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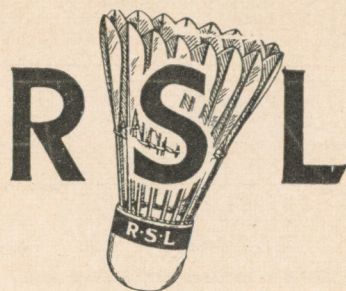
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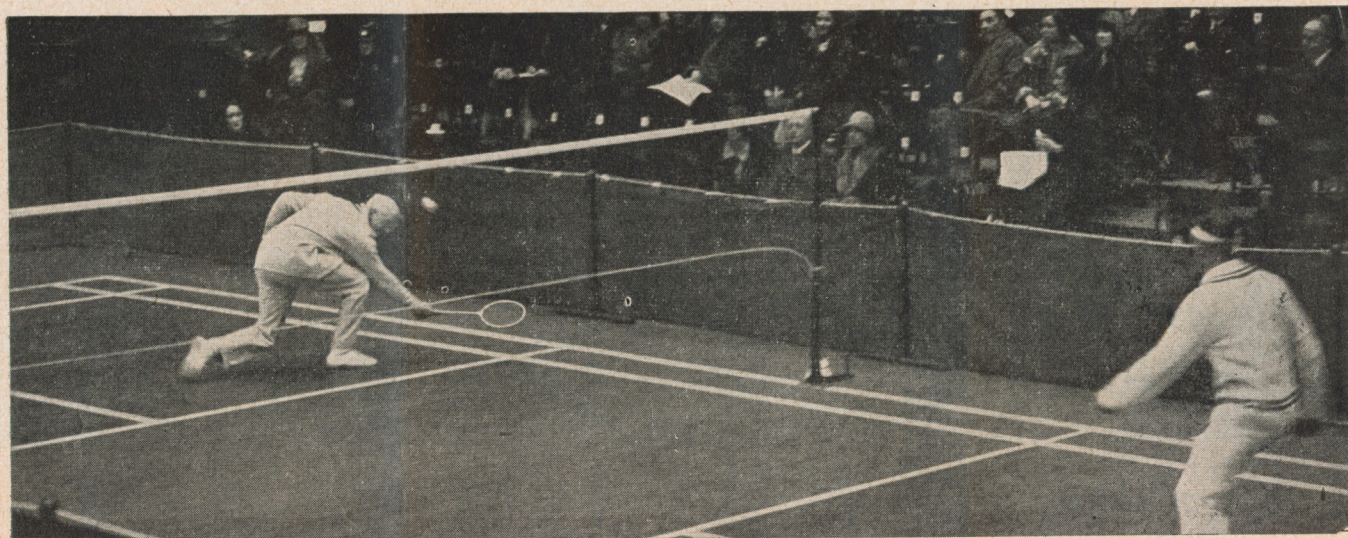
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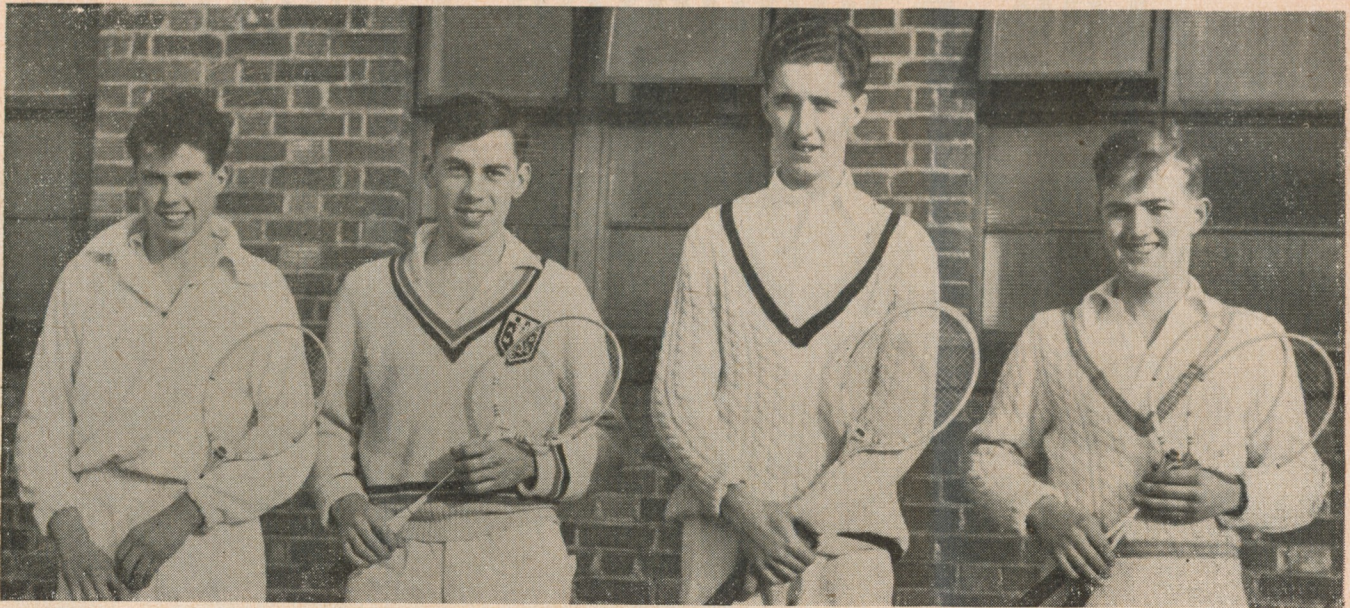
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The Badminton Association of England has heard with deep and sincere regret of the passing of our beloved Majesty King George VI. On behalf of all Badminton players in England profound sympathies are extended to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and to all members of the Royal Family.



BEFORE THE DOUBLES FINAL IN THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
The four contestants, all of whom had also previously reached the singles semi-finals, smile in the sunshine outside the Wimbledon Club. Left to right: H. T. Findlay (Hertfordshire), B. T. Grozier (Kent), R. J. Lockwood (Middlesex) and A. D. Jordan (Cheshire).

The All-England Becomes Extended

Henceforth it will be an honour to have one's name included in the draw for the All-England Championships. Participation in the main events at the Empress Hall will be a recognition of a player's skill at the game. This is as it should be, for the All-England Championships are, in effect, "All-England" in name only. In reality, the tournament is, of course, the nearest approach to a championship of the world, and long may it so remain. This state of affairs has come about over a long period of years. The All-England Championships are the oldest in the world. They go back to 1899 when there were but a relative handful of Badminton players, and practically none of any consequence at all outside the British Isles. Originally, the meeting was styled "The Badminton Association Tournament," and apart from an odd handicap tournament or two it was the only open tournament held anywhere. How that has all changed! The present name was adopted nearly 50 years ago, and it is never likely to be changed, just as we are never likely to see official world championships so titled.

Until the last war, the meeting was open to anyone who cared to enter, and there were thus always one or two completely strange names in the draw. After the war, and the great advances made in many other countries, entries were inclined to exceed the number which could be satisfactorily catered for. Limits were placed on the numbers of competitors who could be accommodated, and, in order to accomplish this, there have been annually a small number of would-be participants whose entries have been de-

clined so as to keep the numbers within reasonable proportions. It is recognised that this may have been perhaps a little hard on the unfortunate ones who were rejected in accordance with their other tournament performances.

It is not believed that in the process of eliminating the superfluous entries any were refused who were likely to cause any upsets of form or who might have had any chance at all in reaching the final stages of any of the events. But it was hard on the ambitious who were keen to take part in the world's premier meeting. They will now have their opportunities by the institution of the qualifying rounds.

Obviously, none of the better players, not only from abroad but also from the home country, will be asked to play through these qualifying tests, which will be held over the previous week-end in London. The scheme will work out on the following principles.

Only a specified number of entrants in each event will be accepted straight into the main tournament at the Empress Hall. They will be selected by the committee in accordance with their playing results during the current and preceding season. A competitor's nationality will have no bearing upon the selections. Other entrants up to a limited number in all events will be required to play through two or three qualifying rounds.

The last 8 players in the men's singles, the last 4 players in the ladies' singles, the last 4 pairs in the men's doubles, the last 2 pairs in the ladies' doubles and the

last 8 pairs in the mixed doubles of the qualifying rounds will then be automatically entered in the main tournament at the Empress Hall in the places left vacant in the draw for those events.

It is possible that a competitor may be accepted straight into the main tournament in one event and be asked to play in the qualifying rounds in another.

It is expected that large numbers of players will thus enter the tournament, many of them with the sole idea of proving their worth. Indeed, it is possible that the capacity of the qualifying competition may be tested beyond the time and courts available. If this proves so, it will add emphasis to the general expectations that large numbers of the game's adherents are desirous of measuring their skill against the world's best.

Doubtless, in time, and in the very near future at that, it may be necessary to institute qualifying rounds in other parts of the country too, in order to prevent some of the lesser lights from taking off too much time to compete in London.

Other reasons which have prompted the institution of these qualifying tests concern the limit to the number of matches which the leading players should be called upon to play in any one day at the main tournament. It would obviously be wrong in principle to expect a player to participate in seven or eight matches in any one playing session, even if the courts and time were available. Stamina is an important part of any game, but there must be a limit on the demands of competitors when they are opposed to others of their own skill.

The Thomas Cup

England Reaches European Final

Scotland is Defeated 6-3—J. A. Russell and H. R. Marsland Feature prominently in Nottingham Tie

By "INVICTA"

England's Thomas Cup team reached the final round of the European Zone of the International Championship when it beat Scotland by 6 matches to 3 at the Victoria Baths, Nottingham, on Friday and Saturday, 1st and 2nd February. There was a good crowd on hand on both days, and it was pleasurable to see so many schoolchildren on the Friday.

Play was rather closer than a 6-3 result might indicate, for on the first day, the sides were 2-all, the first time that this close state of affairs had ever been reached in any Thomas Cup tie anywhere. Speculations as to the eventual outcome were then varied, but the general consensus of opinion was that a 5-4 score was most likely, with the home team having the slight edge.

The play of two men stood out boldly, one on either side. For Scotland, J. A. Russell was so convincing in his two singles as to suggest that he must be now just about the best singles player belonging to any of the countries composing the British Isles. In England's team H. R. Marsland's star shone particularly brightly, especially so in his only singles match.

Scotland's Lead

Quite early in the opening match of the tie Russell gave a splendid impression of his great improvement over any past efforts. In opposition to K. R. Greasley, he ran away pretty comfortably right from the start, his excellent footwork, easy mobility and generally very fluent stroke production being in extreme contrast to the more cumbersome methods of the Englishman. Russell's length was consistently good, too, and he possessed that rare knack of resisting the temptation of going for his winning stroke until he had made more or less certain of success in the effort. Indeed, only once throughout the three games of the match did he essay a smash and not gain the point by it. Only in the forecourt was Greasley able to gain any superiority over the Scot, and it was to some unexpected and good steep drops that the Englishman owed his ability to keep on terms and finally go ahead in the second game. It was then, too, that Russell made a few errors which were sufficient to turn the scale. In the third, he regained his overall supremacy which he owed in a large measure to his fine footwork which enabled him almost to dispense with a backhand from the back of the court.

Noel Radford put his country on terms with a victory over A. I. McIntyre in exactly half an hour. This was not nearly such a good match as its predecessor, and Radford had, in the early stages, merely to keep bombarding the Scotsman's backhand which was very vulner-

able under pressure. Most of the points accrued as a result of errors. McIntyre continued to make mistakes at the commencement of the second game and he was soon 3-9 down. He, then, went in very much more for dropshots; they paid him well for a while, particularly as the Englishman was tiring a little by then. The Scot drew up to 10-12, but Radford varied his tactics to stem the tide and finally ran out in one hand.

Scotland took the third match, largely through the fine opportunism of W. A. Robinson who made many daring thrusts from close in. He was finely supported by R. S. Hodge, and they found many holes in the combination of Marsland and Greasley who overdid their back-and-front positioning. Greasley was distinctly below his best, and was inclined to hang around the net a little too much, so that the darting Robinson frequently made spectacular winning shots across the court to the empty spaces. After a game apiece, the third was certainly exciting. The two pairs were level all the way until the Englishmen got ahead at 13-11. The Scots caught up, and with one hand down, England declined to set. Twice Marsland and Greasley got in, and twice both were downed without scoring, most of the services being killed outright. Both Scots received the same treatment. Finally, on Robinson's service, Scotland notched the necessary two points almost as quickly.

Nineteen minutes was enough to put England on terms again. H. J. Wingfield and W. Shute were far too good for J. C. Mackay and J. B. Leslie. They were as aggressive as they can be, and there was never any doubt at all about who was going to win. Mackay was sadly below his best, and it must be remembered that at his best he can be very good, but at Nottingham his eye seemed to be a good deal out if one can judge from the number of mishits he made. Leslie was not in the class of the Englishmen.

The Second Day

At the commencement of play on the second day, Greasley soon showed a superiority over McIntyre in the first of the reversed singles. Though the Englishman's drops caused the Scot some inconvenience, most of the points piled up through McIntyre's misfortune in just clearing the backline with a remarkable number of clears. McIntyre rallied, however, towards the middle of the second game, but just when he began to look a little dangerous Greasley ran out in one hand from 11-9.

The third string singles between Marsland and Robinson was regarded as very

open due to the many meetings this season of these two players. They had been about level in their outcome. Right from the start Robinson excelled with several brilliant dropshots, both from close in and from the back of the court, and he was ever ready to take risks. All his shots from close in were executed with great ease, but Marsland soon exploited the Scot's vulnerability at the back of the court and he also varied his play with considerable cunning. He soon established his superiority and made capital from Robinson's preference to delay the execution of his backcourt shots, though that Danish ankle-high backhand clear which he favoured was at times very good. Also, the Scot overdid the cross-court drop, and Marsland soon cottoned on to the likelihood of this reply. In brief, the Yorkshireman played extremely well, and that was all there was to it.

Russell's Great Promise

This was followed by the sensational defeat of Radford at the hands of Russell. The Scot accomplished his success in the remarkably short period of exactly 17 minutes, probably Radford's most rapid defeat in his long career. Russell completely out-maneuvred the Englishman and never allowed him to play his own game at all. He was clever, too, in the way that he exposed Radford's forehand court for the winning push after deceiving the home player at the net. No praise could be too great for Alastair Russell in whom Scotland may well have a man capable of bringing back to Britain some of her lost singles laurels.

With a 4-3 lead it was up to Marsland and Greasley to win the tie, for the subsequent match could be regarded as distinctly open. But, from an English point of view, matters did not look too good when in the short space of two minutes Mackay and Leslie were 7-0 up, and later 11-4. Greasley was the target, and they found the Northamptonshire player's body with many telling smashes. Then occurred a rapid change. Greasley got in at 5-11 and served on until game-point had been reached! After only eight minutes in all, England was a game up, and, after only seven more, she had won. The Englishmen's combination was much better than on the preceding day, and once they had got over their bad start, they were all over Mackay and Leslie. Marsland again was in fine form.

The final match was a good one with much spectacular play even if nothing depended upon it. Shute and Robinson supplied the sparks and Wingfield and Hodge the openings and the safety. The

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The Big Event Looms Large

More and More Overseas Challengers are Expected at the All-England Championships—Canada makes a Big Assault—Wong Peng Soon, Danes and Swedes are also Expected

Wong Peng Soon will definitely be travelling to England next month to defend his All-England singles championship at the Empress Hall from 19th to 22nd March. Information to this effect comes to hand just as this issue is going to press. The news is most welcome indeed. Without a shadow of doubt the great Malayan ace will again rank as chief favourite for the world's leading honours at the game. It will be recalled that Wong won the singles title in both 1950 and 1951; another success, therefore, will enable him to remove the challenge trophy from competition. This would be a great feat indeed considering the increased, and ever increasing, internationalisation of the game.

It is not yet certain whether, as was the case a year ago, there will be other men's challengers coming specially from Malaya, but this is nevertheless quite possible. In any event, Malaya will be more than well represented in the later stages of the All-England. The Choong brothers are sure to defend their dramatically won doubles title, and Eddy Choong and H. A. Heah, who have been living in England all the season, are sure to have some



FLYING BACK WITH HIS CUPS
and hoping to win them again will be Wong Peng Soon, singles champion in both 1950 and 1951, and generally considered to be the world's leading singles player.

say in the destination of the singles honours. Heah has never met any of the Danish and Swedish players, and his likely matches with them must remain very problematical in their outcome. Since he may be regarded, on the season's results, to have gained an edge over Choong, he must be given every possible chance of upsetting the leading continental stars.

The names of the different Scandinavian players are not yet of course available, for the entries do not close until the end of February, but one would not be optimistic if one relied on the participation of such great players as Jorn Skaarup and Poul Holm of Denmark and Inge Blomberg and Nils Jonson of Sweden to head their respective national teams.

On the ladies' side, the Danes will probably again rank as principal favourites to contest the final honours, as they have done for the past few years. Albeit, let us not forget that English ladies have given them something to think about two or three times, and have indeed defeated the leading Scandinavian pairs to win the doubles, too.

Frk Aase Jacobsen should be along in an endeavour to win her third singles title here. Perhaps her chief rival from Denmark will be Fru Aase Winther, remembered from past appearances as Frk Aase Svendsen. She has been absent from the All-England for two years now owing to a severely damaged achilles tendon which is happily now quite recovered, and her recent Copenhagen form indicates that she might be regarded as the leading Danish singles player.

A Canadian Challenge

Many will remember that in 1939 our ladies' title was transported across the water to Canada by Mrs. W. R. Walton. The Dominion is this season making another assault on the event, for in this country already is the present holder of the Canadian ladies' singles title. This is Mrs. M. S. Grant who won the Canadian Championship at Quebec last March under her maiden name of Miss Kae Otton. Any Canadian champion must be given considerable respect in any assessment for prospects, for Canada has for very many years now been a major Badminton playing country. The former Miss Otton dropped but a single game when winning her national title. She took part in the Scottish Championships last month, though it must be recorded in fairness that she had not hit a shuttle for several weeks before going on to court to oppose Mrs. Horner in the first round there. Lack of practice found her out, but Mrs. Grant has since been enjoying plenty of play in London, and from what has been seen of her it can be stated that she is a very strong and hard hitting player. Her meeting with the Danes and our own players is sure to create interest.



MRS. KAE GRANT

who, as singles champion of Canada, will represent the Dominion at the All-England Championships. Mrs. Grant comes from the Prairies, Regina, Saskatchewan, was her home until she moved to Winnipeg during the war. For the last year or so she has lived in Montreal. Besides winning the Canadian singles title last March, she was also in the final of the ladies' doubles too. As recently as November she confirmed her high place in the Dominion by winning the singles at the big Montreal A.A.A. Tournament.

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score tells its story about right. After the first game Robinson was cleverly kept in check, and with the use of a wide variety of strokes the Kent pair were always just a little bit ahead.

England v. Scotland

Played at Nottingham on 1st and 2nd February, and won by England by 6 matches to 3. Scores (England names first):—

Singles: K. R. Greasley lost to J. A. Russell, 5-15, 15-9, 6-15; beat A. J. McIntyre, 15-7, 15-9. N. B. Radford beat McIntyre, 15-10, 15-10; lost to Russell, 7-15, 3-15. H. R. Marsland beat W. A. Robinson, 15-7, 15-7.

Doubles: H. R. Marsland and K. R. Greasley lost to R. S. Hodge and W. A. Robinson, 15-11, 7-15, 13-15; beat J. C. Mackay and J. B. Leslie, 15-11, 15-5. H. J. Wingfield and W. Shute beat Mackay and Leslie, 15-6, 15-5; beat Hodge and Robinson, 10-15, 15-7, 15-11.

H. Morland (England) and E. W. Wilson (Scotland) captained the teams, H. A. E. Scheele (I.B.F.) was honorary referee. A. D. Jordan was also nominated for England but did not eventually play.

The All-England Junior Championships

Tony Jordan and Ursula Smith are Worthy Winners

General Standard of Play was much above previous Tournaments—
Many other promising Players in Action at Wimbledon

By "INVICTA"

The most striking feature of the All-England Junior Championships, which were held for the third time on the four courts of the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club over the period of 3rd to 5th January, was the amazing improvement in the general standard of play over that seen in the corresponding event only two years previously. Reference to this improvement is not restricted to the actual title winners; rather does it refer to the average player competing. This in itself is even better news than that there were a few isolated players in the lists who might give promise of great things to come. They were not lacking either.

It was expected that the 17-year-old Cheshire boy, A. D. Jordan, would be a little too strong for the rest of the field, and so it proved, for he won all three events open to him without conceding double figures in any game to anybody. All the same, there were definitely one or two opponents whom he encountered who forced him to give of his best. Notably was this so in the final of the singles when Hugh Findlay of Hertfordshire put up a really fine showing. The score of 6 and 7 by no means reflects the tenacity of his play or the excellence of his strokes. He is vastly improved since the same time a year ago, and added inches and stronger build have given greater power, as for instance in that really good backhand flick clear with which he kept Jordan well to the back of the court when trouble looked like brewing. In the second game Findlay was extremely unfortunate, for when he had gained a well deserved lead of 6-5 his knee chose to give out on him; the cartilage had slipped. After a few moments of manipulation he was able to resume, but much of his confidence had then naturally disappeared. Until the time of the accident, this match was quite on a par with some singles finals in open tournaments.

Jordan and Findlay together had little trouble in winning the boys' doubles, also as expected, but Brian Grozier of Kent and Ronald Lockwood of Middlesex were good enough to give them a run for their money. The former had won the event in partnership with John Shaw in each of the two previous years. Lockwood has greatly improved this season, though he seems to lack force in his attack.

Lockwood looked like doing big things in the singles, too, for after a slow start, apparently customary with him, he gave Findlay quite a big scare; indeed, the Middlesex six-footer, seeded No. 2, should

have beaten his Hertfordshire rival, for he had the chances; as it was, he only went down by the odd point after a set third game.

