tournament among players who would not qualify for the larger tournaments. We hear that it was first won by a pair who played against the Americans in 1963, but we did not hear their names, or who won it last year.

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The International and National News Scene

by Jack van Praag, Chairman, National Badminton News Committee

Just received from India is the magnificent 152 page slick paper program printed in connection with the Presidency State Ranking Badminton Tournament. This annual tournament is sponsored by the very fine youth organization, Mitalir Baithak at Calcutta. It is a five day tournament and attracts leading players from all parts of India. Under the capable management of Sri Ajoy Kumar Bhowse this Tournament has grown to its present high degree of perfection. Through his great efforts the Souvenir program has kept pace and is now the finest thing of its kind to our knowledge.

We also wish to extend our gratitude to the United States Information Service at Calcutta and at Washington for their whole-hearted co-operation and their continued support in the cementing of this close relationship between the United States and India.

Committee Member, Dr. John Poong, who has been our principal source of information about Asian Badminton activity, has just supplied a batch of clippings from the Singapore Straits Times telling of the rise of a new Malaysian bright Badminton star on the horizon. At nineteen, the Penang schoolboy was the first Malaysian in eight years to reach the finals of the 1965 All-England mens' singles where he lost a very close match to Erland Kops 15-13, 15-12. Tan Aik Huang has just retained his Penang title when he defeated his Selangor challenger Khor Cheng Chye. Teaming with our old friend, Eddy Choong, he won the mens' doubles title in three games against Cheng Chye and Lee Guan Chng. Eddy Choong and Rosalind Ang beat Teh Kew San and Ng Mei Ling 15-6, 5-15, 15-12 in the mixed doubles. Although he is only 20 years old. Aik Huang has repre-

sented Malaysia three times in Thomas Cup matches and a bright future is predicted for him.

Correspondence and press clippings from Margaret Barrand in England reveal that she has received a most unique distinction from the City of Stoke-on-Trent where she resides with her husband, Rev. G. William Barrand, and young daughter, Rebecca, Louise. She was presented with one of the special plaques, which they present from time to time in acknowledgment of some special service or distinction. The engraving on it reads—"Presented to Mrs. Margaret Barrand of this City in Recognition of Her Achievements in the Sport of Badminton". We are indebted to the Lancashire County Badminton Association Newsletter for the above information.

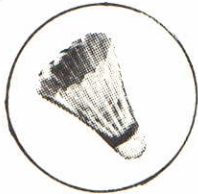
NATIONAL NEWS SCENE

One of the most gratifying tasks performed by us is the processing of a great number of requests for information received from many individuals from all parts of the country as well as overseas. The greatest number of requests come from students and physical education majors in high schools and colleges. Just to name a few of the educational institutions represented—Hunter College of the City University of New York, Valdosta State College, (Georgia), Adelphi University, (Long Island), Inter-American University (San German, Puerto Rico), State of Ohio Department of Education, Ursuline Academy, (Bethesda, Maryland), North Central College, (Naperville, Illinois), University of North Dakota, South Carolina State College, Carthage College (Kenosha, Wisconsin), Southwest Texas State College (San Marco, Texas), Gulf Coast Junior College

(Panama City, Florida), West Virginia University, University of California at Los Angeles to name but a few of the schools represented. In addition to our Navy Department and U. S. Air Force requests for information were also received from England, Wales, Canada, Mexico, Venezuela and Peru. While the replying to the literally hundreds of requests that are received is time consuming the satisfaction derived from the knowledge that all these people are interested in our favorite sport and are potential ambassadors of good will is ample compensation for the time and effort expended.

An increasing number of Sports Publications, Almanacs, Yearbooks and Encyclopedia are listing Badminton results, current champions and reference material as a result of wider publicity being given Badminton and active contacts we maintain with the editors of the various publications. This is indeed gratifying. While we still have a long way to go to gain increased recognition as an important sport it is an indication that we are not standing still. Another very important factor in building interest in Badminton activities is the publication of a number of Badminton Association Newsletters. Noteworthy are those printed by the Midwest, Rhode Island and Southern California Badminton Associations.

Anyone interested in obtaining copies of these Newsletters should write to Gloria Eli, 6303 Linden Road, Swartz Creek, Mich. 48473; to Mrs. Virginia Mosdale, 460 Spencer St., Glendale, Calif. 91202 and to Dorothy Brightman, 17 N. Country Club Dr., Warwick, R. I. A small contribution towards mailing and publishing costs would undoubtedly be welcome.



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AND LEALAND R. GUSTAVSON, nationally known artist and author of the article on badminton in the Encyclopedia Britannica, has won many championships. In addition to lecturing, giving exhibitions and conducting badminton clinics, he has been active in the organization of the sport in New England, and served as the first A.B.A. Junior Committee Chairman.

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13th U.S. OPEN AMATEUR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hillary Waugh, Publicity Chairman

Plans are already well under way to make the 13th National Open Badminton Championships, to be held in New Britain, Connecticut, April 6-9, the best ever. Connecticut is hosting the tournament for the first time and the committee, under the chairmanship of Harold Smith, is going all out to make the event a memorable one for all involved.

One of the special attractions of the tournament itself will be a full compliment of senior events. This means senior men's singles as well as men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed.

Other attractions will be many and varied and not the least of them is the site. Play will be held in the new \$2,600,000 Harrison J. Kaiser Gymnasium on the campus of Central Connecticut State College in New Britain, which gym, says Smitty, houses 12 of the finest badminton courts he's ever seen. If that isn't enough, directly across the hall from the courts lies a new Olympic size swimming pool which will also be available to the players, so bring your bathing suits. Players may also take advantage of the Student Union a block away which offers lounging facilities. Food will be available either there or at the gym.

