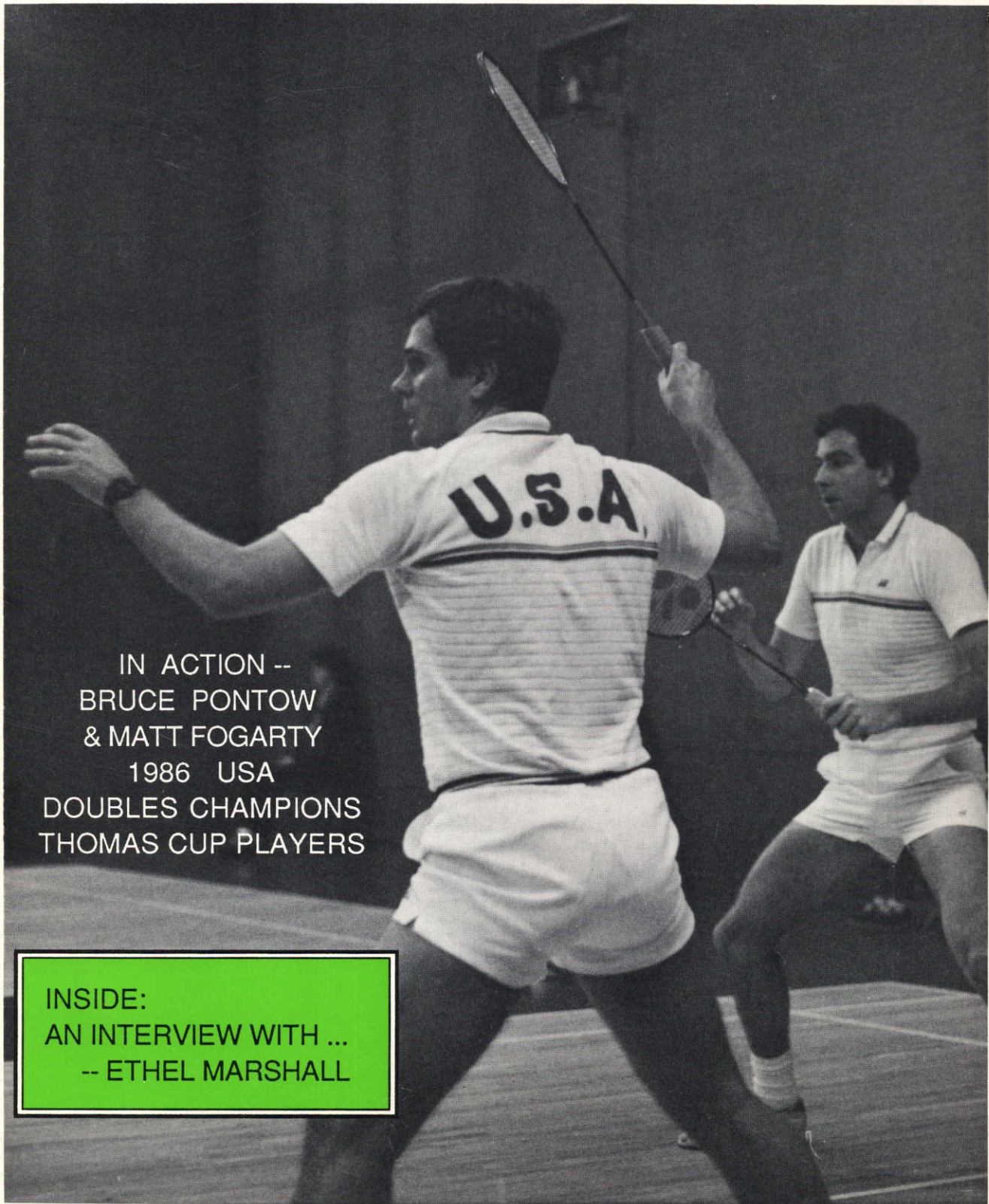


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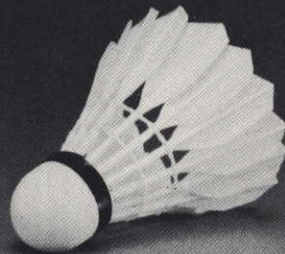
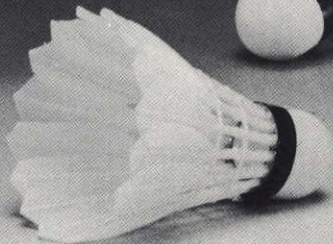
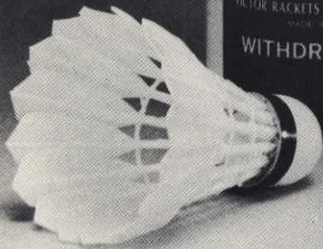
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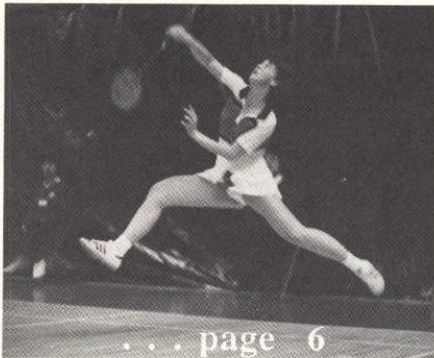
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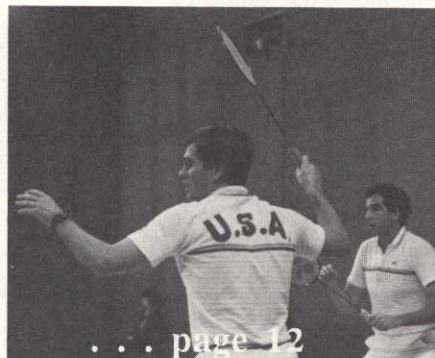
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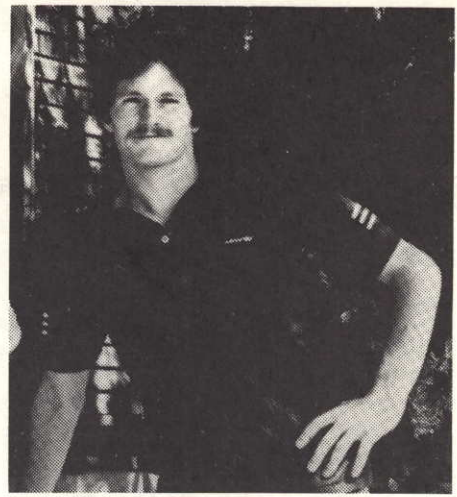
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PUBLISHER'S LETTER..



-- Guy Chadwick

Now completed, the 1985-1986 season has shown the most encouraging signs for the development of badminton in the USA in many, many years. As a co-publisher of this national magazine, a tournament player, and as part of a national badminton company, I have the opportunity to feel the lifeline of our great sport. In years past I have heard what everyone WANTS for this sport. This year I have seen ACTION.

By themselves some of the actions may seem small. But these actions are encouraging others to act with a new anticipation for success and a stronger sense of professionalism.

Obviously the key action came with the announcement of badminton as a new Olympic Sport. This action is

affecting all facets of U. S. badminton. This Olympic status compels the general public to reform their "backyard" image of badminton. It provides a firmer incentive to promote badminton in our national institutions: junior and senior high schools, colleges and universities, YMCAs, community centers, etc. It allows access to Olympic funds.

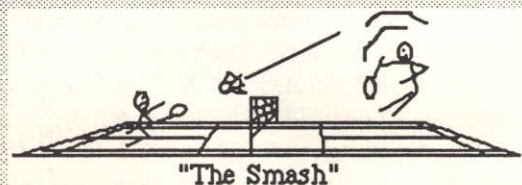
With badminton's elevated recognition, the sport is much more attractive to the media and to local, regional, and national sponsors. New programs in New York City and the Los Angeles area will be implemented this year using commercial, institutional, and Olympic funds to bring badminton to some 10,000 new players. These programs are each designed for

future national expansion.

There has been a resurgence of international badminton competition for USA players. Thomas and Uber Cup teams, a Maccabiah team, and several badminton "tour groups" have enjoyed competition throughout the world. The U.S. Open and New England Open brought international calibre play to the USA. World class players have moved to the U.S. to share their talents and training techniques.

All together, these actions, in concert with the many local efforts throughout the U.S., are kicking-off a new era of expansion for badminton. This coming season promises to issue in the first fruits of these labors and set the course for new badminton excitement.

Introducing the "ADVENTURES OF SPIKE" -- the chronicles of our badminton hero who suffers the indignities of his opponents' superior skills, the atrocities of "bad luck," and the humility of comical game situations (yet he never fails to give 110%). Excerpts from Spike's unheralded career will be seen throughout THE BADMINTON MAGAZINE.



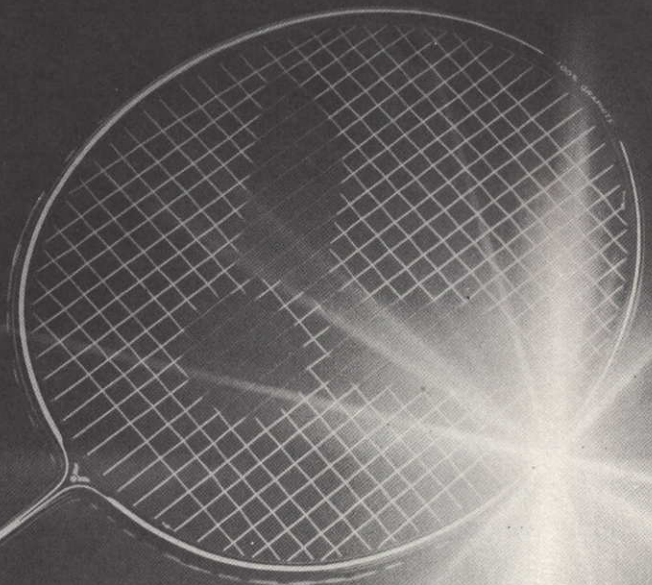
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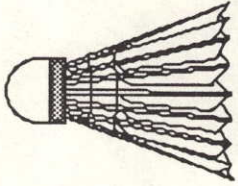
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1986

NATIONAL

Sunnyvale, California's beautiful Indoor Sports Center was the setting for the 1986 United States Adult National Badminton Championships, which capped a highly competitive season of tournament play.

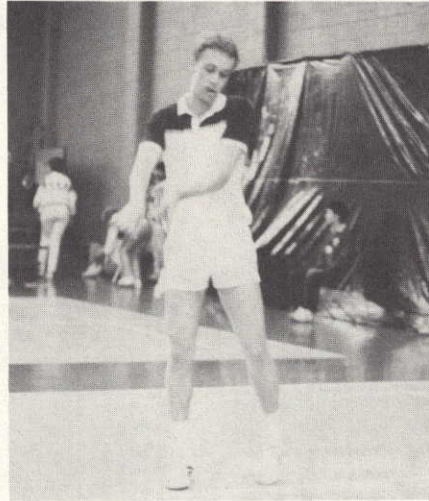
The March 23-28 tournament brought out all of the best in the U.S., and produced some surprising results. Two new women national champions were crowned, while in the men's and mixed doubles events, defending or former national champions regained their titles.

MEN'S SINGLES

The tough men's singles draw saw seeds #3 through #7 upset while defending champion and top seed Chris Jogis and 2nd seeded Tony Alston each cruised to the finals in straight game victories.

Northern California's Peter Baum proved himself worthy as a semifinalist by consecutively defeating Mike Adams (MI), a former national champion, 5th seeded Benny Lee (AZ), and 3rd seeded Guy Chadwick (CA), all in long closely contested 3-game matches. Baum finally succumbed in the semifinals to Alston 15-6, 15-6.

The other semifinalist, Sanjay Malde (AZ) earned his place by wearing



#1 Men's Singles -- Chris Jogis

down 4th seeded Mike Walker (CA) in the quarterfinals after beating Guy Rittman (RI) the round before, 15-7, 18-14.