Among others noticed, perhaps more for his potentialities than for anything else, was G. F. King of Ramsgate, Kent. His style was good, and when he has gained in stature and strength he should possess a little more of the Jordanian punch; today, he seems a little inclined to overdo the drop-shot game. This also applies to Lockwood, though to a lesser extent, perhaps.

Two Hampshire entrants, R. J. D. Grinstead and B. R. S. Harrison, did well, too, but even better were Norman Dobson and Brian Heath of Surrey. The latter has filled out a lot since his junior debut two years ago, with consequent advantage to his game. These two upset last year's doubles finalists, G. H. Farrell and D. Matthews of Essex, in that event, though they could make little headway against Jordan and Findlay.

In the girls' events, Miss Ursula Smith of Herne Bay, Kent, was even more in a class by herself than was Tony Jordan. She had no trouble whatever in retaining her singles title and also her doubles cup with Miss Ann Kenningham of Yorkshire. Miss Smith was just too good, by far, for the rest of the field. It is amazing how she has reached her present standard, considering that there are barely one or two other players of her sex within miles of her home who could be rated above her.

That she has benefitted by participation in inter-county matches is undoubted, and it is this sort of experience, denied to so many youngsters, which most of the juniors of promise need more than anything else. Jordan, Lockwood, Findlay and Ursula Smith have had some advantage here, and their play showed its benefit by the improvement attained during the past twelve months.

The girls' singles finalists, Miss Jean Cryer of Cambridgeshire, has also played in inter-county matches, and she justified her seeding. She, too, would probably reap much advantage from greater match experience against seniors. Lack of inches was a great handicap to Miss Georgina Smith of Essex who had shown promise a year earlier; she had to struggle to reach the semi-final of the singles, and

MISS URSULA SMITH
of Herne Bay, Kent, who again proved
herself in a class of her own amongst the
nation's juniors.



she was unexpectedly eliminated in the first round of the doubles. Though winning both doubles events, Miss Ann Kenningham, winner of the Northern Junior singles, went the way of the others when Miss Ursula Smith opposed her. She had not the power to hold the Kent girl.

But, as with the boys, there were others, not amongst the prize winners, who de-



HEATHER WARD
of Surrey.

manded some attention. Firstly, it may be recorded that the general play of the fairer sex was of a standard out of all comparison with the rather poor efforts on view in 1950 when the tournament was instituted. And it is no disparagement to the 1950 doubles winners, even if one of them has since reached open tournament winning class, to state that they would have gone down to about half the pairs entered this year.

Next year must see a complete change in the custody of all the championship honours, for all the winners, both boys and girls, will be above the age limit. Indeed, only one of the eight finalists will be qualified to compete. This is Miss Shirley Stapleton of Nottingham, a neat little fighter with some fine net strokes, but unfortunately hampered by a racket grip which is not of the approved fashion. She



SHIRLEY STAPLETON
of Nottingham.

is young enough to correct this, and then her general play should improve perceptibly.

Two other comparatively very young girls who should certainly reap future honours were the Misses Maureen Gibbins and Heather Ward, both of the Ebbisham Club in Surrey. The former is 15. She moves beautifully and rapidly, and her smash was surely better than that of any other girl playing. Furthermore, she knew something about placing it, a rare acquisition in one so young. Also, she had imagination, for she was ever trying to make openings in contrast to most of her age who are apt to resort to the perpetual use of the clear. Little Heather Ward, the youngest player on the court, was not only a game fighter but one possessed of fine footwork and a really powerful backcourt backhand. Where the power



MAUREEN GIBBINS
of Surrey.

came from must remain her secret. This 13-year-old is what the Americans would call "a natural."

In all, representatives from seventeen counties featured in the draw, proof of the popularity of the tournament and of its place in the Badminton sun. The enthusiasm of all was grand to behold, and the referee had a comparatively easy task in getting through the programme, even though consolation events were arranged for first match losers in all three doubles events.

At the conclusion of play, the challenge trophies and prizes were presented by Sir George Thomas, President of the Badminton Association of England, who referred to the fine standard of much of the play which, in his opinion gave solid hope for England's future in international combat.

All-England Junior Scores

BOYS' SINGLES

(43 players)

Third Round: *A. D. Jordan (Cheshire) beat D. Matthews (Essex), 15-1, 15-1. N. F. H. Dobson (Surrey) beat *R. J. D. Grinstead (Hants), 15-6, 8-15, 15-8. *E. T. Grozier (Kent) beat E. J. R. Stanford (Herts), 15-7, 15-6. *B. W. Heath (Surrey) beat J. Rivills (Lancashire), 15-4, 15-2. B. R. S. Harrison (Hants) beat G. H. Farrell (Essex), 17-15, 15-8. *H. T. Findlay (Herts) beat R. Fanning (Middlesex), 15-12, 15-7. *G. H. King (Kent) beat I. R. Morrison (Surrey), 15-5, 15-1. *R. J. Lockwood (Middlesex) beat K. O. M. Challis (Kent), 15-3, 15-1.

Fourth Round: Jordan beat Dobson, 15-6, 15-3. Grozier beat Heath, 15-8, 8-15, 15-12. Findlay beat Harrison, 15-3, 15-3. Lockwood beat King, 12-15, 15-5, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Jordan beat Grozier, 15-4, 15-5. Findlay beat Lockwood, 15-4, 5-15, 18-17.

Final: Jordan beat Findlay, 15-6, 15-7.

GIRLS' SINGLES

(19 players)

Third Round: Miss *J. F. Cryer (Cams.) beat Miss M. D. Gibbins (Surrey), 11-8, 5-11, 11-2. *Miss G. A. Smith (Essex) beat Miss S. Stapleton (Notts), 11-12, 11-9, 11-0. *Miss I. A. Kenningham (Yorks) beat Miss M. A. Wood (Middlesex), 11-4, 11-4. *Miss U. H. Smith (Kent) beat Miss J. N. Wilson (Middlesex), 11-0, 11-1.

Semi-finals: Miss Cryer beat Miss G. A. Smith, 11-6, 11-1. Miss U. H. Smith beat Miss Kenningham, 11-4, 11-2.

Final: Miss U. H. Smith beat Miss Cryer, 11-0, 11-3.

BOYS' DOUBLES

(24 pairs)

Third Round: *B. T. Grozier and R. J. Lockwood beat M. D. Prior and S. M. Southgate, 15-3, 15-2. R. J. D. Grinstead and B. R. S. Harrison beat J. W. S. Ross and P. D. Russell, 15-4, 15-6. N. F. H. Dobson and B. W. Heath beat *G. H. Farrell and D. Matthews, 18-16, 15-10. *A. D. Jordan and H. T. Findlay beat B. Henley and A. C. Warr, 15-5, 15-2.

Semi-finals: Grozier and Lockwood beat Grinstead and Harrison, 15-8, 18-13. Jordan and Findlay beat Dobson and Heath, 15-1, 15-2.

Final: Jordan and Findlay beat Grozier and Lockwood, 15-7, 15-9.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

(11 pairs)

Second Round: *Miss J. F. Cryer and Miss S. Stapleton beat Miss M. D. Gibbins and Miss H. M. Ward, 15-5, 7-15, 15-8. Miss V. Clark and Miss P. Warner beat Miss S. E. Gooding and Miss J. N. Wilson, 15-10, 18-15. Miss K. Parr and Miss M. Semple beat Miss K. M. Cappell and Miss M. A. Wood, 15-7, 17-16. *Miss I. A. Kenningham and Miss U. H. Smith beat Miss P. A. Lawrence and Miss J. H. Smith, 15-1, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Miss Cryer and Miss Stapleton beat Miss Clark and Miss Warner, 10-15, 15-9, 15-12. Miss Kenningham and Miss U. H. Smith beat Miss Parr and Miss Semple, 15-3, 15-9.

Final: Miss Kenningham and Miss U. H. Smith beat Miss Cryer and Miss Stapleton, 15-4, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES

(33 pairs)

Third Round: *A. D. Jordan and Miss I. A. Kenningham beat N. F. H. Dobson and Miss S. D. Beadle, 15-1, 15-1. B. W. Heath and

Miss M. D. Gibbins beat J. W. S. Ross and Miss G. E. Hower, 15-4, 15-6. *R. J. Lockwood and Miss M. A. Palmer beat J. Rivills and Miss B. Raby, 15-9, 15-2. D. Matthews and Miss O. B. Morgan, beat P. G. Davis and Miss S. Stapleton, 18-14, 15-8. G. H. King and Miss K. Parr beat R. Fanning and Miss M. A. Wood, 17-18, 15-4, 15-2. *H. T. Findlay and Miss M. A. Sargent beat R. J. D. Grinstead and Miss J. F. Cryer, 15-17, 15-11, 15-10. J. F. H. Blake and Miss P. A. Lawrence beat I. R. Morrison and Miss B. Sugg, 15-5, 14-18, 17-16. *B. T. Grozier and Miss U. H. Smith beat W. J. Pegg and Miss J. N. Wilson, 15-7, 15-9.

Fourth Round: Jordan and Miss Kenningham beat Heath and Miss Gibbins, 15-1, 15-2. Lockwood and Miss Palmer beat Matthews and Miss Morgan, 15-8, 15-5. King and Miss Parr beat Findlay and Miss Sargent, 15-4, 15-11. Grozier and Miss U. H. Smith beat Blake and Miss Lawrence, 15-9, 15-13.

Semi-finals: Jordan and Miss Kenningham beat Lockwood and Miss Palmer, 15-7, 15-0. Grozier and Miss U. H. Smith beat King and Miss Parr, 15-9, 15-13.

Final: Jordan and Miss Kenningham beat Grozier and Miss U. H. Smith, 15-9, 15-3.

CONSOLATION FINALS

Boys' Doubles: J. F. H. Blake and A. K. Snelling beat J. Cooze and R. Fanning, 15-11, 11-15, 15-11.

Girls' Doubles: Miss M. D. Gibbins and Miss H. M. Ward beat Miss R. B. Prior and Miss M. A. Sargent, 17-18, 15-9, 15-4.

Mixed Doubles: J. Cooze and Miss P. Warner beat M. L. Oates and Miss M. Semple, 15-10, 10-15, 15-7.

* Denotes seeded entries.

Off the Court

By "VELMA"

Miss Ursula Smith, who won the girls' singles and doubles titles at the All-England Junior Championships for the second year running, broadcast for a few minutes in the "Under Twenty Parade" on the Monday evening following the tournament.

Miss Smith who excels also at swimming, skating and lawn tennis, took up badminton in the first place when she found the English climate was interfering with regular play on the tennis court. Now she finds the shuttle game the most fascinating of all sports.

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A name familiar to pre-war players was inscribed on the Sussex score sheet, when that county turned out to play Kent 2nd last month. H. E. Baldwin, making his first appearance since 1939, won his singles in handsome fashion. Unfortunately, it is not expected that he will be able to play regularly.

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Not everyone knows that Miss Agnete Friis, the charming Danish player, is also well-known in Copenhagen tennis circles. In fact, ever since she won the girls' singles title she has won many tennis honours in her own country, and last month in the ladies' doubles final at the Hellerup Idræts Club Invitation Tournament she and her partner took a set off Miss Susan Partridge and Miss Betty Wilford, the brilliant young English pair.

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We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Queenie Allen Webber's mother. Because of anxiety on this score Mrs. Webber had to refuse the invitation to play in the international against Scotland at Edinburgh last month.

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We hear that Humphrey Chilton, the energetic member for Berks, Bucks and Oxon, on the Badminton Association Committee, has gone to the Far East on a business trip. He is making an extensive tour of India, visiting Delhi, Calcutta and Madras and will be in Ceylon at the same time as the Royal visitors. Afterwards, he will go on to Singapore and Malaya where he hopes to renew acquaintance with some of the 1949 Thomas Cup team. He is not leaving Eastern waters until 7th April so he will unfortunately miss the All-England this year.

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Congratulations to Miss Iris Cooley of Surrey, who has this season had many good victories which include annexing the ladies' doubles title with Miss June White at the newly instituted Northamptonshire championships from the Irish international pair, Miss B. Good and Mrs. B. I. Donald-

son. But her best performance to date was a singles win over the Scottish international and Middlesex player, Mrs. A. M. Horner, who is, of course, one of the strongest ladies in the British Isles.

Congratulations to Wilfred Robinson, the Cheshire County player, for getting his Scottish cap and being chosen for both the international match and Thomas Cup team against England. Two other new colours from North of the Border this season, are D. Ross of Glasgow and Mrs. M. G. C. Robertson from Lanark.

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How many badminton players can claim to have played for 50 consecutive seasons? An enthusiast with that distinction is K. W. Stone (father of Miss Audrey Stone, the Kent player) who was a very early member of the Crystal Palace Club; he also played for Sundridge Park, and now turns out regularly at Limsfield, Surrey.



MISS IRIS COOLEY
Prominent in recent Tournaments.

I have been asked to make an appeal to badminton players to send any discarded rackets and shuttlecocks that they can spare to the Queen Elizabeth's Training College for the Disabled, as the game is most suitable for disabled people to play on winter evenings. The Red Cross Society have provided a net but there is a great shortage of other equipment. You should send your parcels to:—

R. H. Skelton (Principal),
Queen Elizabeth's Training College for the Disabled, Leatherhead Court, Surrey.
Telephone Oxshott 2464-5.

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Mrs. B. I. Donaldson, who came over with the Irish team to Hove last month, is no stranger to our shores, for she has played hockey for Ireland many times in this country.

That the Junior Championships, which have now been held for three years, have raised the standard of play among the younger generation there is no doubt, and it is gratifying to see so many present and former competitors now playing for their county's first and second teams. Among those noticed are A. D. Jordan (Cheshire), G. R. Swarbrick (Lancashire), G. H. Bromiley (Lancashire 2nd), H. T. Findlay (Hertfordshire 2nd), M. C. Archer (Westmorland), Miss June White (Surrey), Miss Ursula Smith (Kent 2nd), Miss Pat Trower (Sussex 2nd) and Miss Jean Cryer (Cambridgeshire 2nd).

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Thanks are due to Brigadier R. Bruce Hay (Chairman) and Judge A. F. Englebach (Vice-President) of the Badminton Association of England Committee who have very kindly presented ladies' doubles cups for the All-England Championships to replace those won outright last year by those very deserving winners, Mrs. Tony Ahm and Mrs. Kirsten Lossmann.

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Two names among the entrants for the Junior Championships had a familiar ring. In fact, two very well-known county secretaries were represented by the younger generation. They were R. J. D. Grinstead of Hampshire who reached the semi-final of the boys' doubles and Miss K. M. Capell of Middlesex who had won the girls' doubles at the preceding Wimbledon American tournament. One thing, at least, we know, and that is that they receive plenty of encouragement at home.

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This small item was noticed in a London newspaper. "Economy measure? The ballroom of the British Embassy in Paris has been turned into a badminton court."

We wonder if this should be put down to "economy" or enthusiasm following the visit of the English Thomas Cup team just before Christmas.

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The new "England" badge which our internationals are now all wearing is attractively designed. It consists of a central red rose above which, embroidered in blue, is the season in which the colours were awarded, and below the words "The Badminton Association of ENGLAND," the whole being enclosed in a green shield. The background of the badge is white felt.

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It caused some little amusement to the English team that played against Scotland last month when they saw a report in an Edinburgh paper which spoke of H. R. Marsland (England's captain) as "that veteran English player." This is hardly a good description of the popular Yorkshireman, who though having played for his country for several seasons, is still very much on the right side of the halfway mark. We wonder if the writer was a Dane!

Activities in Scandinavia

The former Frk Aase Svendsen beats all her Rivals—Ole Jensen's Advance—Denmark's Prospective Thomas Cup Team—Changes in Sweden

On top of the world in the singles game in Denmark are now Fru Aase Winther, the former Frk Aase Svendsen, and Ole Jensen, who swept all before them at the Gentofte Tournament in Copenhagen in December. Indeed, in the space of one week Fru Winther defeated each of Fru Tonny Ahm and Frk Aase Jacobsen in the tournament mentioned, and Fru Kirsten Lossmann in a national championship inter-club match, the score in the latter encounter being 8-11, 11-1, 12-10.

Jensen's victory over Poul Holm at Gentofte was a very solid one. The latter had had some difficulty in overcoming the rising Palle Granlund. Another and ogger surprise was the defeat of the All-England champions, Holm and Fru Ahm, in the mixed by Ove Eilertsen and Frk Edel Christensen and fairly comfortably at that, too.

The results of the later rounds in this meeting were as follows:—

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: Ole Jensen beat Borge Frederiksen, 15-6, 15-5. Poul Holm beat Palle Granlund, 15-2, 9-15, 18-15.

Final: Jensen beat Holm, 15-6, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-final: Fru Aase Winther beat Fru Tonny Ahm in two games.

Final: Fru Winther beat Frk Aase Jacobsen, 11-7, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Final: Poul Holm and Ole Jensen beat Preben Dabelsteen and Palle Granlund, 15-7, 17-15.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Final: Fru Tonny Ahm and Frk Aase Jacobsen beat Frk Agnete Friis and Fru Gitte Schultz Pedersen, 15-1, 17-16.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Ove Eilertsen and Frk Edel Christensen beat Poul Holm and Fru Tonny Ahm. Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen and Frk Anni Jorgensen beat Ib Olesen and Fru Aase Winther, 15-0, 15-13.

Final: Eilertsen and Frk Christensen beat Hammergaard Hansen and Frk Jorgensen, 18-13, 15-3.

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Preben Dabelsteen twice All-England doubles champion, is out for the rest of the season with a torn Achilles tendon. The Danes will thus be deprived of his help in their forthcoming Thomas Cup tie against Sweden. Dabelsteen was one of the Danish team which defeated Ireland in November.

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The following players were selected for Denmark's team to play Sweden at Nykøbing Falster on February 3rd: Jørn Skaarup, Ole Jensen, Poul Holm, Ib Olesen, Fru Tonny Ahm and Fru Kirsten Lossmann. Reserves were Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen and Fru Aase Winther. Hammergaard is the only new choice. This was the first time since 1939 that an official international match was scheduled for a Danish provincial town.

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The Danes have been making serious preparations for future Thomas Cup battles. They are due to meet the Swedes at Copenhagen in a second round Euro-

pean Zone tie on February 16th and 17th. The six-man Danish team will be selected from a preliminary squad chosen for practice, which consists of Holm, Skaarup, Olesen, Jensen, Hammergaard Hansen, Eilertsen, Granlund, Borge Frederiksen, Ole Mertz and John Nygaard, all of Copenhagen clubs, and Benny Andersen and Poul Christensen of Odense. One misses the name of Arve Lossmann here, but one is glad to see Nygaard's name in the list. This lends thought to the fact that he has recovered from the illness which prevented him travelling to Ireland and Scotland last November.

Malayan Miscellanea

Thomas Cup Plans Proceed apace—Singapore Wins Inter-State Title despite Wong Peng Soon's Defeat

The Singapore Badminton Association has removed the suspensions passed in December on the four leading players of the colony following the intervention of Mr. Malcolm McDonald, Governor General of the Federation of Malaya.

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Once again, Wong Peng Soon has won the singles championship of Singapore. In the final on 24th January he defeated Ong Poh Lim in two games. It may be remembered that twelve months earlier he had lost to Cheong Hock Leng in this tournament.

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Singapore has won the Foong Seong Cup for the first time. This trophy is emblematic of the Inter-State Championship of the Malayan Peninsula. It was competed for in 1937 for the first time, and so far Penang has been most successful. Indeed, the former Straits Settlement had been undefeated since 1940. Due to differences concerning the methods of deciding the championship Singapore did not compete at all until 1950 when the Thomas Cup principle was adopted in its entirety, quite a tribute to the originator thereof. In the challenge tie that year Penang beat the Singapore team by the surprising margin of 7 matches to 2. Last December Singapore took its revenge, and again there were several surprising results.

The challenge tie opened sensationally with Ooi Teik Hock beating Wong Peng Soon in half an hour in a match greatly spoiled by a lot of barracking by local spectators which caused a suspension of play at one period. This was Ooi's sixth win in twelve encounters with Wong. But

There are some astonishing changes made in Sweden's team to meet Denmark in the annual friendly fixture on February 3rd. It is a very big surprise to find both Nils Jonson and Stellan Mohlin omitted from the side. Their places were given to Lars Carlsson, a former Swedish doubles champion who has now come out of retirement, and Leif Ekedal of Goteborg, quite a new choice. One wonders whether the Swedes were lying low in view of their forthcoming Thomas Cup tilt against the same opponents, though Jonson and Mohlin did suffer defeat in the Goteborg tournament last month at the hands of two Odense Danes, Benny Andersen and Poul Christensen, who possibly through that success now find places, as already mentioned, in the preliminary Danish Thomas Cup squad. At any rate, the omission of Sweden's acknowledged best pair was a great surprise, and possibly a relief, to the Danes.

Singapore managed, nevertheless, to gain an overnight lead of 3 matches to 1. By winning two of three singles on the second day, Singapore won the trophy. But, it was a great surprise that the Thomas Cup player, Law Teik Hock, should be defeated by Singapore's far lesser known Loong Pen Yap in the third string match. Penang's reversal of the doubles matches at the end could avail them nothing.

Penang v. Singapore

Played at Penang on 15th and 16th December, and won by Singapore by 5 matches to 4. Scores (Singapore names first):

Singles: Wong Peng Soon lost to Ooi Teik Hock, 7-15, 6-15; beat Lim Ah Soo, 15-5, 15-8. Ong Poh Lim beat Lim Ah Soo, 15-7, 15-3; lost to Ooi Teik Hock, 12-15, 2-15. Loong Pan Yap beat Law Teik Hock, 15-11, 17-14.

