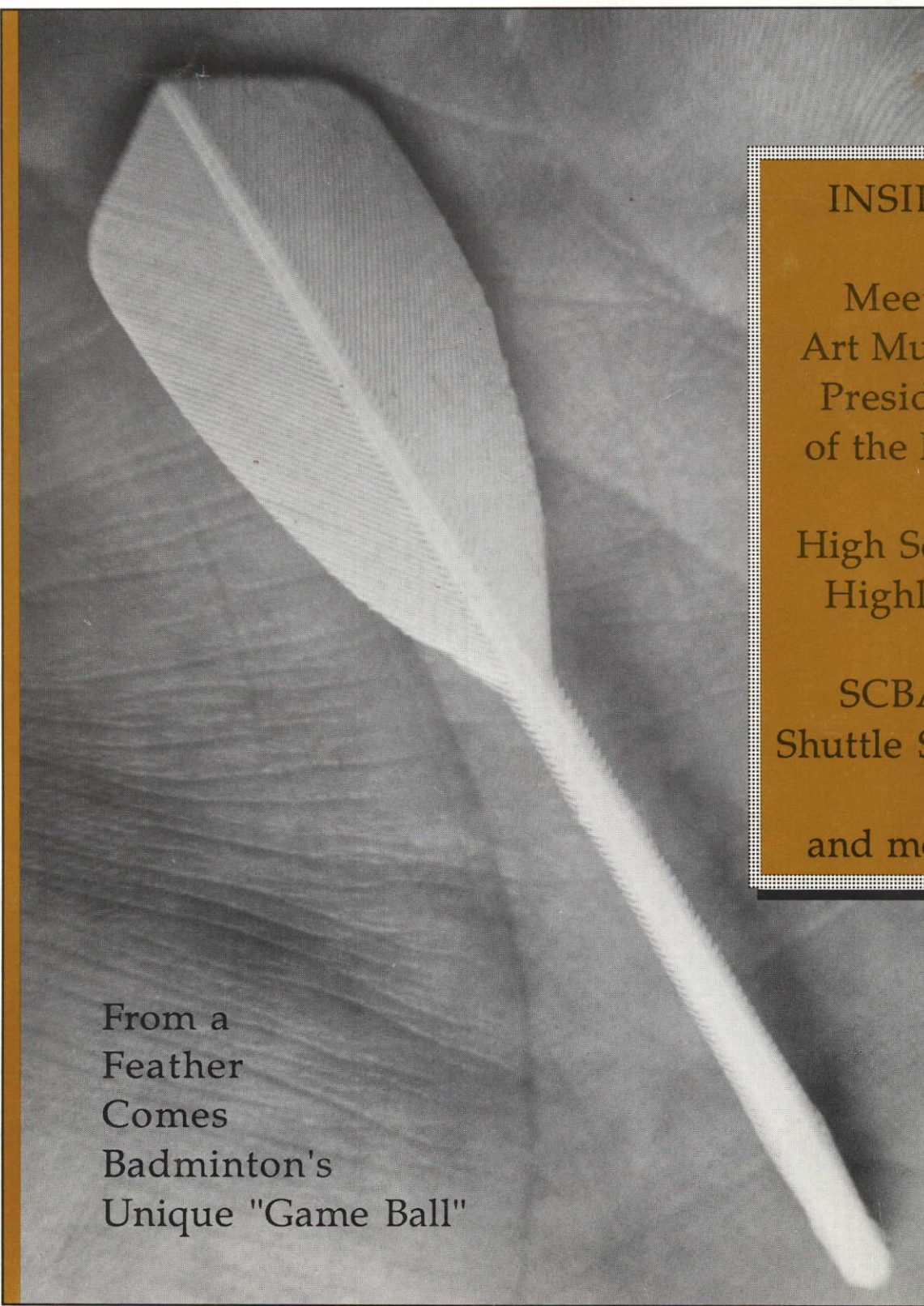


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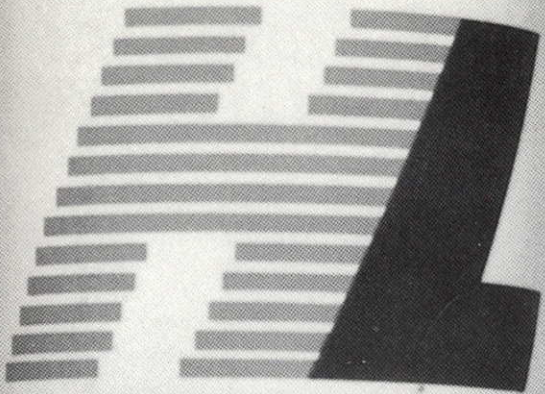
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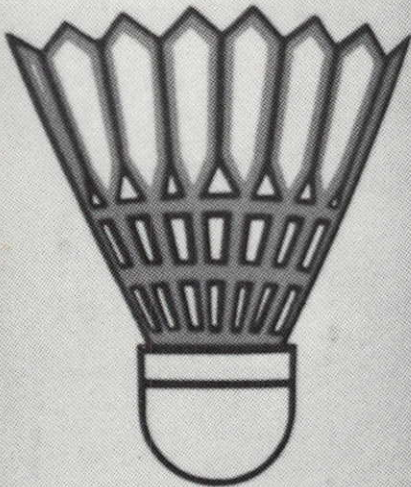
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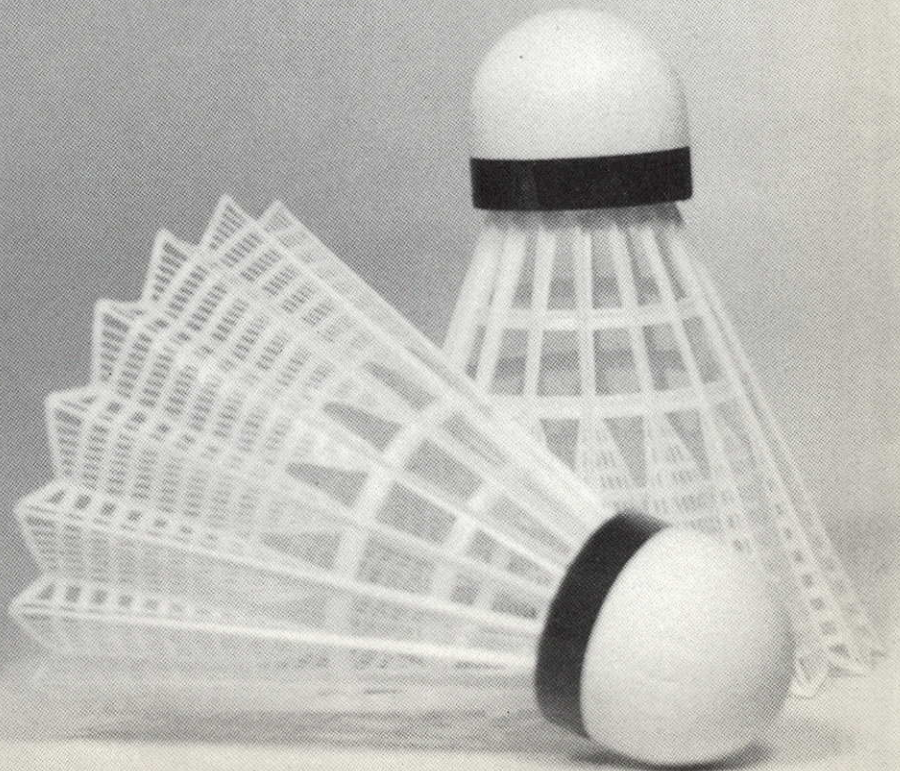
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The Editor, Guy Chadwick...

The summer is usually a time for a vacation, but this summer was busier than ever. I know of numerous badminton officers that, if anything, picked up their pace in preparation for the coming season.

Maybe I should warn of burn-out, but I don't think so. I think that for the first time in decades badminton enthusiasts see a real light at the end of the tunnel. Phenomenal efforts by the opposite coastal groups - Ginny Hales & the SCBA in the West, and Art Murtha & the NBA in the East (among many others) - are setting a pattern of growth in motion which cannot be denied. A quick glance of this issue will illustrate this.

I also hope to hear more from the Northwest and Midwest, so that I can report more about their successes. Everyone's work sets an example for the rest of us.

I wish everyone their best season.

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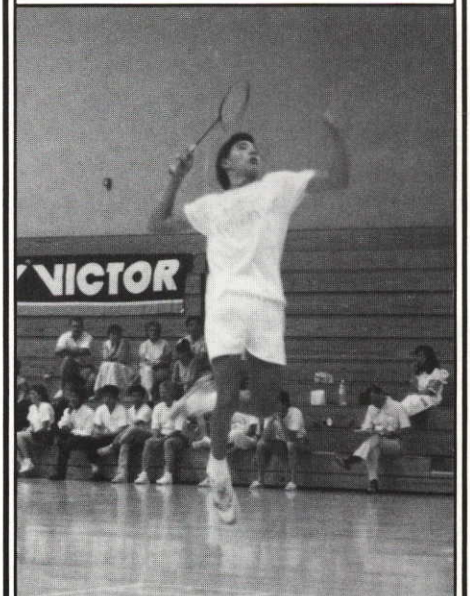
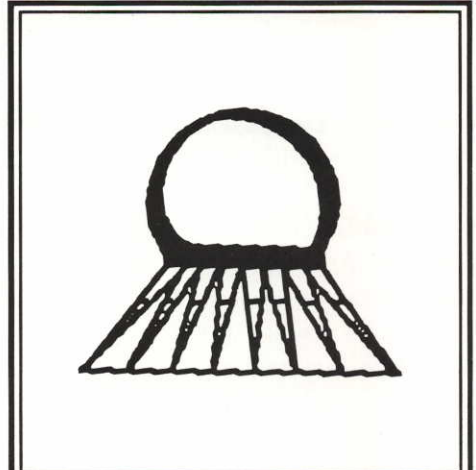
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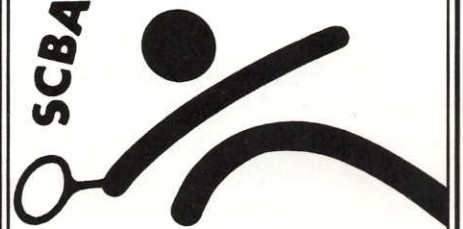
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SCBA SHUTTLE-SCUTTLE



Meet the President of the Northeast Badminton Association...

