

Out of the west come S. Keeter Erickson and Mrs. Hulet Smith, the team at left, and Evelyn Boldrick and Chet Ross, right, strong favorites in the National Hixed Doubles tourney, part of the annual United States Badminton title playoffs starting in Duke's indoor stadium next Thursday. Erickson and Mrs. Smith recently won the California State championship, while Miss Boldrick and Ross teamed up to take second place. Miss Boldrick is a strong contender for the Women's Singles honors.

# Governor Broughton To Open Badminton Matches Thursday

Governor J. Melville Broughton will but out the first bird to officially open the sixth annual United States Badminton Championships in the gymnasium on Thursday when almost 300 of the nation's foremost players from nearly every state in the Union gather for the three-day tournament.

Students who wish to attend the matches may get special student rates on their tickets, twenty-five cents plus student athletic book for admission to each of the evening sessions according to an announcement by Dayton Dean, business manager of athletics. Admission to the Thursday afternoon activities and any games which may be played on Friday afternoon will be free to the public, Dean said.

Big question of the tournament is who, if anybody, is going to stop triple king Dave Freeman. Out of the running because they are serving with the armed forces are number two player Ken Quigley, number four man John Murphy, and Southern tournament men's singles champion Johnny Ager, former star of the Duke tennis team..

Ken Davidson and Hugh Forgie, English-Canadian professional badminton stars who amazed a huge gallery with their "Flying Feathers" act last month on the Duke-North Carolina basketball card, will return to Durham to repeat their show for customers at the National Championships.

Freeman appears to be unchallenged for supremacy this year, particularly in the men's singles division, and if he drops any one of his three titles, it is

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most likely to be the mixed doubles. His style is described as "a combination of fly-swatting, tumbling, and Comanche war dance," and he is noted for spending half his time on the floor, making as many impossible shots from there as he does on his feet and yelling with delight when he makes a good shot. He seldom practices because, as he says, "It isn't fun, therefore, I don't do it."

Among the women, Evelyn Boldrick, UCLA student who won the national singles crown in 1940, is favored to regain it this season while Julia Pickens, from Charlotte, is making a bid for the title in the women's doubles division.

Opening-round play begins Thursday morning, April 2, and will continue through Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4. The large California contingent of competitors arrived in Durham yesterday, headed by champion Freeman. About half of the field of 300 is expected to register from various Southern states before play opens on Thursday.



### Will Appear In Badminton Tournament Here Next Week

Eye-filling Evelyn Boldrick of San Diego, Calif., will be favored to win the women's singles title when the sixth annual United States badminton championships open here next week. A former titleholder, she is expected to sweep through the big removal of Englishwoman Thelma Kingsx-year residence rule. With her ozen Californians to appear in the big Du-

### Governo. ..... **Open Tourney** At 10 O'clock

### Dave Freeman Is Favored To Keep His Championship

With a crack field bidding for top honors in one of America's fastest-growing sports, the sixth annual United States Badminton championships will get underway in the Duke University Gymnasium here this morning.

Adon Smith, national tourna-ment director, has announced the starting time for first-round matches has been moved to 10 A. M. The event was originally slated to open at 9:00.

Governor J. Melville Broughton of North Carolina will lend official

dignity to the grand opening by batting out the first shuttlecock.

There will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions today, disposing of all opening-round matches in the five general divisions-men's singles and doubles, ladies' singles and doubles, and mixed doubles.

#### FREEMAN FAVORITE

First-round interest—and interest throughout the tournament — will center around the personable Dave Freeman, Pomona College senior from Pasadena, Calif., who has scored "grand slams" in each of the last three tournaments.

Freeman is defending national champion in the men's singles and will begin the defense of his title in a first-round match against Dean Hammond of Charlotte at 10 A. M.

With Chester Goss of Hollywood, the collegian will seek his fourth straight men's doubles crown and will advance into the quarter-finals on a bye. And with Sally Williams, also of Pasadena, he will defend in the mixed doubles. The first test for this West Coast pair comes tonight against Bill Shreve and Charlotte Decker of Washing-

Attractive Evelyn Boldrick, U. C. L. A. co-ed, is favored in the women's singles, although her bid to regain the laurels she won in 1940 will be keenly disputed by Mary Whittemore Schlemn of Boston and Janet Wright of Oakland, Calif. Miss Boldrick will meet Valentine Edgar of New York in a first-round match at 11 o'clock this morning.

#### MIXED DOUBLES

Tournament officials predict that the best matches in the three-day tournament will come in the mixed doubles-the division drawing the largest number of entries. The supremacy of Freeman and Miss Williams will be severely challenged by such high-ranking teams as Goss and Miss Boldrick; Ken Quigley and Wanda Bergman; and Carl Loveday and Mary Hagan.