Doubles: Ong Poh Lim and Ismail bin Marjan beat Ooi Teik Hock and Lee Hoo Chye, 15-10, 15-7; lost to Law Teik Hock and Teh Kheng Chooi, 11-15, 15-12, 8-15. Wong Peng Soon and Teoh Peng Hoo beat Law Teik Hock and Teh Kheng Chooi, 12-15, 18-13, 15-6; lost to Ooi Teik Hock and Lee Hoo Chye, 12-15, 14-18.

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Great plans are afoot for the selection of the Malayan Thomas Cup team. Trials will be held this month in both Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, and the following players have been invited to take part therein: Wong Peng Soon, Ong Poh Lim and Ismail bin Marjan (Singapore), Ooi Teik Hock, Law Teik Hock and Lee Hoo Chye (Penang), A. Piruz, Chan Kon Leong and Lim Kee Fong (Selangor) and Tan Jin Eong and Lee Fan Leong (Perak). Six of these players came to Europe in 1948-49 when Malaya won the Thomas Cup. From the eleven names quoted, a final nine will be selected for further practice; from the latter will be nominated Malaya's eventual team.

England's Victory over Ireland

Threat of Loss of Record is Averted—Warwick Shute and Mrs. Webber for England and Frank Peard for Ireland each Win two Matches—H. R. Marsland's Fine Form

By "INVICTA"

The expectation that England's great record of being undefeated in international fixtures between the home countries might be swept aside when she opposed Ireland this season was not borne out. Instead, a fairly comfortable victory over the bearers of the shamrock was achieved. This, however, was not due to any unlooked-for excellence in the English players, rather was it that one or two of the Irishmen were definitely below their best. A player can, however, play only as well as his opponent will allow him, and therefore it would be unkind to withhold credit from the winners amongst whom was one new colour, Miss E. F. Andrews, who confirmed her choice by assisting her more experienced partner in winning the ladies' doubles match fairly comfortably.

Play occurred on the portable courts of the King Alfred at Hove on the evening of Thursday, January 3rd, and the margin of victory in favour of the home team was 6 matches to 3.

Both teams turned out as originally selected, and the Irish had two new choices in J. K. D. Lacey and Miss J. C. Lawless, both of Dublin; indeed, seven of the nine members of the Irish team were Dubliners, a greater proportion than probably ever before.

Singles Were Divided

It was not expected that any Englishman would be able to defeat Ireland's champion, F. W. Peard, in the top singles. So it proved, but N. B. Radford who was entrusted with the effort, gave his much younger opponent several anxious moments before the first game was ended. Indeed, though he was behind most of the way, Radford pulled up with a timely run to gain a lead of 13-11 in the first game, and with a little luck might have gained the lead at the change-over. At this stage he was playing remarkably well and those backhand drops of his, with their concealed direction, opened the court for winning shots. But, after setting, Peard, always a severe menace in the forecourt, ran straight out from 0-1, and thereafter he remained in command of the situation.

"Chick" Doyle, Ireland's 21-year-old second string, was a frank disappointment, and he produced none of what must have been very much better play on his home courts whereby he had built up a reputation of some promise for the future. Though a quick mover and possessed of considerable accuracy with a variety of dropshots, his play at the back of the court was generally unreliable and full of mistakes, though it might be said on his behalf that he was unlucky with sideline strokes. His opponent, K. R. Greasley, played well within himself in achieving a comfortable victory. He had, in fact, only to keep the shuttle in play and wait for the errors. This he did, and allowed the points to pile up to put England on terms.

It seemed surprising that the Irish did not use Miss Barbara Good in the ladies' doubles, but they were doubtless loathe to separate Mrs. Donaldson and the new colour, Miss Jean Lawless. These two, however, were not quite able to extend Mrs. Webber and her new partner, Miss Andrews, who seemed to have the match in hand from the start.

A Fine Doubles Match

The top men's doubles was the best match of the evening. F. W. Peard and J. J. FitzGibbon, easily the best Irish pair since the great days of T. H. Boyle and J. L. Rankin, are always a pleasure to watch. There could never be a dull moment with these two on court together. In the forecourt, both are more like panthers than humans, they both have eyes like hawks, and in consequence revel in those rapid-fire exchanges which are always so delightful to behold. They are, too, a fine example of how essential to success it is to have years of experience together as a pair. A few weeks earlier they had upset both Danish pairs in the Ireland-Denmark Thomas Cup tie, and at Hove they confirmed their reputation of being the best British Isles pair now playing. However, they had no cake-walk against England's captain, H. R. Marsland, and K. R. Greasley, who had indeed beaten the Leinstermen in the Irish Championships a year earlier. Though this had been a surprise at the time, those present at Hove saw the means by which it had been accomplished. Tenacious defence was the Englishman's watchword, and it certainly was tenacious, Greasley's returns of the Irish smashes being at times marvellous. When he had the opportunities, Marsland placed his smashes with unerring accuracy, and they provided most of the points by which the home pair managed to keep on terms right through the second game. At 14-11, England was three times within a point of the game, but eventually the Irish caught up in one hand, and after each side had got in three times at love-all in the set to 3, the visitors suddenly ran out, again in one hand. It was a sudden and disappointing finish, coming just when one looked forward with eagerness to a third game of equal brilliance.

After starting badly, H. J. Wingfield and W. Shute gained the mastery over T. T. Majury and D. B. Green in the second doubles. Irish aggression was the keynote in their win of the first game, but the attack was gradually wrenched from the visitors as the second game began, and Wingfield's clever drop and half-court placements forced the visitors to hit up more than they liked, thus providing opportunity for Shute's heavy artillery and his partner's less forceful but well-placed kills. Indeed, the Kent pair almost ran out the second game from 7-6 in one innings. In the third, the Irish

cause was not assisted by several serving errors on their part, and an English success seemed imminent all the time.

The combination of N. B. Radford and W. G. P. Birtwistle, though successful against the erring Doyle and the newcomer, Lacey, could not be said to have been a particularly happy one. Both are individualists, and two such do not usually fit in together. This was no exception, and in addition both appeared to lack confidence in the other's calling of shots. The match was generally a poor one, but after losing the middle game, the Englishman managed to retain a few points' lead throughout the third to give England a 4-2 advantage with the three mixed matches to follow.

Shute and Mrs. Ludlam gained a convincing victory over Green and Mrs. Donaldson to put the home country three up and only two to play. Their success was convincing; that is, after they had struggled out of a 9-14 first game deficit and later saved a further Irish game-point after setting. This match was a typical case of the mastery of the back-and-front game over a sides combination, though it took the English pair a little time to accustom themselves to the opposition's movements.

A Remarkable Run

The top mixed was inclined to be a little scrappy at all times with the exception of the very end. In the first game FitzGibbon and Miss Good, a strict back-and-front pair, were a little too good for Marsland and Mrs. Webber, playing sides. Both the Irish were playing well, FitzGibbon's accuracy on his drops being uncannily consistent. His partner, too, lived up to her name, though after the change of ends she was a little unfortunate with some of her close net strokes, the errors on which were sufficient to turn the scale. A close finish looked in prospect, but though the visiting pair had the lead at 8-5 upon the change of ends in the deciding game, a complete *volte-face* occurred. At this stage, England's pair adopted different tactics; Mrs. Webber went in and left the entire back-court to her partner. Marsland came into his own at once; he is naturally an aggressive player and his hitherto starved smash reaped golden rewards in double quick time. From 5-8 down, the Yorkshireman served ten times successively and all was over. It was a remarkable change-about.

Full marks for Ireland's third success must go to Lacey when he and Miss Lawless defeated Birtwistle and Miss Andrews in the last encounter, though there was nothing much to choose between these pairs. Birtwistle is always a difficult man across the net in a mixed, and Miss Andrews defended well, as she always does, but Lacey excelled himself in gain-

(continued overleaf)

The Kent Championships

Herne Bay's Biggest Ever

Miss O'Beirne Wins Singles Cup Outright—Junior Champion's fine Progress—Another Heah v. Choong Singles Final

The Kent Championships received its biggest ever entry for the tournament held at the Pier Pavilion at Herne Bay on 25th and 26th January.

A feature of the singles events, played off on the Friday, was the revenge which E. B. Choong took upon his compatriot, H. A. Heah, for several recent defeats. He won the men's event without loss of a game. The ladies' singles was noteworthy for the success of the current All-England junior champion, Miss Ursula Smith, when she defeated Miss A. J. Stone in three games in the semi-final. The final against the holder was rather spoiled by Miss I. E. O'Beirne having damaged a leg in earlier matches, and it was certainly a creditable effort on her part to retain her title nevertheless. She had great difficulty in running in the first game, but once she had warmed up properly, her movements were less restricted and she got home in the third game. Miss Smith, however, played very well. Miss O'Beirne thus won the trophy outright.

The men's final was an all-Malayan affair, but only just, for with a little luck the Kent pair of Warwick Shute and J. C. B. Somerville would have upset E. J. Choong and Heah in two games in the semi-final. Shute and Somerville had never partnered each other before, and they also did very well to eliminate H. J. Wingfield and J. R. Best, 15-13, 10-15, 15-9, in an early round. The much improving Somerville played extremely well throughout.

The ladies' doubles had surprise winners in Miss E. F. Andrews and Miss S. I. Ripley. These two defeated both Miss O'Beirne and Mrs. Barnett, whose third year success it might otherwise have been, and, with astonishing facility in the final, Miss D. B. Grace and Mrs. S. Wyatt. The latter had just put out Mrs. Webber and Miss Stone.

There were 40 pairs in the mixed which

went to Heah and Mrs. Webber. The holders, R. C. F. Nichols and Miss O'Beirne, retired owing to the latter's injury. The winners dropped but one game, to Best and Miss Stone, but had several other close struggles. Another pair which did extremely well was that composed of Shute and Mrs. J. A. Collier. They were only a point or two removed from contesting the final. After beating Wingfield and Miss Andrews in two games, they went out to L. T. Lee and Mrs. Wyatt after a fine match. Shute was playing extraordinarily well all day, and he received fine support from the left-handed Mrs. Collier. Lee and Mrs. Wyatt nearly, but not quite, ran the eventual victors to a third game.

There were some very close matches in all three handicap events, and it was pleasurable to see all the first prizes going to young exponents though they were by no means assisted by the handicapping. The Grozier brothers were much to the fore.

In all, 91 matches were got through on the Saturday, and this tournament now seems to be getting beyond the possibilities of a two-day meeting, even though play was completed on the second day just before midnight, though it was hard work for the referee.

MEN'S SINGLES

(20 players)

Third Round: H. A. Heah beat R. Mew, 15-5, 15-6. H. J. Wingfield beat M. Drain, 15-10, 17-14. W. S. Siow beat G. H. Featherstone, 15-11, 15-7. E. B. Choong beat J. C. B. Somerville, 15-4, 15-1.

Semi-final: Heah beat Wingfield, 15-3, 15-4. Choong beat Siow, 15-5, 15-2.

Final: Choong beat Heah, 15-2, 15-12.

Ladies' Singles

(6 players)

First Round: Mrs. P. G. Alcorn beat Miss S. I. Ripley, 11-0, 4-11, 12-10. Miss U. H. Smith beat Mrs. J. A. Collier, 11-6, 11-5.

Semi-final: Miss I. E. O'Beirne beat Mrs. Alcorn, 11-3, 11-3. Miss Smith beat Miss A. J. Stone, 11-7, 10-12, 11-3.

Final: Miss O'Beirne beat Miss Smith, 4-11, 11-6, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(26 pairs)

Third Round: E. J. Choong and H. A. Heah beat B. H. Lock and E. Preston, 15-3, 15-3. W. Shute and J. C. B. Somerville beat D. J. R. Farrant and P. V. Willford, 15-8, 15-3. R. C. F. Nichols and A. B. Renton beat W. S. Siow and R. S. Lucas, 15-10, 15-6. E. B. Choong and L. T. Lee beat E. V. J. Pilcher and R. M. V. Messenger, 15-7, 15-8.

Semi-final: E. J. Choong and Heah beat Shute and Somerville, 12-15, 18-16, 15-10. E. B. Choong and Lee beat Nichols and Renton, 15-5, 15-11.

Final: E. B. Choong and Heah beat E. J. Choong and Lee, 15-8, 11-15, 15-4.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(17 pairs)

Third Round: Mrs. Q. Allen Webber and Miss A. J. Stone beat Mrs. D. M. Turtle and Mrs. M. L. Coates, 15-0, 15-4. Miss D. B. Grace and Mrs. S. Wyatt beat Miss U. Smith and Mrs. J. A. Collier, 5-15, 15-11, 15-10. Miss E. F. Andrews and Miss S. I. Ripley beat Miss J. Peters and Miss B. Piper, 15-8, 15-6. Miss I. E. O'Beirne and Mrs. M. Barnett beat Mrs. G. Cole and Mrs. B. Mowbray, 15-1, 15-4.

Semi-final: Miss Grace and Mrs. Wyatt beat Mrs. Webber and Miss Stone, 10-15, 15-11, 15-11. Miss Andrews and Miss Ripley beat Miss O'Beirne and Mrs. Barnett, 2-15, 15-16, 18-13.

Final: Miss Andrews and Miss Ripley beat Miss Grace and Mrs. Wyatt, 15-6, 15-12.

MIXED DOUBLES

(40 pairs)

Fifth Round: E. B. Choong and Miss I. Cooley beat A. Barron and Miss D. B. Grace, 15-12, 15-5. H. A. Heah and Mrs. Q. Allen Webber beat J. R. Best and Miss A. J. Stone, 15-10, 12-15, 15-8. W. Shute and Mrs. J. A. Collier beat H. J. Wingfield and Miss E. F. Andrews, 15-13, 15-9. L. T. Lee and Mrs. S. Wyatt beat B. Grozier and Miss M. Chambers, 15-7, 15-2.

Semi-final: Heah and Mrs. Webber beat E. B. Choong and Miss Cooley, 17-15, 15-12. Lee and Mrs. Wyatt beat Shute and Mrs. Collier, 15-17, 15-10, 18-14.

Final: Heah and Mrs. Webber beat Lee and Mrs. Wyatt, 18-13, 15-12.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: B. Grozier and D. Grozier (owe 2) beat D. Hayes and E. Furniss (owe 1 hand), 15-10, 15-13.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. O. Clegg and Miss H. Parfitt (owe 1 hand) beat Mrs. G. Cole and Mrs. B. Mowbray (plus 5), 15-10, 15-14.

Mixed Doubles: E. J. Furniss and Miss B. Piper (owe 6) beat D. Grozier and Mrs. G. Cole (scr.).

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England's Victory over Ireland

ing the mastery over these two, though it must be recorded that the two English players have not enjoyed the experience of playing much together.

Played at Hove on January 3rd, and won by England by 6 matches to 3. Scores (England names first):

N. B. Radford lost to F. W. Peard, 14-18, 5-15. K. R. Greasley beat J. P. Doyle, 15-6, 15-5.

H. R. Marsland and K. R. Greasley lost to F. W. Peard and J. J. FitzGibbon, 7-15, 14-17. H. J. Wingfield and W. Shute beat T. T. Majury and D. B. Green, 7-15, 15-6, 15-8. N. B. Radford and W. G. P. Birtwistle beat J. P. Doyle and J. K. D. Lacey, 15-3, 11-15, 15-9.

Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber and Miss E. F. Andrews beat Mrs. B. L. Donaldson and Miss J. C. Lawless, 15-10, 15-9.

H. R. Marsland and Mrs. Allen Webber beat J. J. FitzGibbon and Miss B. J. Good, 10-15, 15-6, 15-8. W. Shute and Mrs. L. R. Ludlam beat D. B. Green and Mrs. Donaldson, 17-16, 15-8. W. G. P. Birtwistle and Miss Andrews lost to J. K. D. Lacey and Miss Lawless, 12-15, 15-9, 12-15.

The I. B. F. is Growing

That Badminton continues with amazing speed to gather new adherents is instanced by the receipt of information that within the past month three new applications to join the International Badminton Federation have been filed. They are on behalf of the Welsh Badminton Union, now thoroughly well re-established, the Nippon Badminton Association which is the governing body in Japan, and the All Burma Badminton Federation. When they are elected to membership, the I.B.F. will be able to number 22 national organisations in membership.

Other nations which may be expected to affiliate before very long are Iceland and Pakistan where it is understood that national bodies are in the process of being formed, and Germany where there appears

to be quite a growing following for the game.

Let them all come! Soon the Thomas Cup may well embrace as many, and perhaps more, nations as does its counterpart, the Davis Cup.

Another Tour to South Africa

According to advices in "The Cape Argus" of last month it appears that there will be no American tour of South Africa in 1953, as the Americans will be unable to raise a team owing to the inroads on its younger players being made by the war in Korea. New Zealand has also declined to send a team to the Cape owing to financial difficulties. "The Cape Argus" advises that another British team may be invited.

Scotland's Hard Luck

One Crucial Point was Sufficient
to give England
a 5-4 Victory at Edinburgh

In an exciting evening's play at Edinburgh on Thursday, 17th January, Scotland was unlucky not to score her first victory over England. The visitors won by five matches to four only, and as small a margin as one point, which might easily have gone the other way, proved eventually to have been sufficient to prevent the result from being switched.

England was without N. B. Radford and Mrs. Allen Webber, both of whom were unable to travel north. In their places, colours were awarded for the first time to W. E. Smith of Cheshire and Miss D. B. Grace of Essex.

Scotland, too, had some new choices, three in fact. They were W. A. Robinson, the Cheshire player, who had done so well in the Scottish Restricted Tournament in November, D. Ross of Glasgow and Mrs. M. Robertson of Lanark, current Scottish Restricted singles champion.

Scotland v. England

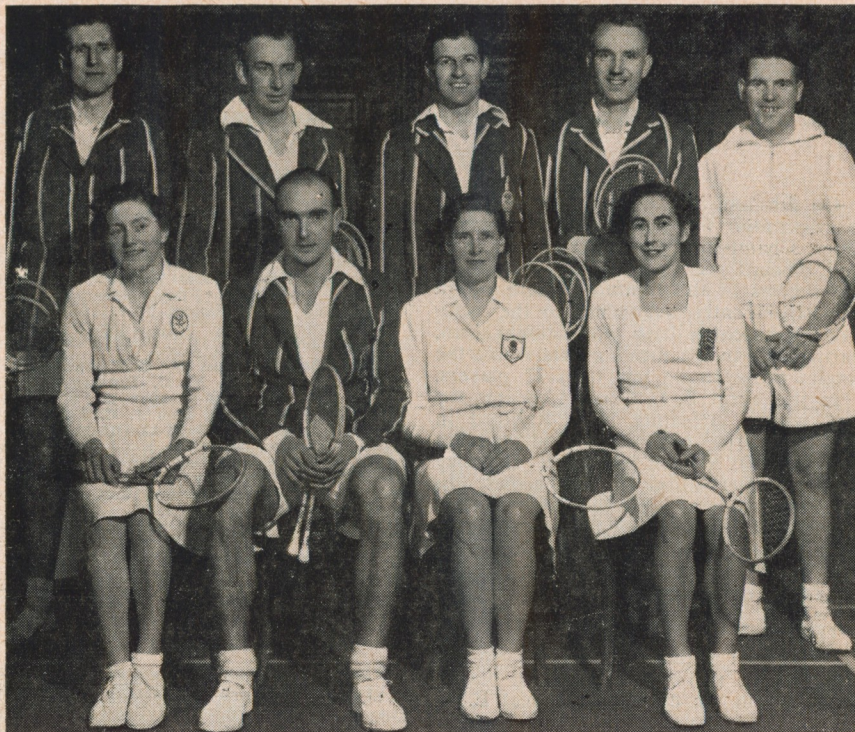
Played at Edinburgh on January 17th, and won by England by 5 matches to 4. Scores (England names first):

K. R. Greasley lost to J. A. Russell, 10-15, 15-12. 13-15. H. R. Marsland beat W. A. Robinson, 15-13, 12-15, 18-17.
H. R. Marsland and K. R. Greasley beat J. C. Mackay and A. I. McIntyre, 15-12, 15-9. H. J. Wingfield and W. Shute beat J. B. Leslie and W. A. Robinson, 15-11, 15-12. W. G. P. Birtwistle and W. E. Smith lost to J. A. Russell and D. Ross, 7-15, 16-18.

Miss E. F. Andrews and Miss D. B. Grace lost to Mrs. A. M. Horner and Mrs. M. Robertson, 11-15, 15-12, 5-15.

W. Shute and Mrs. L. R. Ludlam beat A. I. McIntyre and Mrs. Horner, 15-5, 15-10. H. J. Wingfield and Miss Grace beat J. C. Mackay and Mrs. Robertson, 15-5, 18-14. W. G. P. Birtwistle and Miss Andrews lost to J. B. Leslie and Mrs. J. A. S. Armstrong, 4-15, 15-5, 15-18.

Play commenced with two of the most exciting singles matches possible. In the top meeting, Northamptonshire's K. R. Greasley lost the first game to J. A. Russell, nearly lost a big lead in the second but hung on well, and in the third fought hard to avoid defeat without success. For determination and grit both players were much to be congratulated. The second singles was even more exciting, for both H. R. Marsland and the newly chosen Robinson are hitters who make more mistakes than either of the top players. After each had won a very hard game Marsland managed to draw away in the third and crossed over leading 8-2. The Scotsman not only caught him, but led at 4-2 after setting. Robinson got in again at 4-all, but Marsland won the odd point for an excellent match. It proved to be a very valuable last point as later events proved.



THE ENGLAND TEAM AT EDINBURGH

Standing—W. G. P. Birtwistle, H. J. Wingfield, W. Shute, K. R. Greasley, W. E. Smith.

Seated—Mrs. L. R. Ludlam, H. R. Marsland, Miss E. F. Andrews and Miss D. B. Grace.

In the ladies' match which followed, Miss Andrews and Miss Grace had a ding-dong struggle with Mrs. Horner and Mrs. Robertson, tremendous rallies ensuing throughout. Mrs. Horner's cleverness and her partner's better smash were sufficient to give victory to the Scots comparatively easily in the third game. The English pair defended well but there was a deficiency in their attacking power.

