

Champs Battle In Tournament Of Flying Birds

With their rackets under their arms and shuttlecocks in their pockets, nearly two hundred of the world's top-notch badminton players descended on the campus this week to take part in the sixth annual National Badminton championships now under way in the new indoor stadium.

From all section of the country come these masters of the cork and feathers, with a large aggregation from the west coast leading the pack. Although some of the stars of previous years have traded in their rackets for rifles and are now serving in the armed forces, the leaders are all present to show Dukesters and Durhamites badminton the way it is played in championship circles.

Eight courts have been set up on the gym floor, and special lighting fixtures have been installed. This tournament marks the first time that any national sporting event has been held at the Duke university, and the first time that the national badminton championships have been conducted in the South. Students desiring to attend the semi-finals tonight or the final matches tomorrow evening will be admitted on presentation of their athletic books plus twenty-five cents.

The tournament began yesterday morning when Governor J. Melville Broughton served the first bird to officially open the annual event. Quarterfinal matches were played this morning, with the semi-finals scheduled for tonight.