

Badminton

Northwest Region

September 1992

Bird NOTES



Badminton Joins the Olympics

This year Badminton was a full medal sport in the Olympics. Both Men's and Women's singles and doubles were featured. For reasons still not explained, mixed doubles was not included. Play began July 28th with the finals on August 4th. It was hoped some portion would appear on television. Yonex stated they pressured NBC to provide token coverage. Unfortunately, it was to no avail.

Chris Jogis, Benny Lee and Tom Reidy competed in men's singles for

the United States. Lee and Reidy were also in men's doubles. Joy Kitzmiller, Erika von Heiland and Linda French competed in the women's singles. Kitzmiller and French were also our team in the women's doubles.

Qualifying in Badminton for the Olympics is different than in other sports. Ice skating, for instance, sends the top three in the US. Qualifying in badminton depends upon your world ranking. The top 40 individuals for singles, teams for

doubles, would qualify. Jogis, our best singles player, ranks about 65th in the world while Kitzmiller is around 80th. Our only hope for US representation was the limitation of only two players or teams representing any one country in each event, three if they rank in the top 10 in the world. Based on these qualifications we might have all six of our top players qualify or possibly none. On the last day of qualification, the International Badminton Federation notified us that all six had qualified.

Oregon State Games

On July 11th and 12th, the Multnomah Athletic Club welcomed the Oregon State Games as badminton joined the games for the first time. Over 150 matches were played as competitors from all over the state vied for the gold, silver and bronze medals. In addition to the normal A/B/C drop flights, a novice flight was introduced for participants who have never (or rarely) entered organized competition. There was quite a turnout. Twenty-two people entered who had not played in a tournament before. We hope to see them again at future tournaments.

Of the 71 participants who entered, 45 won one or more awards. Twelve people won three while 13 more won two. The big winner was Leslie Arifin of Aloha who won A Men's Singles, A Men's Doubles with Ken McWilliams and A Mixed Doubles with Joanne Cicrich.

Editor's Note:

Your articles, pictures, cartoons, and comments are welcomed. Send them to Bird Notes at P.O. Box 91534, Portland, OR 97291.

U.S. Olympic Results

Singles: Benny Lee, Tom Reidy, Linda French, Erica Von Heiland and Joy Kitzmiller all lost in the first round. Chris Jogis survived the first round to lose in the second.

Doubles: Joy Kitzmiller and Linda French lost in the first round. Benny Lee and Tom Reidy made the second round and lost to the No. 1 ranked team in the world who went on to get the silver medal.

The next USBA magazine sent to USBA members will have full results.

Awards

Selection of awards to present at tournaments is always a difficult decision. Awards are limited by the amount of money available. With the typical size tournament, around 80 participants, there is normally \$500 in the prize pool. This averages around \$8-\$10 per award. It is hard to be too fancy with that amount.

The question is ... is this satisfactory? Should entry fees be increased so the prize pool could be larger? The typical entry fee has been \$8 per event for a long time ... a very low amount. Other sports normally charge \$25-plus. Would increasing the entry fee discourage people from participating in tournaments? It has been customary to provide one bird per

match free at tournaments. If that is discontinued, approximately \$200 would be added to awards. We would like to hear your views on this.

Another discussion topic is size of awards for men versus women. At the recent Tournament of Roses in Portland, Safeway gift certificates were awarded to the winners. The tournament committee's decision was to divide the approximate \$500 prize pool among the various events based upon the number of entries in each event. In effect, to have each event fund itself. One participant questioned the fairness of this when it was discovered that the men's singles award was twice the amount of the women's singles award. The rationale for this was

that 28 men competed in men's singles creating a larger prize pool while only 6 women entered women's singles. The prize amounts were not arbitrarily larger for men vs women. If the entrant numbers had been reversed then the women would have received the larger amounts. We have also received the same argument from some men as to why should the large male entry for some events fund equal awards to some of the women's events which have only a fraction of the number of entrants.