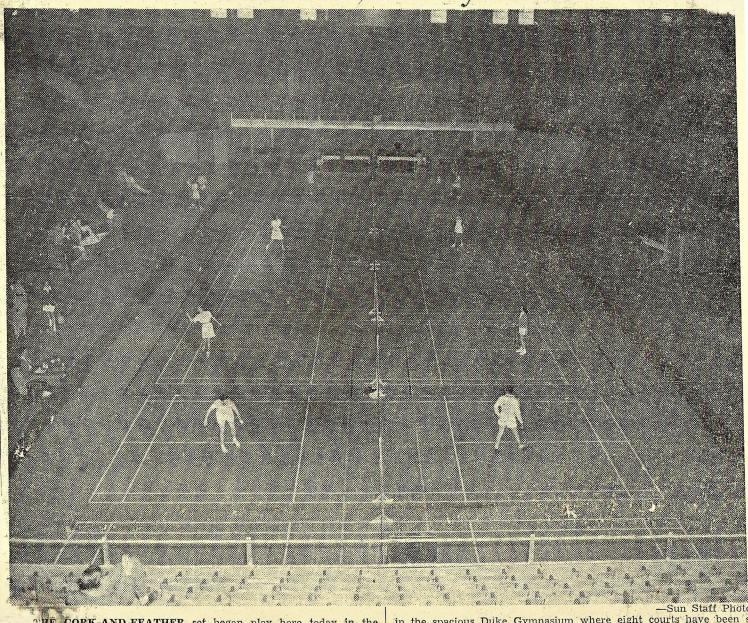
# Governor To Open Badminton Tourney

(Special to Daily News)
DURHAM, March 25.— Governor J. Melville Broughton will officially open the sixth annual United States badminton championship at. Duke gymnasium April 2; according to an announcement today by Aden Smith, of Charlotte, national tournament director of the American Badminton association.

His Excellency will bat out the bird to be used in the tourney, which brings together almost 300 of the country's finest players from nearly every state in the Union.

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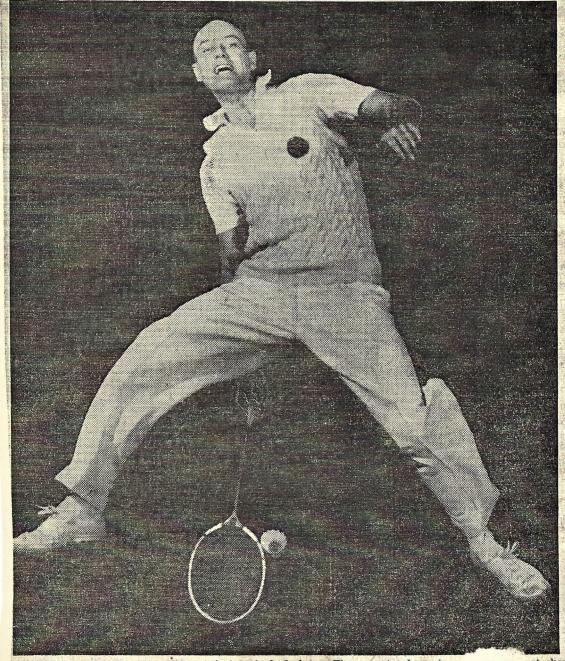


THE CORK-AND-FEATHER set began play here today in the National Badminton Tournament with a field of nearly 100 on hand for the three-day event. The tourney is being held in the spacious Duke Gymnasium where eight courts have been up, as shown in the above picture.

During the evening, those touring professional stars, Ken Davidson and Hugh Forgie, staged their "Flying Feathers" act and the fans who saw it will vote it the acme of sports entertainment. They were a wow.

They appeared in the uniforms, complete with headgear, of the uke Blue Devils of football and wined to the delight of the galaries.

# Tops With Birdie



THE BEST.—Ken Davidson (above) is tops in badminton. The expert, who puts o will play at Durham tomorrow night after the Duke-Carolina basketball game and night.

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# Freeman to Engage Lover

# Badminton **Favorites** Triumph

### **Play Continues** In National Meet At Duke

DURHAM, April 3.—(AP)—Dave Freeman, of Pasadena, Calif., seeking his fourth straight men's singles title, will meet Carl Loveday, of Montclair, Ind., in the finals of the sixth annual United States badminton championships.

Freeman, Pomona college senior, bettered his doubles partner, Chet Goss, of Hollywood, Calif., 15-1, 15-1 in tonight's semifinals. Love-

day was hard pressed to defeat Ken Quigley, of Cleveland in a spectacular match 15-13, 15-11.

Top-seeded Evelyn Boldrick, of San Diego, Calif., the defending champion, conquered Patsy Donovan, of Buffalo, N. Y., 11-0, 11-6 in the women's singles semifinals and will meet another Californian, Janet Wright, in the finals,

Third-seeded Miss Wright, who hails from San Francisco, upset Mary Whittemore Schelmn, No. 2 player, from Boston, Mass., 6-11, 11-6, 12-9 in the other semifinals match.

