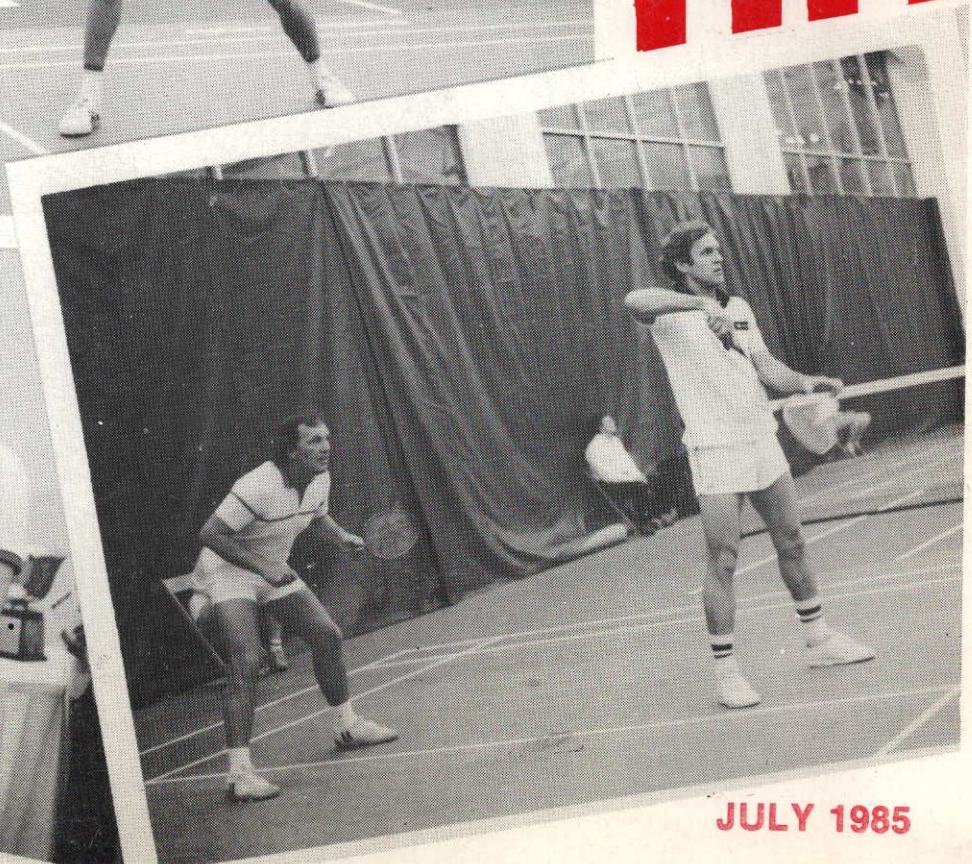
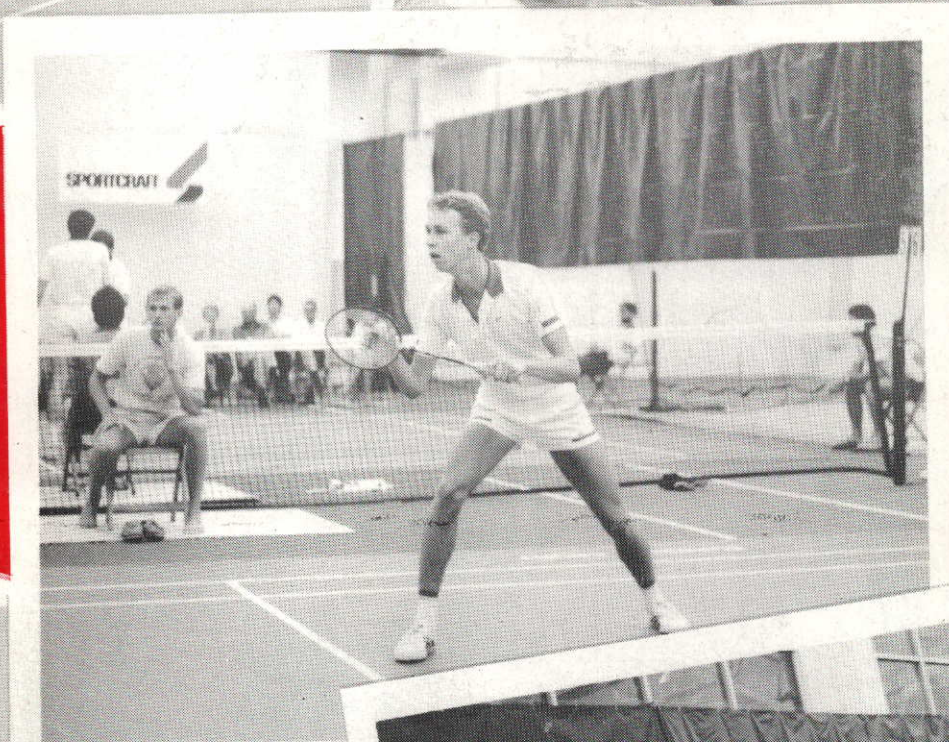
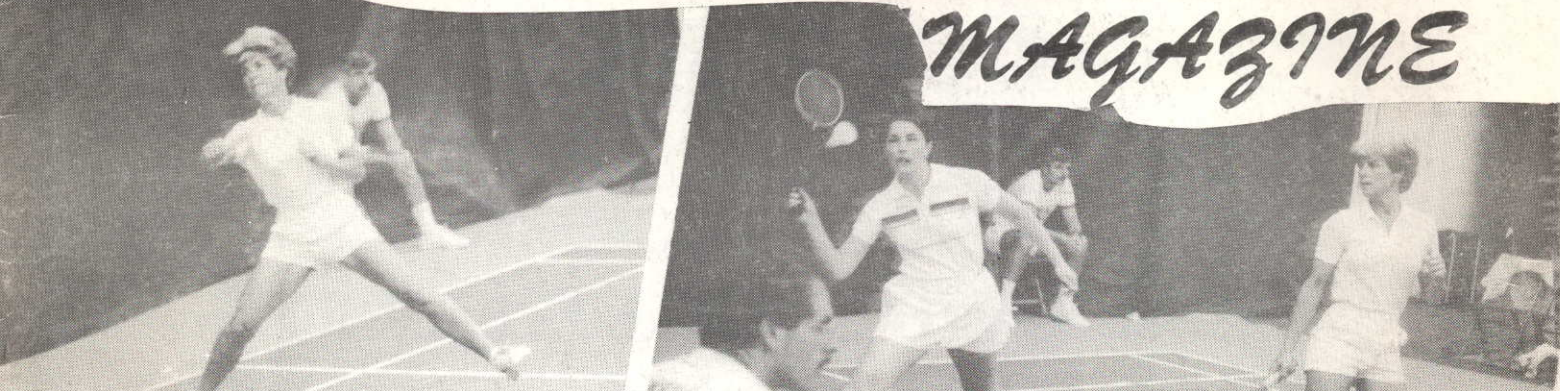


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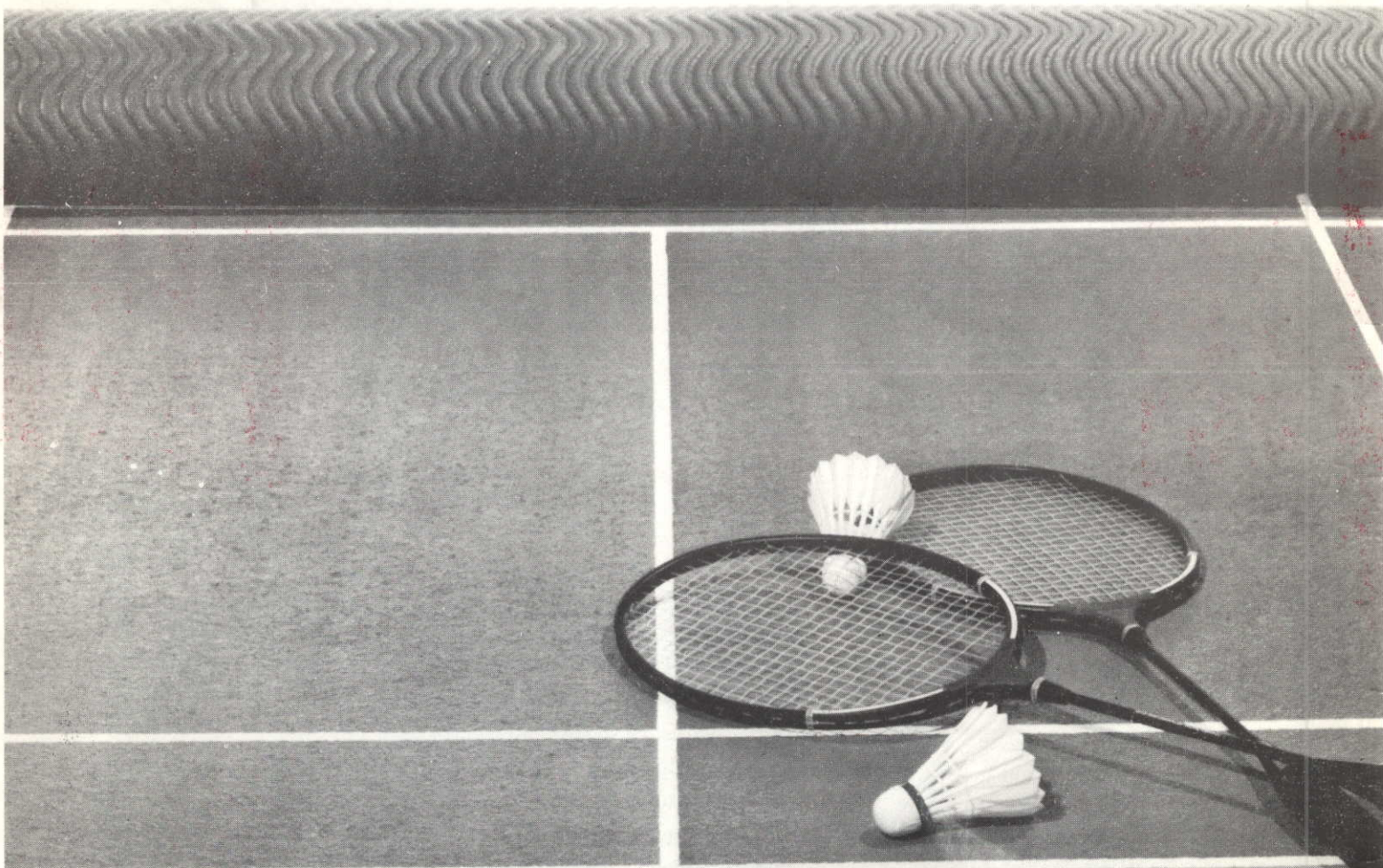
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The 1985 U.S. National Championships may have to be renamed as the "1985 Judianne Kelly Championships". She emerged as the undisputed queen of the tourney-- capturing the first National Championship triple crown in more than a decade.