In the men's doubles matches, Marsland and Greasley beat J. C. Mackay and A. I. McIntyre with something to spare, and H. J. Wingfield and Warwick Shute were too strong for Robinson and J. B. Leslie. In the bottom match, however, W. G. P. Birtwistle and Smith were beaten by Russell and Ross though they held on hard in the second game. Ross played very well in his first international match, and so did Smith, but Birtwistle was off form.

Matters now stood at three matches all with the three mixed encounters to follow. In the top engagement Shute and Mrs. Ludlam defeated McIntyre and Mrs. Horner, a new Scottish pairing, fairly easily. The Kent man was in good form all evening. Wingfield and Miss Grace got well away against Mackay and Mrs. Robertson, but excitement mounted when the Scots caught them in the second game. Mackay was playing very well but Mrs. Robertson did not seem quite at home up at the net. The English pair adopted a peculiar formation with Miss Grace being normally at the back of the court and Wingfield in front of her!

That gave England the victory by five matches to three, but Scotland scored a further success when Leslie and Mrs. Armstrong just got the better of Birtwistle and Miss Andrews, 18-15 in the third game. Both the Scots played well, but though Birtwistle showed improvement over his men's doubles form, the combination of the English pair was not good.

Scotland and Ireland will have a Double International

The 29th annual international fixture between Ireland and Scotland takes place at Belfast on Thursday, 14th February. For this fixture Ireland has retained the same players who played against England last month, whereas the Scots have made only one change. This brings in R. S. Hodge instead of J. B. Leslie.

On the previous day, the junior players of the two countries will be meeting at Londonderry in the first ever junior international fixture. A party of eight young Scots, five boys and three girls, will leave Glasgow on the afternoon of Tuesday, 12th February, under the non-playing captaincy of Mr. G. M. Crabbie, and will, after their meeting with the Irish youngsters, proceed to Belfast to take part in the Irish Open Championships. The associations of the two countries are much to be commended for this innovation in bringing on the young talent at their disposal.

Northampton's First Open

Irish Participation adds Interest to Successful Meeting—Miss Iris Cooley and Miss June White Capture two Cups each.

By H. H. J. S.

On 4th and 5th January were held at Northampton the first Northamptonshire Open Championships, and the organisers and officials are to be congratulated on the success of this venture. There was a very strong entry, augmented by the inclusion of the entire Irish international team, particularly in the men's events where the singles attracted no less than 32 players.

In this event E. L. Choong became the first winner, defeating Noel Radford in the final after two very good matches against J. D. McColl and K. R. Greasley who lost after setting in both games. In his previous round Greasley defeated J. P. Doyle in a repetition of the international clash on the previous day. On this occasion it was a much closer match and Greasley was forced to concede the first game.

There was some disappointment when F. W. Peard withdrew from the singles. However, he and J. J. FitzGibbon played brilliantly in the doubles to defeat E. L. and E. J. Choong in the final. In this event there were several excellent matches, and, to mention only one, T. T. Majury and D. B. Green went very close to beating the Choongs when they set the second game after winning the first comparatively easily.

Miss I. L. Cooley had a good tournament and played very sound Badminton to win the ladies' singles and the ladies' doubles with Miss J. R. White. The latter was also particularly impressive in her play at the net with E. L. Choong in the mixed doubles. This pair won that event after defeating FitzGibbon and Miss B. Good in the final.

The programme was completed in good time, thanks to the excellent work of the referee, Mr. W. B. T. Ebbutt. At the conclusion Mr. A. B. Barfield, the President of the Northamptonshire Association, thanked all visiting players for their support with special mention of those from overseas, both near and far.

MEN'S SINGLES

(32 players)

Third Round: E. L. Choong beat J. L. McColl, 15-5, 12-15, 15-9. K. R. Greasley beat J. P. Doyle, 14-18, 15-9, 15-10. N. B. Radford beat M. W. Holborn, 15-11, 15-10. L. T. Lee beat S. H. Lim, 15-10, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Choong beat Greasley, 18-13, 17-14. Radford beat Lee, 18-17, 15-13.

Final: Choong beat Radford, 15-4, 15-8.

LADIES' SINGLES

(11 players)

Second Round: Miss S. I. Ripley beat Miss A. J. Stone, 11-5, 8-11, 11-6. Mrs. J. Baldwin beat Miss J. Mansley, 11-7, 7-11, 11-0. Miss I. L. Cooley beat Miss M. Crockett, 11-1, 11-1. Miss J. Peters beat Mrs. F. M. Henderson, 11-6, 9-12, 11-15.

Semi-finals: Miss Ripley beat Mrs. Baldwin, 11-5, 11-7. Miss Cooley beat Miss Peters, 11-3, 11-5.

Final: Miss Cooley beat Miss Ripley, 11-5, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(19 pairs)

Third Round: E. L. Choong and E. J. Choong beat N. B. Radford and L. T. Lee, 17-16, 15-9. T. T. Majury and D. B. Green beat W. C. Rogers and S. H. Lim, 15-9, 15-3. K. R. Greasley and F. Parker beat M. W. Field and J.

D. McColl, 15-12, 15-9. F. W. Peard and J. J. FitzGibbon beat J. P. Doyle and J. K. D. Lacey, 15-5, 15-12.

Semi-finals: Choong and Choong beat Majury and Green, 2-15, 17-14, 15-8. Peard and FitzGibbon beat Greasley and Parker, 15-10, 15-11.

Final: Peard and FitzGibbon beat E. L. Choong and E. J. Choong, 15-7, 12-15, 15-4.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(11 pairs)

Second Round: Miss B. Good and Mrs. B. Donaldson beat Mrs. F. D. Bradley and Mrs. M. Gibbard, 15-0, 15-3. Miss B. Wilson and Miss M. Crockett beat Miss J. C. Lawless and Mrs. T. Askew, 5-15, 15-11, 15-13. Miss E. Windsor-Aubrey and Miss S. J. Ripley beat Miss J. Mansley and Miss J. Peters, 18-13, 16-17, 15-3. Miss I. L. Cooley and Miss J. R. White beat Mrs. F. M. Henderson and Miss A. J. Stone, 15-10, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Miss Good and Mrs. Donaldson beat Miss Wilson and Miss Crockett, 15-12,

Eastbourne's Big Entry

The Eastbourne Tournament which was held at Devonshire Baths on 14th and 15th December attracted the largest entry in its history, the number of competitors reaching three figures.

A large number of spectators were present on each day and saw some fine play. Last year's winners were beaten in two events, the ladies' doubles being won by Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber and Mrs. Uber as the holders, Miss A. Choong and Miss I. E. O'Beirne, lost in the semi-final, whilst E. J. Choong and E. L. Choong were beaten in the final of the men's doubles by E. B. Choong and H. A. Heah.

E. B. Choong completed the treble by beating his fellow countryman, Heah, in the men's singles and with Miss Amy Choong winning the mixed doubles against E. L. Choong and Miss J. R. White in the final, 28 couples contesting this event.

In the ladies' singles Miss O'Beirne did not defend owing to a leg injury, and Miss S. Ripley just managed to beat Miss A. J. Stone in a very closely contested final.

In view of the increasing popularity of this tournament, the committee is already exploring the possibility of obtaining a third court, adjacent to the present courts and of equal quality, for 1952, or alternatively of starting the tournament on the Thursday instead of the Friday.

J. K. R.

MEN'S SINGLES

(12 players)

Second Round: E. B. Choong w.o., G. H. Featherstone retired, J. A. Russell beat L. G. Coffin, 15-3, 15-4. P. V. Willford beat R. Kenward, 15-12, 15-12. H. A. Heah beat T. Bowker, 15-1, 15-1.

Semi-finals: Choong beat Russell, 15-1, 15-2. Heah beat Willford, 15-4, 15-1.

Final: Choong beat Heah, 15-1, 15-2.

LADIES' SINGLES

(6 players)

First Round: Miss A. J. Stone beat Mrs. N. R. Houston, 11-0, 11-2. Miss S. Ripley beat Miss V. Bisson, 11-3, 11-2.

Semi-finals: Miss Stone w.o., Miss I. E. O'Beirne retired, Miss Ripley beat Mrs. F. M. Henderson, 11-1, 11-2.

Final: Miss Ripley beat Miss Stone, 11-6, 5-11, 11-9.

15-6. Miss Cooley and Miss White beat Miss Windsor-Aubrey and Miss Ripley, 18-16, 11-15, 15-9.

Final: Miss Cooley and Miss White beat Miss Good and Mrs. Donaldson, 15-2, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

(26 pairs)

Third Round: E. L. Choong and Miss J. R. White beat T. T. Majury and Mrs. P. Forsyth, 15-2, 15-10. F. W. Peard and Mrs. B. Donaldson beat J. D. McColl and Miss E. Windsor-Aubrey, 15-6, 15-2. J. P. Doyle and Miss J. C. Lawless beat F. M. Stanley and Miss B. Wilson, 15-8, 15-5. J. J. FitzGibbon and Miss B. Good beat W. C. Regan and Miss A. J. Stone.

Semi-finals: E. L. Choong and Miss White beat Peard and Mrs. Donaldson, 15-10, 15-6. FitzGibbon and Miss Good beat Doyle and Miss Lawless, 15-2, 15-11.

Final: E. L. Choong and Miss White beat FitzGibbon and Miss Good, 15-7, 15-11.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: W. C. Rogers and S. H. Lim (owe 8), beat E. J. Timperley and D. V. Dickenson (scr.), 15-5, 15-12.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss J. Peters and Miss J. Mansley (plus 2), beat Mrs. J. Cosford and Mrs. J. Baldwin (owe 3), 15-8, 13-15, 15-9.

Mixed Doubles: D. H. Illingworth and Miss R. M. Bennett (plus 8), beat E. J. Timperley and Mrs. J. Scott (plus 8), 15-3, 12-15, 15-10.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(17 pairs)

Third Round: E. B. Choong and H. A. Heah beat J. R. Whitefield and J. D. Robertson, 15-4, 15-1. P. V. Willford and L. G. Coffin beat G. L. Armitage and G. P. Bale, 16-17, 15-0, 15-4. J. R. Best and H. J. Wingfield beat J. H. Lawton Smith and J. H. Kellett, 15-4, 7-15, 15-4. E. J. Choong and E. L. Choong beat A. F. Reed and R. W. Habens, 15-12, 15-9.

Semi-finals: E. B. Choong and Heah beat Willford and Coffin, 15-2, 15-3. E. J. Choong and E. L. Choong beat Best and Wingfield, 15-12, 15-9.

Final: E. B. Choong and Heah beat E. J. Choong and E. L. Choong, 15-3, 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(13 pairs)

Second Round: Miss A. Choong and Miss I. E. O'Beirne beat Mrs. J. A. Collier and Miss U. H. Smith, 15-3, 15-12. Miss S. Ripley and Miss E. Andrews beat Mrs. S. Wyatt and Mrs. M. Barnett, 15-12, 15-4. Miss A. J. Stone and Mrs. F. M. Henderson beat Miss J. Peters and Miss J. R. White, 15-10, 15-7. Mrs. H. S. Uber and Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber w.o., Mrs. P. Worley and Miss M. Arno retired.

Semi-finals: Miss Ripley and Miss Andrews beat Miss Choong and Miss O'Beirne, 15-3, 10-15, 15-5. Mrs. Uber and Mrs. Allen Webber beat Miss Stone and Mrs. Henderson, 18-16, 15-2.

Final: Mrs. Uber and Mrs. Allen Webber beat Miss Ripley and Miss Andrews, 18-14, 15-10.

MIXED DOUBLES

(27 pairs)

Third Round: E. B. Choong and Miss A. Choong beat L. G. Coffin and Mrs. S. Wyatt, 15-5, 15-2. H. A. Heah and Miss E. Andrews beat P. G. Alcorn and Mrs. S. Brock, 15-8, 15-8. E. L. Choong and Miss J. White beat W. G. P. Birtwistle and Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber, 15-8, 15-8. H. J. Wingfield and Mrs. H. S. Uber beat J. A. Russell and Mrs. O. Clegg, 15-2, 15-1.

Semi-finals: E. B. Choong and Miss Choong beat Heah and Miss Andrews, 15-10, 10-15, 15-4. E. L. Choong and Miss White beat Wingfield and Mrs. Uber, 15-8, 15-11.

Final: E. B. Choong and Miss Choong beat E. L. Choong and Miss White, 15-3, 15-5.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: G. J. Norrie and G. H. Featherstone (owe 2) beat K. Kenward and R. Kenward (owe 1), 15-12, 12-15, 15-10.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. M. Collins and Miss J. Goodchild (plus 10) beat Miss G. Giles and Miss B. McKillop (plus 8), 15-10, 15-6.

Mixed Doubles: P. V. Willford and Miss S. Ripley (owe one hand, owe 4) beat G. H. Featherstone and Mrs. N. R. Houston (owe 6), 15-12, 15-9.

F. W. Peard's Third Hat Trick

But Young Players are also Prominent in Irish Close Championships—The Rise of Miss Jean Lawless—Two Newcomers in International Team

By "RACKETEER"

The Irish Close Championships were played in Dublin at the beginning of December. Senior and junior events were held, the junior classification being one of grading, not of age.

F. W. Peard repeated his performances of 1949 and 1950 in winning three events. He was lucky, however, to win the singles, for in the semi-final J. J. FitzGibbon led him 5-0 in the third game, and in the final J. P. Doyle outplayed him to lead by a game and 13-7. At this stage Peard noticed that Doyle, who was suffering from a heavy cold, was very tired, and successfully raised his game to equalise at one game all. The third game was closely fought, the now very tired men producing some excellent Badminton in a most protracted encounter. This match showed that the pupil is now practically as good as his master.

Good won the ladies' doubles for the fifth year in succession—a fine effort. In the final they defeated Mrs. Donaldson and Miss Lawless, 18-16, 15-6, their superior combination being the deciding factor. Altogether Miss Conway had an excellent tournament, and it is surprising that the selectors did not see fit to give her a trial at Dundalk.

Peard and Mrs. Donaldson defeated FitzGibbon and Miss Good, 7-15, 15-7, 15-7, in the mixed doubles final, largely because of Mrs. Donaldson's greater soundness at the net and partly because of the losers' inability to serve to Peard who on the day was particularly severe. The winners had a close match with J. J. Lee and Mrs. Billings in an earlier round before winning, 18-13, 18-15, and FitzGibbon and Miss Good overcame a serious deficit in the third game before defeating

Final: Miss Conway and Miss Good beat Mrs. Donaldson and Miss Lawless, 18-16, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: F. W. Peard and Mrs. B. I. Donaldson beat J. K. D. Lacey and Miss N. M. Conway, 15-7, 15-6, J. J. FitzGibbon and Miss B. J. Good beat S. S. J. Huey and Miss A. Foster, 15-10, 10-15, 15-10.

Final: Peard and Mrs. Donaldson beat FitzGibbon and Miss Good, 7-15, 15-7, 15-7.

The Junior Events

In the junior events B. J. Clear won the singles decisively in a fairly large entry. He has improved considerably, and it is thought that he will make his mark in senior events shortly.

Miss D. Kilbride won the ladies' event, beating Miss Y. Kelly in what was described as "a nice game played slowly"! Both players showed thorough appreciation of the principles governing singles play but the match suffered by following immediately on the Peard v. Doyle final. Yvonne Kelly is 15½ years of age and promises well.

G. Payne and J. F. McDermott won the men's doubles, their hardest match coming in the semi-final against B. J. Clear and G. Redmond.

Mrs. J. F. McDermott and Miss I. Reid won the ladies' doubles. In this department of the game the Irish standard is deplorably low and this junior event gave little hope for the future, at any rate as far as Dublin is concerned.

J. F. and Mrs. McDermott won the mixed doubles; a well balanced pair, they deserved their victory. Again, examination of the younger players involved was not encouraging except in two or three notable instances.

Ireland's Two new Colours

After trials were held at Dundalk on 19th December, two new choices were included in the Irish team selected to play England at Hove last month. They were J. K. D. Lacey and Miss J. C. Lawless, both of Dublin.

Lacey will be remembered in the North of England as representing Lancashire on a few occasions. This is his third season playing in his native Dublin. He has improved considerably in the last fifteen months and has allied considerable stamina to his naturally forceful game. The rise of Jean Lawless to international class has been incredibly rapid and provides a lesson for anyone connected with a coaching scheme. She has been playing for about six years and during all of this period received tuition under the Midland Branch Coaching Scheme. On the regular reviews made by the Coaching Committee her youth alone was the factor which procured her continued coaching, for she made little progress. Last season she reached the first team of her club and suddenly began to make rapid improvement. This season she gained a place in the Branch team, then won the singles in the Irish Close Championships, and played brilliantly in the trials to gain her first "cap."



21 YEAR OLD INTERNATIONALS

Miss Jean Lawless and "Chick" Doyle are both products of the Midland Branch Coaching Scheme.

Miss J. Lawless defeated Miss A. Foster in the semi-final of the ladies' singles, and Mrs. Donaldson (the holder) in the final. When she settled down against Miss Foster the result was never in doubt, but in the final one felt that Mrs. Donaldson's lack of singles experience cost her the championship.

Peard and FitzGibbon were not exerted to win the men's doubles, the most interesting match in this event being that in which Doyle and Lacey defeated Diplock and Green, 15-8, 14-17, 18-15. As the score indicates, this was a closely fought battle and as Doyle had not recovered from his exertions in the singles final Lacey had to undertake a tremendous amount of covering work which he did in a most creditable manner.

Miss Nora Conroy and Miss Barbara

S. S. J. Huey and Miss A. Foster in the semi-final.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: F. W. Peard beat J. J. FitzGibbon, 15-7, 13-15, 15-11, J. P. Doyle beat K. J. Diplock 12-15, 15-7, 15-5.

Final: Peard beat Doyle, 12-15, 15-13, 15-8.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. B. I. Donaldson beat Mrs. C. K. Billings, 11-7, 11-1, Miss J. C. Lawless beat Miss A. Foster, 10-12, 11-1, 11-4.

Final: Miss Lawless beat Mrs. Donaldson, 11-8, 11-9.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: F. W. Peard and J. J. FitzGibbon beat A. G. Trappnell and J. S. Bewster, 15-4, 18-15, J. P. Doyle and J. K. D. Lacey beat K. J. Diplock and D. B. Green, 15-8, 14-17, 18-15.

Final: Peard and FitzGibbon beat Doyle and Lacey, 15-5, 15-1.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Miss N. M. Conway and Miss B. J. Good beat Mrs. A. G. Trappnell and Mrs. C. K. Billings, 15-9, 15-7, Mrs. B. I. Donaldson and Miss J. C. Lawless beat Mrs. D. Potter and Miss A. Foster, 15-9, 8-15, 15-9.

The Northern Junior Championships

Players from Five Counties Divide the Honours in Big Entry

By E. K. G.

The Second Annual Northern Junior Championships were held on the courts of the Bolton Badminton Club on 28th and 29th December. The entry was 50 per cent higher than last year with 119 entries, competitors coming from as far as Kent, Derbyshire, Barrow and Kendal, and Cheshire sent in a large number of players. This large entry made it necessary to play late on both days; next year longer time must be allowed.

A. D. Jordan from Cheshire proved himself invincible in the boys' singles, winning the event without losing a game. C. T. Coates from Derby took the most points from him in the second round, 15-4, 15-7, and it was unfortunate that they should have met so early in the event. G. H. King from Kent put up the next best show when he lost in the final.

In the girls' singles last year's winner, Miss M. Callow, was beaten after a hard fought match by Miss M. Semple from Leyland, who lost in the final to last year's runner-up, Miss I. A. Kenningham from Shipley, Yorkshire.

The boys' doubles gave the greatest match of the tournament when Coates and King won against Jordan and D. Beswick in the semi-final. The latter took the first game to 2, lost the next to 4, and were losing the final game 4-11, but managed to set at 13 all; a number of exciting rallies followed with the service passing from side to side. In the end the evenly matched Coates and King won at 18-16. They went on to win the final in two games from N. Shaw and R. Battersby of Barrow who had had a very close semi-final match against B. Watson and G. Shields, also of Barrow.

Miss K. Parr and Miss M. Semple won the girls' doubles without losing a game. In the final they beat Coates and Miss J. Davidson and Miss M. Unsworth from Barrow, who is only 13, reached the semi-final. We expect to hear more of these young players in future junior tournaments.

In the mixed doubles, Jordan and Miss Kenningham also won without losing a game. In the final they beat Coates and Miss Buxton, who won more points against the winners than any other pair.

Mrs. C. H. French very kindly presented the prizes and Mr. K. Redfern was, as usual, an excellent referee.

It was most encouraging to note the high standard of play amongst the competitors and one had the feeling that if these young players were helped they would be able to do their share in putting English Badminton into its rightful place.



DOUBLES WINNERS

The Misses Kathleen Parr and Margaret Semple of Leyland, Lancashire.

Northern Junior Championships

BOYS' SINGLES (35 players)

Third Round: A. D. Jordan beat P. B. Kime, 15-0, 15-5. R. Hitchell w.o., J. Nelson retired. J. Bamber beat C. V. Ruckley, 15-2, 15-9. G. H. King beat R. E. Hull, 15-2, 15-5.
Semi-finals: Jordan beat Hitchell, 15-4 15-0. King beat Bamber, 15-4, 17-14.
Final: Jordan beat King, 15-5.

GIRLS' SINGLES (18 players)

Second Round: Miss M. M. C. Callow beat Miss M. Buxton, 12-10, 11-8. Miss M. Semple beat Miss K. Parr, 11-3, 7-11, 11-8. Miss E. J. Barclay beat Miss A. Burns, 11-2, 9-12, 11-3. Miss I. A. Kenningham beat Miss P. Night, 11-1, 11-1.
Semi-finals: Miss Semple beat Miss Callow, 11-10, 11-1. Miss Kenningham beat Miss Barclay, 11-3, 6-11, 11-0.
Final: Miss Kenningham beat Miss Semple, 11-5, 11-5.