ART MURTHA

By Guy Chadwick

The President of the Northeast U.S. Region 1, Art Murtha, has been an administrative force for badminton for some 22 years. A superior organizer, Art has spearheaded a strong new organization for the Northeastern United States.

He and his wife of 35 years have lived in Chappaqua, New York for 33 years. He has one son and one grandchild.

Arthur J. Murtha was born 67 years ago in Sound Beach, Connecticut (now Old Greenwich), but he and his family moved to New York where he grew up on Riverside Drive in Manhattan. His sports background included varsity baseball on a PSAL Championship team, and at 18, Art entered a New York Golden Gloves boxing competition where he "got murdered."

Art went to Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, but he left in his second year to join the New York National Guard which was being called into federal service in early 1941. He entered the federal service with the New York's famous 7th Regiment. At the outbreak of WWII he attended Officer Candidate School. Art was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry and spent 37 months in the Pacific Theater of war as a combat rifle platoon leader and

company commander. He returned to school under the G.I. bill and received a Business Administration degree. He then returned to the service during the Korean War as a combat officer.

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"...regionalization is probably the most important step that the USBA has taken in years, but we do not feel that they have a grasp on the realities of it's meaning."

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Art had played some outdoor badminton as a kid during summer vacations in the Adirondack Mountains, but it wasn't until he saw a badminton exhibition at Radio City Music Hall (by 4 top Canadian players) that he became amazed how the game was really played.

Art immediately found a place to play for a few years, but this was soon interrupted by his war duty. After Korea he wasn't able to take up the game again until several years later when he was 45 years old. During the interim, he put his college degree into practice and

became a top executive for a firm based in New York.

When Art's excellent management skills became evident to the badminton community, he soon found himself in charge of New York area badminton associations - for the past 22 years. He has run untold numbers of major regional and local tournaments.

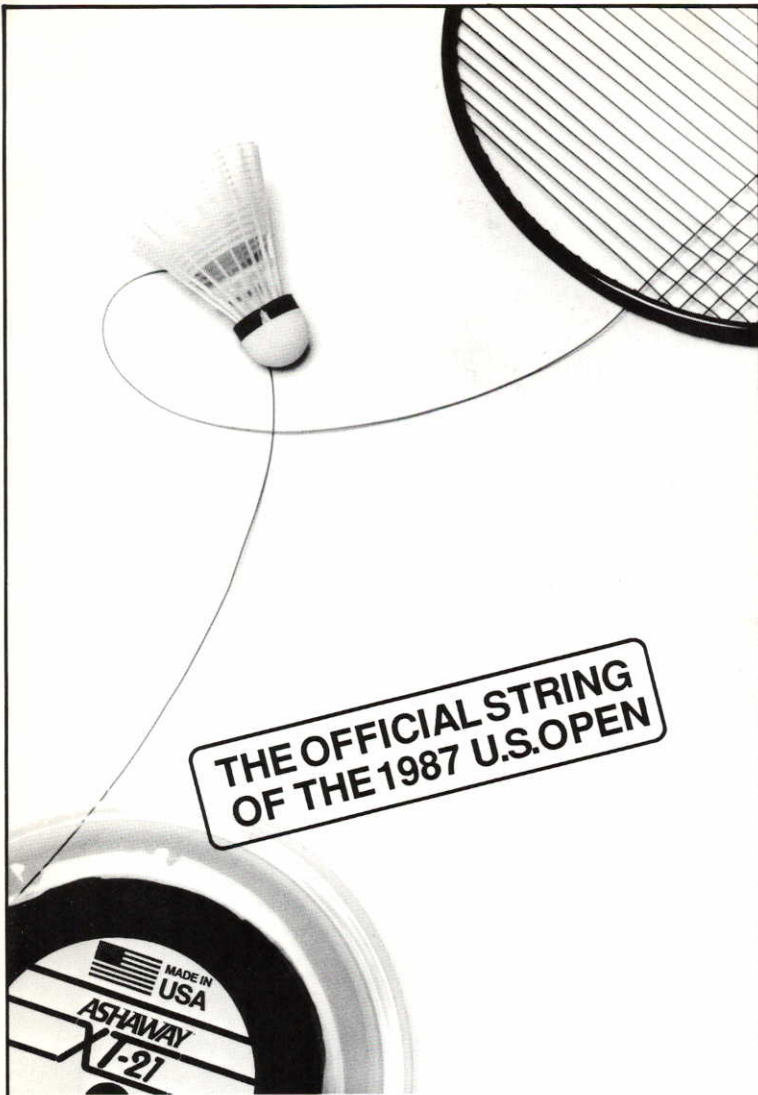
Art admittedly has always been a better organizer than a player, but he has managed to win his share of tournaments over the years as well.

With the USBA's plan to establish five regions in the U.S., Art offered his services to help organize Region 1; the 12 Northeastern states and the District of Columbia. It went slowly at first, but Art credits the initiative of John McAdam of Massachusetts for pushing for a first regional meeting about one year ago.

[In fact, Art is quick to give credit to the many dedicated badminton enthusiasts around him. If he would have had his way, this story would have been about the people working around him, rather about himself.]

On August 22, 1987, 18 badminton enthusiasts, representing nine states,

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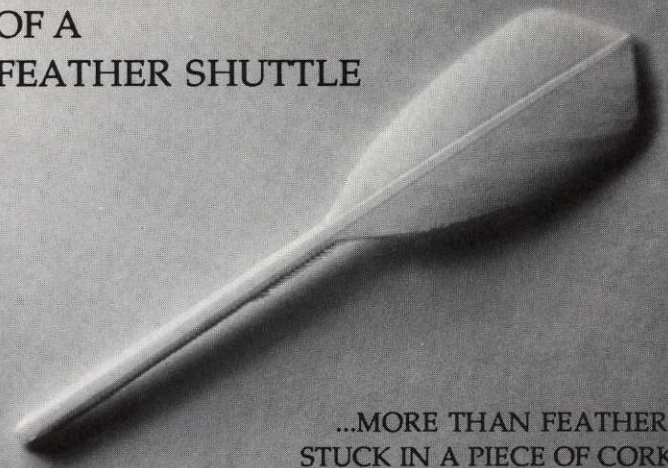
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Many of the steps involve unique machines which cannot be photographed, but the process, even in words should generate a real appreciation for our sport's incredible "game ball."

ART MURTHA from page 4...

met at the Boys Club of Greenwich. The Northeastern Badminton Association was formed. Art was elected President, along with V. P. Geoff Stensland and Secretary/Treasurer Tony Quinn all for a term of one year.

Committees were named and the process of organization was started. Some states were already well organized while others had no organization at all. It took seven months to find people to form associations in the "missing" states, but by that time the region as a whole was fully organized.

At this same time, Art credits Dave Fehm of Pennsylvania who offered to have his "Smash" newsletter become the Region 1 publication. Warren Emerson was named as Editor and Eric Bush was placed in charge of the membership list. The "Smash" already has a mailing list of 2,500 names and a group of loyal advertisers.

Many NBA members are not yet USBA members, but Art feels that membership in the national association is important and hopes to eventually sign them all.

All of this has been accomplished in less than a year under Art's direction. The second year promises to be very interesting since Region 1 has now overcome all of the initial obstacles and unknowns.

"The concept of regionalization is probably the most important step that the USBA has taken in years, but we do not feel that they have a grasp on the realities of it's meaning. We are ready to assume more responsibility and control of our area and the USBA must be ready to relinquish some of it's supervisory



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duties to the regions. For example, we must have some tournament sanctioning power to avoid conflicts in our tournament schedule which occurred last season due to the USBA."

However, Art does say that some sort of guidance must come from the USBA to ensure that the different regions do not evolve so differently that they become incompatible.

"At the moment, there is no guidance from the USBA, and no clear definition of what each region should do and not do. All organizational concepts and problem solving is coming from within our regional association. It's about time for something to come from the top. If the other U.S. regions develop as we have, each region will be its own independent USBA; stronger and better organized in many ways than the USBA itself."

