

Badminton

USBA Northwest Region

April 1995

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NOTES

1995 Yonex U.S. National Junior Badminton Championships

For four days, April 15th-18th, 146 juniors from all over the USA competed in the Junior Nationals at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland, Oregon. After 40 solid hours of competition, 422 matches, 1440 birds, 360 lbs. of bananas, apples and oranges, the tournament finally ended.

Our region of the USBA had a fine showing winning a number of medals and a few national championships. We had one junior from Washington, four from Colorado and 12 from Oregon competing.

In the under 12 boys singles, three Oregon juniors ranked nationally: Julian Illingworth 7th, Josh Steeves 10th and Michael Hale 12th. In the under 12 boys doubles Josh Steeves won the 5th place medal and Michael Hale and Julian Illingworth finished 6th. Molly Luft earned a 4th place medal in the Under 12 girls' doubles. Molly also finished 7th in the Under 12 mixed doubles.

Andrew Ellmaker, seeded 3rd in Under 14 boys' singles, met his doubles partner, Sean Ruktoume, the second seed, in the semifinals and won a close two-game match. Andrew earned the Silver, losing a tough finals match to Trevor Lai of Maryland. Andrew won the national championship in the Under 14 boys' doubles in a fairly easy final against a team from New York. He then teamed up with Michelle Boje in the Under 14 mixed doubles. They earned the 3rd place medal in a fairly

easy final after losing to the eventual winners in the semis.

Michelle Boje was our other national champion, winning the Under 14 girls' doubles with her partner Casey Peters, of the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club. They cruised through the early rounds with no difficulty but had a hard match in the finals winning 18-14 in the third game. It was a good match I'm told (I'm waiting for the video to arrive).

In the Under 14 boys' singles, Ryan McGinley, CO finished in 13th and Dwight Bussman, OR finished 17th. Aline Vannarath, OR also competed in the Under 14 girls' singles but a sore knee hampered her efforts.

In the Under 14 boys' doubles, Oregonians, Ben Lynn, Peter Lynn and John Dugan Rupp finished 6th, 7th and 8th respectively.

Peter Collins, WA had good results in his first year in Under 16, winning 3rd place in singles, 4th in doubles with a make-up partner and 5th in mixed doubles. Mason Trullinger, OR in his first nationals finished in 7th in the Under 16 boys' doubles. Dustin Jones, CO also playing in his first nationals in the Under 18 had a rude introduction to play at that level, he drew the 1st seed in doubles for his first round opponent, finishing in 8th place.

In the Under 21 events we had two entrants by virtue of their residence in

the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs; Andrew Ibrahim and Ngoc Tran. Andrew had difficult matches beating Stanley Wo and losing to Jon Frisch in singles. Andrew teamed with Mark Manha in doubles and narrowly lost to the eventual winners in the semis in a tough three-game match (17-14, 12-15, 10). Ngoc Tran had a great tournament but for Stephanie Wo. Ngoc made all three of her finals but lost each in tough matches to win three Silver medals.

It was a fatiguing four days. Once it was finally over, I was glad and sad. Glad the hundreds of hours it took to prepare and run the tournament were finally over but sad that I saw virtually no matches other than a rally here and there.

Don Boje

Editor's Note:

Send in articles, pictures, cartoons, comments and tournament info anytime. This is a great vehicle to get information to a lot of people in the Northwest. Send to
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P.O. Box 91534, Portland,
OR 97291.
(503) 690-6837

SHORT SERVES

Tickets for the 1996 Olympics go on sale May 1st. Watch where Coke is sold. A computer will randomly select ticket orders from the first ones sent in after the 1st.

Many of you will remember Cosmin Ioan from Portland/Romania. He competed in the 1995 Junior Nationals in the Under 21 events with very good results. He beat two tough competitors, Howard Bach and Stanley Wo to get 5th in singles. He also beat the 1st seed on his way to a 2nd place finish in Under 21 boys' doubles.

Geoff Stensland and Rob Hankins won the Junior Senior Men's Doubles event in the 1995 U.S. Senior Nationals in San Diego, CA. Other participants from the Northwest Region: Brent Cutcliffe from Colorado; Ada Boje, Sheena Fischer, Roger Hedge from Oregon; Al Allott, Bev Allott, Denise Coates, Jean-Pierre D'Zahr, Chris Gulin, Jack Harvey and Marion Harvey from Washington.

Watch for announcements in your local area if you are from Oregon or Washington. Joy Kitzmiller will be running a junior camp at the Multnomah Athletic Club in Port-

Northwest Regional Association

Northwest Badminton Association Membership Application



Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Birthdate: _____

I want to:

- join the **NBA** as an adult member. (send \$8 check)
- join the **NBA** as a junior member (22 or under) (send \$5 check)
- join the **NBA** as a family (parents & children) (send \$10 check)

Make check payable to **Northwest Badminton Association**
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land, OR and we plan on having a clinic the weekend before and after in Portland and Seattle, gym space permitting.