The scrappy Californian proved her personal mettle with an amazing comeback victory in women's singles. And also teamed with Pam Brady to take the women's doubles title and with Mike Walker to capture their seventh mixed doubles crown.

It was a first class performance in a first class arena. The prestigious Atlanta Athletic Club in Duluth, Georgia was chosen as the site for the 1985 U.S. Nationals and, for the players and spectators alike, proved to be an excellent facility.

While Judi Kelly eventually dominated the field, there were some fierce contests from first round to last in every event. Because early season results determined the seeding and with the "luck" of toss some lop-sided draws resulted, particularly in Men's Singles.



Rodney... Will he make it 3?



Miss Judianne Kelly

The top half of the bracket included the #1, #2, #3, #5 and #6 ranked players of 1984 while the #4, #7 and #8 ranked players were on the opposite side.

MEN'S SINGLES. *who will be #1?*

For the first time in recent years the men's singles was a crap shoot. Any one of eight different players had a legitimate shot at winning the national title.

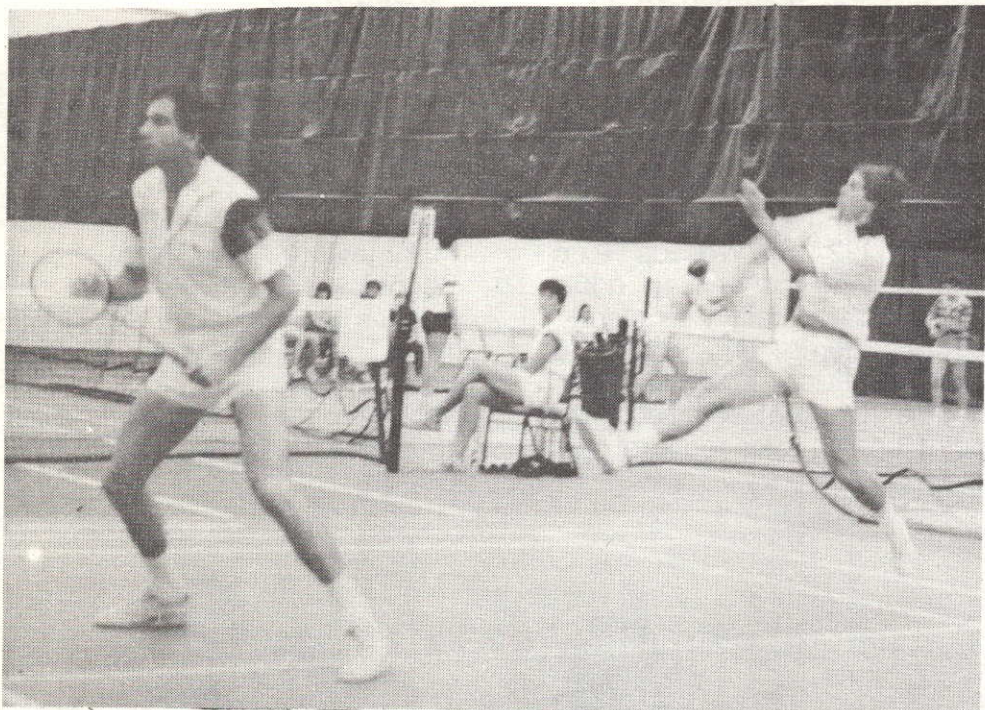
One of the quarter-final matches proved the most intense of the tournament, with defending National Champion Rodney Barton(AZ) challenged by two-time former National Champion Gary Higgins(CA). In nearly an exact repeat performance of their recent California State Championships semi-final, Barton triumphed with his

clutch attack 15-4, 13-15, 18-16. In earlier rounds Barton had already soundly defeated top players Guy Rittman(RI) and Mike Walker(CA).

Barton earned the right to play the winner of the other quarters in the top bracket. A match that looked tough on paper between Californians Tony Alston and Guy Chadwick never materialized. Chadwick had suffered a hamstring injury in a previous doubles match and went down easily to Alston 15-7, 15-3.

In the bottom bracket continually improving Chris Jogis(AZ) survived a minor scare from the unpredictable Danny Brady(MI) 12-15, 15-5, 15-9. The other quarter-final saw the very consistent Bob Gilmour(CA), worn down after a series of brutal marathon matches, falling to an even more consistent Kevin Hussey(IL) 15-8, 15-10.

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The doubles team of Fogarty & Pontow

Alston appeared to be the odds-on favorite in his semis match with Barton. After all, he had crushed Barton the previous week in New Orleans. Despite Alston grabbing a quick 14-5 lead in the first game, Barton somehow managed to fight back and miraculously pulled out the game 17-16. Although Alston took the second game 15-9, Barton again rebounded with a 15-10 victory to win in the third game and the match. Once again, a frustrated Alston will have to wait until next year to seek his first National title.

In the other semi, Jogis' lefthanded flair and court quickness controlled Hussey in much the same fashion he had in the New England Open final. Jogis resisted Hussey's efforts to tire him and prevailed 15-11, 15-8.

The Arizonans Barton and Jogis, both young leftys, squared off

for the title. Barton, only 21 was seeking his third consecutive national singles title while the 20-year-old Jogis, last year's triple crown junior national champ, was in position for his first adult title.

Although seeded first, Jogis was considered the underdog because of Barton's late season honing of his awesome attack. However, Barton may have been overconfident. Jogis has practiced with Barton for years and seemed ready for the task at hand.

The first game began conservatively. Barton hit clears and drops, but few smashes. Jogis, who relies on deceptive play and quickness to the net, was not as consistent and Barton gained control to build a 14-9 lead. As is so often the case the fifteenth point proved the most difficult to obtain.

Jogis regained the service and with few service exchanges streaked back to take the game 17-14. Jogis found his overhead consistency and carried his momentum into the second game. Barton made frequent smashing errors and never found his groove. Jogis maintained his composure, took advantage of Barton's mistakes and closed out the second game 15-9. Jogis' first National Singles Championship establishes his undisputed claim to the 1985 #1 ranking.

MEN'S DOUBLES. *how Britton-Higgins regain their supremacy.*

In men's doubles, where the U.S. player's skill level is at it's highest, two teams stand out. Defending champions Matt Fogarty(LA) and Bruce Pontow(IL) gained their finals berth without losing a game enroute. Two-time former National Champions John Britton(CA) and Gary Higgins also arrived in the finals without much challenge.

In the semis, Britton-Higgins defeated Jogis and Benny Lee(AZ) 15-8, 15-3 while Fogarty-Pontow beat Gilmour



New singles champ. Chris Jogis

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and Walker 15-5, 15-12. At the New Orleans Classic, Fogarty and Pontow against Britton and Higgins had provided probably the best U.S. doubles show in years. Britton-Higgins had prevailed in an intensely close three game match, and that match seemed to give them the momentum they needed in going after the national title.

Britton and Higgins controlled play with effective serving and steady offensive pressure to

11-4, 11-2, and then won her next two matches convincingly to face Kitzmiller for the title.