Statements of this nature are about as strong as Art will speak. Always hesitant to criticize and quick to praise, he quietly, efficiently, and unselfishly dedicates himself to his task of chief administrator for the Northeast Badminton Association -- and things get done. <>

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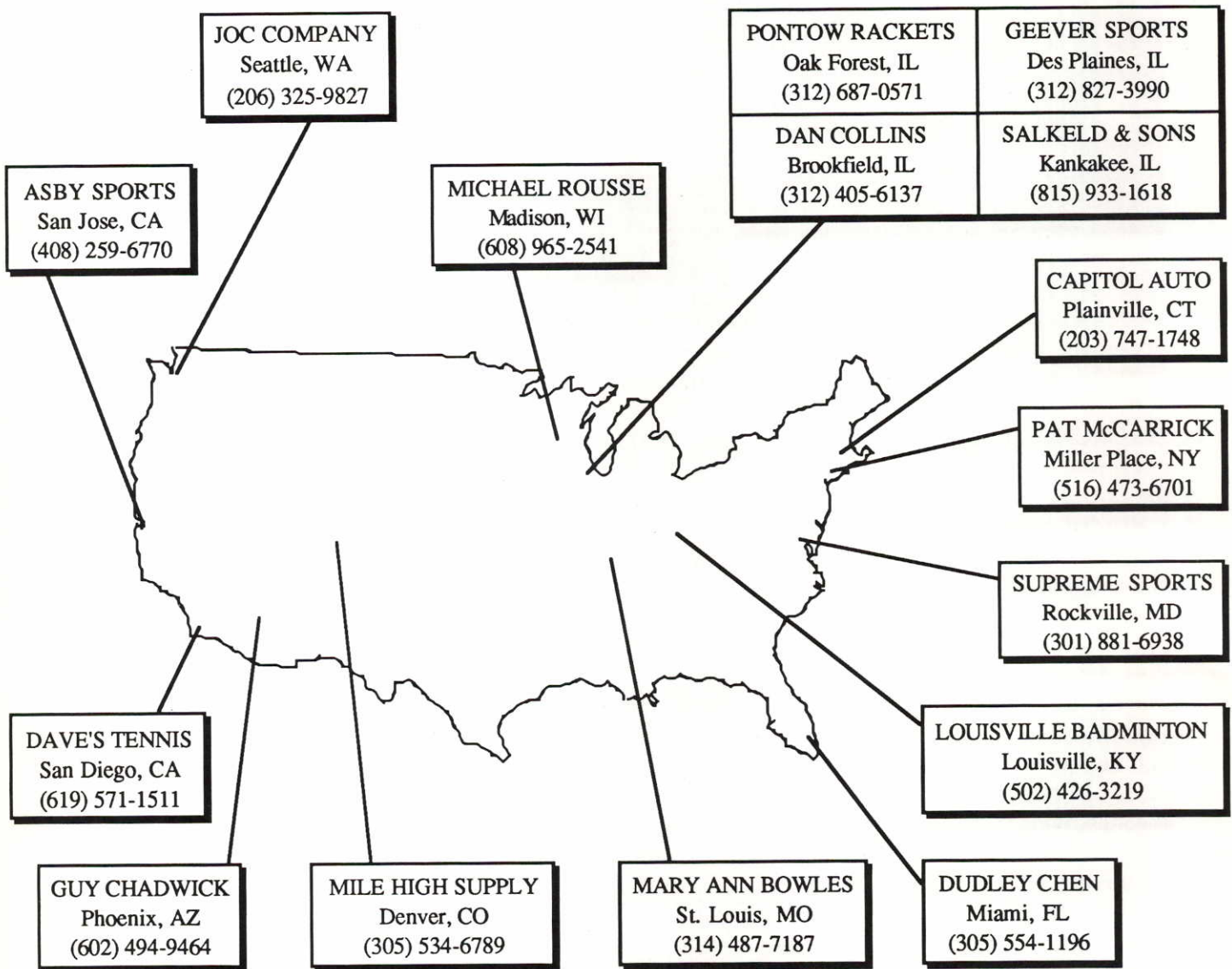
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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Jack Suman, coach of the Hialeah Miami Lakes championship team, is surrounded by his players and supporters.

DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM CHAMPIONS

Since the early 1940's the Miami, Florida area has hosted the Dade County Public School Badminton Championships. This year 280 players from 19 schools participated in the tournament.

In order to become Champions, players in each category must make it through the two-part tournament victoriously. In the first part, the tournament is divided into three districts; North, South, and Central. Players from each school can only enter one event and must finish in first or second place in their event in their district to qualify for the Greater Miami Athletic Conference finals.

At the G.M.A.C. finals, the qualifiers battle in a single elimination tournament with playoffs for third and fourth place. When all matches have been completed, points are accumulated by each team's representatives to determine the overall team winner.

This year Hialeah Miami Lakes High School won the team award with 16 total points. Miami Sunset came in second - 13 pts, and North Miami, South West, and South Dade tied for third- 8 pts each.

The individual top finishers were:

GS: 1st- Linda Santiago (Sunset), 2nd- Teeresa Sisodia (S. Dade), 3rd- Roxana Alvarez (H. Miami Lakes), 4th- Tosie Legrande.

BS: 1st- Phil Lyew (S. Ridge), 2nd- Adam Sweeney (S. Dade), 3rd- Paul Ling (S. West), 4th- Derek Bothe (H. Miami Lakes).

GD: 1st- Michele Lieberman & Lina Cuebos (N. Miami), 2nd- Lesette Sarria & Staci Schoenfeld (H. Miami Lakes), 3rd- Kristine Cousins & Holly Morehouse (Sunset), 4th- Melissa Gailey & Jenny Garriga (Sunset).

BD: 1st- Danny Wanner & Albert

PHILLY'S HIGH SCHOOL BEST

The Philadelphia All-Public Girls Badminton Tournament was held to determine the best players in the league of 18 high school teams. The top six singles players and top three doubles teams are declared ALL PUBLIC based on total points collected.

This year's winner in singles was Denise Musto of Lincoln High School with 12 pts. The rest of the ALL PUBLIC team for singles was: Shu Lu of Central High and Rose Lee of Lincoln High each finishing with 10 pts., Angela Gebre of Frankford High and Nha Chau of Central High finishing with 8 pts. each, and Anna Marie Burch of Lamberton High with 7 pts.

In doubles, Celeste Cretchfield and Sheila Vera of Central High School grabbed first place honors with 16 pts. Meng Ling and Bich Chau also of Central High placed second with 14 pts. and Allisa Banks and Renee Crabbe of Lamberton High placed third with 12 pts. and sum up the ALL PUBLIC honorees.

Zamera (Miami Beach), 2nd- Alfred Kong & David Levine (S. West), 3rd- Allan Ramirez & Chris Cothran (Sunset), 4th- Eric Ryder & Simon Bloom (N. Miami).

MXD: 1st- Steven Lawrence & Michele Nelson (H. Miami Lakes), 2nd- Migel Chalmers & Mary Boatwright (Palmetto), 3rd- Tyronne Miller & Michelle Hicks (Jackson), 4th- Scott Bigham & Brenda Austin (Killian).

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLITES

SAN DIEGO SECTION CHAMPS

Binh Lam (Hoover High) of the boys' singles and Tranh Dang (Crawford High) of the girls' singles, both dominated their events in the San Diego section of the California high school championships. Lam never gave up more than 4 points in any one game, and Dang never gave up more than 7 points in a game en route to taking the singles titles. Lam also partnered with Kim Lai to take the mixed doubles title.

The #2 seed Vanxay Phomvong and Khonephet Souvannarath (Patrick Henry High) beat their #1 seed schoolmates, Insixiangmay and Kettavong, in a 3-game final to gain the boys' doubles crown. In the girls' doubles, T. J. Lanuzo and Nhu Truong (Serra High) proved their #1 seeding in winning all of their matches in straight games and defeating the #2 seeds Lai and Hoang (Hoover) in the finals.

In the team events, #2 seeded Patrick Henry High upset League Champions Hoover High in the "final four" team playoffs. Mira Mesa High and Serra High were the third and fourth place finishers.

CALIFORNIA CENTRAL COAST SECTION FINALS

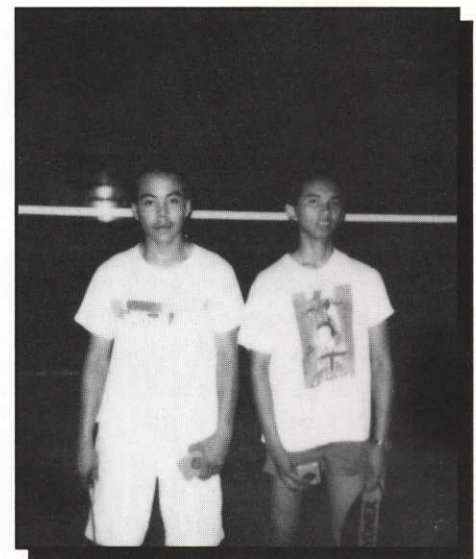
The CCS Championships took place at tranquil and picturesque Foothill Junior College in Los Altos Hills. Perhaps overshadowing the success and keen competition of many of the athletes was the continuing success of Coach Carolyn Buszdieker of Fremont High. For 12 years, her players have consistently succeeded. This year two of the five titles went to her players.

Quyen Dang won the girls' singles for Fremont High, by surviving two tough matches; a semifinal over Cory Close (Milpitas), and a 12-10 third game triumph over the surprising Ngoc Cao (Piedmont Hills) in the finals. In the boys' singles, Ray Wu (Jefferson) played rock solid badminton against the speedy Yun Shaw (Gunn), who had taken out Jenn Chow in an earlier tough match. All three talented players plan to continue their badminton careers after high school.



On left; Huynh and Rudolph, and on right; Dang, were winners for long-time successful coach Carolyn Buszdieker of Fremont High.

