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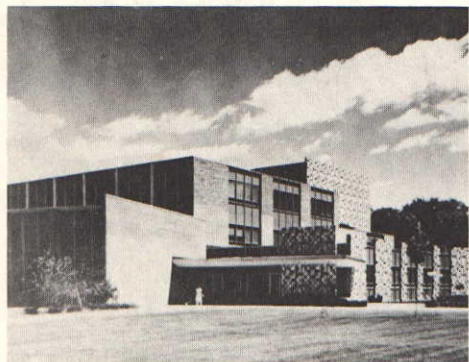
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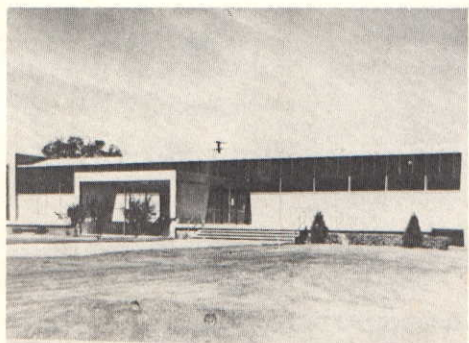
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Editor's Note

This is, in part, a recollective issue being the 25th year of Bird Chatter and the 30th anniversary of the American Badminton Association, as well as the anniversary of less important events.

Looking back to the first volume of Bird Chatter one wonders if, in its present form, it is what the readers really want or if it is now largely what the Editor perhaps thinks they should be interested in—the problems of wood-shot rules, the IBF worries over votes, contravention of laws and court behaviour, of news of overseas badminton goings-on and players, of the plans of other associations to improve their standard of play, the great talent of the Chinese, etc., or is American badminton of paramount importance, the doings of the Associations and the Juniors, our Thomas Cup and Uber Cup Teams and perhaps regressing into a closed National Championships so as to be sure of having a National Champion instead of the No. 1 Ranked players we largely have now.

We hoped, last October, to be able to print a complete list of all, or nearly all, Sanctioned Tournaments but this has not been possible. It would seem that the various chairmen local, regional and national, have great difficulty in working things out in time to meet our deadlines. This means that we cannot make Bird Chatter as useful to our tournament playing readers as we had hoped to do.

With our new printer, a return to the excellent one who worked with Susan Devlin Peard as a matter of fact, starting with this issue, deadlines are more important than ever, and will be *strictly* enforced from now on.

Major J.D.M. McCallum, C.B.E., D.S.O.

One of the moving spirits of Badminton in the British Isles in the twenties was Major J. D. M. McCallum, C.B.E., D.S.O. A small peppery Irishman from Belfast, he worked tirelessly for the game until the end of 1963 when, after two years as President of the I.B.F. his health failed and he gave up all such activities.

Probably his greatest contribution to the game was his organization of "The Strollers", a team of players who toured Denmark each

year after the All England Championships, and who must be credited with sowing the seed from which Danish badminton has sprung.

Johnnie McCallum died January 14th after a long illness but his name will be long remembered by Irish badminton players for when The Ulster Racquets Club built facilities for six badminton and three squash courts at a cost of £27,000, it named the building The McCallum Hall in his honor.

THIRTY YEARS OF THE A.B.A.

By DONALD E. WILBUR

First President of the American Badminton Association



Donald E. Wilbur

In the first playoffs of the First National Championships in Chicago in 1937, Bob McMillan and I were playing a couple of young chaps from the West Coast. At the start of each game we seemed to be about equally matched and we, who were about average players, began to feel that we belonged in such company. Much to our chagrin however, our opponents always seemed to have a few "lucky" strokes just at the end of each game which gave them all games and the match. Only then did the tournament chairman let us in on his little joke that as President and Secretary of the newly formed ABA we had been seeded with the two best players on the West Coast and our opponents had been having fun letting us "almost" win each game. We were delighted that our opponents, Chester Goss and Don Eversoll, eventually became the first National Doubles Champions.

Badminton had been a long time sport in a number of clubs across the country. In New England it had been introduced by Jess Willard at the University Club and spread from there to a number of surrounding towns. In New York it had been a fashionable sport at the Park Avenue Armory for many years. It was popular in centers like Philadelphia, Baltimore, Detroit, Chicago and some of the West coast cities. Several centers had started local associations such as those in New England, Metropolitan New York, Michigan, the Mid-West (including Chicago and the twin cities), Southern California and the Northwest around Seattle.

There was no contact between these cities and very little was known as to the comparative abilities of their players. The University Club of Boston took the lead in trying to arrange some sort of cooperation between the local associations. Active in the Boston area were Don and Phil Richardson, Mrs. Hazel Wightman, Roger Morse, Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield Painter, Bob McMillan and others. In the Metropolitan area the Don Vaughns, senior and junior, Aloise Boker, Lee Gustavson, Ken Ridgeway, Wanda Bergman, Harry Conlan and others were among the workers. In Philadelphia W. West Frazier 3rd headed an active group as did Rees Cramer, in Detroit, W. Hamilton Walter in Chicago, Del Barkoff in Seattle, Clark Erwin in Spokane, George McCook in Pasadena and Bob Elder in Dayton.

In the summer of 1936, at the request of the New England Association, I undertook to make a swing around the country to meet these people and others and dis-

cuss a national organization. It proved to be timely as the associations seemed to agree that a national organization should be formed and a national tournament scheduled. An organization meeting was held in September 1936 at which the following officers were chosen: President—Donald E. Wilbur of Boston, Secretary-Treasurer—Robert L. McMillan of Boston, Vice President—W. Hamilton Walter of Chicago.

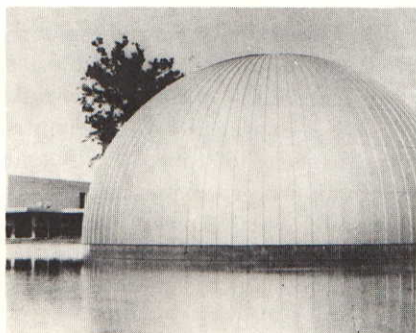
The Chicago group offered to host the first National Championships in the Naval Reserve Armory, April 1-3, 1937. Friends in the Canadian Association were helpful with suggestions based on their experience of several years and among others who offered enthusiastic assistance should be mentioned Ken Davidson, Jack Purcell, Frank Roberts and Jess Willard. There were 141 entries for this first tournament and a feature of the Saturday night affair held after the finals was the introduction by the president of each of the donors as they presented their trophies in person to the winners.

The first tournaments were social events to be long remembered. For instance here is a report of the event as published "The boxes and front rows of seats surrounding the center court were filled with beautifully gowned women in evening dress with escorts attired in white ties and tails. Back of this circle rose tier on tier of enthusiastic supporters forming the largest audience ever to watch a badminton display on this continent. The swimming pool was turned into a night club for this occasion and was decorated with streamers and vari-colored lights. On one side was erected a long bar or counter

where a large choice of salads and meats were temptingly displayed. Musicians wandered between the tables playing popular selections. The tournament dance was a gay affair and well attended."

Many changes have taken place over the years. The tournaments have been declared "open" rather than closed to all but citizens of the U. S. A. The rules of the game have been strengthened, the ranking committees have had increasingly more data to work from and have been able to refine their methods, the ABA has been able to establish its own publication which has helped immeasurably in extending information about the game and its players whereas at first only a few pages were assigned to us in the Canadian Lawn Tennis and Badminton magazine. In general, the interest and numbers of players have constantly increased across the country.

We who had something to do with the start of the national association and tournament wish to pay tribute to the many officers and directors who through the years have worked hard and effectively to make the A.B.A. worthy of recognition as one of the foremost athletic associations in the country. To all who play the game we wish health and increasing skills.



Longway Planetarium Flint.

Thomas Cup Team News

News of the Thomas Cup Committee has been hard to come by, largely because of the uncertainty as to whether Thailand was actually going to send a team to challenge in this zone. It is now official that they have defaulted to Jamaica. Dates have been fixed for the U. S. vs Jamaica match to be played in the Tulane University Gym, February 24-26th. The winner will then play either Mexico or Canada in (probably) San Diego, tentatively on March 10-11th.

Thomas Cup Tryouts were held in San Diego December 27-30th. Jim Poole, the top ranking U. S. player was excused attendance and was automatically named to the Team. Stan Hales, losing only 18 points in three matches with Jim Lynch, Ray Parks and Don Paup became one of the three singles players and Parks was nominated for the other place. The try-outs for doubles was not concluded and, while Paup and Joe Alston were named to the Team, Tom Carmichael, Dick Gorman and Larry Saben have been requested to be in New Orleans three days prior to the Tie with Jamaica to fight it out for 6th place.

An appeal for funds has been made by Chairman Taylor Caffery. He states that contributions made by check payable to the

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PROGRESS REPORT—U.S. OPEN

Since this may be the last time we will be able to relay information to you concerning our 14th U. S. Open Badminton Championships to be held in Flint beginning April 12, we would like to give you as much information as possible at this time. Please keep in mind that this information was prepared to go to BIRD CHATTER during the latter part of January and, consequently, may not be entirely accurate as of the date which you receive this issue.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a picture of the committee chairmen who have been working so hard to make your visit to Flint enjoyable. Please note the faces; and when you visit us in April, if you have any questions about the tournament, do not hesitate to contact any one of the people pictured.

The first local news release concerning our tournament was on December 8, 1966. This release was announced to almost sixty local, national, and international news media, including newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations.

Our local newspaper, the *Flint Journal*, published a fine "kick-off" article and picture of the chairman, co-chairman, and sponsor representatives. We are very fortunate in having Mr. Bill Siel of the *Flint Journal* assigned to cover our tournament. We are sure that each of you will enjoy talking to Bill and relating to him some of your badminton experiences.

With nine television stations within a radius of sixty miles, we are hoping to have good TV coverage; and we are sure that each of you will enjoy watching our local 6:00 and 11:00 o'clock reports.

We have sent posters throughout the country to be posted on club bulletin boards. If your club has a

prominent spot for the display of such an item and would like one to display, please write us immediately.

Hospitality co-chairmen, Phyllis Clift and Gloria Eli, are really all wound up over our tournament. They hope you plan to be in Flint in April to help them unwind for they have many things planned for you while you are off the court.

For those arriving by plane, Flint Bishop Airport is serviced by United Airlines as well as North Central Airlines and from the airport we have regularly scheduled taxi runs to downtown Flint. The charge for this service is \$1.50, and they will deliver you to either the Voyager Inn or the Durant Hotel.

The Voyager Inn will serve as tournament headquarters; and since the two hotels are situated across the street from each other at the head of Flint's main shopping district, all activities will be handy for players and spectators staying at either of the two.

You will find hotel information printed elsewhere in this issue, and we would suggest that you make your hotel reservations as soon as possible since Flint is overflowing with salesmen during the period Monday through Friday of each week. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel. As you will note, we have received a wide spread of room rates. The Voyager Inn is a new, 140-room hotel that has been opened approximately three months and is a truly beautiful set-up. As we have mentioned before, it is a new hotel, and we believe that you will find your stay there very comfortable and rewarding. The Durant Hotel is an older hotel, however, very comfortable and with excellent dining facilities. Parking is available at both hotels. We feel we

have hotel accommodations within the price range of all and highly recommend that you plan to stay in one of the hotels since the rates are more than comparable to local motels and both hotels are more centrally located to the site of play.

