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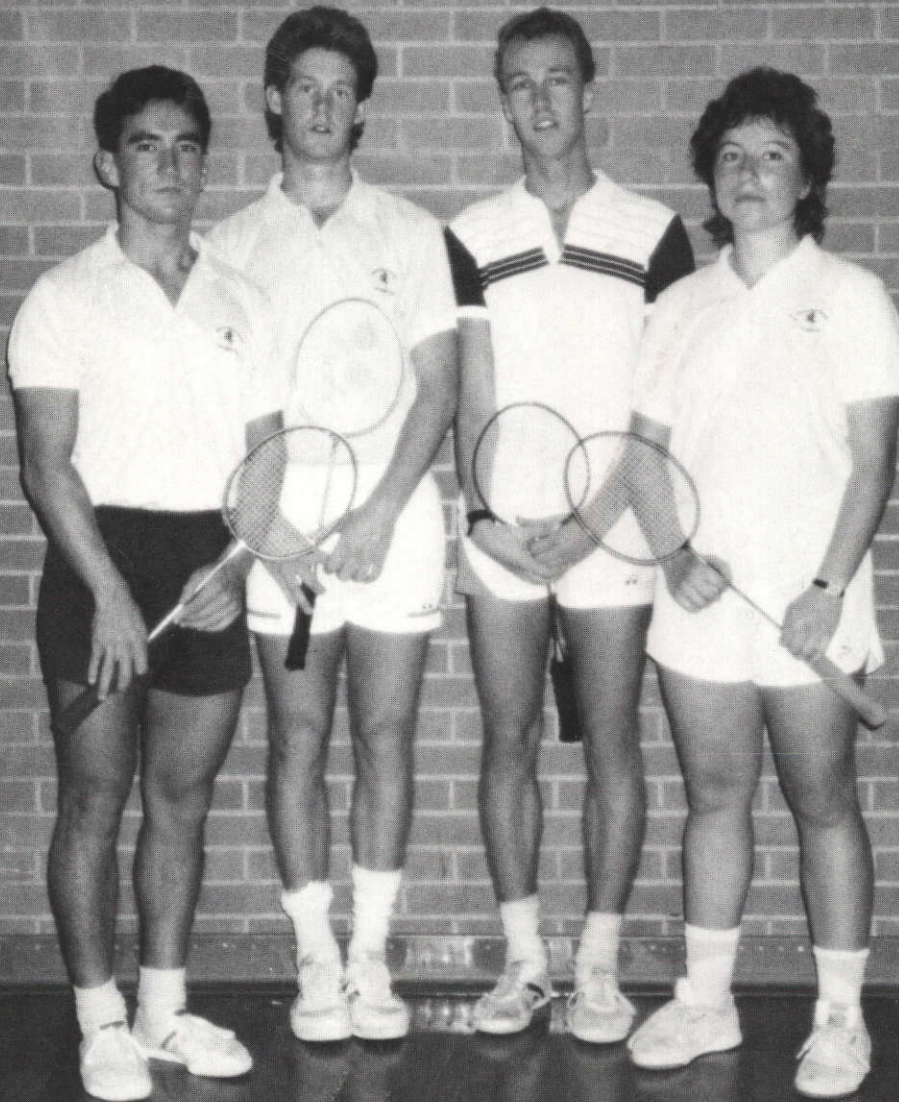
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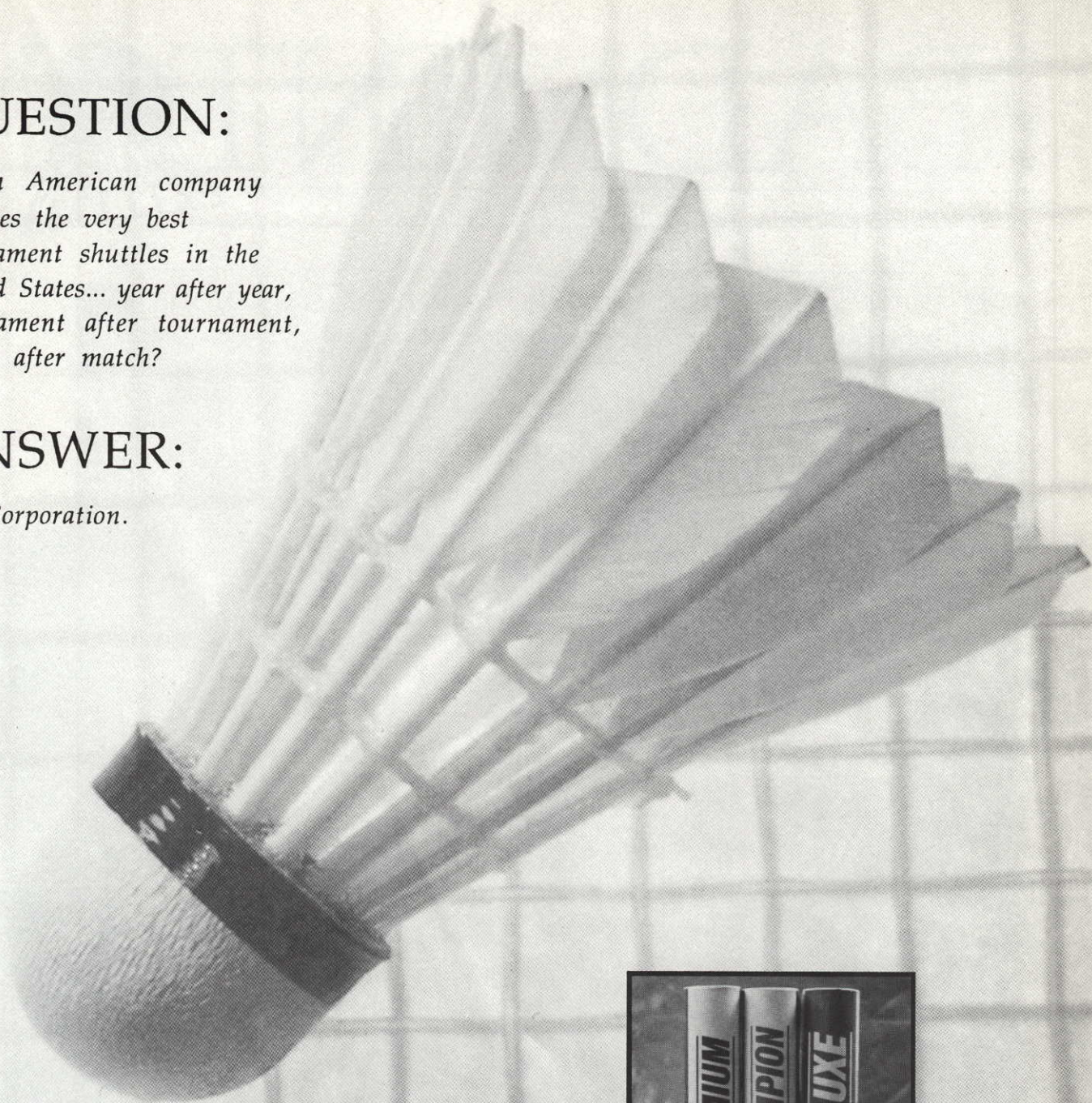
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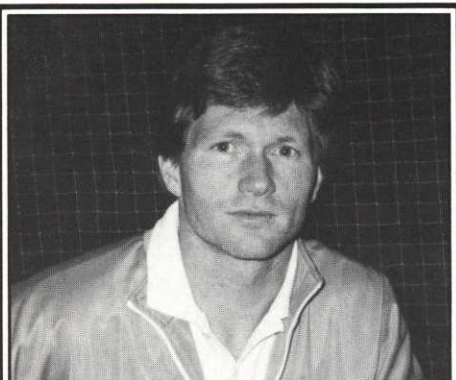
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The Editor, Guy Chadwick...

The SUMMER OLYMPICS has distributed its medals and glory to athletes and sports all over the world. At last, BADMINTON shared some of the spotlight as many of you may have seen.

NBC gave badminton about 20 - 30 minutes of coverage between the Olympics' telecast and the TODAY Show with Bryant Gumball. Without an American participant to heighten media attention, this was as much or more than we could have hoped for.

What coverage there was, was all good. Badminton sold out its arena with 12,000 spectators and surprised the announcers with its display of world class athletic talent. The sport sells itself once it is given the opportunity.