So once again we would like to hear from you. How do you feel about this issue? What do you want to see your tournament committee's do?

Northwest 1992 - 1993 Badminton Tournament Schedule

Event	Date	Location	Contact
Autumn Jamboree	September 19	Highline High School, WA	Steve Ellis-206/323-6436
Northwest Veterans	October 17	Tyee High School, WA	Steve Ellis-206/323-6436
Tentative Tournament	November TBA	Portland, OR	Don Boje-503/690-6837
Colorado Classic	December 4-6	Denver, CO	Brent Cutcliffe-303/333-5678
Oregon Invitational	January 22-24	Portland, OR	Don Boje-503/690-6837
Washington Closed	February 5-6	Highline/Tyee High School, WA	Steve Ellis-206/323-6436
Oregon Closed	February TBA	Eugene, OR	Dale Crawford-503/343-6625
Washington Open	April 2-4	Interlake High School, WA	Steve Ellis-206/323-6436
US Senior Nationals	March TBA	Chicago (tentative)	USBA-719/578-4808
Oregon Rose Tournament	May 21-23	Portland, OR	Don Boje-503/690-6837

Oregon State Games Results

AMS 1st Leslie Arifin def Robert Chan 15-3,15-10 3rd Cosmin Ioan def Ken McWilliams 15-1,15-7
BMS 1st Tsuyoshi Fujita def Gale Duncan 15-5,15-7 3rd Dave Grusy def Michel Somadi NSR (no score reported)
CMS 1st Chan Poovivarinon def Kendon Leet 15-8,15-10 3rd Chris Tenbrook def Steve Sakurai 15-8,15-4
AWS 1st Felicia Arifin def Lisa Carlson 12-10, 11-12, 11-3
AMD 1st Leslie Arifin-Ken McWilliams def Gale Duncan-Tsuyoshi Fujita 15-7,15-5 3rd Robert Chan-Dave Grusy
BMD 1st Cosmin Ioan-Michel Somadi def Ken Guernsey-Martin Sherington 15-8,18-15 3rd Don Boje-Doug Fischer
CMD 1st Chan Poovivarinon-Alanh Vannarath def Bruce Carlson-Chris Tenbrook 15-6,15-6
AWD 1st Lisa Carlson-Joanne Cicrich def Felicia Arifin-Ada Boje 15-4,15-2
AMXD 1st Joanne Cicrich-Leslie Arifin def Ada Boje-Ken McWilliams 15-5,15-6
3rd Lisa Carlson-Martin Sherington def Sheena Fischer-Roger Hedge 15-2,15-3
BMXD 1st Felicia Arifin-Cosmin Ioan def Keiai Kanaumi-Robert Chan 15-4,15-5
3rd Chan Vannarath-Alanh Vannarath def Joana Freedman-Ken Guernsey NSR
CMXD 1st Rosie Grove-Chan Poovivarinon def Yuri Fujishita-Chris Tenbrook 15-10,15-4
3rd Shinobu Okajima-Mike Spittel def Betty Thompson-Bill Andrew 15-6,15-5
SMS 40+ 1st Don Boje def Bill Andrew 15-1,15-1
SMS 50+ 1st Frank Parkison def John Maslen 15-12,15-8
SMD 1st Gale Duncan-Roger Hedge def Don Boje-Allen Cicrich 8-15,17-14,15-0
Cons Bill Andrew-Joe Erceg def John Maslen-Chan Poovivarinon 15-12,15-11
SWS 1st Sheena Fischer def Michelle Marquis 15-1,15-1
SWD 1st Sheena Fischer-Diane Rowley def Michelle Marquis-Sharon Moore 15-6,15-6
SMXD 1st Joanne Cicrich-Allen Cicrich def Sheena Fischer-Roger Hedge 15-6,15-12
Cons Michelle Marquis-Chan Poovivarinon def Diane Rowley-John Rowley NSR
NMS 1st Brian Lee def Tim Koffler 18-16,15-8 3rd Keng Wong
NMD 1st Brian Lee-Alan Shibata def Louis Lee-Keng Wong 15-8,15-9 3rd Joe Koffler-Tim Koffler
NWS 1st Anita Rao def Shinobu Okajima 11-4,11-4 3rd Lin Hong
NWD 1st Anita Rao-Jayshree Vardhana def Rebecca Lee Alaka Sarangdhar 15-4,15-4 3rd Yuri Fujishita-Keiai Kanaumi