If you arrive on Tuesday, April 11, you will be in time for a welcoming reception at the Voyager Inn. We do not promise you too much in the way of a formal reception; however, we do promise you will be warmly received with open arms.

If you arrive Tuesday, we would like for you to check in as soon as possible. Registration will be handled Tuesday at the Voyager Inn and will move to the gymnasium Wednesday morning. We plan to have court space available Tuesday evening, and the courts are only a ten-minute drive from the hotels. Transportation will be available to the courts for this practice session if needed.

It is planned that the mornings of Thursday and Friday will be occupied with tours of Flint's College and Cultural Development and the Buick Motor Division's final assembly line. If you have never seen an automobile built, we highly recommend that you take the Buick tour. Better yet, why not order a Buick from your local dealer and take delivery in Flint during the week of the tournament.

Flint weather during the month of April is as unpredictable as elsewhere in the Midwest. Normally, we can expect nice weather during this period of time. Phyllis and Gloria, however, suggest raincoats in case of April showers as well as warm coats should Jack Frost decide not to take a holiday during your stay in Flint.

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COMMITTEE FOR 14th U. S. OPEN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS



Cletus Eli

Cletus has been around the Flint Club for a few years and has served in various capacities. He is currently on the ABA Board of Directors and served the previous four years as President of the Midwest Association. He swears he is retiring from any Badminton administrative work at the conclusion of this tournament, provided he survives to that point.



John Clift

John, a relative newcomer to the game, is our Program Chairman. His wife, Phyllis, is Co-Chairman of the Hospitality Committee. They have been very active in the Flint Badminton Club for some four or five years, and for the past two years John has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Flint Club. They are the proud parents of six children and have been members of the last two European Badminton tours. Phyllis is also quite active in bowling circles, and they both love to dance. They are very active in their dance club, and I am sure that you will see much of them at the dinner-dance. John says that he is best known as a Tiddly-Winks player, but really his major accomplishment to date has been in winning a tournament GAME. Of course, he lost the match but it was a major break-through.



Phyllis Clift



Gloria Eli

Gloria is best known for her work on the Midwest Newsletter. She is serving as Co-Chairman of the Hospitality Committee along with Phyllis Clift. Gloria's Badminton play has been limited this season since hurting her back last summer. She is beginning to play a little each night so we hope she will be able to be a participant in our tournament.

Don was active in the Flint Club for many years prior to his "retirement" this year. However, we hope that this is a temporary situation and that he will return to the courts next season. We were able to dig him out of retirement to serve as Chairman of our Finance Committee.



Don Marshall



Charles Mobley

Charles Mobley is serving as our Fund-Raising Chairman. He is well known in the city and state for his activity in Badminton, tennis and politics. He is a former Mayor of Flint and retired some four or five years ago. I am sure that one of the first people you meet in Flint will be Charles A. Mobley who, undoubtedly, will rush up, grab your hand, shake it vigorously, and introduce himself.

Charlie Morton is serving as our Play Operation Chairman. This encompasses draw, shuttles, trophies, and actual play on the courts. Charlie has been very active in the Flint Club for several years and operates many tournaments for the Flint Club. He is well known throughout the Midwest as a Badminton supporter and tournament player.



Charlie Morton



Monty Roop

Monty is serving as our Chairman of Facilities. If you have any problem within Ballenger Field House and something is wrong, see Monty. He has been very active in the Flint Club for several years now and is well known throughout the tournament circuit of the Midwest.

Eve is very active in Junior circles. She is the founder of the Mott Club in Flint and is very active on the Junior tournament circuit. She spends a great deal of time in coaching youngsters and promoting the game. It is her hope to have several of her best youngsters in our Open. Eve is serving as Chairman of our Publicity Committee. I am sure that you will find her cornering you for publicity purposes.



Eve Stockton

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO



Justin H. Canfield

Twenty-five years ago Volume 1 of Bird Chatter "A New Arrival" was announced with "tongue in cheek" and "fingers crossed" by J. H. C. who, at the end of the second issue revealed himself to be Justin H. Canfield of Chicago and who, like every Editor since then was "screaming for news."

The third issue, dated January 15, sported a front cover picture by the Editor (talented man), commemorating the first presentation of Badminton on TV, by CBS, whose studios were located in the Grand Central Station building. Pictured on TV were the top 14 ranking players of the East, in both mens and womens divisions. This tournament was played each Friday night for one hour, and as many matches as possible were played in the time allotted. The tournament started October 10th 1941 and reached the finals in the Mens Singles January 9th when Carl Loveday (N.J.) defeated Stig Larson (Conn) 15/8, 15/7, after

"playing superlative badminton and demonstrating amazing endurance," and was presented with the beautiful CBS silver bowl. On Jan. 16th Betty Morse (Conn) defeated Mary Hagan (N.J.) 11/7, 9/11, 11/8, and she too received a CBS silver bowl. The following Friday "the trick shot artists" Ken Davidson and Hugh Forgie were too much for the amateurs Carl Loveday and Dr. William Gibling, and this match was followed by a Mixed Doubles game wherein Ken Davidson and Wanda Bergman defeated Hugh Forgie and Helen Gibson 15/12. But the "act" which brought a tremendous ovation, in the form of hundreds of phone calls, was that madly funny game masterminded by Ken Davidson and played with Hugh Forgie.

Then on Jan. 30th a match was arranged to compare the play of a top-ranking American player—Carl Loveday—and a top-ranking Canadian Joe Zaharko. At the end of the allotted time on the air each player had won one game. They were to have tried again but nowhere can we find the result. Carl? Joe? Can you remember what happened? Incidentally CBS and Carl are credited for this tremendously successful publicity job.

During this first year of Bird Chatter came Pearl Harbor and America's entry into the War, but both Canada and the U. S. held their National Championships this year, in Toronto and Durham, N. C. respectively. During this season Ward Starratt, President of the ABA, represented Badminton on the National Sports Board of the Office of Defense, Division of Physical Fitness and his main job was to promote badminton and so in 1942 Badminton for him became a job and not a hobby.

What has happened to the then newly-formed Eastern Intercollegiate Badminton Association made up of Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Pennsylvania, Williams and Lehigh? Team matches consisting of six singles and three doubles started in December and continued into March, ending with two Invitation Tournaments, one at Yale and the other at Pennsylvania.

Handicap tournaments, a difficult and almost dangerous (for the handicapper that is) undertaking were being most successfully run by Reg Hill in San Francisco at this time, and elsewhere. We never hear of these events now, though they have a tremendous value in encouraging new entries. Married Couples Tournaments (almost as dangerous), were also for "real fun".

There must have been many fertile-brained hard workers in 1942 thinking up new events, new tournaments and new matches. For instance the St. Louis District ran a tournament in *twelve* divisions, which included Esquire Doubles and Father & Son Doubles. So large was the entry that the Committee could only give the starting date, February 23rd, adding "running to completion!"

What strikes one most forcibly is the great activity of Associations who are now so very quiet, such as Ohio who have run an Ohio Open since 1934 and used to attract all the best players east of the Mississippi and who sent a "caravan" of players to the Atlantic Seaboard Championships in Washington, D. C. Almost all of the Associations ran Leagues, the Metropolitan B.A. reports one with ten Clubs entered, some played Inter-State matches; but no such activities have been reported since November 1965, which is, of course, all I can speak for.

Tournament after tournament reported over 200 entries, some over 300, and such enthusiastic spectators that the Midwest Championship reports "Talk about your rabid football fans—we saw staid and dignified North Shore tycoons and dowagers yelling themselves hoarse and slapping strangers on the back—hats were crumpled and thrown on the court—tears were shed—and two church deacons were led out by the hand talking to themselves and staring through glassy eyes!!!"; while the 9th Annual Washington State Championships drew 295 entries and "upwards of 2500 cheering fans".

The 5th issue of Vol. 1 is full of reports of tournaments, full of enthusiasm for organizing Associations and the like—and—it—was—free! Starting with 5 mimeographed pages and asking for news of associations, clubs, players, "newsy-bits (gossip to you)," etc.

Bird Chatter grew in 7 months to 22 pages and began asking for \$1.00 subscriptions for Volume 2.

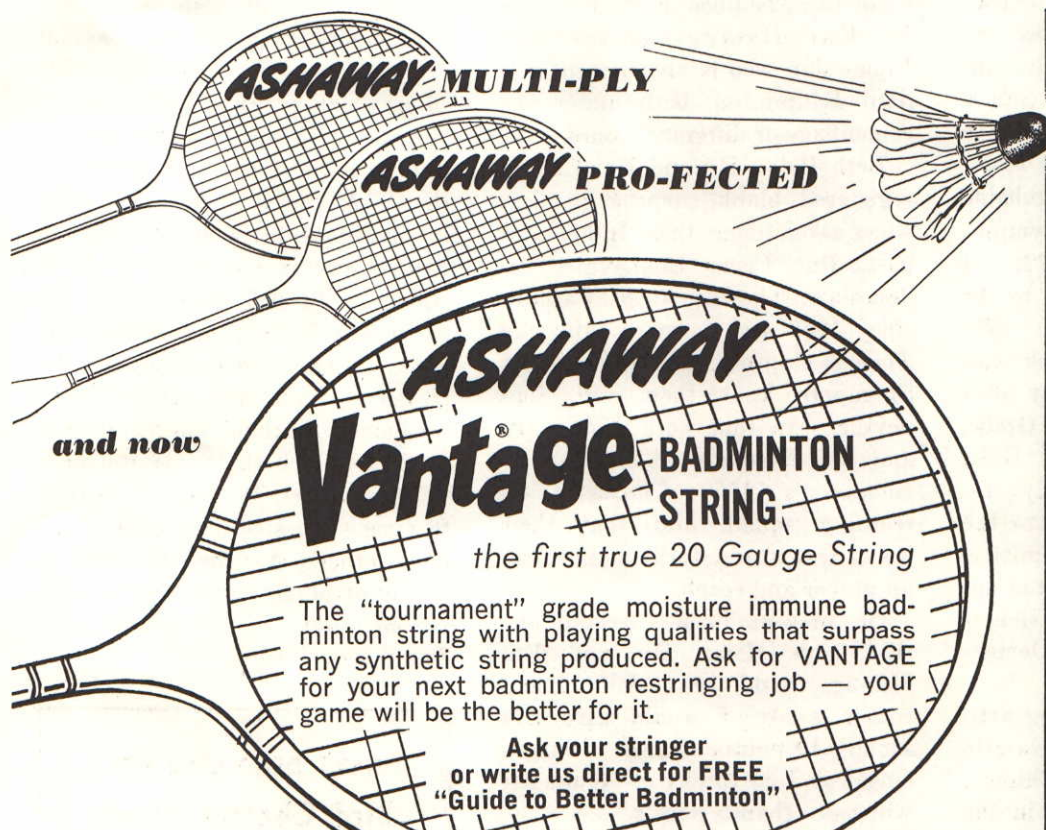
Now, in 1967 the Nationals are an Open Championship, players travel all over the world and so the nature and most of the contents of Bird Chatter have changed. But it would seem that while the game is enormously more popular around the world it has shrunk in the United States. No longer can we report entries in the hundreds, spectators in the thousands and publicity on TV. In fact we're very grateful for a small squib in the local newspaper and estatic if anyone gets into the Magazine section or a national magazine. Where have we missed it? The nylon shuttle is now vastly improved and quite inexpensive and there are fairly inexpensive rackets which are quite adequate for all but the best players, BUT over most of the country the game is played in the

evenings only, in bare and rather un-cozy School Gyms. We have a handful of players of world class, the second eschelon only quietly knocking at the door, and it is an established fact that every game needs thousands of young eager novices—and of course properly instructed juniors—from which the Champions spring to enthuse those in the ranks, and those I'm afraid we do not have. But WHY?