With the additional incentive for the media to cover badminton as a full medal sport in future Olympics, it seems we should benefit from much more exposure.

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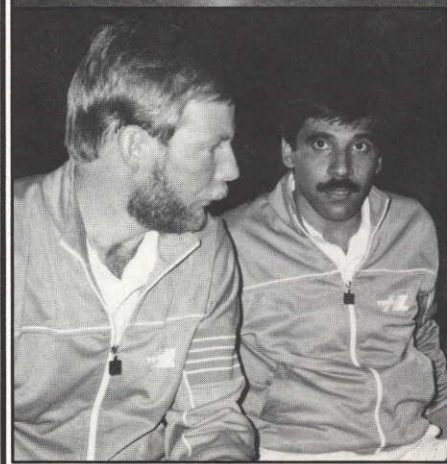
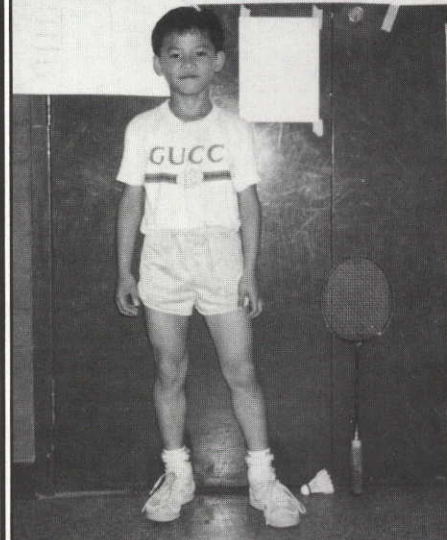
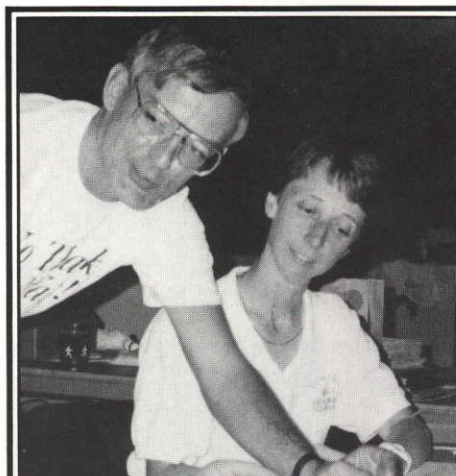
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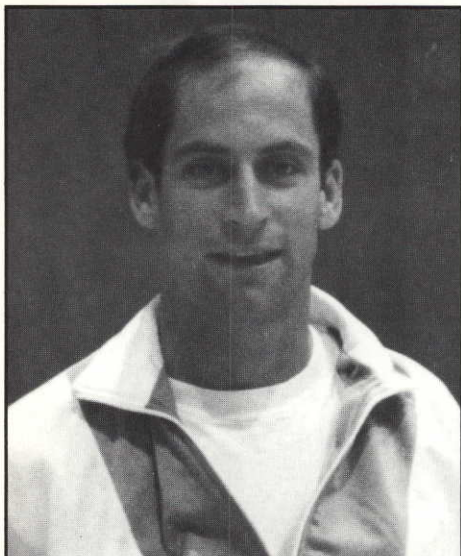
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<INNERVIEWS>

Would you like to see badminton grow? Why?

By Guy Chadwick



Kevin Hussey

Many, many people work very hard to keep badminton going and to help it grow to be better. An inordinate amount of time is spent by these enthusiasts for the sport. What is it about this sport that motivates people? I asked administrators primarily from the Midwest and Southern regions... "Would you like to see badminton grow? Why?"

RAY SCOTT (Papillion, NE)
USBA Executive Director ...

"Amen. Its a lifetime sport that is great physical exercise for all sizes, particularly for those not occupied in other major sports. And, it is a true co-ed sport. We need to change the image and move into our 'proper' place on the international scene. Never do we put on an exhibition that people don't say... "What a great sport!"

KEVIN HUSSEY (Chicago, IL)
Midwest V.P...

"Oh sure. I've been involved with a lot of sports and it compares favorably to any sport for its mental and physical demands. I would like to see career opportunities open up for people that love this lifetime sport."

STEVE RACE (Indianapolis, IN)
Midwest Board ...

"Yes. So more people can enjoy, benefit from, and respect it. But, I wouldn't like to see it grow like tennis because money tends to corrupt attitudes, officials and players, etc. I would like to see badminton become

a big family sport, it would be too selfish for me to want to keep it the way it is now."

TAMMY REILLY (Madison, WI)
Midwest Board ...

"Yes. If it were to grow there would be more players, more competition, better play, and more people to meet. It's good exercise and an individual sport, but it does have team format possibilities. It's a constantly challenging sport with the skill factors, rather than size factors, as most critical."

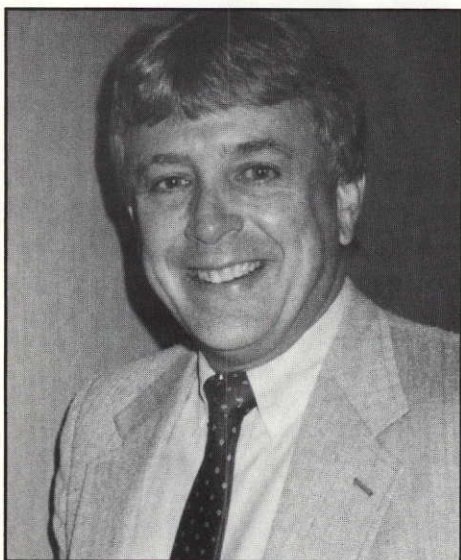
LINDA HARVEY (Miami, FL)
Southern Assoc. President...

"Of course. It's an underated sport and the greatest sport I've played (I've played at least 8 sports) -- badminton is more exciting, requires more agility, and is more demanding. I'd like to see more people play it. I know they would enjoy it as much and probably more than other racket sports. Also, it's more social, with nicer people, than other sports."

MARTIN FRENCH (San Bernardino, CA)
USBA V.P...

"Yes. I've been given a college education (Arizona State) and I've been able to travel abroad because of badminton. The potential opportunities in badminton are tremendous. I'd like to see it grow so that it becomes recognized and respected; so that it can give more opportunities to more people."

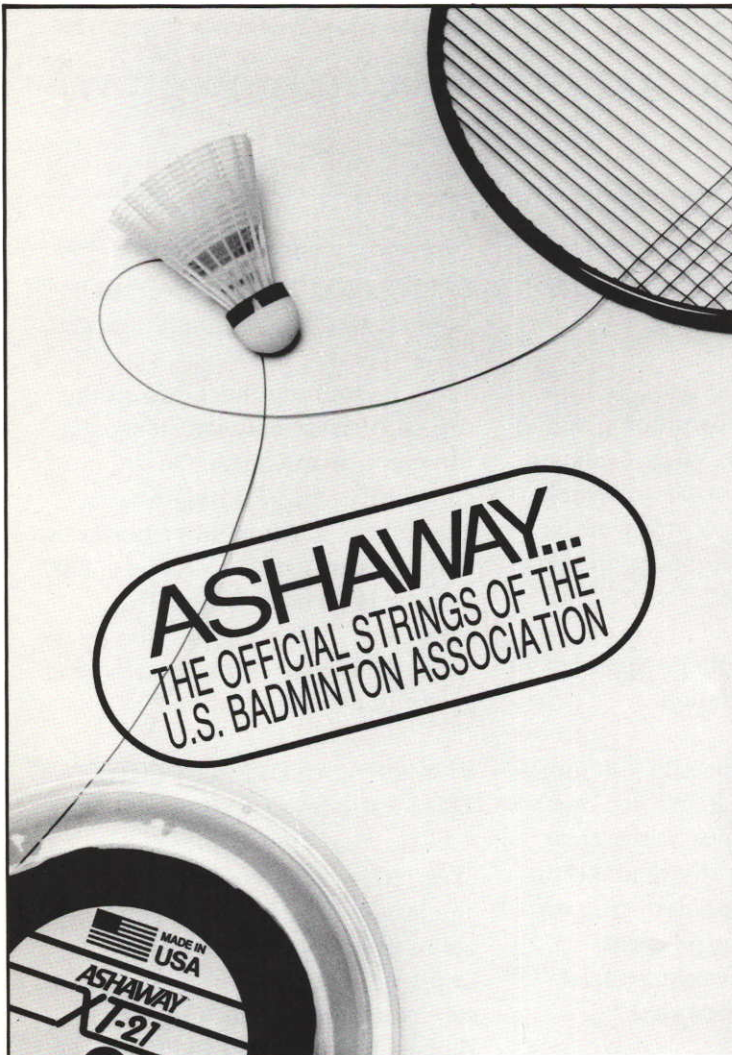
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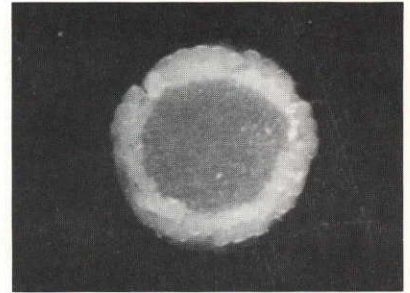