Earlier, Rittman had displayed some excellent badminton. In the first round he edged a former Hungarian standout, Imre Bereknyei, in one of the most exciting duels of the tournament, 18-14, 3-15, 18-17. In his second round match, Rittman upset the always tough 6th seeded Gary Higgins, 18-17, 15-10.

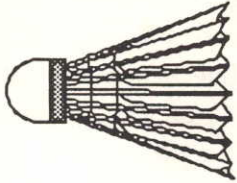
In the semifinals, Malde lost two game point opportunities against his ASU schoolmate Jogis when the defending National Champion wisely let a short serve and later a long serve fall out. Malde lost the first game 17-16, and it was all Jogis in the second, 15-3.

More than a year has passed since

their last meeting and it quite evident that both Jogis and Alston had improved their play with continuing national and international experience. As a result, the final ignited the imagination of the spectators. Defending Champion Jogis had to be considered the favorite, although Alston, twice a National Singles' runner-up, had a strong contingent of supporters.

Neither player controlled the first game until Jogis took command and grabbed the last few points to win 15-12. Jogis provided a slightly more accurate array of attacking shots and capitalized on opportunities for winners without making mistakes. Although he earned as many opportunities for winners, Alston made more attacking errors.

Midway through the second game the momentum began to change in Alston's favor. His confidence grew as he kept the shuttle in play while he mixed up his quick shots to build a 14-9 lead. Jogis appeared tired, but he managed to avoid losing another point as a series of close calls proved Alston's undoing. Drops in the tape, smashes just wide, and clears just long allowed Jogis to gather 8 unanswered points to win 17-14 and claim the coveted U.S. Men's Singles trophy for the second straight year.



CHAMPIONSHIPS

WOMEN'S SINGLES

With defending champion Judianne Kelly sitting out the singles, the door was wide open for last year's disappointed finalist, Joy Kitzmiller. However, it turned out that neither Kitzmiller nor any other seeded player reached the finals.

Kitzmiller (CA), the top seed, saw her chance for a national title melt away in the third game of the semifinals against unseeded Meiling Okuno (CA). Okuno came from behind to win 7-11, 11-4, 11-8. Okuno already had soundly defeated 4th seed Mary Fran Hughes (AZ) in the quarterfinals.

Unseeded, but certainly not a complete surprise, Nina Lolk (AZ) proved to be the class player in this event. In the quarterfinals, Lolk cruised by 2nd seeded Pam Owens (CA), 11-3, 11-5, displaying strength, good court coverage, and an effective attack. In the semifinals, Lolk came up against 3rd seeded Linda Safarik (CA), who had earlier survived a difficult ordeal against Linda French (AZ), 6-11, 11-6, 11-9.

Safarik gave Lolk her most difficult test of the tournament. Safarik took the first game handily at 11-3, but could not ward off Lolk during the next two games. Lolk came back



Top Women -- Nina Lolk & Linda French

strongly, 11-5 and 11-7, to gain a berth in the finals.

A student at Arizona State University and formally of Denmark, Lolk made the most of her opportunity in this contest between two first-time National's finalists. She consistently controlled the rallies against Okuno, who showed excellent footspeed but could not seem to find an effective counter-attacking shot. Lolk was devastating as she rolled to an 11-3, 11-1 victory to collect the 1986 U.S. Ladies Singles trophy.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Pam Brady (MI) has captured the women's doubles title the last 7 straight years and has won 11 titles since 1972. She and partner Judianne Kelly (CA) were the defending champions and have won

6 of the last 7 doubles trophies together. Certainly, tradition was on their side.

In one semifinal it appeared the time was ripe for change as Brady and Kelly faced match points against Ann French (CA) and Pam Owens (CA). The 3rd seeds displayed beautiful teamwork and a persistent attack to win the first game 15-5, and then earned match point chances in the second game but could not quite find the winner. Brady and Kelly managed to win 18-17. The third game also proved a battle, but again French and Owens could not bring off an upset. Brady and Kelly won 15-12 to gain the finals.

Meanwhile, Nina Lolk and partner Linda French were wreaking havoc with the other seeded teams. Throughout the tournament French and Lolk demonstrated solid attacking doubles. They showed no real weakness nor any tendency for unforced errors.

In the quarterfinals they upset the 2nd seeds Traci Britton and Monica Ortez (CA), 15-11, 15-11. In the semifinals they defeated the 4th seeds Mary Fran Hughes (AZ) and Barb McKinley (MA), 15-10, 15-8. These successes then brought French and Lolk their opportunity against the traditional favorites Brady and Kelly in the finals.

Lolk brought all the tools she had used to dominate the singles final and French played better than either of their opponents. Together they stormed through Brady and Kelly. French and Lolk nearly always gained the attack and then exploited Brady's hampered mobility and Kelly's predictability. First game: 15-0. Of course something like this already had happened against Brady and Kelly in the semifinals, and even last year in the finals. But even in the second game, French and Lolk still seemed to have no respect for tradition. Never really threatened, they continued with their persistent attack to win 15-11 and capture the 1986 U.S. Women's Doubles trophy. For Linda French, her first adult national title, and for Nina Lolk, her second national title in this tournament.

MIXED DOUBLES

History was also put to the test in the mixed doubles. Defending champions Mike Walker and Judianne Kelly had 7 National Mixed titles to their joint credit. Only Wynn Rogers with 8 trophies and Judy Devlin (Hashman) with 7, each having played with 4 different partners more than 20 years ago, could rival the Kelly-Walker record.

To reach the finals, Kelly and Walker had to survive three 3-game matches, losing the first game in each case. French and Malde provided a first round battle before losing 15-13, 5-15, 2-15. Baum and Schulenburg (CA) then fell 15-7, 7-15, 0-15.

Later in the semifinals Kelly and Walker benefited from a calf muscle

pull suffered by John Britton (CA) after he and Linda Safarik, the 4th seeds, took the first game 15-6. Britton and Safarik had recently pulled off a very close finals' victory over Kelly and Walker at the California State Championships, but this time came up short 5-15, 6-15 in the second and third games to give Kelly and Walker a shot at their 8th mixed title.



History makers: Judi Kelly & Mike Walker
Meanwhile, although unseeded, the 1981 and 1982 National Mixed Champions, Danny and Pam Brady forged their way to the finals. They beat the 2nd seeds Ann French and Bruce Pontow (IL) in the quarterfinals 15-5, 15-9, and the 3rd seeds Hughes and Jogis in a quality semifinal match 8-15, 15-11, 15-10.

Hughes and Jogis had endured hard fought matches all the way, including a 15-8, 4-15, 15-11 win over Martin French (CA) and Monica Ortez and a 12-15, 15-9, 15-9 struggle against Traci Britton and Gary Shelstad (CA).

There was no inexperience in the finals between Kelly and Walker and the Bradys. Indeed, the first game showed this as it could hardly have been closer at 15-13. Kelly and Walker seemed a bit more eager to win and seized the last few critical points to put them one game away from victory.

Apparently the first game was crucial because Kelly and Walker never looked back. They kept the pressure on the Bradys, forcing many errors, and collected a 15-6 second game win and the U.S. Mixed Doubles trophy for the 8th time.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Unlike all of the other events, the top 4 seeded teams in men's doubles managed to secure their expected places in the semifinals.

The 4th seeds, Guy Chadwick and Gary Shelstad, coasted to their berth, including a sound defeat of the strong East Coast team of Dick McKinley (MA) and Guy Rittman (RI), 15-6, 15-9.

The 3rd seeds, Chris Jogis and Benny Lee, weathered a quarterfinal match against the perennially exciting Californians Bob Dickie and Bob Gilmour, 13-15, 15-4, 15-2. This match apparently prepared Jogis and Lee well for their semifinal encounter.

The 2nd seeds, Matt Fogarty (LA) and Bruce Pontow, the USA's #1 doubles team for Thomas Cup competition, also met with little resistance, especially with their surprisingly convincing conquest over Tony Alston and Mike Walker, 15-4, 15-3.

The top seeds and last year's dominant 3-time National Doubles Champions John Britton and Gary Higgins struggled much more than the other seeds. Higgins' series of leg injuries and Britton's new injury seemed to take the edge off their usually invincible attack.

They beat Timmy Yuen and Dick Ng thriller, 18-17.

Arizona State University.

(CA) 15-10, 18-16. Then they were battling against Mike Adams and Danny Brady in the second game of their quarterfinals, after narrowly winning the first game 18-15, when Adams pulled up lame forcing a default.

Meanwhile, Fogarty and Pontow were squared off against Chadwick and Shelstad. The anticipated battle of styles turned out to be a disappointment. Chadwick and Shelstad, though they had defeated Fogarty and Pontow earlier in the

Fogarty and Pontow continued where they left off from previous rounds by trouncing Jogis and Lee 15-2 in the first game. But the second game was a different story as Jogis and Lee pulled themselves together and played the way they had in their earlier rounds to win 15-12.

This brought Britton and Higgins up against the continually improving Jogis and Lee in a most exciting semifinal. Britton and Higgins could not muster their dominating attacking style and were forced to rally on equal terms. Jogis and Lee counter-attacked with finesse and provided their own attacking fireworks to take the first game 15-11 and the second game in a close

year, were unable to execute well enough defensively or offensively to get themselves into the match. Fogarty and Pontow took control midway through the first game and never let up in winning 15-9, 15-5.

The third game found the two teams pitted in warfare, at least up to the halfway point. Suddenly Fogarty and Pontow played a series of flawless serves, attacking shots, and counter-attacking finesse shots to earn a 15-8 score and the 1986 U.S. Men's Doubles trophy.

This pitted 1984 U.S. Doubles Champions and recent Thomas Cup standouts Fogarty and Pontow up against the talented kids from

SENIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 1986 Senior U.S. National Championships were held just prior to the Adult National Championships, and also hosted by the Sunnyvale Badminton Club.

become the Senior Mixed champs.

for the Grand Master Women's Singles title.

THE SENIOR CHAMPIONS

THE MASTER CHAMPIONS

Tim Yuen (CA) ousted defending champion Andy Gouw (CA) 11-15, 15-7, 15-5 to become the new Senior Men's Singles champion. Pat McCarrick (NY) defeated Judy Gray (CA) 11-2, 11-7 to capture the Senior Women's Singles trophy.

Dale Miller (GA) upset Jim Poole (CA) 12-15, 15-5, 15-12 for the Master Men's Singles title. Mei Chin Yuen defeated Joyce Jones (WA) 11-5, 12-9 to win the Master Women's Singles award.

Anderssohn and Dick Witte (MO) beat Sei Adachi (WA) and Jack Harvey (WA) 15-6, 12-15, 15-2 to win the Grand Master Men's Doubles award. Jones and Kelly Tibbetts (CA) prevailed over Marquis and Virginia Anderson (TN) 15-3, 15-1 for the Grand Master Women's Doubles title. Tibbetts and Witte edged Harvey and Jones 12-15, 15-12, 15-8 to become the Grand Master Mixed Doubles champions.

Gouw and Roger Hedge (CA) beat Manny and Pat Armendariz 18-15, 15-2 to earn the Senior Men's Doubles title. Judianne Kelly and Vicki Toutz (CA) downed McCarrick and Cynthia Kelly (MA) 15-7, 15-3 to gain the Senior Women's Doubles honors. And David Ogata (CA) and Judianne Kelly overtook Tim and Chin Mei Yuen 16-17, 15-2, 15-2 to

Poole and Ray Kulek (CA) beat Waldo Foy (CA) and Miller 15-4, 15-10 to earn the Master Men's Doubles title. Poole and Toutz downed Waldo and Ann Foy 15-5, 15-2 to grab the Master Mixed Doubles crown.

