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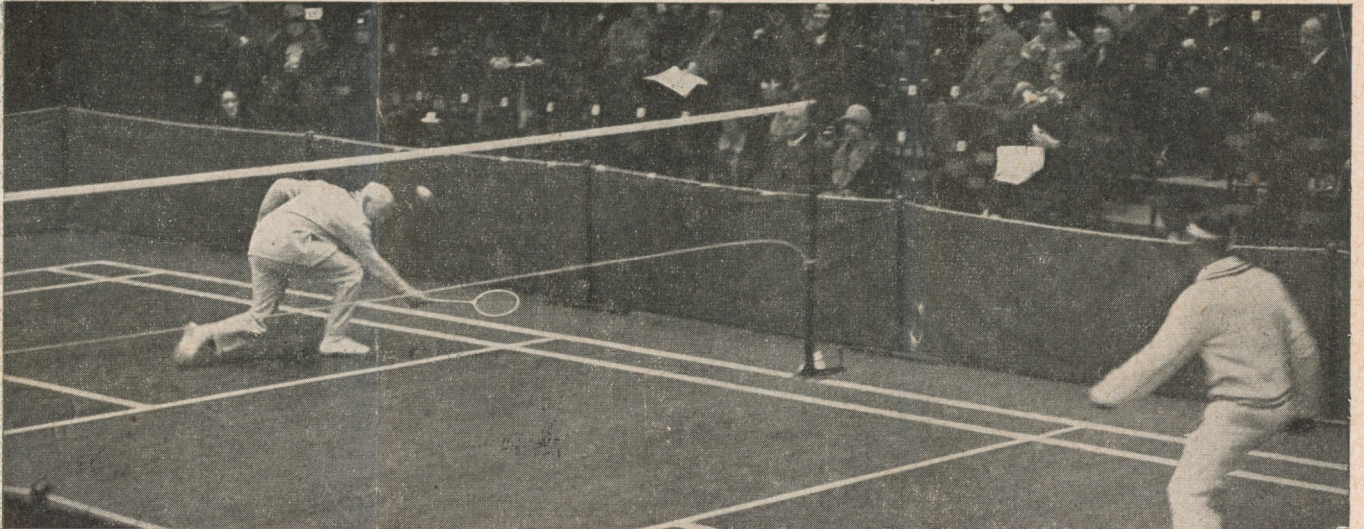
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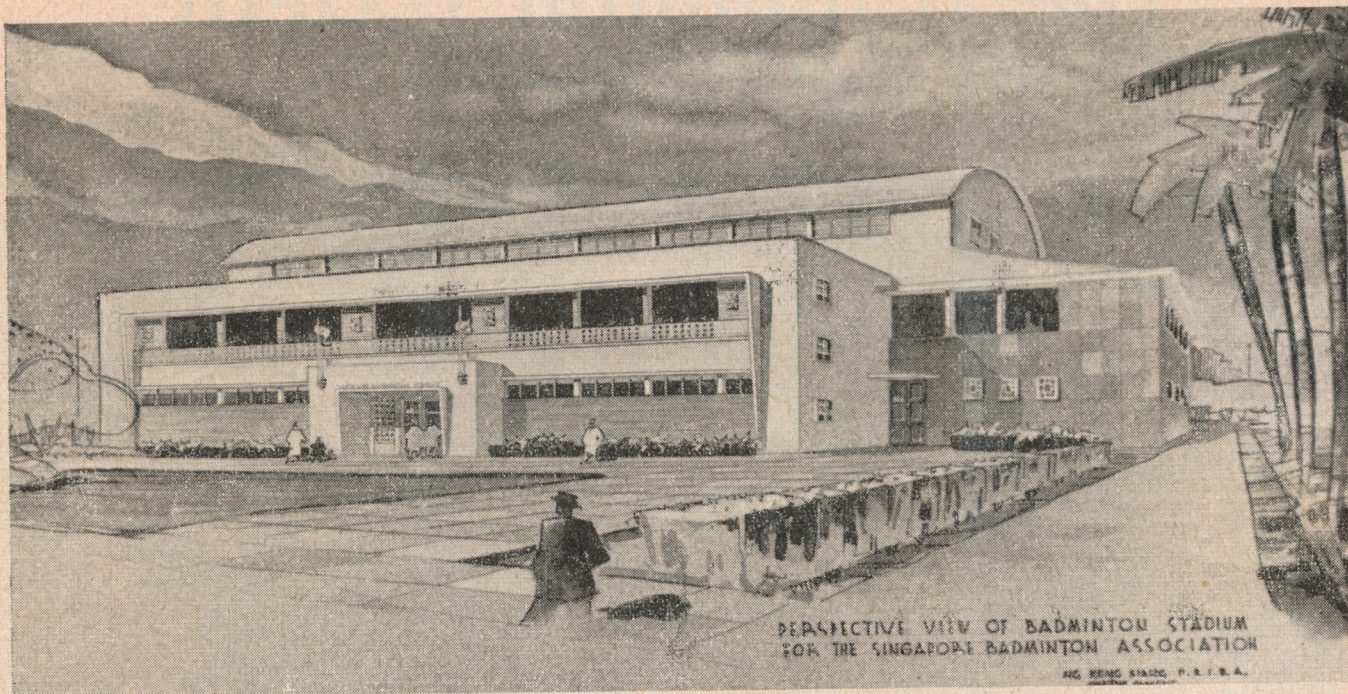
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THE NEW HALL NOW BEING BUILT BY THE SINGAPORE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION FOR THE THOMAS CUP CHALLENGE TIE
The Building will house 9,000 spectators and will cost about £60,000.

International Prospects

It looks like being a pretty busy season for England's international players, for apart from the three friendly and annual fixtures against Ireland, Scotland and Sweden, there is also the second Thomas Cup contest which may well provide us with three ties again, just as it did three years ago. Indeed, our opposition should be identical. We have already beaten France in Paris, and now look forward to meeting the Scots in the second round at Nottingham on the first two days of February. Should success reward the efforts of our representatives, they will then be called upon to oppose either Denmark or Sweden in the European Zone final. That tie is certain to be played in England if we are concerned, for we are not likely to relinquish our rights of choosing the venue, and it can be forecast that it will take place at or about the time of the All-England Championships in mid-March in which the visiting team will, of course, take part.

Our prospects of beating the Scots are good. We can take a line on the identical tie of 1948-49 when England won by 8 matches to 1. Since then we have met Scotland in three friendly encounters and won each by scores of 7-2, 8-1 and 9-0. It must, however, be remembered that friendly fixtures include events for ladies as well as men, and also that the composition of the matches is also quite different, even as far as the purely men's are concerned. Though the Thomas Cup method

is likely to assist Scotland more than it will England, since a team can get along quite nicely with only four players if it so desires, English followers would not be unduly optimistic in looking for a Sasenach success. All the same, Scotland's side can be expected to be rather stronger than it was three years ago. There is no doubt that Scottish play is on the upgrade.

Of possible final prospects, it is a little early to speak, though whatever one may wish, it must be conceded that the odds of victory over either Denmark or Sweden are not very hopeful, for we have not looked like defeating either opponent in any post-war friendly fixtures.

However, before we come to more Thomas Cup struggles, two annual friendly engagements will focus attention. The 38th clash with the Irish is scheduled to be played at Hove on January 3rd. We have never yet lost to Ireland, but he would be a bold man to suggest that we are unlikely to lose this season. Reference need only be made to the scores of the Ireland — Denmark Thomas Cup tie to receive proof of the growing strength of the "wearers of the green." In the last three meetings, England has won by scores of 5-4, 6-3 and 5-4, and these results were close enough in all conscience, even closer than the final mathematical score might indicate. The superior strength of our ladies has assisted very materially; this year, however, we shall be without our one and only Mrs.

Uber, and her absence abroad is bound to be severely felt. In any event, this England v. Ireland match should be more than well worth seeing.

Before meeting the Scots in the Thomas Cup, we shall be meeting them in friendly manner (though our Thomas Cup struggle will be equally friendly!) in Edinburgh on January 17th. We ought certainly to maintain our intact record here. It seems a pity, really, that the dates of the two friendly fixtures with Ireland and Scotland could not be transposed, for our newly selected team, with its different partnerships, could do with some sterling practice before opposing the Irish, but that just could not be.

Another friendly fixture is the annual one with Sweden, to be played at Malmo on April 3rd. This will be the fourth time of our playing the Swedes, but it will be the first time that ladies will be included in the two teams. This factor may well be sufficient to turn the scale in England's favour, for the strength of Sweden's ladies is reputed to be below our own. The sides here will consist of four men and two ladies each.

The annual fixture with the Danes will not take place this season. This is due to mutual agreement owing to the anticipated heavy Thomas Cup commitments of both nations. It will, of course, be resumed in 1952-53 when the Danes will be due to visit England again.

The Thomas Cup

England's Victory in France

Frenchmen Show Great Improvement over former Efforts—Great Parisian Welcome for first official International Team to Visit France

England won her first round Thomas Cup tie against France in Paris last week-end by 9 matches to 0 and so qualified to play Scotland at Nottingham on February 1st and 2nd.

Play took place at the magnificent headquarters of the Racing Club de France, and there the Frenchmen showed that their general standard had improved considerably over the form seen at Ilford in the corresponding fixture of three years earlier.

The England team consisted of H. Morland (captain), K. R. Greasley, H. R. Marsland, N. B. Radford, A. B. Renton and W. Shute. The five singles were all won without loss of a game, though the improved play of the young Lyonnais, Paul Ailloud, was very nearly responsible for the third string match being extended to a final game.

In the top singles matches Henri Pellizza, the French number one, played well in both his encounters. He put up a most creditable performance against Greasley in the opening match of the tie when he held the Englishman to 12-11 in the first game. Had Pellizza varied his tactics just a little more he would have done even better, for his length was usually consistent, but he was prone to play too much to his opponent's back-hand corner. Pellizza did well, too, in the second game against Radford though he was disconcerted by the Warwickshire man's deception.

Neither Englishman was seriously troubled by Yves Baudoin whose footwork was not quite so fluent as Pellizza's.

Both the doubles on the first day were easily won by England, largely through, at times, really bad serving on the part of all the Frenchmen.

Ailloud's Great Effort

It was the 20-year-old Ailloud who gave the first glimpse of the French men's ability to extend their foes when he put up a really good show against Marsland. In each game he was able to establish a useful lead which he owed in a large measure to some fine cross-court drops and excellent mobility. He was twice within a point of winning the second game before setting.

Ailloud's effort, which came unfortunately after the tie had been won and lost, was contagious. Both Pellizza and Baudoin, the latter in particular, showed great improvement in the ensuing doubles and their effort was rewarded by the win of the second game against Renton and Shute. In this match, Pellizza was always menacing, and, with his partner playing largely for safety, there were several fine rallies.

During their stay of three nights in the French capital, the English team who were accompanied by Messrs R. Gathier, the French representative on the International Badminton Federation, and H. A. E. Scheele, its honorary secretary, and five supporters in the wives of the travellers, were royally entertained by their hosts.

Excitement began early when the outgoing flight was eventually cancelled because of fog after some two hours waiting for this decision to be reached. The ten due to travel on this plane had barely 25 minutes notice to get from Kensington to Victoria with all their luggage already impounded — and no reservations, of course — to catch the Golden Arrow. How this was accomplished with seconds to spare was never quite understood, but accomplished it was. The remaining three, travelling by a later plane, were astonished to find themselves first at the team's Paris headquarters.

On that evening, Friday, an excellent welcome was extended at the Racing Club, and many friendships of former years were re-cemented. Shopping covered the Saturday morning and some practice on the match court was indulged in that afternoon. After the first evening's play both teams dined together quite informally at the club.

Sunday was a day of sight-seeing, and both Michel Marret the French non-playing captain, and Baudoin very kindly placed themselves and their cars at the disposal of the visitors. Many famous places, including Versailles, were visited before play was resumed at 5.30.

The Official Dinner

In the evening the English party were all the guests of their hosts at an official dinner at the Racing Club. M. Raymond Rodel, a former president of the Federation Francaise de Lawn Tennis, was in the chair, and the party numbered about 50 in all. There, after the chairman's welcome, M. Rene Mathieu, in the course of a witty speech, presented everyone, ladies included, with valued mementos of the first visit of an official English international team, both from the Commission Centrale de Badminton and from the City of Paris. Morland and Scheele, who had been honorary referee, both replied to toasts.

Later, several of the visitors were entertained by M. and Mme. Marret at their home.

A very early rise on Monday was necessary to catch the plane home. This time the party was more fortunate in its travelling arrangements though fog did contrive to delay the take-off.

Of the entertainment extended in Paris it would be impossible to speak too highly. M. Mathieu, in particular, was kindness personified. Nothing was too much trouble, and it was to him principally that the visitors were mostly indebted for their wonderful week-end. The preparations which he had made were most extensive and thoughtful, and Badminton in France is more than fortunate in having such a keen enthusiast in command.

Mr. Gathier must also be thanked for all his organisation at the London end and for acting as such an excellent manager during the stay in France.

France v. England

Played in Paris on December 15th and 16th and won by England by 9 matches to 0. Scores (England names first):—

Singles: K. R. Greasley beat Henri Pellizza, 15-11, 15-7; beat Yves Baudoin, 15-7, 15-4. N. B. Radford beat Baudoin, 15-2, 15-6; beat Pellizza, 15-0, 15-8. H. R. Marsland beat Paul Ailloud, 15-12, 17-14.

Doubles: W. Shute and A. B. Renton beat Maurice Mathieu and Michel Le Renard, 15-2, 15-4; beat Pellizza and Baudoin, 15-12, 5-15, 15-3. Greasley and Marsland beat Pellizza and Baudoin, 15-5, 15-4; beat Mathieu and Le Renard, 15-2, 15-3.

Where the Tie was Played

The Racing Club de France, where the recent tie between France and England took place, has to be seen to be believed. The headquarters of this famous organisation, the largest sports club in the world—it has 17,000 active members—is a huge five storey building with basement containing every conceivable adjunct of which any club could wish for. Magnificent committee rooms, restaurant facilities and four covered tennis courts at once strike the eye.

Apart from this wonderful edifice in the Rue Eble, the R.C.F. has most extensive outdoor grounds in the Bois de Boulogne where 42 tennis courts and a large swimming pool predominate. At Colombes there are 21 football pitches among many other amenities.

The Racing Club was founded in 1882 in a very modest way. Its growth to its present enormity is a credit to the tremendous number of sports enthusiasts which its manifold activities have attracted to membership over the years. The present president is M. Pierre Gillou, forever famous for his captaincy of successful French Davis Cup teams. He honoured the Thomas Cup tie by his presence on the Sunday. M. Rene Mathieu is now a Member of Honour of the club, one of the only two such in fact.

Thomas Cup Notes

Second Round Ties

The second round tie between Scotland and England will be played at Nottingham on Friday and Saturday, February 1st and 2nd.

The second round tie between Denmark and Sweden will take place at Copenhagen on Sunday and Monday, February 17th and 18th.

The winners of these two ties will meet in the European Zone final for the right to play India, Pacific Zone winners, in the first inter-zone tie. Choice of courts for the European final will devolve upon either Scotland or England, regardless of the result of the tie in the lower half of the draw.

The American Zone

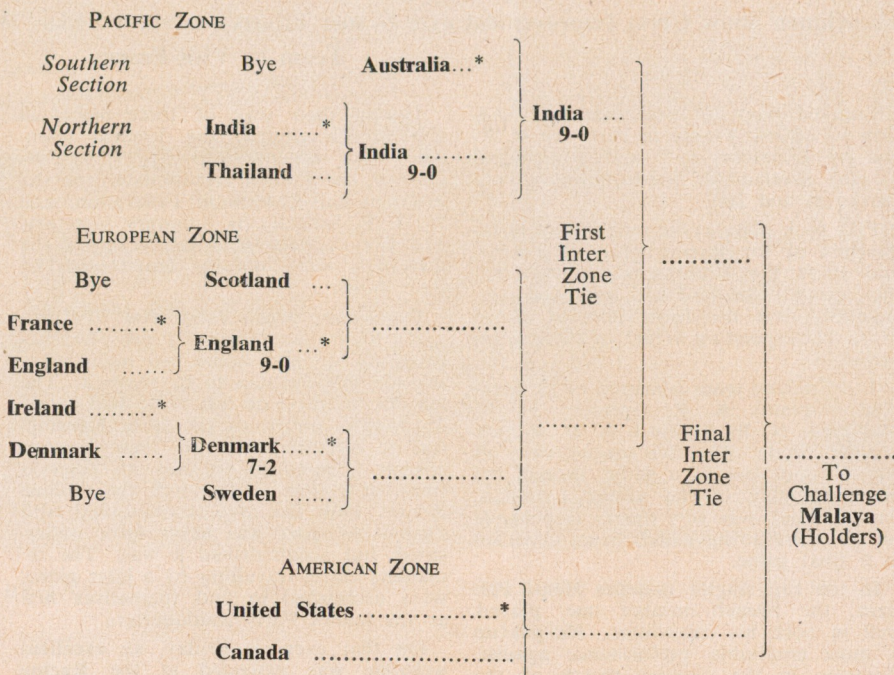
No final arrangement has yet been come to with regard to the playing of the only American Zone tie. Both the U.S.A. and Canada are handicapped through some of their players living in East and others being resident on the Pacific coast. In order to cut eventual expenses it is possible, so it is understood, that the tie may be played on the Pacific coast very late in the season with the winning team going straight on to Malaya for the final inter-zone tie.

A Special Hall is being Built for the Challenge Round

A new hall is now in course of erection in Singapore for the Thomas Cup challenge round, scheduled to be played there on May 31st and June 1st, 1952. The plans of the building indicate that it will contain space for four courts and a capacity for 9,000 spectators to view the play. The funds for erecting the hall are being raised largely by public subscription, and there is also strong hope of governmental assistance in this direction. The cost is estimated to be Malayan \$500,000, which is the rough equivalent of £60,000. The Singapore Badminton Association is the organisation responsible for its erection, and it is no secret that Mr. Lim Chuan Geok, the president of that body, is the man mostly responsible for this wonderful enterprise. We publish a photograph of the architect's drawing of what the building will look like from the exterior on page 66.

The International Badminton Championship

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Terminal Dates for Completion of Rounds.