The Ebbisham Club's Biggest Yet

The Ebbisham Badminton Club's Annual American Tournament appears to have become in recent years the social highlight of the Surrey Badminton calendar and a more friendly meeting is hard to imagine. The sixth of the series, held on the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th of December last, may well be said to have maintained this reputation to the full.

However, there is frequently some cause for regret behind the most successful meeting, and in this case it was the fact that not all of the 250 applicants could be fitted into the programme and the committee offers its sincere regrets to all those who were unlucky.

The chief anxiety of the organisers of a large American event must always be the maintenance of a complete programme in order to provide the maximum number of games in all sections and, fortunately, the gaps caused by "pains and sprains" were few and replacements were available from reserves, so that no section "played light."

The handicapping of this large entry, no mean task, was duly accomplished, although a little more information on the entry forms would have been welcome, and match slips for 315 games were made out prior to the commencement, with semi-finals and finals to come, and "the game was on."

BOYS' DOUBLES (18 pairs)

Semi-finals: G. H. King and C. T. Coates beat A. D. Jordan and D. Beswick, 2-15, 15-4, 18-16. N. Shaw and R. Battersby beat B. Watson and G. Shields, 6-15, 15-12, 15-12.
Final: King and Coates beat Shaw and Battersby, 15-10, 15-11.

GIRLS' DOUBLES (12 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss A. Burns and Miss J. Barclay beat Miss J. Davidson and Miss M. Unsworth, 15-3, 15-4. Miss K. Parr and Miss M. Semple beat Miss M. Buxton and Miss I. A. Kenningham 15-6, 15-10.
Final: Miss Parr and Miss Semple beat Miss Burns and Miss Barclay, 15-11, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES (36 pairs)

Semi-finals: A. D. Jordan and Miss I. A. Kenningham beat J. C. Callow and Miss E. J. Barclay, 15-4, 15-1. C. T. Coates and Miss M. Buxton beat D. Beswick and Miss A. Burns, 15-9, 15-1.
Final: Jordan and Miss Kenningham beat Coates and Miss Buxton, 15-8, 15-6.

Throughout the tournament, the standard of play was good, but especially so in the Class 1 events, the mixed and men's doubles being most keenly contested, as one would expect, with a good sprinkling of first and second team players from Kent, Middlesex and Surrey participating.

Eighteen pairs took part in each event, the final results being as follow:—

Ladies Doubles—Miss I. L. Cooley and Miss J. White (owe 5) beat Mrs. D. M. Gow and Mrs. I. M. Wildsmith (owe 1) 21-16.

Mixed Doubles, Class I—R. Radford and Miss I. L. Cooley (owe 3) beat S. H. Lim and Mrs. B. McRostie (plus 3) 21-15.

Mixed Doubles, Class II—R. Williams and Mrs. B. Head (plus 4) beat A. J. Arthur and Mrs. Arthur (scratch) 21-17.

Mixed Doubles, Class IIIa—J. R. Coulthard and Miss P. Bennett (scratch) beat R. J. Nichols and Miss D. Padget (plus 2) 21-9.

Mixed Doubles, Class IIIb—S. D. McLean and Mrs. L. M. Laing (scratch) beat A. E. Quinton and Miss J. M. Cramb (owe 2) 21-12.

Men's Doubles, Class I—S. H. Lim and W. C. E. Rogers (plus 1) beat W. G. Knight and W. Wiltshire (owe 6) 21-10.

Men's Doubles, Class II—J. C. Rolstone and E. Symonds (plus 1) beat D. G. Griffiths and S. Taylor (plus 2) 21-11.

A. F. S. G.

The Scottish Championships

Two for Miss Elisabeth O'Beirne

England's International Reserve in Great Form at Edinburgh—A. D. Jordan and W. A. Robinson also Shine—
H. A. Heah beats E. B. Choong again.

As customary since the war, the Scottish Open Championships was the first of the European national events to be held this season. After a year at Glasgow, play was transferred back to Edinburgh where a first rate entry was on hand on 18th and 19th January, to contest the 33rd annual meeting.

Three of the five main events changed hands, always a good thing, though two of the titles went undefended. Mrs. Uber and Mrs. Webber were both absent, and so their run of four successive doubles victories came to an end. The former also held the mixed with H. J. Wingfield.

Once again H. A. Heah conquered E. B. Choong in a singles final this season. The winner, however, had plenty of trouble in the previous round with the new Scottish colour, W. A. Robinson, who is better known as a Cheshire county player. Robinson hunted Heah all the way in their first game, but when that was lost, he had given all he had. The Cestrian had previously eliminated both Warwick Shute and E. L. Choong. An unexpected win in an early round was that of R. S. Hodge over H. J. Wingfield, though the margin was preciously close.

Miss I. E. O'Beirne kept her ladies' cup. Only Mrs. A. M. Horner gave her much trouble, though even here the Sussex lady survived without serious threat of the loss of a game. Amongst the other competitors was Mrs. M. S. Grant, current champion of Canada, who showed, however, how woefully short of practice she was.

The men's doubles was another all-Choong affair, but there were other features which demand attention in the results of this event. Firstly, there was the fine play of the new Scottish combination of Hodge and Robinson. They upset two English international pairings on their way to the final. There was also the close battle given by the youngster, A. D. Jordan, and the veteran Scotsman, E. W. Wilson, against H. R. Marsland and W. E. Smith, who only just got home in the third game.

Miss E. F. Andrews won her first national title when she and Miss O'Beirne annexed the ladies' doubles, the draw for which, apparently unseeded, was very lopsided. The winners' closest struggle was with Scotland's Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Horner who might well have proved successful. The final was rather one-sided.

Though Heah and Mrs. G. F. Saunders won the mixed, after what must have been several trepidations on the way, their success was hardly the most sensational event of the play. But, the Cheshire lady deserves congratulations on having won her first national event, always an important landmark in a playing career. The sensation of the meeting was the success and fine play of the combination of Jordan

and Miss O'Beirne. The former seems always able to bring out something extra special for the big occasion, and this was no exception. The bare statement of "Jordan and Miss O'Beirne beat E. L. Choong and Mrs. Horner, 15-11, 15-7" speaks for itself. Earlier, this young pair had also eliminated England's second mixed choice in the previous international fixture, Wingfield and Miss Grace, though the second game was very close. Then, in the final, there was not much in it. After two close games the decider went to the Malayan and his partner, 15-10. Another pair which did very well was that composed of Shute and Mrs. Wyatt of Hampshire. They disposed of Marsland and Mrs. Ludlam after a very long tussle and then gave Heah and Mrs. Saunders as close a game as they probably cared for in the semi-final. Mrs. Wyatt is one of the present day best who has not yet gained international recognition.

Finally, the veterans' doubles was retained by those hard-working administrators in Scotland's Badminton affairs, W. F. G. Normand and J. J. McCarry.



MISS ELISABETH O'BEIRNE
Whose return to form put her in all three Scottish finals. Only a few points separated her from a hat-trick.

MEN'S SINGLES

Third Round: R. S. Hodge beat H. J. Wingfield, 17-15, 17-16. E. B. Choong beat H. R. Marsland, 15-1, 15-1. W. A. Robinson beat E. L. Choong, 15-11, 15-10. H. A. Heah beat J. Balantyne, 15-5, 15-3.

Semi-finals: E. B. Choong beat Hodge, 15-5, 15-5. Heah beat Robinson, 18-15, 15-0.

Final: Heah beat Choong, 15-11, 15-8.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-final: Miss I. E. O'Beirne beat Miss D. B. Grace, 11-1, 11-3. Mrs. A. M. Horner beat Mrs. C. M. Mackay, 11-2, 11-1.

Final: Miss O'Beirne beat Mrs. Horner, 11-6, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Third Round: H. A. Heah and W. G. P. Birtwistle beat G. M. Crabbie and A. S. Ewart, 15-3, 15-12. E. L. Choong and E. B. Choong beat J. C. Mackay and J. B. Leslie, 15-4, 15-4. H. R. Marsland and W. E. Smith beat E. W. Wilson and A. D. Jordan, 15-7, 10-15, 15-11. R. S. Hodge and W. A. Robinson beat H. J. Wingfield and W. Shute, 15-9, 9-15, 15-12.

Semi-finals: Choong and Choong beat Heah and Birtwistle, 15-7, 15-8. Hodge and Robinson beat Marsland and Smith, 18-16, 9-15, 15-12.

Final: Choong and Choong beat Hodge and Robinson, 15-5, 15-1.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Second Round: Mrs. J. A. S. Armstrong and Mrs. A. M. Horner beat Mrs. A. D. Wadsworth and Miss D. B. Grace, 15-6, 15-9. Miss I. E. O'Beirne and Miss E. F. Andrews beat Mrs. M. S. Grant and Miss I. Vallance, 15-5, 15-9. Mrs. K. P. Davidson and Mrs. S. Wyatt beat Mrs. M. D. Norval and Miss Montgomerie, 15-10, 15-6. Mrs. M. Robertson and Miss Reid beat Miss Crawford and Miss Davidson, 15-4, 15-12.

Semi-finals: Miss O'Beirne and Miss Andrews beat Mrs. Armstrong and Mrs. Horner, 15-10, 5-15, 17-14. Mrs. Robertson and Miss Reid beat Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Wyatt, 5-15, 15-8, 15-12.

Final: Miss O'Beirne and Miss Andrews beat Mrs. Robertson and Miss Reid, 15-1, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

Third Round: A. D. Jordan and Miss I. E. O'Beirne beat H. J. Wingfield and Miss D. B. Grace, 15-0, 18-14. E. L. Choong and Mrs. A. M. Horner beat A. I. McIntyre and Miss I. Vallance, 15-12, 14-15, 15-7. H. A. Heah and Mrs. G. F. Saunders beat E. B. Choong and Mrs. A. D. Wadsworth, 12-15, 15-14, 15-8. W. Shute and Mrs. S. Wyatt beat H. R. Marsland and Mrs. L. R. Ludlam, 18-14, 10-15, 15-12.

Semi-finals: Jordan and Miss O'Beirne beat E. L. Choong and Mrs. Horner, 15-11, 15-7. Heah and Mrs. Saunders beat Shute and Mrs. Wyatt, 15-8, 18-15.

Final: Heah and Mrs. Saunders beat Jordan and Miss O'Beirne, 15-10, 12-15, 15-10.

VETERANS' DOUBLES

Final: J. J. McCarry and W. F. G. Normand beat T. Davidson and M. M. Gordon, 15-9, 12-15, 15-8.

An Unusual Exhibition and Demonstration

There should be many of the ambitious younger brigade of players attending the exhibitions and demonstrations taking place at the Seymour Hall in London on the evening of Tuesday, 12th February, when, in conjunction with the Badminton Association of England, the Central Council of Physical Recreation will be putting on a new idea in the promotion of the game and methods of acquiring greater success on the part of enthusiastic young players. Reference can be made to the advertisement which appears elsewhere in this issue. It is understood that the first class players appearing on court will not only play exhibition matches but will also demonstrate correct methods of stroke production. Faulty stroke production is the usual reason why many really keen young players fail to improve after reaching a certain standard. This can always be cured by those who take the trouble, and therefore it seems that much may be learned on this occasion.

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.

Dorset Holds a "Cup" Day

Four newly presented trophies were competed for for the first time at Parkstone on 15th December when the Dorset County B.A. held its restricted tournament. Men's singles, ladies' singles and mixed doubles were the three events on the programme, and we understand that it was the first time that they had been scheduled in the county without handicap.

Two trophies had been presented by Mrs. H. S. Uber, the recently elected president of the county, and they went to the winners of the singles events. The cups given by Mr. C. W. Bissell, present county captain, were awarded to the mixed champions.

Singles champions were G. Carter of Dorset Wanderers and Miss D. Cook of Melcombe. The latter had a hard struggle in the final of her event. Mixed winners were P. S. Swatman, former county secretary and captain, and Mrs. Vick of Dorset Wanderers; in the final, the donor of the trophies, fought hard with Mrs. Hawkins, to be the first to have his name inscribed on them.

In the absence of Mrs. Uber, her daughter, Miss Vivienne Uber, herself a Dorset County player, presented the cups to the winners.

MEN'S SINGLES

Final: G. Carter beat W. H. Hawke, 18-17, 15-7.

LADIES' SINGLES

Final: Miss D. Cook beat Mrs. Hawkins, 10-12, 11-5, 11-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

Final: P. S. Swatman and Mrs. H. C. J. Vick beat C. W. Bissell and Mrs. Hawkins, 2 games to 0.

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A Busy Week-end in Essex

On Saturday, 8th December, the Essex Junior Championships were held at Eastwood. Although the entry was not so large as usual the standard of play was so high and the events so closely contested that, after 12 hours of play, the mixed doubles' final still remained to be completed. In the boys' singles final the third game reached 14 all, and 2 all was called 16 times after setting before A. R. Farrell finally clinched the issue.

Special arrangements had to be made for the girls' events at Austin House, whilst the boys continued at Eastwood. The other winners were: Girls' singles—Miss M. Catchpole; Girls' doubles—Miss P. Sheen and Miss P. Elmore; Boys' doubles—W. A. Stead and S. C. Jones. The committee's thanks are extended to all its members and others who weathered such a strenuous day so successfully.

Sunday, the 9th December, saw the Ilford Baths Hall packed to capacity for the match against the Malayan Students. It was an afternoon of keen enjoyment and the bursts of applause after the many rallies were loud and prolonged. The County expresses its deep appreciation to the Malayan Students in general, and to W. S. Siow in particular, for making this match possible.

The Malayans, who won by 8 matches to 3, were represented by E. B. Choong, H. A. Heah, L. T. Lee, E. C. Khoo, W. S. Siow, S. H. Lim, Miss A. Choong and Miss Heah, whereas Essex turned out A. Barron, A. L. Salway, R. O. Bishop, J. Bate, D. B. Hepworth, J. D. Robertson, Miss D. B. Grace, Miss J. E. Hasegrove and Miss B. J. Swinton.

The "Moderates" tournament, which was to have been held on 16th December, had to be cancelled as only 26 entries were received. H. D. C.

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Hertfordshire's Promising Juniors

The Annual Hertfordshire Junior Tournament was held at the Drill Hall, Ware, on Saturday, 22nd December. It was run in two divisions, 18 years old and under forming one section, and under 21 years old forming the senior division.

Both events were played on American lines, each pair playing every other pair the best of 21 points. Twenty-two pairs entered—14 pairs under 18, and 8 pairs for the under 21 group. The entries were reduced as the Committee were compelled to put forward the date from the 15th December owing to a last minute cancellation of the Drill Hall at Hertford, which had been booked some months ahead.

The standard of play was better than ever and we wonder every year how well these youngsters play Badminton. Our hopes for the County Team in a few years' time are very good indeed.

The under 18's played in two sections and the play off between the section winners was worth travelling a long way to see. This group received a handicap of plus one for each year of age under 18, and the ultimate winners were W. G. Jones and Miss B. M. Slack (plus 3), both from John Hampden School, New Barnet, who beat J. L. Middleton and Miss C. Pratley (plus 6) from Welwyn Garden City, 21-10, in an exciting game.

In the under 21 section some high class Badminton was witnessed and several County Second Team players took part. The event was won by H. Findlay and Miss R. Scrivener who beat J. F. Hickling and Miss E. Chapman. Strange to relate that although this was an American Tournament the game between these pairs was a final as both pairs had beaten all other pairs in the competition. We felt that John Hickling and his partner were somewhat overawed with the reputation of the opposition, because they did not play as well in this game as in other matches.

The preliminary organisation was in the hands of Mrs. M. A. Robarts and on the day Mr. G. H. Povey-Richards was in charge. As usual, his organisation was perfect in every detail. Mention must be made of the valuable assistance given by Mr. F. J. Lawrence from the John Hampden School, who worked hard all day long. We cannot end this account without

a word of grateful thanks to the ladies of Ware Badminton Club who so gallantly undertook to feed and quench the thirst of players, spectators and officials alike.

With the first team fixture against Suffolk on the 20th January at Welwyn Garden City our matches for the season finished. We had a most enjoyable game against Suffolk and after an afternoon of varying fortunes Hertfordshire won by 8 matches to 7.

We have had an unfortunate match season. Having won Division II last season, we have not once been able to play the team which won the trophy for us. Each match has found us calling on the second team for replacements, and consequently, although the first team only lost one tie, the second team was so weakened that it was unable to win at all. However, our adversity has provided opportunities for some of the younger players, and although beaten, they were never disgraced and showed improvement at each match.

We now look forward to the Annual Restricted Handicap Tournament to be held at the Park House Sports Club, Welwyn Garden City, on Sunday, 24th February. The tournament secretary is Mr. G. H. Povey-Richards, and entries must be received by him at "Welton," Stanstead Road, Hoddesdon, Herts, by 12th February. Ladies' doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles will be catered for, but entries must be limited.

E. W. C.

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Play in Kent is on the Up-grade

Kent's hopes and aspirations in the Inter-County Championship received an unexpected set-back at Wimbledon when she lost to Surrey, 8-7. Without wishing to detract from the play of the opposition, it must be recorded that most of the Kent team were suffering from extreme tiredness as a result of strenuous exertions in the Kent Championships the previous day. Curiously, Wimbledon has proved quite a hoodoo for Kent teams in recent years.

Despite the loss mentioned the forthcoming tie against Middlesex, postponed until 2nd March, is sure to be a hard fought struggle.

The Kent 2nd team would appear to have had a disastrous season, but in effect this has not been so, for the county has been building up for the future, and quite a number of very promising young players have shown improvement in almost every fixture played in. An encouraging win over Sussex 1st team was nearly accomplished, an unexpected loss on the part of two comparative veterans in a key match alone preventing success. Amongst the younger members who promise well in the future may be instanced Miss U. H. Smith and Miss H. C. Parfitt who have improved with every appearance for the side. A. J. Kemp and P. G. Alcorn,

though slightly older, have also done well. Kent 2nd must now resist a challenge from Hampshire 2nd for their place in Division II.

As a further means of assisting younger hopes of obtaining experience in a match-play, which is so very essential to progress which is difficult in the county due to lack of halls, a fixture took place at New Hythe, by the kindness of the Aylesford Paper Mills, on 10th January, between a county team and one consisting of county colts. This was a huge success, and though the county side contained two international players and four other full colours, the youngsters were yet able to notch three successes out of fourteen. Miss Ursula Smith scored a fine three-game win in singles over Mrs. Alcorn and later, with Miss Parfitt, upset Mrs. Alcorn and Mrs. Clegg. Donald Grozier defeated P. G. Alcorn after a long singles, and perhaps an even better performance was that of G. F. King, aged 16, and Brian Grozier, aged 17, when they won games off both the county pairs in the men's doubles.

Miss Ursula Smith is to be congratulated on again winning the singles and doubles at the All-England Junior Championships. She and B. T. Grozier were, also, again in the final of the mixed.

H. S.

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Middlesex Juniors Defeat Surrey Juniors

Middlesex Juniors took revenge for past defeats at the hands of their neighbours from Surrey when the annual junior inter-county fixtures were held at the Hampstead Baths on 29th December. The final score was eight matches to six, but two of the Surrey successes were due to unfortunate walk-overs generously conceded by Middlesex owing to a misunderstanding. G. H. Farrell and D. Matthews were altogether too good for their opponents in the boys' doubles, and Middlesex also gained all four girls' doubles matches. A fine win for Surrey was that of B. W. Heath and Miss Maureen Gibbins who defeated the Middlesex 2nd team player, R. J. Lockwood, and Miss L. Gaumont in three games.

The following represented the two counties:—

Middlesex—R. J. Lockwood, G. H. Farrell, D. Matthews, W. Pegg, R. Fanning, and the Misses P. Warner, V. Clark, M. Wood, J. Wilson, B. Slack and L. Gaumont.

Surrey—B. W. Heath, J. Ross, P. D. Russell, A. J. Hines, M. Pratt, N. Dobson, and the Misses S. Beadle, R. Prior, M. Sargent, B. Raby, B. Bansback and M. Gibbins.

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Suffolk's American Tournament

The Suffolk handicap American tournament, now becoming an annual event, was again held at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, on 5th January. A record number of 101 players took part, 16 clubs in the county being represented.

There were 25 men's pairs, 19 ladies' and 47 mixed couples. In spite of the heavy handicapping of the better pairs, all the semi-finalists in the play-offs were back-markers, and the Ipswich area rather dominated matters, a fact which the handicappers will perhaps see about on a future occasion.

The most commendable performance of the day was the ladies' doubles victory of the ever-youthful veteran county pair, Mrs. Leeming and Mrs. Rudland, who also won last year, while the best game of the day was the men's final between our two county pairs who were the back-markers in the event. In this match, G. Goodchild covered a considerable mileage along the baseline in the rallies.

Play in the tournament was continuous from 2 p.m. until 10.45 p.m., and it was again organised and controlled by Major N. F. Dare who is this year's President of the Suffolk B.A.

The association is indebted to the Headmaster for permission to use the school gymnasium with its five courts. On account of the dearth of suitable halls it would not be possible for such a tournament to be run elsewhere in Suffolk. Finally, sincere thanks are expressed to Mrs. V. W. Child and Mrs. F. Beresford for their capable handling of the refreshments, a most important function when such a large crowd has to be catered for for such a long time.

The results of the final matches were as follows:—

Men's Doubles: H. F. Cove and W. E. Martin (owe 1 hand, owe 8) beat G. Goodchild and C. M. Rudland (owe 1 hand, owe 4), 15-8.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. A. C. Leeming and Mrs. C. M. Rudland (owe 1 hand, owe 8) beat Miss E. R. Risk and Miss P. Sharp (owe 2), 15-9.

Mixed Doubles: C. M. Rudland and Mrs. Rudland (owe 8) beat G. Goodchild and Miss O. Greengrass (owe 1 hand, owe 3), 15-9.