GOLDEN MASTER CHAMPIONS

GRAND MASTER CHAMPIONS

Bill Tom (CA) outlasted Hank Anderssohn (AZ) 15-9, 8-15, 15-8 to gain the Grand Master Men's Singles trophy. Joyce Jones defeated Michele Marquis 11-3, 11-3

Harold Seavey (MA) beat Edwin Jarrett (MN) 15-2, 15-1 for the Golden Master Men's Singles title. Taylor Caffery and Seavey teamed to defeat Jarrett and Angus Turner (CA) 15-3, 15-1 for the Golden Master Men's Doubles trophy.

1986 U.S. JUNIOR RANKINGS

The 1986 U.S. Junior National Championships were held at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club March 31st thru April 6th. A total of 150 entrants from 8 states participated in 4 different age groups to make this event the largest nationals in recent years.

Rather than list the results of all the matches (there were hundreds of them), TBM's Junior National Rankings are listed below. The rankings were based on the results of the 1986 US Junior Nationals and are identical to the top six finishers at the championships.

The following athletes were named to the U.S. National Junior team following their fine performances at the U.S. Junior Nationals.

18 - AGE GROUP

BOYS SINGLES	GIRLS SINGLES	BOYS DOUBLES	GIRLS DOUBLES	MIXED DOUBLES
1) Michael Flexor (MA)	M. Tijoriwala (AZ)	Kiernan/Martin	Putzu/Stephan	Root/Tijoriwala
2) Joel Goldstein (MI)	Tracy Hudson (CA)	Carmichael/Gianetti	Hargreaves/Tijoriwala	Kiernan/Armendariz
3) Mark Iwanicki (NY)	J. Hargreaves (NY)	Dang/Dang	Hudson/Nguyen	Goldstein/hargreaves
4) Paul McAdam (MA)	Julie Stephan (CA)	Root/Smith	Guadmundson/O'Campo	Iwanicki/Stephan
5) Alan Dixon (CA)	Thuy Nguyen (CA)	Dixon/Rivera	Tang/Tang	Rivera/Quach
6) Ferdinand Rivera (CA)	Melissa Jo Putso (AZ)	Iwanicki/McAdam	Fajer/Hales	McAdam/Putzu
7) Jeremy Smith (NY)	D. Guadmundson (CA)	Flexor/Goldstein	Bridenstine/Delany	Nguyen/Nguyen
8) M. Carmichael (MI)	Cindy Sokel (NY)	Ngo/Ngo	Condon/Quach	Carmichael/Sokel
9) Dave Martin (CA)	Jeyne Condon (CA)	Lee/Wong		Flexor/Drews
10) Matt Mallars (CA)	Nalani Delany (CA)	Boone/Howels		Mallars/Armendariz
11) M. Armendariz (CA)	Bebe Chew (CA)	Lee/Hudson		
12) Tri Duc Dang (CA)	Susan Fajer (NY)			
13) Dung Duc Dang (CA)	Kara Goldstein (MI)			
14) David Root (IN)	Dawn O'Campo (CA)			
15) Joel Kiernan (CA)				
16) Ricky Howels (MI)				
17) Charles Gianetti (MI)				
18) Chan Ngo (CA)				
19) Macario Padre (CA)				
20) John Boone (CA)				

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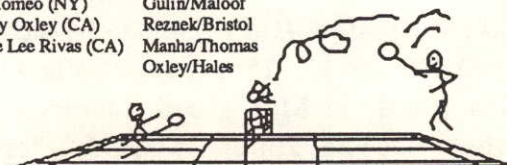
1) Hal Lyden (MA)	C. Armendariz (CA)	Lyden/Ortiz	Armendariz/Armendariz	Lyden/Lahey
2) Todd Ortiz (CA)	A. Armendariz (CA)	Mahagan/Silaphet	Lahey/Dionisio	T. Manha/C. Armendariz
3) Yiu Tam (CA)	Susan Lahey (NY)	Manha/Scharfeld	Goldstein/Tang	J. Manha/A. Armendariz
4) Martin Flores (CA)	Kris Weingartner (NY)	Flores/Lam	Hargreaves/Weingartner	Silaphet/Cross
5) Binh Lam (CA)	Kara Goldstein (MI)	Addeo/Manha	Sokel/Romeo	Trinh/Nguyen
6) Eric Silaphet (CA)	Amy Hargreaves (NY)	Caskey/Fisher	Cisneros/Nicoll	Addeo/Dionisio
7) Gus Chew (CA)	Nancy Dionisio (NY)	Mortenson/Rizzuto	Broich/Kely	Mahegan/Kelly
8) Mark Armendariz (CA)	Allison Romeo (NY)	Bjorquez/Tam		Scharfeld/Romeo
9) Mike Addeo (NY)	Lisa Broich (NY)	Payne/Peterson		Flores/Broich
10) John Manha (NY)	Kathy Sokel (NY)			Fisher/Weingartner

13 - AGE GROUP

1) B. Bingenheimer (MA)	Kathy Manha (NY)	Kaplan/Thomas	McNamara/Manha	Brown/Manha
2) Billy Brown (NY)	Tara McNamara (NY)	Cammarota/Gargiulo	Payne/Romeo	Kaplan/McNamara
3) Jeff Kaplan (NY)	Theresa Gianetti (MI)	Brown/Ward	Gianetti/Oxley	Bingenheimer/Payne
4) Dwayne Thomas (NY)	Leela Payne (NY)	Murphy/Wachter		Bretzke/Gianetti
5) Jonathan Gargiulo (NY)		Bingenheimer/Bretzke		
6) Francis Murphy (NY)		Efman/Hawkins		
7) Troy Wachter (NY)		Tarr/Zimmerman		
8) Martin Reznick (MA)				
9) Paul Bretzke (MI)				
10) Mark Efman (NY)				

11 - AGE GROUP

1) Martin reznick (MA)	Amy Romeo (NY)	Gulin/Maloof	Thomas/Romeo
2) Danny Thomas (NY)	Bethany Oxley (CA)	Reznick/Bristol	Hales/Oxley
3) Daniel Oxley (CA)	Mandie Lee Rivas (CA)	Manha/Thomas	Bristol/Rivas
4) Lindsay Gulin (WA)		Oxley/Hales	
5) Michael Johnson (CA)			
6) Cory Bristol (MI)			
7) Phillip Maloof (MA)			
8) Adam Prestandrea (NY)			



"The Slow Drop"

BOYS - 18 AGE GROUP

Mike Flexor
Joel Kiernan
David Martin
David Root

GIRLS - 18 AGE GROUP

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Melissa Jo Putzu
Julie Stephan
Madhavi Tijoriwala

BOYS - 15 AGE GROUP

Hal Lyden
Tony Manha
Todd Ortiz
Eric Silaphet

GIRLS - 15 AGE GROUP

Angela Armendariz
Christine Armendariz
Nancy Dionisio
Susan Lahey

BOYS - 13 AGE GROUP

Bart Bingenheimer
Bill Brown
Jeff Kaplan
Dwayne Thomas

GIRLS - 13 AGE GROUP

Theresa Gianetti
Tara McNamara
Kathy Manha
Leela Payne

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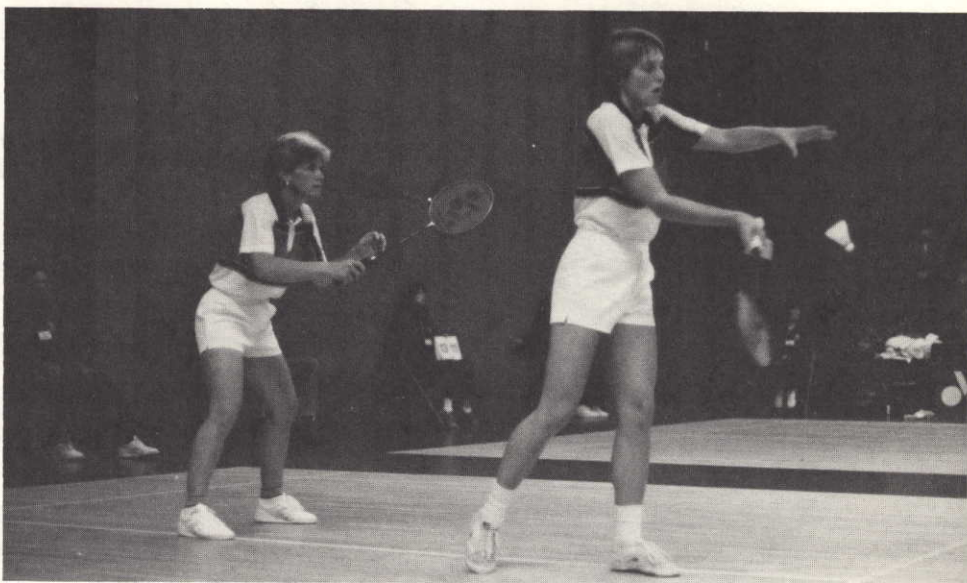
The women's Uber Cup tie was played concurrently with the men's Thomas Cup tie in Vancouver, Canada this past February 19-22.

Coach Vicki Toutz has been running practices with team members since last summer and their efforts have set a standard for improvement in the years ahead.

In a pool with Chinese Taipei and New Zealand, the USA women had to beat one of them to qualify for the semifinals. Chinese Taipei was too strong as they crushed both New Zealand and the USA 5-0. Only the USA team of Judi Kelly and Nina Lolk took a game off of the talented Taiwanese. This left the showdown against New Zealand.

The USA got off to a tough start when they dropped the first and second singles. But Meiling Okuno of the USA beat her New Zealand counterpart, and Kelly and Lolk again combined for a USA victory to even the match score. But the USA fell in the deciding match 15-17, 15-12, 15-12 giving New Zealand the 3-2 match win.

New Zealand went on to finish third behind first place Canada and second place Chinese Taipei. The Canadian women qualified for the "final 8" round of Uber Cup competition in Indonesia.



USA Uber Cup #1 Doubles Team in Action -- Judi Kelly & Nina Lolk

WORLD REPORT

The Thomas Cup and Uber Cup are the most prestigious competitions in the badminton world. Each country chooses its very best players to form its national team. Every two years determine which of some 40 countries is the best among in the world for men-- Thomas Cup, and for women-- Uber Cup.

In the 14 Thomas Cups played thus far, only 3 countries have stood in the winner's circle. Malaya (now Malaysia and Singapore) was an early dominator of Thomas Cup play, followed by Indonesia, who is now battling with the Chinese men for supremacy. The USA has not fielded a threatening men's team since the early Thomas Cup ties of the "Dave Freeman era."

After 11 Uber Cups, just 4 countries have held the trophy. The USA women led the way with the first 3 titles, but have not been serious contenders since. Japan then took over control with one interruption by Indonesia in 1975. The Chinese women have recently become the dominant force in the world.

On May 3-4 in Jakarta, Indonesia, China swept the 1986 Thomas and Uber Cup titles from Indonesia in the finals. The Chinese men avenged their loss in 1984 against Indonesia to retake the Cup in a close 3-2 battle that was decided by the final doubles match. The Chinese women successfully retained the Uber cup by winning their first 3 singles matches against the Indonesian women. Surprisingly the Chinese then lost their two doubles matches to narrow the score to 3-2.

COMPETITION

USA THOMAS CUP ACTION by BRUCE PONTOW

The American Zone Thomas Cup playdowns began on February 18 in Vancouver, Canada. This year nine countries participated: Korea, Canada, USA, and Mexico in pool A; and Japan, New Zealand, China-Taipei (Taiwan), Peru, and Jamaica in pool B. A round robin was played to determine the top two teams in each pool. These four teams then played a semi-final and final round. Only the winning team advanced to the Thomas Cup finals held in Indonesia.

In a series of competitions that seems to reach a higher level of fierceness each Thomas and Uber Cup year, China currently reigns as the world standard of badminton excellence. The top four countries this year for each event were as follows:

1986 Thomas Cup

1. China
2. Indonesia
3. Malaysia
4. Denmark

1986 Uber Cup

1. China
2. Indonesia
3. South Korea
4. Japan

Most of the USA team arrived in Vancouver on Monday, practiced on Tuesday, and then waited anxiously to play their first match against Mexico on Wednesday night. On Thursday evening, they had to play the Koreans, definitely the pre-tie favorite to win the American zone. On Friday night the USA would play Canada.