- Pacific Zone — First Round by June 30th, 1951.
Final Round by October 31st, 1951.
- European Zone — First Round by December 31st, 1951.
Second Round by February 17th, 1952.
Final Round by March 31st, 1952.
- American Zone — No terminal dates fixed.
- Inter-Zone Ties — If played in Malaya, within two weeks preceding the Challenge Tie.
- Challenge Tie — To be played at Singapore on May 31st and June 1st, 1952.

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Miss Andrews Gets Her Colours

She is only new Choice in England Team to meet Ireland—Upsets of Expectations in Barnt Green Trials

Only one new choice was made for the England team to oppose Ireland at Hove on January 3rd. This is Miss Esme Andrews of Middlesex who played in the international trials for the first time this season, and emerged with two fine wins and no losses to her credit against past international pairs.

The full team selected is as follows:—

W. G. P. Birtwistle (Lancashire)
K. R. Greasley (Northamptonshire)
H. R. Marsland (Yorkshire)
N. B. Radford (Warwickshire)
W. Shute (Kent)
H. J. Wingfield (Kent)
Miss E. F. Andrews (Middlesex)
Mrs. L. R. Ludlam (Cheshire)
Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber (Sussex)

The reserves are J. R. Best (Kent), A. D. Jordan (Cheshire), A. B. Renton (Hampshire), W. E. Smith (Cheshire), Miss D. B. Grace (Essex) and Miss I. E. O'Beirne (Sussex).

Mrs. Uber was not available for selection owing to absence abroad, and W. A. Robinson of Cheshire had opted to make himself available for Scotland under a birth qualification.

Among the men, one change was made from the side originally chosen for "England" in the trials. This was the preference of Birtwistle for Renton. Similarly, Miss O'Beirne lost her place to Miss Andrews. The two "Rest" players

thoroughly earned their promotion, whilst another who was unlucky to be omitted on her play in the trials was Miss Grace, who, like Miss Andrews, was also undefeated.

Many will regret that the average age of the England team is no lower than it has been of recent years, but it must be recorded that as a result of the Barnt Green matches, the older players proved that they are still better than their younger rivals, though both A. D. Jordan and J. R. Best showed that they are not now far behind. Together, these two put up a fine fight against two seasoned campaigners in Radford and Renton, despite their handicap of never having seen each other before. The crowd was with them all the way, and great was the applause when the two comers drew up to 14-all in the third game after making up a good deal of leeway. But they were beaten on the post in the end.

Mrs. Ludlam also earned a return to the international side. At Barnt Green she was quite the outstanding net player, though Mrs. Saunders ran her close with her usual most graceful style of play.

The Rest's Four Wins

England only beat The Rest by 7 matches to 4, a result which indicates four upsets of anticipated form. Two of these were in the ladies' doubles, both of which went the wrong way according to the choice of teams. But Mrs. Ludlam's place on the probables side was due to her mixed play, and her partner, Mrs. Durringer, who came in for Mrs. Uber, was, we understand, suffering from a slight back injury. Against that, however, Miss Andrews and Miss Grace were far too good for the Sussex pair, Mrs. Webber and Miss O'Beirne, the latter of whom was much below par.

The other two losses were in the mixed where Birtwistle and Miss Andrews proved comfortable winners over Renton and Mrs. Durringer and W. E. Smith and Miss Grace just got the better of Wingfield and Miss O'Beirne, a very creditable victory for the former pair which was quite a scratch combination.

In actual fact, The Rest might well have proved victorious altogether, for two of the men's doubles matches were very much "touch and go." In the top encounter Marsland and Greasley had to stave off any number of match points against Birtwistle and Smith in the second game, and, as already stated, Best and Jordan certainly came within shouting distance of upsetting Radford and Renton.



MISS E. F. ANDREWS
Honoured for the first time.

Both the singles matches were a little one-sided, though Maurice Robinson once again demonstrated his fine style of play and easy movement of foot, as befits a first-class cricketer, when causing Greasley to set the second game of their encounter. J. D. McColl was not only out of practice but also a little nervous, and Radford had a comfortable passage.

Apart from those who took part in the trials, A. W. Horden of Essex and Miss A. Blathway of Somerset were also invited but were unable to accept.

England v. The Rest

Played at Barnt Green on December 8th, and won by England by 7 matches to 4. Scores (England names first):

K. R. Greasley beat M. Robinson, 15-8, 18-14.
N. B. Radford beat J. D. McColl, 15-9, 15-3.

H. R. Marsland and K. R. Greasley beat W. G. P. Birtwistle and W. E. Smith, 12-15, 15-14, 15-11. H. J. Wingfield and W. Shute beat M. Robinson and J. D. McColl, 15-6, 15-6.
N. B. Radford and A. B. Renton beat J. R. Best and A. D. Jordan, 15-8, 4-15, 17-14.

Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber and Miss I. E. O'Beirne lost to Miss D. B. Grace and Miss E. F. Andrews, 4-15, 7-15. Mrs. L. R. Ludlam and Mrs. V. E. Durringer lost to Mrs. G. F. Saunders and Mrs. C. M. Robinson, 12-15, 11-15.

H. R. Marsland and Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber beat J. R. Best and Mrs. C. M. Robinson, 15-10, 15-10. W. Shute and Mrs. L. R. Ludlam beat A. D. Jordan and Mrs. G. F. Saunders, 15-17, 15-6, 15-6.

A. B. Renton and Mrs. V. E. Durringer lost to W. G. P. Birtwistle and Miss E. F. Andrews, 12-15, 6-15. H. J. Wingfield and Miss I. E. O'Beirne lost to W. E. Smith and Miss D. B. Grace, 15-10, 16-17, 13-15.



MRS. L. R. LUDLAM
Who regained her place.

We Wish All Our Readers A Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year

A Grave Crisis in Malayan Badminton

Four of World's Finest Players are Suspended by Singapore B.A.—Players Accuse Association of Dictatorship

By "INVICTA"

A very grave crisis in Malayan Badminton affairs has been brought on by the differences between the Singapore Badminton Association and the four leading players of that colony which have seriously disturbed all right-thinking people interested in the game throughout the whole Federation of Malaya.

As a result of the quarrel, the Singapore Badminton Association took action on December 5th and suspended indefinitely the following four world-famous players:

Wong Peng Soon

Ong Poh Lim

Ismail bin Marjan

Cheong Hock Leng

Suspension is a very drastic action indeed, and its rarity in Badminton is proof of the general very healthy state of the game. Actually, we can only call to mind one or two previous cases of a similar nature; they occurred across the Atlantic many years ago, and in each case the players concerned took up the game professionally.

What precipitated the argument between the players and their local association is not easy to discover at this great distance. But it seems that the Singapore B.A. asked the players for statements of accounts of their tour to Europe last March and April in order to safeguard their amateur status and to preclude any possibility of any charge of "shamateurism" being made against them. That certainly does read like an inferred charge, for who else but the players' own local or national association could bring such a charge against them, anyway?

The players replied to that with the statement that after so many months lapse of time they were no longer able to acquiesce. Eventually, after many hasty meetings and the inevitable press references, the players wrote to the press challenging the Singapore B.A. to prove that they had infringed their amateur status, and also accused the Association of assuming a dictatorial attitude.

The players were asked to apologise for publishing such a statement, but they stuck to their guns and refused. And it is owing to that attitude that suspension has now been passed upon them.

The press in all parts of Malaya has taken the matter up very strongly, as can be imagined, and considerable feeling has been aroused. One query which has been raised concerns, of course, the implied suggestion that the players did, in the

minds of the Association committee, commit some act of, or bordering on, professionalism. Surprise has been expressed that if this is so, it is astonishing that the Association has not confronted the "rebels," as they have become termed, with the charges. And, it must be said that, from a European outlook, this does seem strange.

At the head of the Singapore B.A. is Mr. Lim Chuan Geok, its president, who was captain and manager of the 1948-49 victorious Thomas Cup team, and one fears that the present state of affairs is the outcome of a general antagonistic feeling which has gradually sprung up between him and his committee and some of the leading Malayan players.

What suspicions the Singapore B.A. can be harbouring against Wong Peng Soon, Ong Poh Lim, Ismail bin Marjan and Cheong Hock Leng, is most difficult to imagine. When the players came to Europe it was understood that one of them, at least, was sent over to Europe

by his firm, and that at least two others came here by public subscription which raised sufficient funds for their voyage. Whilst here, the players took part in the All-England Championships and the Danish Championships, and also in two or three smaller tournaments and in some exhibition matches sponsored by recognised associations. In the case of the exhibition matches they may have received, and probably did receive, their bare travelling costs to the matches from their headquarters in London, and perhaps had their hotel bills met by whatever association had invited them, this being quite the usual state of affairs anywhere, and absolutely in accord with amateur regulations.

The International Effect

It may be asked what effect this suspension will have on the players, and whether it will prevent them from taking part in such tournaments as the All-England Championships. At the moment that is uncertain. One of the purposes for the existence of the International Badminton Federation is to observe "mutual recognition of penalties inflicted on its own members by any national organisation." The Singapore B.A. is not a member of the I.B.F. It ranks as an affiliated state association of the Badminton Association of Malaya. It seems, therefore, that the action of the Singapore B.A. must be considered by the B.A. of Malaya, and only if and when the latter confirms the Singapore action and itself passes suspension on the players, can the other national organisations belonging to the I.B.F. take cognisance of the position and observe the penalties.

In summing up, it is difficult indeed to believe that the four players did anything over here to merit the severe action just taken. All of them were proud of their amateur status. They had the opportunity of coming to Europe and came in the same way that any other players would accept such opportunities to see the world.

Should the B.A. of Malaya itself suspend the players, it seems that it may go hard with Malaya when the time comes round next May to defend the Thomas Cup. That, however, is merely a matter of a domestic nature, but we feel, somehow, that wiser counsels will soon prevail, and that a full enquiry on Malayan national level may help to bury the hatchet. It is sincerely to be hoped that this will happen. The four players mentioned were very popular on European soil, and they were fine ambassadors of their country, not only as Badminton players but also as excellent sportsmen.

The Suspended Players

Wong Peng Soon won the All-England singles championship both in 1950 and 1951. He also won the Danish Championship in 1951, and a few months ago won the All-Malayan singles title for the sixth time. He is generally regarded as the world's leading singles exponent.

Ong Poh Lim was runner-up in both the singles and the doubles at the last All-England Championships, and he also won the men's doubles at the Danish Championships. He was a member of the 1948-49 Malayan Thomas Cup team and was men's doubles champion of Malaya in 1950.

Ismail bin Marjan is Ong Poh Lim's regular doubles partner. With him he won the Malayan doubles championship in 1950 and the Danish doubles championship in 1951. He was also runner-up in the doubles at the last All-England Championships. He is a Malay and speaks very little English.

Cheong Hock Leng was sent over to England last February largely as a result of his sensational victory in singles over Wong Peng Soon in the final of the 1950 Singapore Championships. He disappointed in Europe where he was never happy with the climatic conditions.

The 33rd Northern Tournament

E. B. Choong and H. A. Heah Share Singles and Doubles—W. A. Robinson and Miss Fearnie Triumph in Strong Mixed Entry—Two Titles for Home Players

by H. M.

The thirty-third Northern Badminton Championships were held at the Claughton Club, Birkenhead, on November 22nd, 23rd and 24th. In numbers the entry was down but the quality was as good as ever. There were a number of surprises and the home club is to be congratulated on producing the winners of both the mixed and ladies' doubles.

The men's singles included the leading international singles players of the British Isles with the exception of N. B. Radford and H. J. Wingfield. E. B. Choong beat H. A. Heah in the final, 15-9, 15-9. Heah was suffering from a cold and appeared somewhat tired, but the game was always hard and some beautiful Badminton was seen. Choong was only exerted by F. W. Peard in the semi-final, the loser reaching double figures in each game. The Cheshire second team player, C. W. Kay, did well to take a game from Peard in the first round.

Heah was not really tested in his half although A. D. Jordan showed his promise, and the Scottish international, J. A. Russell, played well, particularly in the first game. H. R. Marsland won a hard match with W. A. Robinson, but was subsequently beaten in two games by the young Irishman, J. P. Doyle.

Miss O'Beirne won the ladies' singles after beating the holder, Mrs. Dean, 11-6, 11-6, in the final. The winner always had the game in hand and had no difficulty in reaching that stage. A fine performance by the Cheshire 2nd team player, Miss Rosson, was a feature of the other half; she gave Mrs. Dean a very hard fight in a three game semi-final.

Nichols and Jordan in Final

The two Malaysians, Choong and Heah, were in a class by themselves in the men's doubles. The main points of interest were the defeats of the Irishmen, Peard and Doyle, by the Cheshire pair, R. Pickin and R. V. Dolman, in the first round; of H. R. Marsland and P. B. Brayshay by A. D. Lord and J. H. Kellett; and the good performance of R. C. F. Nichols and A. D. Jordan in reaching the final. It was pleasant to see Nichols playing with the promising young Cheshire player; it is doubtful if there is a player in the world with Nichols' experience and knowledge of the game.

The ladies' doubles produced the most exciting final of the tournament. The Cheshire pair, Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Lord, won against Miss O'Beirne and Miss Stone after having match point against them. Mrs. Dean was the outstanding player of the four. The winners had a hard semi-final with Mrs. Cuerden and Mrs. Kelly, and it was good to see Mrs. Craine and Miss Cottier, part of the enthusiastic and welcome contingent from the Isle of Man, in the semi-final.

The mixed doubles produced some of

the most interesting Badminton of the day, and it was surprisingly but worthily won by the Cheshire pair. W. A. Robinson and Miss Fearnie, who beat Heah and Mrs. Ludlam fairly comfortably in the final. It is no disparagement to the winners, who both played well, to say that Heah appeared tired and that Mrs. Ludlam failed to reproduce the excellent form shown in the previous match against Choong and Mrs. Robinson. Heah and Mrs. Ludlam were never really in trouble before reaching the final, but Robinson and his partner had had hard games against Nichols and Miss O'Beirne in the semi-final, and, against their Claughton club-mates, Lord and Mrs. Jordan, in an earlier round.

The handicaps produced a good entry and there were some hard won matches in all events.

The joint referees, Messrs. R. Hughes Johnson and G. B. Baxter, carried out their onerous role quietly and competently, and the arrangements by the tournament secretary, Mr. A. R. Croke, were, as expected, efficiently done.

MEN'S SINGLES

(28 players)

Second Round: H. A. Heah beat A. D. Jordan, 15-5, 15-7. J. A. Russell beat H. R. Holdsworth, 15-6, 15-9. H. R. Marsland beat W. A. Robinson, 2-15, 15-7, 15-12. J. P. Doyle beat A. I. McIntyre, 15-12, 15-5. R. Pickin beat N. H. McNeill, 15-9, 15-11. F. W. Peard beat G. R. Smith, 15-9, 15-0. K. Houldcroft beat K. R. Cuddey, 15-8, 18-15. E. B. Choong, w.o., W. E. Smith, retired.

Third Round: Heah beat Russell, 15-12, 15-6. Doyle beat Marsland, 15-8, 15-12. Peard beat Pickin, 15-2, 15-2. Choong beat Houldcroft, 15-1, 15-1.

Semi-finals: Heah beat Doyle, 15-1, 15-3. Choong beat Peard, 15-11, 15-10.

Final: Choong beat Heah, 15-9, 15-9.

LADIES' SINGLES

(14 players)

Second Round: Mrs. Dean beat Miss Pickburn, 11-1, 11-0. Miss Rosson beat Mrs. Bentley, 11-7, 11-5. Mrs. Robinson beat Miss Potter, 11-7, 11-7. Miss O'Beirne beat Miss Stone, 11-1, 11-0.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Dean beat Miss Rosson, 9-11, 11-0, 11-6. Miss O'Beirne beat Mrs. Robinson, 11-5, 11-1.

Final: Miss O'Beirne beat Mrs. Dean, 11-6, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(23 pairs)

Third Round: G. McTaggart and C. W. Kay beat W. V. Evans and W. A. Robinson, 15-9, 15-8. R. C. F. Nichols and A. D. Jordan beat H. R. Holdsworth and C. Cumpstey, 15-11, 10-15, 15-7. R. Pickin and R. V. Dolman beat A. Lord and J. H. Kellett, 15-5, 15-5. E. B. Choong and H. A. Heah beat K. L. Wilson and H. Morland, 15-4, 15-1.

Semi-finals: Nichols and Jordan beat McTaggart and Robinson, 15-10, 15-13. Choong and Heah beat Pickin and Dolman, 15-10, 15-4.

Final: Choong and Heah beat Nichols and Jordan, 15-5, 15-8.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(15 pairs)

Second Round: Miss O'Beirne and Miss Stone beat Mrs. Ludlam and Mrs. Saunders, 15-5, 15-9. Miss Cottier and Mrs. Craine beat Miss Fearnie and Mrs. Brooking, 15-12, 15-5. Mrs. Cuerden and Mrs. Kelly beat Mrs. Goby and Mrs. Cartwright, 15-8, 15-10. Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Lord beat Mrs. Robinson and Miss Potter, 15-7, 13-18, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Miss O'Beirne and Miss Stone beat Miss Cottier and Mrs. Craine, 15-9, 15-4. Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Lord beat Mrs. Cuerden and Mrs. Kelly, 6-15, 15-10, 15-12.

Finals: Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Lord beat Miss O'Beirne and Miss Stone, 7-15, 18-17, 15-6.



W. A. ROBINSON

Who won the Mixed with Miss B. Fearnie

MIXED DOUBLES

(35 pairs)

Fourth Round: R. C. F. Nichols and Miss O'Beirne beat A. I. McIntyre and Mrs. Crutchley, 18-14, 15-6. W. A. Robinson and Miss Fearnie beat C. Cumpstey and Mrs. Higson, 15-5, 15-11. H. A. Heah and Mrs. Ludlam beat R. Pickin and Mrs. Dean, 15-5, 15-7. E. B. Choong and Mrs. C. Robinson beat H. Morland and Mrs. Cuerden, 15-11, 15-7.

Semi-finals: Robinson and Miss Fearnie beat Nichols and Miss O'Beirne, 15-8, 9-15, 15-5. Heah and Mrs. Ludlam beat Choong and Mrs. Robinson, 15-10, 15-10.

Final: Robinson and Miss Fearnie beat Heah and Mrs. Ludlam, 15-2, 15-12.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: N. H. McNeill and R. Pritchard (scr.) beat J. Young and C. W. Kay (plus 1), 15-13, 15-9.

Ladies Doubles: Miss P. M. Cairns and Miss E. L. Mason (owe 4) beat Miss I. Cottier and Mrs. B. Craine (owe 8), 15-13, 15-9.

