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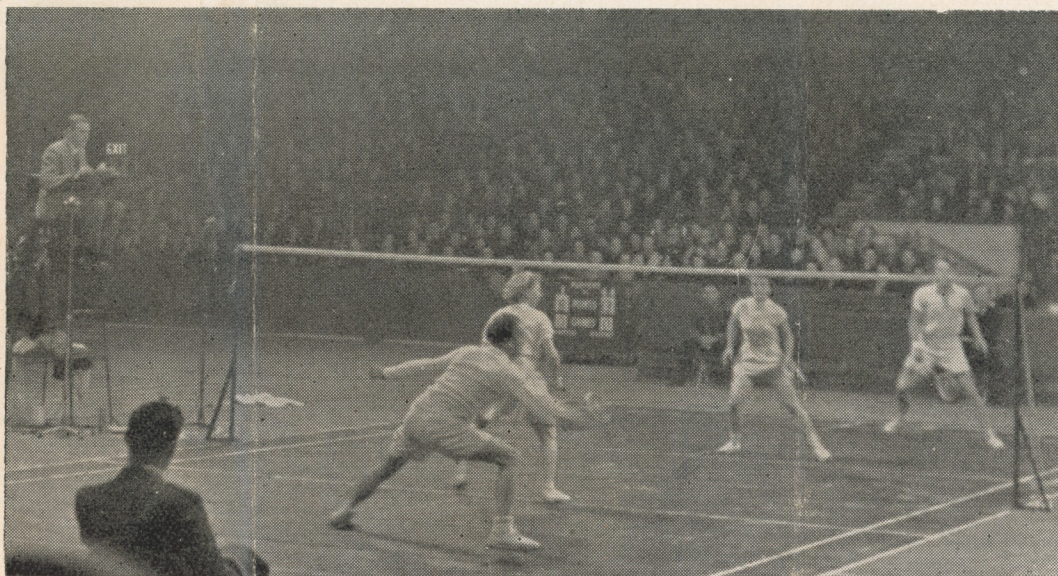
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A SCENE FROM THE EMPRESS HALL WHERE THE ALL-ENGLAND
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*Poul Holm and Fru Tonny Ahm, in the foreground, are seen winning last year's