After dressing, smiling for the picture taking, marching in the nine team procession, and listening to welcome speeches, the USA squad lined up at court side ready to play Mexico.

The USA team featured Chris Jogis #1 singles, Tony Alston #2 singles, Sanjay Malde #3 singles, Guy Chadwick the alternate; our first doubles team was Matt Fogarty and Bruce Pontow, and second doubles was John Britton and Mike Walker.

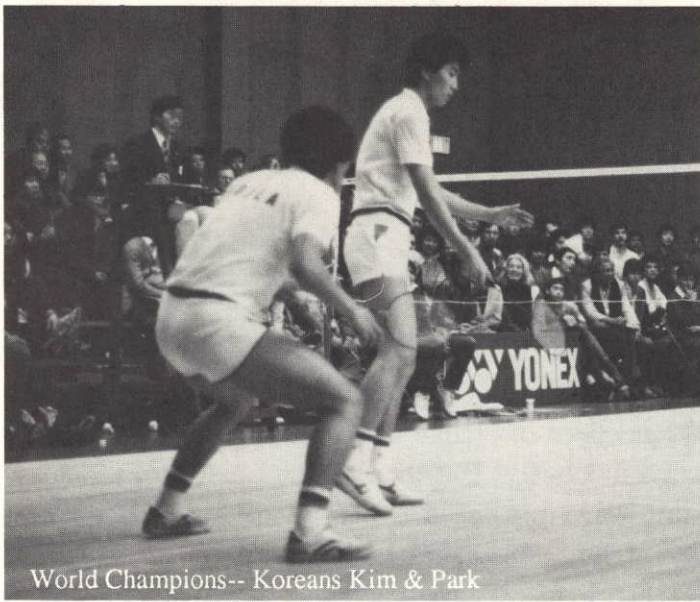
Mexico's perennial champion, Roy Diaz Gonzalez, was absent from his usual #1 singles position so Fernando de la Torre was Chris' opponent instead.

Chris seemed shaky early in the match, missing many smash returns. Fernando played steady and defended well against Chris' faster shots to force a third game. The longer the match went, however, the more comfortable Chris became. He won the third game easily.

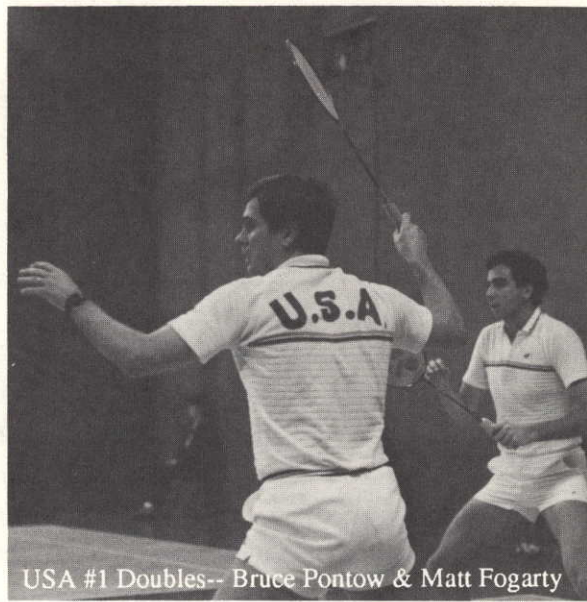
Tony followed with a solid two game win over Ernesto de la Torre. But then we had a scare as Sanjay used every bit of his three games before he finally prevailed. This win gave the USA a win over Mexico before the doubles teams even played. Fogarty and Pontow, playing like they just stepped off the plane, managed to win against the De la Torre brothers who teamed up at #1 doubles. Fortunately, one of the Mexican opponents cramped up which practically gave the US team the second game. Britton and Walker had no trouble at #2 doubles to give the USA a 5-0 team victory over Mexico.

With one win against Mexico, the USA needed only one more win to qualify for the semifinals. As Thursday night approached it seemed unlikely that a win would come against Korea. After all, they had the world champions in doubles, Park and Kim, and a world class singles player in Park. In fact, early Thursday I watched Park play Mike Butler, Canada's (and the western hemisphere's) best singles player, who has many impressive wins in international play. Park won the first game easily, but lost in set in the second game.

Park then picked up the pace in the third game and beat Butler into submission with incredible speed and power. What most impressed



World Champions-- Koreans Kim & Park



USA #1 Doubles-- Bruce Pontow & Matt Fogarty

Thomas + Uber Cup photos
courtesy of Steven Smith

me was his footwork to the forehand back corner. There was none! I have heard that some Asian players are able to jump from the center of the court all the way to the deep corners, but I had never seen it and never really believed it. Believe it. Park took every clear to his forehand in the third game in one jump from the center.

This is what Chris had to face when he took the court Thursday night. Unlike Butler, Chris was not able to force Park with smashes and hard slices. Chris did rally well and even faked Park out completely with flicks off the net, but still he lacked the firepower to get the shuttle on the floor.

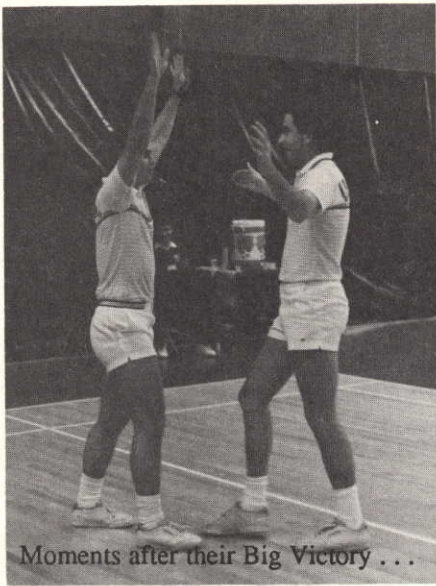
Korea's #2 player seemed to be quite young, but he was still too steady and consistent for Tony. Tony played many fine rallies, winning most of his rallies around the net, but he too often failed to attack when he was given the opportunity of a short return. Instead he dropped or cleared, letting his opponent back into the rally. Sanjay suffered the same fate as Chris and Tony, getting a lesson in steadiness, defense, and firepower.

With the team match against Korea now lost, Fogarty and Pontow warmed up for their doubles lesson against the world champions. But what's this? Park was benched. Does he need his singles rest so badly? Well, Matt and Bruce only got half of what they had hoped for. The lefthander, Kim, played with a quite capable partner, a stout, heavily-muscled righty.

Early in the match, Matt and Bruce served well and pressed the attack. Bruce smashed well, with good location, and was deadly quick in the front court. Matt alternated steep smashes with steeper drops, and swept the net of weak Korean returns. On defense, Matt and Bruce were not troubled by smashes rifled at them from volleyball-like jumps. They generally counterattacked the first smash effectively. The US team beat the Koreans in the first game 15-12. The momentum seemed to stay with the Americans as they built a lead in the second game. Fogarty was quietly intense, poised, and in complete control of his game. Pontow, on the other hand, let out bursts of joy when his shots creased a line and clenched his fists when Fogarty buried a flick serve. At

14-10, match point in the second game, Matt hit a backhand smash from midcourt which produced a weak return. Bruce flew toward the net to put away the pigeon, only to hit it right into the net -- groan! The Koreans ran the score to 12-14 before succumbing to a Fogarty serve and a Pontow smash. These US veterans of many badminton wars won, giving the spectators one of the most exciting matches of the week, and the only victory over a Korean doubles team all week.

Britton and Walker won streaks of points in their loss to the Koreans, but failed to sustain control of the match. Britton was particularly entertaining chasing one bird down deep in the backcourt. He flew off the court into the backdrop, which he partially ripped down, and into the lap of a female spectator. On the court he casually drove back Korean bullets, but was less effective on the attack. John and Mike did not appear to have good teamwork, which is understandable since they do not normally play together in the US, yet they played hard throughout the match. The Korean pair were outstanding smashers and defenders. Sometimes John and Mike would



Moments after their Big Victory . . .



USA Team Members and Fans Celebrate

smash 10 to 20 birds in a row only to see them easily returned deep to their baseline.

By Friday, Canada and the USA had both beaten Mexico and lost to Korea. Now we had to play each other to see who would qualify for the semifinals against the winners of the other pool. Chris started off the match against Canada's Mike Butler. Again Chris rallied long and hard, but he didn't get many points to show for his efforts, losing 15-5, 15-9.

Tony met up against the tall and strong John Goss, Canada's #2 player. Goss took advantage of Tony's low clears and hustled to get himself out of trouble when Tony hit his shots in. Eventually, Tony's errors and impatience proved to be his undoing as he suffered a 15-8, 15-3 defeat.

In a line-up switch, Guy Chadwick was put in at #3 singles. Guy played Ken Poole and gave the US its closest individual match against Canada. Guy was a cool customer. He used his athletic abilities to frustrate Poole. Often Poole must have thought that he had rallies won

only to see the shuttles come back again and again. Poole made many mistakes just trying to press an attack that wasn't getting results.

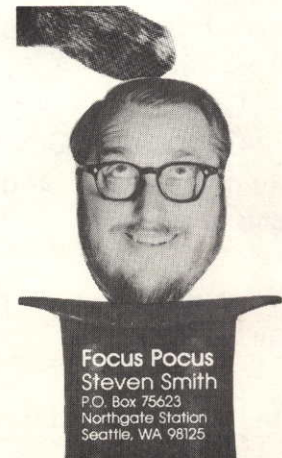
Guy did attack when the chance presented itself, but was most comfortable pushing the bird back deep. He had a serve to win the first game, and played a close second game in losing 17-15, 15-9. It was a real pleasure to watch our players do as well as they did against players who are in "high performance" training camps and getting world class coaching from world class players. Guy should be proud of his effort.

In doubles, Matt and Bruce played Canada's Bitton and DeBelle, the same team they beat in the 1984 Thomas Cup play. This match was close, but the good guys were never able to generate the same intensity that they had against the Koreans. John and Mike also lost to their Canadian opponents. Again, they seemed to lack the teamwork to use their outstanding talents to the fullest. The final result was that the USA fell to Canada 5-0.

The US team became spectators for

the semifinals and finals on Saturday. It was particularly enjoyable watching the Japanese, the winner of the other pool, do what we were not able to do, beat Canada 4-1. Only Butler was able to win for the host country. In the other semifinal, Korea easily defeated New Zealand, the other pool's remaining qualifier, and Korea went on to beat Japan 4-1 later in the afternoon to win the tie and earn a berth at the final competitions in Indonesia. Only Matura, Japan's colorful #2 player, got a victory.

The 1986 Thomas Cup playdowns were a great learning experience for all in attendance. The US Team learned that they need to improve a great deal if they are going to be ready to compete in the 1992 O l y m p i c s .



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AN INTERVIEW WITH

TBM: When did you first begin to play badminton?

ETHEL: In 1945 I began to play at the North Buffalo YMCA on Friday nights -- Ladies' Night. I was 21 years old.

TBM: Who taught you how to play?

ETHEL: I was self-taught, and in 1946 I joined a badminton club where I met Bea Massman. We devised drills and perfected our stroke production and practiced and played. Otherwise there were difficulties. In the beginning people didn't want to play with you because you were a beginner. Then later they didn't want to play with you because you played well. And the top men did not want to practice with women, so Bea and I played some of the local club men. But, I only had Bea to practice against in singles, often giving her 10 points and the serve.

TBM: How was the tournament competition in the 40's and 50's?

ETHEL: It was tough -- great depth in the draws. Due to the War, there were no U.S. or Canadian Nationals for 4 years from 1943-1946, and players were chompin' at the bit to compete. I managed to play nearly every weekend from October to April, an average of about 15 tournaments per season.

TBM: What was your first "big" tournament?