A debt of gratitude is owed to Dr. Herbert D. Welte, President of CCSC and to Dr. William M. Moore, Director of Athletics who have made all this available to the Connecticut Badminton Association through Coach Hank Majlinger whose interest in badminton has helped promote this tournament as it has created a badminton team at CCSC. Coach Majlinger will be the college's representative at the tournament.

For hotel facilities, the new and modern Hotel America in Hartford has been chosen. Located on Constitution

Plaza, considered one of the finest plazas in the world, the America offers quick access to the thruway, reduced room rates to those reserving through the tournament committee, and nightly dancing in the Rendezvous Room. Public transportation to CCSC is one block away and for those who want to shop, the famous G. Fox Department Store and Hartford's finest speciality shops all lie within an area of one or two blocks. On Tuesday evening, April 5, a free cocktail party for the players will be held in the hotel. The time of this will be announced later.

As for the play itself, the executive committee is right now in the process of securing the top badminton players in the world, far and near. Besides those in this country they include Judy Hashman of England, Sue Peard of Ireland and Denmark's Erlend Kopps. Also last year's ladies' doubles champs Jennie Pritchard and Margaret Barrand of England and men's doubles champs Tony Jordan of England and Bob McCoig of Scotland. The committee is also trying to arrange for the presence of the Malaysian players Tan Aik Huang, Tan Yee Khan, Yew Cheng Hoe, Ng Seow Meng and Ng Boon Bee as well as Canadian singles champ Wayne MacDonnell and other top ranked foreign stars.

Television also enters the picture and there will be local TV coverage of actual matches. Efforts are also being made to interest networks in taping them for sports programs on a national basis.

Chairman Smith says the committee has other recreational plans up its sleeve if there is sufficient interest. These include a tour of the state Capitol, a tour of Hartford's TV station and, if enough people call for it, a boat ride down the Connecticut

River.

In the Hat's Off department, much must be said about the Y's Men's Club of the New Britain YMCA who are co-sponsors of the tournament with the Connecticut Badminton Association. President Bill Pasco, V.P. Kal London, Secretary William Scranton, Treasurer Julian Chapman, Sergeant-at-Arms Ray Ruta and the whole club are hard at work on the promotion end. So also is New Britain's recreation director, Robert Donnelly, whose reputation is well known in this area. Donnelly and the Y's Men's Club were sought out by the tournament committee due to their interest and reputation in the field of sports and they have responded with a will.

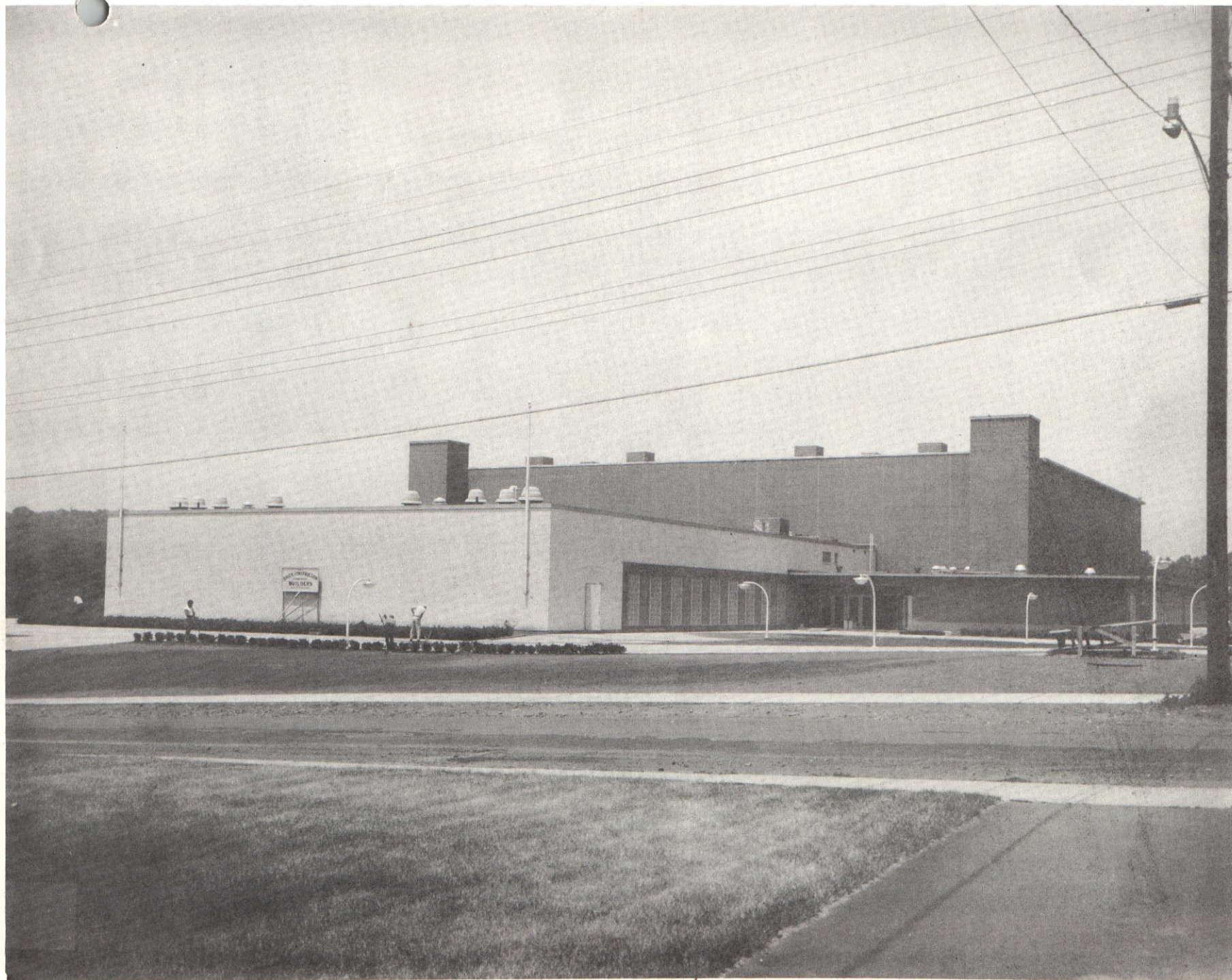
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This is the picture of the Constitutional Plaza, Hartford, Conn., with Hotel America, 10 story hotel (white building in center background). Hotel America will be 13th Open Headquarters. Constitutional Plaza is considered the finest and most beautiful in the country.