Kitzmiller continued her devastating play until match point in the Women's Singles final. Kitmiller won the first game 11-2 and was up 10-6 and serving for her first adult national title. Kelly was clearly off her game and appeared beaten. But, Kitzmiller was unable to capture the 11th point until it was too late and

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

The ladies doubles draw looked like it scheduled a revenge match-up between three time National Champions Pam Brady(MI) and Judi Kelly against the current "hot" team of Barb McKinley(MA) and Mary Fran Hughes(NY). McKinley and Hughes had handed Brady-Kelly their first loss in years at the New England Open and were fresh from their victory stand at the New Orleans Classic as



1985 U.S. doubles champions

hand Fogarty and Pontow a solid defeat 15-10, 15-11, adding their third National Doubles title to their cap.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

With five time National Champion Cheryl Carton(CA) not playing singles because of a chronic shoulder injury, the title match seemed destined to be between fellow Californians Joy Kitzmiller and the irrepressible Judi Kelly. Kitzmiller had crushed all three of her opponents on her way to the final. Kelly started with a tough match against Ann French(AZ), but survived 8-11,

Kelly had managed to put the game into set. Kitzmiller fumbled away several match point opportunities as Kelly scrapped back to win the second game 12-11.

After collecting her thoughts and apparently some inspiring coaching from Vicki Toutz, Kelly took control and stormed through the deciding game 11-3. Her stronger clears and solid consistency had brought the ever-youthful Kelly her second National Singles Title. She earned her first ten years ago in 1975!

well. But, McKinley and Hughes ran headlong into a surprise their first round.

Terry Lira(CA) and Celeste Ferrer(CA) demonstrated that training and teamwork can bring you a long way in a hurry in women's doubles. They surprised McKinley and Hughes and pulled off a 15-11, 15-8 upset. Then to prove it was not a fluke, they defeated last year's Nationals runner-ups Kitzmiller and Regina Rubin(CO) 15-11, 15-9.

Meanwhile Brady and Kelly struggled past a close first game in their semi-final round

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against French and Pam Owens(CA) before winning 17-14, 15-7.

In the title match, Lira-Ferrer clearly were fired up and crushed Brady-Kelly in the first game. With strong clears and smashes and tenacious defense they scored an unbelievable 15-2 victory. However, just as in the ladies singles final, Kelly had started slowly. Midway in the second game Kelly pulled herself together. This allowed Brady the chance to display her unequalled doubles talent and the veterans came back strong, though not without a fight, to capture games two and three and the match 15-9, 15-9. It was Brady and Kelly's fourth title as a team in five years. And Kelly had now gained her second 1985 National title, with the Mixed Doubles still to come.

In that competition, she and Mike Walker, six time National Champions, were destined for victory. But there were some interesting matches along the way.

MIXED DOUBLES

Defending National Champions Britton and Carton were ousted in their semi-final by the fierce service rush of Bruce Pontow and the gutsy play of Ann French 15-6, 14-17, 15-10.

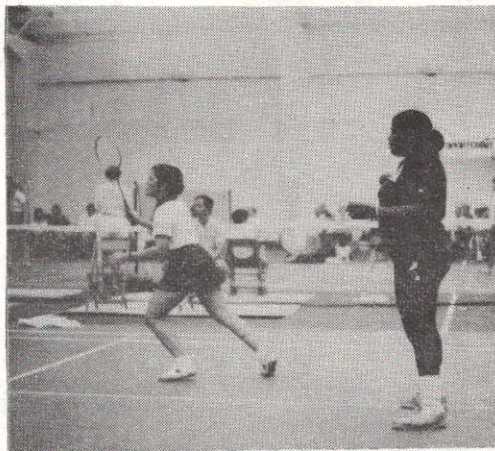
In a quarter-final match, second-seeded Fogarty and Hughes found themselves in one of the most exciting matches of the tournament. The "pick-up" team of Chadwick

and Vicki Toutz(CA) blended their considerable talents to gain 13-7 and 14-11 advantages in the third game. While Chadwick, hampered by his injured hamstring, played kamakazi smashes and diving desperation returns, Toutz covered the vacated openings. But, their effort fell just short as Fogarty and Hughes climbed back and took the last few points and match 15-9, 9-15, 17-15.

Kelly and Walker then defeated Fogarty-Hughes 15-13, 15-11 in a match reversing last year's semifinal outcome. It was a war of serves and serve returns.

In the final, where Kelly and Walker are so often at home, French and Pontow had their hands full. Walker's unmerciful service rush and crosscourt slashing drives predominated.

Kelly proved the more consistent of the women to make the difference at 18-14, 15-9. For Kelly and Walker their seventh National Mixed title, and for Judianne Kelly the triple crown.



Runner-up women's doubles team
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SENIOR NATIONALS

The Senior Nationals, also played at the Atlantic Athletic Club earlier in the week, were marred by the recent death of Guy Johnson. Mr. Johnson had for years been a prime mover for badminton both nationally and in the the southern region. He played a leading role in organizing these U.S. Naitonals as well.

Most notably, the Tourney produced a new Senior Men's Singles Champion in Andy Gouw(CA). Gouw defeated Dr. Stan Hales in the finals of a high quality field of contestants.



Andy Gouw

Also of note was the performance of Dr. Jim Poole. He added five more National titles to his credit in both the senior and master divisions. Poole then traveled the next week to Canada for the Canadian Senior Nationals, where he took four more senior and masters titles. Once again Poole won every event he entered, nine for nine.



THE 1985 COLLEGIATE NATIONALS

Reported by JOY KITZMILLER

Looking for a tournament where the women outnumber the men? Believe it or not, it happens once a year at the Collegiate National Badminton Championships. This year, the tournament took place at Swarthmore College on March 1st-3rd, and was sponsored by HL INTERNATIONAL SPORTS. With a total of nineteen schools participating.

Although many schools participated, conspicuously absent were the midwestern universities, ex-superpowers in U.S. collegiate badminton. These schools evidently have dropped their badminton programs. Nevertheless, the eastern schools were well represented by the recent infusion of nationally ranked junior players.

The format was that of an individual, single-elimination tournament with a consolation competition. Team points were scored according to matches won (two points per round in the upper bracket; one point for each consolation match). Men and women were scored separately, and mixed doubles was held as a "coed" team event. The top four players of a team were counted in singles, (although more than four of the same team were permitted in the draw), and only the top two teams of each school were counted in the doubles.

Going into the tournament, Arizona State University's men were expected to win, and with Chris Jogis, Benny Lee, Sanje Malde, Karl Knudsen, and Ron Estes, they lived up to everyone's expectations...and more. Knudsen upset an inconsistent, third seeded and

U.S. Maccabiah team member Paul Rubln (Pomona) in the quarters, and Malde withstood the onslaughts of Wincure (Stanford), and then University of Delaware's Chung to reach the semis. Jogis and Lee cruised through the draw and filled the remaining semi-final men's singles berths. They continued their domination by easily defeating their team mates to face off in the finals against each other. Jogis prevailed to take the individual championship, with an impressive 15-10, 15-10 victory. Wincure defeated Richard Lira (Cal State Long Beach) for the consolation title.

The men's doubles held true to the seedings with the semi's featuring Jogis/Lee against Shelly (Temple)/Chung and Knudsen/Malde against Rubln/Meir (Duke). These matchups resulted in an all ASU doubles final also with Jogis/Lee on top 15-11, 15-10.

ASU dominated the men's team competition with a mere 56 total points. The battle was for second place. With Stanford and Cal State Long Beach tied

at 13 points all going into the men's doubles consolation final, second place was riding on the outcome of the match. Lira/Eric Wong (Cal State Long Beach) grabbed the match and the second place team trophy from Wincure and Charlie Dicke (Stanford) 15-8, 15-1.

The women's competition was more interesting as the final outcome was unsure. After three rounds Stanford, ASU, and Temple were all in contention, with Peggy Boyle (George Washington University) and Carolyn Mott (Drexel) giving their schools an outside chance. The semis pitted Joy Kitzmiller (Stanford) against 3rd seed Madhair Tijoriwala (ASU), and second-seeded Linda French (ASU) against Mott. Kitzmiller advanced easily 11-0, 11-6. Despite an ankle injury French was able to handle Mott without any trouble 11-2, 11-7. The finals was critical as the winning player would pick up a four point gain for her school. Kitzmiller successfully defended her 1984 collegiate singles title 11-4, 12-10.