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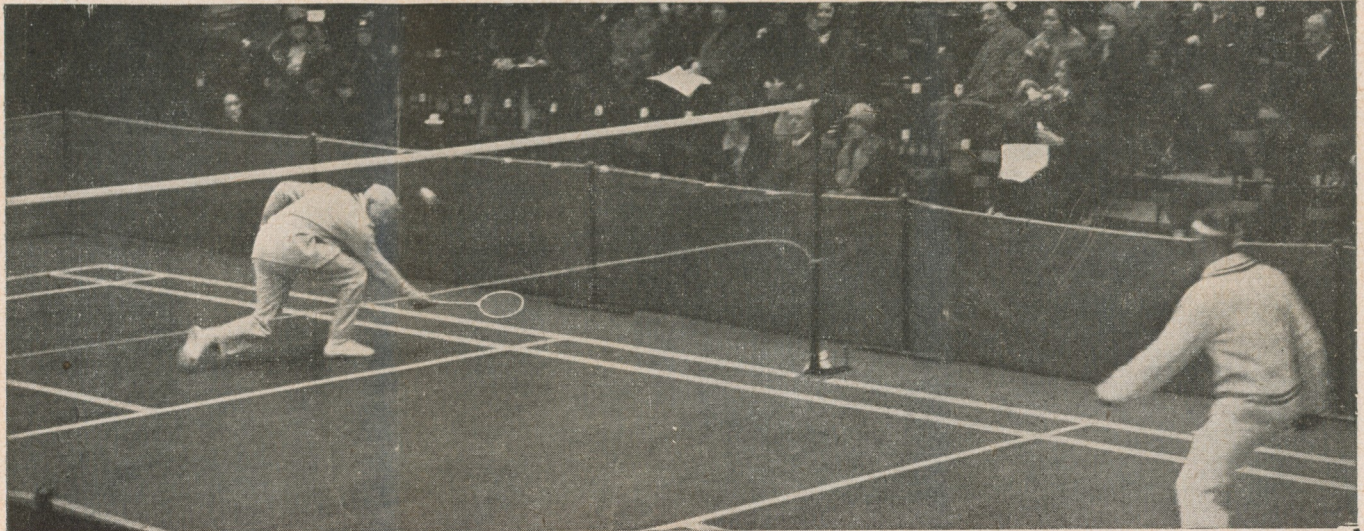
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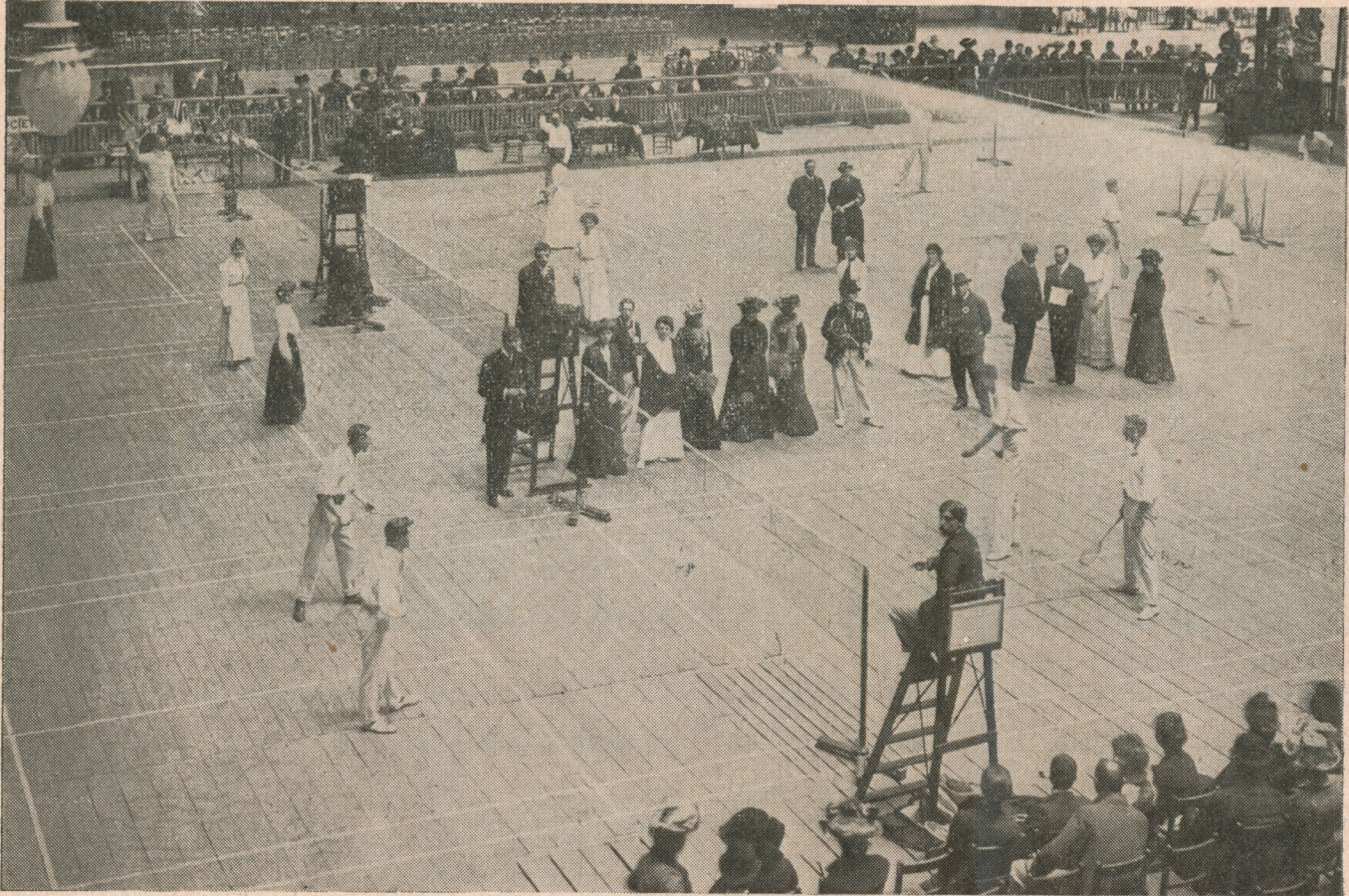
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THEN . . . FIFTY YEARS AGO AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE
Many changes, not least in setting, have occurred since 1902.