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THIS AND THAT from HERE AND THERE

From the Badminton Gazette we learn of the engagement of one of the world's top women Badminton players, Miss Imre Rietveld of the Netherlands and Knud Aage Nielsen of Denmark, also one of the world's best, who won the All England singles in 1964 and was the only man to defeat Tan Aik Huang last season. Incidentally Miss Rietveld was runner-up to Judy Hashman in the All England singles in 1966.

From the IBF Handbook we come up with this question, "Would the inclusion of badminton in the Olympic Games otherwise interfere with the Thomas Cup or Uber Cup or with any well known and popular championship tournament?" It looks as though this question is on the way to be answered for, in the Badminton Gazette we find that the Mexican Badminton Association has requested that badminton be included in the next Olympic Games as a "Demonstration Sport", the first step towards its official inclusion. And it seems most probable that West Germany, the Olympics being held in Munich in 1972, will then try for Badminton to be properly included therein. We have just heard from Jack van Praag that he is in receipt of a bulletin from Barbara Grebe, Secretary of the Mexican B.A., that the IBF has officially approved their request made to the Mexican Olympic Committee. However, one must not be too optimistic because the host nation is limited to only two such Demonstration Games.

We also find an interesting article in the Badminton Gazette headed More About The Chinese. Written by Norman Siebel in the Straits Times of Phnom-Penh, Cambodia, it was evidently written as the answer to the mystery of

China's sudden and spectacular rise in the game.

Mr. Siebel writes "The mystery cleared the moment I saw T. Hsian Hu who, with ruthless power, restless agility and an almost impatient authority destroyed Singapore's No. 1 Omar Ibrahim, in eight minutes without losing a point.

Master T. was no stranger at all.

I recognized him at once as Thing Hian Hiuw, an Indonesian 16 years old at that time (in 1959) who had impressed me as a player of exceptional talent. I had then called him "The Thing" after a current horror film.

"The Thing" vanished from sight immediately after his 1959 appearances in Singapore and Malaya.

He has now emerged from behind the "bamboo curtain" with F. Kai Hsiang, another ex-Indonesian who is his twin in brilliant Badminton, both under the camouflage of different names.

Both Hsian Hu and Kai Hsiang registered blank surprise at first when asked about their Indonesian past. But Ferry Sonnevile, Indonesia's Thomas Cup Captain since 1958 and former Malaysian Thomas Cup ace, Ong Poh Lim of Singapore, know them well. Sonnevile says that both Hsian Hu and Kai Hsiang were members of Indonesia's 1958 Thomas Cup training squad, and that their coach was also a former Indonesian player and coach.

On present form I would say that both Hsian Hu and Kai Hsiang would beat Aik Huang rather easily. I would give Aik Huang 10 points at most although Ong Poh Lim thinks he would not win more than 5 points."

No one has worked longer or harder for U. S. badminton than Virginia Mosdale and ten years

ago she came up with a suggestion, adopted last February, which was found to work beautifully. When one enters a tournament in Southern California this is now the rule governing the use of shuttlecocks:- "Players must purchase tickets (15c each) for shuttles before matches. One ticket per person will be required for every shuttle used in a doubles match; two tickets per person for every shuttle used in a singles match."

She writes that it has cut down on the number of shuttles used 50% and, if we are not mistaken, the entry fees are lower too. Looking at it another way it also means that those who get farthest in the tournament pay a little more than those who lose in the early rounds which has always seemed fair to us. As a matter of fact Maryland charges for shuttles in all but the very big tournaments, but has not employed this far more equitable plan, which Virginia has devised.

Another enviable practice in Southern California (though from the ABA's point of view it has its disadvantages), is an Association Fee or tax if you will, of \$1.00 added on to each entry form. No game can be run successfully or grow without some money in the treasury, and ever since I can remember England has charged a small fee on both tennis and badminton entries. We have from time to time suggested this method, as have others, to the ABA as a means of obtaining a small steady income, but it has never been found acceptable.

NEXT DEAD LINE FOR
Bird Chatter News
APRIL 28TH

From Chief Warrant Officer Raymond G. Scott we hear news of the Top Flight Badminton Club at Offutt Air Force Base, that they are sending a team of six to the George Harman Open Tournament in Ponca City, Oklahoma, March 18-19th and that results from a tournament on the Base will determine who these players will be.

The Annual Base competition, in 4 flights of singles and 3 flights of doubles, is in full swing, and we anticipate the final results for our next issue, so far only the 3rd flight singles are completed with Col. Henry Cushman overwhelming Major Lorrimer Owens 15/3, 15/4.

CONTRAVENTIONS of the LAWS of BADMINTON

An official IBF circular has reached our desk from ABA Secretary Virginia Lyon and, since it is in substance very much along the lines of the January Danish Referee's article, we thought we would merely summarize it here. It may be obtained in full from Virginia Lyon upon request.

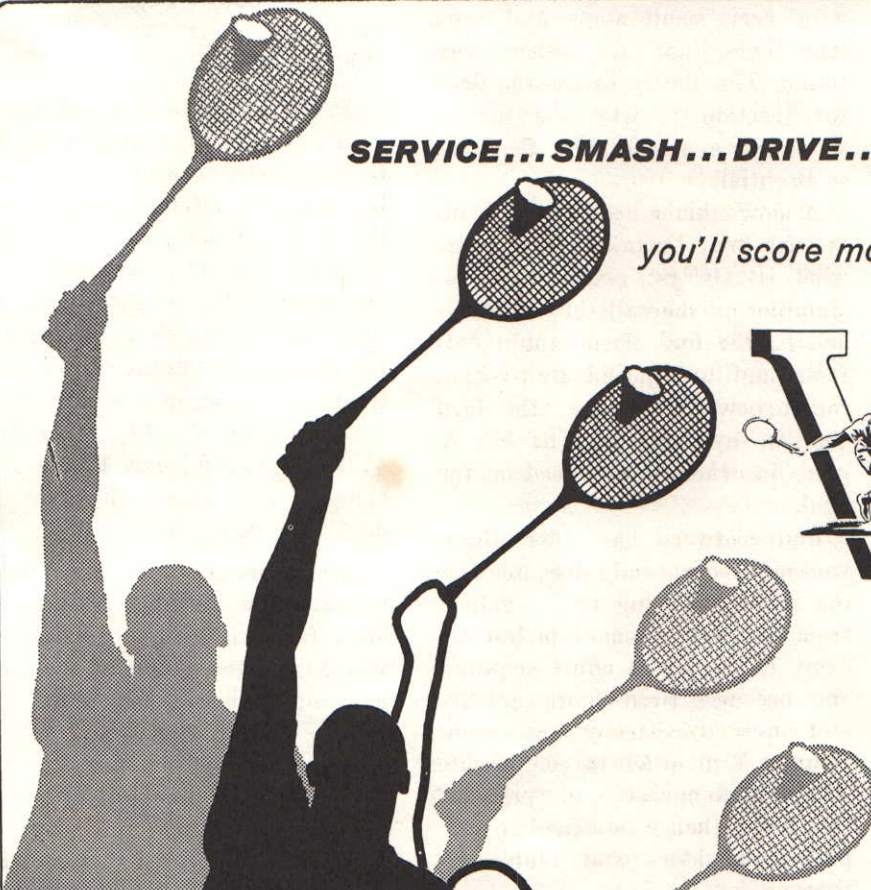
Firstly, it emphasizes the need for Umpires and Service Judges with knowledge, experience and practice. This is greatly aided by an active umpires organization. Secondly it dwells on the service Law 14(a) that it is a fault if *any part* of the head of the racket is above *any part* of the hand holding the racket. Then it mentions Law 14(d) "that any conduct of the server that has the effect of


breaking the continuity of the serve *after* he and the receiver have taken up their position is a fault and the server should be faulted as soon as such serve is delivered." And lastly it notes the increasing tendency of players to use slow shuttles and emphasizes that several speeds should be available for matches. It also remarks upon the deterioration of court etiquette (a player showing annoyance or querying a decision), and states "an official who consistently gives bad decisions ruins a game but bad manners on the court are to be deplored."

The ABA wishes to add a footnote to this, drawing attention again to Law 14(d) which also deals with the *receiver* balking the *server* i.e. rushing the server *before* the bird is hit.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF FOOTWORK

Written by Special Request

By J. FRANK DEVLIN

(U. S. Open continued)

What is footwork? How can you recognize "good" footwork? and what difference does it make?

I shall try to answer these questions and in order to do so I must first go back to fundamentals and perhaps the first point I should make is that footwork is really **BODY POSITIONING**. Everything I describe will be for the right handed player, the southpaw must then change it around.

All shots struck from the back two thirds of the court should be played with the body at right angles to the net. . . . On the forehand the left foot is in advance of, that is nearer to the net than, the right and for a backhand the position is reversed, the right foot being in advance of the left. These instructions do not mean just standing square to the net and putting one foot forward nearer to the net than the other, it means turning your body so that your shoulder is pointing towards the net—this is body positioning in conjunction with your foot movement. Take up this sideways position for a moment and swing your racket across your body and rock on your feet at the same time; you will find that as you rock onto your foot farthest from the net your racket naturally swings back, and then across your body towards the net as you rock over on to your other foot. Now, as you rock onto your foot farthest from the net bring your arm well back and up until it is on a line with your shoulder then, rocking forwards, bring your racket down and forwards and finish with your weight on your front foot and the racket somewhere about the level of your left shoulder. To emphasize this just stand and swing your racket without shifting your weight and you will find you have lost all feeling of power and rhythm; then once again shift

your weight and you will feel your racket gathering impetus and power with no effort to yourself. Repeat this body positioning and weight shifting for an overhead clear or smash and you will again realize its importance.

Just about the only occasion when foot-work is of great service in the fore part of the court is when one is running in for some stroke needing power, such as a very high and really deep clear, but let me add too that proper wrist-work with which we are not dealing in this place, is also always needed in all parts of the court.

Footwork however, is not only taking up the correct position for a stroke it is also standing on the balls of the feet with the knees slightly bent ready to take off in any direction. Dig into the floor with your toes and start your run with very small steps and then long ones, not the other way round. The ability to use the floor for traction is why the proper shoes and a non-slippery floor are so essential.