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Miss Boldrick, U. C. L. A. coed, and Miss Wright are partners in the women's doubles.

Freeman and Goss trounced Gustavson, of Westport, Conn., and F. N. Hind, of New York, 15-3, 15-4. Bill Faversnam and Wayne Schell, the Boston, Mass., tandem seeded No. 2, joined Freeman and Goss in the semi-finals by winning over Adolph Sack, of Montclair, N. J., and Herman Oppenheim, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., 15-8 and 17-4.

The No. 3 combination—Ken Quigley, of Cleveland, and Harry Conlan, of Philadelphia, triumphed over Stig Larson and Fritz Jasenski, of Connecticutt, 18-5, 15-13.

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The unseeded Philadelphia entry, Bill Warner and Harry Hackett, eliminated Robert Williams and Roderick Grieg, both of Niagara Falls, N. Y., 15-7, 15-7.

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In the women's doubles, Evelyn Boldrick, of San Diego, Calif., and Janet Wright, of San Francisco, Calif., top seeded, beat Julia Pickens, of Charlotte, and Ruth Jet, of San Diego, 15-7, 15-9.

Mary Whittemore Schlemm, of Boston, and Patsy Donovan, bf Buffalo, N. Y., seeded No. 2, defeated Shirley Lander and Helen Zabriski, the San Francisco team, 15-8, 10-15, 15-11.

Mrs. Roy Bergman, of Westport, Conn., and Helen Gibson, of Stamford, Conn., seeded No. 3, eliminated Wilma Shortz and Eleanor Coombs, of Chicago, 15-4, 15-5; and fourth seeded Mary Hagan, of Montclair, N. J., and Claire Mitchell, of Philadelphia, won over Sally Williams, of Pasadena, Calif., and Virginia Heaton, of Seattle, Wash., 12-15, 15-12 and 15-5.

Favorites all along the line advanced in the quarter-final singles matches earlier in the day.

Freeman and Sally Williams, of Pasadena, top team in the mixed doubles division, moved into the semi-finals by defeating Leland Gustavson and Helen Gibson, the Connection.

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## Quarter-Final Matches Set For Tonight

### Dave Freeman And Eveyn Bolderick **Among Winners**

By ADD PENFIELD

Only a mild upset in the men's doubles nudged the proverbial dope bucket yesterday as the nation's top-flight amateurs played through to the quarter-final rounds in the five divisions of the sixth annual United States badminton championships. pionships.

All day long, they batted the birds across the glittering hardwood of Duke University's spacious gymasium. And from start to finish, the slender, wiry figure of King David Guthrie Freeman dominated the scene.

It was Freeman-the blond Pomona College senior who hails from Pasadena, Calif., and is seeking his fourth "grand slam" in the nationals—who lured the crowds to his court and drew the applause. And so far, the tournment has produced no one to challenge the supremacy he has enjoyed since an April night in 1939.

Freeman advanced in the men's singles by first blasting Dean Hammond of Charlotte, 15-0, 15-3, and then doing a workmanlike job on Pete Snyder of Philadelphia, 15-4, 15-3. His opponent today will be Harry Conlan of Chicago.

Freeman advanced in the men's doubles with sterling help from Partner Chester Goss of Hollywood by stifling Jim Crafts and Nelson Howard from Boston in a secondround match, 15-2, 15-5. The California boys, who drew a bye in the first round, meet Lea Gustavson, Westport, Conn., and F. N. Hinds of New York in today's pair-

#### BREEZES THROUGH

And Freeman-with his pretty sidekick, Sally Williams, who also comes from Pasadena-breezed through the first two rounds of the mixed doubles by walloping Bill Shreve and Charlotte Decker of Washington, D. C., 15-7, 15-1, and Fritz Jasenski of Greenwich,

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# Freeman Gets Clean Sweep

DURHAM - (P) - David Guthrie Freeman, the Pomona College student from Pasadena, Calif., is the national badminton champion for the fourth time. In addition, he is co-holder of the men's doubles and mixed doubles titles.

He became the singles champion again Saturday night by defeating Carl Loyeday of Montclair, N. J., 15-5, 15-10, in the finals of the U. S. championships here.

Freeman teamed with Chester Goss of Hollywood, Calif., to defeat Bill Faversham and Wayne Schell, the Boston pair, in the doubles finals, 15-10, 15-7. Then Freeman and Sally Williams, also of Pasadena, defeated Loveday and Mary-Hagan of Montclair, 15-13, 7-15, 15-9, in the mixed doubles finals.