Photo by courtesy of R.S.L

Some Features of the 1902 All-England Picture

The handicap events are in progress. In those days all the best players took part in them at all of the few open tournaments then held, and so, on the front two courts can be seen many of the best exponents of 50 years ago.

In the front court are, left to right, R. B. Ransford and A. D. Prebble v. S. M. Massey and A. V. Cowley. In the middle court are, also left to right, Mrs. Sterry and Miss E. M. Moseley v. Miss D. K. Douglass (later Mrs. Lambert Chambers of immortal Lawn Tennis fame) and Miss St. John.

Others dimly recognisable in the picture are Sir George Thomas (standing on the umpire's chair in the centre), Mr. G. W. Vidal, then hon. secretary of the Badminton Association (in white trousers and a hat between the courts), and Mr. J. H. E. Hart, already then a famous doyen of the game, who is dispensing shuttles behind the court where the four ladies have interrupted their match for the photographer's benefit.

Then and Now

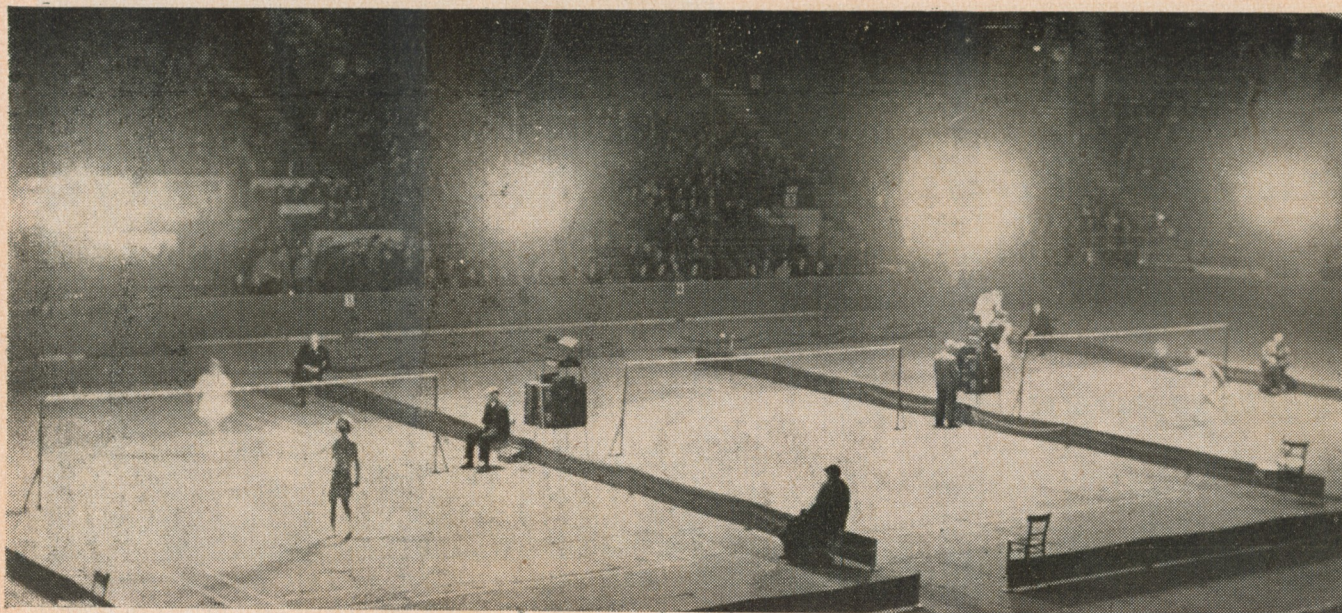
It is a far cry to 1902, but the comparison with 1952 which the accompanying photographs afford must be of great interest to all concerned with the game.

Fifty years ago the All-England championships were in their fourth year, and after having been held in a drill hall in the City of London for the previous three years, they were transferred to the Central Transept of the Crystal Palace, where more space and courts were available. The meeting, however, was not regarded with the success hoped for.

In its report of the tournament, *Lawn Tennis*, which at the time devoted quite a bit of space to Badminton affairs and had a most competent Badminton editor, reported that: "we think there were very few players who did not wish themselves back at the old hall, and we feel sure no effort will now be spared to hold all

future meetings in London, the comparatively small attendance being no doubt due to the fact that the Crystal Palace is very uncentral." The only apparent redeeming feature of the Crystal Palace was the fact that it had all the space desired. Indeed, six courts, in contrast to the three at the previous venue, were marked out.

The tournament extended over three days, 18th, 19th and 20th March, and for the first time players from Ireland and Scotland took part. We are also advised by the same writer that "the play was hardly up to last year's standard, this being no doubt due to the difficulty of following the shuttle, owing to the light being very trying to the eyes." It is also stated with satisfaction that among the spectators was "no less a personage than Dr. W. G. Grace."



NOW . . . THE EMPRESS HALL WITH ITS THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS

The Thomas Cup

England v. Denmark

Danes are Strong Favourites to Win European Zone Final

As was the case three years ago, England and Denmark will meet in the final of the European zone of the Thomas Cup. The tie takes place at Sale, near Manchester, on Monday and Tuesday, 17th and 18th March, just before the All-England championships. Three years ago, when the Danes were met at Copenhagen, the visitors won only one game in the nine matches contested. This time it may be expected that the result will be a little less one-sided, though he would be a bold man to back England to beat her formidable foes.

The Danes have nominated Poul Holm, Jorn Skaarup, Ole Jensen, Ib Olesen, John Nygaard and Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen for the tie. It may be anticipated that Holm, Skaarup and Jensen will play the singles and that Holm and Jensen and Olesen and Nygaard will compose the two doubles pairs.

At the moment of writing the England team has not been announced, but it may be assumed that it will show little difference from that which was successful over the Scots in the previous round. The team then was N. B. Radford, K. R. Greasley and H. R. Marsland in the singles, with H. J. Wingfield and W. Shute and Marsland and Greasley as the doubles pairs. A. D. Jordan was the sixth man.

It seems unlikely that we shall win any of the four major singles, but if Marsland can produce the form he showed at Nottingham it is possible that he may have a very close encounter with Jensen in the

third-string match. Should the Danes prefer Hammergaard for this clash, then Marsland's chances should be increased, for it may be mentioned in the Yorkshireman's favour that Hammergaard played the third role against Sweden and was defeated by Knut Malmgren, a player who is certainly not above the capabilities of Marsland at his best.