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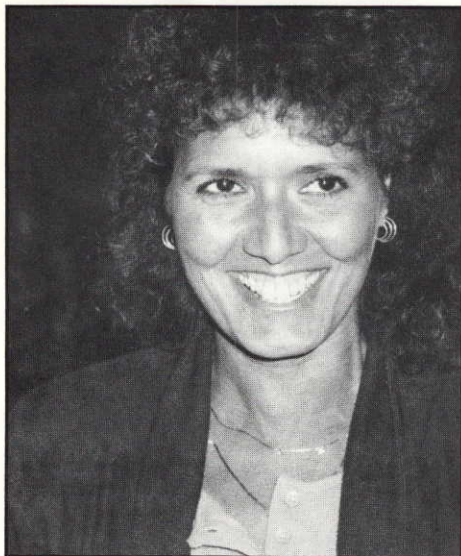
The process starts with many small filaments bundled together to make a central core which gives the string its overall elasticity and tensile strength. This core is then individually wrapped with additional filaments in several steps and the entire string is bonded together to form an integrated structure. This integrated structure is then coated and further heat-processed to build in optimum toughness and resiliency while, at the same time, making the string easy for stringers to work with—stringing goes a lot faster.

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Would you like to see badminton grow? Why?



Ivy Martino

RUSSELL BOWLES (St. Louis, MO)
local administration ...

"Some people like to fish, go hunting, etc., I like badminton and the people are interesting. I enjoy it and I'd like other people to be able to enjoy it. Also, I get angry at the misconceptions of the sport, and I'd like that to change."

DARYL JONES (College Station, TX)
local administration ...

"Yes. Especially since the Olympics, I'd like to see the U.S. become much better internationally. It's a great sport that is physically demanding AND you have to be smart. You can adapt based on your physical abilities and most everyone can do well if they are motivated."

DAVE DALINE (Minneapolis, MN)
local administration ...

"No. Because if it grew there would be that many more players ranked above me. But seriously, yes. I would like my kids to have a real opportunity in this fun sport. It's great recreationally and fun to watch good players."

IVY MARTINO (Houston, TX)
Southern Assoc. Secretary ...

"Yes. I'm a physical educator and we should instruct our kids especially in lifetime sports--badminton is one of the best. All ages can be competitive. My motivation centers around my fitness and wellness orientation for the total population."

BRENT CUTCLIFF (Denver, CO)
Junior dev. Olympic grant director ...

"Yes. Badminton must rank at the top as a leisure activity. It's just a fun game at any level. On the competitive side I'd like to see a bigger pool of competitive players so that you don't have to travel a 1000 miles to get a good game. The competitive base is supported by the recreational base so we must expand at the bottom."

VIRGINIA ANDERSON (Memphis, TN)
local administration ...

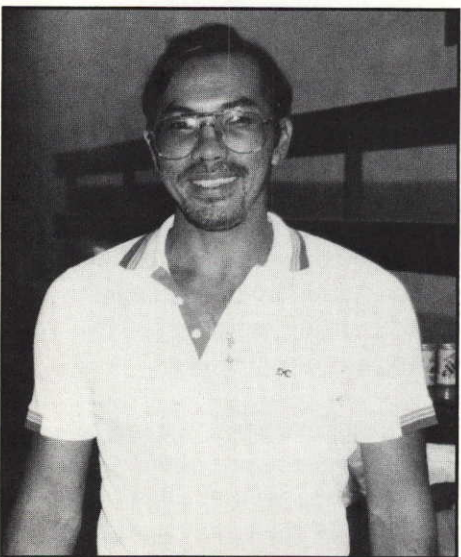
"Yes. It's a sport you can play at all age levels. It's challenging and opens up fascinating areas for improvement; footwork, shots, skill, etc. You meet wonderful people. When I first started I thought it was silly, but I soon found it to be much more than just hitting the bird back and forth."

DUDLEY CHEN (Miami, FL)
local administration ...

"Yes. Badminton is an exciting sport to play and to watch. It is a great form of exercise recreationally and competitively. It seems to draw a special character of people, and it brings out character in people as well - a true gentlemen's sport. It also helps your skills for all other sports that you might want to play. I think it is the greatest game in the world!"



Virginia Anderson



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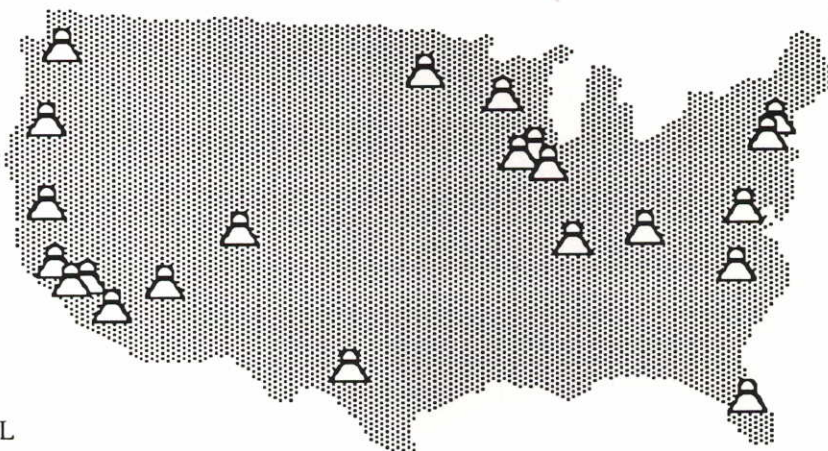
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BADMINTON RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT...

DAVE SMITH, of Orange, California, began stringing rackets about 15 years ago. By his own account he has strung over 10,000 rackets.

Dave started playing badminton at age 7. His father Bruce Smith opened the Bolse Grande gym twice a week for many years and Dave always tagged along. He would help his dad with the nets and clean the courts, and his dad would spend time with him before people arrived to play.

Dave first began selling rackets by word of mouth among the local badminton community. Now he says badminton is gaining the respect it deserves and his business has substantially increased to include complete product lines to meet the rising demand.

In addition to stringing and selling rackets, Dave teaches High School Science and owns a tennis and all-purpose outdoor re-surfacing company.

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DELAY SHOT DECEPTION

It's always fun to fake someone "Out of their Shoes"

By Sombat Dhammabusaya, USBA National Development Coach

At all levels, deception is used to keep the opposition off balance and keep them from predicting where you intend to hit the shuttle. Deception can create doubt in your opponent's mind and will delay their reaction to your shots.

To obtain the art of deception, a player must possess good skills for footwork and stroke production. The keys to executing deception include the ability to...

- 1) Concentrate and see the shuttle.
- 2) React quickly toward the shuttle.
- 3) Get in position immediately to hit your shot.
- 4) Hold each shot until the last instant.
- 5) Use body and wrist effectively.
- 6) Vary the angle of the racket face.
- 7) Be unpredictable.

The most important key to deception is the advance preparation. Get in the hitting position as soon as you see the shuttle off your opponent's racket. Concentrate on watching the flight of the shuttle to see where the bird is coming... and react.

Once in the hitting position, the next step is to delay the forearm and wrist motion until the last instant. For example, if your opponent hits an overhead drop and you hold your racket out toward the net - the longer you delay contacting the shuttle the more your opponent will lean in expecting a net drop. Then, at the last instant snap your wrist to hit a clear over their head instead. Also, you may turn the angle of your racket face to hit in different directions.