Mixed Doubles: G. R. Smith and Mrs. Smith (plus 5) beat R. B. Moorfield and Miss P. M. Cairns (scr.), 15-6, 13-15, 15-11.

The Late Captain C. D. Field

We regret to record the passing on November 10th at Stafford, at the age of 80, of Captain E. C. Field of Cheltenham who was a great enthusiast of the game in the west country in earlier days. For many years after his active participation had ended he refereed the annual Cheltenham open tournament. He was the father of M. W. Field, the former English international and present selector, and Miss E. C. Field, to whom sincere sympathies will be extended.

Heah's Hat Trick at Barnt Green

Mrs. Robinson Wins Singles Cup Outright

By E. B. B.

The nineteenth annual Worcestershire Championships took place at Barnt Green on November 29th and 30th and December 1st, with another record number of entries. The referees, Messrs. J. King and C. Basford, managed well to work in the large number of games after a late start on the Friday. There were, in fact, many such headaches for the organisers.

It was interesting to see fresh talent coming along in some of the younger competitors. Amongst such local players was D. T. Chapman of Small Heath who won the restricted singles.

Mrs. Robinson again won the ladies' singles, and she now needs to win only once more to make the cup her own.

H. A. Heah won the men's singles comfortably, beating N. B. Radford, 15-7, 15-10, in the final. But, in the doubles, when partnered by T. S. Chua, he met with stiff opposition from L. T. Lee and W. A. Robinson, the latter playing a really fine game. It was disappointing for them both that Lee developed cramp while only half way through the game. This had also occurred previously when Lee was partnering Mrs. Webber in the mixed doubles, but nevertheless they gave the winners, Heah and Mrs. Robinson, a tough fight in the final.

Mrs. Saunders and Miss Stone had a good game against Mrs. Cartwright and Miss Rosson, the latter of whom was playing in only her second open tournament; and they were also well extended in the final against last year's winners, Mrs. Robinson and Miss Potter.

The handicap events were well contested and prizes went to competitors from local clubs as well as to those from more distant ones.

Although play did not finish until 11 o'clock on the Saturday evening, everyone seemed to have enjoyed another fine weekend at Barnt Green.

MEN'S SINGLES

(25 players)

Third Round: H. A. Heah beat R. V. Dolman, 15-3, 15-4. F. S. Parker beat D. T. Chapman, 15-3, 15-6. W. A. Robinson beat C. W. Kay, 15-6, 10-15, 15-12. N. B. Radford beat A. McDonald, 15-8, 15-2.

Semi-finals: Heah beat Parker, 15-6, 15-7. Radford beat Robinson, 15-9, 15-4.

Final: Heah beat Radford, 15-7, 15-10.

LADIES' SINGLES

(8 players)

First Round: Miss E. Potter beat Miss M. Crockett, 11-3, 11-6. Mrs. Wilson Lee beat Miss M. W. Glassborow, 11-6, 11-6. Miss M. Rosson beat Miss P. Gwyn, 11-2, 11-3. Mrs. C. Robinson beat Miss A. J. Stone, 11-2, 11-8.

Semi-finals: Miss E. Potter beat Mrs. Wilson Lee, 11-3, 11-7. Mrs. Robinson beat Miss Rosson 11-3, 11-0.

Final: Mrs. Robinson beat Miss Potter, 11-1, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(17 pairs)

Third Round: N. B. Radford and F. S. Parker beat W. G. Alexander and A. Pilgrim, 15-6, 15-2. W. A. Robinson and L. T. Lee beat G. McTaggart and C. W. Kay, 15-7, 12-15, 15-4. M. McLean and M. W. Field beat G. P. Bale

and G. L. Armitage, 15-7, 15-10. H. A. Heah and T. S. Chua w.o., P. D. Mills and K. G. Stott retired.

Semi-finals: Robinson and Lee beat Radford and Parker, 15-11, 15-10. Heah and Chua beat McLean and Field 18-15, 15-8.

Final: Heah and Chua beat Robinson and Lee, 14-17, 15-7, 15-9.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(12 pairs)

Second Round: Mrs. C. Robinson and Miss E. Potter beat Mrs. Q. Allen Webber and Miss M. Crockett, 15-9, 15-7. Miss B. Haines and Miss D. Parsons beat Mrs. Bryce Smith and Mrs. C. W. Kay, 15-9, 15-5. Mrs. G. Cartwright and Miss M. Rosson beat Miss P. Wenham and Mrs. D. Hill, 15-7, 15-5. Mrs. G. F. Saunders and Miss A. J. Stone beat Mrs. J. Gillies and Mrs. E. Cunningham, 15-6, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Robinson and Miss Potter beat Miss Haines and Miss Parsons, 15-5, 17-14. Mrs. Saunders and Miss Stone beat Mrs. Cartwright and Miss Rosson, 8-15, 15-12, 15-11.

J. R. Best's Successes at Southdean

Played on the courts of the Southdean-on-Sea Sports Club on November 30th and December 1st, the entries for the level events were slightly less than last year, but the handicap events were more. J. R. Best and H. J. Wingfield won the men's doubles from the holders, R. C. F. Nichols and A. Renton, in a three game final which was the most interesting match of the tournament. Mrs. B. Uber having to scratch at the last minute meant that the winners of the ladies' doubles event, Mrs. M. Henderson and Mrs. S. Wyatt, had an easy final, but had stern opposition in the first round from Miss O'Beirne and Miss Cooley. The mixed doubles was won by J. R. Best and Miss O'Beirne, who played extremely well.

The handicap entrants found that their handicaps had all been stepped up in order to shorten the times of play owing to the large number of entries, but the closeness of the games and the number of three game matches partly defeated the hopes of the hon. referee, Mr. E. H. Sadler. J. Whisker won his first event in an open tournament by winning the handicap mixed with Miss N. Deane. The back markers in the men's and ladies' only just won each round with a point or two to spare in the third game. Next season it is hoped to hold two tournaments at Southdean if consent can be obtained from the Badminton Association of England.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer was particularly pleased to see Mr. H. A. E. Scheele, Secretary of the Badminton Association of England, and Mr. R. W. Habens, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Sussex County Badminton Association among the competitors, while among local players who supported the tournament were the following: — Messrs. G. I. Bayley, R. Green, T. Harding, D. L. G. Pritchard, Mrs. E. C. Ashwin, Miss G. Headley, Mrs. M. Barnett and Miss P. Marks. S. E. M.

Final: Mrs. Saunders and Miss Stone beat Mrs. Robinson and Miss Potter, 17-16, 17-14.

MIXED DOUBLES

(24 pairs)

Third Round: H. A. Heah and Mrs. C. Robinson beat R. Pickin and Miss E. B. Basford, 15-7, 15-3. W. A. Robinson and Mrs. G. F. Saunders beat D. Shaw and Mrs. E. Cunningham, 15-2, 15-7. L. T. Lee and Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber beat W. C. Regan and Miss A. J. Stone, 15-14, 15-12. R. V. Dolman and Mrs. Bryce Smith beat N. B. Radford and Mrs. J. Gillies, 15-11, 7-15, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Heah and Mrs. Robinson beat Robinson and Mrs. Saunders, 15-11, 10-15, 15-6. Lee and Mrs. Allen Webber beat Dolman and Mrs. Bryce Smith, 8-15, 15-12, 15-13.

Final: Heah and Mrs. Robinson beat Lee and Mrs. Allen Webber, 15-9, 18-14.

RESTRICTED MEN'S SINGLES

(19 players)

Semi-finals: K. Bradney beat A. McDonald, 15-11, 15-7. D. T. Chapman beat W. R. Doherty, 15-6, 15-10.

Final: Chapman beat Bradney, 15-6, 15-5.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: G. L. Armitage and G. P. Bale (owe 6), beat W. R. Doherty and J. P. Hill (owe 6), 15-10, 15-10.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss P. Gwyn and Mrs. Wilson Lee (owe 10) beat Mrs. E. Cunningham and Miss E. B. Basford (owe 7), 11-15, 15-11, 15-9.

Mixed Doubles: G. Hodgetts and Mrs. A. D. Axford (plus 6) beat K. Pickering and Miss B. Haines (owe 12), 12-15, 15-13, 15-14.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(8 pairs)

First Round: R. C. F. Nichols and A. B. Renton beat R. S. Lucas and H. A. E. Scheele, 15-6, 15-6. P. V. Willford and R. W. Habens w.o., G. I. Bayley and H. S. Loveday retired. W. C. Rogers and D. Hayes beat D. G. Harvey and L. G. Coffin, 13-15, 15-8, 15-6. J. R. Best and H. J. Wingfield beat R. E. Mann and A. R. Hodges, 15-4, 17-15.

Semi-Finals: Nichols and Renton beat Willford and Habens, 15-9, 15-10. Best and Wingfield beat Rogers and Hayes, 15-6, 15-6.

Final: Best and Wingfield beat Nichols and Renton, 15-9, 9-15, 18-13.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(7 pairs)

First Round: Miss R. Page and Miss E. Windsor-Aubrey beat Mrs. L. G. Coffin and Mrs. G. Parnell, 15-7, 15-11. Miss N. Pigott and Miss S. I. Ripley beat Mrs. H. R. Houston and Miss D. M. Dewey, Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. M. R. Wyatt beat Miss I. E. O'Beirne and Miss I. L. Colley, 11-15, 15-7, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Miss Pigott and Miss Ripley beat Miss Page and Miss Windsor-Aubrey, Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt beat Miss E. F. Andrews and Miss J. White.

Final: Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt beat Miss Pigott and Miss Ripley, 15-11, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES

(12 pairs)

Second Round: A. B. Renton and Miss E. F. Andrews beat G. I. Bayley and Mrs. M. Barnett, 10-15, 15-10, 15-7. H. I. Palmer and Miss J. White beat R. S. Lucas and Mrs. G. Parnell, 15-8, 15-8. J. R. Best and Miss I. E. O'Beirne beat R. C. F. Nichols and Miss Windsor-Aubrey, 9-15, 15-13, 15-10. L. G. Coffin and Mrs. M. R. Wyatt beat P. V. Willford and Miss S. I. Ripley, 15-9, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Renton and Miss Andrews beat Palmer and Miss White, 15-12, 10-15, 15-8. Best and Miss O'Beirne beat Coffin and Mrs. Wyatt.

Final: Best and Miss O'Beirne beat Renton and Miss Andrews, 15-10, 14-18, 15-7.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: P. V. Willford and R. W. Habens (owe 3), beat L. F. Dart and A. W. Knowling (plus 5), 12-15, 15-12, 15-12.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss N. Pigott and Miss S. Ripley (owe 6), beat Mrs. D. Clifford and Miss G. Hoadley (plus 7), 15-13, 12-15, 15-14.

Mixed Doubles: J. Whisker and Miss N. Deane (plus 8), beat D. C. L. Pritchard and Mrs. E. C. Ashwin (plus 10), 15-10, 15-12.

Obituary

The Late Edward Hawthorn

One of Badminton's Greatest Administrators has Passed On

Badminton lost one of its most valued figures when Mr. Ernest Edward Shedden Hawthorn passed on on Tuesday, December 4th, at his home at Beckenham, Kent, at the age of 73, after suffering for nearly a year from ill health.

Edward Hawthorn was a dominating figure in every sense of the word, and he had enjoyed an illustrious career in connection with the game, both in a playing and in an administrative capacity. He was 6 feet, 6 inches tall, and though not blessed by nature with an inherent genius for games, no one could have been fonder of them than he. By dint of hard work over a period of years, he eventually gained not only international honours, but also two All-England Championship titles at a time when British Badminton was at a very high level indeed.

His style of play was quite unlike what might have been expected from a man of his height and build, supreme delicacy of touch being its outstanding quality. He was deadly in close work at the net, while his dropshots from any part of the court were singularly accurate. A clever tactician, he was at his best in men's doubles, though also very good indeed in a back-and-front mixed.

His Playing Successes

Mr. Hawthorn was for very many years a member of the Crystal Palace, Alexandra Palace and Logan Badminton Clubs, and he represented all three of these very strong clubs at various times in the London League and other inter-club competitions. He took part in a wide number of open tournaments and was frequently successful in winning some of the more coveted events at most of the bigger meetings of his day. He gained his international colours against Ireland for the first time in the 1908-09 season, and he continued to enjoy the confidence of the selectors until 1925. Indeed, by that time he was already in the veteran class, and it was largely because of him that the age limit for veterans at the All-England Championships was raised from the prevailing 45 to 50 years in 1926.

Although already in the veteran class, Mr. Hawthorn was yet good enough to be chosen to play for the British team which made the first tour of Canada in the autumn of 1925.

He continued to play first class Badminton until 1928, but thereafter restricted his interest to an administrative capacity. He had been elected to the committee of the Badminton Association already in 1908, and in 1929 he was made a vice-president of that body, a position which

he held until his death. He had represented England for many years on the old International Board, and when the International Badminton Federation was founded in 1934, he was immediately elected a vice-president of that body, too. All these organisations benefitted hugely not only from his guidance but also from his extremely active work. One of the monumental tasks which he set himself was the compilation of those differential handicap tables which are so often referred to by countless tournament committees all over the world.

After having acted in a great many capacities on numerous sub-committees of the Badminton Association of England, he was elected chairman of that body in 1936. He steered the committee through many difficult problems and remained "in the chair" until 1947 when he was succeeded by Brigadier R. Bruce Hay, the present holder of the office.



On the International Federation he had also been on every sub-committee, and in 1939 he put in, with others, much hard work in the complete revision of the Laws of Badminton. He was also closely connected with the institution of and the original drafting of the regulations for the Thomas Cup contest.

Mr. Hawthorn was, too, very much a county-minded man, and he had been one of the small body of enthusiasts which had founded the Kent County Badminton Association in 1921. He is the only president which that association has had. He was no figurehead in that capacity, and until two years or so ago, no county com-

mittee meeting had ever been held without his being in the chair.

As a chairman of any meeting he was an expert, and he had that rare genius for keeping discussions strictly to the business in hand without in any way endeavouring to impose his own will upon those present. As a tournament handicapper, too, he was almost in a class of his own.

Mr. Hawthorn was a most generous man, and many are the open tournaments to which he has at some time or other donated challenge trophies when they had been won outright or when new events were added. In his time he had won quite a large collection of trophies outright himself. But his sideboard was not overfilled with silver cups, for he gave them all away, one by one, in his generosity to the game. Indeed, his last, and one of his most prized, he presented to the All-England Junior Championships when they were instituted two seasons ago. There, it will remain as a perpetual memory of one of Badminton's greatest gentlemen.

A Unique and Kindly Act

A further example of his kindness was a very touching thought of his at the first post-war All-England Championships. No All-England colours remained for new winners to purchase owing to the stock having been "blitzed." So, though he valued his own very highly, as any winner would, he brought them along on the final day, and quite quietly, gave his blazer to Conny Jepsen and his scarf to Miss Marie Ussing, the two new singles champions. This tribute to two continental winners was a most charming one indeed, and it is believed that hardly anyone, but the two players, was aware of his action.

Mr. Hawthorn's sporting interests had not been confined to Badminton. In his younger days he was a very keen Lawn Tennis player, and he had been a vice-president of the Kent County Lawn Tennis Association for a very long time. There, one of his big deeds was the refereeing for 21 years of the Kent Junior Championships. Latterly, he had played a lot of Golf at which he had brought his handicap down to a very low mark, and he was also a Billiards and Snooker enthusiast much above average skill.

By profession, Mr. Hawthorn had been an insurance broker and a partner in the firm of Livesay, Hawthorn and Manby, from which he retired soon after the close of the war. He was unmarried.

The funeral, which took place at Beckenham on December 7th was attended by quite a large number of those with whom he had enjoyed such close contact in his sporting career over such a long period.

The Portsmouth Championships

Three Titles for H. A. Heah

By M. L. C.

On November 16th and 17th, 100 players took part in the 20th annual open championships held by the Portsmouth and District Badminton Association. The entry was as large as last year, although, owing to the Scottish Invitation Tournament, several well-known players were absent.

H. A. Heah proved himself to be in the Choong class by winning all three championships. In the singles, he had a very easy passage and lost only 28 points throughout the event. Partnering L. T. Lee, another Malayan, he won the men's doubles with little difficulty, the closest game being in the third round against R. Khoo and M. T. S. Chua, whom they managed to beat in two games. In the final, England's internationals, H. J. Wingfield and A. B. Renton, scored only four points. Heah and Miss I. Cooley, who was playing very well, are the first holders of the new mixed doubles trophies, which replace those won outright last year. Here again, there was little difficulty and the couple did not lose a game.

The holders of the ladies' doubles, Miss E. Windsor-Aubrey and Miss E. Andrews,

retained their title without loss of a game, beating the local pair, Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. S. Wyatt in the final. The latter pair featured in one of the most exciting matches of the day, when they played Miss D. B. Grace and Mrs. M. Barnett in the semi-final. Miss Grace and Mrs. Barnett were a game up and within one point of winning the match at 16-all, but the local pair managed to hold their own to level the score. The final game was very tense, each side striving hard to gain a lead and the match was not decided until, with the score at 4-all after setting at 13, Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt won the vital point.

Mrs. Henderson had no trouble in gaining the singles title for the third year, thus winning the cup outright.

In the handicap events, the committee did its job so well that out of 54 matches, 23 went to three games and most of the others were so close that the referee, Mr. D. G. Quick, had his time-table sadly upset. Indeed, it was not until 1.30 a.m. on the Sunday that the last match of the tournament, the final of the handicap mixed between a local pair, E. H. Sadler

and Mrs. L. G. Coffin, and M. Green and Miss J. Broomfield, was finished.

The use of the new lounge and club facilities added greatly to the comfort of competitors and both the committee and players agreed that this was a very happy tournament.

MEN'S SINGLES

(11 players)

Second Round: H. A. Heah beat J. R. Beal, 15-7, 15-2. L. T. Lee beat P. V. Willford, 15-2, 15-1. R. Khoo beat F. A. Cox, 15-5, 15-2. H. J. Wingfield beat W. S. Slow, 7-15, 15-12, 15-10.
Semi-Finals: Heah beat Lee, 15-2, 15-9. Khoo beat Wingfield, 15-9, 15-10.
Finals: Heah beat Khoo, 15-3, 15-5.