The Danes rank Olesen and Nygaard as their best doubles pair, and these two have certainly done well enough together to merit the honour. The other pair, Holm and Jensen, while perhaps more brilliant, is less reliable, and the combination has been defeated several times by other Scandinavian pairs. As an instance, the Swedes, Nils Jonson and Stellan Mohlin, upset them twice a year ago, yet these same Swedes were handsomely defeated by Greasley and Marsland at Southend last March, and should also have been beaten on the same day by Wingfield and Shute. Thus, it might be hoped that an English success could be brought about in this department of the tie. But if this is to happen the English pairs will have to be at their best. As a further encouragement, it is of interest to recall that F. W. Peard and J. J. FitzGibbon of Ireland defeated both Danish pairs in the Thomas Cup clash between Ireland and Denmark last November, though neither Danish pair then was composed of the same players as this time. Jensen did not play then and nor did Nygaard, but that fact must not detract from the Irish successes.

Did You

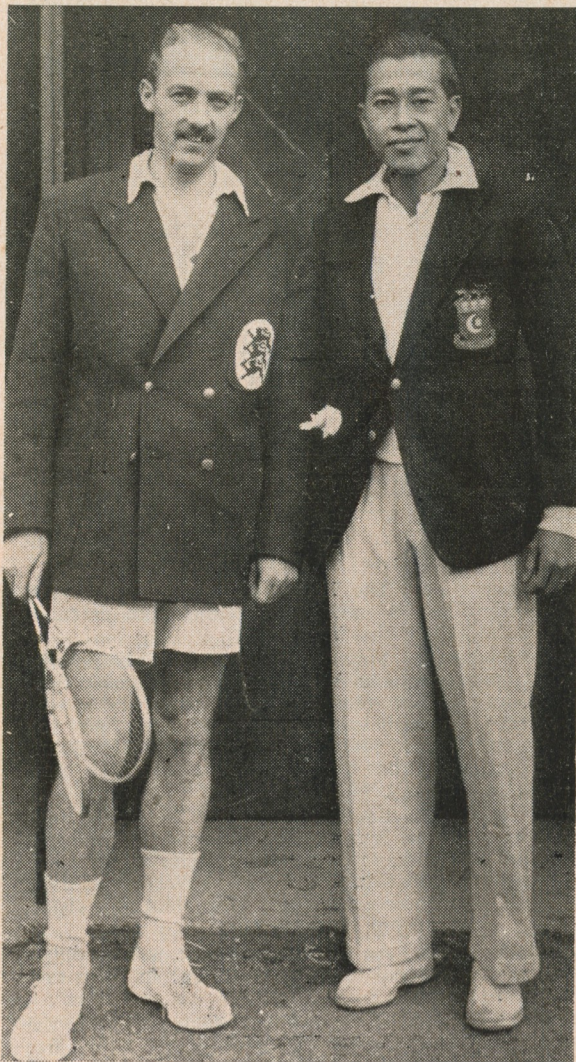
Know That . . .

1. The first Dane to reach a final in the All-England Championships was a boy of 17?
2. Once upon a time the Laws of Badminton required that the net posts should be 12 feet in height off the floor?
3. The first club to be affiliated to the Badminton Association from outside the British Isles was a German one?
4. The four men who played for a certain southern county during one season also all played in international matches in that season, and all for different countries?
5. The Thomas Cup is not in Malaya, and is indeed not going to be defended there this year?
6. There have been eight players who have won All-England Championship titles (other than veterans) since 1920 who nevertheless did not, or have not yet, gained the award of international colours, and that there have been four such cases since 1947?
7. Badminton used to be played with three, four and five players a side, and that the Laws contained regulations for these sized teams, and that as recently as 1938 a three-a-side event took place in a championship tournament?
8. An English pair once won an international match without one of them ever serving?
9. There is now a team playing in the Inter-County Championship with five international players in it?
10. The London League is the oldest inter-club competition in the world?

Answers and comments on the above will be found on Page 158.

Contenders and Defenders at the Empress Hall

How the Seeded Players Should Meet



*POUL HOLM AND WONG PENG SOON
Singles runner-up and winner in 1951 are again seeded
first and second.*



*FRK AASE JACOBSEN and FRU AASE WINTHER
The ladies' Singles Champion and one of her strongest challengers*

This is the actual order in the draw in which the seeded competitors are placed

MEN'S SINGLES

Poul Holm (Denmark)
Inge Blomberg (Sweden)
E. B. Choong (Malaya)
Knut Malmgren (Sweden)
H. A. Heah (Malaya)
Nils Jonson (Sweden)
F. W. Peard (Ireland)
Wong Peng Soon (Malaya)

LADIES' SINGLES

Fru Tonny Ahm (Denmark)
Fru Aase Winther (Denmark)
Miss I. E. O'Beirne (England)
Frk Aase Jacobsen (Denmark)