V. W. C.

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Sussex Titles Change Hands

The Sussex Restricted Tournament was held at the King Alfred Baths, Hove, from 27th to 29th December. Entries showed an improvement, being 96 as against 57 last year, but still fell short of what they should be. In particular, entries for the three new events, the "restricted opens," were most disappointing, totalling only 17. It was thought that, these events being barred to players who have been awarded their 1st or 2nd team county colours, other players would be encouraged to enter. Few people, however, seized the opportunity of trying to prove to the County Selection Committee how misguided their efforts have been!

In the ladies doubles (open), Mrs. Margaret Barnett, partnered by Miss Elizabeth O'Beirne, set up a new record for the event by winning for the sixth consecutive year—a fine performance. Other holders were not so successful, however, and all other titles in the open events changed hands.

The thanks of all competitors are due to Alec Reed, the tournament secretary, who ran the events most efficiently.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: H. S. Loveday beat R. Mann, 15-6, 15-12. P. V. Willford beat N. Ward, 15-7, 15-5.

Final: Willford beat Loveday, 15-3, 15-9.

LADIES' SINGLES

Final: Miss I. E. O'Beirne beat Mrs. M. Barnett, 8-11, 11-3, 11-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: R. W. Habens and A. F. Reed beat H. S. Loveday and H. J. Mitchell, 15-9, 6-15, 15-7. P. V. Willford and A. R. Hodges beat P. Kemp-Potter and R. Mann, 15-12, 15-4.

Final: Willford and Hodges beat Habens and Reed, 15-7, 15-9.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Bannister beat Mrs. Waddell and Miss Pigott, 15-10, 15-6. Mrs. Barnett and Miss O'Beirne beat Miss Trower and Mrs. Lindsey, 15-5, 15-4.

Final: Mrs. Barnett and Miss O'Beirne beat Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Bannister, 15-6, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: H. J. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell beat P. V. Willford and Miss M. Taylor, 18-17, 14-15, 15-11. A. R. Hodges and Miss O'Beirne beat A. F. Reed and Miss N. Pigott, 15-5, 15-12.

Final: Hodges and Miss O'Beirne beat Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, 15-5, 15-8.

"RESTRICTED" FINALS

Men's Doubles: T. Bowker and N. Ward beat H. Boorne and L. Dart, 15-6, 15-9.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. Lindsey and Mrs. Bradford beat Miss Lewis and Miss Hobden, 15-2, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles: T. Bowker and Mrs. Lindsey beat H. Boorne and Mrs. Clifford, 15-7, 15-2.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: J. Robards and B. Hick (owe 1 hand plus 2), beat G. Yates and A. Marriott (plus 6), 11-15, 15-9, 15-14.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss Trowe and Mrs. Lindsey (owe 5), beat Mrs. Mitchell and Miss Hoadley (owe 10), 15-10, 15-2.

Mixed Doubles: H. J. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell, divided with R. W. Habens and Miss Trower.

R. W. H.

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Some News from Westmorland

Fourteen juniors from Westmorland entered the Northern Junior Championships which were held at Bolton at the end of December. Although none were successful in reaching a final it is felt that much valuable experience was gained and all our players thoroughly enjoyed the tournament.

In conjunction with the Central Council of Physical Recreation, a course of instruction is being held for a number of potential coaches, including, in addition, junior coaching.

County colours have been awarded to Mrs. M. Dugdale, who has played on four occasions in championship matches.

Westmorland "A" beat Cumberland "A" at Carlisle on 17th January by nine matches to six. The following players represented Westmorland:—M. C. Archer, P. H. Bateman, P. Knight, F. T. Long, G. Nattrass, D. Swindlehurst, Mrs. M. Yawith, Mrs. B. Harrower, Mrs. M. Mason, Mrs. P. Scott and Miss M. Thompson. A. P.

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The Yorkshire Restricted Junior Championships

The Yorkshire Restricted Junior Championships were held on Saturday, 29th December, at York.

In past years, the junior events were decided within the framework of the Yorkshire Restricted Championships, but on this occasion the junior tournament was launched on its own account and proved a great success. The geographical situation of York within the county contributed largely to this success, and 49 competitors, representative of each Riding, assembled at the Railway Institute. It was a heartening spectacle for us, who were fortunate enough to be present on this occasion, to find an entry of 32 for the boys' singles title, and 16 pairs for the boys' doubles title.

One cannot help thinking that if the same response is being obtained from junior tournaments in every part of the country, then the time may not be so far distant when the Thomas Cup will return to this country.

The standard of play was much better than we expected, and the day was a triumph for the Keighley clubs. Three of the four titles were won by competitors from that district.

In the boys' singles final, P. Bolton (Keighley) proved that he had an aptitude for Badminton, but unfortunately he was not sufficiently tested for one to assess his capabilities. The outstanding player in the tournament was 15-year-old Miss J. Wilkinson (Keighley) who, in her second season at the game, fought hard against her more experienced opponent in the final of the girls' singles. Miss M. Fullerton (Hull) won the first game to 2 but in the second game Miss Wilkinson fought back magnificently, and had she won this game it is possible that a reversal of fortune might have been recorded. However, Miss Wilkinson, partnered by Miss A. Chester (Keighley), went on to win the girls' doubles by a comfortable margin.

D. Dyson and C. Graham (Shipley), 12 and 13 years of age respectively, were the youngest competitors and although physically at a disadvantage, they displayed marked keenness and determination.

Summing up, Mr. G. S. Marshall, the referee, and I felt that it was a day well spent, and returned fortified with the knowledge that in Yorkshire there were many potential players of the future.

BOYS' SINGLES

Semi-finals: A. Sibley beat P. Heaton, 15-9, 15-5. P. Bolton beat D. Flint, 15-6, 15-5.
Final: Bolton beat Sibley, 15-11, 15-4.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Miss M. Fullerton beat Miss Bishop, 11-0, 7-11, 11-9. Miss J. Wilkinson beat Miss D. Illingworth, 11-0, 11-10.
Final: Miss Fullerton beat Miss Wilkinson, 11-2, 12-10.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: P. Bolton and T. Shoesmith beat D. Flint and G. Bell, 15-6, 15-4. F. Calvert and J. Wooler beat R. Croucher and P. Allen, 15-10, 15-13.
Final: Bolton and Shoesmith beat Calvert and Wooler, 15-6, 15-4.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Miss Wilkinson and Miss A. Chester beat Miss Butcher and Miss Hopkinson, 15-9, 15-5. Miss Bishop and Miss Dodgson beat Misses C. and D. Illingworth, 15-8, 15-8.
Final: Miss Wilkinson and Miss Chester beat Miss Bishop and Miss Dodgson, 15-4, 15-11.

A. B. S.

The Game at the Universities

Mid-Season Notes from Cambridge

The University Club this year boasts over 200 members, a record total which reflects the game's steady increase in popularity since the war. While this flourishing situation is all to the good, nevertheless it does place a great strain on the two courts, which could not at their best be called ideal, as visiting teams to Cambridge will know. They are in constant use; and the further development of the game at Cambridge depends largely on the erection of extra courts, at the moment a very remote possibility.

The above-mentioned imperfections of the courts are, it is hoped, only coincidental to the fact that the University is undefeated so far this season, having played five home matches and one away. Cambridge, London University, and Loughborough College have been beaten fairly comfortably. Against Essex, however, the University only just got home by five matches to four.

Four of last year Half-blues remain in residence this year: the captain, F. L. Chai (Jesus), E. L. (David) and E. J. (Robert) Choong (Trinity), and J. R. Best (Magdalene). E. L. Choong, who at present holds the All-England doubles title with his

brother Eddy, is of course by far the best player in the University; he was not extended in winning the Singles Tournament last term, defeating Best in the final in two games.

Although the four Half-blues form a strong nucleus, the remaining two places in the team are very open, and Chai will find his selection difficult for the match against Oxford, to be held this year at Cambridge on 8th March. Four players well in the running are J. Flew (Pembroke), D. J. Griffiths (St. John's), S. Vanaplux (St. Catherine's), a Siamese freshman, and A. C. B. Wells (Queen's), a freshman from Canada. Wells recently beat Griffiths in three games in the final of the Restricted Singles Tournament, in which Half-blues cannot compete. It does at any rate seem certain that there will be more than one non-Malayan in the team, which was not the case last year.

It is hoped to secure the Corn Exchange for the Oxford match; it provides better playing conditions and accommodation for spectators.

Other matches to be played this term include fixtures against Hampshire, Nottinghamshire, Kent and Surrey.

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In the Services

R.A.F. Championships

The individual championships of the Royal Air Force Badminton Association were held at R.A.F. St. Athans, South Wales, from 19th to 23rd November by kind permission of the Air Officer Commanding, Air Commodore J. Mutch, C.B.E.

237 individual entries were received, and some 210 arrived to play. There were as many as 162 for the R.A.F. singles alone, and 140 of these actually took part. It is believed that this entry is as big as, if not bigger, than in any other Badminton tournament.

Championship play took place on six courts whilst another three were available for practice. There were ten events altogether, and the eventual results will be found set out below.

Air Vice-Marshal L. G. Harvey, C.B., President of the Association, in introducing Air Commandant N. Salmon who presented the trophies and prizes, said that it was obvious that the standard of Badminton in the Royal Air Force had improved to a great extent. He thanked the A.O.C. and his staff for the provision of such excellent playing conditions.

At the end of the tournament the following teams were selected to represent both the R.A.F. and the W.R.A.F. in representative fixtures:—

R.A.F.—Flt.-Lt. Marland, Flt.-Lt. Cussen, Flt.-Lt. Landrey, Sgt. Goode, Cpl. Payne, A.C. Farrell, A.C. Darnell and A.C. Mill, with A.C. Adams, Cpl. Warwick and F.O. Stott as reserves.

W.R.A.F.—F.O. Wallace, Sgt. Parsons, Cpl. Longmuir, Sgt. Rankin, F.O. N. Fernihough and Sgt. Ring, with F.S. Nutt and F.S. Osborne as reserves.

R.A.F. SINGLES

Semi-finals: A.C. Darnell beat A.C. A. R. Farrell, 15-8, 15-9. Sgt. W. Goode beat Flt.-Lt. C. J. Landrey, 15-4, 15-4.
Final: Sgt. Goode beat A.C. Darnell, 15-10, 15-12.

W.R.A.F. SINGLES

Semi-finals: Sgt. Parsons beat Cpl. Longmuir, 6-11, 11-6, 11-5. F.O. Wallace beat Sgt. Rankin, 11-8, 11-7.
Final: Sgt. Parsons beat F.O. Wallace, 11-8, 8-11, 11-9.

R.A.F. DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Flt.-Lt. A. Cussen and Cpl. Payne beat Gee and Samways, 15-11, 15-5. Flt.-Lt. C. J. Landrey and A.C. A. R. Farrell beat Sgt. W. Goode and Dumbleton, 15-12, 15-9.
Final: Flt.-Lt. Cussen and Cpl. Payne beat Flt.-Lt. Landrey and A.C. Farrell, 15-6, 15-12.

W.R.A.F. DOUBLES

Final: F.O. Wallace and Sgt. Parsons beat Sgt. Rankin and Sgt. Ring 17-18, 15-12, 17-14.

MIXED DOUBLES

Final: Sgt. W. Goode and F. S. Osborne beat Flt.-Lt. C. J. Landrey and F.O. Wallace, 15-8, 13-15, 15-3.

R.A.F. STATION PAIRS

Final: Flt.-Lt. O. A. Cussen and Cpl. Payne (Leconfield) beat F.O. Stott and A.C. Stanley (West Kirby), 15-7, 15-6.

W.R.A.F. STATION PAIRS

Final: F.S. Nutt and Sgt. Ring (Halton) beat Sgt. Parsons and F.S. Osborne (Cosford), 13-15, 17-16, 15-4.

PLATE FINALS

R.A.F. Singles: Cpl. Warwick beat A.C. Adams, 15-12, 17-14.

W.R.A.F. Singles: Sgt. Ring beat F.S. Nutt, 11-5, 14-12. (?)

R.A.F. Doubles: Cpl. Warwick and A.C. Howarth beat F.S. Arinson and Sgt. Francis, 18-13, 18-15.

C. J. L.

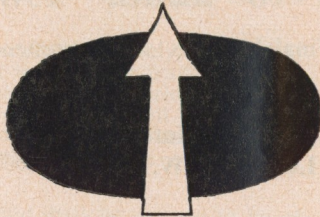
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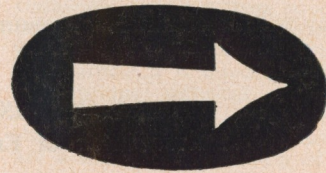
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Is too Much Expected of a Shuttle?

Don't Always Blame the Bird

By "PLUME"

Have you ever heard of a defeated Badminton player suggesting that the court (or the racket) should be larger or smaller? No! Apart from the player blaming him or herself it is always "the bird." It was too fast or slow as the case may be.

There is even a case of a well-known referee having a number of complaints at the commencement of a tournament of the shuttles being "fast." During the lunch interval he quietly measured the courts—they were found to be short! Yes, it is always "the bird." During the life of Badminton there have been periods of considerable attention given to the "Shuttle," and to the many players of Badminton the following remarks may be of interest.

The earliest shuttles merely consisted of cork or even leather with feathers pushed in and stuck. These developed into a standard barrel shape until at last the present well-known shuttle came into use and the present law was adopted. It reads:—

"A shuttle shall be deemed to be of correct pace if, when a player of average strength strikes it with a full underhand stroke from a spot immediately above one back boundary line in a line parallel to the side lines, and at an upward angle, it falls not less than one foot, and not more than two feet 6 inches short of the other back boundary line."

It will be noticed that there is no mention of trajectory in the laws except reference to a full underhand stroke at an upward angle. You will of course smile at "a player of average strength"; we all do! But no one has thought of a better method of testing shuttles during play, but the theory is that the shuttle should be hit with average strength at an angle of 45°. It, however, leaves much to be desired, and one often sees many "a player of average strength" giving the shuttle a jolly good thump if he has a preference for a slow shuttle. This habit grows and in the end a whole county or country is using slow shuttles.

Of course, the manufacturers test their own shuttles before selling to the public by means of various apparatus so that they are fired at any desired angle by air pressure, spring, etc., to test their speed, so as to place on the market shuttles of varying speed (75, 76, 77, etc.) to suit the temperature, size of hall and also a particular player or players.

Lately, an international match was most disappointing due to the use of slow shuttles; the International Badminton Federation has now circulated all countries about the necessity of using shuttles of

the correct speed; in conformity with this instruction the B.A. of England informed all its affiliated county associations and clubs accordingly.

Apart from "speed," there are of course many other characteristics that make a good shuttle, and these are somewhat difficult to define. Attention has now been focussed on what is a good shuttle due to the advent of the "Plastic Shuttle," and it may interest some players to realise some of the fundamental principles.

It will be realised that the great difference between a shuttlecock and a ball (or cork without feathers), is that of trajectory. In the case of a shuttle, a reasonably fast shot over a player's reach when he is in the middle of the court would, after travelling a certain distance, fall more or less perpendicularly towards the base line. A ball would fall well out of court. On the other hand, in the case of a "drop shot," should the spread of the shuttle be excessive, the shuttle after losing its momentum would fall vertically and thus affect quite a number of shots close to the net. In other words, the trajectory is effected by the spread of the shuttle. A variation of speed and trajectory can also be achieved with the same spread by an alteration of the weight of the shuttle, so, in the end, we have the spread affecting speed, trajectory and weight.

That is only the beginning of the difficulties. A shuttle having the correct spread, speed, trajectory and weight may not turn over as soon as it should, and in

net play, unless the turnover is rapid, the cap of the shuttle will not be struck. This turnover is controlled by the amount of weight; the less weight the less inertia, but if you overdo this you obtain wobbling which can be cured by more weight in the nose. Again, too much weight in the nose affects trajectory.

It will be appreciated that when a shuttle is "smashed" the feathers collapse, affecting both flight and speed depending upon how quickly a shuttle recovers its normal shape after collapsing when struck. Two shuttles of the same correct speed may be obtained; one travelling in a collapsed form during the first part of its flight at perhaps twice the speed of the later part of flight, while the other shuttle travels at the same rate throughout its flight, due to regaining its original shape earlier. The latter is of course the better shuttle. Remember that the shuttle comes at you sometimes at 30 miles per hour, stops, reverses its direction and sets off at (we hope) a high speed.

Nothing has been said of length of life and maintenance of the correct characteristics. That is a subject outside these comments, although there is some relation to the length of life by the method used of overcoming these difficulties. In this short article it is impossible to cover all the various technical points such as materials, etc., but players may realise that shuttles, plastic or feather, and rules are a compromise solution of many difficulties.

It may perhaps be appreciated that to lay down exact rules as to what a shuttle should be, or how it should act, is one of great difficulty, and the laws at present may not be too incorrect "for the player of average strength," although it does seem advisable for the laws to be slightly amended so that the speed and size is correct but allows the manufacturers to supply the most suitable shuttle.

Dublin Plans to Build a Large Hall

The Midland Branch of the Badminton Union of Ireland has just drawn up an ambitious scheme for the building of a new and suitable hall for the playing of the game in Dublin and surrounding districts. The General Purposes Committee of the branch has appointed an organising committee for the project, and this committee, which consists of Messrs. S. K. McComas, S. R. Parker and F. W. Peard, has sent out a lengthy and well explained brochure of its plans to raise the required £20,000 within a period of three years. From this circular are extracted the following paragraphs which it is felt would also hold good in any well populated district in England and elsewhere, too.

"The Need for a Branch Badminton Hall"

1. You probably have heard from time to time of a scheme to build a Badminton hall which will be the headquarters of the Midland Branch. Your General Purposes Committee (the Branch's chief administrative body) considers that there

ought to be a venue where every player, good, bad or indifferent, can book a court by the hour, play in perfect conditions, enjoy a hot or cold shower, and partake of refreshment subsequently, if desired.

2. The General Purposes Committee envisages a hall with ample court space and seating accommodation so that representative matches and tournaments can be properly staged and so that the badminton public can see and enjoy the game at its best. At present, if it were not for the courtesy of two or three badminton clubs in Dublin it would be almost impossible to stage any major match or tournament in our capital city.

3. The General Purposes Committee feels that the interests of country clubs should not be forgotten and that if a central hall were available a regular programme of matches could be arranged in which country clubs could compete with city clubs of their own standing (or with other country clubs in cases

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Class II Saturday, 1st March at 6.30 p.m.
Class III Saturday, 1st March at 4.30 p.m.
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Closing rounds of Handicap Events will be played the same day whenever possible, but successful competitors must be prepared to play on Saturday, 8th March, if necessary.

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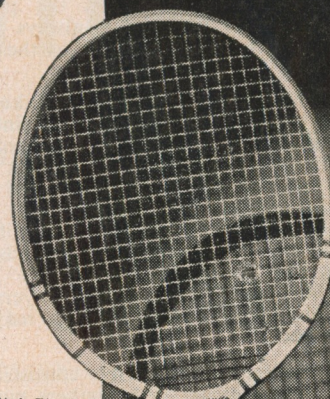
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* Restricted to players who have not won an Open Singles Championship Event nor represented their COUNTRY at Badminton.

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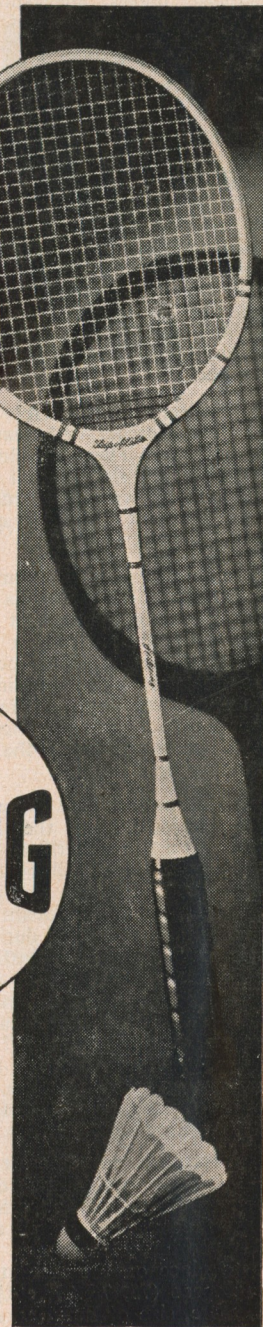
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4. The management of the new hall will be in the hands of the General Purposes Committee which is elected annually by the representatives of all clubs, so that each club will have an equal say in the running of the hall. This will guarantee that all players—from beginner to international—will get a fair share in the facilities afforded by the hall."

In furtherance of its aims, the Branch has already acquired a site of approximately one and one-eighth acres at Tere-nure. An architect has been appointed and he has produced plans for a four-court hall, with seating accommodation for at least 800, dressing room accommodation, restaurant and committee rooms. A rough estimate of the cost of this hall is £20,000.

Every Badminton player in Dublin and surrounding districts has been appealed to, not only for contributions towards the cost of the project, but also in order that all possible ways and means suggested for raising funds may be considered and explored by the Organising Committee. The latter has also asked all interested to complete a questionnaire requesting information thereon and also as to offers of working assistance.

The Organising Committee feels, too, that its big project may be of some interest to enthusiasts outside the Midland Branch of the Irish Badminton Union, and that perhaps others may like to make use of the ideas at present contemplated. The members of the committee would, furthermore, be most interested to hear from readers of the Badminton Gazette of any ideas which may occur to them on the question of raising funds. Particularly, novel ways would be welcomed. The committee would also be grateful for any ideas on the subject of what a Badminton hall should or should not contain, and of how it should or should not be built.

The address of the organisers is "The Organising Committee," Midland Branch B.U.I., Standard Hotel, Harcourt Street, Dublin.