Midwest Uber Cup Preliminary Tryouts



Front Row: (All four are Juniors)
Pam Stockton (Mott), Pat Ling (Westwood), Polly Stockton (Mott), and Kathy Kennedy (Mott).

Second Row: Jean Richardson (Grosse Pointe), Joan Kilburn (Flint), Thelma Burdick (Chicago), Margaret Werle (Chicago), and Betty Obara (Miami Valley).

Third Row: Astrid Bowling (Grosse Pointe), Evelyn Stockton (Mott), Mary LaVoie (Flint), Delphine Bedford (Grosse Pointe), and Sylvia Owens (Birmingham).

Back Row: Gloria Eli (Flint), Doris Henderson (Chicago), Millie Buck (Chicago), Vivian Rundell (Flint), and Betty Draper (Flint).

In keeping with the course of action the National Chairman of the Uber Cup Committee has suggested, the Midwest Association started its program to organize a Uber Cup Squad in our area.

The first preliminary tryout was held December 4th in Flint, Michigan. These first tryouts were open to any woman in the Association. The Flint Badminton Club sponsored the days play and furnished the birds. The Flint gals who participated furnished a hot buffet dinner to all participants and spectators. My thanks goes to all of them for their contribution to make this first endeavor a complete success. Special thanks goes to Cletus Eli who kept the courts full and kept track of who played who and the winners.

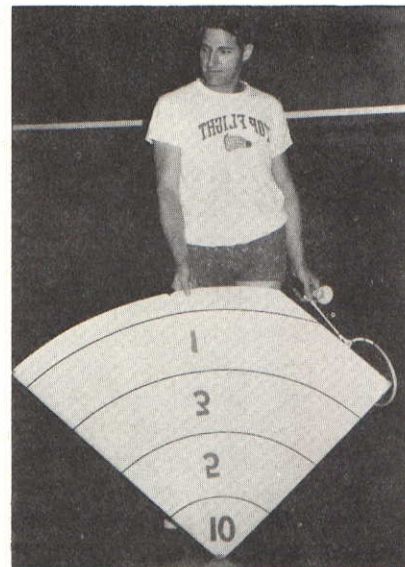
The 19 ladies pictured played ladies doubles in round-robin fashion of one game of 15 points each with no sets. Each time a participant played she was with three different players than her previous match. A total of 41

games were played and nearly all of them were hard fought to scores of 15-14. Play started at noon on Saturday and continued until 4:30 with an hour for supper then back on the courts until 8:00 P.M. The men spectators were convinced that this type of play would be a great asset for improving play generally through-out the Midwest for both men and women. The players were convinced this was a great way to acquire new blisters and everyone collapsed on the floor to repair same.

All but six of our Midwest Ranked ladies participated in this first competition (one of the six has since moved out of our area and another is an expectant mother so really only four missed the day of play) and we hope to hold another in the near future for only the ranked players, to step up the pace of play and give these four another opportunity to participate.

GLORIA ELI

FROM THE TOP FLIGHT BADMINTON CLUB OF OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE



S/Sgt. Gerald Freund, momentarily distracted by two other Top Flighters volleying a shuttlecock over his head, holds the scoring Bulls-eye, an innovation of the Club and a part of the annual Club tourney each year. In this contest the bull's-eye is laid in each corner of the serving court placed so that the point containing the score of 10 is in each corner next to front court service lines and the two singles back court corners. To make this test more realistic, on the Singles serve to the back singles court, another player will stand between the server, three feet back from the inside service line, forcing a high serve to the back court. All singles players must learn this serve to become proficient players. Serves which are in reach of the obstructing player, without leaving his feet, will be knocked down. This contest pointed up some dramatic serving deficiencies last year and is largely responsible for considerable improvement in this area. Although a score of 90 points is possible, Top Flighters have not exceeded 35 points to date.

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Flying Feathers

Congratulations to Ogreta Stekoll who has received her Master's degree after devoting summers to it....The Houston Post informed us that Emma Lou Scott has been teaching canoeing at a summer camp....Carl Scanlan was featured in the press when he reached his 81st birthday recently... Sid Nachlas has recently won the Houston City Championships - tennis that is....John Freeman's son, Jim, is in Honduras, along with other young people, helping with the vaccination program there....the Joe Izens vacationed in Mexico, traveling in their own bus....the Space Center has brought several new members to the Houston B.C., Wayne Wray coming from Oklahoma, Dwain Ingram from Baylor U. and Al Smith with North American from California....back in the fold after several years absence is Jack Richberg, Houston's theater row photographer par excellence!... Stan Hales trod hospital corridors with brother Alfred waiting for Andrew Stanton Hales who arrived on October 13th....We hear that Al and Ginny will be returning to So. California before too long....Glendale Park & Rec. Dept. are establishing a 40 week Jr. Badminton program....Ken Ferris National 18 and under champion is playing at the Badminton Club of the District of Columbia and attending George Washington University in the National Capital....Clay Norment, President-elect of the D.C. B.C. is on U.S. government assignment in Germany for the next 2 years. The assignment came somewhat as a surprise to Clay who had returned from overseas duty in Japan in 1963.Robert and Sharon Pritula, former National Junior Champions, are in their sophomore year at the University of Michigan....Bob, who is majoring in business, has been practicing tennis daily as a member of the