MEN'S DOUBLES

Poul Holm and Ole Jensen (Denmark)
Nils Jonson and Stellan Mohlin (Sweden)
F. W. Peard and J. J. FitzGibbon (Ireland)
E. L. Choong and E. B. Choong (Malaya)



LADIES' DOUBLES

Fru Aase Winther and Frk Edel Christensen (Denmark)
Mrs. H. S. Uber and Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber (England)
Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. M. R. Wyatt (England)
Frk Aase Jacobsen and Fru Tonny Ahm (Denmark)

MIXED DOUBLES

E. B. Choong and Miss Amy Choong (Malaya)
Ove Eilertsen and Frk E. Christensen (Denmark)
Ole Jensen and Frk Aase Jacobsen (Denmark)
H. A. Heah (Malaya) and Miss J. R. White (England)
Knut Malmgren and Fru E. Killick (Sweden)
J. Hammergaard Hansen and Fru Aase Winther (Denmark)
A. D. Jordan and Mrs. L. R. Ludlam (England)
Poul Holm and Fru Tonny Ahm (Denmark)

All-England Prospects

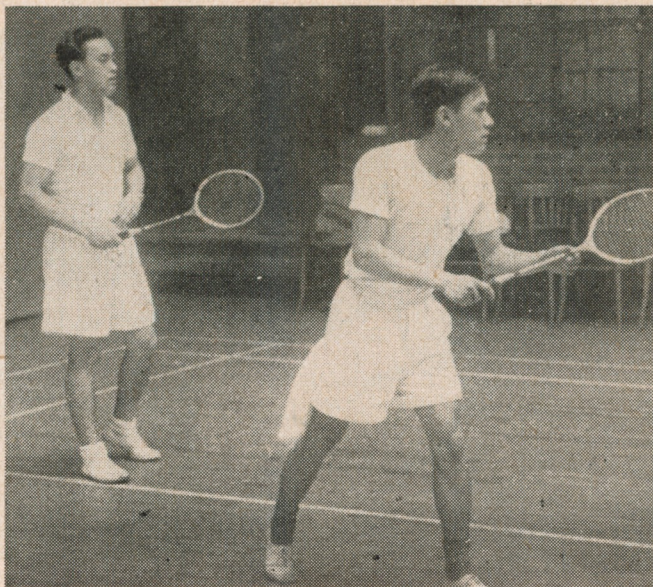
Malayans and Danes should again be the principal Protagonists for All-England Honours—England's Chances of Doing Well are Improving

By "INVICTA"

Once again the All-England Championships are upon us, and once again the entries from the various Badminton playing countries have confirmed that the meeting is regarded as the principal tournament in the world despite the fact that it seems still only a hope that any of the titles will be gained by home players. Nevertheless, even if England does not succeed this year, there are unmistakable signs that amongst the entries are already certain players from the home country who should within the next year or two make their presence felt amongst our annual guests from overseas and bring home some of the honours of the day before very long.

There are several notable points about the 42nd All-England Championships which cannot be lightly passed over. On the administrative side is the fact that before the chief contestants get together at the Empress Hall from 19th to 22nd March, there will have been some highly competitive play during the previous weekend at the Lensbury and Britannic House Club where the eliminating tests of those not accepted straight into the main meeting will be taking place. These qualifying rounds were bound to come in time with the continually increasing number of players desirous of taking part in the All-England. It is far better to stage such contests and thus give all an opportunity of proving their worth than to decline entries on the score of excess. The names of the entrants who have been excused these preliminary rounds will be found quoted elsewhere. To them will be added the specified number of successful qualifiers. One or two of the qualifiers may well get through a round or so at the Empress Hall, and good luck to them if they can. Others amongst their number will gain the reward of meeting some of the seeded stars at once. Notable here is that one such will have the privilege of a singles match against the great Wong Peng Soon, an opportunity not easily obtained.

The seeded players are also listed in these pages, and they are quoted in the order in which they appear in the actual draw, not, be it noted, in any ranking order. Thus, if the anticipations of the tournament committee are confirmed, the last eight in the men's singles will line up as indicated.



*DAVID AND EDDY CHOONG
Remain favourites for the Men's Doubles which they will defend.*

Noteworthy is the fact that an English lady is seeded in the singles for the first time in four years. This may be taken as a significant recognition of the rise of the younger generation in England. Miss Elisabeth O'Beirne well merits, on her recent play, the privilege accorded her. She has thus the opportunity of being the first Englishwoman to reach the semi-final of the singles since 1939. Indeed, it is perhaps a dismal thought that thirteen years have elapsed since we have had a semi-finalist in this event. In all five post-war tournaments there has been but one player who was not a Dane who has played a ladies' singles semi-final! The exception was Miss Nancy Fleming of New Zealand who reached that stage two years ago. But Miss O'Beirne has no easy task in aspiring to the expectation, for in