LADIES' SINGLES

(6 players)

First Round: Mrs. G. Parnell w.o., Miss W. Ll-Williams, retired. Mrs. K. M. Henderson beat Miss S. I. Ripley, 12-11, 11-6.
Semi-Finals: Mrs. Parnell beat Miss J. Broomfield, 11-8, 7-11, 11-3. Mrs. Henderson beat Miss R. Page, 11-3, 11-3.
Final: Mrs. Henderson beat Mrs. Parnell, 11-1, 11-0.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(17 pairs)

Third Round: H. A. Heah and L. T. Lee beat R. Khoo and M. T. S. Chua, 15-13, 15-6. P. V. Willford and K. W. Hunter beat H. C. Maughan and R. A. G. Powell, 18-16, 15-12. W. S. Slow and D. B. Hepworth beat R. E. Mann and G. I. Bayley, 15-4, 15-5. H. J. Wingfield and A. B. Renton beat D. W. Hayes and A. J. Kemp, 15-3, 15-12.

Semi-Finals: Heah and Lee beat Willford and Hunter, 15-2, 15-7. Wingfield and Renton beat Slow and Hepworth, 15-10, 15-10.

Finals: Heah and Lee beat Wingfield and Renton, 15-2, 15-2.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(12 pairs)

Second Round: Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. S. Wyatt beat Miss R. Page and Mrs. N. Hunt, 15-12, 15-11. Miss D. B. Grace and Mrs. Barnett beat Miss J. Peters and Miss J. R. White, 15-4, 15-11. Miss S. I. Ripley and Miss N. Pigott beat Miss J. Broomfield and Miss B. Judd, 15-8, 15-13. Miss E. Windsor-Aubrey and Miss E. Andrews beat Miss P. Thomas and Mrs. Adkins, 15-3, 15-9.

Semi-Finals: Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt beat Miss Grace and Mrs. Barnett, 11-15, 17-16, 18-17. Miss Windsor-Aubrey and Miss Andrews beat Miss Ripley and Miss Pigott, 18-14, 15-6.

Final: Miss Windsor-Aubrey and Miss Andrews beat Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt, 15-9, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

(22 pairs)

Third Round: A. B. Renton and Miss E. Windsor-Aubrey beat L. T. Lee and Miss J. White, 11-15, 15-2, 15-4. R. Khoo and Miss W. Ll-Williams beat A. J. Kemp and Miss A. J. Stone, 10-15, 15-9, 15-10. D. B. Hepworth and Miss D. B. Grace beat D. J. Harvey and Miss R. Page, 15-9, 15-10. H. A. Heah and Miss I. Cooley beat H. J. Wingfield and Mrs. K. M. Henderson, 15-9, 15-10.

Semi-Finals: Lee and Miss White beat Khoo and Miss Ll-Williams, 15-6, 15-2. Heah and Miss Cooley beat Hepworth and Miss Grace, 15-1, 15-3.

Final: Heah and Miss Cooley beat Lee and Miss White, 15-7, 15-6.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: L. G. Coffin and D. J. Harvey (owe one hand, owe 12) beat K. A. Lockwood and E. S. Goble, (owe 4), 15-13, 15-10.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. L. G. Coffin and Miss N. Hastings (owe 8), beat Mrs. D. Tottle and Miss J. Broomfield (owe 3), 12-15, 15-10, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles: M. Green and Miss J. Broomfield (scr.), beat E. H. Sadler and Mrs. L. G. Coffin (owe 3), 15-5, 15-0.

E. B. Choong's Defeat at Harrogate

Principal feature of the Yorkshire Championships at Harrogate on November 9th, 10th and 11th was the defeat administered to E. B. Choong at the hands of H. A. Heah in the final of the singles. We regret that we have received no account of the play in this tournament, but it is observed from the results that in the ladies' doubles Miss Grace and Miss Andrews scored a close victory over Mrs. Allen Webber and Mrs. Durringer, the English international pair.

MEN'S SINGLES

(11 players)

Second Round: E. B. Choong beat C. Cumpstey, 15-1, 15-2. J. D. McColl beat M. Robinson, 15-8, 15-11. H. A. Heah beat M. W. Holdorn, 15-7, 15-0. N. B. Radford beat H. R. Holdsworth, 15-12, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Choong beat McColl, 15-10, 15-3. Heah beat Radford, 15-6, 15-6.

Final: Heah beat Choong, 15-10, 13-15, 15-4.

LADIES' SINGLES

(7 players)

First Round: Miss M. Bailey, w.o., Mrs. Q. M. Webber, retired. Mrs. L. Higson beat Miss B. Wilson, 11-12, 11-0. Miss A. Stone beat Mrs. H. Tippen, 11-8, 11-7.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Higson beat Miss Bailey, 11-0, 11-8. Miss I. E. O'Beirne beat Miss Stone, 11-5, 8-11, 11-1.

Final: Miss O'Beirne beat Mrs. Higson, 11-2, 11-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(18 pairs)

Third Round: E. B. Choong and E. J. Choong beat G. Stott and J. Cox, 15-6, 15-6. M. Robinson and J. D. McColl beat G. Ripley and J. H. Naylor, 15-6, 15-8. H. R. Marsland and P. B. Brayshaw beat W. C. Regan and G. R. Swarbrick, 15-10, 15-1. N. B. Radford and H. A. Heah beat W. K. Hoenes and D. Porter, 15-8, 15-2.

Semi-finals: E. B. Choong and E. J. Choong beat Robinson and McColl, 15-10, 15-8. Radford and Heah beat Marsland and Brayshaw, 15-5, 18-14.

Final: E. B. Choong and E. J. Choong beat Radford and Heah, 18-14, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(12 pairs)

Second Round: Mrs. V. E. Durringer and Mrs. Q. M. Webber beat Mrs. H. Tippen and Mrs. J. Evans, 15-4, 15-6. Mrs. L. Higson and Mrs. J. Allott beat Miss M. Bailey and Mrs. J. Whitaker, 15-9, 15-6. Miss I. E. O'Beirne and Miss A. Stone beat Mrs. G. Stott and Mrs. J. Cox, 15-12, 18-14. Miss D. B. Grace and Miss E. Andrews beat Mrs. K. Aykroyd and Miss A. Kenningham, 15-4, 15-4.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Durringer and Mrs. Webber beat Mrs. Higson and Mrs. Allott, 15-6, 15-9. Miss Grace and Miss Andrews beat Miss O'Beirne and Miss Stone, 15-6, 15-2.

Final: Miss Grace and Miss Andrews beat Mrs. Durringer and Mrs. Webber, 15-4, 10-15, 18-14.

MIXED DOUBLES

(29 pairs)

Third Round: E. B. Choong and Mrs. Q. M. Webber beat G. Ripley and Mrs. H. Bennett, 15-6, 15-3. M. Robinson and Miss E. Andrews beat G. R. Swarbrick and Miss I. E. O'Beirne, 15-8, 6-15, 15-8. H. A. Heah and Miss N. Wales beat N. B. Radford and Mrs. J. Gillies, 13-15, 15-10, 15-8. E. J. Choong and Mrs. V. E. Durringer beat J. H. Kellett and Mrs. A. D. Wadsworth, 15-8, 15-11.

Semi-finals: E. B. Choong and Mrs. Webber beat Robinson and Miss Andrews, 15-11, 15-12. Heah and Miss Wales beat E. J. Choong and Mrs. Durringer, 12-15, 15-12, 18-15.

Final: E. B. Choong and Mrs. Webber beat Heah and Miss Wales, 15-11, 15-4.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: S. Johnson and E. R. Horner (plus 7) beat G. Stott and J. Cox (owe 8), 15-8, 10-15, 15-1.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. L. Higson and Miss A. Kenningham (plus 2) beat Miss M. Bailey and Mrs. J. Whitaker (plus 2), 15-9, 1-15, 15-9.

Mixed Doubles: J. Turner and Miss A. Kenningham (owe 6) beat W. Hoenes and Mrs. J. Evans (owe 6), 15-8, 10-15, 15-8.

Off the Court

By "VELMA"

Congratulations to Arthur Barron, the well-known Essex player and Treasurer of the Badminton Association of England, who has just been made Captain of the Westcliff-on-Sea Cricket Club, one of the strongest sides in Essex. Not all Arthur's Badminton friends realise that in the summer months he is a slow bowler who also polishes off a lot of wickets for the Freebooters Cricket Club.

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J. H. Naylor, the Yorkshire County player, has had some bad luck recently. A small piece of steel went into his eye, and the very next day he tore a tendon in his hand. We hope these injuries clear up and that he will be playing again soon.

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There are rumours around that a large number of wives accompanied the Thomas Cup team to Paris this month. Can it be that they wished to keep an eye on their menfolk or were they after a new Spring hat?

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J. D. McColl of Staffordshire went to Holland recently on business but failed to find any Badminton to fill his leisure hours. At one time, just before the war, there were quite a few clubs in the Netherlands, and at their last International Championship Meeting in 1936-37, H. J. Wingfield won the singles.

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Congratulations to W. A. Robinson and Miss Betty Fearne of Cheshire who each had their first Championship win at the Northern tournament. They won the mixed from a very strong field indeed including E. B. Choong and Mrs. C. Robinson, Ralph Nichols and Miss E. O'Beirne, and H. A. Heah and Mrs. Ludlam. Incidentally, Robinson, who is qualified by birth for Scotland and recently did very well at the Scottish Restricted Tournament, seems a likely choice for the Scottish Thomas Cup team. He has already played twice in the England trials, in 1949 and 1950.

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Congratulations to June White, who was selected to play for Surrey against Essex last month. Only two years ago June was a girls' doubles winner in the All-England Junior Championships and showed considerable promise. Since then, however, with many good performances in second team county matches and tournaments to her credit, she has improved by leaps and bounds.

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Has David Bloomer missed his vocation? His speech at the dinner celebrating the successful conclusion of the International Tournament at Glasgow, appealing for better conditions for Bad-

minton in the British Isles, was eloquence worthy of Westminster, and greatly moved his listeners, among whom were players and officials from many Badminton playing countries.

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We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Aileen Nichols, the Middlesex player, is suffering from synovitis in the hand, due, I believe, to rather vigorous car-washing, and will not be playing for a little while. Aileen Nichols is, of course, the wife of Leslie, the former All-England champion, who has been out of the game since soon after the end of the war owing to an injury to his foot.



MRS. AILEEN NICHOLS
Temporarily hors de combat

Congratulations to John Best on his first open tournament success. At Southdean he won the men's doubles with his Kent colleague, H. J. Wingfield, and the mixed with Miss E. O'Beirne.

Stellan Mohlin, captain of the Swedish team, is a young man who does not waste much time. After taking part in the international tournament at Glasgow last month, he hopped off to New York for a week on business. All the same, he expected to get back to Stockholm only a little later than his friend, Nils Jonson.

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Sometimes the best laid schemes go astray, as the two Canadian Champions, Dick Birch and Daryl Thompson over here on a rush tour of Europe, found to their cost. After taking part in the Glasgow Tournament and in exhibitions at Belfast, they flew to Copenhagen and the following morning made their way by train and boat to Aarhus in Jutland. They returned to Copenhagen to board a

plane back to Prestwick, an anticipated journey of four hours, but it was a full 14 hours before they finally reached Scotland. Norwegian coastal weather in the winter is apparently unpredictable, and because of adverse conditions they were sent from one aerodrome to another and even circled round the south of Norway for a considerable period before being at last allowed to land. Tired and hungry, they were then transferred to a big S.A.S. transatlantic plane, but even then did not reach their destination until the early hours of the morning.

The trip south to take part in the exhibitions at Beckenham gave Daryl a chance to see some of the more familiar London landmarks, but Dick Birch was no stranger in our midst as he was stationed with his unit just off the Strand for 9 months during the war, and spent some time in the Sussex countryside.

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One of Badminton's recruits from the Tennis world is Miss Isobel Vallance from Glasgow, who was a ladies' doubles winner at the Scottish Restricted last month. In 1947 with Miss Norma Seacy, she won the girls' doubles title at the All-England Junior Tennis Championships.

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We heard recently that two well-known players, who had just competed in the Northern Tournament, decided to spend the night at a Liverpool hotel, but could not find anywhere to park their cars. An obliging policeman at the station to whom they told their plight directed them to a platform, confidently informing them that their cars would be "as right as rain" as there was a glass roof overhead.

They retired to bed vaguely aware that it was starting to pour cats and dogs outside but perfectly confident that all was well. Unfortunately when they went to collect their cars they found them in a terrible condition, soaked through with the night's downpour and creaking and moaning at the joints. For what they thought was a glass roof was nothing more than an iron skeleton open wide to the heavens. They are still wondering if that policeman was a practical joker or just did not like the look of their faces!

The England v. Ireland Match will be at Hove

The 38th annual international fixture between England and Ireland has been arranged to take place at King Alfred, Hove, on Thursday evening, January 3rd, on the same courts as were used for the fixture against Sweden two seasons ago. England has never yet been beaten by her oldest Badminton foes, though each of the last three fixtures has been desperately close, 5-4, 6-3 and 5-4 having been the final results. 5-4, one way or the other, would appear to be a safe bet this time, too, particularly as the home county will not be able to count on the help of Mrs. Uber who will be abroad at the time.

Glasgow's Gathering of Champions

Danes and Malayans Capture all Honours in International Invitation Tournament—A Great Singles Final—History Making Meeting is Huge Success

By "INVICTA"

There have, of course, been plenty of invitation tournaments in the past, and in many different parts of the globe, but never has there been such an event quite as comprehensive or as ambitious as that promoted by the Scottish Badminton Union at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, during the whole of the week ending November 17th.

Players had been invited from eight different countries, and the participation in the four events of many of the leading players resident in Europe and America ensured the venture of outstanding playing success. It is nice to know that the financial risk, a very heavy one, was more than covered by the enthusiasm of the Scottish public which filled the 3,000 capacity of the hall on four of the six nights; only a few hundred seats were vacant on the Monday and Thursday.

Only one court was used, and the audience thus enjoyed an uninterrupted view of every match. About six were played each evening, and with the talent of players on hand, even the first night's matches were more than the equivalent of many final rounds in most tournaments.

The visiting players comprised two from Canada, one from U.S.A., nine from Denmark, six from England, two from Ireland, three from Malaya, two from Sweden and six from the promoting country, Scotland. Not all of them played in all the events open to them.

Defeat of Canadian Champion

In the premier event, the men's singles, there were one or two upsets of expectations. The most surprising was the defeat of the reigning Canadian champion, Daryl Thompson, at the hands of Palle Granlund of Denmark. The latter only came in at the last moment as a substitute for John Nygaard who was prevented by illness from travelling. Granlund has not yet represented his country in international play, but on the form displayed at Glasgow, there must be every expectation that he will soon be seen wearing the maroon Danish blazer. Thompson, however, is a player who likes and needs plenty of practice, and of this he was deprived through his delayed arrival in Britain, and though this is stated it would be totally wrong to use this to deprive Granlund of the credit due to him. Having thus reached the semi-final, Granlund then proceeded to give his fellow-countryman, Jorn Skaarup all that the latter wanted in their encounter. Granlund is still very young; he is about six feet tall and he uses his great reach to the utmost; he employs the smash with refreshing vigour in singles, and by the aid of these two weapons he very nearly caught the Danish star after

the latter had run up a commanding lead in the third game. But he had taken too much out of himself, and the fluffing of two easy shots at 10-all helped to give the match away. Previously, Skaarup had enjoyed reasonably comfortable victories over the Scotsman, J. A. Russell, and the Swede, Nils Jonson.

In the other half, E. B. Choong met Poul Holm for the right to contest the final. Neither had had a great deal of difficulty in coming through the earlier rounds, Holm having eliminated the American, Robert Williams, as well as F. W. Peard who had extended him very closely in the preceding Thomas Cup tie in Ireland. When the Malayan and the Dane met, the former rather ran away with the early rallies, his superb length at the back of the court being too good for the Danish champion. The latter, however, invariably got the better of the close net work. The second game was more closely fought, and the two ran neck and neck up to 6-all, after which Choong was in full cry and command.

The final was one of the finest matches seen on European courts for a long time. Skaarup has rarely played better. He varied his game beautifully, some of his winning drops catching the Malayan flat-footed by their surprise. After 4-all and many very long rallies, the Dane gradually drew away to 15-7. On the change of ends, Choong was a little more accurate

with his previously erring smashes, and his "airborne" kill brought the house down with applause on several occasions. His recoveries were delightful, too, and they helped to prolong many of the exciting rallies. After being down, 1-4, in the third game, Skaarup changed ends on the right side of an 8-5 score, but at 9-8 he had the misfortune to break his racket. Then, Choong went ahead to 13-9, though he was getting very tired indeed. The excitement was intense as Skaarup slowly drew up. Before he caught up at 14-all he had saved two match points, one of which Choong just lost after a lovely drop had just fallen the wrong side of the net. Later, in the set to 3, the Malayan saved a Danish match-point with a close drop which just trickled down the net, but Skaarup was not to be deprived, and he ran out without giving a point away after setting. The two finalists had been battling at a very high tempo for 58 minutes, and both were very nearly "all in" at the finish. It had been a great match, worth going miles to see.

Choongs too Good in Doubles

The Choong brothers always had the men's doubles well in hand. They were hardly extended at all, though the artistry of Poul Holm gave them a little bother in the final. Holm was playing with the American, Robert Williams, whose quick eye often brought off some unexpected coups. In the early rounds there had been quite a number of close encounters. One of these, which brought forth rounds and rounds of applause which lasted more than five minutes after the match had been brought to a conclusion, was the second round clash between the Swedish champions, Stellan Mohlin and Nils Jonson, and the Danes, Skaarup and Preben Dabelsteen. The relative statures of the players added lustre to the win of the Stockholm pair. The latter saved quite five or six match points against them when they were 7-14 down in the second game, and a similar number at a similar score in the final game. Once they had settled in each they ran right out. But the excitement had been intense. In the semi-final, however, they disappointed against Holm and Williams; they never got going at all. The Scots, J. A. Russell and A. I. McIntyre, had done well in the only first round match when they won the first game off the Swedes. The Canadians disappointed, as they lost in their opening match to the scratch combination of Granlund and Arve Lossmann of Denmark, who were subsequently quite overwhelmed by the Choongs.



JORN SKAARUP

Who won the singles after a fine final.