The girls' doubles offered little contest as Sequoia High's team, including last year's powerful finalist, Tuiono, teamed with Schnittgrund, to win easily. Fontanares and Bujay (Milpitas) emerged the winner of an aggressively played final boys' doubles match to take the title.



Fontanares and Bujay

NEW CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

HL Corporation organized and sponsored a new California State High School Championships which was held at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club on June 4. Only boys and girls singles events were held, and the top players from each area of California were invited following their section's championships.

U.S. National Coach Tariq Wadood was in attendance scouting for future Olympic talent among the 24 participating "All Stars" at the inaugural showcase. There were many hard fought matches from the outset. Hoang Ly and Marie Nool of the CIF Southern Section were the eventual winners.

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLITES



Pat McCarrick, Coach of the Miller Place High School team.

SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAMPS CONTINUE GUINNESS RECORD!

Pat McCarrick's (see interview in Nov. 1987 issue) Miller Place High School team has continued its amazing Guinness Book won/loss record, now at 230 wins without a loss since she began the program there in 1972! They have been the Suffolk County (of Long Island, N.Y.) Champions all 14 years there has been a league championship.

Pat McCarrick has trained many junior national champions, is a USBA director, and is Chair of the U.S. Junior Activities Committee in charge of an Olympic grant.

Unfortunately, one draw back to Miller Place High's complete domination is the frustration of their opponents. For example, a rival county will no longer compete in a Long Island cross-county badminton championships against Miller Place.

[Editor's Note: There should be a reward posted for the first team that can stop Miller Place and give them their first loss ever. But, on the other hand you would like to see a record like that go on forever.]

CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN SECTION CHAMPS

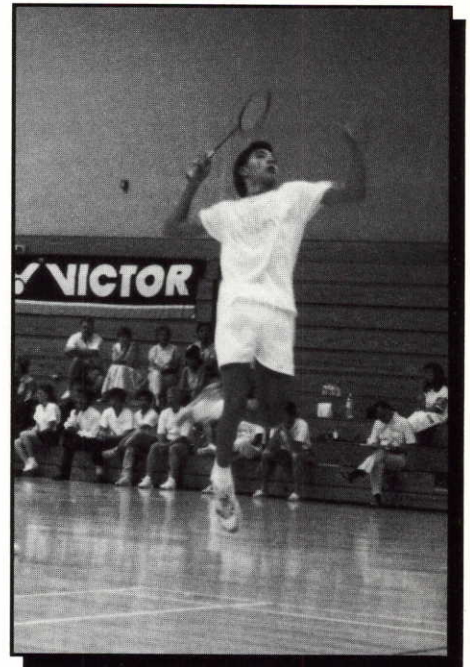
At the championships representing the largest section of varsity badminton playing high schools in the country, top young talent battled for individual and team honors.

The tournament provided a model example of the international flavor of badminton that would rival any other sport. Black, White, Mexican, Indonesian, Korean, Japanese, Danish, Philippino, Vietnamese, Thai, and other nationalities were represented throughout the draw.

Marc Carrido of Diamond Bar played a series of tough matches against good competition to capture the boys singles crown.

Barbara Tran of Troy earned the top girls spot when she soundly beat the #1 seed in the finals.

The Armendariz twins of Glendale, Junior National tournament champions, took the girls doubles as



Marc Carrido enroute to victory.

expected. Danish players from Colton survived the mixed draw, and a scrappy team from Nogales grabbed the boys doubles title.

In the coveted team events, Glendale High took the title by beating Buena Park in the finals of the 4A division. Rosemead won in the 3A division.



The winning Danish mixed team from Colton High School.



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NEW PREZ SEZ...

The new board and officers wish to thank Cassandra S. Metz and last year's board members for bringing the SCBA back into good shape.

With confidence in our board, officers, and club members, we will try to take another step to promote more badminton.

A lot of exciting events are coming to badminton. The SCBA will feature the A Grand Prix, B-C Grand Prix, the Senior Open, California State Games, and Junior Championships.

This coming year we will try to add a few more projects to help our members such as an umpire clinic, organize training for A, B, and C players in a similar format as the excellent junior training program now operating under Virginia Hales.

We will try to work closely with the USBA and open up more communication with our members.

Let's play and help each other to improve our skill level.

I'm looking forward to working with all of you. If you have any questions or comments, please let me or the board members know.

Yours...

Paisan Rangsitkpho

EX PREZ SEZ...

Well, my two year term went by quickly, and not too quietly, as I feel the SCBA Board made tremendous strides in regaining our strength as an association. The SCBA was established in 1939, but seemed to be "pooping out" in the 1980's. A dedicated and interested Board got projects off the ground and re-established old committees. Everything is set and ready to go for our new President, PAISAN RANGSIKITPHO.

I must mention and thank all Board members. JOHN BRITTON and DENNIS METZ ran a very successful YONEX Grand Prix circuit. This year's circuit had more participants and money to distribute at the end of the season. DAVID OGATA rounded up all of our perpetual and State trophies. He asked and received assistance from the San Diego Badminton Club for financing the new State Ladies Doubles trophy, and the BRITTON family along with the SCBA dedicated a beautiful State Men's Doubles trophy. The participation in the BILL FOY Award is well on its way. JIM POOLE, though busy, managed to run the State tournaments and certainly assisted me at our meetings. PAISAN along with ED MATANGA quietly and efficiently ran the "BETTER WAYS" B-C circuit. GINNY HALES, who would amaze any workaholic with her energy continues to run an incredible junior program sponsored by the SCBA and the Amateur Athletic ... next page

Foundation. Speaking of 'foundations,' KELLY TIBBETTS continues to produce the "Shuttle Scuttle." I am happy to say, some of the burden has been lessened by incorporating it in THE BADMINTON MAGAZINE, but anyone who has ever published a newsletter realizes the tremendous work behind the scenes. DAVE ANDERSON came on the Board and brought his computer for SCBA rankings and classifications. Perhaps SCBA's most important function was handled capably by Dave and his committee. Thank you LEE CALVERT for returning to the post of Secretary. Minutes are now in order and information sent out-- not an easy job, believe me. Those of you who attended any SCBA meetings must remember my eyes looking to the heavens each time I thought of HAL CARLSON. The SCBA treasury was such a mess; through his diligence with billing and the savings we now have a bank roll which I can call "comfortable." Also, I must mention AL HALES who dealt with the IRS and re-established the SCBA as a non-profit organization with the State and Federal governments.

Gratitude should be relayed to all the vendors; YONEX, BETTER WAYS, HL CORPORATION, THE BADMINTON MAGAZINE, SPORTCRAFT, EXCEED, and NY SELTZER who continued to financially support the SCBA with all projects and tournaments.

Let's not forget the Clubs and their representatives who helped get the SCBA back on its feet. BOB COOK (Pasadena), ROY SKINNER (MBBC), JAKI CHAN (Long Beach), LINA HUPPERT (Valley), DAISY

SUGIMAN (Mar Vista), MAL LAIDLAW (Glendale), VIVIAN McFARLAND (Burbank), and DARYL JONES (Colton/Riverside).

I cannot truly express my appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals and more who helped me through my term. I must mention, though, I have not completely abandoned the SCBA. I am now the new Treasurer. A warning to everyone-- watch your pocketbooks!

-- Cassandra

SCBA GENERAL MEETING

The outgoing SCBA President Cassandra Salapatas-Metz, and her husband, the outgoing SCBA Director Dennis Metz, hosted the SCBA Annual General Meeting at their home where they were the best host and hostess possible once again. We were able to see the beautiful job they have done on remodeling their backyard to house a jacuzzi on one level, a cold tub (big enough for Kareem) on the next level down, and a great built into brick barbeque where Dennis did another chef job on hot dogs and hamburgers.

The troops gathered - and that was a lot of troops because not only were the directors and officers, outgoing and nominees, but representatives from all the SCBA clubs were also on hand. The business meeting was held with its reports and discussions. The club reps gave a run down of their locations of play dates and times of play and generally how it was going. Awards were made including the 1st Coach of the Year Award to Vicki Toutz. Marty French

of the USBA gave us some national items of interest and answered all of the questions thrown at him. Then the election was discussed and ballots handed out to be counted while the food was making its way to hungry attendees.

Results of the election can be seen on the masthead of this issue. You may note a lot of new directors so we look forward to new ideas, new work, and new progress for the SCBA in the coming season. As the year goes along we will try to give you some insight into our officers and directors in sketches and photos. We will all know each other better by next year.

After a lovely outdoor day, a good meeting, a great meal, and lots of badminton talk, we gradually said goodbyes to Ricky - the Metz' Airedale - and wandered back home with another year completed in our SCBA lives. Thank you Cass and Dennis and Ricky for a great day, not to mention a great two years.

CLASS AND RANKING CHAIRMAN SAYS...

Dave Anderson has been so busy doing the work, entering data, and slaving over what will be our computer ranking system, not to mention getting the new season of B-C Grand Prix events into action, that he hardly had time to play.

But for all of you who might have been either dreading or looking forward to changing classifications - forget it. There were no changes made in our "A's" and "B's" and so forth since the last issue. It's a cinch there will be some by the next issue, so enjoy what you are while you can.