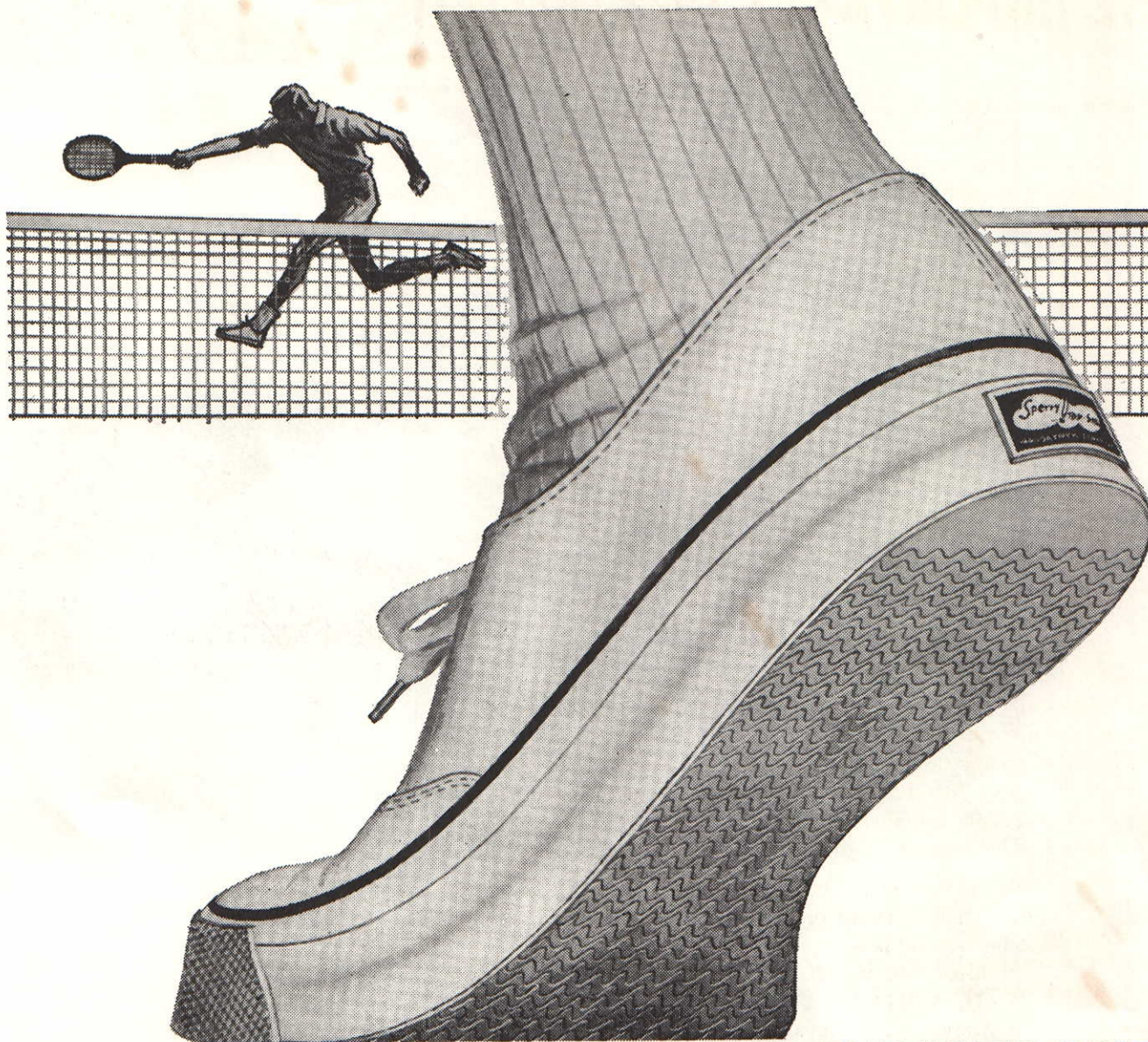
A slow starter has more difficulty with his footwork than someone who is always ready to go—standing on the balls of his feet—and is therefore often caught flat-footed and with poor body position for a powerful stroke; the bird gets 'behind' him and he has to press in order to get speed on the bird.

Bad footwork has other disadvantages too not only does one lose the natural flowing power gained from the body momentum but because of the extra effort required one becomes tired more quickly and loses consistency and accuracy, and in order to compensate you have to misuse some parts of the body, hence strained backs, pulled shoulders and tennis elbows.

The annual ABA brunch is tentatively scheduled for Saturday morning at the Voyager Inn. We assure you of a tasty breakfast and hope that you will be able to join us for this event. The annual meeting of the ABA will be conducted immediately following the brunch and then we will have a mad rush to the gymnasium for the start of the finals. At the conclusion of the finals on Saturday evening, we have made arrangements for a dinner-dance to be held in the ballroom of the Hotel Durant. We assure you of good danceable music for this event. Short cocktail dresses will probably be prevalent at the dinner-dance, but wear what you prefer. If we can answer any other questions concerning the off-hour activities, please do not hesitate to contact the Hospitality Committee, P. O. Box 4151, Flint, Michigan 48504.

As an innovation of service to badminton players and other interested persons who possibly will be unable to attend the nationals, the program committee will have available for sale, programs with the completed draw sheets showing scores of all matches. If you are interested in obtaining one of these completed programs, simply send \$1.25 to John F. Clift, P. O. Box 4151, Flint, Michigan 48504. This amount will cover the cost of mailing to your door.

Arrangements have been made to have the Durham Natatorium open for swimming at certain times during the course of the tournament, so bring your suit. Mr. George Geever of Chicago will be on hand during the course of the tournament to handle your badminton stringing and racquet needs. Why not plan to visit with us in April?



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It was really not our intention to arrange a Badminton Tour in 1967, but we have had so many requests for a Tour to the South Pacific, that we decided to offer one anyhow.

Just imagine SOUTH PACIFIC including FIJI Islands, TAHITI, HAWAII, AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND. We plan to leave around the 1st of August for 28 days of combined vacation and badminton. For the first time in all the years since 1956 when the first Badminton Tour came off, will we be visiting countries in the height of their Badminton Season. You may know that the seasons in the South Pacific are reversed from ours so we shall play in Australia and New Zealand, and with luck maybe even hit some of their local tournaments.

As you all know Frank Devlin was in these countries last year with the UBER CUP Team, and he assures us that from his preliminary talks with the Badminton Officials in both Australia and New Zealand we will receive the best of welcome in both countries. The completely detailed itinerary is not finished at the time this goes to Press but here is a brief outline: From Los Angeles we will fly straight to Fiji for a couple of days resting on the beach in Cuvu or Korolevu, and of course we will also visit the city of Nandi. Then on to Sydney for a four days stay, Melbourne and Canberra for another five days, and here we can promise you all the Badminton you could possibly want. Then on to New Zealand, spending a few days in Auckland and more badminton and sight-seeing, after which we will take a five day bus tour through the fantastic thermal section of Rotorua, the original Maori Settlement, Waitomo with the Glowworm caves, and Wairekei to visit the Natural Steam Powerplant. Continue to Wellington, the Capital of New Zealand, for another Game of Badminton.



TON TOUR



Fly to Tahiti, probably the most romantic of all the South Sea Islands. We will stay in Papeete, and tour the island from there.

A trip to Moorea with a real Polynesian feast is also on the agenda. Moorea, incidentally, was the setting of the movie South Pacific, and Cooks Bay is probably the loveliest spot in the world. Just figure yourself swimming in the crystal clear waters of the lagoons fringed by palmtrees and the only noise you can hear is that of the waves pounding the coral reefs.

Hawaii is next. We shall stay in Honolulu on Waikiki Beach and will take tours to Diamond Head, the Punchbowl and Pearl Harbour, the latter an unforgettable experience for reasons we all know too well.

Now what is this all going to cost you? It looks at this time that it would be below \$1300—per person. This would include all your travel by Jet Airlines, Hotels with most meals, all your ground transportation, baggage handling, sightseeings, excursions, etc. This rate will be from the west coast, and for the first time all you people on the west coast will not have to go east to join a Badminton Tour.

We will very shortly prepare a day by day itinerary which will be available to you and you can request it from Frank Devlin, Dolfeld Road, Owings Mills, Md., or Jorgen Kolle, 5528 Devon Road, Bethesda, Md. 20015. It would also be very helpful to us in our planning if we could hear from those of you who at this time think they might be interested in joining the tour. Let's make this another good one.

JBK

The 21st Junior National Championships



Sue Wilson & Judy Brodhun

U.S. Junior players are just receiving their entry forms for the 1967 Junior Nationals as this issue of Bird Chatter is going to press. Specific information on top contenders that are planning to attend this year's tournament is still incomplete. Rumor has it, however, that playing groups from all corners of the nation will be sending their share of formidable contenders to the 21st U.S. Junior Nationals to be held in Eugene, Oregon, March 15-18.

Because many of the players will be moving into different competitive age groupings, their status in the ladder of contenders will be changing for better or for worse, as their case may be. Instead of flying south this Winter the R.S.L. Goose made a special tour of the national badminton "hot spots", to see how many of his cousins will need plucking to supply the shuttlecocks for this season's tournament.

His journey started in the Puget Sound area, overlooking Port Angeles, Seattle, and Bellingham, Washington. He noted many a trophy case with additional hardware from the January Oregon Jr. Open, held in Eugene, Oregon.

Nationally ranked Richard Neil, Jim Eden, Suzie Wilson, Judy Brodhun, Hester Hill, Connie Young, and Chris Burton head up the long line of 18 year old contenders from their area. Some of the 15 year olds to watch out for are Ellen VanOs, Dianne Sinnes,

Nancy Dunn, and Ken Nelson. No-reen Pringle and Gregg Van Horn will lead their 13 & under line up. Flying eastward to the Great Lakes area, our goose discovers a crew of top "flight" players, such as he hadn't set eyes on since leaving the northwest.

In Illinois, nationally ranked Bruce Pontow, 15, and Ron Buck Jr. 13, are poring over their entry blanks.

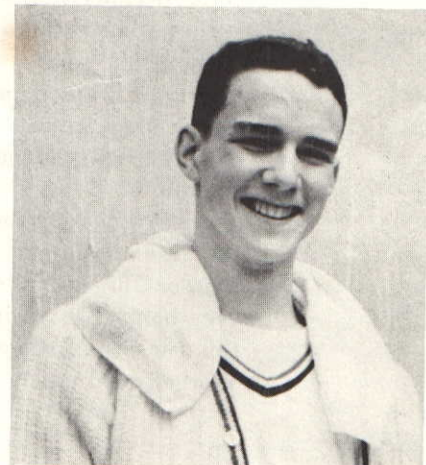


Dave Domzal

An eastward flight across Lake Michigan reveals Jim Pritula, Dave Domzal, and Janice White; Michigan's ranked 18 year olds. Patty Ling, Polly Stockton and Mark Rath are impressively ranked 15 year olds. A look at the "covey" of 13 year old ranking sharpsters convinces our goose that a good bunch of his cousins will need plucking. Note this list of champs; Pam Stockton, Susan Pritula, Sandy Muthig, Nancy Fedea, and Jo Ann Kennedy. On to the East Coast. In Delaware, top ranked 15 year old Doug Bender and sister Nancy Bender appear ready for the March fray. In Pennsylvania, David Snyder and Alison Root will shoot for victories in 18 & under. Diane Cornell looks like a good contender for the 13 year olds.

Now for a southern swoop thro Texas—yes, it looks like Joe Izen Jr. is making preparations to defend the name of badminton for the state of Texas.