University tennis team....Sharon has just won a "Make it yourself with wool" contest in Manchester, Michigan....Jim Pritula, last year's 15 and under champion was defeated in the early rounds of the National Junior Indoor Tennis Championships held in St. Louis, Mo. in November. Jim and his sister Susan will play in the Orange Bowl Junior Tennis Championships in Miami Beach, Fla. during the week of the Christmas holidays....George LeFranc, former Midwest Junior Champion and ranking National Junior, is a member of the Armed Forces Overseas and has recently competed in badminton tournaments in Scotland, England and Germany....Henry Majlinger, with his wife, Terry, and their two daughters took a fifteen day cruise in mid-December aboard the luxury liner "Victoria"....Belated, but none the less sincere congratulations to our June brides....to Cynthia, daughter of Mrs. E. T. Dryden of Baltimore who was married to William Kelly of Donegal, Ireland on June 12th at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart. Cynthia was reading for a graduate course at Boston College where Liam was the Librarian. Joan Sullivan was Cynthia's maid of honor. They are now living in Baltimore where Liam is teaching at the Boys Latin School and Cynthia is an analyst at Social Security....also to Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Beuermann who was also married on the 12th at the Aldersgate Methodist Church, to Wayne Norval....and to Diana Allison, daughter of Justice Allison Walsh and Mrs. Walsh who was married to Jack Lockwood at the First Baptist Church in Hampstead, Quebec, with a reception at the Montreal Badminton and Squash Club... and lastly our congratulations and best wishes to Sharon, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Russell Riggs, who was married on June 14th to Lieutenant Chester Baffa of the United States Air Force, at Grace Episcopal Church, Wilmington.

....Thelma Welcome is enjoying an absolutely beautiful granddaughter, nearly a year old....Marie Ussing Nylen (ex All England Champ.) has another son, Thomas Henry—born the Sunday before Thanksgiving.... Clay and Nancy Norment, the parents of four girls have added a boy to the family, Clarence Forbes, born Nov. 13th in Germany....In the English National Mrs. Jenny Horton injured her achilles tendon in the first round of her singles, which may keep her out of the Uber Cup Tie against the Netherlands on December 29th.... We hear that Maurice Robinson is shortly going to Canada on a coaching tour. It is possible that he may make similar arrangements with Nancy Lawson of the Birmingham Badminton Club and if anyone is interested they could contact Nancy and find out the details. We understand that he gives a rewarding and entertaining course. He is just back from a similar tour through New Zealand and Australia.In Medical School of Indonesia at Djakarta, Tan Joe Hok plans to be married Dec. 19th to a member of the Indonesian Uber Cup Team and will honeymoon in the Philippines, Bangkok and Hong Kong.

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The first Uber Cup Tie in the European Zone in the current contest was played on November 30 in Belfast, between Ireland and Scotland. The general prediction was that it would be close with a lot depending on the form of the players of both teams on the night. Maureen Perry of Ireland and Mary Thompson of Scotland were the youngsters of the teams and had not played in the Uber Cup Tie between the two countries in Edinburgh three years ago. As luck would have it they played each other in the third singles position. This was a most unusual, and nerve-wracking match. Maureen won the first game and led 9-6 in the second when "Uber Cup nerves" completely shattered her serve. She lost the game 9-11 and, playing extremely well in the rallies, but almost unable to keep her serve in the court, somehow managed to take the third game 11-4.

Scotland's Muriel Ferguson played very steadily to beat Mary Bryan, and the fact that Muriel is at present living in London and playing a tournament every week showed up in her consistency and lack of unforced errors. In the #2 slot Ireland's Yvonne Kelly beat a not fully fit Mrs. William Reid 11-6, 11-4. The first doubles on court was Mrs. Sue Peard and Mrs. Lena McAleese of Ireland versus Mur-

iel Ferguson and Mary Thompson. Three long games eventually leveled the score to 2 all. The Scots superior net rushing on the serve gave them the edge.

Mary Bryan and Yvonne Kelly battled Cathy Dunglison and Wilma Reid, the 1961 All England runners-up, to a three game Irish victory, but not before Mrs. Reid was obviously feeling the effects of the cold courts and the punishment she was taking from the Irish girls.

Peard-McAleese vs Dunglison-Reid was the decider. The home team continued to pick on Mrs. Reid, whenever her partner allowed them, and it was during this match that an unfortunate injury took place. At 10-all in the second game, Ireland having won the first, Mrs. Reid got a cramp in her right leg. She was able to continue but 2 points later her left leg also got cramped and Scotland was forced to concede that match and the Tie. This assured Ireland of a match against the England-Netherlands winner in February. In retrospect, it would seem that Scotland erred in playing Mrs. Reid in three matches. She was not in condition but would possibly have won two doubles if she had played the Singles. In Uber Cup play a good doubles pair can make two points, while the best of singles players can only make one.

The usual excellent entry and fantastic crowds marked this year's Northern Championships at Birkenhead, Cheshire, England in November. Four Danish players were brought over from Denmark, the usual compliment of Scottish players traveled south, England's top players were there, with the exception of Ursula Smith and Angela Bairstow who were in India. The U.S. was represented by Judy Hashman, New Zealand by Sonia Cox and Ireland by Sue Peard.

Sven Andersen, a 19 year old Dane who is giving Erland Kops some trouble in Danish tournaments, won the Mens' Singles. He defeated Colin Beacom, England's No. 2 man in the quarter finals; a very promising young Englishman, Paul Whetnall in the semis; and the top English player, Roger Mills, in two games in the finals.

Judy Hashman won the ladies singles for the fourth time. Her final round encounter was against Sonia Cox, whom she beat 11-0, 11-4. Judy seems very much back in form. No more than 5 points were scored against her in any round.