1988 SCBA SCHEDULE
(Tentative)

AUG 20-21
B-C G.P. I, San Diego

SEP 9-11
Kelly Tibbetts Open, MBBC

SEP 23-25
Mar Vista B,C, Mar Vista

OCT 1-2
MBBC Jr, MBBC, D. Schoppe

OCT 7-9
Valley B-C G.P. II, Valley

OCT 21-23
'A' Yonex G.P. I, Sunnyvale

OCT 28-30
Long Beach B-C G.P.III, CSLB

NOV 3-6
Canadian Open

NOV 11-13
U.S. Open, Pasadena, Kinard

NOV 16-20
Mexican Open, Mexico City

NOV 16-20
SCBA Int'l Sr. Open, MBBC

NOV 19-20
Colton B-C G.P. IV

NOV 24
Thanksgiving

DEC 2-4
'A' Western States G.P. II, MBBC

DEC 9-11
Pasadena B-C G.P. V

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Coach of the Year, Vicki Toutz

AWARD FOR A GREAT LADY

By Kelly Tibbetts

One of the items created by the 87-88 SCBA was a Coach of the Year Award. In Ginny Hales' always-thinking brain, as she dealt with her many projects for youth development, was the understanding of how very important coaches are for our youth programs. The direction for our sport is dependent on these structuring people.

Surely no one in the badminton world of Southern California has done more creative work to set goals and aim competitors at higher standards than VICKI TOUTZ. Her national team concept was innovative and needed, and it surely set many of the players into an upward and onward pattern. She was instrumental in carrying out and establishing a much fairer system for selecting the U.S. national teams.

Vicki, a native Californian, first became interested in badminton at Long Beach City College. She and friend Sandy Jenkins played at school and continued on with the game at the Long Beach Badminton Club. Players such as Harry Moore and David Ogata helped her greatly with their coaching and encouragement.

In turn, Vicki has given back to the game thousands and thousands of hours of helping other players along on their upward routes.

After 25 years at Garden Grove High School as a teacher, Athletic Director and Department Chairperson, Vicki is still devoted to our favorite sport as a player, instructor and administrator.

Although her time has been taken up more with the National team matters for the last few years, Vicki actually prefers working with the younger, local developing players, particularly at the high school level.

She has kept in shape with regular workouts at a family fitness center and she can still give her opponents a great deal of enjoyment and competition when she plays.

At the annual general meeting of the SCBA in June 88, Vicki was presented with the 1st Coach of the Year Award by outgoing President Cassandra Salapatas-Metz, and we know Vicki was moved - and she was thrilled - and she prizes this award which can be seen as soon as you walk into her front door.

Congratulations to one of the most deserving players in badminton.

CA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Kelly Tibbetts

When I'm stuck in freeway gridlock, I often wish the powers that be would consider my plan for double deck freeways. The SCBA employed a "doubledeck" CA State tournament for 1988, but not to eliminate traffic. We had scheduled the tourney for March as usual. But, when the recent Nationals were finally scheduled, they had moved them to a much earlier date immediately following the Thomas and Uber Cup action and immediately preceding our CA State.

Understandably, the top players were not ready to play another major tournament, so we held all events except the 'A' flight and Senior events. These we rescheduled for a few weeks later at the MBBC. I want you to know I still think my idea for freeways could work. We sure didn't have a traffic jam at the CA St. Championships.

Benny Lee gained the CA singles title by default when Tariq Wadood felt he was not able to play singles and still meet his commitments to his doubles and mixed partners. He was hurting, folks - and you all know how that is. Jennifer Fan became California's singles winner in a very strong match over Joy Kitzmiller, 11-7, 11-5.

The men's doubles went on and on with rallies that the audience and Dennis Metz felt would never end. The play was fierce through the first two deuce games between Dennis and Tariq on one side and Yao Ximing and Solaiman Jonatan on the other. The 3rd game proved too much for Dennis and Tariq as they went on to lose 15-3.

Women's doubles was run in a round robin with Pam Owens and Ann French taking the State title and Erika Von Heiland and Jennifer Fan as runner-ups.

As they have been all year, the mixed matches were interesting, but there as been no doubt about the strength of Yao Ximing and Traci Britton. In the State finals they again won, beating Tariq and Cassandra Salapatas-Metz in the finals, 15-5, 15-7.

The senior men's doubles was also a round robin and was won by the pick-up team of Curt Dommeyer and David Ogata who did not lose a match. Second place went to the always dangerous pair of Bun Lao and Henry Wong.



Benny Lee, left, took the CA St. singles and the CA ST. GAMES triple crown, while Tariq Wadood was the overall CA Grand Prix circuit singles champion.



Yao Ximing and Traci Britton were the dominant mixed titleists for the 1987-1988 Grand Prix season culminating with their CA. State Champs' mixed title at MBBC.

In the senior ladies doubles the winners were Pam Ortiz and Kelly Tibbetts with Jo Sheehan and Bobbi Skinner second. Curt Dommeyer made it a double day when he and Cassandra won the senior mixed over Ogata and Tibbetts, 17-16, 15-12. In the one masters event, the winners were Bun Lao and Henry Wong.

CA STATE B-C DIVISIONS...

The State B-C divisions held earlier at C.S.U. Dominguez Hills had a draw of more than 80 players. Hosted by the SCBA and capably run by Jim Poole, Dennis Metz, and David Ogata, the tournament went off without a hitch.

All participants enjoyed receiving towels donated by Yonex, and winners won beautiful onyx trophies. The SCBA did not make much money on this event, but it was a pleasure to distribute attractive trophies rather than popcorn poppers or baccaret sets! Next year the State will be in Northern California.



CMS winner, Pierre LaRouche and R-U James Strickland.

1987-88 YONEX "A" CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX

By John Britton

The 1987-88 Yonex California Grand Prix is now in the history books, and like all good major events, the titles were not decided until the final event - the State Championships.

This year saw the Grand Prix give out more prize money than ever and thanks must be given to YONEX for its continued involvement as the major sponsor. Hopefully the Grand Prix will continue to flourish, and it's good to see that finally the USBA is trying to augment a national grand prix circuit based on similar lines.

The success of the past few years is due in no small part to all the sponsors, tournament directors, and players themselves, but above all it is due to the efforts of Dennis "The Menace" Metz who has co-chaired the circuit with me for the past several years.

In reality, Dennis has done the major share of work, which has included running tournaments, umpiring matches, talking to sponsors, delivering sponsor banners, picking up birds, sweeping the courts, mailing out winners checks, and a lot more. Dennis will be sorely missed by the SCBA Grand Prix committee and a huge thank you is due him from everyone who has ever played in a Grand Prix event. Thanks "Menace;" hopefully the rest of us can fill in the gap of your leaving.

Plans are already in motion for next years CA Grand Prix.



Joy Kitzmiller, left, triple crown winner at CA. ST. GAMES and overall Grand Prix singles winner, with Jennifer Fan, right, the CA. St. Champs' singles winner.

The State tournament returns to Northern Cal, who are prepared to host it for the first time in many a year. Hopefully the NCBA will have a better turn out than the SCBA had this year. Sponsorship money will be increased yet again, so there's a lot to look forward to folks. It might even be nice to see some new names on the trophies... like mine for instance!

Congratulations to our new Grand Prix circuit champions: Tariq Wadood and Joy Kitzmiller in singles, Solaiman Jonatan and Yao Ximing in men's doubles, Judi Kelly and Nina Lolk in women's doubles, and Yao Ximing and Traci Britton in mixed.

CALIFORNIA STATE GAMES IN SAN DIEGO -- BENNY LEE AND JOY KITZMILLER STAR IN OLYMPIC STYLE EVENT

The California State Games, patterned after the Olympics and including 13 competitive sports with about 3,000 competitors, was held in San Diego in mid-July. The badminton commissioner to the Games is new SCBA President Paisan Rangsitpho. A complete Olympic style format included lighting of the torch, opening ceremonies, and gold, silver and bronze medals.

Open, Junior and Senior divisions were all part of the badminton competitions. With some top players unable to attend, it paved the way for Benny Lee and Joy Kitzmiller to star as triple crown champions in the Open division. Lee joined with Martin French for the men's doubles trophy over Solaiman Jonatan and Bo Ning in the finals, and Kitzmiller teamed with Ann French for the ladies' doubles crown over Jennifer Fan and Erika Von Heiland in the finals.

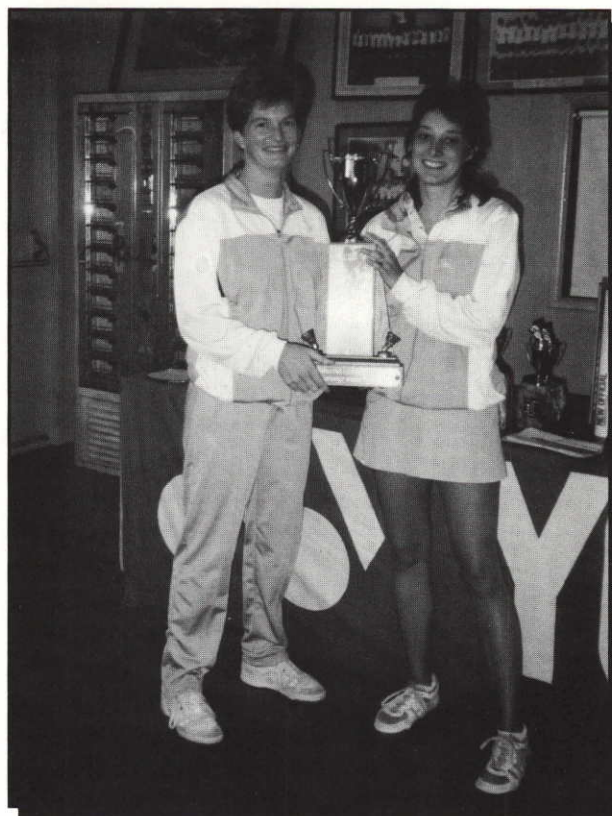
Other highlights included Martin Flores and Stacey Murty winning the top junior singles titles. Chevy Chalet Ruktoume edged Fred Koch in the Senior singles, but Koch teamed with Chang to grab the Senior doubles. Wally Foy beat Joe Silverman for the Master singles gold.