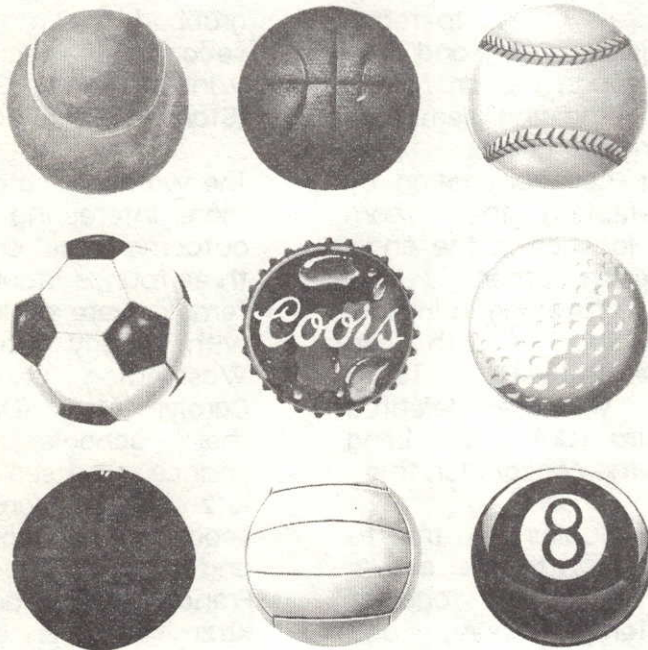
The doubles final was the last



Lee & Jogis catapult ASU into first place



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match of the women's team competition. Kitzmiller/Saraiya (Stanford) were to meet French/Tijoriwala (ASU) giving the match some international flavor as Saraiya and Tijoriwala are both from India. Before the match began, it was announced that ASU had 38 and Stanford 37 points in the team standings. This match would be for all the marbles with the winner snatching the team title from their opponents. Stanford pulled out the match in two nail-biting close games 15-12, 18-17. This was the first ever team title in collegiate badminton competition for Stanford. Stanford's two other team members, who won a vital seven points were Nicola Jane McNeill and Pam Jackson. Temple University was a close third with 33 points.

The mixed doubles competition saw ASU finish first with 31 points, to Temple's 14 and Cal State Long Beach's 12.



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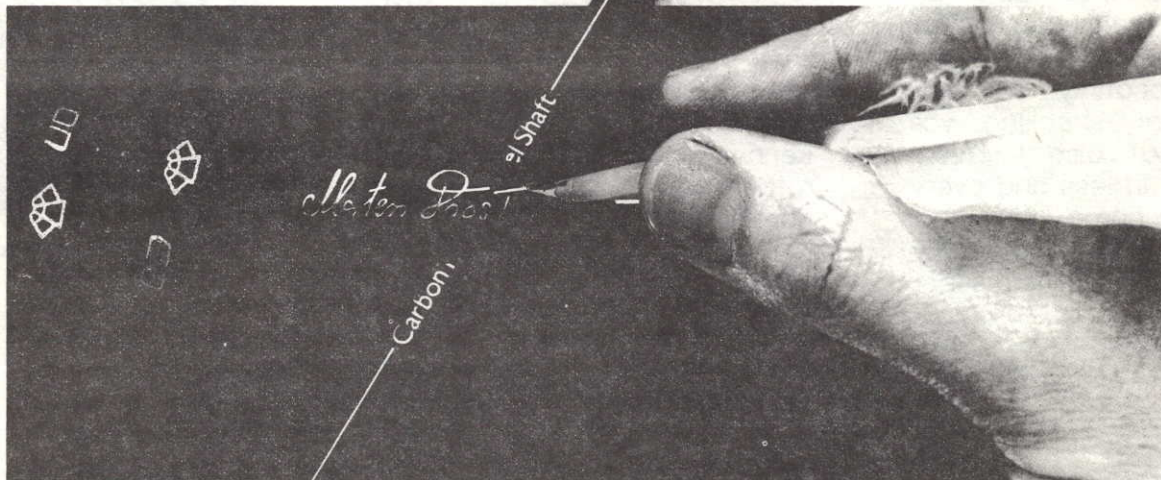
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Reported by FRANCIS CHEAH

As 1984 drew to an end, one name stood out above all others in the many exciting international tournaments which took place--MORTON FROST HANSEN of Denmark. He proved his #1 world ranking with a stunning upset over two long-time foes at Kuala Lumpur, beating both the mighty Indonesian Liem Swie King and the oppressive heat of the Malaysian capital.

During the finals of the Pro-Kennex Grand Prix tournament, no one gave Frost much of a chance because of his opponent and unbearably hot conditions of Kuala Lumpur. But he seemed to breeze by Liem Swie King, beating him 15-5, 15-4. Not only shocking was the score but also Morten's superiority in fitness and every aspect of the game. And King, although not as fast and deadly as he once was, still is a super star on the court.

The packed Stadium Negara audience watched in complete surprise as Hansen actually seemed to enjoy the conditions he so disliked in years past. This time, he said, "I have finally made it on Asian ground."

While Morton Frost Hansen proved that he is clearly and rightfully a world champion, the best all-around singles player today, China was showing that their women are a cut above all others. The Chinese ladies maintained their superiority in both singles and doubles. They are in a class of their own, with no other nation's women able to match their talents. Even the defeat of world champion Li Lingwie by Indonesia's Ivan Lie in the Pro Kennex finals seemed a fluke rather than a slide in China's dominance.

Overall, the entire Chinese women's team is so strong and

has so much depth that one wonders whether there will ever be a day when another country will measure up.



Morten Frost Hansen

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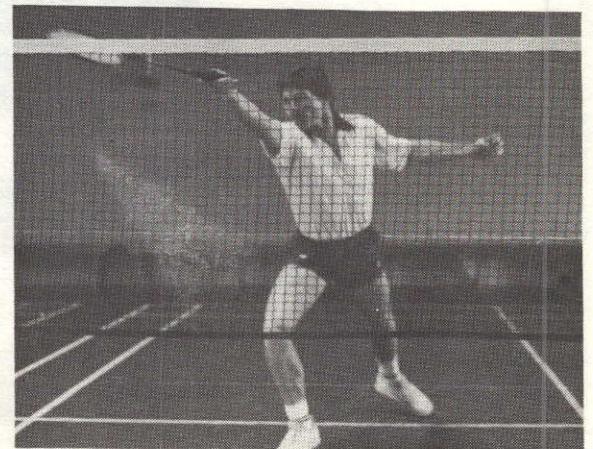
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In the September 1984 issue of *Badminton USA*, the Executive Director of the USBA responded to our editorials in the June issue of **The Badminton Magazine** by attacking both our magazine and its editor, Cassandra Salapatas. I take personal offense at these assaults and even though it should not be necessary to defend against the insinuations printed, I will answer for the record.

If the USBA felt that our editorials about the need for an effective national junior program and the general apathy of U.S. badminton were veiled criticism, they are mistaken. The editorials made observations and offered possible suggestions. Any maliciousness perceived was just that, perceived and not intended. May I suggest that the USBA responded out of the frustration that has been building over the past few years due to its own lack of results.

When Mr. Carmichael wrote that an "I volunteer" might be in order, he is pointing his finger in the wrong direction.

No badminton enthusiast anywhere has done more to promote our sport than Cassandra Salapatas. For the ten years I have known her, she has been the first to volunteer. Ms. Salapatas is solely responsible for the existence of the L.A. Valley Badminton Club in Los Angeles, California. It exists only because of her continual struggle to provide two vital services to the local badminton community: a facility where players of all levels can learn the game, enjoy playing, and compete informally; and a forum for organizing and running tournaments for California players. Ms. Salapatas has held office as a director of the Southern California Badminton Association and for a few years helped Kelly Tibbetts put together its newsletter, *The Shuttle Scuttle*. When fund raisers were necessary to keep the newsletter alive, Cass organized and ran them herself. When the last U.S. Thomas and Uber Cup teams needed funds to participate, she again organized successful fund raisers to come to the rescue. Even though Ms. Salapatas does



Publisher Levin

not contend for a national championship, she attends every badminton tournament she possibly can, and is always encouraging other players to participate also. And when U.S. badminton needed a magazine two years ago because *BUSA* was floundering, she became the founding editor of **The Badminton Magazine**. Ms. Salapatas works diligently to turn out a magazine that badminton players all over can be proud of.

You might ask how can a person be so goodhearted as to do all these things without personal gain? The answer is simple, Cassandra Salapatas loves badminton.

In closing, the accusation that **The Badminton Magazine** has not been able to secure corporate advertising is foolish. This should be no one's concern except my own. **The Badminton Magazine** is funded by our loyal advertisers, faithful subscribers, and subsidized by myself. If this is reason to ridicule, what a shame. Our staff is very proud of the magazine's recent birth and infancy and hope it can grow into a publication that all badminton players can be proud of.