The men's doubles finished in a walk-over for Tony Jordan and Bob McCoig, the defending champions and current U.S. National Champs. They were one game all with Denmark's Poul Eric Nielsen and 6 ft. 5 ins. Per Walsoe when Nielsen was forced to retire with a shoulder injury.

The ladies doubles went to Judy Hashman and Sue Peard for the fourth year. The finals was a repeat of the U.S. 1965 Nationals, except that "the Devlin Sisters" came out the winners, after a very long and exciting match with Mrs. Jenny (Pritchard) Horton and Mrs. Margaret Barrand of England.

The Mixed Doubles was also a 1965 Nationals repeat. Jordan and Mrs. Horton defeating McCoig and Margaret Barrand in an uninspiring match.

In Belfast where the 6 courts of the McCallum Hall are bulging with players from noon until 10 P.M., there are 40 schools playing in the Schools League.

THE UBER CUP FUND CAN
USE ALL KINDS OF STAMPS.

NEW UBER CUP SQUAD MEMBERS



Helen Tibbetts Rosine Jones Abbie Rutledge

Three names have been added to the Uber Cup Squad, names that have appeared many times in tournaments. After the Atlantic Coast doubles in Wilmington, Dec. 4-5, the names of the 2 top players were added — Rosine Jones and Abbie Rutledge. After twice defeating Pons-Breckell and Alston-Haase with Tyna Barinaga as partner, Helen Tibbetts' name has also been added.

JUNIOR UBER CUP TEAM

Stan Hales

The United States Uber Cup Committee is becoming painfully aware of a large gap in our supply of top woman players. Efforts to choose the Squad and Team for this year's competition find the likely members coming with few exceptions from two distinct groups: the 18 and Under Junior Girls and those seasoned players over 25. And such has the problem been for many years. Although some of the country's best players are now in the younger bracket, past experience suggests that they will soon magically disappear when they pass 18. Even if they again enter competition five years later, they will have lost the greatest chances for improvement available during those years. Our best players should ideally come from this presently void age group of players: girls just out of juniors, just reaching full strength, just benefiting fully from experience in top senior play, and, most important, just developing the hunger and competitive spirit needed for international victories. It seems quite clear that there have been too few, if any, incentives provided at this level to keep the strongest players in active competition. In particular, little has been done to encourage girls to make badminton an integral part of their college lives. As our editor puts it, "They drop out in droves!"

As a first step, the Junior Activi-

ties Committee proposes to name this year, for the first time, a Junior Uber Cup Squad, to consist of girls sixteen to twenty-one, representing in a balanced way the six major areas of badminton activity: Northwest, California, South, Midwest, Middle Atlantic, and New England. Members of the JAC will be asked to make nominations of players from their areas, using local tournament results and, if necessary, holding playoff matches. These nominations, along with results of the National Junior Championships, will be considered by the Committee in choosing the Squad. Those chosen will be awarded emblems and will be considered members of the Squad for the three years following selection, until the next Uber Cup competition. As special nominations arise, the JAC may name additional members each year, especially following each season's play.

The reason for the three years "tenure" is clear. The Squad's activity will be planned for a three-year training period to ready the girls for tryouts and competition in the regular Uber Cup Competition. The goal of making the "big Team" will normally be presented to girls as they enter their last year of junior competition, and will carry through into their second year of college. Those not making the Uber Cup Team after three years will continue as members

of the Junior Uber Cup Squad, along with the newly named, younger members of that year. Each year of Uber Cup Competition, then, practically an entire new Squad will be named.

It is also partly in anticipation of international competition with similar Junior Squads from Canada and Mexico that this Squad is being created. Matches held in a certain area will draw the playing team from the Squad members in that area. This will facilitate holding a greater number of international matches, very few of which have ever taken place in North America. Further, Squad members will be encouraged to hold regular practice sessions with themselves and with regular Uber Cup Team members.

The problems in choosing U. S. Thomas Cup Teams are very similar to those listed above. Accordingly, analogous plans for a Junior Thomas Cup Squad will be initiated next year, during the regular activity regarding Thomas Cup competition. It is hoped that the three year appointments to these Squads will encourage our younger players to stick together, to attend colleges together or nearby, and to be continually fit and ready to represent the United States in international play. The team spirit and international experience thus developed will be invaluable when these players take the courts to defend or challenge for the famous Cups.

From Coast . . . to Coast

THE MARYLAND BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

The 1965-66 season is off to a good start, with all clubs open for action. The Baltimore Club has found a home, and is back in operation on three courts in the Maryland Racket Club, a beautiful new Club for Tennis, Swimming and Badminton in Owings Mills, John Randall is serving as President. The Homeland Club is open for play every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights and every other Monday evening.

The State 'C' Tournament has already been held, the State 'B' is the last week in January, the State 'A' in March and the Mason-Dixon, one of the largest tournaments on the East Coast, is scheduled for March 4, 5 & 6. All tournaments are scheduled for Gilman School Gym.

The first inter-city match took place on Dec. 12th when Baltimore defeated Philadelphia and the next one, with Wilmington, is scheduled for January.

THE CONNECTICUT BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Our early badminton season has been an active one. There have been two clinics one for men physical education instructors in charge of Darell MacFarland and the other for women high school physical instructors in charge of Rosemary McGuire.

Other events planned for the year are:—The Connecticut Open in January, the usual A, B, C and Junior Tournaments, an invitation tournament for junior girls, a number of exhibitions at various schools, and last but by no means least the 13th United States Amateur Championships on April 6, 7, 8 & 9.

THE MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION

A new team participation award has been purchased to replace one which has been missing for several years. This award is given to the club which amasses the greatest number of points in the "B", "C", and "D" tournaments during the year. The Maugus Club won the award last year.

Two new clubs have been added to the Association this year.