The games are supported by the USOC, the National Fitness Foundation, and the President's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports. They are designed as a developmental program for the Olympics.

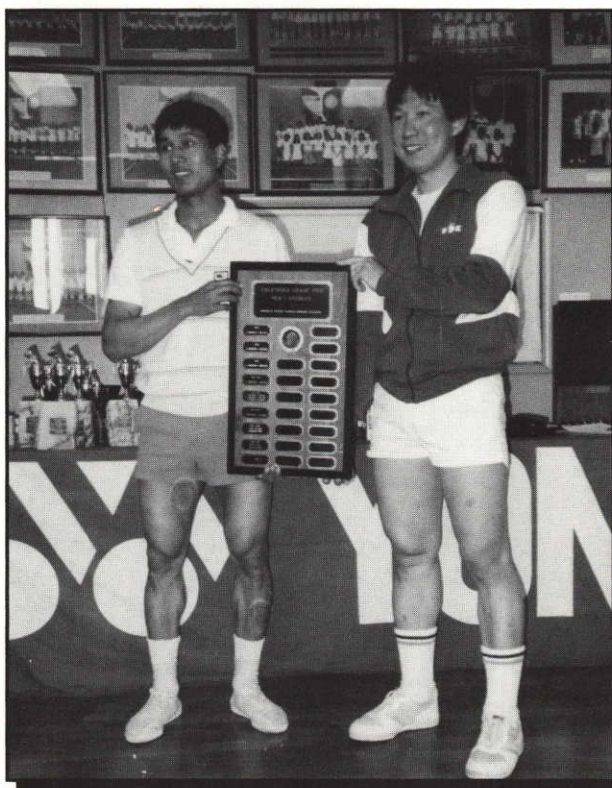
It is expected that by next year all states will have coordinated a similarly designed event. The state games concept originated from the Empire State Games of New York.

NO PAY - NO PLAY

The B-C Grand Prix has run into some problems in the past with players who sent in entries WITHOUT entry fees. This is a lot of extra work for any tournament committee and the rules of a competition ask for entries WITH fees. So be prepared for B-C Grand Prix committees NOT to enter you in their tournaments if you neglect to send money up front.



Pam Owens & Ann French won the CA St. Chps' doubles.



Yao & Solaiman Jonatan took the CA St. men's doubles.



Regina and Jim in Colorado
MOUNTAIN MARRIAGE

Our congratulations and good wishes are extended to former Southern California badminton player Regina Rubin on her marriage of June 18th. In a somewhat unorthodox location, vows were exchanged after a half hour climb in the mountains above the city of Boulder, Colorado. Husband Jim is off to Pakistan to climb mountains and Regina mentioned she may be working as a nurse in Honduras while he is away.

Speaking of traveling Rubins, brother Paul is back from China and is working towards a PhD in history at Berkeley, and brother Danny will be employed in Hong Kong for a two year stint. Whew, these guys sound like a circus act-- The High Flyin' Rubin Family!

MORE WEDDINGS

Daryl Jones and Denise Gudmundson were married June 18. Donna Cate was married July 2.

BILL FOY PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD WINNER

Congratulations are extended to Ian Zuniga, as the 1988 recipient of the Bill Foy Photography Award. Ian will walk away with a \$100.00 cash prize and have his name engraved on the perpetual trophy to be displayed at MBBC.

Ian's "Merry Christminton" was the voter's choice for this year's contest. The SCBA would also like to congratulate the other finalists: Judi Kelly's "Bird Dog," Eddie Rivas' "Badminton is in Our Hands," and Neil Koyanagi's "Fair Play and Sportmanship."

So folks, let's dust off the old Poloroid, buy some film and get "snapping" for next year's contest!

KIA GETS A MIXED PARTNER

On July 9th, Teri and Guy Chadwick welcomed Dane Josiah to the family for big sister Kia to grow up with. Congratulations to all four of the Arizona Chadwicks.

JACK COGAN

Lots of younger players won't remember the name of Jack Cogan. He was one of the game's most devoted players for many years, and a long time member of MBBC. Jack has had health problems within the last couple of years, but has now gotten healthy again and we are glad of that. Now he has suffered the loss of his wife, Laura in July. We wish to express our condolences to Jack and his family in what has to be a very sad time.

A NEW WADOOD

MBBC and U.S. National Coach Tariq Wadood, and his wife, Atia, presented the badminton world with Zerka, 7 pounds and 4 ounces of lovely young lady, born Friday, July 22. Congratulations all around.

TAIWAN TEAM VISIT

In mid-July, Taiwan sent six teenagers from a championship badminton school team to tour a few badminton areas of the U.S. They had a coach and interpreter escort, and thanks to Dean Schoppe, they had quite a host while they were here. Almost as soon as they arrived, Dean took off and drove them all in a van to Colorado where they did some site-seeing and played a match against local players - winning 9-0.

After they returned to California, they played a match in Riverside which they won 6-3. Back in the South Bay, they defeated juniors at MBBC 9-0. Then they played again against an adult team which the MBBC won 6-3... and followed play with a barbeque. Then, on they went to San Diego to see Sea World for a day to complete their trip. They are good players, and they are able to go to a school where they spend most of their time training for badminton.

THE GOLDEN DRAGON

Top player Solaiman Jonatan and his wife celebrated the Annual General SCBA Meeting with the birth of their son. He was given the English name of Steven, and the Asian name which is "The Golden Dragon."



The Youth Development Centers by Director Ginny Hales

As this badminton season has come to an end on July 30th, I would like to thank all of the teachers at all of the Youth Development Centers for doing such a good job all year. At Citrus; Diane Hales and Allan Hama, at ELAC; Eric Wan and Clody Johnson, at Golden West; Tom Clickner and Sanjay Malde, at LACC; Chris and Jenny Young, at RCC; John Doughty and Diane Wilson. You deserve a vacation.

A big thanks also goes to YDC Committee members Al Hales, Bill Dixon, Kelly Tibbetts, and Jim Poole for their contributions in time and energy in running the program.

Two people who have spent countless hours for the program are Dean Schoppe, Exhibitions Director, and Sombat Dhammabusaya, Centers Director. Dean did a great job organizing all of the exhibitions at the junior and senior high schools near the centers. His players did an excellent job and were very well received by all the schools. Some visited the centers and helped the teachers as well as taking care of equipment repair. He has enjoyed working individually with many of you.

Thom Treen, from the local YMCA, visited the Golden West Center and

videotaped the students playing. Seeing oneself in action is often worth a thousand words from the teacher! At the ELAC Center the students were treated to a special exhibition by Genny Chan, a visiting player from the Hong Kong National Team. At Citrus, Hugh Forgie, a well known entertainer from the Holiday on Ice show, came to show videos of his act and talk to the players. He made his living playing badminton on ice for 48 years!

The Southern California Junior Tournament was held at Citrus College in late May. A special thanks goes to the Citrus College Athletic Department and Community Services, Mrs. Bobbi Olson and Mrs. Joan Adelman of the Friends of Sport volunteer group of the Amateur Athletic Foundation, and Diane Hales and her helpers including Stan Hales, Allan Hama, Ed Matanga and many students.

The tournament was a big success with 135 participants. Lots of parents and teachers attended and helped run it for the four different junior age divisions.

The AAF Youth Centers Badminton tournament was held at CSU Dominguez Hills in late June and also was a big success with 121

participants. Jim Poole and Dean Schoppe with help from their wives, Sue and Maria, ran an excellent event. Medals were awarded to the winners, runners-up, and consolation winners for all age groups and event categories.

The good news for next year is that thanks to the generous support of the AMATEUR ATHLETIC FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES we will again be operating centers for youth 10-18 to learn badminton.