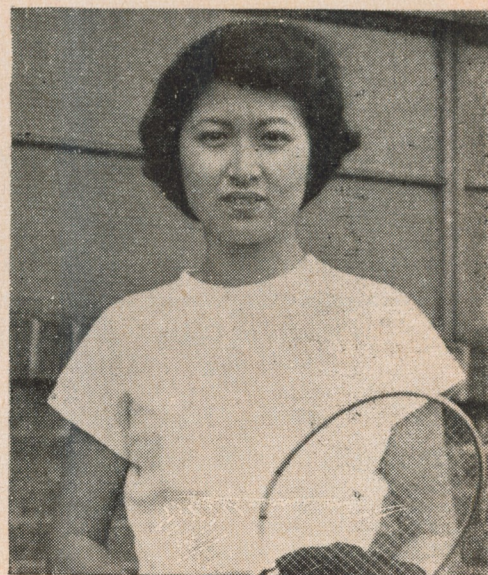
her first match she has to oppose Frk Edel Christensen, a newcomer from Copenhagen, and if successful then she should find the four-time Swedish champion, Fru Amy Petersson, waiting for her in the round of the last eight. It can be anticipated, however, that Miss O'Beirne will triumph over both these opponents, and she will then have another opportunity of playing against the holder, Frk Aase Jacobsen, against whom the Sussex lady launched such a fine challenge a year ago. The other half should lie between the Danes, Fru Tonny Ahm and Fru Aase Winther, the outcome of whose expected meeting must be somewhat problematical on previous results. Fru Winther will be remembered by her maiden name of Frk Aase Sverdsen and as one of the formidable quartet of Denmark's top players in recent seasons. We shall miss the former Frk Kirsten Thorndahl's participation, but she has not been very fit recently, and has thus decided not to come over this season.

It is a pity that Miss Iris Cooley and Mrs. A. M. Horner should have to meet in the first round, for both of them might have, at their very best, disturbed the hitherto serene paths of Danish ladies to the final stages; the winner of this Anglo-Scottish clash should qualify to oppose Fru Winther in the third round.

In the men's singles, Wong Peng Soon, out to make the challenge trophy his own personal property by a third straight win, must start as a hot favourite. He has in his eighth of the draw Ole Jensen, one of Denmark's Thomas Cup players, and then F. W. Peard of Ireland should, according to the seeding, meet him for a place in the semi-final round. Wong, however, should defeat both of these players, but he will be called upon to produce his best against the winner of Nils Jonson, the diminutive Swede, and H. A. Heah of Malaya. It is a pity that these two should have to clash,



*ENGLAND'S BIGGEST HOPE
Miss Elisabeth O'Beirne who is seeded
in the singles*



SOME LEADING CHALLENGERS FROM ACROSS THE WATER

INGE BLOMBERG
Singles Champion of Sweden

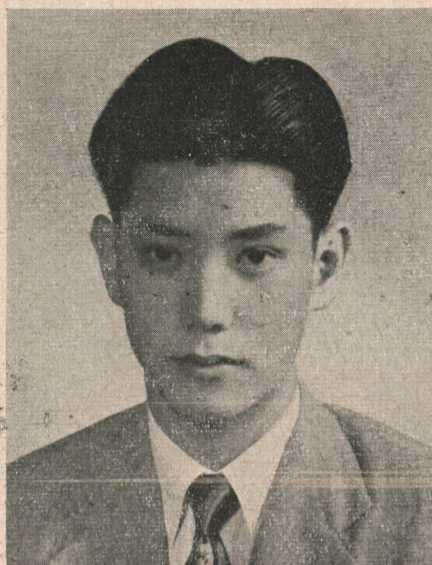
F. W. PEARD
Ireland's leading contender

MISS AMY CHOONG
of Malaya, top-seeded in the mixed

for both have been playing extraordinarily well in recent weeks. Jonson's form in the Thomas Cup tie at Copenhagen when he upset both Jorn Skaarup and Poul Holm in the singles, is described by Swedish authorities as far above what he has previously shown. Indeed, it is understood that on those two days last month he displayed form worthy of Wong Peng Soon's steel. This says perhaps a lot, but Nils Jonson is a great sticker, a wonderful favourite with the gallery, and undoubtedly a schemer. His meeting with Heah should last a long time, for both are somewhat similar in their styles of play. On stamina one must concede that the little Swede will have a big advantage, but he will have to work hard to overcome the remarkably accurate play of the man from Penang who has several times overcome Eddy Choong this season. This Thursday match should be more than well worth seeing.

In the other half, the enterprising and magnetic Poul Holm has the honour of "top seed." To reach the semi-final he requires to repeat his Thomas Cup win over Sweden's champion, Inge Blomberg, who gave the great Wong Peng Soon something to think about a year ago. In the semi-final he will find, unless some unexpected upset should prevent, game little Eddy Choong waiting to repeat his Glasgow success over the Danish champion. That is the only time these two have ever met in singles. Last November the Malayan acquired the means to defeat his rival. Whatever happens here, this match should certainly be the most spectacular clash of all the singles.