ETHEL: In 1947 I entered and

by GUY CHADWICK

Ethel Marshall, of Buffalo, New York, has earned a total of 27 U.S. National badminton titles, including 7 successive U.S. Ladies Singles trophies from 1947 through 1953. In 1957, the inaugural year of Uber Cup competitions, Ethel was a member of the world champion USA Uber Cup team. Known for her superior footspeed, fitness, and intelligent play, Ethel competed in an era when badminton was one of the few sports acceptable for athletic women. She has been honored with the Ken Davidson Award, Buffalo "Top" Woman Award, and as a Lifetime Sports Clinician. Ethel continues to work with young "Olympic hopefuls" in Buffalo, capping a playing and coaching career that spans 5 decades.

played my first U.S. Nationals and won the Ladies Singles. It was my most memorable title as I defeated Thelma Kingsbury (an All-England Champion) in the semifinals and super sportsperson Janet Wright in the finals after being down badly in both matches.

TBM: When did you play your best badminton?

ETHEL: From 1947 through 1953 when I won the Ladies Singles 7

straight years. I decided to quit ladies singles when (a gentleman) from overseas watched me win my 7th title, then promptly invited my losing opponent to play in England, completely ignoring me!

TBM: Do you have a favorite match?

ETHEL: A ladies doubles in Philly prior to the first Uber Cup selection. Bea and I both knew we had to win to represent the U.S. and we came through against the much younger and heavily favored Devlin sisters. Late in the match they asked for a serve replay claiming they weren't ready (when Bea had aced them) and Bea came through on the replay like the champ she is!

TBM: Could you tell us about the 1957 Uber Cup experience?

ETHEL: The first U.S. Uber Cup team was highly competitive. The U.S. defeated Canada 7-0, India 7-0, and Denmark in the final tie, 6-1. Bea and I played first doubles. The U.S. team was good, but time has a way of "improving" one's play and imagination and no one really is as good as he or she fancies.

TBM: What players did you most admire?

ETHEL: Thelma Kingsbury (Welcome) and Janet Wright -- a great doubles team as well as super singles players. The war years hurt their chances. They were two entirely different personalities who

ETHEL MARSHALL

really meshed on the court -- nice manners and true sportswomen. They almost hated to beat you but always managed to do so.

TBM: What player gave you your toughest match?

ETHEL: Patsey Roberts Stephens from Baltimore, a tall beautiful blonde. I came to about her armpit, but that's where I came up to next to most people. She had a devastating drop shot. Patsey brought me quickly to earth after I won my first Nationals. I was committed to play a tournament against her the following weekend after my trip to California and Patsey was waiting and she cleaned my clock.



Superstar Ethel Marshall in her Prime

"I'd try to take a shot from each player I watched and adapt it to my game..."

TBM: What was your basic style of singles play?

ETHEL: In the beginning I was a runner; then I watched and learned. I'd try to take a shot from each player I watched and adapt it to my game. Eventually I could draw on my own shot-making so my opponent would do more running. Being left-handed added to my deceptiveness and accounted for 4 or 5 points in a tough match.

TBM: How did you play doubles?

ETHEL: I was the quarterback -- it was up to me to adapt our doubles

style to our opponents. The plays were worked so that my partner could put away the point. Since our opponents keyed on Bea, I used variations of singles, doubles, and mixed shots. Too often it didn't work, dammit! Just kidding, you know.

TBM: You also played competitive tennis?

ETHEL: From the 1940's to the 70's, I won a total of 30 city open and closed tournaments and Bea and I were ranked and competed many times in the National Public Parks competition. I played all over the U.S. and Canada representing the western New York area.

TBM: How do you compare tennis with badminton?

"I always felt I had to slow down to play tennis... However to play good badminton you could never get away with "less" in anything."

ETHEL: I always felt I had to slow down to play tennis. Allowing for the ball to bounce, a person could be less physically fit and still play good tennis. However to play good badminton you could never get away with "less" in anything. Badminton is easier to pick up and can be enjoyed earlier. Tennis is harder to master in the same length of time. Both take a long time to play well. No one ever truly masters either game.

TBM: How have you made your living during your sports career?

ETHEL: I worked 22 years for Bell Aerospace in the purchasing department and 18 years as an office manager for Borden Chemical Ink Division. I never received any monies to compete other than partial travel expenses to the U.S. Nationals when I was a defending champion. I always paid my own way, room and board, for all badminton and tennis tournaments.

"We all try to look too pretty while performing, rather than hit quick and force your opponent"

TBM: What changes have you seen in badminton?

ETHEL: We've improved the equipment but not the players. The racket is only as good as the player holding it. We all get terribly temperamental about incongruous stuff and look to insipid excuses. Badminton is "hit quick." Too many players are "stroke-happy" and we all try to look too pretty while performing, rather than hit quick and force your opponent.

TBM: Has the U.S. standard of play deteriorated?

ETHEL: Yes. Our top players get a "bump" on themselves and don't want the challenge of new pastures. They would never think of traveling the great distances we did years ago without remuneration and spending a week's wage to gain tournament experience.

TBM: Will badminton revive in the U.S. with its new Olympic status?

ETHEL: Definitely. It will be a

slow uphill, tortuous battle. To run any kind of a decent race you've got to have the horses. We've got a couple of colts but few fillies. For starters, each state and region must be encouraged to hold their own championships to send representatives to the Nationals. Badminton has to start in the middle schools (junior high schools) where other sports get a stranglehold on the U.S. juniors. This must be followed by high school and college programs and competitions, including competition among the North American countries so that we can become more competitive with Europe and Asia.

TBM: You have coached tennis and badminton since the 1940's, including a dozen U.S. Junior National Champions. What is your coaching philosophy?

ETHEL: I am the teacher and coach, but when someone is on the court it's one on one. If your students can handle themselves in a winning, sportsmanlike manner then you have taught them well -- but their end accomplishment is their own.

You've played only a small part in their win. As a footnote, I have never charged a student one penny -- it's been my life's pleasure.

"A potential champion is someone who loves the game, is hungry and smart, wants to learn and is coachable, asks questions and is always thinking"

TBM: What makes a champion?

ETHEL: A potential champion is someone who loves the game, is hungry and smart, wants to learn and is coachable, asks questions and is always thinking.

TBM: Are you satisfied with your badminton career?

ETHEL: It is truly sad when you play an annual tournament and return one year to find a friendly foe no longer with us, but overall I can smile when I look back on my career. The highlights outshine the low-lights and I feel I have made many friends.



The First USA Uber Cup Team - World Champions 1957
 (top) Ethel Marshall, Bea Massman, Margaret Varner, Sue Devlin
 (bottom) Lois Alston, Mgr.-- Mrs. Corinne Davidson, Judy Devlin

TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

WESTCHESTER-FAIRFIELD OPEN-- Greenwich, CT Jan 10-12 managed to capture the doubles crown with hard fought 3-game wins over Bob Dickie and Bob Gilmour (CA) in the semifinals, and Matt Fogarty (LA) and Gary Higgins (CA) in the finals. Players originating from many of the powerhouse badminton countries of the world -- China, Canada, Denmark, Indonesia, Malaysia -- clashed with top U.S. opponents to provide a caliber of competition second only to the U.S. Open held last November.

The Westchester-Fairfield Open was hosted by the Metropolitan Badminton Association and play was held at Greenwich High School and the Greenwich Academy.

Vincent Ming (MA) and Barb McKinley (MA) both contributed to their "best in the East" status by capturing the singles' crowns. In the finals, Ming defeated New Zealander Chris Tapper 15-8, 15-5, and Barb McKinley fought off Liz Wilson (CT) 11-7, 11-7. Guy and Don Rittmann (RI) trounced Dick McKinley and Boh Yap (MA) 15-4, 15-3 in the men's doubles final. McKinley and Cynthia Kelly teamed to beat Guy Rittmann and Barb McKinley in the mixed final 15-10, 15-9. Pat McCarrick (NY) and Rosemary McGuire (CT) defeated McKinley and Annie Poh (MA) in the ladies doubles final 15-9, 15-9.

JUDI KELLY OPEN-- Manhattan Beach, CA Jan 10-12

Hosted by the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club, a relatively small but top ranked group of men squared off in singles and doubles competition. Most notably, national champion Chris Jogis (AZ) once again survived the test of contenders to his throne. This time he defeated Mike Walker (CA) in the semifinals and Guy Chadwick (CA) in the finals. Chadwick upset #2 U.S. ranked Tony Alston in the other semifinal.

Chadwick and Gary Shelstad (CA)

CONNECTICUT OPEN-- Baltic, CT Jan 24-26

The Academy of the Holy Family was the site for the Connecticut Open, hosted by the Connecticut Badminton Association.

Barb McKinley (MA) and Danny Brady (MI) captured the top singles' honors. McKinley defeated Charlotte Ackerman (CT) 11-4, 11-5, and Brady edged Guy Rittmann (RI) 6-15, 15-12, 15-8 in the singles finals. Rittmann and Dick McKinley (MA) continued their dominance of east coast men's doubles play by beating Brady and Mike Adams (MI) 15-6, 15-4 in the finals. Danny and Pam Brady, former national champions, took the mixed trophy with a close 11-15, 15-13, 15-12 win over McKinley and Cynthia Kelly (MA) in the finals. Barb McKinley teamed with Lillian Cozzarini of Canada to grab the ladies doubles crown, including a finals victory over Pam Brady and Monica Pontow (IL) 18-14, 8-15, 15-9.

NEW ENGLAND OPEN-- Haverhill, MA Feb 7-9

Cedardale once again hosted the New England Open Badminton Championships, a USBA Classic Event organized by the Massachusetts Badminton

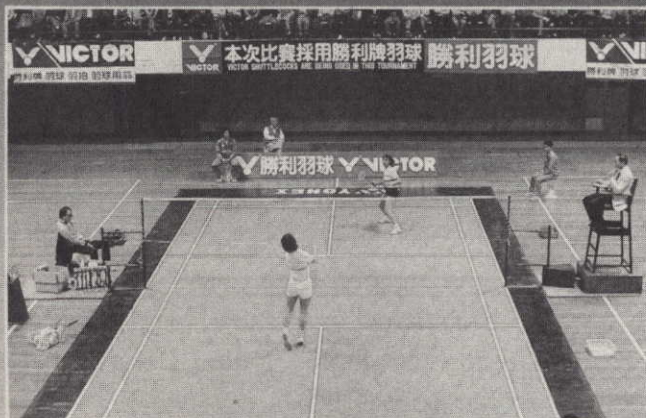
The men's events fielded most of the international competitors and provided many exciting first-time head-to-head competitions. The top "foreign" seed and the top computer rated U.S. player Ximing Yao (CA), formally of China, set the standard of play in the singles with two quick early round victories and a quarterfinal win over Guy Chadwick (CA) 15-8, 15-7. Current national champion Chris Jogis followed a similar path including a quarterfinal win over Jean Cheng of Canada 15-7, 15-3. Dominic Soong (CAN) outfinessed Kevin Hussey (IL) 15-5, 3-15, 15-3 to reach the semifinals against Yao. Danny Brady (MI) took advantage of an early-going ankle injury to Vincent Ming (MA), formally of Indonesia, to win 15-3, 15-8 and gain the semifinal berth against Jogis. Ming attested to his talent in an earlier round by defeating the highly touted Benny Lee (AZ) 15-10, 15-6.

In the semifinals, Yao played a brutally patient game against Soong and won 15-8, 3-13 default. Though Soong had built a tremendous lead in the second game, each rally was so persistently fought that he suffered from severe leg cramps until he could no longer stand. Jogis, on the other hand, outquicked Brady and won easily

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15-4,15-7.

It looked as if Jogis might revenge his earlier season loss to Yao in the finals. Jogis took advantage of short clears by Yao with quick drops and accurate smashing to grab a 15-10 first game. But Yao adjusted his shot selection. He played a patient 4-corner strategy and reserved his devastating jump smash for only the most opportune moments. Eventually Jogis began to tire and lost some of his deadly accuracy. Yao maintained his consistency despite his own tiredness and captured the second and third games 15-8 and 15-11.