One change will be that there will be a nominal charge of \$1 per two hour session for each student to be paid at the beginning of each semester. The Fall semester will cost \$15 for 15 sessions payable to the Community Services Office. The starting schedule for the centers is as follows:

Citrus - Sat. Oct 1, 10am-Noon
 ELAC - Sat. Oct 1, 1-3pm
 Golden West - Sun. Oct 2, 2-4pm
 LACC - Sat. Oct 1, 3-5pm
 RCC - Sat. Oct 1, 10am-Noon

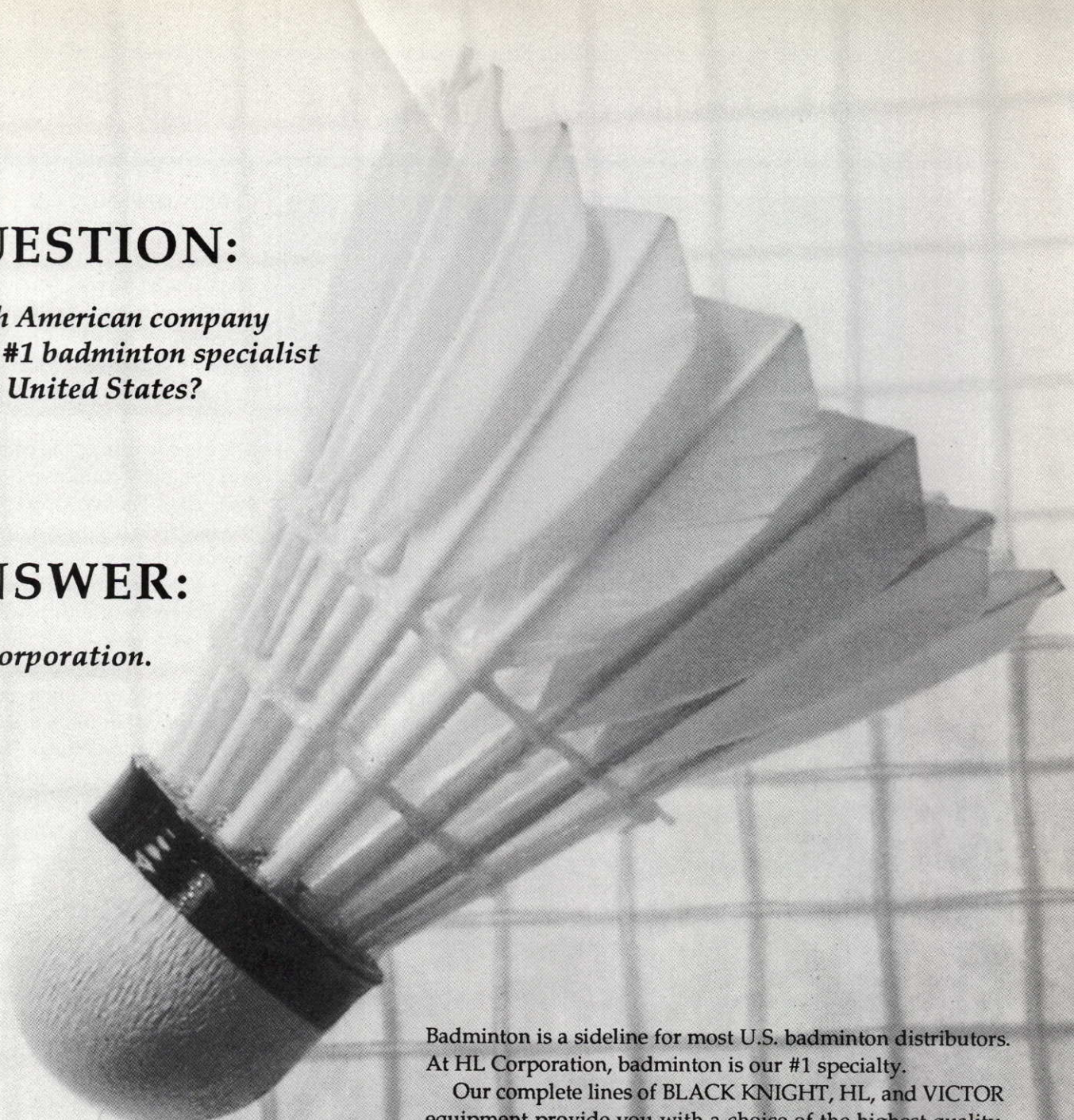
We also hope to start new centers at Pierce College in the San Fernando Valley and at Santa Monica City College. Have a great summer and come back next Fall!

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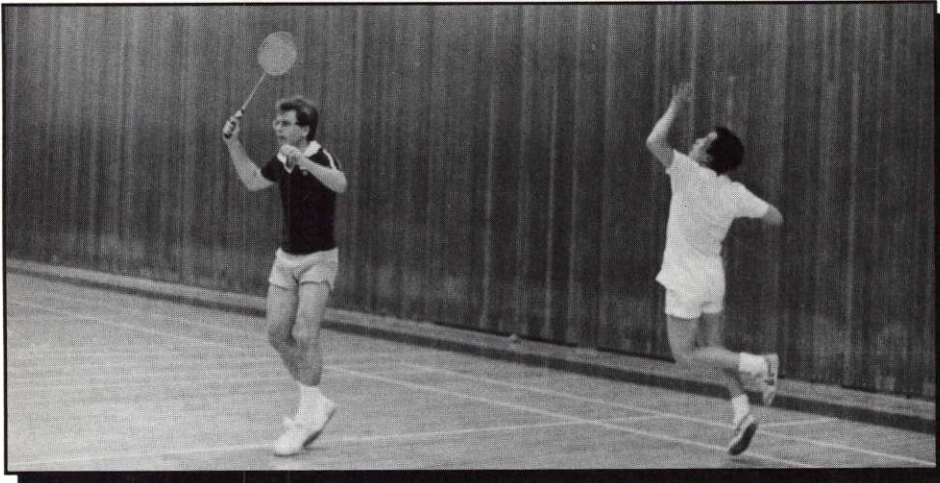
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BADMINTON NEWS BRIEFS



John Urban and Stuart Lor enroute to their "HL" MBA doubles title.

"HL" METRO NY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Over 75 players, representing ten clubs in the metro area of New York participated at the "HL" Metropolitan Badminton Assoc. Championships in Greenwich, Connecticut. As expected, Stewart Lor was a triple winner in the 'A' events, beating Neil Koyanagi in the singles final and then teaming with John Urban for the doubles title, and with Liz Wilson to win the mixed.

The 'A' women's singles final was an all-Scottish affair. Agnes Nielson, playing in her first tournament this season, and her first ever in the U.S., upset the #1 seeded Wilson in the final match.

In the doubles, the two Scots teamed up to defeat Haini Wang and Sheila Leung in one of the most exciting finals seen in an MBA tournament. In the third game, it appeared that Wilson and Nielson had built an insurmountable lead at 13-4, but Wang and Leung came back to take control, and actually served for the match three times in set before losing to the Scots 18-17.

SUMMER BADMINTON CAMPS

This summer has seen a resurgence of badminton training camps across America. Camps scheduled include locations in California, Arizona, Illinois, Washington, D.C., New York, and Massachusetts. Available funding and renewed interest by coaches and players is further evidence of badminton's growth.

INT'L PRIZE MONEY BOOMING

A press release from the IBF states that there has been a tremendous increase in prize money since badminton went "open" in 1983. In that year there were six events and a total purse of US\$149,000. This year there are 18 events and over \$1,000,000 in prize money. This also represents more than a \$300,000 increase from 1987. Since 1983 there has been an average growth in total prize money of 50% per year.

The Indonesian Open this year surpassed the 1988 All England Championships (\$125,000), as the largest prize money tournament to date with \$135,000 at stake.

CHINA DEFENDS ITS THOMAS/UBER CUP TITLES

The Chinese men's Thomas Cup team and the women's Uber Cup team each successfully defended their respective premier world team titles in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The big surprise of the competitions was the men's runner-up. The host Malaysian Thomas Cup team upset the traditional powerhouse Indonesian team 3-2 in the semi-finals before a roaring jam-packed stadium crowd. China defeated Malaysia 4-1 in the finals.

In the Uber Cup, China defeated Indonesia 5-0 in the semis, and South Korea 5-0 in the finals. South Korea beat Japan 5-0 in the other semis. Indonesia took third place over Japan with another 5-0 score.

NEW A.S.U. COACH HIRED

Guy Chadwick has been hired as the new Arizona State University Badminton Coach, replacing Carol Fisher who has taken a one year leave of absence. Fisher coached ASU to a string of men's and women's national badminton titles over the last 7 years, continuing the tradition that former Coach Merle Packer began more than 20 years ago.

ASU gave Chadwick his start in badminton when he took up the sport under Packer and Coach David Levin in 1977. "It's a real privilege to come back to my badminton home under these circumstances. I certainly hope to help continue the great tradition of ASU badminton, and I plan to work for an improved involvement by other universities as well."

BADMINTON NEWS BRIEFS

THE SOUTHERN U.S. REGIONAL BADMINTON NEWS ROUNDUP

The recent season-ending Southern Badminton tournament held in Shreveport, Louisiana highlighted Linda Harvey of Miami as the triple crown ladies champion. Harvey teamed with Howell of Memphis for the ladies' doubles, and with Chen of Miami for the mixed title.

Harvey was also elected President of the SBA at the board meeting held concurrently with the tournament. She had been the Vice-President.

Alfredo Salazar of Peru, currently a university student in Louisiana, came away with the men's singles trophy over Nathan Montague of Houston. Montague joined with his city mate, Manighani, to grab the men's doubles over the Cremers of Oklahoma.

In the vets, Tony Grice of Abilene beat Curtis Johnson of Houston for the singles title. But, Johnson teamed with fellow Houstonians, Plumlee and Dennis, to win the doubles and mixed doubles.

Ted Cotton of New Orleans won the master singles, while McSweeney and Witte of St. Louis earned the master and grandmaster doubles. McSweeney also won the grandmaster singles.

The city team standings found Houston in first at 84 pts., Miami in second with 45, St. Louis in third with 33, and Ponca City in fourth with 27.

Ben Hudson was awarded the Guy Johnson Promotional Award, and Curtis Johnson was presented the Stomp Award.

SOMBAT NEW NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COACH

Sombat "Som" Dhammabusaya has recently been hired under the National Development Committee as part of the N.D.C.'s efforts to develop an organized coaching system and promote badminton at the local and regional level.