LEADING PLAYERS FROM EIGHT COUNTRIES GATHER IN GLASGOW

Back Row: Jørn Skaarup (Den.), Palle Granlund (Den.), H. R. Marsland (Eng.), J. J. FitzGibbon (Ire.), Poul Holm (Den.), R. E. Birch (Canada), R. Williams (U.S.A.), J. A. Russell (Scot.), A. I. McIntyre (Scot.).
Third Row: Preben Dabelsteen (Den.), F. W. Peard (Ire.), W. Shute (Eng.) Daryl Thompson (Canada), E. B. Choong (Malaya), Nils Jonson (Swe.), Stellan Mohlin (Swe.), Arve Lossmann (Den.).
Second Row: J. C. Mackay (Scot.), Mrs. J. A. S. Armstrong (Scot.), Mrs. G. F. Saunders (Eng.), Fru Kirsten Lossmann (Den.), Mrs. V. E. Durringer (Eng.), Fru Aase Winther (Den.), E. L. Choong (Malaya), K. R. Davidson (U.S.A.).
Seated: Mrs. A. M. Horner (Scot.), Miss Amy Choong (Malaya), Miss Jean McGregor (Scot.), D. L. Bloomer, J. J. McCarry (Hon. Referee), Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber (Eng.), Fru Tonny Ahm (Den.) and Mrs. H. S. Uber (Eng.).

The ladies' doubles, with only six pairs in it, was clearly earmarked for Denmark, though both the British pairs in the semi-final gave the two Danish combinations quite good scraps. Fru Ahm and Fru Lossmann confirmed their general reputation in the final against their compatriots.

The mixed opened most sensationally with the first round defeat of R. E. Birch, so often mixed champion of Canada, when he and Mrs. Uber were eliminated by H. R. Marsland and Miss Jean McGregor, the latter one of Scotland's younger hopes, in a long struggle. Without detracting from the merits of the winners, Birch and Mrs. Uber suffered from their lack of knowledge of each other's play and from the fact that Mrs. Uber was definitely below her customary form. Marsland and Miss McGregor, however, nearly continued their giant-killing in the next round when they met E. B. Choong and Miss Amy Choong, against whom they won the first game and only capitulated

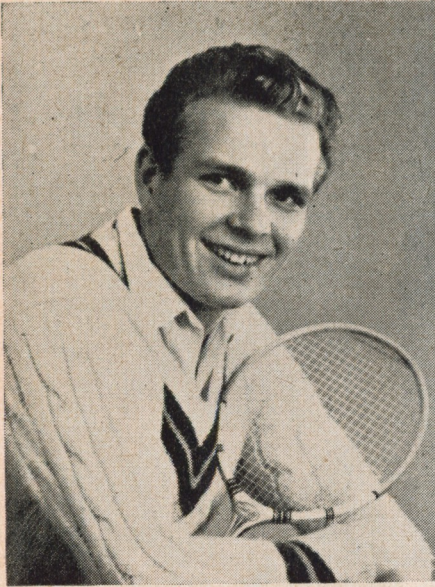
after reaching double figures in the third, clearly a fine performance. Another unexpected first round match was that which witnessed the defeat of Williams and Mrs. Webber by Mohlin and Fru Aase Jacobsen. Nils Jonson and Fru Aase Winther, the former Fru Aase Svendsen, also put up a fine struggle against E. L. Choong and Scotland's Mrs. Horner in a match that was in doubt up to the very end.

The final was another all-Danish affair; indeed, it was a repetition of the last All-England final, and its result was identical in almost every respect. But there were several outstanding features, not the least of which was an occasion when the ever-acrobatic Holm found himself in the middle of a hectic rally lying on the floor on the wrong side of the net with his partner carrying on the rally single-handed. Of course, the point had to be given against her since Holm was guilty of invading his opponents' end of the court. Arve Lossmann played cleverly and the

frequency with which he and his wife changed their tactics was often a cause of discomfort to Holm. Lossmann played extraordinarily well at times, but lost much of this advantage through making a number of seemingly unnecessary errors on vital shots. But, it was a fine match to wind up the tournament on.

The arena in the Kelvin Hall was very well decorated with the flags of all the competitors, and the general sight, with its 30 or more tiers of seats for the spectators, was most impressive. As each final match was finished, Sir George Thomas, as president of the International Badminton Federation, presented each winner with the prizes of magnificent silver-gilt shuttles mounted on a wooden base and suitably engraved.

The week wound up with a dinner at which all the competitors were, of course, the guests of the Scottish Badminton Union. Thereat, Mr. J. J. McCarry, who had carried out the duties of honorary



PALLE GRANLUND
Who caused several surprises.

referee, proposed the toast of the winners in true McCarry style. Of Mrs. Ahm he spoke as the "First Lady of Badminton," and of Poul Holm as the "Prince of Denmark." Fru Kirsten Lossmann he called "sweetly venomous"!

In the chair, in the absence through illness of Dr. H. M. Crombie, was Mr. Norman D. Brodie, and he proposed the toast of the guests. This was replied to by Mr. Kenneth R. Davidson who all through the week had added that delightful touch of humour to each evening's

The Road to Earl's Court

The following extracts have been culled from the hitherto unpublished book of the above title, and are meant for male beginners. Experts may find them interesting, if nothing more.

"tis better to have played and won than never to have won at all."

From the chapter on Service and Receiving.

The Service is the most important part of the game because, if the shuttle is never served, the result will be a pointless draw. The object is to hit the shuttle over the net in such a manner that the receiver will be unable to hit it back. If he, the server, can make the shuttle travel feathers foremost then he will not only have made a winning stroke but he will have achieved the impossible. The shuttle should be held in *one hand only*, by the thumb and forefinger, in that order. The other hand should hold the racket and although there is no ruling on where the racket should be held, it has been noticed that the best players hold it by the handle. Should the player require both hands to hold the racket, then the shuttle may be held between the teeth. The server should be careful to stand with his feet together or

proceedings with his unequalled demonstration of a game he called "Gladminton." Mr. D. L. Bloomer proposed the toast of "The Game of Badminton" and this was replied to by Sir George Thomas. Later a presentation from all the players was made to Mr. Bloomer as a measure of appreciation of his magnificent work in staging the tournament and of entertaining, on behalf of the Scottish Badminton Union, everyone so magnificently.

And it certainly was a magnificent job. David Bloomer, as the head and right arm of the committee responsible for the whole organisation, performed miracles. Indeed, the management of the whole tournament with its manifold things to attend to, was an absolute work of perfection. Everything seemed to be thought of, and no one, knowing nothing about the tournament, would have believed that the organisation was not the work of a professional impresario.

MEN'S SINGLES

First Round: Poul Holm (Denmark) beat F. W. Peard (Ireland), 15-9, 15-2. Robert Williams (U.S.A.) beat Preben Dabelsteen (Denmark), 15-3, 15-1. Nils Jonson (Sweden) beat Warwick Shute (England), 15-9, 15-3. Jorn Skaarup (Denmark) beat J. A. Russell (Scotland) 15-5, 15-9.

Second Round: E. B. Choong (Malaya) beat Stellan Mohlin (Sweden), 15-3, 15-5. Holm beat Williams, 15-7, 15-9. Skaarup beat Jonson, 15-9, 15-4. Palle Granlund (Denmark) beat Daryl Thompson (Canada) 15-10, 9-15, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Choong beat Holm, 15-8, 15-8. Skaarup beat Granlund, 7-15, 15-2, 15-11.

Final: Skaarup beat Choong, 15-7, 9-15, 17-14.

MEN'S DOUBLES

First Round: Nils Jonson and Stellan Mohlin (Sweden) beat J. A. Russell and A. I. McIntyre (Scotland). 12-15, 15-11, 15-9.

Second Round: Poul Holm (Denmark) and Robert Williams (U.S.A.) beat H. R. Marsland and Warwick Shute (England), 15-6, 15-10. Jonson and Mohlin beat Jorn Skaarup and Preben Dabelsteen (Denmark), 6-15, 17-14, 17-14. Arve Lossmann and Palle Granlund (Denmark),

apart. Standing cross-legged is not recommended.

The server begins by dropping the shuttle in the direction of the floor and then attempting to hit it with the racket. Having missed it, he picks it-up and tries again. There is no limit to the number of times he may do this and he is quite within his rights if he keeps on for the rest of the evening, providing he does not actually hit it. If he should eventually hit it, the game is on! The receiver, taken completely by surprise, then does one of two or three extraordinary things; he either hits the shuttle wildly towards the roof, or right out of the court, or he will bring the rally to an end by calmly tapping it into the net, the net being there for that purpose. If by any chance, the receiver should succeed in clearing the net, then the server will, in his turn and at great inconvenience to himself, have to attempt to strike again. This goes on until one or the other does manage to get the shuttle into the net. It is the server, then he promptly gives his opponent the bird. This should not be misconstrued, as "giving the bird" in Badminton simply means "passing the shuttle."

The shuttle is passed in various ways, viz: by tapping it over the net with the racket, by throwing it over or, by the

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Semi-finals: Holm and Williams beat Jonson and Mohlin, 15-5, 15-5. Choong and Choong beat Lossmann and Granlund, 15-0, 15-2.

Final: E. B. Choong and E. L. Choong beat Holm and Williams 15-9, 15-9.

LADIES' DOUBLES

First Round: Mrs. V. E. Durringer (England) and Mrs. J. A. S. Armstrong (Scotland) beat Miss J. McGregor (Scotland) and Mrs. G. F. Saunders (England), 15-9, 14-18, 15-4. Frk Aase Jacobsen and Fru Aase Winther (Denmark) beat Mrs. A. M. Horner (Scotland) and Miss Amy Choong (Malaya), 15-10, 15-4.

Semi-finals: Fru Tonny Ahm and Fru Kirsten Lossmann (Denmark) beat Mrs. Durringer and Mrs. Armstrong 15-8, 15-12. Frk Jacobsen and Fru Winther beat Mrs. H. S. Uber and Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber (England), 15-7, 15-10.

Final: Fru Ahm and Fru Lossmann beat Frk Jacobsen and Fru Winther, 15-4, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

First Round: E. B. Choong and Miss Amy Choong (Malaya) beat Daryl Thompson (Canada) and Mrs. V. E. Durringer (England), 15-10, 17-14. H. R. Marsland (England) and Miss J. McGregor (Scotland) beat R. E. Birch (Canada) and Mrs. H. S. Uber (England), 15-9, 16-18, 17-15. Poul Holm and Fru Tonny Ahm (Denmark) beat J. C. Mackay (Scotland) and Mrs. G. F. Saunders (England) 15-9, 15-7. Stellan Mohlin (Sweden) and Frk Aase Jacobsen (Denmark) beat Robert Williams (U.S.A.) and Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber (England), 16-17, 15-10, 15-7.

Second Round: Arve Lossmann and Fru Lossmann (Denmark) beat J. J. FitzGibbon (Ireland) and Mrs. J. A. S. Armstrong (Scotland), 15-3, 15-6. E. B. Choong and Miss Choong beat Marsland and Miss McGregor, 16-18, 15-2, 15-10. Holm and Fru Ahm beat Mohlin and Frk Jacobsen, 15-10, 15-10. E. L. Choong (Malaya) and Mrs. A. M. Horner (Scotland) beat Nils Jonson (Sweden) and Fru Aase Winther (Denmark), 15-10, 5-15, 15-12.

Semi-finals: Lossmann and Fru Lossmann beat E. B. Choong and Miss Choong, 4-15, 15-8, 15-9. Holm and Fru Ahm beat E. L. Choong and Mrs. Horner, 15-9, 15-9.

Final: Holm and Fru Ahm beat Lossmann and Fru Lossmann, 14-17, 15-11, 15-6.

more popular method of sliding or kicking it along the floor under the net. Only beginners are allowed this latter privilege, which usually causes great merriment amongst committee members and to the treasurer in particular.

With regard to the striking of the shuttle, there is a popular misconception that this should be done with the wooden part of the racket, but it can now be clearly stated that it is *not* a foul to hit the shuttle with the gut.

Deliberate damage to a shuttle is definitely not allowed but players of all grades are entitled to step on one now and again, presumably to improve the speed. This could and often does affect, not only the speed, but the flight as well. —*From the Coulsdon and Purley Badminton Club Magazine.*

The Right Spirit

A well known Northern figure, when asked, described his favourite stroke as "the lounge and bar—upwards with the right elbow—especially after . . . shire 2nd games." No prizes are offered for spotting the identity of this great enthusiast, but we can say that in recent years he has had a good deal of justification for exercising his "favourite stroke."

Huddersfield's First

Westmorland Pair Impress

By A. B. S.

The inaugural Invitation Tournament promoted by the Huddersfield Badminton Club was held in the Drill Hall, Huddersfield, on November 16th, 17th and 18th and proved a great success. There was an entry of 94 competitors, which, with the exception of H. R. Marsland, included all the leading Yorkshire players, and, in addition, from outside the county were M. W. Holborn of Durham and C. Cumpstey and H. R. Holdsworth of Westmorland. Holborn, now resident in Yorkshire, will in course of time possess the necessary qualifications to play for Yorkshire, and he will add, particularly in singles, to the strength of the Yorkshiremen. His performance against H. R. Holdsworth in the final of the singles gave one the impression that he possesses great potentialities for a young player of 23 years of age.

A fine win by Holdsworth and Cumpstey over the long established Yorkshire pair of J. H. Naylor and G. Ripley was the result of better team work combined with a determination to attack at every available opportunity.

Holdsworth and Cumpstey, although playing for a county in the second division of the Inter-County Championship, are proving by their performances in tournaments that they can give a good account of themselves against most of the leading players in the game.

MEN'S SINGLES

(9 players)

Second Round: H. R. Holdsworth beat J. Burgess, 15-5, 15-7. F. B. Webb beat G. Stott, 15-4, 15-11. C. Cumpstey beat D. Burden, 15-5, 15-9. M. W. Holborn beat B. Noble, 15-1, 15-4.

Semi-Finals: Holdsworth beat Webb, 15-4, 15-11. Holborn beat Cumpstey, 15-5, 15-10.

Final: Holborn beat Holdsworth, 18-17, 15-5.

LADIES' SINGLES

(6 players)

First Round: Miss D. James beat Miss M. Bailey, 11-7, 11-0. Mrs. J. Allott beat Mrs. H. Tippen, 12-11, 11-7.

Semi-Finals: Mrs. F. Higson beat Miss James, 12-10, 9-12, 11-3. Mrs. Allott beat Miss B. Wilson, 11-7, 11-6.

Final: Mrs. Higson beat Mrs. Allott, 11-5, 11-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(15 pairs)

Second Round: G. Ripley and J. H. Naylor beat A. Edwards and D. Porter, 15-5, 15-6. P. B. Brayshay and M. W. Holborn beat S. Stephens and V. Smith, 15-3, 15-14. F. B. Webb and R. Jefferson beat G. Stott and J. Cox, 6-15, 15-8, 15-10. C. Cumpstey and H. R. Holdsworth beat D. Burden and T. Wilson, 15-12, 15-7.

Semi-Finals: Ripley and Naylor beat Brayshay and Holborn, 15-9, 15-10. Cumpstey and Holdsworth beat Webb and Jefferson, 15-12, 15-12.

Final: Cumpstey and Holdsworth beat Ripley and Naylor, 15-11, 17-14.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(13 pairs)

Second Round: Mrs. F. Higson and Mrs. J. Allott beat Mrs. J. Coult and Mrs. B. Hawkeswell, 15-0, 15-2. Miss B. Wilson and Miss D. James beat Miss I. A. Kenningham and Miss M. Bailey, 15-11, 15-10. Mrs. J. Sykes and Mrs. G. Stott beat Mrs. B. Rawlinson and Miss L. Grayson, 15-10, 15-3. Mrs. M. Marshall and Miss N. Askham beat Mrs. H. Bennett and Mrs. H. Tippen, 13-15, 17-14, 15-10.

Semi-Finals: Mrs. Higson and Mrs. Allott

beat Miss Wilson and Miss James, 15-8, 15-1. Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Askham beat Mrs. Sykes and Mrs. Stott, 9-15, 15-9, 15-11.

Final: Mrs. Higson and Mrs. Allott beat Mrs. Marshall and Miss Askham, 15-6, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES

(22 pairs)

Third Round: J. H. Naylor and Mrs. Marshall beat V. Smith and Mrs. J. Whitaker, 15-8, 15-11. P. B. Brayshay and Miss D. James beat F. B. Webb and Mrs. J. Sykes, 15-6, 15-12. C. Cumpstey and Mrs. F. Higson beat J. Turner and Miss I. A. Kenningham, 15-8, 15-6. G. Ripley and Mrs. H. Bennett beat H. R. Holdsworth and Miss N. Askham, 15-9, 14-18, 15-3.

Semi-Finals: Naylor and Mrs. Marshall beat Brayshay and Miss James, 15-11, 15-4. Ripley and Mrs. Bennett beat Cumpstey and Mrs. Higson, 15-12, 15-3.

Final: Naylor and Mrs. Marshall beat Ripley and Mrs. Bennett, 17-15, 15-5.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: S. Stephens and V. Smith (owe 7), beat J. Burgess and J. Turner (owe 7), 6-15, 15-10, 15-3.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. J. Whitaker and Mrs. K. Aykroyd (plus 3), beat Mrs. C. Kaye and Miss H. Shaw (plus 2), 15-6, 15-9.

Mixed Doubles: J. Turner and Miss I. A. Kenningham (owe 9), beat D. Swinscoe and Miss Girling (plus 4), 15-5, 15-9.

Two very Charming Visitors to Britain

For the first time in twenty years, British courts were able to welcome leading Canadian men players when Daryl Thompson and R. E. Birch flew across the Atlantic to take part in the Glasgow invitation tournament last month. Both were members of Canada's last Thomas Cup team, and both are confidently expected to retain those places this season.

Cazenove's Popularity

By D. E.

The Cazenove Badminton Club held its annual tournament on 10th November at Orion Hall, Stamford Hill, London, N.16, and the meeting this season proved a greater success than the tournaments held in the two preceding years. The nearly 80 entries received were sufficient to close the lists four days before the official date, and more than the three available courts would have been necessary to cope with all the would-be competitors in this one day affair, consisting of three handicap doubles events.

A sterling performance was that of D. W. Hayes and Miss J. Peters who battled their way through a series of three-game matches in the mixed event before going down in the final to S. H. Lim and Miss J. White. The strong contingent from the Surrey clubs had satisfaction in seeing Miss White and Miss J. Mansley reach the final of the ladies' doubles, but here the victory went to the lesser known combination of Mrs. D. J. Cramb and Miss I. Gear, who are to be congratulated on winning from a field that included several county representatives.