Another long cross country flight finds our goose on the shores of the Pacific Coast in Sunny California. A glance at the list of names signed up for that northbound charter bus convinces Goosey that he will need to call on his second cousins for good old R.S.L. Among them, ranked 18 year olds Bob Dickie, Mike Walker, Barbara Fitch, Judy Kelly, and Chris Kinard. Three ranked 15 year olds, Tracy White, Gary Higgings, and Jeff Bohn. To liven things up a bit, they are bringing ranked 13 year olds Charles Coakley, Cynthia Young, Leslie Shoppe, and Lynne Enochs. On the last lap of his journey, our goose files northward up the majestic Cascade Mountain Range and into the Willamette Valley. Oregon will not be out-done; Alen Cicrich and Duane Muntz are signed up for the tournament, and ready to honor their standing as the No. 2 12 year old doubles team in the Northwest. Chris Janz and Jerri Souder will enter as the states top 15 and under girl's doubles team. Kurtis Janz and Sandy Broadie will represent Oregon's best in the 13 year bracket.



Mark Rath

Junior Jottings

Congratulations to England's Gillian Perrin of Surrey, the youngest player ever to be chosen to play for England. We are not quite sure if Gillian is still a Junior but if not then this is her first year out of that group.

Both Ireland and England held inter-school badminton tournaments this year. Ireland's first School Competition was held in Dublin during the Christmas vacation. Nine boys teams and 7 girls teams entered. The English Schools Badminton Association, The Gazette tells us, staged its first Triangular Tournament between the North, South and the Midlands Under 16ers, in Birmingham in November. Won by the North (strongest girls) with 15 points, the South (strongest boys) came in second with 14 points and the Midlands 1 point.

FROM OREGON

We started the season with the Canadian Tournament in Vancouver, British Columbia and the Oregon Junior Closed in Eugene. During the Christmas vacation twenty-five members of our club attended the Washington Junior Open in Port Angeles.

We are expecting 153 competitors from Canada, Washington, and Oregon to join our club entry of 65 to participate in the Oregon Junior Open Tournament.

Members of the Eugene Junior Badminton Club attended a scoring clinic so that they will be able to score and officiate at the Nationals.

Everyone has been busy planning for the 21st Junior National Badminton Championships to be held in Eugene. Regular monthly meetings have been held among both the adult and junior members.

CHRIS JANZ

FROM WASHINGTON

The Port Angeles Junior Badminton Club will be represented by approximately 30 players at the Junior Nationals. The players have gained much tournament experience by playing in the Seattle City, Washington State Closed, The British Columbia Junior Open, and the Washington State Junior Open tournaments. We will also be playing in the Oregon State Junior Open and the Washington State Open prior to the Junior Nationals.

Coach Vern Burton has recently been considering plans for a new 8 to 10 court badminton hall. This will give the club the room it has long needed, and the opportunity to host more tournaments.

JUDY BRODHUN

FROM CALIFORNIA

Mike Walker, and his helpers, are doing a fine job of coaching the beginning juniors at Almansor Gym in Alhambra on Friday afternoons.

A Volkswagen busload of beginning juniors from San Diego played in the Long Beach tournament in October by Gloria Page. Gloria started Jan DeZort.

At the Phoenix tournament in Arizona held in November, Judy Ann Kelly and Barbara Fitch, 18 and under juniors at Manhattan Beach, won the "B" Womens Doubles.

GAYE GERZINE

CYNTHIA YOUNG

FROM DELAWARE

Delaware's junior program has been steadily improving both in calibre and size as was evident by the 11 and Under Delaware State Championships held on January 14th and 21st. Twenty-six boys and girls participated in this tournament with novice players Andy Downing and Bonnie Balick victorious in the singles finals.

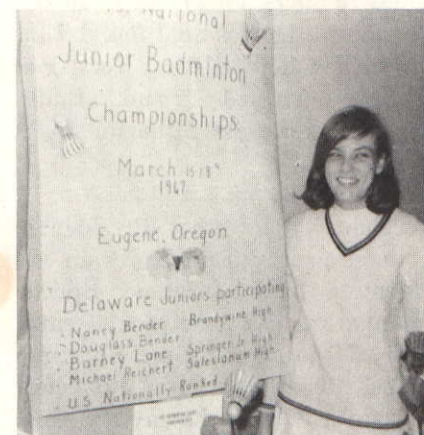
On January 20th Barney Lane and I played in the Connecticut

Open. Even though the main portion of the weekend was spent playing or watching badminton, we did find time to eat in a Chinese restaurant and visit with the badminton Stelzers of Westport.

Badminton players and their friends enjoyed dancing to the sound of "The Tree" at the second Badminton Dance Series held at the Vicmead Hunt Club. Highlight of the evening was Mrs. GO-GO Bender when she gave an exhibition of the Badminton Stomp with John Cathcart, Delaware's outstanding swim ace.

We are fortunate this year to have so many of our top juniors in the various age brackets assisting in the Saturday morning classes. The following girls and boys have given many hours of service to further the game of badminton: Barney Lane, Mike Reichert, Rob Peddrick, Doug Bender, Susan Kane, Wendy Zaharko, Pete Brooks, Chad Lynch and John Irwin. Are they all champs! Certainly not, but they play well enough to assist in their own age bracket and without their help it would take much longer to develop our juniors. We feel somebody helped us—we must do the same for others.

What we older players need is more Senior players to help us!



NANCY BENDER

Editor for Junior Jottings

THE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL NEWS SCENE

JACK van PRAAG
Chairman National Badminton News Committee

Indonesia has served notice on the Badminton world that she will make a determined effort to retain the Thomas Cup. A number of feature Badminton reports from Singapore, supplied through the efforts of Dr. John Poong, reveal that Indonesia has developed several new young players to bolster their already strong potential. Most sensational of this new crop of players is the 16 year old school boy, Rudy Nio, who reached the finals of the Perak Open Badminton Championships, where he met Malaysia's great world champion, Tan Aik Huang. Aik Huang managed to win his 10th successive international triumph, but only after a hard 46 minute struggle which went 3 games, 15-8, 11-15, 15-3. Other interesting final results found Indonesia's A. P. Unang and Tjoa Tjong Boang capturing the mens' doubles title with a fine win over Japan's M. Akiyama and I. Kojima, 17-16, 15-11. The 22 year old Miss Minarni beat 24 year old Retno Koestijah 11-7, 11-9 for the ladies' singles title in an all-Indonesian final. The two ladies then teamed up to defeat Megah Idawati and Tan Tjong Ing, also from Indonesia, to capture the ladies' doubles crown 15-1, 15-10. The mixed doubles final found Tan Yee Khan and Retno Koestijah beating our old friend, Eddy Choong, and Miss Minarni, 15-9, 15-11.

Produced by the President's Council on Physical Fitness, in co-operation with Lifetime Sports Foundation, is a new booklet entitled "Teaching Lifetime Sporting Skills". The booklet is published by the U. S. Government Printing Office. Copies may be obtained from the Superintendent of

Documents at the Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402 at 40 cents each. The list number is Pr 35.8:P56/T22. The 52 page booklet gives information on the four sports recommended by the Lifetime Sports Foundation for the initial emphasis on sports that may be carried on through from youth into most of a person's life. The booklet contains a very fine and fitting message from President Lyndon B. Johnson. The section on Badminton is quite interesting and contains a brief history of the game and outlines some of the fundamentals. Also shown are pictures depicting some of the basic strokes. Unfortunately, some of the addresses indicated for obtaining further information are outdated.

Learned from the I. B. F. news column was the information that the application for membership as a national organization for which Joseph Benes has worked many years had been received from the Czechoslovak Badminton Section.

It was a shock to learn from Miss Barbara Grebe, Secretary of the Mexican Badminton Association, of the sudden death in an automobile accident of Mr. Luis Sanudo, Treasurer of the Association. Mr. Sanudo was a tower of strength in Mexican Badminton activities. His friendly advice and tremendous contribution in the advancement of the game in Mexico will be sorely missed.

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Many times Badminton players planning to travel in foreign countries want to know how and where they may be able to find clubs where they may play their favorite sport. Here again is one of the many reasons why the modest investment in the cost of obtaining a copy of the I.B.F. Official Handbook is well repaid for the Handbook lists the name and address of the officials of each national organization affiliated to the IBF, who may be contacted and who will be glad to furnish the desired information. This information may also be obtained from the Honorary Secretary of the IBF or from this writer.

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FROM COAST TO COAST

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Tournament financing by the players buying 15c tickets and so providing their own shuttles has been discussed in another section of this issue but it is also reported that tournament participation, particularly in the "B", "C" and Novice classes has increased by 30% since this plan was put into effect.

NEW ENGLAND

New England published official Rankings for the 2nd year headed by Dot O'Neil, Daphne First, Barbara Bourbeau and Rosemary McGuire in the Ladies Singles and by Stan Hales, Dick Ball, Dick Gorman and Al Hales in that order in the Mens Singles. Ladies Doubles, Mens Doubles and Mixed Doubles were also ranked.

In a 'fun' tournament at the University Club—A-C pairings—Tony Greene & Peter Trafton def. Wayne Schell & Bill Hutcheson in the finals while Daphne First & Doris Hutcheson won over Dot O'Neil and Sue Magrane in the ladies' event.

Seven new initial Championship emblems were awarded in the 13 & under tournament held on December 27th. There were over 40 participants in what was described as a satisfying tournament, chaired by Mrs. Sally Powers.

DELAWARE VALLEY

The annual Betty Haines Memorial Mixed Doubles tournament was held at the Wissahickon Badminton Club on Saturday, January 28, 1967. For the third straight year, Frank Bedford and Barbara Goodell won the tournament by defeating Dr. Carl Fischer and Pat Cornell. The consolations were won by Jack and Peggy Farquhar who defeated Sid Quinn

and Nancy Ruff. The tournament was ably conducted by Harry and Ann Hackett. It was followed by a cocktail-supper party handled beautifully by Willy Frey, Jackie Vaniver, Lois Stovall and Sandy Nielsen.

On Saturday, January 15, while our eleven and under juniors battled it out for club honors on the gym floor at Springer Jr. High, we loaded a station wagon with Bender trophies, homemade posters, assorted badminton equipment; and sporting an unbadminton color scheme of lavender and yellow, headed for the duPont Country Club's seventh annual Sports Show.

The Dilwyne Club of Wilmington, Delaware, had been invited to participate by Mr. J. R. Cook, Activities Coordinator for the duPont Country Club. The Show is open to the public and serves the purpose of giving local sports organizations the opportunity to advertise and attract, and the public the opportunity to appreciate and possibly to participate or support. All objectives were served by means of tables and displays arranged along the wide corridors of the sprawling country club, in side rooms and in the main ballroom. A cafeteria and snack bar was open to workers and those attending the Show. The attendance was estimated at around 1500 during opening hours from 11:30 to 4:30 PM.

It proved a fascinating day for our four juniors who, dressed in their "whites", took turns standing by our table, answering questions about badminton in general and the Dilwyne program in particular. There was much for four young athletes to see. Approximately 50 different exhibitors were represented—just about every known sport. Directly across from our table was a proud arrangement

of fencing foils and equipment with a movie periodically showing basic fencing techniques. Young girls in ice skating skirts flipped back and forth in front of the ice skating club table next to ours. It was a sports carnival and we enjoyed being part of it.