In fast-paced badminton you may not always have a lot of time for delay shot deception, but at the very least you can keep your opponent guessing by not hitting the same shots from the same hitting positions. Also, your coach can tell you if you are "giving away your shot" by the way you set your body and swing your racket. Your hitting position should not telegraph your shot. Mix up your shots and become unpredictable.

With practice you can learn to fake your opponent out of his shoes.

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REGIONALIZATION BY THE USBA...

Excerpts from a Letter to the Editor by Martin French, USBA Vice President

Regionalization is probably the most important direction that the USBA has taken in years. It dramatically changes the way the USBA functions day-to-day and on a long term level.

Given the large geographical area of the U.S., badminton will probably be more effectively and efficiently governed by a system of reg'l and state assoc's. This form of operation is not new as most of corporate America operates in this fashion.

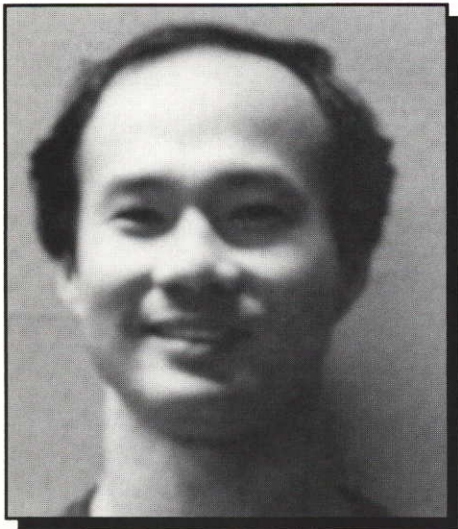
At this point the USBA has decided that the country is best divided into five regions: the Northeast, South, Midwest, Northwest, and the West, each with their state organizations. Ultimately, the USBA will be made of these 5 regions and 50 state assoc's.

On paper this will be voted on by the general electorate prior to the next annual general meeting in the form of a by-law change. Also, the USBA Board of Directors will increase from 10 to 15 directors. The five new directors will be elected (1 each) by each region to sit on the USBA board with equal status and powers.

Sanctioning: Once a reasonable structure is in place, many functions now being performed through the National Office will be delegated to the regions. For example, Art Murtha cited a situation (in the last issue of TBM) where there were two USBA sanctioned tournaments which conflicted in the same region. In my opinion, these sanctioning decisions would be a reg'l responsibility (only submitted to the National Office).

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President Paisan Rangsitkitho

PREZ SEZ...

It's been 3 months since I was elected SCBA President. If the first 3 months are any sign of what's to come - it is going to be a busy term. There is a lot going on and I like it! So much activity in coaching - a busy season in Ginny Hales' AAF activities - the juniors seem to be moving into a big year - the collegiate events are scheduled - senior plans are shaping up - we have new stationery and a new address - we have a full list of directors - the IBF has paid us a visit already for the purpose of assistance with development - and the very exciting aspect of regionalization is on its way.

With all these matters to accomplish we are going to have to call on a lot of you people to help us. In this year of the Olympics - including badminton as an exhibition sport - there seems to have been energy and activity generated. We can't let it fade for lack of stirring and maintenance. We can keep badminton growing and improving and produce a super season for the best sport in the world. Let's do it.



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OUR OFFICERS & DIRECTORS...

Some of you may know every one of our officers and directors. Just in case you don't, here is a very brief sketch of the crew.

Officers...

President Paisan Rangsitkitho is one of Thailand's gifts to the U.S. Paisan is a ranked U.S. player in adult and senior ranks, involved in collegiate administration, coaching and officials' business; an ambitious and hard working officer.

Vice-President John Britton is one of our most humorous and athletic badminton players, several times U.S. National Champ, also a soccer and rugby player of note, school teacher, and one of the founders and maintainers of the A Grand Prix.

Secretary Lee Calvert is the most enthusiastic player at MBBC always, played in Malta, water skis with husband Larry at Lake Arrowhead, loves ping pong, travels

to N. Cal. often to visit her kids and grandkids, and keeps Paramount in line.

Treasurer Cass Salapatas-Metz is the immediate past President of SCBA, main strength of the Valley B.C., chairperson of most of S. Cal's ambitious projects, one of the important parts of Lorimar Studios, need a miracle? She can pull it off.

Directors...

Dave Anderson is an important working member of Pasadena B.C. and one of the backbones of the B-C Grand Prix. A computer whiz who does our classification lists and is working on our ranking.

Duane Enochs is one of MBBC's proud seniors, recently retired from Hughes where he was a legal eagle - travels a lot to visit bits of his properties like in Australia and Montana.

Liz Flores is a travel agent from the

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Officers & Directors continued...

very busy Long Beach B.C. - one of the LB crew of people who play and work on every badminton event around the area, including the B-C Grand Prix.

Ginny Hales is the busiest bee in all of SCBA badminton, with all AAF categories - began the whole grant process, produced centers for Y.D., coaching organizer, wheelchair badminton, SCBA brochure, S. Cal. Jr tournament - we could go on all day.

Richard Lira is the father of the beautiful Justin; Richard plays just about every day of the week somewhere, works on B-C Grand Prix, lots of collegiate committees - is another hard working LB guy.

David Ogata is the current Sr. Natl Champ in mixed and men's doubles, former President of SCBA - this MBBC member has coached for years, juniors, adults, and recently the Natl Women's team.

Wes Schoppe is another former President of the SCBA, long time MBBC member and former club badminton chairman, worked with juniors, has organized and run Jr Pan Ams plus the last 9 years of U.S. Opens - involved in badminton on all levels.

Jack Tarr is the newest director (replacing Daryl Jones who had to resign upon moving out of state) - on the board of MBBC, his main interest lies with the juniors, his own kids' successes fan that flame, also loves to ski.

Kelly Tibbetts - for details about me, see Shuttle Scuttle in May 88 The Badminton Magazine.



THE EX PREZ, WHO IS NOW TREZ, SEZ...

Not too much to write about in the money area. The SCBA continues to retain a healthy checking account---approximately \$3,500.

Since June, monies have been spent and not too much earned. Under the leadership of President Paisan, the Board hopes to have a successful fund raiser this year. Many projects are on the agenda and obviously funds are needed. If anyone has ideas for a unique fund raiser please contact me or anyone on the Board.

All SCBA clubs have been billed for their annual dues and I expect to receive payments soon.

Expenditures for the new year include:

- *Engraving and updating all trophies and awards
- *Miscellaneous postage
- *Post Office box rental for the year
- *Stationery supplies
- *USBA membership
- *"Thank You" awards for the promotion of badminton in S. Cal
- *"Shuttle Scuttle" printing fees

A more detailed report will be included in the next issue of the "Shuttle Scuttle."

Watch those change purses folks,

-- "Scrooge McSalapatas-Metz"

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FEB 17-19
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SCBA'S "SHUTTLE SCUTTLE"

A NEW FACE...

If you were at the Cal. State Games, you must have seen one of the most interesting games - certainly a terrific match for an early round - when Bennie Lee played Hendrik Jan Rosemeyer from Holland. He is very tall and uses his height well with an excellent game. Officially he is still ranked a "B" player, however not for long surely.

Later in the tournament, Henry teamed with Chuck Linden to Bennie again teamed with Marty French. It was truly an action filled men's doubles match. Bennie and Marty won it as expected, but the people on the sidelines had a fabulous show before it was over. Henry has a new and fascinating style of play and Chuck played out of his skull - getting everything back and running many miles during the 2 games.

Henry recently graduated from the University of Twente, in Holland, with a BA in business. Currently, he is living with the Bob Cooks. We hope he will be around to add his dimension to the 88-89 season. It will be fun to see him play against various of the local A players. Welcome to the SCBA, Henry.

OUR USBA MAN...

If you look at any organization through its years you will find people that were such a help that the group survives because of them. Right now, we have someone who has provided a lot of strength in the past months, and we are lucky to have his interest and help. Ever since he first became an elected part of the USBA he has volunteered his support, attended many SCBA

meetings, and is always willing to answer questions when we need help to proceed in our best direction.

Having spent many years watching Marty French grow with his badminton, it is a double pleasure to see how he grows with badminton administration. He is enthusiastic about his USBA work, and he is thoroughly dedicated to helping this game progress. It is great to have Marty on our side and know that the USBA has his talent to grow on. Thanks Marty.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER...