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United States Badminton Association
1750 East Boulder Street
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RELEASE FORM

In consideration of my application for membership in the United States Badminton Association, I hereby freely agree to and make the following contractual representations and agreements.

I fully realize the dangers of participating in a strenuous athletic activity such as badminton, and fully assume the risks associated with such participation.

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Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Name of Parent or Guardian (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

USBA Ranking System

The USBA had been working on a rating system for the last year. Different systems used around the country were sent in for review. Other organizations were contacted to see if their rating systems could offer ideas for badminton.

The review is finished, a programmer contracted and the program has been written. For the last couple of months the USBA has been entering data from past tour-

naments. The USBA will periodically print the list of all members with their ratings.

To participate in this rating system, you must be a USBA member. The rating system will provide a yardstick to measure our progress as players. It will also be a tremendous asset to tournament directors in creating draws. Don't delay ... fill out the enclosed membership form and become a USBA member now. Of your \$20 membership fee, \$4 comes back to

the region to be used to promote badminton in the Northwest. With more members, the \$4 will add up to enough to support clinics and other activities to improve our skills.

The \$4 participation fee to tournaments has been increased to \$5, none of which comes back to the region. Therefore, if you play in four tournaments or more a year, become a member and support your region at the same time. The \$5 participants will not be included in the rating system.

Message from your USBA Regional Board of Directors' Representative

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the USBA members for their support in the recent USBA Board of Director's election. A Board meeting was held in Colorado Springs in April while the National Championships were taking place. We had three days of meetings and some excellent badminton to watch.

Here are some results of the meetings:

The five-year differential for women in the senior events (45 year old men could enter to play with 40 year old women) has been eliminated. The USA was the only country in the world that was doing this and the move was made to conform with the rest of the world.

The 5x9 format for tournaments was given much discussion. This format has the best 3 of 5 games to 9 points instead of 3 games to 15. There is increasing worldwide support for this format. Denmark, a strong badminton country, holds all their tournaments

using this format as a test for the IBF. The rationale behind this format change was to increase the television possibilities by providing an additional commercial break and increasing the intensity of the game. I've played in one 5x9 tournament in California, and while it took a couple of games to adjust mentally, the games were more intense. You could not drift along letting the other team get a 7 to 2 lead and then count on bearing down to beat them at 15. At 7-2, the game is almost over. The USBA is requesting that each region hold one 5x9 tournament as a test. I will be discussing this with the tournament directors in each area to determine where we should have one in our region.

Yonex has signed to sponsor the US OPEN for 1992-1996. The prize money for 1992 will be \$35,000. An additional \$20,000 will be provided by the IBF to secure top international players. This year's open will be held September 24-27th at Cal-State Irvine, California.

Corporate sponsorship ... This is a key to expanding our sport. The USBA has been contacted by various industries/companies, including tobacco and alcohol, regarding sponsorship. An intense discussion took place among the board members regarding the tobacco sponsorship with several members supporting whatever sponsorship could be found and other members adamantly opposed to tobacco sponsorship. After 45 minutes of shouting a motion carried 8-5 to prohibit tobacco sponsors' association with the USBA. We will continue to seek sponsors from the other industries.

The next Board of Director's meeting will be held at the US open in September. Please contact me at (503) 690-6837 to let me know how you want to be represented.

Don Boje

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