One fears that in the men's singles England's best seem again unlikely to reach the last few rounds. Noel Radford will find it probably beyond him to concede twenty years to Blomberg, and K. R. Greasley has not entered. Nor has H. R. Marsland. H. J. Wingfield comes up against Heah quite early, and A. D. Jordan is unlikely to disturb the calculating Nils Jonson. Warwick Shute meets Ole Jensen in his first match; the Kent mar. might succeed in hitting through the



H. A. HEAH
A truly classical player from Penang

defences of the Dane for he has done this sort of thing before though he has always been unable to last the pace of a third game in this way. Maurice Robinson will probably find E. B. Choong a little too much, but J. D. McColl has a good chance of gaining the last eight, though the going will be hard, what with Ove Eilertsen of Denmark and Knut Malmgren of Sweden in the way.

Anticipations in the men's doubles are difficult to assess, for many of the English pairs are of the scratch variety, a great pity, but in the ladies' event it will be interesting to see what those coming young Surrey players, the Misses Iris Cooley and June White, can do when up against Fru Winther and Frk Christensen. Likewise, Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. M. R. Wyatt should give a good account of themselves against the top Danish couple, Fru Tonny Ahm and Frk Aase Jacobsen, when they meet in their anticipated semi-final. Mrs. Uber and Mrs. Allen Webber ought certainly to reach the semi-final where they should meet the second Danish pair.

Poul Holm and Fru Ahm will be out to remove the mixed cups by a fourth victory. They are still regarded in Denmark as that country's leading pair even if they have recently undergone defeats here and there.

As a general assessment, it must be granted that four of the holders look like succeeding again, though there must be an exception in the ladies' doubles due to Fru Lossmann's non-participation.

All-England Acceptances

MEN'S SINGLES

Malaya: Wong Peng Soon, E. B. Choong, E. L. Choong, H. A. Heah, Khoo Eng Chin, S. H. Lim, L. T. Lee.

Denmark: P. Holm, O. Jensen, J. Hammergaard Hansen, J. Nygaard, O. Mertz, O. Ellertsen.

Sweden: N. Jonson, I. Blomberg, K. Malmgren.

Ireland: F. W. Peard, J. J. FitzGibbon, J. P. Doyle.

Scotland: R. S. Hodge.

Home Players: J. R. Best, J. A. Broadhurst, A. D. Jordan, R. Mulvaney, J. D. McColl, N. B. Radford, R. Radford, M. Robinson, W. C. Rogers, A. L. Salway, W. Shute, H. J. Wingfield.

LADIES' SINGLES

Denmark: Frk A. Jacobsen, Fru T. Ahm, Fru A. Winther, Frk E. Christensen.

Sweden: Fru A. Petersson.

Ireland: Miss J. C. Lawless, Miss B. J. Good, Mrs. B. I. Donaldson.

Scotland: Mrs. A. M. Horner.

Home Players: Miss I. L. Cooley, Mrs. K. M. Henderson, Miss I. E. O'Beirne, Miss S. I. Ripley, Miss A. J. Stone, Miss U. H. Smith, Miss J. R. White.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Malaya: E. L. Choong and E. B. Choong, M. T. S. Chua and Siow Watt Soon, E. J. Choong and H. A. Heah, Khoo Eng Chin and F. S. Lau, S. H. Lim and L. T. Lee.

Denmark: P. Holm and O. Jensen, J. Nygaard and J. Hammergaard Hansen, O. Mertz and O. Ellertsen.

Ireland: F. W. Peard and J. J. FitzGibbon.

Sweden: N. Jonson and S. Mohlin, I. Blomberg and K. Malmgren.

Home and Other Pairs: J. R. Best and J. C. B. Somerville, S. G. Bell and H. I. Palmer, D. J. Boorman and J. A. Broadhurst, W. G. P. Birtwhistle and J. C. Mackay (Scotland), J. A. Collier and P. R. Davis, G. R. Dunning and G. N. Roberts, C. Denton and J. H. Lawton Smith, R. S. Hodge (Scotland) and R. C. F. Nichols, A. D. Jordan and H. J. Wingfield, H. R. Marsland and W. Shute, J. D. McColl and M. Robinson, W. C. Rogers and R. Radford, N. B. Radford and J. P. Doyle (Ireland).

LADIES' DOUBLES

Denmark: Fru T. Ahm and Frk A. Jacobsen, Fru A. Winther and Frk E. Christensen.

Sweden: Fru A. Petersson and Fru E. Killick.

Ireland: Mrs. B. I. Donaldson and Miss B. J. Good.

Home and Other Pairs: Miss E. F. Andrews and Miss D. B. Grace, Mrs. P. G. Alcorn and Mrs. S. Brock, Miss I. L. Cooley and Miss J. R. White, Mrs. J. H. Darley and Miss E. Windsor-Aubrey, Mrs. A. M. Horner (Scotland) and Miss I. E. O'Beirne, Mrs. F. M. Henderson and Miss A. J. Stone, Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. M. R. Wyatt, Miss J. E. Hasegrove and Miss B. J. Swinton, Miss J. C. Lawless (Ireland) and Miss S. I. Ripley, Mrs. H. S. Uber and Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber.