Earlier this year S. Cal. had a delightful guest for a few months. Lorenzo Ruiz played lots of badminton around MBBC. If you don't recall him, check the picture. Yeah! That one!

We found out that Lorenzo's father is now the President of the Badminton Assoc. of Mexico. Victor Jaramillo has left that job to move on to duties with the Olympics. Badminton affairs in the state of Mexico will be handled by Jorge Palazuelos, and Chapultepec Club play will be in the hands of Pepe Icasa. All are frequent visitors to the MBBC.

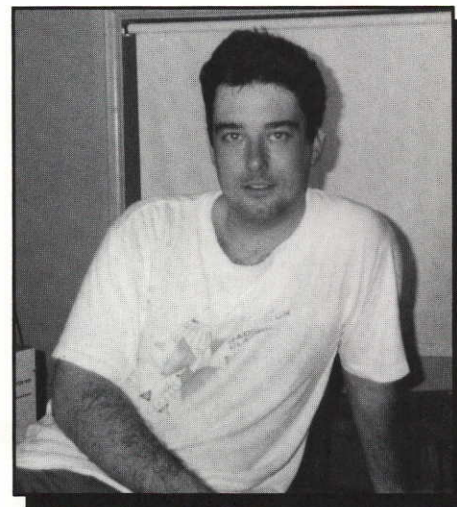
I.B.F. AMBASSADOR...

This summer the SCBA was honored by a visit from Emile ter Metz from Holland, a chief administrator of the International Badminton Fed. His trip was aimed at finding out if Southern California would be interested in some IBF assistance for the development of badminton.

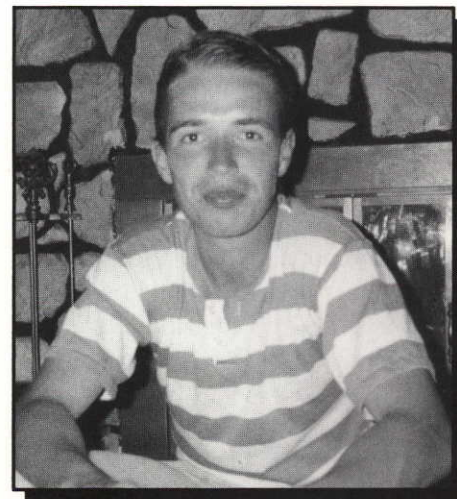
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SCBA'S "SHUTTLE SCUTTLE"

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The SCBA is being considered as a test project area, that if successful, could establish a system for all U.S. regions to grow with the help of the IBF. The logistics and specific plans remain to be worked out following a favorable "go-ahead" vote by the USBA. We have our fingers crossed and we'll keep you posted.

CA STATE GAMES 1989...

Ann and Wally Foy have a message for anyone who did not play in the 1988 California State Games but would like to play in 1989. Send your name and address on a post card to the Foyes and you will be put on the mailing list to receive an entry.

CANCELLATION...

It hurt to cancel the Kelly Tibbetts Open in September. Somewhere over 45 years ago this event was begun as the MBBC Summer Doubles. During the war years, when metal trophies were not easy to come by and not patriotic to use if you could find them, the prizes for winners were War Stamps. Later, when every thing was easier to get, they gave blazers. I remember getting one - I recall a few war bonds, too.

But my memory can not dig up a year when this event was ever cancelled. It is a shame. However, don't scratch it for '89. It will return in all its glory. We can't let the old standby events go down the drain.

INTERNATIONAL SENIOR...

Wes Schoppe has changed the date

of this season's big international senior tournament from November to March 1-5, 1989. Get all your foreign and domestic friends alerted. Watch for more details.

MORE SENIOR STUFF...

On November 19-20 we will have one of the MBBC classic events - the Jack van Praag Sr/Master Tournament. Depending on the numbers we may run it in one day. We will have jr-sr events, so nearly all of you can play.

The latest word from Miami Lakes, FL is that the U.S. Open Seniors is moving right into place. Most of you seniors and beyond should have received your entries recently; dates are January 12-15, 1989.

In the Summer of 1989 the World Masters Games will be staged in Copenhagen, Denmark. There will be more info on this one later.

There is going to be a new event at Leisure World - you know the big globe - to be held next June to celebrate their anniversary. Badminton fans there have their own 3 court gym and a regular badminton program. For 5 or 6 years they have had exhibitions every year for their members, played mostly by MBBC hotshots. No matter how we try to bring them to their senses, they insist on having Jim Poole, and no exhibition is a real success without him. Other than that one weakness, they have good taste. One of their more colorful players is Borge Frederickson - who is a former Men's Doubles Champion at the All England's. Set your sites on enjoying a great new tournament there in June.

THE SCHOLASTIC SCENE

by Ginny Hales

What an exciting way to start out the new season with badminton being shown on the Today Show and at the Olympics in Seoul, Korea! Our game is finally coming of age. Now are we ready to teach the many people, both junior and adult, who want to learn it in this country. I am getting phone calls daily asking where to play and where to take lessons. It is becoming dramatically clear that we must train more coaches.

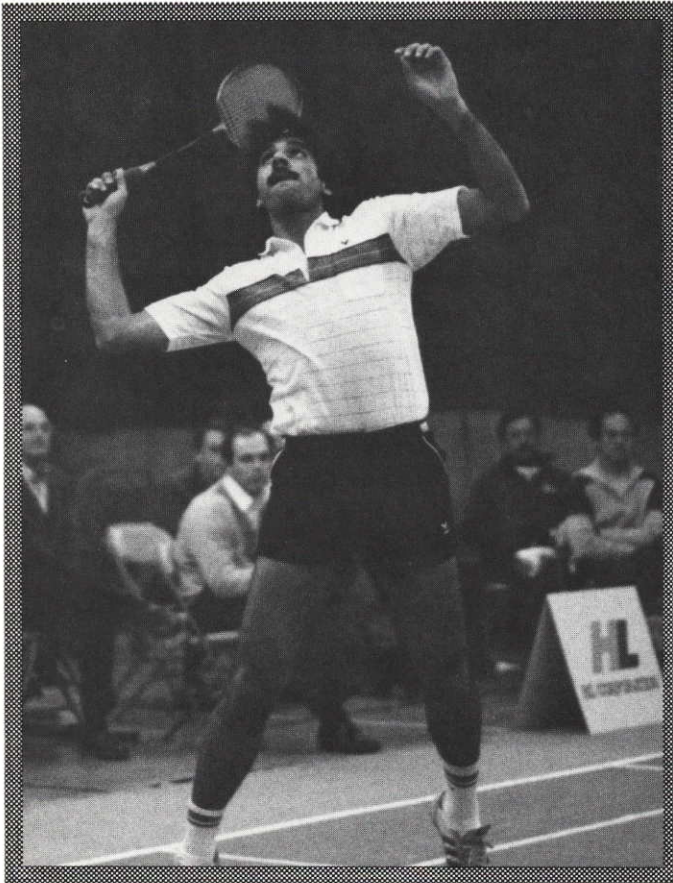
Recently, as part of the A. A. F.'s 6 month sport centers program for youngsters, badminton was included as one of the 13 Olympic sports offered at over 50 sites around Los Angeles. Badminton centers were supported at CSU, Long Beach under the able instruction of Paisan Rangsikitpho and Richard Lira, and at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club, under Tariq Wadood and his excellent staff. A special wheelchair badminton program was set up at East L.A. College taught by Clody Johnson and Eric Wan. A total of 181 youngsters took part with 121 playing in the 3 day tourney held at CSU, Dominguez Hills run by Jim Poole and Dean Schoppe.

In conjunction with this program, 3 clinics were held: one at ELAC for those teachers involved in wheelchair badminton, one at MBBC for teachers from Long Beach and MBBC, and one at MBBC for parents. These clinics included 3 hours of general theory of teaching sports to youngsters, and 3 hours of on-court work on how to teach badminton.

At the parents clinic Tariq Wadood used an excellent progression which you can read about in this issue.