Evelyn Boldrick of San Diego, Calif., regained the women's singles crown with a 12-10, 11-3 vic-tory over Janet Wright of San Francisco. Miss Boldrick won the title in 1940 but lost in the 1941 finals to Thelma Kingsbury of England, who did not compete nere.

Lealand Gustavson of Westport, Conn., and F. N. Hinds of New York won the veterans' doubles title by defeating Don Richard-son of Brookline, Mass., and Phil Richardson of Boston, 15-9, 5-15,

Miss Boldrick and Miss Wright won the women's doubles title with a 17-15, 15-10 victory over a Connecticut duo, Mrs. Roy Bergman of Westport and Helen Gibson of Stamford.

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# **Tourney Comes** To Close Here In Duke Gym

#### Boldrick To Face Wright In Final Women's Contest

By ADD PENFIELD

They'll be playing the finals of the sixth annual United States Badminton championships out at Duke Gymnasium tonight. The starting time is 8 o'clock, and those who like their badminton—and those who are rapidly learning to like it -are bound to be there.

In those championship matches, the devotees of the bird-hopping game will see one of the greatest amateur performers to whack away with a racket since those slightly-indisposed English officers had their great awakening almost half

their great awakening almost half a century ago.

He's slight of build, blond of hair, inclined to give the galleryites their show. He's the Babe Ruth-Bobby Jones-Big Bill Tilden of badminton. And unless there's an upset of astounding proportions, he'll win his fourth straight national singles title in the Blue Devil harn tonight barn tonight.

David Guthrie Freeman's name. In his march to the finals of the men's singles division, he has bowled over four opponents, yielding no more than 4 points in

yielding no more than 4 points in any one game. He's lost only 16 points, all told.

GIVES NO MERCY

Last night in the semi-finals, the young man from Pasadena, Calif., showed his doubles partner and fellow-Californian, Chester Goss, no mercy. He walloyed the larky no mercy. He walloped the lanky Hollywood entrant, 15-1, 15-1, pulling every shot out of the bag, just as he did in eliminating Harry Conlan of Chicago in the quarterfinals yesterday morning.

Freeman's championship opponent tonight will be the slick-haired youngster from Montclair, N. J., Carl Loveday, seeded No. 2 and capable of giving Dave a and capable of giving Dave a brush. But tournament observers figure Loveday will do little more

than that.

Loveday got where he is by bouncing out Harry Hackett of Philadelphia in the quarter finals and then outlasting courageous Ken Quigley, the Army airman from Cleveland, last night, 15-13, 15-11.

Hence, to the lovely ladies. The national championship in the women's singles will be decided to-night by a couple of California lasses—Evelyn Boldrick of San Diego and Janet Wright of San

Francisco.

Miss Boldrick's presence on fame's doorstep is no surprise. She won the title in 1940, and since Thelma Kingsbury, who beat her in last year's finals, is not among those present this year, beauteous be heavy favorite.

She copped her semi-finals match with not too much exertion, beating Patsy Donovan, the popular Iris hgirl from Buffalo, N. Y., 11—0, 11—6. In the quarter-finals yesterday morning, she trounced Claire Mitchell of Philadelphia, 11-0,

But Miss Wright, seeded No. 3 had to pull an upset to earn the right to meet her doubles partner for the top honors. She had to whip Mrs. Mary Whittemore Schlemn, second-seeded and a former national titleholder, in last night's penultimates.

HAS THE STUFF

But Janet had the stuff. She dropped the first game to the Boston southpaw, 6—11, but came back to win the second, 11—6. After a five-minute rest, they went at it again. With the score tied at 9—all, Miss Wright ran out the three winning points with a splendid exhibition of class.

The seedings stood up in the men's doubles. Defending Champions Freeman and Goss, by win-ning over Quigley and Conlan in the semi-finals, will tangle tonight with the second-seeded tandem of Bill Faversham and Wayne Schell, both of Boston, who batted out a hard-fought victory over Bill Warner and Harry Hackett of Philadelphia.

There was a minor upset in the women's dobles. Mrs. Roy Berg-man of Westport, Conn., and Helen Gibson of Stamford, Conn., won a spectacular decision over the sec-ond-ranking team of Mrs. Schlemn and Miss Donovan, 17-14, 6-15,

The Nutmegers tonight will make their bid against the top-seeded combination of Miss Boldrick and Miss Wright, who advanced to the Hagan of Montclair, N. J., and Claire Mitchell, 15—12, 15—1.

In the mixed doubles, the defending this team.

ing title team-Dave Freeman (you guessed it) and Sally Williams, who also hails from Pasadena—topped Stig Larson of Cos Cob, Conn., and Claire Mitchell, Philadelphia, 15-8, 18-13

TONIGHT'S PAIRINGS

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Women's singles: Miss Boldrick Miss Wright.

vs. Miss Wright. Women's doubles: Boldrick and Wright vs. Bergman and Gibson.

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