A high standard of play was seen in most of the matches in the men's event, and, here again, Lim, strongly supported

The last Canadian male champion to play here was J. E. Purcell who came over for the 1931 All-England event, and since then the only top grade Dominion representative to play here has been Mrs. W. R. Walton when she won the All-England ladies' singles just before the war.

Thompson is the present singles and mixed champion of the Dominion and Birch is a three-time former holder. The latter is a 1951 men's doubles winner, and he has also won the Canadian mixed event no less than eight times. Both these players endeared themselves very much during their short stay on this side of the water, and it is safe to state that never have two more charming players from abroad played over here. All who had the pleasure of meeting them hope that they may soon come back again. Their play was of a very high standard, too, and both possessed unusually hard smashes and fine courtcraft. Thompson's singles play was quite up to the best European grade, and he will certainly rank as a very strong competitor in the All-England Championships if he is able to come over within the next year or two.

It was more than unfortunate for the two British Columbians that they were not able to reach their best at Glasgow due to insufficient time to become accustomed to conditions on this side.

After playing at Glasgow, Birch and Thompson made hurried visits to Belfast, Copenhagen, Aarhus, Edinburgh, Kelso and Beckenham at all of which they took part in exhibition matches.

Shades of the old Song

Many in these islands and elsewhere were reminded of a popular song last month. But, it wasn't so much a "Shuffle off to Buffalo" as a "Hustle off"!

by E. Symonds, proved too good for all opposition. The success of Symonds, a much improved player, is all the more meritorious when it is remembered that this was his second win in two consecutive weeks.

Mr. Wilfred H. Clarke, the club secretary, gave prize vouchers to winners and runners-up.

MEN'S DOUBLES HANDICAP

Semi-Finals: S. H. Lim and E. Symonds (owe 3), beat W. H. Hadley and J. R. Coulthard (plus 6), 15-9, 15-7. A. L. Salway and D. B. Hepworth (owe 4), beat J. E. Hawkins and J. C. Rolstone (scr.), 10-15, 15-12, 15-9.

Final: Lim and Symonds beat Salway and Hepworth, 13-15, 15-9, 15-12.

LADIES' DOUBLES HANDICAP

Semi-Finals: Mrs. D. J. Cramb and Miss I. Gear (plus 8), beat Miss D. M. Charlton and Miss M. R. Hill (owe 4), 15-12, 15-1. Miss J. N. Mansley and Miss J. White (scr.), beat Mrs. R. Cross and Mrs. G. Vaughan (owe 6), 15-13, 15-11.

Final: Mrs. Cramb and Miss Gear beat Miss Mansley and Miss White, 15-7, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP

Semi-Finals: D. W. Hayes and Miss J. Peters (owe 3) beat J. R. Coulthard and Miss D. Padget (plus 5), 15-13, 6-15, 15-6. S. H. Lim and Miss J. White (owe 5) beat A. L. Salway and Mrs. J. A. Messer (owe 6), 15-3, 13-15, 15-2.

Final: Lim and Miss White beat Hayes and Miss Peters, 15-9, 15-4.

News From The Counties

It will be appreciated if officials of County Associations will be kind enough to send regular short contributions covering general activities within their borders so that these columns may be maintained—Editor.

Essex has a very full Season

Essex has provided itself with a very full programme for the present season. Apart from first and second team inter-county fixtures, county trials have taken up two week-ends, the American tournament, the moderate players' tournament, matches against Cambridge University and the Malayan Students and the Restricted Championships are other big fixtures, and there is scarcely a week-end free up to the end of the season.

The inter-county tie against Surrey at Epsom, the results of which appear elsewhere in this issue, was an interesting event of which Essex had high hopes of emerging as winners. Unfortunately, this just could not be, but there were some "high" spots, as for instance when A. L. Salway saved eight match points at 14-12 against him in the third game of the top singles before Surrey's W. C. Rogers was able to clinch the match.

Surrey proved very kindly and thoughtful hosts and special mention should be made of the steward at the Ebbisham club for his unflinching courtesy.

The trials produced one or two interesting factors among the younger players, particularly with regard to D. B. Hepworth and Miss Hopker who were subsequently selected for the second team against Hertfordshire 2nd.

The American Tournament on November 25th was enthusiastically supported by players from all over the county but the top rankers seemed to have forgotten all about it. It was eventually won by A. Franklin and Mrs. Moore at plus 3 from J. Prince and Miss P. Hopker (scratch), both pairs being from Parkside B.C. Their final proved an anti-climax as in the first game Franklin, in attempting to take a difficult shot, took a most awful toss, his feet going from under him and his nose breaking his racket on the floor. The bleeding was staunch and he insisted on continuing the match which he won in two games, but it must be confessed that all the players seemed to have been strongly affected by the accident.

H. D. C.

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No Surprises in Hampshire's Restricted

The annual Hampshire Restricted Tournament, held on the three courts of the United Services Hall at Portsmouth on 3rd and 4th November, produced the expected final results in all the level events. But it was a good sign of the healthy state of the game in Hampshire that several good results were obtained by a number of entrants not previously considered to be of county standard.

A. B. Renton was the outstanding men's player, and he duly won both the men's and the mixed doubles. His partners were L. G. Coffin and Mrs. K. M. Henderson respectively. The latter, who appears to have lost none of her great skill, was also a dual winner, for she and Mrs. Hunt won

the ladies' doubles for the second year running.

This season men's singles was added to the programme for the first time. The chairman of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight B.A., Mr. S. Wyatt, had kindly presented a challenge trophy in order to encourage this side of the game, and L. G. Coffin proved a worthy first winner from quite a good entry of 13 competitors. His opponent in the final, F. A. Cox, did very well against him; he is newcomer to Hampshire, and it is understood that he has had some successes abroad.

Members of Hampshire's 2nd team of last season did very well. Amongst them, K. Hunter and R. Powell reached the final of the men's doubles, and Mrs. Parnell and Miss Thomas came close to defeating that well established pair of Mrs. Wyatt and Mrs. White who are previous holders of the ladies' doubles.

Indeed, quite a number of the county's younger players showed considerable improvement over a season ago, and amongst those noticed in this respect, apart from those already mentioned, were Miss R. Page, Mrs. Thursfield, Miss M. Whyte, J. R. Beal, J. Hingston, D. James and K. Powell. There were probably others too, but this writer was not able to watch all the competitors in action.

The results of the later rounds of the tournament were as follows:—

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: L. G. Coffin beat R. A. G. Powell, 15-12, 15-8. F. A. Cox beat P. Nath, 15-1, 15-4.

Final: Coffin beat Cox, 15-10, 15-12.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: L. G. Coffin and A. B. Renton beat S. Wyatt and D. Harvey, 15-5, 15-10. K. U. Hunter and R. A. Powell beat K. E. Foster and J. Paul, 15-11, 8-15, 15-9.

Final: Coffin and Renton beat Hunter and Powell, 15-8, 15-7.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. M. Henderson and Mrs. N. Hunt beat Miss O. McPhaden and Mrs. P. Gallagher, 15-7, 15-6. Mrs. M. White and Mrs. S. Wyatt beat Miss R. Page and Mrs. A. Thursfield, 15-12, 15-10.

Final: Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Hunt beat Mrs. White and Mrs. Wyatt, 15-10, 8-15, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: L. G. Coffin and Mrs. S. Wyatt beat D. J. Harvey and Miss R. Page, 15-8, 15-12. A. B. Renton and Mrs. M. Henderson beat F. Curtis and Mrs. G. Gamble, 17-14, 15-3.

Final: Renton and Mrs. Henderson beat Coffin and Mrs. Wyatt, 15-8, 15-10.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: L. G. Coffin and C. W. White (owe hand, owe 10), beat J. Hingston and D. James (scr.), 8-15, 15-10, 15-11.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. I. Adkins and Miss A. Thursfield (owe 10), beat Miss N. Hastings and Mrs. L. Coffin (owe 12), 15-11, 11-15, 15-6.

Mixed Doubles: D. L. James and Miss M. Whyte (owe 5), beat W. R. Thursfield and Mrs. A. Thursfield (owe 9), 15-13, 15-9.

F.W.G.

Portsmouth's American Tournament

Portsmouth and District Badminton Association held the first Restricted American Tournament of the season on Sunday, November 25th. This was in the form of a mixed doubles handicap event, and owing to the large entry, the 28 pairs had to be divided into four sections, graded according to strength. The winners of each section were:—(1) E. H. Sadler and Mrs. L. G. Coffin, (2) Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, (3) F. Stone and Miss Copper, (4) A. Dibben and Miss Bull. These winners played off a semi-final round in which Sadler and Mrs. Coffin (owe 7) beat Stone and Miss Copper (plus 3), 15-13; Dibben and Miss Bull (plus 7) beat Mr. and Mrs. Chambers (scr.), 15-14. In the final, Sadler and Mrs. Coffin beat Dibben and Miss Bull, 15-11. The winners were presented with a silver spoon each and the runners-up received handkerchiefs.

It was very pleasing to see many new faces on this occasion and proved that these American tournaments are becoming very popular.

M. L. C.

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Kent Entertained Canada's Champions

The Kent County B. A. staged what was perhaps its biggest exhibition function when Canada's two present champions, Daryl Thompson and R. E. Birch, played some matches before a thrilled audience at Beckenham on November 30th. Others participating were E. L. Choong and Miss Amy Choong of Malaya, and Warwick Shute, John Best and Mrs. Alcorn of the home county. The American Thomas Cup player, Robert Williams, had also been expected, but he had departed rather unexpectedly for home some days earlier. Both the visitors played extremely well, and their doubles match against Choong and Shute was one which drew continued rounds of applause from a very appreciative audience, which included both Sir George Thomas and Brigadier R. Bruce Hay, President and Chairman respectively of the Badminton Association of England.

On January 10th a fixture has been arranged to take place on the courts of the Aylesford Paper Mills, near Maidstone, between a Kent County team and a side expected to be representative of South of England juniors which the B.A. of England has been invited to select. It is hoped that this will be helpful in giving some of the leading juniors in the south the opportunity of some higher grade match play than they might normally expect to receive.

Kent's proud and normally rampant white horse received a nasty twist to its tail on November 25th when the county's second team visited Wimbledon for an inter-county fixture against Surrey 2nd. The white horse was scarcely able to canter back to its native heath what with suffering from 15 severe wounds without

disturbing a single turret of Surrey's castle. It is confidently anticipated that by January 6th, when the return fixture is due, there will be a little more kick in the nag, though there is no truth in the rumour that a mule will be substituted.

Everyone associated with the game in the county of Kent will have received the news of Mr. Edward Hawthorn's passing with the greatest of regret and the fondest of remembrances of one who did a tremendous lot for Badminton during a long career. He is the only president which the Kent County B.A. has ever had, and he was always a most active one, ever willing with advice and action to help things along. Immediately the association was formed 30 years ago, he presented a very large cheque with which were purchased three magnificent silver challenge trophies for inter-club competitions, and he was ever available for handicapping and refereeing Kent Championship tournaments. We shall miss his cheery greeting of "Hello, young man!" and his "Toodlee-oo!" at the end of the evening.

H. S.

News from Lancashire and Cheshire

The growth of the Lancashire and Cheshire coaching scheme has been rapid, and many more and increased courses are being held throughout the two counties. As an example of their extent, in the Bolton area alone, over 90 players, mostly in their teens, are at present receiving instruction.

The finals of the Moderate Players' Tournament held at Warrington on the 7th, 9th and 10 November resulted as follows:—

Men's Doubles—D. MacCorquodale and D. B. Purcell (plus 2) beat J. Samways and L. King (plus 4), 15-10, 15-11.

Ladies' Doubles—Miss L. Mason and Miss P. M. Cairns (owe 10) beat Miss J. B. Ellis and Miss P. Nadfield (owe 2), 15-11, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles—A. Crowther and Mrs. C. Butler (plus 6) beat G. Bull and Mrs. I. Maybury (owe 3), 15-10, 15-11.

The Birkenhead League beat the Manchester League at Port Sunlight on November 10th by 12 matches to 4. Harman won three of the four matches for Manchester.

W. G. P. B.

Middlesex Have Started Well

The Middlesex Championships and Hampstead Badminton Tournament will be held from February 2nd to 9th. The tournament committee has included in the junior events a Girls' Singles Championship for the first time, and a silver cup for this event has been presented by the Northern Heights Badminton Club. Full details of the tournament appear elsewhere in this issue.

Both Middlesex teams have started the season well, the first team by a win over Hampshire by 13 matches to 2 and the second team by defeating Kent 2nd, 10 matches to 5. In the second team match against Kent, Middlesex included four new men, all of whom had played well in the restricted tournament. The return

fixture against Kent 2nd was played on December 2nd, and again resulted in a win for Middlesex by 10 matches to 5.

The next home fixtures are against Surrey 2nd on December 23rd, commencing at 2.30 p.m., and a junior county match against Surrey Juniors on Saturday, December 29th, commencing at 3 p.m. Both events will be played at Hampstead Baths. It is hoped that a good number of Middlesex supporters will turn up especially for this junior county match.

A man's wrist watch was found at Hampstead Baths during the Restricted Tournament on November 3rd. Will the owner please apply to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Capell.

Suffolk County News

The Suffolk county team opened its season with a friendly fixture at Wimbledon against the University of London. The result was a loss for the county by 7 matches to 8 in a fixture played on Inter-County Championship lines. Suffolk showed good form, but due to an ankle injury to Miss Wheeler, two matches were given to the opposition. It is safe to say that the results would have been different but for this misfortune.

The following players represented Suffolk:—W. E. Martin, H. F. Cove, G. Goodchild, C. Jenner, Miss M. Wheeler, Miss Greengrass, Mrs. Rudland and Miss Arnold.

The county opened its championship programme on December 8th at Lowestoft

against Norfolk, this being the first tie which Suffolk has played in Division II to which the team obtained promotion at the end of last season.

Suffolk 2nd team commenced its fixtures by losing to Norfolk 2nd at Norwich by 4 matches to 11. Many of the matches went to three games, and on the Suffolk side Miss E. Arnold played consistently well, winning three of her four own matches.

V. W. C.

Westmorland's Players are Busy

During November the Westmorland "A" team enjoyed two friendly fixtures at Kendal. On November 17th the county side was defeated by Barrow and District by 12 matches to 3, but a week later Cumberland "A" was defeated by 11 matches to 4. On both occasions the normal inter-county match programme was observed.

The following players represented Westmorland in these two fixtures:—M. C. Archer, F. T. Long, G. Natrass, Mrs. M. Dugdale, Mrs. M. Gawith, Miss D. Howie and Miss M. Thompson in both, and R. Cottam, G. Edgar, A. Heighton, A. Hogarth, G. W. Parkinson, C. Scott, Miss M. Carlisle and Mrs. B. Harrower in one or the other.

Return fixtures have now been arranged as follows:—v. Cumberland "A" at either Silloth or Carlisle on Saturday, January 12th, and v. Barrow and District on Saturday, February 2nd at Barrow.

A. P.

The Game in Wales

South Wales has made a good Start

With the defeat of Wiltshire in their first county match since the war, South Wales are looking forward to a successful season. The team consisted entirely of newcomers to county play with the exception of F. C. Williams, the former Welsh International. As in the case of all county teams starting off for the first time the singles berths caused a great deal of consideration but the final selection of H. H. Anderson and W. Slimings, both of the Penarth B.C., proved a happy choice, for both were successful. In the ladies' singles the experience of Mrs. Wilson Lee, the former Somerset player, proved too great for Mrs. H. H. Anderson of Penarth.

South Wales won the four men's doubles whilst in the ladies' doubles the sides broke even. In the mixed series, after a very exciting match between the South Wales first pair, J. L. Moore and Mrs. H. Tomlin, and P. Elvins and Mrs. Wilson Lee, South Wales went on to win the tie, 12-3.

During the week-end of December 1st, South Wales toured the South of England and played Dorset at Parkstone and Wiltshire at Warminster. They relied on the same team with the exception of J. L. Moore, who is one of their strongest men but who was unable to make the trip.

In the South Wales League, Newport

"A," holders of the present championship, are leading the "A" section and Whitchurch (Cardiff) are leading the "B" section. In past years these two clubs have always met in their preliminary rounds but since they are now in different sections it makes it possible for the final to be fought out between them. One of the key matches for Division "B" will be that between Whitchurch and Penarth which will be taking place in December.

During the week commencing November 19th, Newport Athletic Club held an invitation tournament which proved a very successful venture, and it should be the forerunner of a very popular tournament in South Wales. The referee was Mr. R. H. Giles. The winners were: **Men's Singles**—J. L. Moore (Newport A.C.); **Ladies' Singles**—Mrs. H. H. Anderson (Penarth); **Ladies' Doubles**—Mrs. D. H. Cule and Mrs. H. Tomlin (Newport A.C.); **Mixed Doubles**—F. C. Williams and Mrs. H. H. Anderson (Penarth); **Men's Doubles**—W. J. Ridd and E. Armstrong (Newport A.C.).

Steady progress is being made with the Newport and District Badminton Association Tournament which is being played off during the whole of the season, the first round having been completed without any undue surprises.

R. H. G.

From "Badminton, the International Textbook of the Game"

The High Backhand

By DOUGLAS GRANT

(Three Times Champion of Canada)

The high backhand flick must be started early; must be hit at the stretch of the arm with the back facing the net; will depend on very strong wrist whip for good length; must have a good follow-through; must be hit to the very back of the court or dropped just over the net; must be used sparingly as it seldom withstands a sustained attack.

In defending the deep backhand corner

it is wise to reach round the head to avoid backhand strokes as much as possible. When, however, the bird is too near the sideline in relation to the position of the striker, and a backhand can no longer be avoided, the high backhand flick illustrated here is the most effective type of backhand, provided the player is capable of executing it extremely well. One should make an attempt to perfect

this stroke, but if not completely successful it will be wise to rely on the backhand drive which is easier to execute but which requires more physical effort while giving the opponent more time to get in position.

Either a drop or a clear can be played from this position, and while the drop can be aimed across court, there is less danger of the clear being anticipated when it is aimed straight down the line. The beauty of this stroke is that it can be played quickly, giving the opponent minimum time to regain position and the striker maximum opportunity of retaining the attack.

(1) In the execution of the high backhand, the back is turned directly to the net with the weight transferred to the rear foot. The arm is held back with the racket head pointed directly downward.

(2) and (3) As the arm and weight come forward the elbow shoots upward and the wrist whips the racket head into the bird with a snap.

(4) The follow-through is as complete as possible, but the position of the arm and body form a natural limitation which throws most of the power requirement on the wrist.