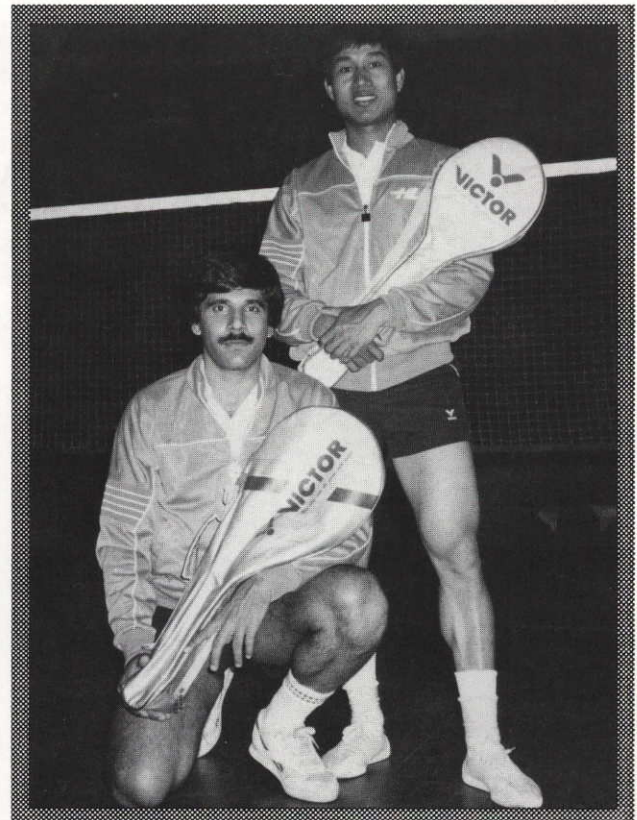
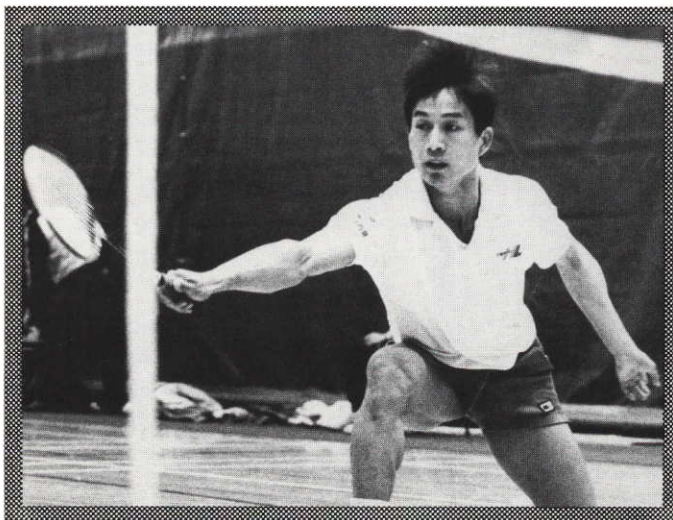
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SOUTHERN REPORT...

The Southern Badminton Association is headed up by President Linda Harvey of Miami, Florida, Vice-President Richard Juday and Secretary Ivy Martino both of Houston, Texas, and Treasurer Joe Averett of Shreveport, Louisiana.

The next Southern tournament scheduled is at Texas A&M University on December 3-4 for Open and Novice divisions. Contact tournament chairman Daryl Jones at (409) 696-7169. In January and February there are tournaments scheduled for Baylor University, Louisville, Memphis, and Ponca City. Contact Ivy Martino at (713) 367-2036 for more information.

MWBA CAMP NEWS...

The Midwest Badminton Association ran their 5th annual Northern Illinois University Junior Badminton Camp during the summer. 59 campers participated in the grueling 7 hours per day, 5 day camp at the 16-court Evans Field house, headed up by Kevin Hussey, who is pictured below in the upper left hand corner with the rest of the staff and campers.



Liz Aronsohn, Erika Von Heiland, Nadine Stocking, and Liza Young

A MWBA CLASSIC...

The Midwest's St. Louis Badminton Classic, hosted by Sara Thomas and Russ and Mary Ann Bowles, started off the 1988-89 major national tournament season with a bang. Top players from 3 of the 5 U.S. regions met head to head. U.S. Champion Chris Jogis of California headlined the men's events and Arizona State University stars, Liz Aronsohn and Erika Von Heiland, captured the women's spotlight.

Jogis showed peak early-season form

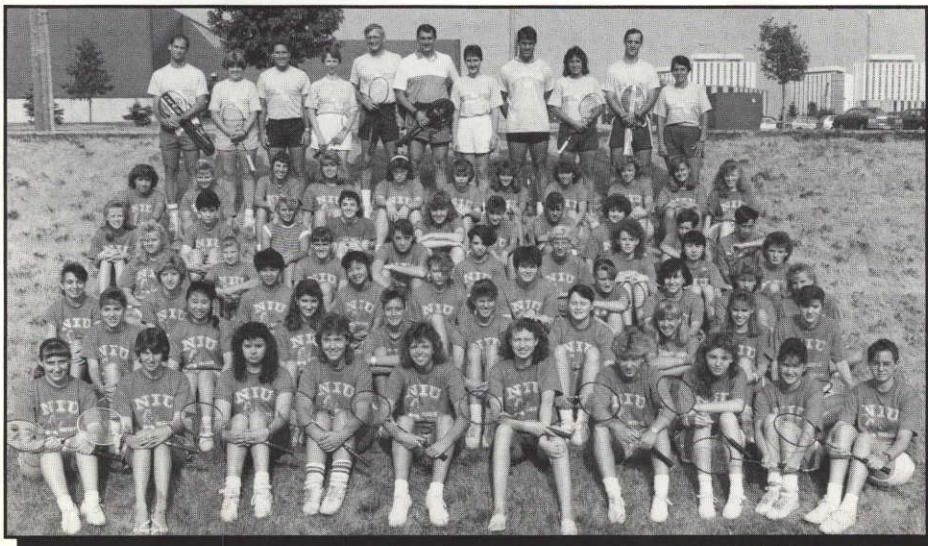
to easily handle Benny Lee of Arizona in two games in the men's singles final.

Aronsohn similarly beat her ASU teammate for the women's singles title. Then, Aronsohn teamed with Von Heiland to overcome Nadine Stocking and Liza Young of the Chicago area for the women's doubles trophy.

Jogis and Lee, current U.S. Doubles Champions together, split up for this tournament. Jogis teamed with Marty French of California, and Lee played with the rapidly improving Paul McAdam now of Arizona. Each team reached the finals, with Jogis and French winning by the narrowest of margins, 18-17, 17-15.

Marty French also teamed with Mary Ann Bowles to win the mixed crown from Miami, Florida standouts Dudley Chen and Linda Harvey in the final match-up.

St. Louis headquartered Budweiser was a major sponsor of the tournament and provided prize money to the non-amateur winners.



BADMINTON NEWS BRIEFS

THE 1988 SEOUL OLYMPICS...

As you probably know, in Seoul, Korea badminton was played as an exhibition Olympic sport. The top 8 players/teams in the world in each of four events battled it out for medals. NBC gave about 20 minutes of coverage along with a story on the TODAY Show with Bryant Gumball. The announcers were quite obviously surprised and impressed with the speed, strategy, and athleticism of the sport of badminton.

Also of note was the fact that badminton was the first venue sold out at the Olympics with some 12,000 enthusiastic spectators. As badminton gains recognition as a deserving Olympic sport in the years to come, we are sure to see more and more media coverage, especially with the greater worldwide involvement that will come with full medal status in 1992 and on.

The medals were divided between five different countries:

China- 2 Gold, 2 Silver
S. Korea- 2 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze
Japan- 2 Bronze
Indonesia- 1 Silver
Norway- 1 Bronze

MS Gold: Yang Yang (China)
MS Silver: Iruk Sugiarto (Indonesia)
MS Bronze: S. B. Park (S. Korea)

WS Gold: H. Hwang (S. Korea)
WS Silver: Han Aiping (China)
WS Bronze: Sumiko Kitada (Japan)

MD Gold: Yongbo/Bingyi (China)
MD Silver: Lee/Lee (S. Korea)
MD Bronze: Shuuji/Shinji (Japan)

WD Gold: Kim/Chung (S. Korea)
WD Silver: Ying/Weizhen (China)
WD Bronze: Dorte/Netlie (Norway)



HENNESSEY'S TAVERN'S INT'L CHAMPIONSHIPS...

Attention all Seniors, Jr-Seniors, Masters, Grand Masters and Golden Masters - March 1-5, 1989 at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club - there will be a great int'l gathering of stars at "The Hennessey's Tavern Championships."

THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE...

It seems that badminton is simply too demanding and the competition too tough, particularly in the singles events, to have any one player completely dominate a series of international tournaments.

The days of an 8-time All England Men's Singles Champion like Rudy Hartono seem to be over for now. Now there are 3, 4, 5, and perhaps more "Hartono" quality players all battling each other. Not to mention a full arsenal of next-in-line top players from several countries ready to test their talents.

The new Olympic Champion Yang Yang of China is the closest to claiming dominance currently. Yang Yang has been the most consistent winner of recent major tournaments following in the footsteps of the now "fading" multi-, multi- champion Morten Frost Hansen of Denmark.

In recent weeks of major events the depth of competition has proven out. There has been a string of different men's and women's singles winners. At the Hong Kong Open, Iruk Sugiarto of Indonesia upset both Morten Frost and Yang Yang, while for the women, 18 year old Lee Young Suk of Korea beat frequent champion Han Aiping of China.

At the China Open, Zhao Jianhua and Li Lingwei, both of China, displayed their top form to win titles. Then a few weeks later at the World Cup in Bangkok, Yang Yang beat Jianhua, and Han Aiping of China beat Lingwei.

The quality and depth of play from not just one or two, but several countries is certainly at an all-time high. And there are many new outstanding young players emerging as well. For a new, truly dominant player to rise above the nearly year-round grind of extremely tough match-ups, will require a player of world-class skills on a level above any in the history of the game.

USA VS. RUSSIA...

Not exactly World War III, but a truly unique confrontation will take place on Russian badminton courts when a small contingent of top U.S. players travel to the USSR for ten days for a series of friendly encounters and one major tournament.

Managed by John Britton, the concept of the trip was actually initiated when the U.S. National team played a spontaneous day of practice matches against Russia during the World Championships in mainland China in 1987. The next issue of TBM will reveal the details of the USA - USSR badminton negotiations.

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U.S. OPEN ACTION...

Although very little has been heard about the U.S. Open in the usual domestic circles this year, it promises to bring together a great list of top international talent.

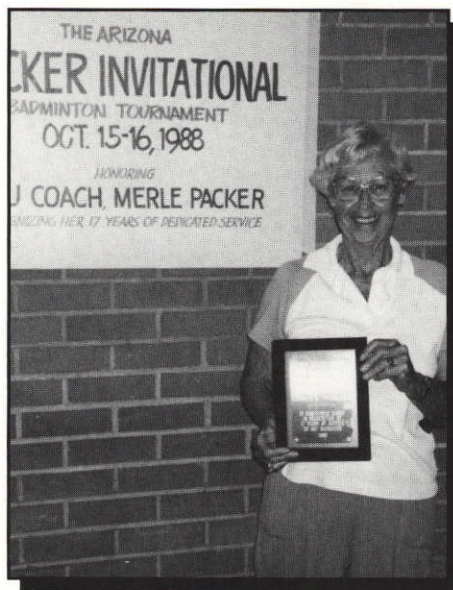
With a total prize money of \$15,000 it marks the first time the U.S. Open will be a part of the IBF Grand Prix circuit. The host and primary sponsor is Ambassador College in Pasadena, California. The dates are November 8-13.

Tournament director Chris Kinard thus far has commitments from such world class stars as Liem Swie King of Indonesia, Prakash of India, and Misbun Sidek of Malaysia, along with several Chinese, Canadians and English. All the action will be captured in the next issue of TBM.

JUNIOR PAN-AMS...

Dean Schoppe, U.S. Pan-American representative, reports that junior badminton players of all age groups from Canada, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru and the United States met head to head at the 1988 Pan-Am Championships in early August hosted by the Colorado Badminton Association and the Denver Athletic Club. While the lion's share of titles went to the Canadians, the event provided valuable internat'l experience to all participants.

This year's tournament marked the revival of the Pan-American Badminton Confederation which is essential for development of the sport in this hemisphere. Badminton will be included in the 1991 Pan Am Games in Cuba, a major competition building up to the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain.



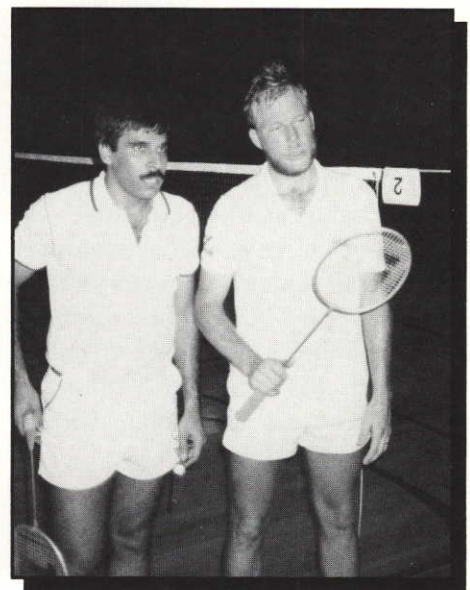
Retired ASU Coach Merle Packer

ARIZONA'S "PACKER" OPEN...

The "Packer Invitational" hosted by Arizona State University took place October 15-16. The annual event has been named in honor of retired ASU Coach Merle Packer.

This year's tournament's highlights included a tremendous final men's singles match between current U.S. Triple Crown Champion Chris Jogis and last year's National Collegiate Triple Crown Champion Benny Lee. Lee, who lost easily to Jogis just two weeks ago in St. Louis, played with far more patience and consistency to just lose at 18-17 in the third game.

In the women's singles, former U.S. Champion Nina Lolk narrowly beat current Triple Crown Collegiate Champion Liz Aronsohn 12-10, 11-8. Jogis and Lee teamed to take the men's doubles and Lolk and Tracy Holmes won the women's doubles. In the high school events, highlights included Michelle Pezold of Moon Valley High earning the C singles title, while Hien Nguyen of Carl Hayden High won the D singles.



Tariq Wadood and Dean Schoppe

SUNNYVALE GRAND PRIX I...

Tariq Wadood finally broke his string of five consecutive finals losses at Sunnyvale Grand Prix I events. Except for the "Northern California jinx," Wadood has only lost a few other matches in a multitude of tournaments since coming to the U.S.

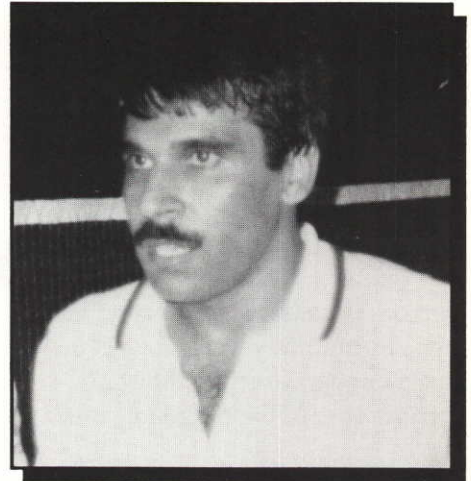
Wadood smoothly handled Tony Alston in the semis and Peter Baum in the singles finals. Wadood and Dean Schoppe barely held off Marty French and Paul McAdam 18-17 in the third game in the doubles final.

Liz Aronsohn came away with the ladies singles trophy by beating Meiling Okuno in the finals 11-8, 11-8. Teoh and Crag beat Aronsohn and Von Heiland in the ladies doubles, and three Frenches and Sanjay Malde battled for the Mixed crown, with Marty and Linda defeating Ann and Sanjay.

There was a host of other winners as nearly 150 entrants competed in A, B and C flights, playing early-till-late in two full days.

A BADMINTON TEACHING PROGRESSION FOR BEGINNERS

By Tariq Wadood, U.S. National Coach



Tariq Wadood

What follows is a teaching sequence requiring about three hours which was recently implemented at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club by Tariq Wadood...

1) FOREHAND GRIP:

Shake hands with the racket grip, with a "V" formed on the top of the racket, fingers spread with the thumb reaching around to the third finger, and a pocket of air in the palm so that the racket is held more in the fingers than the palm.

- Bounce the shuttle on the racket using this grip.
- Turn the racket face over, and using the same grip bounce the shuttle.
- Alternate the faces of the racket while bouncing the shuttle.
- Walk while bouncing the shuttle.
- Run while bouncing the shuttle.