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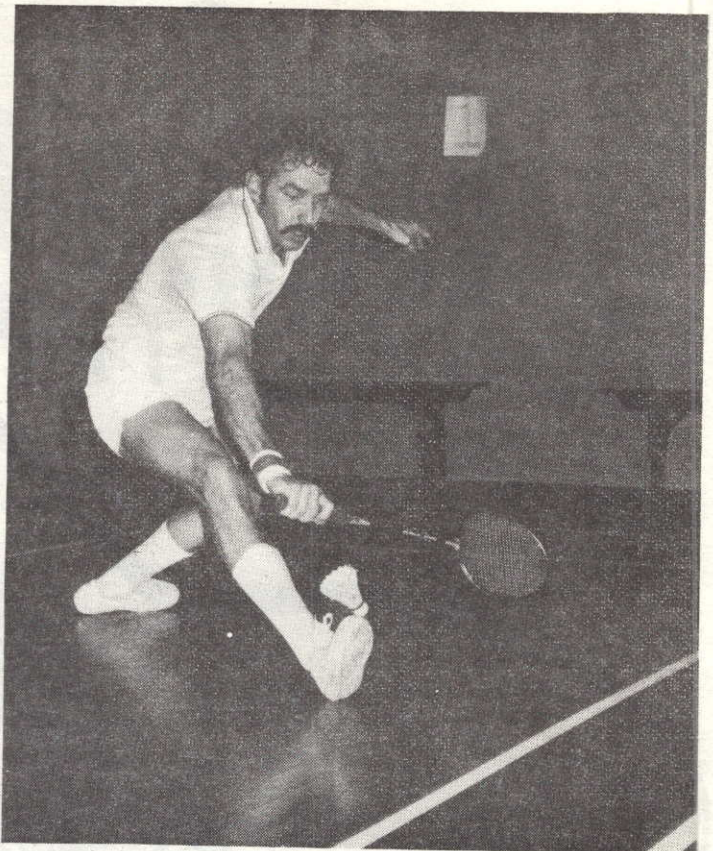
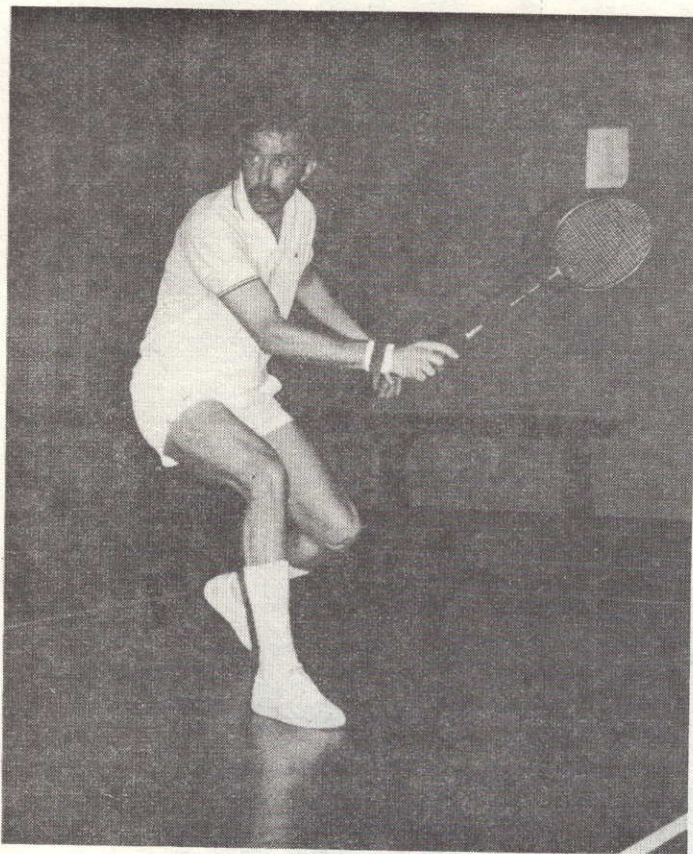
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INTENSITY IS THE "Mike Walker,

MIKE WALKER is badminton's John McEnroe. For many who have seen him play, the one word that comes to mind to describe him is "temper". Loud and aggressive on the court to the point of distracting everyone -- opponents, umpires, and spectators alike. He is badminton's badboy.

But to those who know him better, Mike Walker's intensity on the court and aggressive mannerisms are a natural result of the intense desire it took for him to get there in the first place.

His life has been a classic example of making the most of an unfavorable situation. And make the most of it he did, winning many national championships, Mike Walker was probably the most

successful United States player of the 1970's and indisputedly the most versatile.

He won his national titles in all three events. In this era of one or two event stars, it looks like he'll continue to hold that distinction for some time. He also represented the United States admirably in Thomas Cup play, playing the key position of third singles and doubles. And perhaps his greatest quality as a player, has been his use of deception with extraordinary effectiveness.

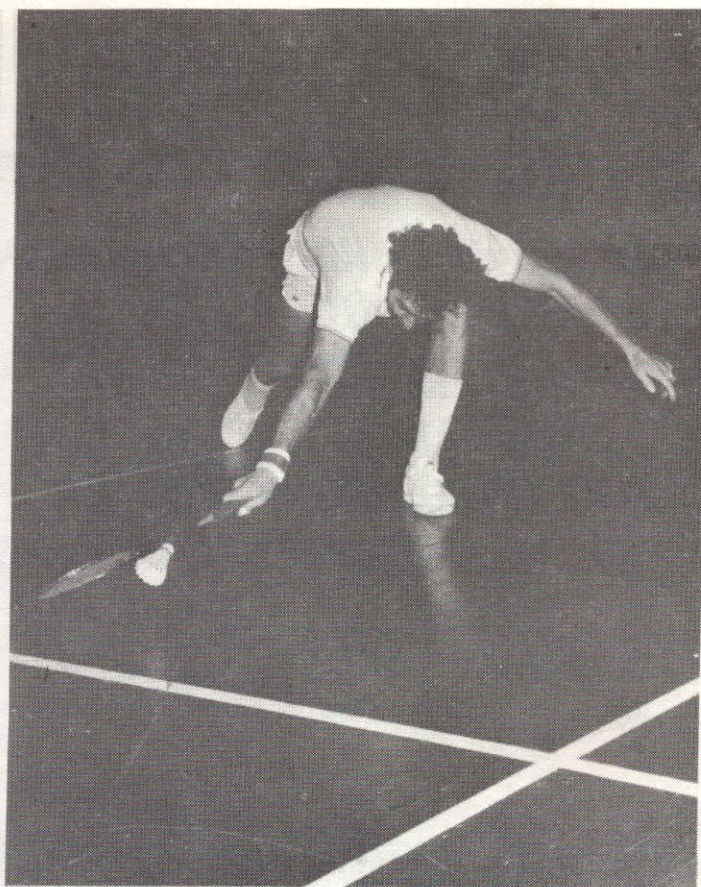
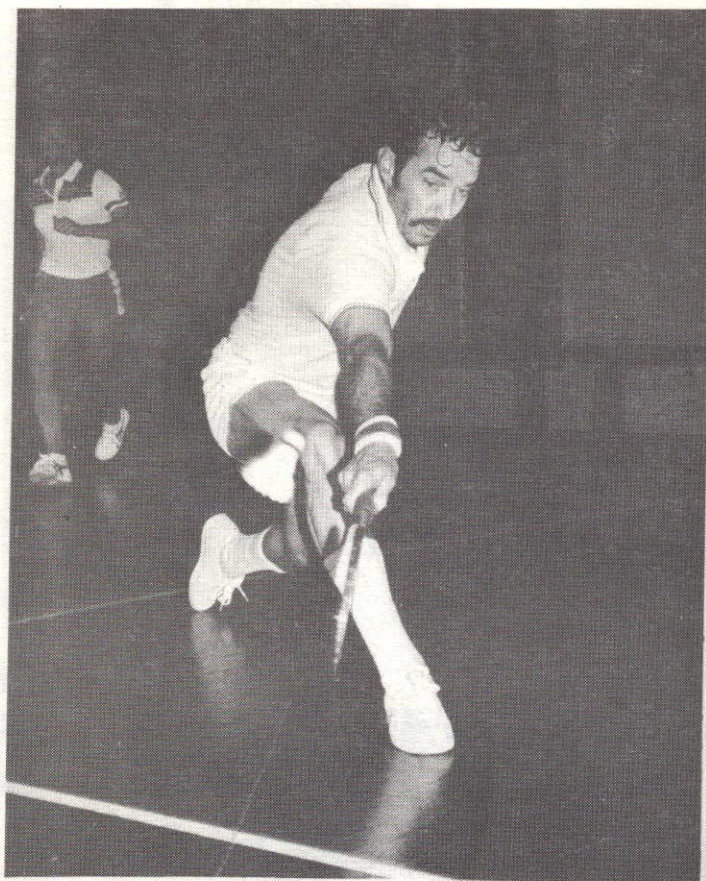
"Sometimes you can go out there and hit everything perfectly - be just phenominal. And

other times, if there were walls on the court, you'd still hit it out."

In a recent interview, he explained his feelings. "It was the drive to play - the willingness to do anything to play the game, that helped me."

"The temperament, the anger or frustration of not being able to do better immediately held me back. But the drive that was under that pushed me to become the badminton player that I am."

Coming from a family that



NAME OF THE GAME badminton's bad boy..."

couldn't support his badminton financially, Walker was forced to work for everything he got. Whether it was selling candy to get to Junior Nationals, or gluing old rackets together when he couldn't afford new ones, Mike did whatever it took to become a good badminton player. He was known for his unrelenting search for games, begging one and all to play with him - and they usually did. This intense desire to succeed is what drives him as a badminton player and an individual. Although he feels his temperament has been a hinderance in some ways, Walker believes his attitude is a product of this desire.