We wish the scheme every possible success, and widely applaud those responsible for it. No doubt, some similar schemes have been considered by people in England, too. The need here is equally as great.

Correspondence

The Late Mr. Edward Hawthorn

The Editor,

The Badminton Gazette,

Dear Sir,

I felt very sad when learning from the last issue of the Gazette about the great loss suffered by the death of Mr. E. Hawthorn, and I read with much interest your obituary about him.

It occurred to me that readers of the Gazette might also like to know of another example of his far reaching interest in the game. I have in mind his generous donation to the Dansk Badminton Forbund in 1939 of a magnificent silver cup as an expression of his interest in the encouragement of the game in Denmark, too.

Many Share West Sussex Honours

H. A. Heah beats E. B. Choong again—Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt Remove Ladies' Cups—Welcome Return of Mrs. Horsley

The annual West Sussex Championship meeting took place at Littlehampton on 10th, 11th and 12th January, an excellent entry representative of nearly all the best players in the South of England being on hand.

E. B. Choong lost his singles title to his compatriot, H. A. Heah, who defeated him after a long drawn first game. Neither finalist had any difficulty in reaching the last round. Miss I. E. O'Beirne, however, managed to retain her singles cup. She beat Miss D. B. Grace somewhat easily in the final, but was well extended in the previous round by Miss A. J. Stone who came within striking distance of victory. The Kent lady won a long first game at 12-9 and managed to set the second. After losing that, her stamina was sapped and the holder had no trouble in winning the decider.

A. W. Horden being unable to defend the title won a year ago with R. C. F. Nichols, there was bound to be a change in the men's doubles. The event went pretty comfortably to Choong and Heah who beat three well known pairs without loss of a game. Nichols played well with his Scottish partner, R. S. Hodge, and these two eliminated Warwick Shute and A. B. Renton on their way to the final.

Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. S. Wyatt won the ladies' doubles cups outright by their third successive victory. They were not unduly troubled, and never looked like losing to Mrs. Allen Webber and Miss Grace in the final.

Choong and Miss I. L. Cooley retained the mixed championship from a good entry of 31 pairs. It was expected that Heah and Miss Amy Choong would have extended them more than they did in the semi-final. A pair which did very well was J. R. Best and Miss O'Beirne. They beat Maurice Robinson and Miss E. F. Andrews and Renton and Mrs. Durringer, both without loss of a game, and in the semi-final ran Shute and Mrs. Henderson all the way home.

This cup, which is known here as the "Hawthorn Pokal," has been competed for every year since 1939 as the trophy for the boys' singles in the Junior Championships of Denmark. Three of its winners have later represented Denmark in the Thomas Cup.

Since the "Hawthorn Pokal" is a permanent challenge cup, the name of the late Mr. Hawthorn will always be kept in honoured and grateful memory in this country.

Yours truly,

N. P. KRISTENSEN

(President, Dansk Badminton Forbund).

Copenhagen, 4th January, 1952.

It was pleasing to see Mrs. R. J. Horsley, the former England international on court again. She had played a leading part at the opening of the Littlehampton hall in October, 1937. She demonstrated that she has retained much of her form at mixed when she and Nichols put up a good fight against Shute and Mrs. Henderson in an early round.

MEN'S SINGLES

(12 players)

Second Round: E. B. Choong beat R. Murugason, 15-0, 15-0. W. S. Slow beat P. V. Willford 15-1, 15-6. J. D. McColl beat L. G. Coffin 15-5, 15-7. H. A. Heah beat A. R. Greatrex, 15-1, 15-1.

Semi-finals: Choong beat Slow, 15-5, 15-1. Heah beat McColl, 15-7, 15-7.

Final: Heah beat Choong, 17-15, 15-4.

LADIES' SINGLES

(10 players)

Second Round: Miss O'Beirne w.o. Mrs. Parnell retired, Miss Stone beat Miss Page, 11-7, 11-7. Miss Grace beat Miss Pigott, 11-6, 11-7. Miss Ripley beat Mrs. F. M. Henderson, 12-10, 12-10.

Semi-finals: Miss O'Beirne beat Miss Stone, 12-9, 9-11, 11-0. Miss Grace beat Miss Ripley, 1-11, 11-7, 11-7.

Final: Miss O'Beirne beat Miss Grace, 11-6, 11-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(17 pairs)

Third Round: R. C. F. Nichols and R. S. Hodge beat D. W. Hayes and E. J. Furniss, 17-15, 15-13. W. Shute and A. B. Renton beat J. H. Lawton Smith and E. D. T. Vane, 15-2, 15-5. H. J. Wingfield and J. R. Best beat A. R. Hodges and R. E. Mann, 15-9, 17-14. E. B. Choong and H. A. Heah beat J. D. McColl and M. Robinson, 15-8, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Nichols and Hodge beat Shute and Renton 15-8, 17-18, 15-7. Choong and Heah beat Wingfield and Best, 15-8, 15-7.

Final: Choong and Heah beat Nichols and Hodge, 15-3, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(11 pairs)

Second Round: Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt beat Miss Cooley and Miss Peters, 15-10, 15-9. Miss O'Beirne and Miss Stone beat Mrs. F. M. Henderson and Miss Andrews, 15-6, 15-8. Mrs. Durringer and Mrs. Barnett beat Mrs. Horsley and Miss Ripley, 15-8, 15-8. Mrs. Allen Webber and Miss Grace beat Mrs. Parnell and Mrs. Coffin, 15-4, 15-10.

Semi-finals: Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt beat Miss O'Beirne and Miss Stone, 15-6, 15-11. Mrs. Allen Webber and Miss Grace beat Mrs. Durringer and Mrs. Barnett, 15-5, 15-6.

Final: Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt beat Mrs. Allen Webber and Miss Grace, 15-3, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

(31 pairs)

Third Round: W. Shute and Mrs. K. M. Henderson beat R. C. F. Nichols and Mrs. Horsley, 10-15, 15-8, 15-11. J. R. Best and Miss O'Beirne beat W. C. Regan and Miss Stone, 15-8, 15-5. H. A. Heah and Miss Choong beat J. D. McColl and Mrs. Webber, 15-8, 10-15, 15-4. E. B. Choong and Miss Cooley beat R. S. Hodge and Miss Grace, 15-1, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Shute and Mrs. Henderson beat Best and Miss O'Beirne, 10-15, 15-8, 15-11. E. B. Choong and Miss Cooley beat Heah and Miss Choong, 15-8, 15-9.

Final: Choong and Miss Cooley beat Shute and Mrs. Henderson, 15-3, 15-10.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: C. E. Tottle and J. C. Whisker (plus 4) beat W. S. Slow and K. Smith (owe 1 hand), 15-9, 9-15, 15-10.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. Bannister and Miss Hoadley (owe 12) beat Mrs. Barnett and Mrs. Mitchell (owe 12), 15-12, 15-14.

Mixed Doubles: C. E. Tottle and Miss Deane (plus 7) beat E. D. T. Vane and Miss Ripley (owe 1 hand), 15-13, 15-14.

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NORTH OF SCOTLAND

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to be held in the

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On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday,
10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th March, 1952

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Ladies' Singles, Ladies' Doubles, Gentlemen's Doubles, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Doubles,
Gentlemen's Singles.

HANDICAP EVENTS

Ladies' Doubles, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Doubles, Gentlemen's Doubles.

*Entry Forms may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary:
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Entries close at noon on Tuesday, 26th February, 1952.

Inter-County Battle is On

January is always perhaps the most interesting period of play in the Inter-County Championship, and 1952 is no exception. It is at this time of the season that prospective winners or candidates commence to loom up, and we can begin to reflect with some considered degree of accuracy as to the results of the knock-out stages of the competition.

Yet, despite their being only another three weeks to go before the zonal ties in Division I have to be completed, there is still room for considerable doubt as to both contestants in one of the semi-final ties. Though Warwickshire v. Middlesex seems indicated, it could easily be Staffordshire v. Kent if there is the slightest slip on the part of either of the first-mentioned. This closeness in the zone results is as it should be, and this matter is probably the biggest reason for the greater interest existent in the Championship as a result of the creation of the three divisions of play.

Certain semi-finalists in the top division are Durham and Cheshire. The former has never reached that stage before; indeed, she has usually been somewhere near the bottom of her group, and her representatives are therefore to be congratulated on the results so far. It is doubtful, however, whether the Dunelmian team will be strong enough to hold the star-studded team from the Mersey which has twice since the war won the Inter-County Cup.

Features of the Midlands Zone have been Leicestershire's so far unavailing fight to secure a safe rating for next season. Though not, at the time of writing, having won any tie, the newcomers

to Division I have done very well to hold both Nottinghamshire and Warwickshire to 8-7 scores. The latter must be regarded as a favourite to come through to the semi-final.

In the South, the holders, Middlesex, received an unexpected bit of assistance when Surrey in the most surprising result of the season upset Kent on 27th January by the odd match. The winners started off with a rush and gained a lead, at one time, of 7-1, but the Kent players rallied to some purpose and all eventually depended upon the fourth mixed which was not decided until the two pairs had set in the third game. A similarly close tie was also fought out in the same group at the identical time to decide the likely last place tenants in the zone when Essex played Hampshire. Here again all depended upon the last match and the final game of it. Again, matters went to 13-all before Hampshire just crawled home. However, Essex's great fight with a slightly weakened team, was a grand effort, and it is by no means a certainty that she may not cause a surprise or two when Middlesex is opposed on 24th February. Group honours must still rest upon the result of the Kent v. Middlesex tie on 2nd March, postponed owing to the intervention of a Thomas Cup tie on the original week-end. Kent, however, will have to win by a substantial margin to gain group honours. It must also not be overlooked that Surrey has an outside chance of squeezing through.

In Division II only Cumberland and Cheshire 2nd of last season's knock-out sextet have qualified this year. In the Midlands Northamptonshire is making a bold bid to return to the higher society of Division I, and it is quite possible that she may also upset Cheshire 2nd when these two teams meet in their anticipated semi-final tie. Last year's Division winners, Hertfordshire, were virtually eliminated quite early when Berks, Bucks and Oxon took their measure with considerable comfort, and this combined team must start off against Surrey 2nd in the quarter-final with every degree of confidence. For the first time since the war, too, Gloucestershire's name has come to the top in the west. A side that can beat Somerset, 10-5, must command respect in the play-offs.

Congratulations to the Isle of Man on winning its first tie ever. The islanders defeated Westmorland at Douglas after a close scrap, 9-6. This should act as a great fillip to that enthusiastic community which seems so cut off from the rest of the country.

The objective in Division III is purely that of promotion, and in three of the four sections there remain inter-group ties to settle before the challenge ties can be played. Hampshire 2nd is thus the only team so far to reach the challenge stage. She meets Kent 2nd. In the Midlands Staffordshire 2nd and Lincolnshire are due to repeat their tie in the same stage of last season, the winner being scheduled to meet Notts 2nd, as was the case last season too. Essex 2nd is

making a great bid for promotion. She has already won her group after a close win from Cambridgeshire, who were relegated from higher up at the end of last season, and now finds herself in the strange position of having to beat Cambridgeshire 2nd in order to qualify to challenge Norfolk. The chances of Essex 2nd must be regarded as very good.

In the west Somerset 2nd awaits the winner of a fine three-sided fight between Dorset, Gloucestershire 2nd and South Wales. The final winner here will challenge Devon 2nd for a place higher up. Devon 2nd has found the grade in Division II far too good.

Participants in the challenge ties between Divisions I and II are mostly unsettled, though the results tables do give some clue as to the identity of the sides likely to be concerned.

LATE RESULTS

DIVISION I

Cheshire 11; Lancashire 4
Warwickshire 12; Nottinghamshire 3

DIVISION II

Durham 2nd 7; Cumberland 8
Lancashire 2nd 6; Yorkshire 2nd 9
Derbyshire 7; Northamptonshire 8
Warwickshire 2nd 11;

Worcestershire 4
Derbyshire 9; Nottinghamshire 2nd 6
Middlesex 2nd 9; Sussex 6
Surrey 2nd 9; Sussex 6
Surrey 2nd 7; Middlesex 2nd 8
Gloucestershire 10; Somerset 5
Devon 6; Gloucestershire 9
Devon 5; Somerset 10

DIVISION III

Worcestershire 2nd 6; North Wales 9
Leicestershire 2nd 4;

Lincolnshire and Rutland 11
Northamptonshire 2nd 8;

Derbyshire 2nd 7
Cambridgeshire 2nd 8; Suffolk 2nd 7
Essex 2nd 8; Cambridgeshire 7
Berks, Bucks and Oxon 2nd 9;

Sussex 2nd 6
Dorset 10; Wiltshire 5
Gloucestershire 2nd 10; Wiltshire 5
Somerset 2nd 15; Cornwall 0
Cornwall 8; Dorset 2nd 7

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

The B.A. Dinner and Dance is on 22nd March

The sixth annual dinner and dance of the Badminton Association of England will take place on Saturday, 22nd March, after the final day's play in the All-England Championships. The venue will be the private suite at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, London, W.

Amongst the large attendance expected again at this big function will be all the overseas players coming to England for the Championship meeting. They will be the guests of the B.A. of England.

Tickets are priced at 30/-, and may be obtained from Mrs. M. E. Kitton, 18 Malmaisons Way, Beckenham, Kent.

DIVISION I

Semi-final Ties

Durham v. Cheshire
Middlesex, Kent or Surrey v.
Warwickshire, Staffordshire or
Nottinghamshire

DIVISION II

Quarter-final Ties

Cumberland, a bye
Northamptonshire v. Cheshire 2nd
Berks, Bucks and Oxon v. Surrey 2nd
Gloucestershire, a bye

CHALLENGE TIES

Between Divisions I and II

Northumberland v. Cumberland
? v. Northamptonshire
Essex or Hampshire v. Berks, Bucks
and Oxon, Surrey 2nd or Gloucester-
shire

Between Divisions II and III

Nottinghamshire 2nd v. Staffordshire
2nd or Lincolnshire and Rutland
Norfolk v. Essex 2nd or Cambridge-
shire 2nd

Kent 2nd. v. Hampshire 2nd
Devon 2nd v. Western Section winners

In all cases first named has choice
of courts.

Inter-County Championship**Table of Results**
(to 4th February inclusive)

| | | DIVISION I | | | |
|-----------------------|---|------------|---------|----|----|
| | | Ties | Matches | | |
| | | P. W. L. | W. L. | | |
| Far North Zone | | | | | |
| Durham | 2 | 2 | - | 22 | 8 |
| East of Scotland | 2 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 12 |
| Northumberland | 2 | - | 2 | 5 | 25 |
| North Zone | | | | | |
| Cheshire | 3 | 3 | - | 34 | 11 |
| Lancashire | 4 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 36 |
| Yorkshire | 3 | - | 3 | 17 | 28 |
| Midlands Zone | | | | | |
| Warwickshire | 4 | 4 | - | 46 | 14 |
| Staffordshire | 4 | 2 | 2 | 35 | 25 |
| Nottinghamshire | 4 | 2 | 2 | 22 | 38 |
| Leicestershire | 4 | - | 4 | 17 | 43 |
| South Zone | | | | | |
| Middlesex | 2 | 2 | - | 23 | 7 |
| Kent | 3 | 2 | 1 | 27 | 18 |
| Surrey | 3 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 23 |
| Hampshire | 3 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 29 |
| Essex | 3 | - | 3 | 17 | 28 |

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| | | DIVISION II | | | |
|------------------------|---|-------------|---------|----|----|
| | | Ties | Matches | | |
| | | P. W. L. | W. L. | | |
| Far North Zone | | | | | |
| Cumberland | 3 | 3 | - | 28 | 17 |
| Northumberland | | | | | |
| 2nd | 3 | 1 | 2 | 23 | 22 |
| Durham 2nd | 3 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 24 |
| East of Scotland | | | | | |
| 2nd | 3 | 1 | 2 | 18 | 27 |
| North Zone | | | | | |
| Cheshire 2nd | 4 | 4 | - | 48 | 12 |
| Yorkshire 2nd | 4 | 2 | 2 | 32 | 28 |
| Lancashire 2nd | 4 | 2 | 2 | 30 | 30 |
| Westmorland | 4 | 1 | 3 | 24 | 36 |
| Isle of Man | 4 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 44 |
| Midlands Zone | | | | | |
| Northamptonshire | 8 | 8 | - | 77 | 43 |
| Derbyshire | 8 | 4 | 4 | 65 | 55 |
| Warwickshire 2nd | 7 | 3 | 4 | 55 | 50 |
| Worcestershire | 7 | 3 | 4 | 43 | 62 |
| Nottinghamshire | | | | | |
| 2nd | 8 | 1 | 7 | 45 | 75 |
| South Zone | | | | | |
| Eastern Section | | | | | |
| Berks, Bucks and Oxon | 3 | 3 | - | 36 | 9 |
| Hertfordshire | 3 | 2 | 1 | 22 | 23 |
| Suffolk | 3 | 1 | 2 | 20 | 25 |
| Norfolk | 3 | - | 3 | 12 | 33 |
| Central Section | | | | | |
| Surrey 2nd | 6 | 5 | 1 | 60 | 30 |
| Middlesex 2nd | 6 | 4 | 2 | 48 | 42 |
| Sussex | 6 | 3 | 3 | 44 | 46 |
| Kent 2nd | 6 | - | 6 | 28 | 62 |
| Western Section | | | | | |
| Gloucestershire | 6 | 5 | 1 | 66 | 24 |
| Somerset | 5 | 4 | 1 | 47 | 28 |
| Devon | 6 | 2 | 4 | 50 | 40 |
| Devon 2nd | 5 | - | 5 | 2 | 73 |

| | | DIVISION III | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------|---------|----|----|
| | | Ties | Matches | | |
| | | P. W. L. | W. L. | | |
| Midlands Zone | | | | | |
| Western Group | | | | | |
| Staffordshire 2nd | 6 | 5 | 1 | 69 | 21 |
| North Wales | 6 | 5 | 1 | 62 | 28 |
| Worcestershire 2nd | 6 | 1 | 5 | 35 | 55 |
| Shropshire | 6 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 76 |
| Eastern Group | | | | | |
| Lincolnshire and Rutland | 5 | 5 | - | 55 | 20 |
| Leicestershire 2nd | 6 | 3 | 3 | 45 | 45 |
| Derbyshire 2nd | 5 | 2 | 3 | 40 | 35 |
| Northamptonshire | | | | | |
| 2nd | 6 | 1 | 5 | 25 | 65 |
| South Zone | | | | | |
| Eastern Section (North) | | | | | |
| Cambridgeshire 2nd | 2 | 2 | - | 18 | 12 |
| Norfolk 2nd | 2 | 1 | 1 | 16 | 14 |
| Suffolk 2nd | 2 | - | 2 | 11 | 19 |
| Eastern Section (South) | | | | | |
| Essex 2nd | 3 | 3 | - | 33 | 12 |
| Cambridgeshire | 3 | 2 | 1 | 32 | 13 |
| Bedfordshire | 3 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 29 |
| Hertfordshire 2nd | 3 | - | 3 | 9 | 36 |
| Central Section | | | | | |
| Hampshire 2nd | 3 | 3 | - | 36 | 9 |
| Sussex 2nd | 3 | 1 | 2 | 22 | 23 |
| Berks, Bucks and Oxon 2nd | 4 | 1 | 3 | 17 | 43 |
| Western Section (North) | | | | | |
| Gloucestershire 2nd | 5 | 4 | 1 | 39 | 36 |
| South Wales | 5 | 3 | 2 | 44 | 31 |
| Dorset | 5 | 3 | 2 | 43 | 32 |
| Wiltshire | 5 | - | 5 | 24 | 51 |
| Western Section (South) | | | | | |
| Somerset 2nd | 4 | 4 | - | 42 | 18 |
| Cornwall | 3 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 31 |
| Dorset 2nd | 3 | - | 3 | 19 | 26 |

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Berks, Bucks and Oxon v. Hertfordshire

Played at Slough on 9th December, and won by Berks, Bucks and Oxon. by 12 matches to 3.

Berks, Bucks and Oxon.: C. Denton, E. D. T. Vane, J. Lawton Smith, D. Bale, D. Pember, Miss S. Ripley, Mrs. Horsley, Mrs. F. Yarde Frost Mrs. J. Nickless.

Hertfordshire: W. Goode, H. Findlay, G. N. Robarts, E. Metson, E. Berrett, Mrs. G. Vaughan, Mrs. B. Bray, Mrs. K. Metson, Mrs. M. Tye, Miss O. Wells.

Sussex v. Middlesex 2nd

Played at Littlehampton, on 9th December, and won by Sussex by 9 matches to 6.

Sussex: H. Loveday, P. Willford, R. Hodges, A. Reed, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Allen Webber, Miss Pigott, Miss Hoadley.

Middlesex 2nd: E. Symonds, R. Lockwood, D. Boorman, L. Walsh, A. Peckover, P. Osang, Miss W. Williams, Mrs. G. Darley, Mrs. S. Morgan, Miss M. Hill, Miss D. Charlton.

Gloucestershire v. Devon 2nd

Played at Bristol on 16th December, and won by Gloucestershire 1st by 14 matches to 1.

Gloucestershire: H. E. Chan, R. Upton, B. Hansford, K. Drury, Miss Aspinell, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Lowther.

Devon 2nd: J. Wakefield, J. Hitchcock, C. Barnes, L. Handford, C. McCauley, Mrs. Cheetham, Mrs. Truscott, Miss Mitch, Miss Axworthy, Miss Wisby.

Middlesex 2nd v. Surrey 2nd

Played at Hampstead on 23rd December, and won by Surrey 2nd by 10 matches to 5.

Surrey 2nd: R. Mulvany, R. Radford, R. C. Evers, G. Searle, W. Wiltshire, D. W. Hayes, Miss J. R. White, Miss I. L. Cooley, Mrs. Wildsmith, Mrs. Head.