THE METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION

For the second successive year this Association will co-sponsor the Eastern Intercollegiate Badminton tournament at Queens College, Flushing, N. Y., March 25-26. Open to all college students. Last year there were more than 100 entries from 23 colleges. Abbie Rutledge played a leading role in organizing the meeting.

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION

A number of Southern Californians traveled to Mexico City for their 2nd Open International. As usual the Mexican hospitality was wonderful. All stayed at the Hotel Regis and were given temporary membership cards at the Centro Deportivo. The U.S. players presented a silver plaque which was awarded to the Mexican Junior showing the most promise. It was won by Lucero Soto.

THE MIDWEST ASSOCIATION

The Midwest Badminton Association, the largest association in the country with its 44 clubs, held their 2nd meeting in Detroit, Oct. 16th. Cletus Eli as President and Hans Rogind as Secretary-Treasurer have

held these posts the last 4 years, with Ron Buck as V.P. the last 3 years and Bob Petz taking over his post this season.

One major change occurred with the beginning of this season which might be of interest to other associations. We sent our request for club dues out during the summer in the hope that most clubs would respond with payments and their new officer roster before the season started. Twenty-three clubs have paid and the rest should follow suit shortly.

FROM OVER THE BORDER TO THE NORTH

Canada is looking forward to a great New Year in 1966. The badminton scene is one of great activity, particularly for the Ladies. Probably no other countries in the world have quite the problem that faces Canada and the United States. The magnitude of these countries is a boon most of the time, but trying to put two and two together to make up a team when thousands of miles separate the players, can be frustrating.

The Canadian Badminton Association is trying to overcome the space difficulty by organizing Provincial play. A Representative of the Association has been elected in each of the ten provinces. This representative will head a committee whose sole responsibility is to select and train all potential Uber Cup aspirants. If, by a certain fixed date, these aspirants have reached a required level of ability, they are subject to a more thorough training period. Otherwise, they are dropped at this initial stage.

Once all players in each Province have attained peak performance they will have the opportunity to compete on a national basis in the Open and

Closed Tournaments in Quebec. Final selection of the Uber Cup Team will be made officially at the conclusion of this Tournament.

Besides the Uber Cup, the 'Big One' for all countries this year, we have the U.S. Nationals looming large on the horizon. Our own Canadian takes place in March and after New Zealand comes the British Empire Games in August.

Local tournaments in the forthcoming months both sides of the Border, should see increased ladies entries. International play does provide added zest to any match and certainly more can be learned in one game with a stranger than in ten with a clubmate. Canada welcomes visitors from the United States to all her Open Tournaments and hopes for a big invasion in March for the "Canadian".

Doris L. Smith

Eastern Canada has already had three tournaments before Christmas, The Woodstock Invitational Doubles in which Jim Carnwath and Bruce Rollick defeated Ray Cornish and Bill Parks. The Ladies Doubles being won by Ethel Marshall and Bea Massman over Marj Shedd and Dorothy Tinline while the Mixed Doubles went to Marj Shedd and Jim Carnwath over Sharon Whittaker and Bruce Rollick.

The second tournament, with a very large entry was the annual Boulevard Invitational and was won by Sharon Whittaker over Jean Miller, Bruce Rollick over Ed Yablonski, Rollick and Carnwath over Jim Lynch and Yves Pare, Bev Chittick and Jean Miller over Joan Warren and Sharon Whittaker while the Mixed went to Nancy and Jim Lynch over Alice Woodhams and Bruce Rollick.

The third tournament was the Montreal M.A.A. with Daphne First winning the Ladies Singles over Dorothy Tinline. Jim Carnwath won the Men's Singles over Yves Pare, Bev Chittick and Jean Miller won the Ladies Doub-

NEWS OF THE JUNIORS

From our Junior Editor, Nancy Bender come articles from Juniors in England, New Zealand, and Denmark with news of our American Juniors in the next issue.



GILLIAN PERRIN ENGLAND

"The 2nd Welsh Junior Badminton Championships"

Many people found it strange that this tournament, dated 1964/65, should be played a week before the following season. It began on Friday evening, 24th September, with the singles, and continued all through Saturday with the doubles and five finals. A more notable absentee was Oon Chong Hau, who was unable to take sufficient time off from boarding school to attend.

The boy's singles went much as expected. In the semi-finals, Paul Whetnall beat Steve Shaw 5-15, 15-5, 15-1, and Keith Andrews beat Don Green 15-5, 15-5. The final was a well fought game, with Paul Whetnall coming through a clear winner 15-7, 15-7. This score does not reflect their many long rallies of high quality.

The girl's singles found a much improved Joanna Liddle who provided some surprises by unexpectedly dis-

les, Ed Yablonski and John Holehouse won the Men's Doubles while Pat Espley and Yves Pare won the Mixed.

posing of first seeded Lyn Veasey in three close games, then Pam Protheroe in two. In the finals, therefore, I felt I was lucky to beat her 11-3, 11-6. Joanna is now studying at the University of London, and has been accepted into the top grade session at the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club, so that her progress should continue at a fast rate.

Brian Jones was unable to arrive in time for the boy's singles, but made up for it by playing in the boy's and mixed doubles, winning them both. Jane Cohman and I had a tough struggle to win the girls' doubles when we beat Pam Protheroe and Lyn Veasy.

The whole atmosphere of the tournament was very friendly, with the Welsh girls teaching and correcting our pronunciation of Welsh names. It was played at an R.A.F. station near Cardiff, and because it was in part of a huge hall previously used as an aircraft hanger, the two rows of courts were divided by large canvas curtains. Altogether, it was a great success, and many congratulations must be given to all the organizers.

GLENYS STEEL NEW ZEALAND

"Juniors in New Zealand have every opportunity to improve their badminton through coaching, club play and of course tournaments. Juniors in this country begin playing from the age of eight, usually playing only once a week at a club where coaching is undertaken by top-grade coaches. This year we were particularly fortunate to have a visit by a top Malayan coach, Mr. Lau Teng Chuan, and he spent as much time as possible with the younger players.