In the men's doubles, Ximing Yao's true talents were on display. With Guy Chadwick as a first-time partner, Yao was able adjust and demonstrate some of the form that made him a world champion for China 3 years ago. Chadwick and Yao beat the consistently improving team of Jogis and Lee in an exciting see-saw semifinal 16-18,18-14,15-9. In the final they beat the top seeded team of Matt Fogarty (LA) and Bruce Pontow (IL) 15-10,14-18,15-8. The winning difference was Yao's devastating net play, and ability to reserve new and effective shots for the rallies that counted most.

The combination of Fogarty and Judianne Kelly (CA) proved too strong for the field as they emerged the mixed doubles champions without losing a game. They defeated Jogis and Mary Fran Hughes (AZ) in the finals 15-6,15-13. The top seeded Jogis

and Hughes had earlier survived tough rounds against Danny and Pam Brady (MI) 9-15,15-9,15-10, and Linda French (AZ) and Lee 15-10,17-14.

In the ladies singles, Joy Kitzmiller (CA) confirmed her top seed status by trouncing Hughes in the final 11-2,11-3. However, earlier Kitzmiller barely survived against Nina Lolk (AZ) in the semifinals 11-12,11-8,11-9, and Nancy Webber (IL) 8-11,11-5,11-6 in the quarterfinals. Hughes defeated French 6-11,11-7,11-5 in the other semifinal.

The several time national womens doubles champions Brady and Kelly had suffered their only loss in years last year at this tournament. And sure enough, the New England Open title would evade them again. Kitzmiller and Barb McKinley (MA) teamed up to beat French and Lolk 15-11,15-10 in the semifinals, and Brady and Kelly in the finals 15-4, 8-15,15-8.

DAVE FREEMAN OPEN-- San Diego, CA Feb 15-17

The San Diego Badminton Club put on the annual Dave Freeman Open with its usual aire of tradition and a large draw. Unfortunately, the proximity of the Thomas and Uber Cup competitions in Vancouver, Canada during the following week prevented some of the top U.S. talent from participating.

#2 U.S. ranked Tony Alston (CA) defended his prestigious Dave Freeman Open singles title by

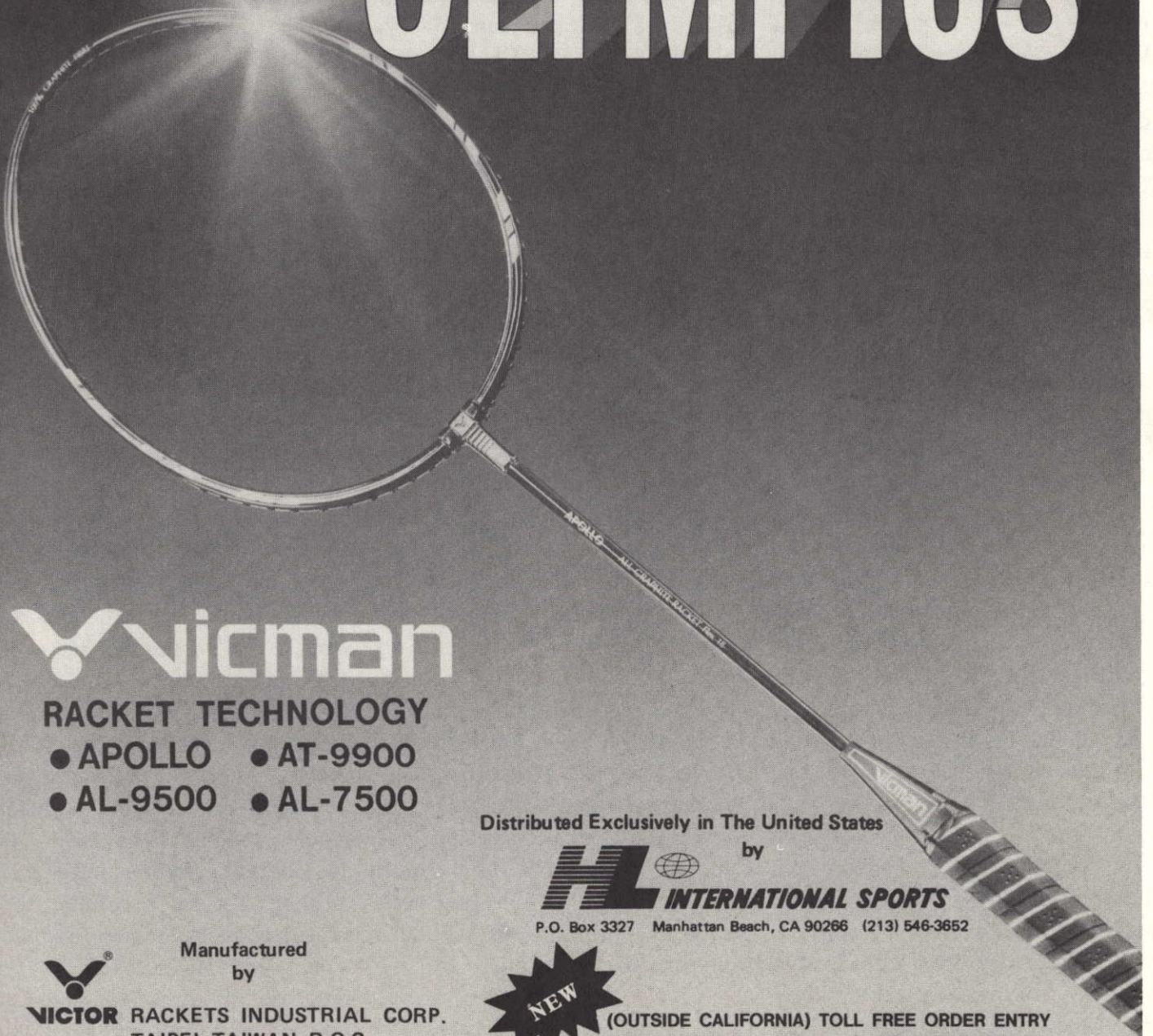
surviving 3-game efforts by Trisno Tobing (CA) in the semifinals, and Mike Walker (CA) in the finals. Walker teamed with John Britton (CA) to win the doubles title and ready themselves for the Thomas Cup competitions, and he teamed up with Ann French to beat Paisan Rangsitkpho and Terry Lira in the mixed doubles finals. Linda Safarik took the ladies singles honors in a round robin event.

COLLEGIATE NATIONALS-- Bryn Mawr, PA Mar 1-2

The 1986 Collegiate Nationals were held at Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. More than 15 universities and colleges were represented primarily from the eastern U.S. But the western powerhouse Arizona State University continued its domination of this event by taking all 5 major titles and both the women's and men's team awards.

Current national champion Chris Jogis and ASU teammates Linda French, Benny Lee and Nina Lolk all earned two collegiate titles each. Jogis defeated Lee 7-15, 15-6, 15-3 to win the singles final. Jogis and Lee cruised to gain the doubles crown. Lee and French upset Jogis and Mary Fran Hughes in a tough mixed doubles final 15-3, 4-15, 15-12. Lolk, after ousting French in a close 3-game semifinal, played near flawless badminton to upset the top seed Joy Kitzmiller from Stanford 11-3, 11-7. And finally French and Lolk emerged as the women's doubles titleists.

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The team standings for the women found ASU way out on top followed by Stanford, Temple, George Washington, Bryn Mawr, Drexel, Albright, Penn, Swarthmore, Harcum, and Rosemont in the order of their finish. The ASU men outdistanced the men of Stanford, Swarthmore, Claremont, Delaware, Towson, Duke, and Drexel.

The 1986 Badminton All-Americans named at the tournament are as follows:

Tom Carmichael	Arizona State
Peng Hoong Chung	Delaware
Linda French	Arizona State
Tracy Holmes	Arizona State
Mary Fran Hughes	Arizona State
Chris Jogis	Arizona State
Joy Kitzmiller	Stanford
Karl Knudsen	Arizona State
Benny Lee	Arizona State
Nina Lolk	Arizona State
Sanjay Malde	Arizona State
Carolyn Mott	Drexel
Paul Rubin	Claremont
Pirjo Teravainen	G. Washington
Benjamin Wincure	Stanford
Gerry Woods	Temple

OHIO OPEN-- Sandusky, OH Mar 1-2

Kevin Hussey (IL) led the titleists with a triple crown. Hussey defeated Geoff Stensland (MD) in the singles final, teamed with Stensland to beat Marty Carmichael (MI) and Charlie Gianetti (MI) in the men's doubles final, and was partnered by his wife Kathy to defeat Stensland and Lisa Young (IL) in the mixed doubles final.

Nancy Webber (IL) grabbed the ladies singles trophy with a final's victory over Monica Pontow (IL). Nadine Stocking (MD) teamed with Lisa Young to beat Kathy Hussey and Nancy Webber in the womens doubles.

MID-ATLANTICS-- Philadelphia, PA Mar 7-9

The Mid-Atlantic Championships , hosted by the Germantown Cricket Club, featured top players from the eastern and midwestern regions of the U.S.

Danny Brady (MI) narrowly edged Guy Rittmann (RI) 14-18,15-7,18-17 to take the men's singles trophy. Charlotte Ackerman (CT) upset Barb McKinley (MA) 11-1,11-1, to claim the women's singles trophy. Rittmann and Dick McKinley (MA) whipped Brady and Mike Adams (MI) 15-3,15-10, to capture the men's doubles award. Danny and Pam Brady defeated Rittmann and McKinley 15-12,17-14 in the mixed doubles final. In the women's doubles final, Brady and McKinley beat Ackerman and Dottie O'Neil 18-14,15-3.

CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS-- Dominguez Hills, CA Mar 14-16

Hosted by California State University at Dominguez Hills this year, the featured events included a few major upsets among the Californians.

In the men's doubles, Tariq Wadood, a former world ranked

player and Pakistani national singles and doubles champion, teamed with Dennis Metz to beat Mike Walker and Tony Alston in the semifinals 15-11, 16-17, 17-14, and John Britton and Bob Gilmour in the finals 15-4, 15-11.

Britton teamed with Linda Safarik to upset national champions Walker and Judianne Kelly in the mixed doubles final 5-15, 15-11, 15-9. Alston captured the singles title by defeating Walker in the finals 15-11, 4-15, 15-3. Linda Safarik won the ladies singles trophy with a victory over Pam Owens in the finals 11-0, 6-11, 12-9. And Traci Britton and Monica Ortez won the ladies doubles, including a finals victory over Owens and Ann French 18-15, 15-7.

MID-WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS-- Madison, WI Apr 18-20

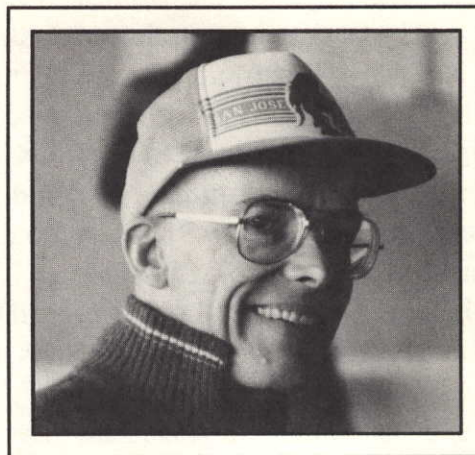
This year's Mid-West Championships were played at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Kevin Hussey (IL) led the way in the mens singles with a finals victory over Tom Carmichael 15-8, 15-4. Monica Pontow edged Nadine Stocking (MD) for the ladies singles title 5-11, 11-8, 11-2. Monica teamed with Lisa Bauer (MI) to defeat Kathy Hussey and Stocking in the ladies doubles 15-18, 15-3, 18-15. The Pontows beat Kevin Hussey and Stocking in the mixed 15-2,15-10. Bruce Pontow and John Koh (IL) overcame Hussey and Carmichael in the mens doubles final 15-6, 15-9.