Walker describes his style of play as a "love - hate relationship: sometimes you can go out there and hit

everything perfectly - be just phenomenal. And other times, if there were walls on the court, you'd still hit it out."

Hitting out has always been Walker's achilles heel, but he never considered changing to a more conservative, running game. "The way I play the game is far more enjoyable than just running around", he claims.

"For once in my life I'd liked to have been rooted for as the good guy instead of the bad guy. But the bad guy is what I wound up playing."

"One of the joys in life, kind of a sadistic joy, is seeing your opponent under your control - he's like a puppet or a yo-yo - he's doing whatever you want him to do, and he can't get out of it or he'll lose the rally. He is just barely getting it back, and I'm flicking it to the other corner, not putting it away, but just stretching him out a little further. And by the end of the rally, you've got that adrenaline high, and the other guy is completely destroyed."

"I've done that a number of times, and it's the best feeling I get out of playing badminton - that and winning." Obviously Mike enjoys his tortuous style of play, and while it may not be fun to play against, it's certainly fun to watch.

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But, it should be remembered while badminton is a sport that's fun to watch, to those on the court it's a battle of intense competition. It's no longer just fun, it's also failing and succeeding. The next time you see Mike Walker play, it might be interesting to focus less on how he deals with intensity, and more on how he succeeds.

Mike deals with the intensity of competition more vocally than most, and has therefore placed himself in the role of the villain. He admits that the black hat isn't his favorite chapeau, but he's learned to live with it.

"Everybody likes to be liked", he says. "For once in my life I'd have liked to have been rooted for as the good guy instead of the bad guy. But the bad guy is what I wound up playing".

The reason for this is because of his court mannerisms, and vocal style. He's no introvert. Mike's presence is never in

question no matter what the acoustics are in the gymnasium.

In recent years, however, he's improved his self control. "I think I became a better badminton player once I got my temper under control".

Mike also has learned that when there are not a whole lot of people on your side, those that are there are all the more special. "I found that the people that were rooting for me were really special in my life".

And Mike's greatest and most faithful rooter has been his wife, Penny. Those closest to him have noticed a marked calming of "Mount St. Walker" since he met her. She has no doubt played a big part in Mike's success as a person and a player.

So here's Mike Walker, who, for right or wrong, has not received the credit he is due, mainly because of the villain's role he wound up playing.

Whether you agree or disagree with Mike's court behavior, he unquestionably has been a force to be reckoned with.

At one time or another during the 1970's six U.S. players were at the top of their games. All six had distinct styles of play, and distinct personalities. Mike Walker was one of the best of those six not only because of his skill, but even more so because of the very intensity that made him seem so unapproachable.



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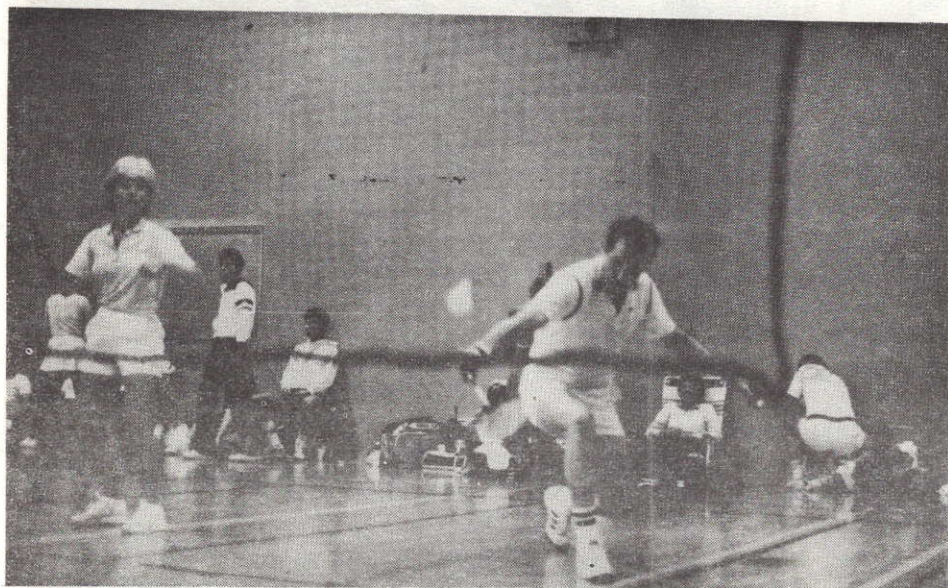
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WESTERN STATES OPEN

The second stop on the YONEX California Gran Prix circuit took place at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club, November 23rd and 24th, 1984.

Joy Kitzmiller was the surprise winner in women's singles, defeating Pam Owens in the finals. Kitzmiller lost the first game 9-12 because of Owens' consistent play and deep clears, but rallied to win the next two games 11-5, 11-6. Owens had reached the finals by defeating Cheryl Carton in the semi-finals 12-10 in the third game. Judi Kelly met Carton in the first round, producing the best match of the women's singles draw. Carton prevailed in three close games 9-11, 12-10, 12-9.



Walker & Kelly do it again

Federico Valdez upset #1 seed Tony Alston in the men's singles final. Valdez, the Peruvian National Champion, exhibited tenacious determination in winning. With Alston taking the first game 15-8 and leading the second game 9-1, it looked like Alston would gain an easy

victory. With errorless percision, however, Valdez fought back to win the second game 15-11. Alston started the third game as he had the previous two and jumped out to a 6-0 lead. But it was not enough. Valdez caught Alston at 9 and never looked back, winning the game and match 15-9. Even though Alston possessed superior quickness and stamina, Valdez demonstrated that consistent play is the most important factor in winning badminton.

Women's doubles also provided a surprise. The team of Nancy Narcowich and Dawn Race reached the finals against the powerhouse duo of Judi Kelly and Monica Ortez. Upset was in the air as Narcowich-Race won the first game 15-12.

primarily because of Race's intense aggressiveness. Race was unable to maintain the same pace, the more experienced team of Kelly-Ortez took control and the next two games and the match 15-6 15-1.



The men's doubles final was a rematch of the Summer Doubles Tourney held in Manhattan Beach two months earlier. Bob Gilmour and Mike Walker made it two in a row over John Britton and Curt Stephan in three games. Gilmour and Walker got stronger as the match progressed and continually exploited Stephan to win the rallies. The Peruvian National Champion team of the Valdez brothers had fallen to Gilmour and Walker in the semis, while the Jamaican Champions, King and Roberts, were losing to Britton-Stephan.

Walker and Kelly won another mixed title as they defeated Gary Shelstad and Traci Britton 15-8, 14-15, 15-8. The real excitement in the match came when Shelstad chose not to set with one hand down and the score tied at 14 in the second game. Kelly proceeded to serve to Shelstad, who was able to win the rally with an effective service rush that created an easy put away for him at the net. Shelstad-Britton then won their 15th point in the next inning.

TOURNAMENT COVERAGE

VALLEY GRAN PRIX III

Los Angeles Valley College's "purple gym" in Van Nuys, California was the site for Gran Prix action February 2-3, 1985.

Bob Gilmour of Huntington Beach, currently ranked #12 in U.S. men's singles, captured his first-ever single's title. Gilmour's consistency was too much for Peter Baum of Palo Alto giving Gilmour the victory 15-11, 15-6. Baum earlier had upset 5th ranked Guy Chadwick in a showing of talent worthy of top ten ranking consideration.



Bob Gilmour servers one

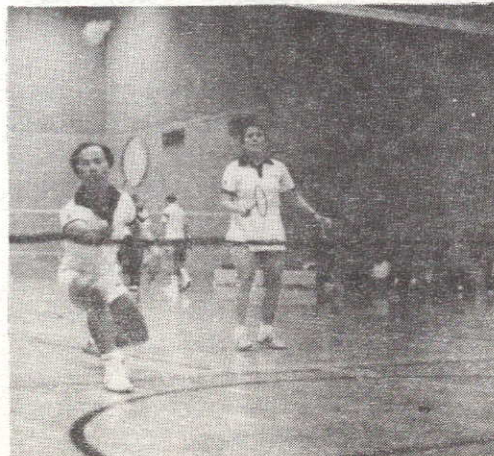
The return of the top men's doubles team in the Western Hemisphere, John Britton and Gary Higgins was the big news of the tournament. Higgins has been recovering from an achilles injury he sustained while representing the U.S. at the last Thomas Cup. Their last appearance was their victory at the 1983 U.S. Open. However, they appeared a little rusty. During the semifinals, the inspired play of the new

pairing of Chadwick and Gary Shelstad spoiled Britton and Higgins' return debut 9-15, 15-13, 15-8. Chadwick and Shelstad of San Diego then secured the title by defeating Gilmour and Curt Stephan of Hermosa Beach 15-10, 15-3.

The open women's singles title was decided in a no-nonsense round-robin format among the top 3 ranked U.S. women. When the dust cleared, #1 ranked Cheryl Carton had defeated #3 ranked Joy Kitmiller who had beaten #2 ranked Judi Kelly who had defeated Carton earlier. With a win by each lady a very interesting scenario for the U.S. Nationals emerged.