The main tournament of the year is of course the New Zealand Championships which are held with the senior championships at the end of August.

This year, although the championships were held in Invercargill—the farthest city south, there was a record number of ninety-eight juniors competing. The tournament is arranged so as to give juniors as much play as possible. The tournament lasts from Tuesday until Saturday, and every morning except Saturday a Round-Robin tournament is held. This year because of the large numbers this was held as a doubles event. This event enables each team to have at least three games.

In the afternoons the championship events are held. As well as the Under 19 Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles, there is an Under 16 singles event for both girls and boys. In the evenings some of the top juniors compete in the senior events. All juniors are helped considerably by the New Zealand Federation, in that two-thirds of the surface fare is paid by the Federation and billets are found for all visiting juniors. These championships are held during the school holidays to enable as many as possible to attend.

Up until this year friendly matches have been held between the juniors from different provinces, but this year an interprovincial system was brought in, and nearly all provinces competed for the competition. This team includes only the juniors who have not represented their provinces in senior competition.

The main other competitions for juniors are the junior championships of the various provinces, as well as the North and South Island Junior Events."

SREN RASMUSSEN DENMARK

"What is the best age to start playing badminton? This question is very difficult to answer, but in Denmark the rules say that a boy or girl must be 12 years old before taking part in a tournament or another com-

petition. Nevertheless many children start playing badminton when they are 7 or 8 years old, but they are not allowed to join the tournaments. According to these rules the juniors in Denmark are divided into two categories: young juniors (12 — 14 years old) and juniors (14 — 16 years old). When you are 16 years old you are no longer a junior as you are able to go into every senior tournament, but when the boys are 16 — 18 years old they are called young seniors.

The greater part of the juniors badminton life does not take place in tournaments; it is used on training. A good junior player trains three times a week, and I am sure that the boys and girls enjoy their training. They like to be together with the other juniors of the club and they like to play badminton.

Nevertheless they are, of course, training in order to go to tournaments and fortunately we have many of them. These are divided in two categories: the individual tournaments and the club matches. The individual tournaments are arranged by the clubs who invite every member of the badminton clubs who have the correct age to join this tournament. Normally we have about 15 great tournaments per year in which juniors from most of Denmark take part, and besides we have several small tournaments in which only the juniors from the neighborhood take part.

I am sure that the juniors are very fond of these individual tournaments where they are able to make some good results for themselves. I also think that these tournaments are good for the juniors who perhaps later on are going to be champions because they are accustomed to the special atmosphere of such tournaments. It is a matter of fact that all the great champions in Denmark today (Erland Kops, Finn Kobbero, Hammergaard etc.) have won many individual tournaments during their junior time. It is a principal rule that it is in the junior years

the coming champions are created.

As the juniors are members of clubs who are members of unions who again are members of the Danish Badminton Association, we of course have many club and union matches. I think it is good for the juniors to learn how to play in a team, because in their life they meet situations in which they will have to work in community. But unfortunately the juniors in Denmark are not very interested in these club matches. I do not know the reason why they dislike them, but I hope it is just for a short time.

Besides the club matches we have matches between different unions, i.e. matches between different parts of the country. We have these matches in order to learn something from each other, and I am sure one of the reasons for Denmark's position in badminton is the size of the country. Players in different parts of the country are able to play together very often because of the small distances.

It is said that the coming champions are created in the junior-time. But how so you create a champion? I have a theory that talents are to be found in every country, but the differences are due to the fact that talents are not used in the same way. So we do a great deal of searching in Denmark to find these talents and give them instruction. Fortunately our seniors are not afraid to help with the instruction of the juniors and that is necessary if the talent shall be used in the right way.

Every year the Badminton Association sponsors a course for the best juniors in the country. In this course they learn all about badminton and later there are some courses in the unions. Finally every great club has a badminton teacher for the juniors so that any boy or girl who is interested in being a good player has the possibility of being so.

BADMINTON FROM THE BEGINNING

Instructional Articles by J. Frank Devlin

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ELBOW and COURT COVERAGE

A great deal is said and written about wrist-work and its importance in all badminton strokes while another joint is completely overlooked. That joint is the Elbow. Consequently, any number of people play many shots as though they had no elbow at all, or at least very little use of that joint, while others play as though they have a permanently bent elbow. This only applies to overhead and forehand shots because, on the backhand, any preliminary swing necessitates bending the elbow and it is impossible to hit the bird without straightening it up again.

It is definitely necessary to call attention to the elbow for all overhead shots on the forehand because the smash, the clear and the drop-shot can all be played, after a fashion, with a straight elbow or with a permanently bent one. To play these overhead shots correctly the elbow must be bent at the beginning of the stroke so that the head of the racket falls behind the right shoulder and then the straightening up of the elbow to reach for the bird gives extra speed to the head of the racket. After hitting the bird the elbow remains straight while the racket follows through along the flight of the bird.

The same thing applies to the clear, for when played with a straight elbow the bird has to be hit well to the right of the body, the shot is hopelessly short and all the power it possesses comes almost entirely from the wrist and arm. A commoner fault, playing these strokes with a bent elbow, also puts the onus of all the work on the forearm and wrist, again with poor results. I cannot over emphasize the fact that the elbow joint **MUST** be straight when the bird is hit and that the speed of the shot comes largely from straightening up a bent elbow. It is just as difficult to hit a good shot with a bent elbow as it is to kick

a football with a straight knee.