2) NET SHOTS:

A partner handfeeds with an underhand toss from across the net to a hitter who lunges from the short service line with their "racket-side" foot toward the net like a fencer.

Re-drop the shuttle just over the net to the handfeeder. Repeat several times, first on the forehand side of the court (racket held palm up), then on the backhand side (racket held palm down). Always lunge forward with the racket-side foot and reach out with your racket toward the net tape and shuttle. Let the shuttle hit the racket face, use very little swing.

Have the hitter start from the center court position about 3 feet behind the short service line. Feeder underhands the shuttle over the net to an area just over the net on the forehand side. Hitter steps toward

it quickly first with the opposite foot, then lunges with the racket-side foot, as above, trying to catch the shuttle as close to the net level as possible. Then retrace steps back to the center and repeat.

Play a net rally starting with an underhand shot then hit net shots until the rally ends.

3) LOW SERVES:

For the forehand low serve, hold the shuttle around the cork, which is

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pointed down. While standing with the racket-side shoulder away from the net, hold the shuttle straight out and in front of the front foot. Let the shuttle drop from your hand. Use the forehand grip on the racket, cock wrist and bring the racket through to hit the bird without breaking the wrist. The effect is to softly "push" the shuttle flatly over the net just hard enough to reach the short service line in the diagonal court.

For the backhand serve emphasize thumb placement on the back of the grip, elbow up, the arm is held straight out in front toward the net with the racket held so that it is pointing almost straight down. The racket-side foot is forward, the other foot is back to allow room for a back swing. Hold the shuttle parallel just in front of the bottom half of the racket face. The racket face must be below the waist. With an easy backswing that bends at the elbow, almost hit the shuttle out of the hand. Pair up players to practice the low serves repeatedly.

HIGH SINGLES SERVES...

Use the forehand grip, stand near the center line a racket's length behind the short service line, racket-side shoulder away from the net. Use same motion as low forehand serve, but add more backswing and upper-body rotation toward the net. Whip the wrist and racket through on contacting the shuttle and follow through across the front of the body. Body weight shifts from back to the front. The shuttle should travel high and deep to between the back two lines. Practice repeatedly and watch where the shuttle lands.

OVERHEAD CLEARS...

Practice standing facing the net with both arms (and the racket) held back

behind the head, let the racket head drop behind on to the back. Throw both arms up and forward (and the racket) toward the net at the same time. Practice rotating the racket forearm so that the racket face is flat toward the net.

Now change position so that the racket-side shoulder is away from the net, the body is perpendicular to the net. Racket should be held up. The opposite hand should point to the oncoming shuttle. Weight should be back on the racket-side foot. Then the weight shifts toward the front, the body rotates during the swing as the shuttle is contacted high above the front foot (see May 1988 issue, p. 18) and the racket follows through, like the second half of a quick tennis serve.

A partner handthrows shuttles from just across the net to a hitter standing midcourt. Throw the shuttles high and above the hitter's head to their forehand side, to force a fully vertically extended reaching swing.

Play a modified game using half a court from the center line to the outside sideline, serve high straight ahead, partner returns the serve with a high clear. Use only clears. Play 5 points and change partners. Two pairs can play on each court.

FOREHAND DROPS...

Hitter uses the same body positioning and stroke as the clear, except the swing is slowed and relaxed and the racket face is tilted slightly down at contact. Practice by having a partner stand just across the net and serve high to the hitter. First, hit one high serve and one return overhead drop, and stop and restart. Then, have the server return the drop with a high underhand clear so the shots can be continuous.

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This concludes practice session #1 for beginner players. Lesson #2 will include a practice sequence for the forehand smash, around-the-head clears, drops and smashes, and the backhand clear.

REGIONALIZATION from p. 8...

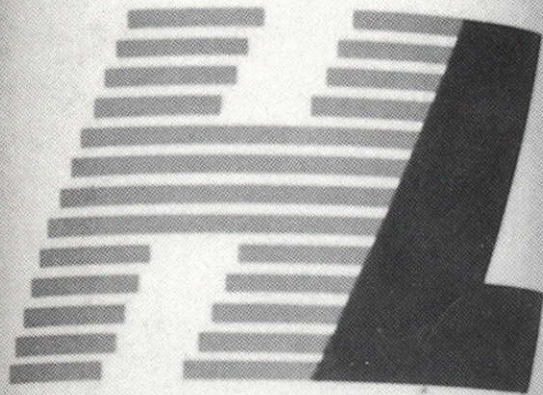
The National Office would remain the sanctioning body for all national and international events.

Most issues with the USBA can be broken down in much the same way. Reg'l programs would be handled at the reg'l level. Nat'l and int'l programs would be handled by the USBA Nat'l Office. It must be stressed that each region will be represented on the USBA Board of Directors, and thus on all issues there will be reg'l representation.

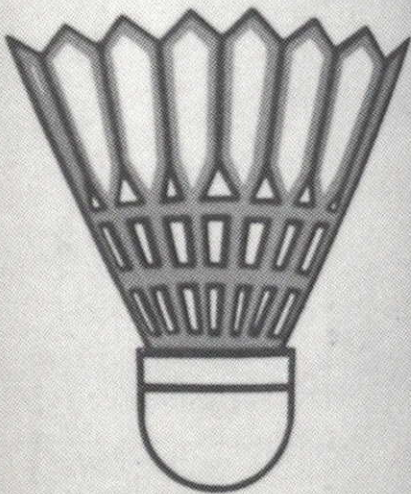
Eventually the goal is to use USBA memberships as a way to fund each region. In tennis, district and reg'l branches of the USTA receive back substantial funding based on the number of USTA members in their region. The USTA also generates millions of dollars at the U.S. Open to distribute. We are not yet at that stage, however, the concept of distributing more funds to regions with more USBA members is one that will entice reg'l assoc's to build USBA memberships in the future.

The USBA will receive in 1989 about \$200,000 from the USOC to be used to develop Olympic calibre athletes. The USOC has specific guidelines which must be followed, but does allow for some discretion on the part of the USBA. The USBA's present proposal to the USOC includes substantial funding to the regions specifically in the areas of elite player development and junior training. <END>

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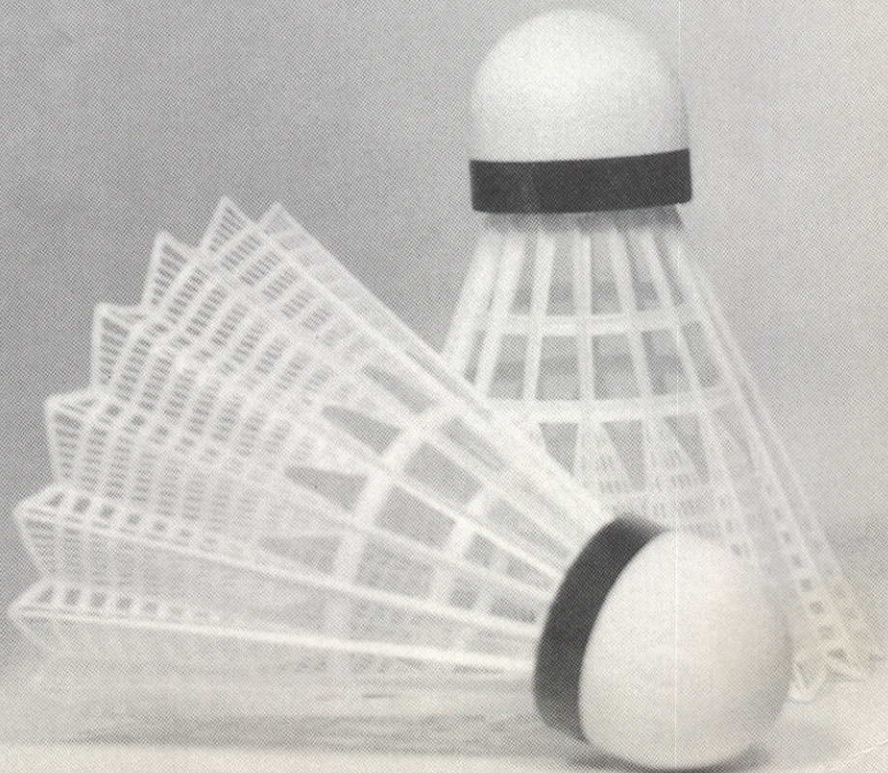
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