Barney Lane, Mike Riechert and Doug Bender.

We were proud of our table with its crossed rackets, gleaming silver trophies and flower pots which grew lavender and yellow dyed badminton bird flowers. The spring colors were carried out in the posters which displayed pictures of national and international players, club activities and which advertised the coming Junior National Badminton Tournament to be held in March in Eugene, Oregon.

During the day many people stopped to talk to these juniors and wish them luck. One small boy shyly held out a crumpled paper on which were written several autographs—Clay Dalrymple and Dick Groat of the Phillies and Sam Huff of the Wash. Redskins among them. Our four kids were grinning from ear to ear as they wrote, "Doug Bender, Mike Riechert, Barney Lane and Nancy Bender."

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

Minnesota has held its State Tournament for over 25 years. With so much interest we felt another tournament or two throughout the years would be advantageous in many ways. Our Early Bird Doubles tourney, for seniors only, has as its theme "fun". We tried to encourage new partnerships and entrants who might be reluctant to enter a State tournament. With a little persuasion we got many very able players onto the courts and everyone did have a good time! Several newcomers never thought they would last, but no one gave up and now have an incentive to get in 'better shape'. Spectators witnessed some beautiful rallies and were undoubtedly convinced that Badminton can be played skillfully and with much enjoyment.

EARLY BIRD DOUBLES November 1966

- LD** Nell Coil & Barb Horwitz def. Carmen Montgomery & JoAnn Eha 15-10, 15-8.
- MD** Ted Jarrett & Gordy Gutzmann def. Harold & Will Krinkie 15-10, 8-15, 15-9.
- MxD** George Wheaton & Nell Coil def. Will Krinkie & Barb Horwitz 15-10, 15-7.

MARYLAND

The MBA is holding, or has held, its usual A, B and C State tournaments as well as Junior tournaments in the three age brackets and the big Mason Dixon Open. The news in the Association is the work being put in by the MBA President Alex Wilson with the Baltimore County Department of Recreation's Ed Bender to introduce badminton into their Recreation programs. To date three clinics have been held with the athletic teachers and directors, and if all goes well he hopes to have hundreds of children playing after school and over the week-ends in the county High School Gyms.

THE MIDWEST

In recognition of many, many years of hard work to establish and organize the Flint Badminton Club the board of directors of that Club has announced a new tournament, the "C. A. Mobley Open" held January 21-22, in place of the Flint Open Doubles. Charlie Mobley, an ex-mayor of Flint, traveled to Canada in 1931 with a basketball team and on their trip found some 'birdies' lying on the gym floor. Not knowing what these feathered creatures were they picked them up and brought them home. In the First Presbyterian Gymnasium in Flint they proceeded to paddle them back and forth with ping-pong paddles until their curiosity got the better of them and they just had to know what the heck these things were for and how they were used. By 1934 a club was in full swing with approximately 50 members and moved to larger quarters as the "Flint Badminton Club" on the six courts at Whittier Gym.

Through the years Charlie was the back-bone of the Club, running tournaments, organizing matches through-out Saginaw Valley, running Club play and in general was Jack-of-all trades when it came to Badminton. Is it surprising that he is Chairman of the Fund-Raising Committee for this year's Nationals?

Bob Rahr writes that they are running a bunch of Closed Wisconsin Doubles tournaments to try and revive some interest in the State. They seem to be going very well, as they are only a one day tournament and no one has too far to travel. They are finding that some people who haven't played in years are entering and they are also getting more beginners interested. The Burdick Open had to be called off because of the terrific snowstorms in the Midwest. They had 280 entries one of the biggest tournaments in a long time.

THE METROPOLITAN B. A.

The season opened with the annual Rye Round Robin Handicap Tournament but the "home side" had little to cheer about; Connecticut players won everything. Rosemary McGuire and Grace MacFarland winning the Ladies doubles, Bill Reynolds and Darrell MacFarland won the Mens Doubles while the Mixed Doubles ended in a three way playoff with the MacFarlands winding up in 1st place, Susie Suppiah (scheduled to return to Malaysia in the near future) and Joe Morello were second and Pamela Appleton with Ami Domestico placed third. The waiting room at this tournament took on the look of a cross between a Romper Room for small-fry spectators and a Workroom for Bert Frost, who put in a full day's work restringing old rackets and selling new ones. The unseeded team of Tom Heden and Peter Lemon reached the finals of the 30th Annual Westport Invitational Doubles losing to Dick Ball & Dick Gorman 4-15, 15-11, 15-4, eliminating several nationally ranked players on the way. The Rye Badminton Club, which formerly required membership in the Rye YMCA, is now open to anyone, regardless of YMCA membership. Fee is \$1.00 per session plus a .50c bird fee.

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NEWS from AROUND the WORLD

via Ireland's SUE PEARD

"An ambitious and imaginative 5 year tours programme is envisaged by the New Zealand Badminton Federation"—so goes the beginning of an article on New Zealand's plans for their immediate badminton future, plans which should do a great deal towards lifting the standard of play in that country. It is to their great credit that they are able to even contemplate these things with their geographical remoteness from so much of the badminton world.

The cost of this plan is expected to be in the region of \$38,000 coming from the Annual Raffle profits. For 1967 the Australian Team will be in New Zealand, Thailand will be invited to send a touring team and a "world invitation" series will be staged in May and June between two Danes, 2 Malaysians and 2 Indonesians.

In 1968, New Zealand Juniors will tour Australia, there will be a Uber Cup Tour and a Malaysian students team in New Zealand. The following year the New Zealand Team will tour Australia and there will be a Thomas Cup tie in New Zealand. In 1970 New Zealand will tour South East Asia and possibly send a team to the Commonwealth Games in Scotland.

And for the final year projected, Australia will once more be in New Zealand and the New Zealand team will also make a tour of Western U. S. and possibly Canada. Anybody wish to emigrate?!

And while on the subject of New Zealand Badminton, an interesting program of sponsorship is also underway in that country. The building of badminton facilities is one of the main considerations in a grant which will be \$2,800 annually together with a trophy, and

which is being donated by Rothmans, the cigarette manufacturers. \$280 is to go annually to the host association conducting the New Zealand Championships, \$1000 to a special Development Fund of the N.Z.B.F. and \$1400 as a grant to one of the regional associations specifically to be used towards an approved building project.

In the English National Championships held in December, Roger Mills won the mens singles for the third year running and Ursula Smith beat Angela Bairstow in the ladies singles.

In the London Championships, one of the major tournaments of the season, Germany's Irmgaard Latz beat Angela Bairstow and then lost in the finals to the Netherlands' Imre Reitveld. In an all-Danish mens singles final, Sven Andersen defeated Erland Kops 15-0, 15-7 and together they won the doubles from Mills-Horton. Judy Hashman and Janet Brennan defeated Iris Rogers and Angela Bairstow to win the ladies doubles.

The Irish Open Championships had an added attraction this year with teams entered from England, Wales and South Africa. The Ireland-England match preceeded the tournament, the Wales-Ireland match was held on the Monday following and the South Africans are in Europe for the rest of the season.

In the Scottish Championships, Lee Kin Tat of Malaysia defeated Bob McCoig in the finals. In the International Match preceeding the tournament Scotland edged out Ireland by 5 matches to 4.

FROM ACROSS THE BORDER

News from
SHARON WHITTAKER

The Canadian Thomas Cup Team was selected and is composed of Wayne Macdonnell (BC), Jamie Paulson (Alb), Ed & Rolf Paterson (BC), Bruce Rollick (BC) and Jim Carnwath (Ont). This is the team which will meet Mexico with the winner playing the winner of the tie between Jamaica and the U. S.

Canada holds a Winter Games during the week of February 13th. It is a large scale meet and includes many other sports. In Badminton it is a Provincial Team Championship with 4 men and 4 ladies representing each Province. This is the first of such games and is being held in Quebec City.

The other important dates on the Canadian Calendar are the Canadian Championships March 28th—April 1st in Winnipeg and the Centennial Invitation Tournament (for Men only) in Toronto March 23-25. Canada will be represented by Wayne Macdonnell and Jamie Paulson.

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(From the cover of the latest addition to the Sports Illustrated Library.)

Nancy Bender of the Dilwyn B. C., Wilmington was invited to run (unofficially) in the Women's Middle Atlantic AAU Cross Country meet last November 13th and came in second, and she plays *goalie* on the Brandywine High Girls Hockey team! . . . The Juniors from the Baltimore Badminton Club played a match against the Dilwyn Juniors in November which resulted in a 17 to 13 win for Dilwyn. Doug Bender and Wendy Zaharko led the Wilmington crowd while Doug Cooper and June Froelich played number one for Baltimore.



Hank Majlinger Photo

The International Trophy or Devlin Cup was presented to the American Badminton Association last season and the first International Match (other than between Juniors), between the United States and Canada was played in Concord, New Hampshire, with the U. S. winning 11-3.

The sterling silver vase was originally a present to a former Bishop of Philadelphia from some of his admiring parishioners and came into the possession of a Maryland descendant. It is a beautiful piece of workmanship and stands on a two tiered handcarved octagonal plinth of solid walnut. The wood of the plinth comes from a four-poster bed, once the property of the late Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore.

No news has reached us of the date or locality for this year's match which is due to be played in Canada at some date close to that of the Canadian Championships.

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Malaysia* } Malaysia 8 - 1
 India }
 Pakistan } Pakistan 7 - 2
 Ceylon* }

European Zone

West Germany* } Sweden* 6 - 3
 Sweden }
 Ireland* } Ireland 7 - 2
 Norway }
 South Africa } South Africa
 East Germany* } w.o.
 Scotland* } Scotland* 7 - 2
 Netherlands }

Sweden 9 - 0

Denmark

South Africa 6 - 3

England

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FLYING FEATHERS

From Brenda Lumsden of Needham, Mass. we hear that Corinne Hill of Canada has been welcomed to their badminton circles. She is now a student at the College of the Sacred Heart in Newton, Mass. . . . If any of you are going to Bermuda this winter, be sure to bring your badminton rackets along. There is a very active group of wonderful people at the Bermuda Athletic Club in Hamilton who would welcome any outside competition (from "D" on up). . . . Gail Cutler is back in the Boston area and expected to be in competitions again this winter. . . . Another ex-junior champion, Tony Greene, has graduated from college, and has returned to teach at Duxbury High School. . . . Don Lumsden, one of the local stalwarts, sustained a severe knee injury in his first tournament of the season, he tore some ligaments and will be watching from the sidelines for a while. . . . A second son was welcomed into the family of the Mass. Vice Pres. and Mrs. Allyn Woodward late last summer. . . . Bill Fischer of Winnipeg writes that he is now in the Investment business in that city. Bill has been on all four of the badminton tours. . . . Scotland's Ina and Ian McKinnon, who were living first in San Diego, then in San Francisco during 1965-66 moved back home and are once more back in Southern California. Ian applied for a job in Alhambra, was accepted and arrived on Jan. 31st. Ina and son Bruce will be along in March. Good to have their rackets added to the local scene. . . . Manuel Armendariz, who broke his Achilles tendon during his semi final singles match in Western States Open last December, is now out of the cast. Seems to be making ideal

progress, but will be glad to get to put the foot on the floor again. Those crutches are not too much fun. . . . The younger generation of the Alston family progresses. Nicky won a doubles event (with partner Norman Couture) in MBBC's Junior tournament in January. . . . The Thomas Cup tryouts, held in San Diego, were greeted by the advent of really cold weather. Joe Alston has now found out the joys of sweat pants. . . . After the death of Leo Dukehorn, his fellow club members at Santa Monica B.C. created a memorial trophy which is to be presented to the winner of the 18 year old boy's singles each year at the MBBC Junior tourney. This year, the winner was Mike Walker. He was very proudly struggling under the weight of the hugh trophy after his win. . . . At the Dave Freeman Open, all contestants were presented with pins made up just for the event. This is an idea which adds a flavor to such tournaments. Maybe it will catch on at others. The only "old timer" who was in evidence at the DFO this year, was Dick Mitchell. Dr. Freeman, Chet Goss, Carl Loveday, and Johnny Murphy usually come to visit, but did not make it this time. . . . We hear from Bill Berry that he is back in El Cajon, California working in a public relations capacity for two travel agents having "married a lovely girl named Heather from Rhodesia". . . . Roselyn and Paul Buskey are in Germany and playing doubles and mixed doubles on the Wiesbaden Badminton Club #2 team. They are undefeated so far in their mixed matches. The present German doubles champions are club members as are several other ranking players. There are

quite active leagues at several levels of play. There is generally state level competition regularly scheduled, with representatives then going forward to the national level. The wood-shot rule is not over-enforced here as they found it to be in the few tournaments they played in last Spring in the States. They are very much in favour of enforcing only a sling or a deliberate wood (If there is such a thing. Ed.)