THE LATEST COMPUTER RATINGS

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The latest computer ratings as of May 26, 1986 include results from 35 tournaments dating back to December, 1984 and culminating with the 1986 U.S. National Championships. This is a RATINGS list showing the points accumulated by men and women singles players based on the tournament results received and compiled by Len Hill. This is not a RANKINGS list.



MEN / RATING

JOGIS - CHRIS	2084	ESTES - RON	1816	VAN OLDEN - MAX	1677	ELNATAN - ETO	1512
ALSTON - TONY	2072	HEDGE - ROGER	1815	KUMAGAI - NAO	1676	BLESZYNSKI - RICK	1511
XIMING - YAO	2057	THOMPSON - RICK	1811	ROBINSON - SIMON	1676	WONG - DAVID	1509
MALDE - SANJAY	2002	COOK - BOB	1811	OKUNO - RUSS	1671	NOBIDA - MAX	1497
IUSSEY - KEVIN	1995	TIERNEY - RICH	1811	JONES - DARYL	1670	CHANG - GEORGE	1493
WALKER - MIKE	1994	PENN - DAVID	1804	PETERSON - GILES	1666	WONG - KEE	1492
LEE - BENNY	1989	SEGUIN - ROBERT	1795	BUNCE - HOWARD	1665	CHU - CHING HUA	1490
BAUM - PETER	1987	MAHMOOD - AUSIF	1795	HOWELS - RICK	1654	LYNCH - MIKE	1490
BEREKNYEI - IMRE	1986	TREMBOIS - TOM	1791	WEBB - DAVID	1649	BISCHOFF - STAN	1490
CHADWICK - GUY	1985	ZUNIGA - IAN	1791	McCULLOCH - DAVID	1647	SANCHEZ - GEORGE	1489
BRADY - DANNY	1984	NGUYEN - NHUT	1783	ROO - PAUL	1645	SELVIK - DAN	1484
TOBING - TRISNO	1980	KORCALA - LESZEK	1781	CARMICHAEL - MARTIN	1642	CHESTNUT - PAT	1484
RUBIN - DAN	1962	GUNDHUS - JOHN	1768	MAUTZ - JOHN	1634	MALSONADO - MARK	1484
HIGGINS - GARY	1962	LIN - MICHAEL	1758	DAVIS - JOE	1634	HERNANDEZ - R	1483
YUEN - TIMMY	1954	McWILLIAMS - KEN	1754	CHANG - JUSTIN	1633	LI - RICHARD	1479
MING - VINCENT	1952	KITAJIMA - GARY	1753	VINERTS - HENRY	1632	PARKER - GEORGE	1477
LEVIN - DAVID	1949	KOYANAGI - NEIL	1752	MUNANDAR - TAMIN	1630	LEE - JOSEPH	1476
RITTMANN - GUY	1948	IWANICKI - MARK	1747	EDGAR - HUGH	1629	SOON - K.T.	1474
KNUDSEN - KARL	1941	HUSSEY - TOM	1743	YAMASHIRO - DAVID	1629	LOCKE - TOM	1472
ADAMS - MIKE	1938	GIANETTI - CHARLIE	1742	MARKS - JOHN	1621	LI - ROBIN	1471
JONES - RANDY	1937	MONTALEGRE - MARIO	1742	NGO - BRIAN	1620	AMES - STEVE	1471
RUBIN - PAUL	1928	TONG - ROBERT	1740	CHUNG - JEREMY	1619	WATSON - PAUL	1469
STENSLAND - GEOFF	1924	GOLDSTEIN - JOEL	1739	SOON - EWE SEANG	1608	RAPOZA - GREGORY	1469
METZ - DENNIS	1915	CANIGOLAS - KIRK	1737	TAN - ALOYSIUS	1602	LIAO - WILSON	1466
MAITTA - JOHN	1915	HO - PETER	1737	LEONG - DAN	1597	IP - SAMUEL	1464
GILMOUR - BOB	1914	ANDERSON - DAVE	1732	BHATIA - RATAN	1587	GELLNER - UWE	1464
CUTCLIFFE - BRENT	1907	KAMPHUS - JEFF	1731	CHAN - HING	1586	HARSONO - H	1464
BARNES - MARTIN	1904	WALKER - BRUCE	1731	SORENSEN - KAJ	1584	SHYU - PO LIN	1457
MUNSON - MILES	1898	DOMMEYER - CURT	1730	KO - SIEWS	1580	JANG - JOHN	1456
HALES - STAN	1892	LIRA - RICHARD	1725	AUDISS - PAUL	1576	BARNES - ED	1455
TONG - ROGER	1888	ROELINGA - SIETE	1723	CHAN - JASON	1574	GONZALES - KEN	1450
FRENCH - MARTY	1881	PINI - TONY	1721	HART - ED	1566	TAM - TONY	1450
BRITTON - JOHN	1881	BLOCKER - CALVIN	1720	FRAZER - STUART	1566	TAM - SAMUEL	1446
SCHOPPE - DEAN	1879	DOMEIER - STEWART	1718	LYDEN - HAL	1566	CHAU - JULIUS	1445
GOUW - ANDY	1877	DIXON - ALAN	1715	GOODMAN - BILL	1565	CUTLER - STEVE	1445
SOERJANTO - RUDEY	1875	SMITH - JEREMY	1715	LAU - TERRANCE	1564	WOO - JIMMY	1441
LARSEN - DARRIS	1874	JOHNSON - ROBERT	1710	TO - DAN	1562	ASSAVAPISTIKUL - S	1437
PUCHALSKI - PETE	1874	RASMUSSEN - TORBEN	1705	SUWANTIO - DAN	1561	TAKAKI - WILLIE	1428
VANN - JOEL	1873	McADAM - PAUL	1700	GERVASONI - MIKE	1560	TZENG - J.C.	1423
CARMICHAEL - TOM JR	1872	DANG - TRI	1699	MARTIN - DAVID	1559	HUEY - KAI	1422
HUSSEY - KELLY	1872	HUDSON - GEOFF	1698	CERVANTES - RALPH	1559	WANG - GARY	1421
WOODS - DUANE	1870	DANG - DUNG	1697	CROSBY - DAVID	1557	TING - THOMAS	1412
NG - DICK	1862	MAGSAYSAY - JOSE	1696	FRIED - GIL	1552	PENAFIEL - ROY	1412
FLEXER - MIKE	1861	CHRISTOPHERSON - ERIC	1692	JONES - MARTIN	1542	LEHMAN - BRIAN	1411
RIPLEY - TAD	1850	SING - TEK	1691	LAU - JOSEPH	1542	MERCADO - JOEY	1411
AU YEUNG - PATRICK	1847	PADRE - MACARIO	1690	MORLEY - ROBERT	1541	WANG - GARY	1404
LOPEZ - MANUEL	1840	RICHARDSON - GLEN	1689	NGO - CHANG	1527	HU - BRUCE	1403
RIVERA - FERNANDO	1839	GULIN - CHRIS	1685	CHIOU - ENLONG	1522	LIU - LIN SHIH	1401
ADAMS - DERRICK	1836	CHRISTOPHERSON - CHR	1684	KYLE - JIM	1517	DAUZ - RICARDO	1390
TEH - ED	1826	ANDERSSOHN - HANK	1683	WALKER - RICHARD	1517		
MURPHY - BILL	1818	ANG - TONY	1682	NG - RAY	1516		
		KIERNAN - JOEL	1680	HYDE - PAUL	1513		
		SHAKIH - SALEEM	1677	TSANG - DEREK	1512		

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MORE COMPUTER RATINGS . . .

WOMEN/ RATING

LOLK - NINA	1981	LEMCKE - SUSANNE	1668	HERRAN - CHRIS	1454
KELLY - JUDI	1960	WARNER - LAURA	1668	MATTA - KARIN	1450
SAFARIK - LINDA	1956	STEPHAN - JULIE	1662	ROELINGA - SIETSKE	1449
KITZMILLER - JOY	1954	HANSEN - JANET	1638	YU - MALINDA	1449
FRENCH - LINDA	1942	TERRY - EMILY	1636	BRAZEAU - WENDY	1446
OKUNO - MELLING	1934	PUTZO - MELISSA JO	1632	CURLETTE - GRETA	1445
OWENS - PAM	1914	KETTER - LYNN	1631	HICKOX - KATIE	1440
WEBBER - NANCY	1902	HUDSON - TRACY	1619	CHAN - LILA	1431
HUGHES - MARY FRAN	1900	ROOME - HELEN	1604	CHANG - CHRIS	1423
FRENCH - ANN	1886	TAFOYA - MICHELLE	1597	LI - REBECCA	1422
WEBER - GENA	1886	BREISE - CINDY	1554	POON - JEP	1418
TUORIWALA - MADHVI	1884	POH - ANNIE	1550	CHAN - PUI	1389
CICRICH - JOANNE	1875	NIELSON - RUTH	1549	KOO - CINDY	1377
HUSSEY - KATHY	1869	BADDOYANNIS - HELEN	1548	LEE - CORDENA	1375
MCKINLEY - BARB	1864	HARGREAVES - JENNY	1542	MAHADEVAN - VIJITHA	1374
SMITH - JENNIFER	1845	HOE - SUSANA	1541	MILAM - MARGARET	1369
STOCKING - NADINE	1844	VETTEL - DEBORAH	1540	TSANG - LISA	1365
HOLMES - TRACY	1839	PIERSON - NANCY	1538	CHAN - ANDREA	1361
PONTOW - MONICA	1839	KANGAS - LANA	1537	NIELSEN - JOANNE	1358
ORTEZ - MONICA	1838	FAJER - SUSAN	1522	LEE - SONNY	1345
SCHULENBURG - BARB	1831	DELEON - MARIFLOR	1521	KING - HILARY	1337
YOUNG - LISA	1813	GUDMUNDSON - DENISE	1518	ELIAS - CINDY	1333
ACKERMAN - CHARLOTTE	1808	LILENBERG - AMY	1506	NECHUTA - HOPE	1326
LIRA - TERRY	1782	LEE - ANNA	1505	NG - SHARON	1325
REILLY - TAMMY	1766	O'CAMPO - DAWN	1504	STEWART - ROXANNE	1324
HOUSE - MARY	1760	DELANEY - NALANI	1497	BROOKS - ESTELLA	1320
OCONNOR-DEBBIE	1726	BISCHOFF - CAROLYN	1493	HON - JOSEPHINE	1320
KITAJIMA - DARLENE	1719	TREES - MARIBEL	1491	GABRIELSON - KELLY	1318
WILSON - LIZ	1693	HALES - KAREN	1489	IRICKSON - DEBBIE	1316
		LAU - TERESA	1486	DURAN - ANGELA	1315
		DALRYMPLE - MINDY	1477	CHUI - AMY	1314
		HERNANDEZ - ROSA	1473	CHIOU - FING	1313
		YOSHIDA - MICHELLE	1469	CHAN - MICHELLE	1311
		BRUNNER - LIZ	1460	DONOGHUE - ANNE	1310
		CHAN - KAREN	1455	GOOD - NATALIE	1298