Before we proceed to the discussion of the individual strokes of badminton there is one more facet of general interest to the entire game which I should like to touch upon, and that is how to cover the court. Badminton is one of the best and probably the fastest game there is. Part of its popularity and fascination is that, because the rackets are light (around 5 ounces) and the birds weight between 76 and 79 grams, it is admirably suited for children; because of its speed and the stamina required to play singles, it is a wonderful game for youths; and yet, it is also enjoyed by men and women who are past the age of wanting to play too violently. The game lends itself to long rallies and it is possible to have long and exciting games of doubles without any player over doing it at all.

Undoubtedly the boy or girl, man or woman who starts to play badminton having already played another racket game will take to it easily, and in fact any game which entails quick stops and starts is beneficial to the badminton player. And in particular any game involving focusing on a small moving object, such as a tennis or squash ball, is a great help to beginners at badminton, while badminton is an enormous help to overhead work and volleying in tennis.

A badminton court may sound small, being 44 ft. long and 20 ft. wide, when compared with a tennis court which is 78 ft. long and 27 ft. wide, but because the bird must never touch the floor the player must be able to move quickly to cover the entire court and reach the bird before it is out of play. As a hint to those who must cover the court quickly, I find that it is best to start running for a shot with a few short steps and then to take long strides, the last stride leaving the player in position to strike the

bird. This is important for several reasons. You save time by taking fewer steps and you don't have to run so far because you can balance yourself on a long stride and stretch for the bird, which you could not do without losing your balance if your feet were only a few inches apart.

It is this ability to stop and start quickly and to be on balance as you play every stroke which is so essential in a good player. Try it for yourself by hitting hard at the bird, first with your feet fairly close together and then on a long stride, and you will be off balance, and therefore unprepared for the next shot, particularly if it comes back at all quickly, if your feet are only a foot or so apart.

THE CLEAR

The Clear is at once the most used and the most misused shot in game. A good clear is one which travels high in the air out of the opponents reach until it falls to the earth within three inches of the back line. When it does this it is an extremely useful shot and one off which it is very difficult to score a point in either doubles or singles.

Unfortunately, however, even with good players, the clear often falls short of this ideal, is well within reach of the opponents, provides them with a beautiful opening for a smash or dropshot, and is in fact a 'sitter' for the opponent.

It is essential to be able to clear properly either overhead or underhand, on the forehand or on the backhand. Since the overhead forehand clear is the easiest we will start with it. It is played with the left foot and shoulder toward the net, the racket is brought well back over the right shoulder with the elbow bent, which brings the head of the racket well down your back, and your weight onto your right foot. The racket is then brought forward as the

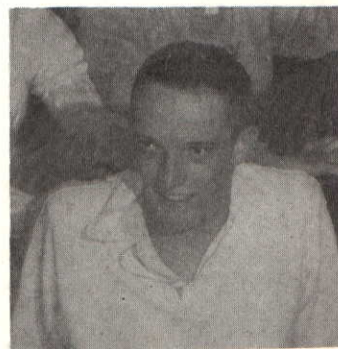
arm is straightened and the bird is hit at arm's length at a point above and a little in front of the right shoulder. As you reach up to meet the bird the weight of the body is transferred onto the left foot and the follow through of the stroke must be along the flight of the bird. Try to get the feeling of going to meet the bird and of hitting it onwards and upwards as far away from you as you can reach it. This with the correct foot-work and wrist work will help you to hit the bird high and deep to the back of the court.

The overhead backhand clear is a much more difficult shot and requires a great deal of practice. It requires a good wrist and very accurate timing and is played with the right foot and shoulder towards the net. The bird is hit at arm's length and while the arm is still rising upwards and as the weight is being transferred from the left to the right foot.

The underhand clear is more difficult than the overhead clear, particularly on the forehand, but it must be mastered. With the left foot and shoulder towards the net, bring back the racket with the wrist cocked and then swing it forward and hit the bird AS you straighten out your wrist, well in front of you and at arm's length. Follow through upwards and along the direction of the flight of the bird.

For the backhand underhand clear the bird requires very careful watching, right onto your racket. I think the beginner more often misses the bird completely on this shot than any other. Swing the racket well back above your left shoulder with the right foot and shoulder towards the net and hit the bird somewhere opposite your right toe. The power in this shot comes from straightening out of your elbow (which must be held well up, at the level of your left shoulder) and wrist, and largely from getting the

body-weight into it. The reason this shot is so frequently missed is that the player gets too close to the bird and hides it with his own right arm and elbow.



STANTON HALES

Junior Activities Chairman and in charge of the new Junior Uber Cup Team whose article appears on page 14.

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- LD Tyna Barinaga & Helen Tibbetts def. Lois Alston & Doris Haase 15-12, 9-15, 15-3
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VMxD Kinnear & Tibbetts def. Calvert & Pons 15-10, 15-9

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- LS Tyna Barinaga def. Judy Adams 11-12, 11-6, 11-4
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MD Paup & Poole def. Ratana & Pichai 18-16, 17-14
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- Susan Pritula def. Sandra Muthig (Mich.) 11-6, 4-11, 11-9

Douglas Bender (Del.) def. Mark Rath (Mich.) 9-15, 15-4, 15-11

Douglas Bender & Mike Reichert (Del.) def. Mark Rath & Pat Trapnell (Mich.) 15-8, 15-6

Susan Pritula & Mark Rath def. Nancy Fedea (Mich.) & Ross Durdan 15-6, 15-9

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- LS Sue Wilson def. Judy Brodhun 12-11, 11-6
MS Don Davis def. Richard Neill 15-6, 15-5
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RESULTS OF THE ATLANTIC COAST UBER CUP DOUBLES DECEMBER 1965

- No. 1 Rosine Jones
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who won 6 out of 20 games
Barbara Bourbeau
who won 11 out of 16 games
Nancy Bender
who won 3 out of 12 games

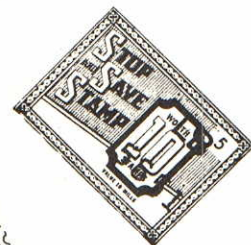
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