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Badminton from the Beginning

By J. FRANK DEVLIN

Having dealt with the basic strokes of the game we must now try to learn how to deal with some of them and we will start first with picking up the Smash which, since it is the principal attacking weapon in the game the antidote should be learned as quickly as possible.

When you are expecting your opponent to smash it is a good plan to make up your mind definitely and early on which side you are going to take it, backhand or forehand. Many players prefer to defend on the backhand, that is they pick up all smashes, except those wide on their forehand, holding the racket as for a backhand stroke. In picking up a smash the first and foremost thing to remember is to get your body out of the way. I think the backhand stance, particularly when dealing with those difficult shots which come straight at you, has a definite advantage over the forehand, particularly for the beginner.

Having made up your mind to try and return a smash, say on the forehand, place your feet correctly, body well round and left foot nearest to the net with the arm extended and the head of the racket well up.

A player should learn to pick up a smash with equal proficiency on both forehand and backhand and, while there is no real objection to picking it up more often on the backhand it is important to become good at both or you will leave a target at which your opponent will always aim.

First of all concentrate on picking up the smash with a high lob as a return and practice—it is largely a matter of timing—until your lob is really high and deep. This takes the sting out of the

smash and gives one time to regain court position. Another reply is a short drop-shot, which is particularly useful in singles. It requires great delicacy of touch and no one should be discouraged if at first his drop-shots go too far out into the court or too high over the net. Only practice, and a great deal of it, will make one proficient. A further answer is a quick cross-court flick, the angle of which must be as acute as possible. But it is a shot which should only be attempted when the smasher is out of position and there is a definite opening into which to place it. It travels fast and will fall quickly but woe be-tide the player who uses it at the wrong time for then it will be cut off early and quickly, generally scoring a point.

The commonest reasons for a player having difficulties in picking up a smash are firstly, they mis-time it and hit too soon and secondly they do not position their bodies properly. Instead of getting their shoulder pointing to the net many stand squarely facing it with consequent poky and cramped strokes. Also the head of the racket is too often carried on a line with the wrist instead of up and back and allowing the wrist to lead the racket for correct wrist action. If the head of the racket is in this proper position even though there may be no time for a full preliminary swing a flick of the wrist will often be sufficient to accomplish a good clearing shot, always provided one is not too far back in the court.

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Tournament Results

FROM ACROSS THE BORDER IN THE WEST

THE VANCOUVER INVITATIONAL

- MS** Wayne Macdonnell def. Jamie Paulson (2 games).
LS Alison Daysmith def. Judy Humber (def).
MD Rolf & Ed Paterson def. Macdonnell & Bruce Rollick (n/s).
LD Barbara Nash & Mimi Nilsson def. Humber & Daysmith (def).
MxD R. Paterson & Nilsson def. E. Paterson & Joyce Jones (n/s).

THE CALGARY INVITATIONAL

- MS** Jamie Paulson def. Wayne Macdonnell 7-15, 15-1, 15-11.
LS Sandra Kolb def. Judy Humber 11-6, 11-6.
MD Ro Riley & Lane Bickle def. Macdonnell & Bruce Rollick (2 games).
LD Humber & Barbara Nash def. Kolb & Betty Agnew (2 games).
MxD Riley & Humber def. Paulson & Agnew (2 games).

IN THE EAST

NIAGARA FALLS INVITATIONAL

- LS** Jean Miller def. Dot O'Neil (2 games).
MS Jim Lynch def. Tom Carmichael (2 games).
LD Miller & Bev Welsh def. Ethel Marshall & Bea Massman (2 games).
MD Carmichael & Lynch def. Ray Cornish & Bill Purkis (2 games).
MxD Lynch & Marshall def. Carmichael & Del Bedford (2 games).

ONTARIO "A"

- LS** Sharon Wittaker def. Nancy McKinley 11-1, 11-6.
MS John Holehouse def. Jim Carnwath 15-8, 9-15, 15-1.
LD Marj Shedd & Dorothy Tinline def. Ethel Marshall & Bea Massman 15-11, 5-15, 18-16.
MD Lynch & Dave Charron def. Carmichael & Herb Kirkconnell 8-15, 18-15, 15-4.
MxD Jim & Nancy Lynch def. Carnwath & Shedd 15-3, 15-6.
SMD George Thorpe & Kirkconnell def. St. Clair Smith & Bob Traquair 15-8, 17-15.

BIRD CHATTER DEADLINE

In the future the deadline for news will be the first Friday of the month preceeding that in which Bird Chatter will appear. This seems to us an easier way for contributors to remember the deadlines.

April 28th
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SEATTLE CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS December 1966

- LS** Alison Daysmith def. Susie Wilson 11-4, 11-3.
- MS** Don Davis def. Nick Johnson 6-15, 15-8, 15-11.
- LD** Judy Brodhun & Wilson def. Donna Armstrong & Jones 9-15, 15-8, 15-10.
- MD** Davis & Johnson def. Larry Zaitzeff & Dick Ferrell 15-5, 15-9.
- MxD** Johnson & Daysmith def. Davis & Armstrong 15-3, 15-4.

CLASS "B"

- LD** Diane Sinnes & Nancy Dunn def. Pat Korthius & Helen Christien 18-14, 17-18, 15-5.
- MD** Jack Barrett & Ollie Flohr def. Jim Peterson & Ron Fernandes 15-8, 15-8.
- John Hogley & Candy Korpe def. Jock Barrett & Carol Barrett 15-3, 10-15, 15-7.

CLASS "C"

- LD** Dianne Sands & Dawn Chaussey def. Gerry Ann Jordan & Barb Kinney 15-2, 15-3.
- MD** John Lima & John Hogley def. Bud Adamson & Bob Boehm, 15-13, 7-15, 15-13.
- MxD** Boehm & Helen Christien def. Jack Burgelhaus & Mary Booth, 15-7, 15-8.

CONOCO INVITATIONAL MEN'S DOUBLES December 1966

The tournament was a round robin with two game matches. Eighteen games were played by each team. Ten teams entered. Gold Watches were awarded to the winners and the next seven places were awarded trophies.

		Won	Lost
1st	Ted Moehlmann & George Martin	17	1
2nd	Jim Poole & George Harman	15	3
3rd	John Sudbury & Ralph Chesser	12	6
5th	Hugh Berryman & Harold Clark	10	8
6th	Dan Kamperman & Ray Park	9	9
7th	Ed French & Dale Miller	8	10
8th	Kang Yang & Carroll Knutson	6	12

WILMINGTON INVITATION LADIES DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN December 1966

The best two out of three games were played.

"A" division

Faith Ferris & Carol Wendell (Md) def. McGrogor Stewart (Md) & Charlotte Decker (Va) in the play-off 16-17, 15-6, 15-8.

"B" division

Sue Johnson & Charlotte Balick (Del) def. Susan Strauss & Jackie Hearetig (NYC) 15-10, 15-12.

WESTERN STATES OPEN December 1966

This tournament was marred by an accident to Mannie Armendariz who injured his Achilles Tendon early in the first game of the semi-finals against Rod Starkey and had to retire from the Singles and the Doubles. In California the Mixed Veterans play under a rule of entry allowing a combined age of 75 years. Since Beulah Armendariz remained with her husband whose Achilles Tendon was operated upon on the day of the finals, she was defaulted with her partner Robert D. Gerzine out of this event.

- WS** Tyna Barinaga def. Diana Moore 12-10, 11-0; def. Carlene Starkey by default; Moore def. Starkey 11-7, 11-5. (Round Robin event).
- MS** Rod Starkey def. Don Paup 15-10, 15-4.
- LD** Tyna Barrinaga & Helen Tibbetts def. Lois Alston & Doris Haase 15-13, 15-7.
- MD** Joe Alston & Wynn Rogers def. Paup & Tim Knight 15-7, 17-16.
- MxD** Joe & Lois Alston def. Don Paup & Helen Tibbetts 11-15, 15-8, 15-10.
- VD** Waldo Lyon & Wynn Rogers def. Larry Calvert & D. L. Trader 11-15, 15-8, 15-12.
- MxV** Wally Kinnear & Helen Tibbetts def. Robt. Gerzine & B. Armendariz by default.

MICHIGAN OPEN December 1966

- LS** Penny Vincent (C) def. Beverley Welsh 12-10, 12-11.
- MS** Tom Carmichael def. Jim Lynch (C) 7-15, 15-10, 15-5.
- LD** Ethel Marshall & Bea Massman def. Astrid Bowling & Dell Bedford 15-3, 15-11.
- MD** Bill Anderson & Bruce Bedford def. Carmichael & Jim Stevens 15-7, 15-10.
- MxD** Jim & Nancy Lynch (C) def. Carmichael & Bedford 15-8, 15-3.
- VD** Earl Boston & J. Wigglesworth def. Bill Anderson & Bob Petz 13-15, 15-5, 15-6.
- VLD** Marshall & Massman def. Millie Sirwaitis & Mary Connor 15-2, 15-3.

MEXICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS December 1966

- LS** Caroline Allier (M) def. Carlene Starkey (USA) 11-9, 11-9.
- MS** Tony Rangel (M) def. Rod Starkey (USA) 15-6, 15-13.
- LD** Starkey & Lucero Soto (M) def. Allier & Rivera (M) 15-12, 13-18, 15-3.
- MD** Raul & Tony Rangel (M) def. Starkey-Allier 15-9, 15-6.
- MxD** Oscar Lujan (M) Tinoco (M) def. R. & C. Starkey 15-10, 15-13.
- SrMD** Waldo Lyon (USA) & Taylor Caffery (USA) def. Mendez & Mejia 15-10, 10-15, 15-8.
- SrMxD** The Riveras def. Jaramillo & Garibey n/s.