Also **CONGRATULATIONS** to Rob Brown and April Hill, who recently announced their engagement.

Remember to join the Northwest Badminton Association now.

Fill out the membership form and return it without delay. Help support badminton in your region. The dues will go toward the cost of the newsletter and other activities, such as the clinics. Take a minute and join now.

Northwest 1994 Badminton Tournament Schedule

Event	Date	Location	Contact
Tournament of Roses	May 19-21	Portland, Oregon	Don Boje (503) 690-6837
Oregon State Games	July 8-9	Portland, Oregon	Lou Cicrich (503) 281-2298
Elvis Tournament	July	TBA, Washington	Rob Brown (206) 368-5467 Carl Funk (206) 324-4536
Washington State High School Tourney	May or June	TBA, Washington	Steve Ellis (206) 323-6436

1995 Rose Tournament Badminton Tournament

WHERE

Multnomah Athletic Club (MAC)
1849 SW Salmon
Portland, OR

WHEN

May 19 - 21, 1995

ENTRY DEADLINE

Wednesday, May 10, 1995

CONTACT

Don Boje
(503) 690-6837

ENTRY FEE

Adult Events - \$20.00 covers the first two events. \$10.00 additional for third event. Maximum of three events per person. Junior events - \$15.00 covers two events. Amounts are in U.S. currency.

WHAT

A/B and C/D, Senior (35+) & Master (50+) & Junior (Under 18). Depending upon number of entrants, flights may be expanded, combined, be drop flight or round robin.

Friday, May 19
6:30 p.m. - Registration
7:00 p.m. - Open Mixed
 - Doubles
 - Senior/Masters
 - Singles

Saturday, May 20
8:30 a.m. - Registration
9:00 a.m. - Open Singles
 - Junior Singles
 - Senior/Masters
 - Doubles & Mixed
12:00 - Open Doubles
 - Junior Doubles

Sunday, May 21
10:00 a.m. Finals
(Semifinals if necessary)

Junior events (18 years old and under) - Singles and doubles events - winners and consolation rounds. Write down your date of birth.

Tournament is sanctioned by the USBA. All participants **must be USBA members or pay a \$5 participation fee.** If you're not a USBA member, you can apply for membership now. As a member, you get a monthly newsletter, a quarterly magazine and are eligible for national ranking. Membership cards **must** be shown at registration, otherwise the \$5 fee must be paid.

One bird is provided per match and three birds per final. Additional birds can be purchased at the desk. Tickets will be used for the purchase of birds. One ticket equals 40 cents. Four tickets per bird.

The 10-minute default rule will be enforced. Please see other side for further guidelines.

Tournament sponsors are not responsible for personal loss or injury. **Scheduling subject to change** based on entries. Tournament committee reserves the right to modify or cancel any event with insufficient entries.

If you request a partner, please call to check if a partner has been found for you (it may affect your starting time/day).

Check off event you are entering. Maximum of three events per person. An effort will be made to locate partners if requested. If you request a partner, call the tournament director to check if a partner has been found. If you are a Junior, indicate age group, under 12, under 14, under 16, under 18.

Junior - Date of Birth _____

Men's Singles: A/B___ C/D___ Senior___ Master___ Junior___

Women's Singles: A/B___ C/D___ Senior___ Master___ Junior___

Men's Doubles: A/B___ C/D___ Senior___ Master___ Junior___ Partner's Name: _____

Women's Doubles: A/B___ C/D___ Senior___ Master___ Junior___ Partner's Name: _____

Mixed Doubles: A/B___ C/D___ Senior___ Master___ Partner's Name: _____

Mail entry to: Multnomah Athletic Club, P.O. Box 39, Attn: Badminton Tournament, Portland, OR 97207

Tournament contact: Don Boje: (503) 690-6837

Make checks payable to: **Multnomah Athletic Club - payment absolutely must accompany entry.** Submit your entries on time. Phoned entries will be an extra \$5.00. Fees are in U.S. currency.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE # DAY: () _____
 EVE.: () _____

Entry Fee: _____

pick one USBA Member # _____
Annual Membership \$30 _____
USBA One Time Fee \$5 _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____
MAC Member # _____

Tournament Guidelines

Registration

Register at the DESK each day to indicate you have arrived.

In/Out of Gym

Let the DESK know when you leave the gym and when you return. You can be defaulted if you cannot be found.

Match Times

Check for your match times on the drawsheets posted on the wall, not at the desk (desk personnel can get cranky). The match times posted are approximate and are subject to change. Refer to Item #2.

Scheduling

Many hours have been spent scheduling to accommodate as many people as possible. Please do not request your match be played out of order or on a different court than assigned.

Scores

Winners are to report the scores. If scores are not reported, the Desk personnel do not know the court is available.

Birds

One bird is provided per match and three per final. Additional birds can be purchased. Tickets will be used for purchase of birds - 40 cents per ticket (4 tickets per bird). Please purchase tickets at registration or any time before matches. Tickets can be returned for refund.

Thank you for your help in making this a fun tournament.