Som is a former top player from Thailand and has many years of experience as a coach of several top U.S. players. He has been a U.S. Uber Cup coach and has conducted hundreds of clinics in years past throughout the U.S. Since his hiring in March, he has already conducted several coaching and player clinics in Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and New York to kick-off his nationwide duties. Som expects to conduct about 30 such events before year-end.

The response thus far has been superb, with a particularly favorable response by local clubs which have long felt they have been ignored by the USBA. Som credits much of his success so far to all of the organizational work by Ted Helweg of the USBA and N.D.C.

NATIONAL JUNIOR NEWS REPORT

By Pat McCarrick

Junior Activities Chairperson Pat McCarrick reports that Olympic grant monies of \$48,000, given to the USBA by the U.S.O.C. to expose juniors to international play is being executed in accordance to the guidelines set forth in the grant written by Brent Cutcliffe and initiated by Past President Stan Hales.

Thirty-four top juniors are attending a one week try-out and camp at Lake Placid, New York in July.

Junior teams will be selected to attend several up-coming international events:

- 1) The Junior Pan American Games in Denver in early August.
- 2) The Junior Championships in Edmonton, Canada in late August.
- 3) Two players will travel to the World Junior Championships in Jakarta, Indonesia in November.
- 4) A team will be selected to tour Europe in the fall.

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The Overhead Backhand Motion

Some Step-by-Step Exercises.

EXERCISE #1: Hold your racket arm at full length straight out from your body with your hand turned so that your THUMB is pointing down at the ground. Then, rotate your extended forearm and THUMB so that your THUMB turns to the straight up position. This simple rotation is the key motion for generating power in the backhand shot. Practice this.

EXERCISE #2: Get your favorite medium-sized towel. If you ever learned to whip it in the lockerroom, you may already have a vestige of a backhand stroke. You will get maximum power when you rotate your forearm, while throwing your hand straight out in front of you.

EXERCISE #3: Grab your badminton racket. Hold your racket with a "shake-hands" grip with your THUMB firmly placed on the angled bevel. With your racket, bring your hand across and in front of your face and imagine that you have a waffle or a pancake sitting on your strings. Without letting your imaginary waffle fall, whip your racket head up vertically so that you send the waffle away in the direction you would hit a shuttle. This simulates the final motion of a backhand.

EXERCISE #4: Without your racket, hold your racket forearm about four inches across and above your eyes and reach to your other shoulder so that your THUMB hangs down almost touching your shoulder. Have your elbow pointing almost vertically up. [Do you feel like a dork?] Then, while keeping your

elbow high, slowly rotate your THUMB up (the same rotation as in Exercise #1) until your arm becomes fully straightened vertically. Practice this motion until it becomes smooth and easy to perform quickly.

EXERCISE #5: Try Exercise #4, but now while holding a racket. Again use a "shake-hands" grip with the THUMB placed firmly on the angled bevel of your racket grip. The THUMB still directs your swing.

The racket should be an extension of your hand. Your racket, THUMB, and arm should all point vertically upward at the completion of this exercise. As you practice this exercise, sometimes slowly and sometimes quickly, you may want to concentrate on a few key motions as follows:

First, follow the motion of your THUMB as it directs the racket and rotates from down by your shoulder to vertically up. If your THUMB is falling off the racket grip it is not doing its job, and you are relying on your fingers to pull the racket, which weakens your stroke.

Second, watch your forearm as it rotates and moves from horizontal to vertical. Your upper arm and elbow should remain almost motionless and pointed vertically.

Remember, your THUMB must be used as the focus for directing your forearm rotation and generating your backhand power. Don't pull with your fingers, or use the bend-your-wrist-back or swing-from-the-shoulder motion for generating

backhand power.

Timing takes practice, and practice coordinates the motions together for a fluid execution.

Generally, the aim of overhead backhand shots is to get yourself out of trouble in the deep backhand corner when you are unable to hit a forehand shot. Even at the highest levels of play, the backhand is seldom used as an offensive weapon.

Since you are usually required to turn your back to your opponent and reach behind you to hit the shuttle, it is important to practice for consistency and watch the shuttle.

The angle of your upper arm dictates how high you can contact the shuttle. On high overhead backhand shots, your elbow, when cocked at the beginning of the swing, should be pointing nearly straight up and slightly out. The height at which your elbow is pointing at the beginning of the stroke dictates how high you will contact the shuttle at extension.

The usual objective is to develop a strong backhand clear and accurate backhand drop shot which keeps your opponent honest and allows you to get re-centered in your court for the next shot. If you can accomplish this - and you can with practice - then you have most likely eliminated your greatest weakness.



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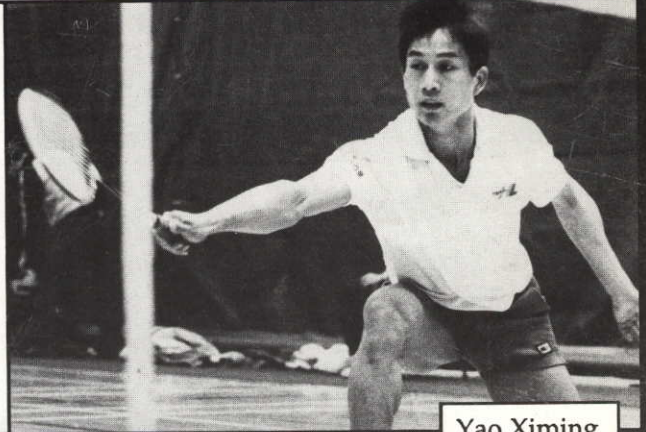


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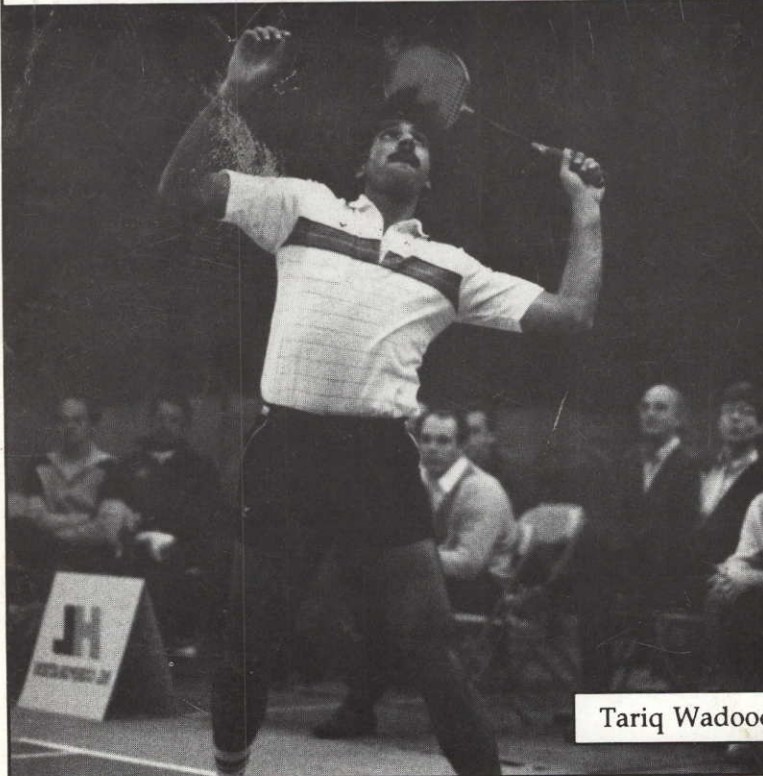


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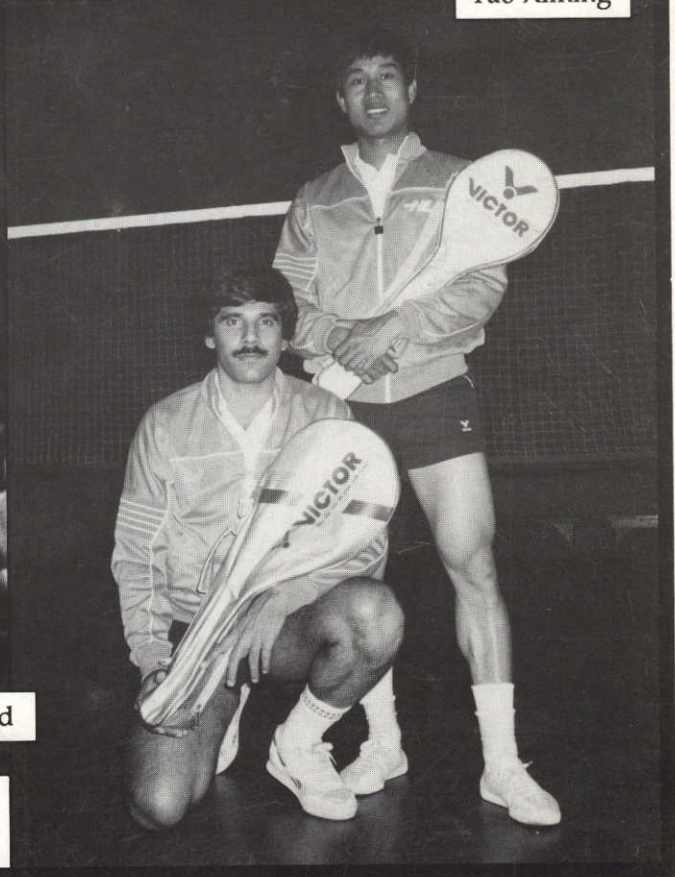
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