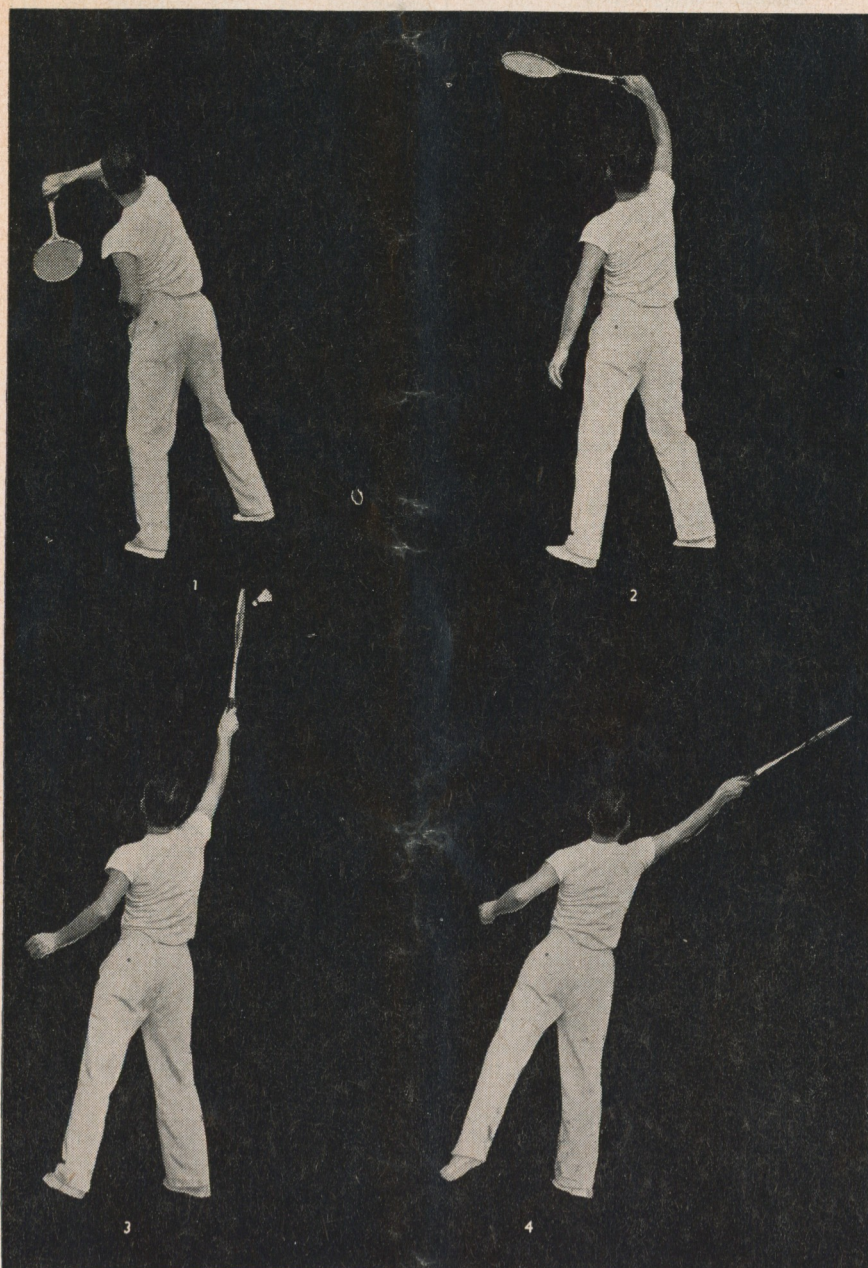
It is absolutely essential that this stroke be played as soon as possible, at the very utmost stretch of the arm directly over the forward shoulder.

The high backhand flick is played most effectively by those using the grip which employs the thumb up and behind the handle.

Since all types of backhand strokes from the deep-court entail a high expenditure of effort and likelihood of a fatal short reply one should attempt to favour "round-the-head" strokes. If, however, the bird is too far over the shoulder to play an overhead stroke the player has no alternative but to employ the type of backhand which he executes with the greatest effect. Backhands in all departments of the game (with the possible exception of mixed doubles) are losing strokes and a determined effort should be made, therefore, to avoid them whenever possible, and play them as well as possible when there is no alternative. When completely mastered, the flick or drop taken high is the best type of backhand from the deep-court.

I consistently try to avoid playing a backhand but when my opponent is successful in forcing me to play this stroke, I always take the bird as quickly as possible and attempt to whip it back to his deep forehand before he has a chance to get behind it for an offensive reply. If his thrust is short in the court I will occasionally attempt to counter with a cross-court flick to his own exposed backhand. If he plays far back in anticipation, alternative drops to either side of the net may catch him off-guard, but they should be used sparingly as the high degree of control required for such finely gauged strokes can only be met by a few masters of this particular stroke.

The high backhand flick is a stroke which must be played extremely well or not at all.



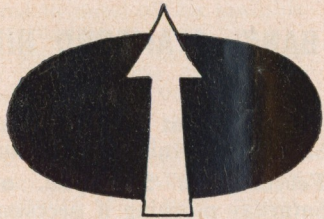
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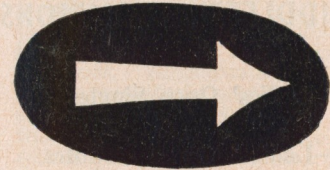


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| 1—Ladies' Open Singles | ... | ... | ... | Thursday, 7th February at 5.30 p.m. and continuing on Saturday morning if necessary. |
| Men's Open Singles | | | | |
| 2—Ladies' Open Doubles | ... | ... | ... | Friday, 8th February at 5.30 p.m. and continuing on Saturday morning if necessary. |
| Men's Open Doubles | | | | |
| 3—Mixed Open Doubles | ... | ... | ... | Saturday, 9th February at 1.30 p.m. |

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| Tuesday, 5th February, 5.30 p.m. | ... | ... | Mixed Doubles Restricted |
| | | | Ladies' Handicap Singles |
| Wednesday, 6th February, 5.30 p.m. | ... | ... | Ladies' Handicap Doubles |
| Thursday, 7th February, 5.30 p.m. | ... | ... | Men's Handicap Singles |
| Friday, 8th February, 5.30 p.m. | ... | ... | Men's Handicap Doubles Class B |
| Saturday, 9th February, 12 noon | ... | ... | Boys' Singles, Girls' Singles |
| Saturday, 9th February, 1 p.m. | ... | ... | Boys' Doubles, Girls' Doubles |
| Saturday, 9th February, 3 p.m. | ... | ... | Junior Mixed Doubles |
| Saturday, 9th February, 5 p.m. | ... | ... | Veterans' Doubles |

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R. Hughes Johnson

A Great Northern Enthusiast

By H. M.

Dick Johnson belongs to that invaluable section of sportsmen—that which is prepared to put as much time and energy into administrative work as others do in training and playing.

He started playing Badminton in 1930 at the St. Bede's Club, Birkenhead, of which club he soon became the Hon. Treasurer. In 1932 he joined the Grove Club where he was secretary for nine years. All that time he was a very keen player, but it is perhaps only fair to say that as a player his name would not be known outside a comparatively small circle.

The war interrupted things for Dick Johnson, as it did for others, and he spent some four years in the R.A.F. After the war he decided to direct all his available time to administration.

He was a founder of the Birkenhead and District League, later became its chairman and is now a Vice-President. In 1947 he founded the Chester and District League of which he is now President, and last year he became President of the Wallasey League. All that would have been enough for most people, but . . .

In 1948 he took on the much more onerous job of honorary secretary of the Lancashire and Cheshire Badminton Association, the biggest association in the country. Into this new work Dick John-

son threw himself with increased vigour, ably helped by his wife, nee Vera Pearson Wardle, whom he married in 1943. His enthusiasm for the game is matched by hers and it is a great advantage that she can type most of his letters, in between coping with a very active son, Roger Keith, aged 5½.

The Lancashire and Cheshire Association expanded rapidly after the war, and many clubs from the more remote parts of the two counties had become affiliated. It was the new secretary's great function to consolidate the new affiliations by help in every way and by visits to all parts of the county to tournaments, clubs and leagues. No club is too far away, no time too inconvenient for him if needed.

Combined with all this work he supports the Cheshire County sides, and he is non-playing captain of the second team with which he has travelled extensively in its successful career in the Inter-County Championship.

Under a hoard of work, which few would undertake, Dick Johnson yet has time to offer his services as hon. referee of tournaments, and many from outside the two counties will have seen his cheerful face at the Northern Championships. His friends are afraid that he will do too much, but he carries on happily, if need be dragging us out of our beds if he thinks the occasion demands it. No county



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could have a more capable and willing secretary.

Dick Johnson's other interests were Lawn Tennis, where again he immediately undertook administrative duties, and opera, particularly grand opera. He was a member of the Liverpool Opera Co. from 1937 to 1941 (Committee of course!) and the Commonwealth and Sefton Park Opera Companies (1921-1934). Since the war his other interests have been—Badminton, Badminton and Badminton!

In business Dick Johnson is employed by British Railways at Liverpool Central Station in the Engineering Accounts Section.

REVIEW

"Physical Recreation"

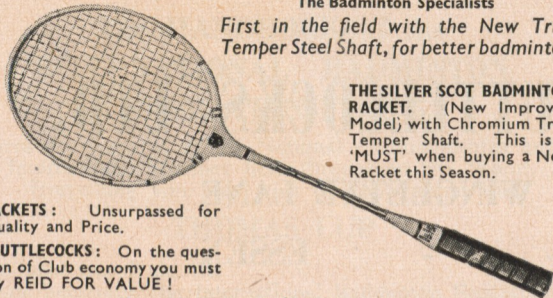
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News from Scandinavia

Some Surprising Results in Sweden

Two major upsets of normal form featured the open tournament of the B.K. Fjäderbollen, Stockholm, at the end of October. As no Danish players were able to accept invitations to compete this season, the promoting club invited the current Swedish national champions, Inge Blomberg and Knut Malmgren, to travel up from Malmo. As anticipated, both the guests together with Nils Jonson and Stellan Mohlin reached the semi-final round of the singles, but there both Sweden's two leading singles players suffered most unexpected defeats. Jonson went under to Malmgren, and Blomberg, even more surprisingly, lost to Mohlin. Thus, two doubles specialists contested the singles final, the harder hitting Malmgren coming out on top.

The doubles featured the return to tournament play after some years' absence of Lars Carlsson, national doubles champion with Jonson in 1946, 1947 and 1948. But he and Olle Wahlberg were eliminated in the semi-final by Blomberg and Malmgren who then went on to upset the present Swedish champions, Jonson and Mohlin, for the first time ever. It was a most surprising result particularly as the Stockholm pair led at one time by a game and 12-2 in the second. Both Jonson and Mohlin, however, had only just before returned from doing a lengthy spell of military service, and this must have affected their normal form.

Lars Carlsson is expected to come over for the All-England Championships in March, and his return to the game may well strengthen the Swedish international team this season.

A fortnight later, all the same players met again in the well known Malmo international tournament which is usually featured by a large participation of Danish competitors. This year, however, only one Dane was able to go over the water, but this was none other than Tage Madsen, former winner of the All-England singles title and of countless Danish championships. Doubles only were played in this meeting, and Madsen partnered the Swedish international, Helge Paulsson. Madsen played extremely well, but the

fact of playing with a completely strange partner was partly contributory to his defeat at the hands of Malmgren and Blomberg. In the final, Jonson and Mohlin made amends for their Stockholm reverse.

Mrs. Elsy Killick, who will be remembered from her participation at the last All-England Championships, shared in winning both the ladies' and mixed events, in the former with Mrs. Amy Pettersson and in the mixed with her usual partner, Malmgren.

The later results of these two tournaments were as follows:—

Fjäderbollen, Stockholm

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: Knut Malmgren beat Nils Jonson, 15-9 3-15, 15-12. Stellan Mohlin beat Inge Blomberg, 15-8, 15-9.

Final: Malmgren beat Mohlin, 15-8, 15-12.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Final: Malmgren and Blomberg beat Jonson and Mohlin, 8-15, 18-14, 15-10.

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MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Knut Malmgren and Inge Blomberg beat Tage Madsen and Helge Paulsson, 15-5, 15-12. Nils Jonson and Stellan Mohlin beat Olle Wahlberg and Lars Carlsson, 15-4, 18-13.

Final: Jonson and Mohlin beat Malmgren and Blomberg, 6-15, 15-4, 15-10.

MIXED DOUBLES

Final: Knut Malmgren and Fru Elsy Killick beat Inge Blomberg and Fru Amy Pettersson, 15-10, 15-11.

John Nygaard is ill

John Nygaard, the Danish international, was suddenly taken ill at the beginning of November and reports indicate that he is unlikely to be fit to play Badminton again this season. Just before he capitulated, Nygaard had been nominated as a member of the Danish Thomas Cup team to play Ireland, and he was of course unable to travel to Belfast with his teammates. The Danes are likely to miss his assistance very much, for at the time of his selection for the international side he was regarded as playing a better game of doubles than any other Dane, high praise indeed.

Ken Davidson's Busy Time

Announcement of the itinerary prepared by the Danish Badminton Association for K. R. Davidson's four weeks in Denmark indicates that the official coach to the American Thomas Cup team will have had a pretty busy time. Not only was he due to visit all the leading Copenhagen clubs, but appearances at many provincial centres were also scheduled. Amongst them were Odense, Fredericia, Aalborg and Nykobing Falster, as well as several towns in the province of Zealand.

Daryl Thompson Defeats Poul Holm

Canada's and Denmark's reigning singles champions met on Danish courts twice at the end of last month when Daryl Thompson, present singles champion of the Dominion, and Dick Birch, Canadian ex-champion, made a hurried trip to Denmark. In Copenhagen, the Dane was successful, but on the following day in Aarhus, Thompson got his revenge by a score of 16-18, 15-7, 15-12. The two Canadians had other successes against the top Danish players, but the actual results have, at the time of writing, not yet come to hand. We understand, however, that Birch and Thompson beat a Danish Thomas Cup pair and that Birch was also successful in mixed doubles. It was originally arranged that the two Canadians should be accompanied by the American, Robert Williams with whom they were due to play unofficial "international" matches against Poul Holm, Jorn Skaarup and Ole Jensen, Denmark's three leading men, but the American's sudden defection rather upset the plans.

Sweden's International Junior Tournament

An international open junior tournament, the first of its kind anywhere, was launched by the Swedish Association at Malmo on December 15th and 16th. No doubt, a fair number of Danish youngsters will have travelled across the narrow stretch of water for this event, the results of which have not yet come to hand.

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Ladies' Singles	: Ladies' Doubles	: Mixed Doubles	: Men's Singles	: Men's Doubles
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	Miss A. Choong	Miss A. Choong		H. T. Lee

LEVEL MIXED DOUBLES EVENT Restricted to players who have not won a championship event.
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HANDICAP EVENTS · Commencing Thursday, February 21st, at 5 p.m.

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ENTRY FEES—7/6 each player for championship events. 5/- each player for all other events.

ENTRIES CLOSE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1952*Hon. Referee : E. R. COOK, Esq.**For entry forms and all other particulars apply to: E. R. COOK, Meadowland, Midford Road, Bath.*

The Inter-County Championship

Last Year's Semi-finalists Look like Repeating—Northamptonshire is Going Strong—Sussex Defeated by Surrey 2nd.

Though the East of Scotland has, at the time of writing, not yet commenced her quest for inter-county honours, the position in Mid-December indicates that all four of last season's semi-finalists in the top division of the Inter-County Championship look like reaching that stage again. The two finalists of 1951, Middlesex and Cheshire have each played only one tie, but in each case a resounding victory was gained. In the Midlands, Warwickshire, with a couple of 13-2 successes, seems almost halfway to the knock-out stage. The acquisition of N. B. Radford has considerably stiffened her side, and she will certainly take some stopping when the spring comes along. In the south, honours should lie between Middlesex and Kent who do not meet until February, it being noted that in this zone home and away ties are not the order of the day; a pity, perhaps, since many of the counties should be closely matched. At the beginning of the season, one might have thought that Surrey stood

in danger of having to resist a challenge from below in March, for she is in the throes of building up for the future; however, her partially new team re-acted favourably against Essex and registered what may well prove to be an important win. It must, however, be recorded that the Easterners were without A. W. Holden, not yet fully recovered from illness.

Features of early play in Division II indicate Northamptonshire's big effort to make a return to the top company. She has already won four ties out of four. In the same zone, Worcestershire is also undefeated, but her three victories have all been gained by the slenderest margin possible. In the north, Cheshire 2nd looks like enjoying another reasonably serene path forward. This county would appear to have no limit to the quantity of talent available.

In the south zone, there was a big upset when Sussex, with all her strong ladies available, lost to Surrey 2nd in her opening fixture. Sussex has certainly fallen on evil days, for it seems but a short time ago, in 1938 in fact, when she only lost the final of the championship itself to Lancashire by an odd game or two. In the same section, Kent 2nd underwent her worst defeat ever, Surrey 2nd again being the conquerors. She, too, is not what she was a few years ago when the 2nd team championship came her way.

Defeat of Hertfordshire

There was a big surprise at Slough, too, when last season's Division II winners lost to Berks, Bucks and Oxon by 12 matches to 3 on December 9th. It is only fair to mention that two members of the Hertfordshire team were unable to play.

The advent of the two Welsh teams has added considerable interest to Division III affairs. North Wales is in the running to win its group in the Midlands Zone, but only just, since she has a strong rival in Staffordshire 2nd, with whom she has already divided the honours. Here, the total number of matches won by the two seems certain to decide the issue, and it may well happen that games may have

to be added up to differentiate between these sides. To make sure of success North Wales will have to win both her outstanding ties with Worcestershire 2nd by overwhelming margins, a rather doubtful contingency.

The other team from the Principality, South Wales, is not doing so well, two very narrow defeats on tour having upset her chances of promotion, although since 8-7 scores seem to be the rule in her group it may well happen that her two strongest rivals may cut each other's throats and let her in.

Nominations of Players

In addition to the list published in the last issue, the following have also been nominated in accordance with Regulation 14:—

Cambridgeshire: A. G. Crack, A. H. B. Gillingham, E. R. Mason, E. M. Rayner, Miss D. M. S. Bailey, Mrs. J. Lawrie, Mrs. K. J. Ridgeon, Mrs. M. A. E. Walker.