Middlesex 2nd: E. Symonds, R. Lockwood, D. Boorman, D. Hashman, A. Peckover, Miss W. L. Williams, Mrs. Darley, Mrs. Messer, Miss M. Hill, Miss Charlton.

Suffolk v. Berks, Bucks and Oxon

Played at Holbrook on 29th December, and won by Bucks, Berks and Oxon by 12 matches to 3.

Berks, Bucks and Oxon: C. Denton, E. Vane, D. Pember, J. Lawton Smith, G. Bale, Miss S. Ripley, Mrs. Horsley, Mrs. P. Yarde Frost, Mrs. J. Nickless.

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

Kent 2nd v. Sussex

Played at Lower Sydenham on 30th December, and won by Sussex by 8 matches to 7.

Sussex: P. V. Willford, J. K. Robards, A. R. Hodges, A. F. Reed, R. W. Habens, Miss O'Beirne, Miss Pigott, Mrs. Barnett, Miss Hoadley.

Kent 2nd: A. J. Kemp, J. Somerville, H. L. K. Brock, P. G. Alcorn, R. S. Lucas, Miss U. Smith, Mrs. O. Clegg, Miss M. Russell, Miss J. M. Mighell.

Devon 2nd v. Gloucestershire

Played at Exeter on 30th December, and won by Gloucestershire by 15 matches to 0.

Gloucestershire: R. Upton, C. Goode, K. W. Drury, J. L. Drury, Mrs. Carroll, Miss Cook, Mrs. Aspinall, Mrs. Lowther.

Devon 2nd: C. Wakefield, J. Hitchcock, C. Barnes, L. Handford, C. McCauley, Mrs. Cheetham, Mrs. Truscott, Miss Mitch, Miss Axworthy, Miss Wisby.

Kent 2nd v. Surrey 2nd

Played at Lower Sydenham on 6th January, and won by Surrey 2nd by 9 matches to 6.

Surrey 2nd: R. Mulvany, R. Radford, W. Wiltshire, D. W. Hayes, R. C. Evers, Miss J. White, Miss B. Gilbert, Mrs. L. Wildsmith, Mrs. B. Head, Miss J. Peters.

Kent 2nd: A. J. Kemp, J. C. B. Somerville, H. L. K. Brock, P. G. Alcorn, R. S. Lucas, Miss U. H. Smith, Mrs. O. Clegg, Miss H. C. Parfitt, Miss M. Russell.

Norfolk v. Hertfordshire

Played at Norwich on 6th January, and won by Hertfordshire by 11 matches to 4.

Hertfordshire: G. N. Robarts, L. Marland, E. Metson, E. Berrett, Mrs. G. Vaughan, Mrs. M. Tye, Mrs. K. Metson, Miss O. Wells.

Norfolk: R. W. Havers, R. Plunkett, D. Warren, I. Stevenson, J. Sterry, Mrs. R. Page, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Bannerman, Mrs. Stevenson.

South Zone

Somerset v. Gloucestershire

Played at Warminster on 6th January, and won by Somerset by 9 matches to 6.

Somerset: W. F. Saunders, L. G. Burden, J. H. Murray, P. S. Porter, Miss Blathway, Miss Maples, Miss Barlow, Miss Strudwick.

Gloucestershire: H. E. Chan, R. Upton, H. B. Hansford, K. W. Drury, Mrs. Aspinall, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Swann, Mrs. Lowther.

Devon v. Devon 2nd

Played at Plymouth on 6th January, and won by Devon 1st by 14 matches to 1.

Devon 1st: J. Alexander, M. Thompson, C. Goodyear, P. Lower, H. C. Ridler, Miss Lee, Mrs. Chadwick, Mrs. White, Miss Stoker.

Devon 2nd: J. Wakefield, J. Hitchcock, C. Barnes, L. Handford, C. McCauley, Mrs. Cheetham, Mrs. Truscott, Miss B. Jenkins, Miss Axworthy, Miss Wisby.

Somerset v. Devon

Played at Warminster and won by Somerset by 8 matches to 7.

Somerset: W. F. Saunders, L. G. Burden, D. Osman, P. S. Porter, Miss J. Maples, Miss A. Blathway, Miss P. Strudwick, Miss M. Love.

Devon: R. Alexander, M. Thompson, G. Goodyear, P. Lower, C. Ridler, Miss B. Lee, Mrs. Chadwick, Miss Stoker, Mrs. White.

Sussex v. Kent 2nd

Played at Littlehampton on 13th January, and won by Sussex by 10 matches to 5.

Sussex: P. V. Willford, H. E. Baldwin, H. S. Loveday, A. R. Hodges, A. F. Reed, Miss O'Beirne, Miss Pigott, Miss Hoadley, Mrs. Mitchell.

Kent 2nd: A. J. Kemp, P. G. Alcorn, R. S. Lucas, H. L. K. Brock, Miss U. H. Smith, Mrs. O. Clegg, Miss H. F. Parfitt, Miss M. B. Russell.

Hertfordshire v. Suffolk

Played at Welwyn Garden City on 20th January, and won by Hertfordshire by 8 matches to 7.

Hertfordshire: G. N. Robarts, W. Goode, E. Metson, L. Marland, E. Berrett, Mrs. G. Vaughan, Mrs. B. Bray, Mrs. M. Tye, Miss O. Wells, Mrs. K. Metson.

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

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DIVISION III

Midlands Zone

Northamptonshire 2nd v. Leicestershire
 Played at Northampton on 3rd November, and won by Leicestershire 2nd by 10 matches to 5.
 Leicestershire 2nd: J. H. M. Green, J. Ofield, F. G. Phillips, D. G. Ward, Miss M. Crockett, Miss V. Butt, Miss M. Burbage, Mrs. J. Burton.
 Northamptonshire 2nd: T. Armstrong, R. Jallett, D. C. James, C. Yuill, D. Curtiss, Miss S. Burt, Mrs. P. Hewson, Miss Norfolk, Miss Ivett.

Leicestershire 2nd v. Derbyshire 2nd
 Played at Leicester on 10th November, and won by Leicestershire 2nd by 10 matches to 5.
 Leicestershire 2nd: J. H. Green, J. Ofield, F. J. Phillips, D. Ward, Miss M. Crockett, Miss Buck, Miss M. Burbage, Miss S. Watts.
 Derbyshire 2nd: M. Rawlings, A. Toon, T. G. Bramley, C. T. Coates, K. Stevens, L. Rowlands, Miss Shaw, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Gibbs, Miss Looker.

Staffordshire 2nd v. Shropshire
 Played at Stafford on 2nd December, and won by Staffordshire 2nd by 15 matches to 0.
 Staffordshire 2nd: D. Nerurkar, B. Lowe, A. Greatrex, E. Swain, Miss B. Bird, Mrs. M. Warren, Miss A. Ferguson, Miss J. Baines.
 Shropshire: H. Parson-Jones, F. E. Barnett, W. R. Evans, G. Whittles, G. Belcher, W. Harley, Mrs. H. R. Phillips, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. George, Mrs. Wakeley, Mrs. Kinch.

North Wales v. Shropshire
 Played at Pwllheli on December 8th, and won by North Wales by 15 matches to 0.
 North Wales: F. Griffiths, R. Cradwell, F. G. Snowden, P. Wyn-Williams, Miss M. W. Jones, Miss H. Schofield, Miss M. Newton, Miss F. Pope, Mrs. Morgan.
 Shropshire: H. Parson-Jones, F. E. Barnett, W. R. Evans, H. Griffiths, G. Whittle, Mrs. H. R. Phillips, Mrs. George, Mrs. Frost, Miss Atack.

Lincolnshire and Rutland v. Derbyshire 2nd
 Played at Grantham on 8th December, and won by Lincolnshire and Rutland by 8 matches to 6.
 Lincolnshire and Rutland: W. G. Readman, G. A. Bell, S. E. Andrew, L. Caudwell, B. Sims, Mrs. M. Greenwood, Miss P. Munro, Miss Booth, Mrs. K. Cousins, Miss E. Shaw.
 Derbyshire 2nd: M. B. Rawlings, K. Stevens, T. Bramley, C. T. Coates, L. Rowlands, Miss Bullivant, Miss Clayton, Miss Gibb, Mrs. Stevens, Miss Looker.

Shropshire v. Staffordshire 2nd
 Played at Cosford on 15th December, and won by Staffordshire 2nd by 12 matches to 3.
 Staffordshire 2nd: D. Nerurkar, B. Lowe, D. L. Swain, J. D. Taylor, Miss B. Bird, Mrs. M. Warren, Miss A. Ferguson, Miss J. Baines.
 Shropshire: H. Parson-Jones, W. R. Evans, L. E. Norton, G. Whittles, W. G. Harley, F. Griffiths, Mrs. H. R. Phillips, Mrs. George, Mrs. Wakerley, Miss B. Atack, Miss A. Gill.

Leicestershire 2nd v. Northamptonshire 2nd
 Played at Leicester on 15th December, and won by Leicestershire 2nd by 13 matches to 2.
 Leicestershire 2nd: J. H. M. Green, J. Ofield, D. G. Ward, G. N. Burton, Miss Crockett, Miss B. Buck, Mrs. V. Durrant, Mrs. G. N. Burton.
 Northamptonshire 2nd: R. Tallett, C. Yuill, H. W. Chambers, D. Curtis, Miss B. Burt, Miss P. Henson, Miss B. Hawker, Miss M. Ivett.

Derbyshire 2nd v. Leicestershire 2nd
 Played at Derby on 29th December, and won by Derbyshire 2nd by 10 matches to 5.
 Derbyshire 2nd: M. Rawlings, K. Stevens, J. G. Bramley, L. Rowland, Miss J. Bullivant, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Hird, Mrs. Looker.
 Leicestershire 2nd: J. H. M. Green, G. N. Burton, F. J. Phillips, D. G. Ward, Miss V. Butt, Mrs. Burton, Miss J. Bird, Mrs. V. Durrant, Miss M. Burbage.

North Wales v. Worcestershire 2nd
 Played at Pwllheli on 5th January, and won by North Wales by 10 matches to 5.
 North Wales: F. Griffith, R. Gradwell, F. C. Snowden, P. Wyn-Williams, Miss M. W. Jones, Miss M. Newton, Miss H. Schofield, Miss F. Pope, Mrs. Morgan.
 Worcestershire 2nd: K. Bradney, F. G. Needler, D. Hadley, A. O'Dell, D. J. Young, Miss P. Wenham, Mrs. G. W. Hill, Mrs. J. Workman, Miss T. Reynolds.

Lincolnshire and Rutland v. Leicestershire 2nd
 Played at Grantham on 12th January, and won by Lincolnshire and Rutland by 12 matches to 3.
 Leicestershire and Rutland: W. G. Readman, G. A. Bell, S. E. Andrew, B. Sims, L. Caudwell, D. Hewitt, Miss K. Cousins, Miss P. Munro, Mrs. Booth, Miss E. Shaw, Miss M. Greenwood.

South Zone
Cambridgeshire v. Bedfordshire
 Played at Cambridge on 8th December, and won by Cambridgeshire by 11 matches to 4.
 Cambridgeshire: C. Darnell, A. Crack, E. R. Mason, A. H. B. Gillingham, E. M. Rayner, Miss D. M. S. Bailey, Mrs. M. A. E. Walker, Mrs. J. Laurie, Mrs. K. J. Ridgeon, Miss E. A. Stokes.
 Bedfordshire: L. Smith, L. Bandy, J. Warrington, T. Clark, F. Russell, Mrs. J. Bailey, Miss E. Basen, Mrs. D. Hayes, Miss L. Cross, Mrs. H. Nye.

Gloucestershire 2nd v. South Wales
 Played at Bristol on December 8th, and won by Gloucestershire 2nd by 8 matches to 7.
 Gloucestershire 2nd: C. Goode, M. Openshaw, J. Davies, J. Drury, Miss J. Gillet, Mrs. B. Swann, Miss M. Wilcox, Mrs. P. Haines, Mrs. M. Pearson.
 South Wales: J. Evans, H. H. Anderson, F. C. Williams, T. H. Evans, T. H. Moore, R. Giles, Miss S. Rees, Mrs. H. Tomlin, Mrs. G. Cule, Mrs. H. H. Anderson, Mrs. D. Jones.

Cornwall v. Somerset 2nd
 Played at St. Austell on 8th December, and won by Somerset 2nd by 9 matches to 6.
 Somerset 2nd: D. M. Rundle, R. Earlam, A. C. Bracher, W. R. J. Clifford, Miss G. M. Barber, Mrs. J. Barrie, Miss J. Perry, Miss R. Ward.
 Cornwall: J. Ware, W. Hole, W. J. Harry, J. Snell, Miss M. Hosking, Mrs. I. Finch, Miss J. Wilson, Mrs. R. Pascoe, Miss J. Humphries.

Cambridgeshire 2nd v. Norfolk 2nd
 Played at Cambridge on 13th December, and won by Cambridgeshire 2nd by 10 matches to 5.
 Cambridgeshire 2nd: F. Krebs, J. Allitt, R. Whittington, J. R. Reddall, E. Summerlin, Miss J. P. Cryer, Mrs. M. W. Gall, Mrs. E. F. Mason, Mrs. M. Halls, Mrs. N. M. Warren.
 Norfolk 2nd: J. Sterry, M. Lambert, — Hammond, J. Bullent, D. J. Dinnage, Miss B. Cooper, Miss Cordery, Miss Rayner, Mrs. Filby.

Wiltshire v. Gloucestershire 2nd
 Played at Warminster on 15th December, and won by Gloucestershire 2nd by 9 matches to 6.
 Gloucestershire 2nd: C. Goode, M. Openshaw, J. Davies, J. Drury, Miss J. Gillet, Mrs. B. Swann, Miss M. Wilcox, Mrs. P. Harris, Mrs. M. Pearson.
 Wiltshire: M. Norris, A. Murray, R. Horstmann, F. Dumbleton, P. C. Elvins, W. G. Greenshields, Mrs. Wilson Lee, Miss P. Gwyn, Miss J. Brewer, Mrs. J. Whatley, Mrs. Colenso.

Hampshire 2nd v. Sussex 2nd
 Played at Portsmouth on 16th December, and won by Hampshire 2nd by 11 matches to 4.
 Hampshire 2nd: T. Kennedy, D. L. James, D. J. Harvey, K. W. Hunter, F. Curtis, Mrs. A. Thursfield, Miss J. Broomfield, Miss P. Thomas, Miss M. Whyte, Mrs. G. Gamble.
 Sussex 2nd: R. Mann, R. Thick, H. J. Mitchell, A. Voice, P. A. Kemp-Potter, J. K. Robards, Miss P. Trower, Mrs. H. J. Mitchell, Mrs. Bannister, Miss N. Pigott, Miss M. Taylor, Taylor.

South Wales v. Dorset
 Played at Newport (Mon.) on 5th January, and won by South Wales by 8 matches to 7.
 South Wales: W. J. Slimmings, H. H. Anderson, J. Moore, J. H. Evans, F. C. Williams, D. L. Phillips, Mrs. M. Anderson, Mrs. H. Tomlin, Miss S. Rees, Miss M. Williams.
 Dorset: G. Butler, E. Carter, C. Bissell, H. Vick, P. Swatman, R. Garder, Mrs. Hawkins, Miss Cook, Miss Lodge, Mrs. Bissell.

Dorset v. Gloucestershire 2nd
 Played at Weymouth on 12th January, and won by Dorset by 11 matches to 4.
 Dorset: E. Carter, W. Hawk, C. Bissell, H. Vick, P. Swatman, R. Garder, Mrs. Hawkins, Miss Cook, Mrs. Wuerzer, Mrs. Bissell, Miss King.

Gloucestershire 2nd: C. Goode, J. Wilcox, J. Drury, M. Openshaw, Mrs. Swann, Miss Wilcox, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Meek.

Dorset 2nd v. Somerset 2nd
 Played at Weymouth on 5th January, and won by Somerset 2nd by 8 matches to 7.
 Somerset 2nd: G. Marshal, A. C. Bracher, R. J. Cake, J. Clifford, Miss M. Love, Miss J. Maples, Miss J. Perry, Miss R. Ward.
 Dorset 2nd: D. Ford, E. Barnes, A. Ferguson, — Trim, G. Jacobs, Mrs. Wuerzer, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Harwood, Miss Carew, Mrs. Macaulay.

Essex 2nd v. Bedfordshire
 Played at Ilford on 6th January, and won by Essex 2nd by 14 matches to 1.
 Essex 2nd: D. B. Hepworth, B. Fairman, J. D. Robertson, N. Brigg, S. Saunders, Miss P. Hopker, Mrs. Larman, Mrs. Budge, Mrs. Frith, Mrs. Cowan.
 Bedfordshire: L. Smith, L. Bandy, J. Warrington, T. Clark, F. Russell, Mrs. J. Bailey, Miss E. Basen, Mrs. D. Hayes, Mrs. H. Nye, Mrs. Pinchard.

Cambridgeshire v. Hertfordshire 2nd
 Played at Cambridge on 9th January, and won by Cambridgeshire by 14 matches to 1.
 Cambridgeshire: C. Danell, A. Crack, E. R. Mason, A. H. B. Gillingham, E. M. Rayner, Miss D. M. S. Bailey, Mrs. M. A. E. Walker, Mrs. J. Lawrie, Mrs. K. J. Ridgeon, Miss E. A. Stokes.
 Hertfordshire 2nd: H. Findlay, B. Jackson, H. B. Robinson, K. Meek, W. H. Basden, Miss B. Parslow, Miss Q. Berrett, Mrs. J. Steer, Miss R. Scrivener, Miss J. Warner.

Hampshire 2nd v. Berks, Bucks and Oxon 2nd
 Played at Portsmouth on 6th January, and won by Hampshire 2nd by 11 matches to 4.
 Hampshire 2nd: T. Kennedy, D. L. James, D. J. Harvey, K. W. Hunter, F. Curtis, J. R. Beal, Mrs. A. Thursfield, Miss S. Pratt, Miss P. Thomas, Miss M. Whyte, Mrs. G. Gamble.
 Berks, Bucks and Oxon 2nd: J. Cullimore, R. Dixon, A. Mutch, G. Armitage, J. Keen, Mrs. W. P. Lori, Mrs. G. Armitage, Mrs. D. Smith, Miss M. Smalman.

Inter-County Championship Fixtures

- DIVISION I**
- February**
- 9 Cheshire v. Yorkshire at Birkenhead
 - Nottinghamshire v. Leicestershire at Nottingham
 - 10 Warwickshire v. Staffordshire at Coventry
 - 23 Nottinghamshire v. Warwickshire at Nottingham
 - 24 Essex v. Middlesex at Ilford
 - Hampshire v. Surrey at Portsmouth
 - Leicestershire v. Staffordshire at Leicester
- March**
- 2 Kent v. Middlesex at Lower Sydenham
 - 15 Semi-final Ties
 - 29 Final Tie and Challenge Ties

- DIVISION II**
- February**
- 10 Devon 2nd v. Somerset in Devon
 - 23 Quarter-final Ties (see page 121)
- March**
- 15 Semi-final Ties
 - 29 Challenge Ties
- April**
- 5 Final Tie

- DIVISION III**
- February**
- 9 Derbyshire 2nd v. Lincolnshire and Rutland at Derby
 - 10 Wiltshire v. Dorset at Warminster
 - 17 Sussex 2nd v. Hampshire 2nd at Littlehampton
- March**
- 1 Inter-Group Ties (see page 121)
 - 29 Challenge Ties

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

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, 22nd March, 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.

ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS—The All-England Championships will take place at the Empress Hall, Earls Court, London, S.W.5, from 19th to 22nd March. Applications on the part of affiliated clubs for seats should be made through club secretaries on the official forms now being circulated.

STEWARDS—Ladies and Gentlemen who are prepared to assist at the All-England Championships by acting as stewards, and possibly as linesmen are invited to submit their names to the Secretary of the Association.

ALL-ENGLAND QUALIFYING ROUNDS—The newly instituted qualifying rounds for the All-England Championships will take place in London on 14th and 15th March. There will be no accommodation for spectators at these events.

ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE—The Annual Dinner and Dance of the Association will be held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, London, W.1, on Saturday, 22nd March, at 7 for 7.30 p.m. Evening dress will be worn. Tickets price 30s. may be obtained from Mrs. M. E. Kitton, 18 Malmaison Way, Beckenham, Kent.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION—It is with extreme regret that the resignation from the Presidency of the Association has been received from Sir George Thomas. The Committee has nominated as his successor Brigadier R. Bruce Hay. The Committee has also nominated for election as Vice-Presidents Messrs. W. H. Clarke and N. L. Goddard. These nominations will go forward to the Annual General Meeting.

NEXT MEETING—The next meeting of the Committee will be on 16th April at 5.30 p.m.

SANCTIONED OPEN TOURNAMENTS, 1951-52

February

- 2nd-9th Middlesex Championships (London).
- 9th Cumberland (Carlisle).
- 14th-16th Nottinghamshire Championships (Nottingham).
- 14th-16th Berkshire Championships (Abingdon).
- 21st-23rd Leicester.
- 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.
- 31st-April 5th Jersey.

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

- 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.

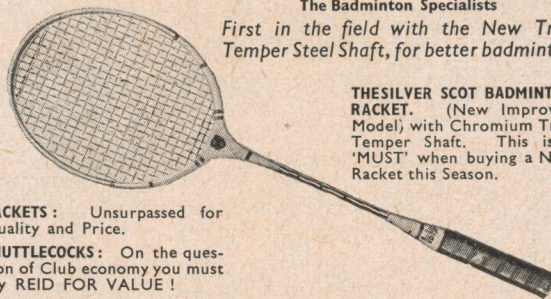
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- MARCH 17th and 18th—England v. Denmark or Sweden (Thomas Cup) at Manchester.
- APRIL 3rd—Sweden v. England at Malmo.

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| Bye | | EUROPEAN ZONE | | FRANCE v. ENGLAND 8-1 | ENGLAND 9-0 | |
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