In the women's doubles Monica Ortez of Garden Grove and Judi Kelly eeked out a 15-11, 15-12 victory in the deciding match against Terry Lira of Long Beach and Nancy Narcowich of Hermosa Beach.

The mixed doubles saw the 1984 National Champions Britton and Carton claim victory by narrowly prevailing over Palsan Rangskitpho of Long Beach and Lira 15-12, 17-16.

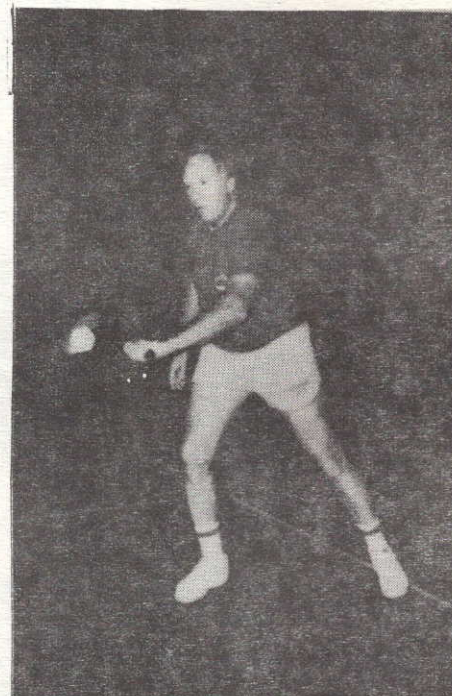


The hardworking team of Palsan & Terry Lira

JIM POOLE OPEN

California State University, at Dominguez Hills played host to the annual Jim Poole Open March 23-24 of this year. This year's tournament included "shoot out" events worth a total of \$600.00 dollars U.S. in prize money for men's events.

Guy Chadwick of Manhattan Beach finished strong to out last Bob Gilmour of Huntington



Tournament's Namesake, J.P.

Beach in the final 8-15, 15-9, 15-8. Earlier, Gilmour had come from behind in the third game of his tense semifinal match to defeat sixth ranked Mike Walker of San Diego for the second time in 1985.

Gilmour and Walker then joined forces to collect the winner's share in the men's doubles. They survived threats by the unusual pairings of Charlie Coakley and Bob Dickie in the semifinals and, in the finals, Gary Higgins and Jim Poole, the tournament's namesake.

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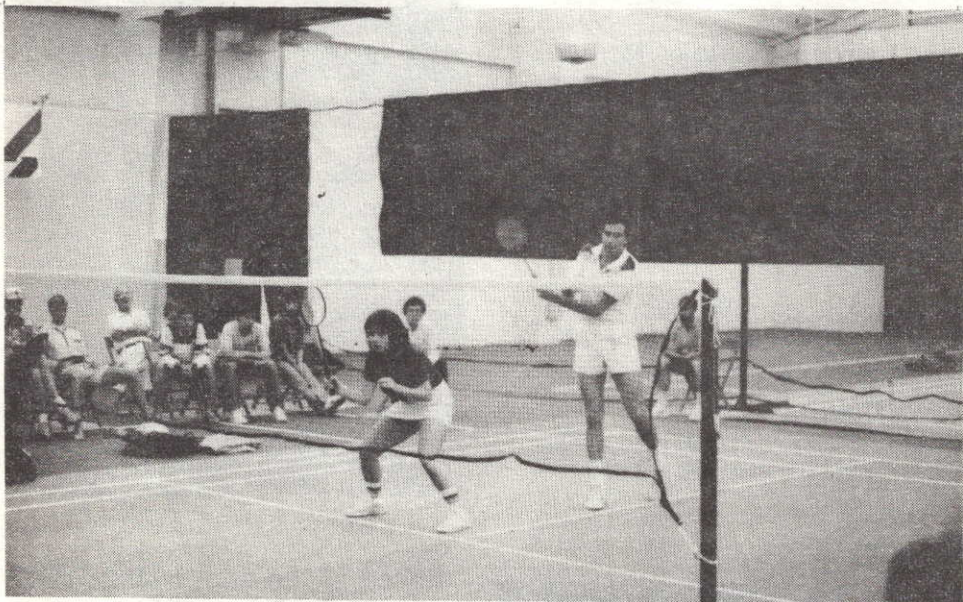
NEW ORLEANS CLASSIC

The first ever New Orleans Badminton Classic was held April 19-21 in an excellent playing facility at the Hilton-Rivercenter in New Orleans. When the participants weren't playing they were enjoying the fine food, jazz, and carnival atmosphere of the New Orleans French Quarter.

With \$3,000 US dollars in prize money at stake, the players worked especially hard. Many of the match-ups proved to be a preview of the U.S. Nationals held the following week in Atlanta.

match-up. Bob Gilmour(CA) and Mike Walker(CA) played well, but came up short 12-15 in the third game. The final proved to be an international quality match with very few unforced errors.

The players' contrasting styles set the scene for exciting rallies of every shape, size and speed. From serve to smash, each shot changed as strategies and counter strategies developed throughout the match. Higgins' strength coupled with Britton's quickness and unpredictability pulled the duo through against Fogarty's steeply angled attack and Pontow's slashing net play.



Fighting off the competition — Mary Fran Hughes & Matt Fogarty

Men's doubles turned out to be the premier event as East battled West. Current 1984 U.S. national champions Matt Fogarty(LA) and Bruce Pontow(IL) put up a fierce struggle, but lost to the 1983 U.S. National and U.S. Open champions, John Britton(CA) and Gary Higgins(CA). Britton and Higgins steamrolled to the finals untested while Fogarty and Pontow had to survive an upset bid in their semi-final

In the end Britton-Higgins had to survive three match points with clutch service returns, while pulling off some key serves of their own, to win the final six points of the third game and take the match 17-14.

Number two ranked Tony Alston(CA) grabbed the men's singles title by overwhelming top ranked Rodney Barton(AZ) 15-6, 15-0. After a three month badminton tour in

Europe, Alston demonstrated a consistency and confidence he has lacked against Barton in their previous encounters. In the semi-finals Barton handled 5th ranked Guy Chadwick(CA) 15-8, 15-12 while Alston outlasted the always tough 3rd ranked Gary Higgins 15-2, 7-15, 15-9.

Judianne Kelly(CA) validated her #1 seeding by coming back strongly to beat Mary Fran Hughes(NY) 10-12, 11-1, 11-4. In the semifinals, Kelly beat Barb McKinley(MA) 11-5, 11-3 while Hughes eliminated Monica Pontow(IL) 11-6, 11-4.

Mixed doubles witnessed the aggressive return of Walker and Kelly to the top spot. They revenged last year's Nationals loss to Fogarty-Hughes by beating them 15-6, 18-14 in the New Orleans' finals. On the way there, Walker-Kelly disposed of 1984 National Champions Britton and Cheryl Carton(CA) in the semis 15-7, 15-4.

In the women's doubles, McKinley and Hughes added another title to their list for this season by defeating Vicki Toutz(CA) and Kelly 15-7, 15-4. McKinley-Hughes did not lose a single game in the tournament on the way to this impressive championship.



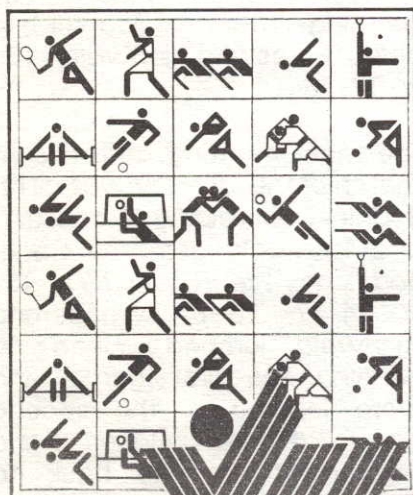
*Enthusiastic singles finalists
— Rodney Barton & Tony Alston*

THE LATEST TID-BITS

USA MACCABIAH TEAM

The qualifying tournament for the U.S. Maccabiah Team was held March 31st at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club.

The athletes qualifying are David Levin as coach of the team as well as as a player. Alex Berks, Dennis Metz, Danny Rubin, Paul Rubin, and Regina Rubin also will represent the United States.



12th Maccabiah July 15-25, 1985 Israel

The squad will attend a three day training camp in New Jersey starting July 8th. From there they will leave for Tel Aviv, Israel on the 12th of July. The U.S. squad will compete for the team championship as well as individual titles. The countries sending teams are Canada, Denmark, England, India, Israel, and the United States.

Later in the month the U.S. Team members will compete in the Israeli Open Championships at Ashdod, Israel. These events will all be firsts for U.S. badminton players.

NEW USBA BOARD

Stan Hales, of Pomona, California, was elected as the new president of the United States Badminton Association. Hales, who had a distinguished playing career, has many new innovative ideas that he can't wait to implement.

Tom Carmichael has resigned his position as Executive Director and the USBA Board is searching for a replacement. Carmichael will continue with his duties until a qualified individual can be found.