Cambridgeshire 2nd: J. Allitt, C. Hanson, F. Krebs, E. Summerlin, Miss J. F. Cryer, Mrs. M. A. Halls, Miss O. Saunders, Mrs. N. M. Warren.

Durham: M. W. Holborn, R. F. Hobday, J. Eccles, H. Davidson, Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Heppenstall, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Pigdon.

Essex: A. Barron, J. C. Bate, R. D. Bishop, A. L. Salway, Miss D. B. Grace, Miss J. E. Haselgrove, Miss C. Swann, Miss B. J. Swinton.

Leicestershire: F. S. Parker, W. C. Regan, A. Pilgrim, G. R. B. Meredith, Mrs. A. Pilgrim, Miss Pickering, Miss Fox, Mrs. Freckleton.

Northumberland: W. H. Kernohan, L. E. Lawson, N. M. McIntosh, J. H. Henderson, Mrs. D. H. Lister, Miss M. Armstrong, Miss V. Broderick, Mrs. N. Howe.

Somerset: L. G. Burden, W. F. Saunders, D. Osman, J. H. Murray, Miss A. Blathwayt, Miss L. Barlow, Miss P. Strudwick, Miss B. Sanders.

Suffolk: H. F. Cove, W. E. Martin, G. Goodchild, C. A. Jenner, Mrs. C. M. Rudland, Mrs. A. C. Leeming, Miss M. Wheeler, Miss O. Greengrass.

LATE RESULTS

DIVISION I

Staffordshire 2; Warwickshire 13.
Durham 11; East of Scotland 4.
Staffordshire 12; Nottinghamshire 3.

DIVISION II

Suffolk 10; Norfolk 5.
Westmorland 6; Lancashire 2nd 9.
Sussex 9; Middlesex 2nd 6.
Notts 2nd 4; Northants 11.
Berks, Bucks & Oxon 12; Hertfordshire 3.
Gloucestershire 12; Devon 3.
Warwickshire 2nd 12; Notts 2nd 3.
Derbyshire 12; Worcestershire 3.
Isle of Man 4; Lancashire 2nd 11.
Gloucestershire 14; Devon 2nd 1.

DIVISION III

Staffordshire 2nd 15; Shropshire 0.
Gloucestershire 2nd 8; South Wales 7.
North Wales 15; Shropshire 0.
Cambridgeshire 11; Bedfordshire 4.
Cornwall 6; Somerset 2nd 9.
Shropshire 3; Staffordshire 2nd 12.
Leicestershire 2nd 13; Northants 2nd 2.
Hampshire 2nd 11; Sussex 2nd 4.
Cambridgeshire 2nd 10; Norfolk 2nd 5.

The above are all included in the table of results overleaf.

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DIVISION I		Ties		Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Far North Zone					
Durham	2	2	-	22	8
Northumberland	1	-	1	4	11
East of Scotland	1	-	1	4	11
North Zone					
Cheshire	1	1	-	14	1
Lancashire	2	1	1	10	20
Yorkshire	1	-	1	6	9
Midlands Zone					
Warwickshire	2	2	-	26	4
Staffordshire	2	1	1	14	16
Nottinghamshire	1	-	1	3	12
Leicestershire	1	-	1	2	13
South Zone					
Middlesex	1	1	-	13	2
Kent	1	1	-	9	6
Surrey	1	1	-	9	6
Essex	1	-	1	6	9
Hampshire	2	-	2	8	22

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DIVISION II

Ties		Matches			
P.	W.	L.	W.	L.	
Far North Zone					
Cumberland	1	1	-	9	6
Durham 2nd	1	1	-	9	6
Northumberland 2nd	2	1	1	19	11
East of Scotland 2nd	2	-	2	8	22
North Zone					
Cheshire 2nd	2	2	-	25	5
Lancashire 2nd	3	2	1	24	21
Yorkshire 2nd	2	1	1	20	10
Westmorland	2	1	1	14	16
Isle of Man	3	-	3	7	38
Midlands Zone					
Northamptonshire	4	4	-	40	20
Worcestershire	4	3	1	27	33
Derbyshire	5	3	2	44	31
Warwickshire 2nd	4	1	3	30	30
Nottinghamshire 2nd	7	1	6	39	66
South Zone					
<i>Eastern Section</i>					
Berks, Bucks and Oxon	2	2	-	24	6
Suffolk	1	1	-	10	5
Hertfordshire	1	-	1	3	12
Norfolk	2	-	2	8	22
<i>Central Section</i>					
Surrey 2nd	2	2	-	25	5
Middlesex 2nd	3	2	1	26	19
Sussex	2	1	1	14	16
Kent 2nd	3	-	3	10	35
<i>Western Section</i>					
Gloucestershire	2	2	-	26	4
Somerset	1	1	-	15	0
Devon	2	1	1	18	12
Devon 2nd	3	-	3	1	44

DIVISION III

Ties		Matches			
P.	W.	L.	W.	L.	
Midlands Zone					
<i>Western Group</i>					
Staffordshire 2nd	6	5	1	69	21
North Wales	4	3	1	43	17
Worcestershire 2nd	4	1	3	24	36
Shropshire	6	1	5	14	76
<i>Eastern Group</i>					
Lincolnshire and Rutland	2	2	-	23	7
Leicestershire 2nd	1	1	-	13	2
Derbyshire 2nd	1	1	-	12	3
Northamptonshire 2nd	4	-	4	12	48
South Zone					
<i>Eastern Section (North)</i>					
Cambridgeshire 2nd	1	1	-	10	5
Norfolk 2nd	2	1	1	16	14
Suffolk 2nd	1	-	1	4	11
<i>Eastern Section (South)</i>					
Cambridgeshire	1	1	-	11	4
Essex 2nd	1	1	-	11	4
Bedfordshire	2	1	1	15	15
Hertfordshire 2nd	2	-	2	8	22
<i>Central Section</i>					
Hampshire 2nd	2	2	-	25	5
Sussex 2nd	2	1	1	16	14
Berks, Bucks and Oxon 2nd	2	-	2	4	26
<i>Western Section (North)</i>					
Gloucestershire 2nd	2	2	-	16	14
South Wales	4	2	2	36	24
Dorset	2	1	1	15	15
Wiltshire	2	-	2	8	22
<i>Western Section (South)</i>					
Somerset 2nd	2	2	-	19	11
Dorset 2nd	1	-	1	5	10
Cornwall	1	-	1	6	9

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Inter-County Championship Fixtures

It will be appreciated if Match Secretaries will at once notify any alterations or additions to these lists—Editor.

DIVISION I

December

- 22 Nottinghamshire v. Staffordshire at Nottingham
Leicestershire v. Warwickshire at Leicester
29 Leicestershire v. Nottinghamshire at Leicester

January

- 5 East of Scotland v. Northumberland at Edinburgh
5 Lancashire v. Yorkshire at Bolton
6 Warwickshire v. Staffordshire at Coventry
12 Yorkshire v. Cheshire at Huddersfield
13 Kent v. Essex at Lower Sydenham
Middlesex v. Surrey at Stamford Hill
20 Staffordshire v. Leicestershire at Stafford
26 Cheshire v. Lancashire at Chester
27 Surrey v. Kent at Wimbledon
Essex v. Hampshire at Ilford

February

- 3 Kent v. Middlesex at Lower Sydenham
Warwickshire v. Nottinghamshire at Coventry
9 Cheshire v. Yorkshire at Birkenhead
Nottinghamshire v. Leicestershire at Nottingham
23 Nottinghamshire v. Warwickshire at Nottingham
24 Essex v. Middlesex at Ilford
Hampshire v. Surrey at Portsmouth

March

- 15 Semi-final Ties
29 Final Tie and Challenge Ties

DIVISION II

December

- 22 Warwickshire 2nd v. Derbyshire at Coventry
23 Middlesex 2nd v. Surrey 2nd at Hampstead
Worcestershire v. Northamptonshire at Barnet Green
29 Suffolk v. Berks, Bucks and Oxon at Holbrook
30 Kent 2nd v. Sussex at Lower Sydenham
Devon 2nd v. Gloucestershire at Exeter

January

- 5 Isle of Man v. Westmorland at Douglas
Somerset v. Gloucestershire in Somerset
Warwickshire 2nd v. Worcestershire at Coventry
6 Devon v. Devon 2nd at Plymouth
Kent 2nd v. Surrey 2nd at Lower Sydenham
Norfolk v. Hertfordshire at Norwich
12 Cheshire 2nd v. Yorkshire 2nd at Port Sunlight
Derbyshire v. Nottinghamshire 2nd at Derby

- 13 Sussex v. Kent 2nd at Littlehampton
Somerset v. Devon in Somerset
Northamptonshire v. Warwickshire 2nd at Northampton
19 Northamptonshire v. Worcestershire at Northampton
Westmorland v. Cheshire 2nd at Kendal
Lancashire 2nd v. Yorkshire 2nd at Chorley
20 Hertfordshire v. Suffolk at Welwyn Garden City
Devon v. Somerset in Devon
Surrey 2nd v. Sussex at Epsom
26 Gloucestershire v. Somerset at Bristol
Derbyshire v. Northamptonshire at Derby
Durham 2nd v. Cumberland in Durham
27 Middlesex 2nd v. Sussex at Hampstead

February

- 2 Devon v. Gloucestershire at Exeter
3 Devon 2nd v. Somerset in Devon
Surrey 2nd v. Middlesex 2nd at Wimbledon
Worcestershire v. Warwickshire 2nd at Barnet Green
23 Quarter-final Ties

March

- 15 Semi-final Ties
29 Challenge Ties

April

- 5 Final Tie

DIVISION III

December

- 29 Derbyshire 2nd v. Leicestershire 2nd at Derby
South Wales v. Dorset at Newport

January

- 5 Wiltshire v. Dorset at Warminster
North Wales v. Worcestershire 2nd at Pwllheli
Dorset 2nd v. Somerset 2nd in Dorset
6 Essex 2nd v. Bedfordshire at Ilford
Hampshire 2nd v. Berks, Bucks and Oxon 2nd at Portsmouth
9 Cambridgeshire v. Hertfordshire 2nd at Cambridge
12 Dorset v. Gloucestershire 2nd at Weymouth
Lincolnshire and Rutland v. Leicestershire 2nd at Grantham
19 Northamptonshire 2nd v. Derbyshire 2nd at Northampton
Somerset 2nd v. Cornwall in Somerset
Gloucestershire 2nd v. Wiltshire at Bristol
Leicestershire 2nd v. Lincolnshire and Rutland at Leicester.
20 Essex 2nd v. Cambridgeshire at Clacton
Berks, Bucks and Oxon 2nd v. Sussex 2nd at Slough
Worcestershire 2nd v. North Wales at Barnet Green
26 Cambridgeshire 2nd v. Suffolk 2nd at Cambridge
Dorset 2nd v. Cornwall at Weymouth

February

- 2 Cornwall v. Dorset 2nd at St. Austell
South Wales v. Gloucestershire 2nd at Newport
Dorset v. Wiltshire at Weymouth
9 Derbyshire 2nd v. Lincolnshire and Rutland at Derby
17 Sussex 2nd v. Hampshire 2nd at Littlehampton

March

- 1 Inter-Group Ties
29 Challenge Ties

OTHER FIXTURES

December

- 29 Middlesex Juniors v. Surrey Juniors at Hampstead
30 Surrey v. Hampshire (ladies) at Wimbledon

January

- 12 Cumberland "A" v. Westmorland "A" at Carlisle
13 Essex v. University of London at Eastwood
27 University of London v. Berks, Bucks and Oxon at Wimbledon

February

- 2 Barrow and District v. Westmorland "A" at Barrow.
3 University of London v. Norfolk in London
9 Suffolk v. Norfolk at Holbrook
10 Hampshire v. Cambridge University (men) at Portsmouth
United Banks v. Berks, Bucks and Oxon (men) at Wimbledon
17 Nottinghamshire v. Cambridge University (men) at Nottingham
20 Cambridgeshire v. Cambridge University at Cambridge
24 Cambridge University v. Kent "A" (men) at Cambridge

March

- 2 Kent 2nd v. United Banks at Lower Sydenham

(Scores and results continued from page 93)

Hertfordshire 2nd v. Essex 2nd

Played at Welwyn Garden City on 2nd December, and won by Essex 2nd by 11 matches to 4.

Essex 2nd: D. B. Hepworth, B. Fairman, J. D. Robertson, S. Saunders, N. R. Brigg, Miss P. Hopker, Mrs. Larman, Mrs. Budge, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Frith.

Hertfordshire 2nd: H. Findlay, S. R. Seth, E. Metson, E. Berrett, B. Jackson, Miss R. Scrivener, Mrs. I. Steer, Miss Q. Berrett, Miss V. Potter, Miss J. Oldham.

Wiltshire v. South Wales

Played at Warminster on 2nd December, and won by South Wales by 10 matches to 5.

South Wales: W. J. Slimmings, H. H. Anderson, F. C. Williams, D. L. Phillips, J. H. Evans, Miss S. Rees, Mrs. H. Tomlin, Mrs. H. H. Anderson, Mrs. B. Saunders, Miss D. Jones.

Wiltshire: F. Dumbleton, — Norris, A. Murray, P. Barlow, P. C. Elvins, W. G. Green-shields, Mrs. Wilson Lee, Miss Gwyn, Mrs. Whatley, Miss J. Brewer, Mrs. Colenso.

Official Notices

The Badminton Association of England

Hon. Treasurer : A. Barron, 2 Clement's Inn, Strand, London, W.C.2
Secretary : H. A. E. Scheele, 64a Hill Rd., Wimbledon, London, S.W.19

LAWS OF BADMINTON—It has been agreed to propose to the International Badminton Federation that the Laws of Badminton be altered as follows:—

1. That Law 4, paragraph 2, be deleted and that the following be substituted:—

“Subject to there being no substantial variation in the general design, pace, weight and flight of the shuttle, modifications in the above specifications may be made; subject to the approval of the National organisation concerned:—

- (a) in places where atmospheric conditions, due either to altitude or climate, make the standard shuttle unsuitable; or
- (b) if special circumstances exist which make it otherwise expedient in the interests of the game.”

It has been agreed to propose, similarly, that the following clause be added to Tournament Regulations, Regulations for International Matches and Regulations for the International Badminton Championship:—

“Modified shuttles as permitted under Law 4 shall not be used without the consent of all parties affected.”

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF PHYSICAL RECREATION—In conjunction with the Central Council of Physical Recreation a demonstration of Badminton coaching and some exhibition matches will be held at Seymour Hall, London, on February 12th.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will take place at the Empress Hall, Earls Court, London, S.W.6, on Saturday, March 22nd, 1952 at 10.30 a.m. In accordance with Rule 5, notice of any proposal to go before that meeting must be received by the Secretary of the Association not less than eight clear weeks before the date of the meeting.

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3rd-5th ALL-ENGLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Wimbledon).

4th-5th Northamptonshire Championships (Northampton).

7th Worcestershire Junior (Barnt Green).

10th-12th West Sussex Championships (Littlehampton).

25th-26th Kent Championships (Herne Bay).

26th-27th Harrogate.

26th Norfolk Open (Kings Lynn).

31st-Feb. 2nd Leicester.

February

1st-2nd Hampshire Championships (Portsmouth).

2nd-9th Middlesex Championships (London).

9th Cumberland (Carlisle).

14th-16th Nottinghamshire Championships (Nottingham).

14th-16th Berkshire Championships (Abingdon).

21st-23rd Somerset Championships (Bath).

23rd Inter-County Championship Quarter-final Ties (Division II).

28th-March 1st Sussex Championships (Littlehampton).

March

1st Inter-County Championship Inter-Group Ties (Division III).

1st-8th Surrey Championships (Wimbledon).

14th-15th All-England Qualifying Rounds

15th Inter-County Championship Semi-final Ties (Divisions I and II).

19th-22nd ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS (Earl's Court).

29th Berwick Open.

28th-29th Hull.

29th Inter-County Championship Final Tie (Division I).

29th Inter-County Championship Challenge Ties.

April

4th-5th West Hants Championships (Bournemouth).

5th Inter-County Championship Final Tie (Division II).

10th-14th Isle of Wight Championships (Seaview).

NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS OUTSIDE ENGLAND

JANUARY 18th and 19th—Scottish Open Championships at Edinburgh.

FEBRUARY 15th and 16th—Irish Open Championships at Belfast.

MARCH 29th to 30th—International Championships of France at Paris.

APRIL 4th to 7th—Danish Open Championships at Copenhagen.

INTERNATIONAL FIXTURES

JANUARY 3rd—England v. Ireland at Hove.

JANUARY 17th—Scotland v. England at Edinburgh.

FEBRUARY 1st and 2nd—England v. Scotland (Thomas Cup) at Nottingham.

APRIL 3rd—Sweden v. England at Malmo.

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The following tournaments restricted to the players of the county association concerned have been reported:—

BERKS, BUCKS & OXON—at Slough, March 8th and 9th.

DERBYSHIRE—at Derby, March 6th to 8th.

DORSET—at Parkstone, December 15th; other events: at Weymouth, October 13th, November 24th, December 8th, February 9th and 23rd, March 15; at Parkstone, October 20th.

ESSEX—at Ilford, February 10th and March 9th; Handicaps at Ilford, November 25th; Moderate Players at Ilford, December 16th.

HAMPSHIRE—November 3rd and 4th; Portsmouth and District B.A., March 10th to 15th.

HERTFORDSHIRE—at Welwyn Garden City, February 24th.

KENT—at Aylesford, November 2nd to 4th; Woolwich Restricted at Plumstead, November 26th to December 1st; Dover Restricted, November 26th to December 1st.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE—at Chester, February 28th and 29th; Moderate Players: at Warrington, November 7th to 10th; at Fleetwood, December 1st and 8th; at Port Sunlight, January 23rd to 26th.

MIDDLESEX—at Hampstead, November 3rd.

SUFFOLK—at Holbrook, January 5th; County Pairs at Lowestoft, March 8th.

SUSSEX—at Hove, December 27th to 29th.

WESTMORLAND—at Kendal, March 17th to April 8th.

WILTSHIRE—December 8th and 9th.

WORCESTERSHIRE—at Barnt Green, February 29th and March 1st.

YORKSHIRE—Juniors, December 29th.

UNITED BANKS—at Epsom, March 15th and 16th.

In accordance with Tournament Regulation 3 (last paragraph), the dates of all restricted tournaments should be reported forthwith to the Badminton Association of England, and the attention of all county associations is hereby drawn thereto.

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