WASHINGTON STATE JUNIOR OPEN December 1966

This Junior State tournament was dominated in the 18 & Under age bracket by our visitors from across the border. Barbara Nash from West Vancouver defeating both Judy Brodhun and Susan Wilson of Port Angeles in the Singles, playing with Susan Van Os of Port Angeles she won the Girls' Doubles handily, and paired with Kelvin Ludbrook of Richmond, B.C., she also won the Mixed. While Ludbrook won the Boys' Singles in an event in which Richard Neill was the only U. S. player to reach the semi-finals and then teaming with J. Bourne, also from Richmond, they fought every inch of the way through the Boys' Doubles. In the 15 & Under the Canadians took the boys' events with Washington State winning the other three while the U. S. youngsters took all the 13 & Under events. In the 11 & Under, Casey Janz of Oregon was the only player to loosen Port Angeles' hold on this category.

18 & UNDER

- GS** Barbara Nash (C) def. Susan Wilson (P.A.) 11-7, 7-11, 11-8.
- BS** Kelvin Ludbrook (C) def. Richard Neill (S) 9-15, 15-6, 17-14.
- GD** Nash & Ellen Van Os (P.A.) def. Hester Hill & Connie Young (P.A.) 15-10, 15-6.
- BD** Ludbrook & J. Bourne (C) def. Neill & Jim Eden (S) 10-15, 15-12, 15-2.
- MxD** Ludbrook & Nash def. Neill & Adele Wilkeson (O) 15-11, 15-2.

15 & UNDER

- GS** Ellen Van Os def. Diane Sinnes, 7-11, 7-9, 12-11.
- BS** Randy Bourne (C) def. Morley Jameson (C) 15-3, 15-6.
- GD** Van Os & Lynette Buck def. Nancy Dunn & Sinnes 15-12, 15-9.
- BD** Chris Blaney (C) & Bourne def. Randy Ferrell & Dave Sorenson 15-8, 15-4.
- MxD** Ferrell & Van Os def. Sorenson & Buck 15-10, 15-8.

13 & UNDER

- GS** Diana Sands def. Noreen Pringle, 10-12, 11-2, 12-?
- BS** Kurt Janz def. Charles Bourne 17-15, 18-13.
- GD** Pringle & Mary Booth def. Sands & Gerianne Jordan 15-8, 15-11.
- BD** Janz & David Harp def. John Boyd & Mark Murray 15-5, 6-15, 15-?
- MxD** Greg Van Horn & Sands def. Albie Grasher & Pringle 15-5, 15-11.

11 & UNDER

- GS** Casey Janz (O) def. Ida Walke 2-11, 11-5, 11-?
- BS** Ken Lane def. Creighton Van Horn 11-15, 15-6, 15-?
- GD** Walke & Sharon Van Horn def. Sherri Lundberg & Janz, 15-7, 15-10.
- BD** Van Horn & Lane def. Mike Athey & David Harkness, 15-2, 15-?
- MxD** Lane & Walke def. Athey & Janz, 15-4, 15-6.

NEW ORLEANS CLOSED December 1966

- LS** Betty Miller def. Karol Kloepper 11-2, 11-2.
- MS** Bobby Norman def. Stanley Taylor 11-15, 15-5, 18-13.
- LD** Miller & Norman def. Kit Senter & Kloepper 17-14, 15-11.
- MD** Jim Poole & Taylor Caffery def. Ernest Sutter & John Jenkins 15-3, 15-7.
- MxD** Poole & Senter def. Caffery & Elie Caffery 15-9, 15-7.

The outstanding match of the tournament was the men's singles final in which Bobby Norman was 12-4 down in the final game. Stan Taylor is a young Tulane student—a good 15 years junior to Bobby—with stamina that seemed could last all day. But Bobby is also a tremendous retriever with “rubber legs” and through sheer determination and experience he outlasted the youngster. There were many really long rallies in this match with both players making unbelievable “gets.”

B.M.

CHARLES A. MOBLEY OPEN January 1967

- LS** Janice White def. Pam Stockton, 11-1, 11-1.
- MS** Tom Carmichael def. Jim Bell, 15-12, 17-14.
- LD** Norma & Sharon Pritula def. Dell Bedford & Astrid Bowling, 15-3, 15-8.
- MD** Bill Anderson & Bruce Bedford def. Tom Carmichael & Jim Stevens, 17-15, 17-15.
- MxD** Bruce Bedford & Astrid Bowling def. Jim Bell & Thelma Burdick, 15-4, 15-3.
- SMxD** Bill Anderson & Lynn Stockton def. Bob & Carolyn Croxon 15-1, 15-4.

THE EASTERN OPEN December 1966

18 & UNDER

- GS** Alison Root def. Nancy Bender, 11-6, 11-9.
- BS** Dave Domzal def. Edwin Fava, 15-8, 15-7.
- GD** Bender & Root def. Hill-Ford, 15-10, 15-5.
- BD** Fava & R. McKinley def. Domzal & M. Adams 15-8, 15-8.
- MxD** Domzal & Bender def. Adams & P. Stockton.

15 & UNDER

- GS** Nancy Fedea def. Polly Stockton, 5-11, 11-8, 11-6.
- BS** Doug Bender def. Bruce Pontow, 15-18, 15-9, 15-12.
- GD** Fedea & M. Owens def. W. Zaharko & K. Ling, 15-11, 15-13.
- BD** Bender & Mike Reichert def. Pontow & R. Buck, 15-7, 15-8.
- MxD** Pontow & S. Muthig def. Bender & Ling, 18-17, 15-11.

13 & UNDER

- GS** Pam Stockton def. Sandy Muthig 11-6, 11-6.
- BS** Ronald Buck def. Chad Lynch, 15-3, 15-2.
- GD** Muthig & Stockton def. R. Harvey & L. Stephens 15-4, 15-2.
- BD** P. Cornell & J. Roberts def. J. Irwin & Lynch 15-18, 15-5, 15-9.
- MxD** Buck & Stockton def. Roberts & D. Cornell, 15-2, 15-4.

OREGON JUNIOR CLOSED BADMINTON TOURNAMENT December 1966

Steve Merrill was named recipient of the “Outstanding Junior of the Year” award and the “Sportsmanship Trophy” was presented to Kathy Haines following the completion of the Oregon Junior Closed Tournament, December 4, 1966, at Willamette High School in Eugene.

From the 131 entries of the tournament 68 were in the 11 and under age group. Viewing from where the audience sat at one time, strenuous play was being conducted in all four age brackets. This time including the 11 and under age group. As shown by the amount of entries the 11 and under has put forth as much effort as the other groups, and seem to be enjoying themselves more than as much as the others.

18 & UNDER

- GS** Mary Cierich def. Bonnie Muntz 11-3, 11-2.
- BS** Duane Muntz def. Steve Merrill 8-15, 15-13, 15-11.
- GD** Cierich & Muntz def. Sue Wize & Sandy Harp 15-6, 15-7.
- BD** Muntz & Alan Cierich def. Tom Chew & Merrill 15-12, 15-11.
- MxD** Merrill & M. Cierich def. A. Cierich & Harp. n/s.

15 & UNDER

- GS** Chris Janz def. Jerri Souder 11-0, 11-2.
- BS** Ken Howland def. Carl Hoard 15-7, 15-2.
- GD** Bari Jones & Kathie Haines def. Candy McKie & Joanne Wakefield 15-3, 18-17.
- BD** Phil Zollman & Howland def. Hoard & Jess Robinson 15-11, 18-13.
- MxD** Howland & Souder def. Zollman & McKie 15-2, 15-6.

13 & UNDER

- GS** Sandra Brodie def. Glenas Heffentrager, 11-3, 11-5.
- BS** Kurt Janz def. David Harp 15-1, 5-10.
- GD** Brodie & Heffentrager def. Audrey & Vicki Buck 15-8, 15-8.
- BD** Janz & Harp def. Nick Fisher & Gary Vanderwaal 15-10, 15-7.
- MxD** Janz & Brodie def. Vandervaal & Heffentrager 15-12, 15-12.

11 & UNDER

- GS** Casey Janz def. Sheri Lundberg 11-0, 10-12, 11-3.
- BS** Mike Athey def. David Harkness 15-13, 15-13.
- GD** Janz & Lundberg def. Marianne Toftemark & Tara Borsek 15-6, 15-8.
- BD** Athey & Harkness def. David Prince & David Omlid 15-7, 15-1.
- MxD** Athey & Janz def. Lundberg & Omlid 15-6, 15-8.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA OPEN & NOVICE December 1966

Novice Singles: Winner David Ng.
Open Singles: Edgar def. Gouwn.
Men's Doubles: Richard Ng & J. Poong def. D. West & G. Quickshank.
Mixed Doubles: Ed Fernbach & Marie Coats def. D. West & J. Kirby.
Vet's Men's Doubles: Ed Fernbach & J. Poong def. Takaki & Tomczak.
No scores were reported.

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Sanctioned Tournaments

(Final List. Unfortunately 38 were received too late to be included).

- Mar. 10-12 Massachusetts State "D", Marblehead, Mass.
Chm. Allyn Woodward, 5 Longfellow Road, Natick, Mass.
- Mar. 18-19 Kodak Office Invitation, Rochester, N.Y.
Chm. Frank A. Comstock, 159 Shansharon Drive, Rochester, N.Y.
- Mar. 27-30 Maryland State, Baltimore, Maryland
Chm. Mr. & Mrs. Liam M. Kelly, 4611 Keswick Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21210
- Mar. 31-Apr. 2 32nd Annual California State Open
Chm. Virginia Mosdale, 460 Spencer St., Glendale, Calif. 91202
- Apr. 1-2 Midwest Championships, Glenview, Illinois.
Chm. J. D. Wigglesworth, 243 Eaton St., Northfield, Ill. 60093
- Apr. 1-2 Oregon State Open, Portland, Oregon.
Chm. E. W. Brown, 1906 S.E. Ankeny, Portland, Oregon. 97214
- Apr. 1-2 Louisiana Open, Natchitoches, Louisiana.
Chm. Robt. A. Alost, Northwestern State College, Dept. of Health & Physical Education, Natchitoches, La. 71457
- Apr. 8-9 Rye Club Invitation, Rye, N.Y.
Chm. Pierre Megroz, 85 West Brookside Drive, Larchmont, N.Y.
- Apr. 12-15 U.S. NATIONALS, Flint, Michigan.
Chm. Cletus Eli, P.O. Box 4151, Flint, Michigan. 48504

Junior Tournaments

- Mar. 11-12 Flint City Closed, Flint, Michigan
Chm. Mrs. Sheldon Stockton, 631 E. Atherton, Flint, Mich. 48507
- Mar. 15-18 JUNIOR NATIONALS, Eugene, Oregon.
Chm. Mr. & Mrs. Phil Janz, 155 34th Place East, Eugene, Oregon 97405
- Apr. 8-9 Midwest Juniors, Patton Park, Detroit, Mich.
Chm. Wes Muthig, 9571 Westwood, Detroit, Mich. 48228
- May 13-14 Southern California Championships, Pasadena, Calif.
Chm. Lois Alston, 989 Hillside Terr., Pasadena, Calif. 91105

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