This year's new face on the Board is Len Hill. Hill will act as the Vice President and head up the junior development committee. Hill is confident that badminton can grow in the United States, but the USBA needs to return to a more regionalized approach.



Stan Hales

COMPUTERIZED RANKINGS

Starting with the next issue of **THE BADMINTON MAGAZINE** we will begin to publish our own computerized ranking list. The program is being designed and supervised by Len Hill. Tournament results will be updated each issue to make the rankings current.

Our staff's hope is that these rankings will give all players across the United States some perspective as to their standing amongst all tournament players. To make these rankings as accurate as possible we will need the cooperation of all tournament directors to send us their results. More on this next issue.



JUNIOR NATIONALS AT MBBC

The Manhattan Beach Badminton Club is currently negotiating with the United States Badminton Association to hold the U.S. Junior National Championships. If the two organizations can agree on the terms, the event will be held the week preceding Easter in the spring of 1986 at MBBC in Manhattan Beach, California.

JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Reported by ALAN DIXON and JULIE STEPHAN

Paul McAdams(MA) showed why he was the #1 seed going into the 39th Junior National Championships this spring. Not only did he capture the singles championship in his "15 and Under" division, but he shared the doubles and mixed doubles titles as well. He was the tourney's only triple crown winner.

Although McAdams lost the first game of his singles final to Scott McFarland(CT) 11-15, he quickly regained his composure and won the next two games handily, 15-2, 15-4. Later, he paired with John Boone(CA) to beat McFarland and his partner, Todd Ortiz(CA) in boy's doubles. Then he and Karen Hales(CA) won the mixed doubles title in their bracket over McFarland and Kara Goldstein(MI).

The tournament was hosted by the Mott Badminton Club and played in the La Voie Field House in Flint, Michigan. Over 100 entrants from eight states participated. This year the tournament had it's first "11 and Under" division. Although the draw was small (boy's singles, doubles, and mixed), adding this flight should help in expanding the tournament in future years.

The "13 and Under" division was dominated by Hal Lyden(MA) and Angela Armendariz(CA).

Lyden won his singles match, plus mixed doubles with partner Susan Lahey(NY), while Armendariz won singles and teamed with her sister, Christian, to win the doubles crown. The boy's doubles winners were Tony Manha(NY) and Greg Scharfeld(NY).

Armendariz easily won her "15 and Under" singles title, allowing Cindy Sokel(NY) only six points in the match. Her "13 and Under" final against her sister, Christian, appeared more challenging.

The girl's doubles finals saw Sokel and Amy Hargreaves(NY) prevail over Dawn O'Campo(CA) and Donna MacDougall(CA). Sokel and Hargreaves started slowly, losing their first game 15-18, but they came back to win the match 18-13, 15-5.

The Mott Badminton Club held the "18 and Under" finals on a separate day from the other finals. The Carmichael brothers, Martin and Tom(MI), squared off against each other in boy's singles. At first Martin stayed even with Tom, but tired after several points and Tom emerged with the victory, 15-7, 15-2.

The girl's singles final placed Julie Stephan(CA) against Madhavi Tijoriwala(AZ), a relatively unknown player who

had only three points scored against her on her way to the finals. She had a bit more of a challenge playing Stephan, winning by the scores of 11-1, 11-6.

In the boy's doubles Jeff Floerchinger(WA) and Ron Estes(AZ) defeated the Carmichael brothers 15-8, 15-11. In mixed doubles, however, Tom Carmichael received his second championship by teaming with Lisa Bauer(IL) to defeat Estes and Tijoriwala, 15-8, 17-14.

The most exciting and closest match of the last day was girl's doubles. Geraldine Woods(NY) and Tijoriwala defeated Bauer and Jenny Hargreaves(NY), 15-9, 14-17, 18-14. Woods and Tijoriwala jumped ahead by winning the first game and were leading in the second game before Bauer and Hargreaves stormed back to win and draw even. The lead traded back and forth in the third game, but Woods and Tijoriwala prevailed.

The tournament finished on Saturday night with the traditional awards Banquet. The winner of the Ken Davidson Memorial Award was Ron Estes, who was quite surprised to be selected by his peers for the honor.

Event	"18 & Under"	"15 & Under"	"13 & Under"
BOY'S SINGLES	Tom Carmichael	Paul McAdams	Hal Lyden
GIRL'S SINGLES	Madhavi Tijoriwala	Angela Armendariz	Angela Armendariz
BOY'S DOUBLES	Estes-Floerchinger	McAdams-Boone	Manha-Scharfeld
GIRL'S DOUBLES	Woods-Tijoriwala	Sokel-Hargreaves	Armendariz ²
MIXED DOUBLES	Carmichael-Bauer	McAdams-Hales	Lyden-Lahey

SCHOLASTIC SCENE

A Special Column by VIRGINIA HALES



A big hello to all the badminton teachers and coaches across the United States! I am excited about my involvement with **THE BADMINTON MAGAZINE** and their role in promoting the sport for junior players. My fondest memories of the game are as a junior player back in the 1950's. What fun it was to be good enough to travel to the U.S. Junior Nationals and to play on the U.S. Junior Team against Canada. All young people should have the opportunity for such special experiences.

My job is to find out as much as possible about the badminton programs around the country, to provide information, and to encourage high schools, colleges and clubs to provide opportunities for people interested in playing the game.

I have already corresponded with many of you from one corner of the country to the other. It is really great to hear what a good job is being done to encourage competitive badminton for high school and college players. I would like to

know more about your high school tournament results, outstanding players, and coaches and teachers who have done so much in your regions to support the game.

Please send any information or photos about your program, what has been successful, etc. and we will publicize it in **THE BADMINTON MAGAZINE**. It is important to have an exchange of information among all the different regions of the country.

The questionnaires I receive indicate that competitive high school badminton is still a "girls only" sport in most parts of the country. In southern California, the sport went co-ed about four years ago (with 88 teams), and has since become increasingly popular. Now the boys outnumber the girls as participants.

Also, in the last four years, great effort has been put into running tournaments for high school students *outside* of the league structure. These serve as a transition to regular adult

sanctioned tournaments at various skill levels. Now there are many southern California high school players who are interested in playing in the U.S. Junior National Championships. That's great news!!

There is so little television or newspaper coverage of badminton in this country, we as teachers and coaches must find other ways to broaden the popularity of the sport among students. One way is to have some nationally ranked players put on an exhibition and play with some of your students. We hope to arrange quite a few of these exhibitions around the country during the next year. Encouraging students to attend international matches and finals of local adult tournaments also helps. Video tapes showing excellent examples of international class play are also available for rent to schools.

I hope some of these ideas help you in promoting badminton in your part of the country. If you need any help implementing any of the ideas I have discussed please don't hesitate to write me at **THE BADMINTON MAGAZINE**. In the next issue I plan to discuss the college scene and the clinics available for teachers and coaches.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS....

Remember what mama said, "The best things in life are worth waiting for..."

Well, Mom said that and had a few other "choice" expressions for me. Anyway, this is my way of saying-- "it's here... it's here..." Yes, it has been a long time since your mailbox felt our fun-filled pages nestled in it's cavity, but remember what mama said!!

So here we are again-- we've re-grouped, re-financed, made a few changes, added some new columns, checked our lists to see whose been naughty or nice, and we're off...

A few mentionables though. I would like to offer my congratulations to DOCTOR Patricia Cane. Pat who writes a Sports Medicine column for the magazine received her Ph.D. from USC in May.

Also, welcome back to the courts to our copy editor, Tom "Red Pencil" Siebert. Tom broke his ankle while playing badminton in beautiful downtown Burbank... ah, those fleet feet. As for me, I got married, to the ever-befuddling Dennis Metz after a whirlwind courtship of 10-½ years. Ah, you say, there have been a few changes.

So, congratulations to all the winners and near-winners in Atlanta, good luck to Stan Hales and the new USBA Board, happy wanderings to John Britton's group traveling to New Zealand, and for all those who are headed to Calgary for the World Championships-- fleet feet don't fail us now.

Cassandra Sophia Salaptas-Metz
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MEN'S SINGLES—Han Jian (China) d. Morten Frost (Denmark), 14-18, 15-10, 15-8. d. Yang Yang (China), 15-8, 15-5; Han Jian WOMEN'S SINGLES—Han Aiping (China) d. Wu Jianqiu (China), 6-11, 12-11, 11-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES—Park Joo Bong-Kim Moon Soo (South Korea) d. Li Yongbo-Tian Bingyi (China), 5-15-, 15-7, 15-9.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES—Han Aiping-Ling Wei (China) d. Wu Dixi-Lin Ying (China), 15-9, 14-18, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES—Park Joo Bong-Yoo Sang Hee (South Korea) d. Stefan Karlsson-Maria Bengtsson (Sweden), 15-10, 12-15, 15-12.

World Championship Results

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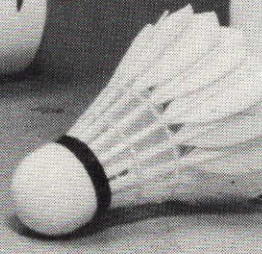
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