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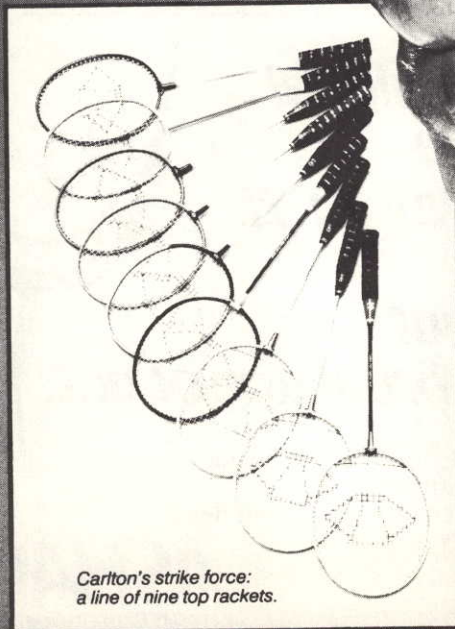
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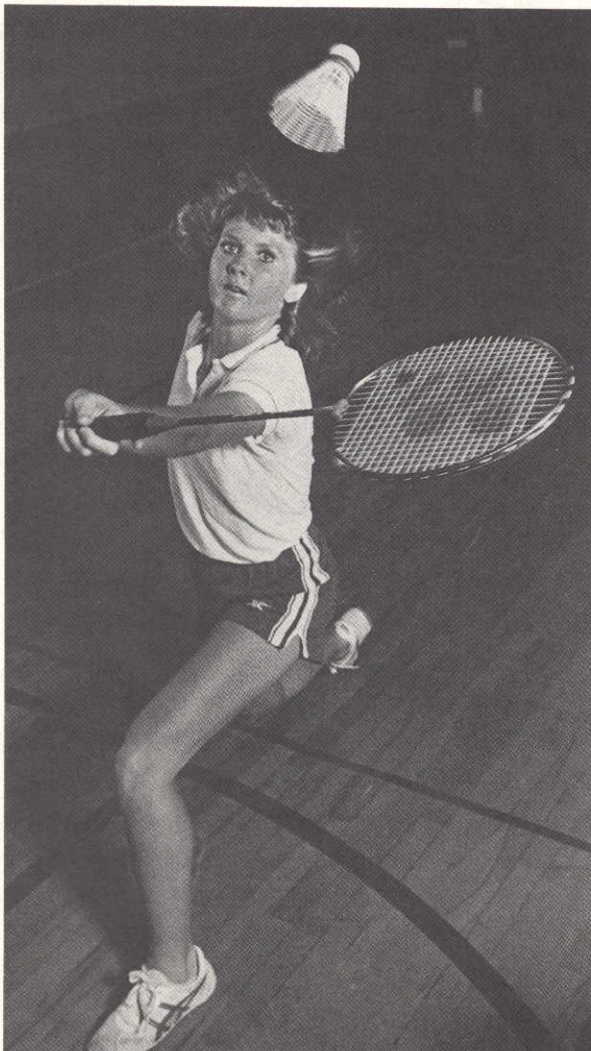
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SCHOLASTIC STAR



Tracy Hudson -- Scholastic Star

Tracy Hudson of Garden Grove, California is this issue's Badminton Magazine Scholastic Star. The 16 year old Garden Grove High School junior was a "surprise" 18 and under girls singles finalist at the 1986 U.S. Junior National Championships.

Tracy boasts a high school season record of 90-4 and finished as the California Interscholastic Federation - Southern Section's girls 1985 and 1986 singles champion. She is undefeated in her league play for 3 years and has also captured 6 junior and high school tournament titles during the 1985 and 1986 seasons. Most importantly, Tracy led her Garden Grove High School team to a first place finish in the 1986 CIF-SS high school championships.

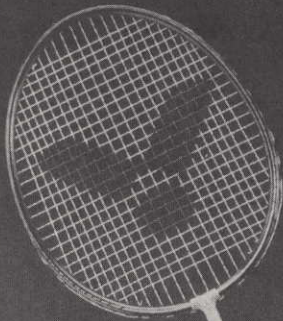
Tracy has also collected 3 Varsity letters on the Garden Grove High School tennis team. She was a 1984 League Doubles Champion and was the 1984-1985 tennis team's M.V.P.

Congratulations to Tracy Hudson on her outstanding young career. We expect to see much more of her as she brings her badminton talents to the national tournament arena.


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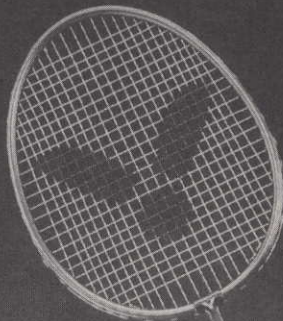
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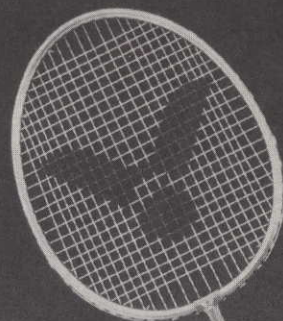
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BADMINTON AFTER GRADUATION



BY: VIRGINIA HALES

You've just graduated from high school in June, 1986. You played on the varsity badminton team or in intramurals and loved it! Next fall you are going off to junior college or a four year university. How will you continue to play?

Or maybe you are graduating from college or a university and have enjoyed playing badminton there during the last four years. Now you are going on to a job in another city. How will you find a place to play your favorite game?

The answers to these questions can't usually be found in the phone book, the local newspapers or other information agencies. Often finding the answers requires you to be both creative and a bit of a sleuth!

For the high school graduate going to college, the most obvious answers are:

1. Check the college catalog for a schedule of badminton classes listed under physical education classes.
2. Find the intramural sports office and ask if they organize badminton competition during the year.
3. See if your college or university has a recreation department which offers classes or open recreational play or a club with a team.
4. On the community college level, check the Community Services office, which may offer badminton either as a class or open play.
5. Under no circumstances should you be put off by the secretary of the Athletic Department who insists there is no badminton on campus! Keep

asking until you have exhausted every possible source.

6. If after all your inquiries you find there is no badminton offered, go in to one of the above departments and offer to help start a program. You'll soon find a number of players like yourself who are eager to play.

For the college graduate moving to a job in another city, try the following ideas:

1. Ask your college badminton teacher or coach for contacts in the city to which you are moving.
2. Write or call the United States Badminton Association, (402) 592-7309. Ask for a listing of Places to Play Badminton in the area where you are settling.
3. Once there check out the following:
 - a. City recreation department
 - b. YMCA, YWCA, Boy's Clubs
 - c. Local junior and senior highs and community colleges
 - d. Local badminton association - get phone and address from the USBA.
 - e. Also many Army, Navy, and Air Force bases have badminton facilities which may or may not be open to civilians.
4. Advertise at work on the bulletin board for information about badminton clubs.
5. Sometimes the only way to have a place to play badminton is to take

the initiative to start a club yourself.

This may not be so difficult. Try the following steps:

a. Call your local newspaper and see if you can get an article in it about the nature and benefits of badminton, your background and interest in the game, and asking for people to contact you who would like to start a club.

b. If there is enough interest, call the local high school and find out how to obtain a permit for one evening a week at the gym. If you include students you may get the gym free or at little cost through a Youth Services Program.

c. Advertise in local papers and local schools. Schedule fun tournaments and social events which will appeal to a wide range of people.

d. Call a badminton sporting goods company and ask if they can send someone to do a badminton clinic or exhibition to stimulate interest.

e. Make sure you have someone in charge who comes every time, welcomes newcomers, helps arrange games and gives informal instruction when needed.

Graduating from school should not mean the end of playing badminton for you. It is a lifetime sport, and wonderful for keeping fit and for making lots of nice friends.

- - G o o d L u c k !

NET PLAY

OLYMPIC STATUS UPDATE

USBA President Dr. Stan Hales attended the annual meeting of the House of Delegates of the U.S. Olympic Committee on April 12, 1986. Badminton, and the USBA as its organizing body, was officially awarded membership as a Group C U.S. Olympic Sport. This followed on the heels of the pronouncement by the International Olympic Committee which officially recognized the International Badminton Federation.



Dr. Stan Hales

Much to the envy of other Group C sports such as racketball, bowling, and karate, U.S. Badminton is soon expected to escalate to Group A status. In October, 1986 at Lausanne, Switzerland the I.O.C. will determine the site and the sports program for the 1992 Olympics. The site is rumored to be Barcelona, Spain and badminton is anticipated to be on the agenda. If such is the case, then U.S. Badminton will reclassify as a Group A sport and be accorded the full benefits and the potential funding of this Olympic status.

NEW USBA BOARD MEMBER

John McAdam was recently elected as a new USBA director replacing Peter Coke at the end of his term. McAdam, currently residing in Andover, Massachusetts and formally of Scotland, is very active in running the New England Badminton Association.

Robert Chance, President Dr. Stan Hales, Vice-President Len Hill, and Pat McCarrick were all re-elected to their posts with the USBA, and will serve 2 year extensions of their terms.

BILL FOY

Bill Foy, a native of Southern California and recently of Manhattan Beach, died on April 26 at the age of 45. His death came as a shock to his family and many friends, which include badminton players and enthusiasts throughout the nation and the world. He has been very active as a badminton player since his junior years, and has been a constant contributor as a photographer and executive within the badminton community. He will be sorely missed.



Mr. Bill Foy

JOGIS WINS SWISS OPEN

Current national champion Chris Jogis captured one of the first international open men's singles titles for the United States in years when he defeated Peter Skole of Sweden 15-5, 15-9 in the finals at the Swiss Open held March 15-16 this year.



Chris Jogis

NEW B-C GRAND PRIX

The Southern California Inter-Club Badminton League committee has organized a new Grand-Prix tournament schedule for "B" and "C" ranked players. A point system will be used to reward players for participation and performance. Sponsorship and Grand-Prix funds will be disbursed according to the points each player accumulates.

The first season has 6 tournaments scheduled including an Invitational 'B-C' Grand-Prix Championships. The SCI-CBL committee has signed BETTERWAY BREADS as a sponsor.

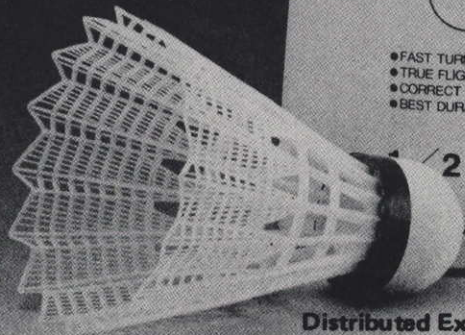
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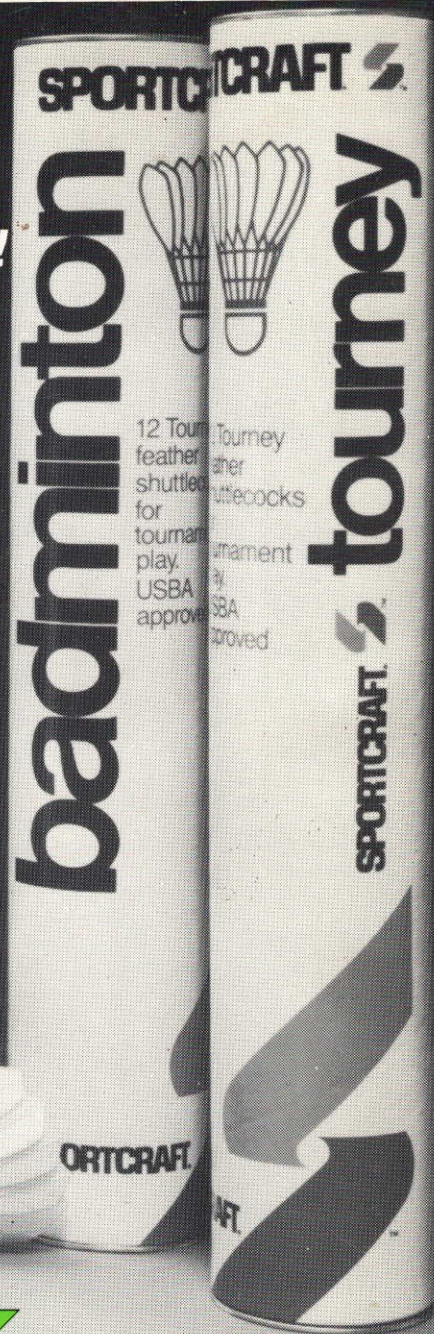
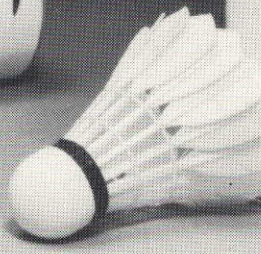
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