MIXED DOUBLES

Malaya: E. B. Choong and Miss A. Choong, Khoo Eng Chin and Miss P. H. Heah.

Denmark: P. Holm and Fru T. Ahm, O. Jensen and Frk A. Jacobsen, J. Hammergaard Hansen and Fru A. Winther, O. Ellertsen and Frk E. Christensen.

Sweden: K. Malmgren and Fru E. Killick, I. Blomberg and Fru A. Petersson.

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The All-England Order of Play

The general order of play in the All-England Championships will be as usual. On the Wednesday both singles events will proceed as far as the last eights, and so will the mixed doubles. The effect here is that there may well be cases of seeded players being eliminated on the first day! On the Thursday, the singles semi-finalists will be established, the men's doubles will proceed to the last eight and the ladies' even further to the semi-final round.

Friday's play will embrace the outstanding men's doubles matches and the semi-finals of all five events. The obstacles which existed to cause arrangements to be made for the final of the ladies' doubles to be played on the Friday have now been removed, so that all the finals are now scheduled for the Saturday afternoon.

Play commences on Wednesday at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday at 4 p.m., and on Friday at 6 p.m. In each case, it will conclude between 10 and 10.30 p.m. The finals on Saturday will commence at 2 o'clock. The veteran's doubles, for which as many as 19 pairs have entered, will be staged from 3 p.m. on the Friday afternoon.

A Great Pity

We are sorry that Mrs. Kae Grant, the reigning Canadian champion, will not after all be competing in the All-England Championships. Ever since she arrived here Mrs. Grant has not been too fit, and due to medical advice she had to give up playing just when she needed the practice. Mrs. Grant has been able to play very little since last November, and she felt that it would be fairer to her country, whose flag she was expected to bear, if she did not enter when it became obvious that she was bound to be badly out of practice.

We in this country are extremely sorry that the anticipated entry of Canada's champion could not be carried out. We have had no Canadian participation in the All-England Championships since Mrs. W. R. Walton won our singles title in 1939. We can only extend to Mrs. Grant our best wishes for the future and the hope that next year she will be able to come back and give us the pleasure of her active participation.

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 Malmaison Way, Beckenham, Kent.

An England Team has been invited to South Africa

The Badminton Association of England has received an invitation to send a mixed team to South Africa during the English summer months of 1953. The invitation is extended for a team of three men and three ladies who will be absent on the tour for a period embracing 66 days in all, which includes travel by Union Castle Liner in both directions. Most of the internal journeys through the Union and both Rhodesias are to be by air. Four official "test matches" against South Africa are planned as well as fixtures against all the South African provinces and against both Northern and Southern Rhodesia. It is understood that the South African Badminton Union is hopeful that a young team will be sent. So far, of course, the invitation has not been considered by the B.A. of England, but it can be anticipated that it is likely to be accepted if the players are available.

It will be recalled that a previous English team visited the Union in 1948, and that a Danish international team went out in 1951.

If the invitation can be accepted it seems that it will provide a great experience in more directions than one for England's rising players who are now already almost up to the best post-war standard in this country.

A. D. Jordan is the Youngest

A. D. Jordan, selected as a member of the England team to oppose both Scotland and Denmark in the Thomas Cup competition is the youngest player anywhere in the world to be chosen to represent his country in the International Badminton Championship. Whether Jordan plays or not (and he did not do so against Scotland) he is definitely listed by the International Badminton Federation as an England Thomas Cup player. He would not be the first man nominated for a team and not be called upon. In the 1948-49 contest there were two such players, B. D. Shroff was nominated for India and Conny Jepsen for Sweden. So far this season this small list has been increased by Sagna Hoontragoon of Thailand, John Nygaard of Denmark, and two Australians. The list is sure to grow, and the reason is quite simple. Ten days before each tie a nation has to nominate six players from whom its playing composition must later be chosen. With only three singles players and two doubles pairs required, it is thus not always necessary to call upon all the six nominees. It is, however, advisable, to have that number available in case of injuries cropping up.

Though the youngest England Thomas Cup player, Jordan is not, all the same, the youngest English international if all international matches are reckoned. This honour belongs to John Shaw who was three months younger than Jordan when he played against Sweden in March, 1950.

Scotland Beats Ireland, 6-3

Caledonians Register their First Win on Irish Soil—J. A. Russell Proves his Singles Superiority amongst British Isles Players—A Fine Victory for R. S. Hodge and W. A. Robinson

By "RACKETEER"

Scotland defeated Ireland, 6-3, in Belfast on 29th February, thus recording her second win against us since the war. Irish supporters expected a home win despite the known improvement in the Scottish side. The Scots, however, pressed home an early psychological advantage in J. A. Russell's victory over F. W. Peard to win the day most decisively. The matches were played on one court and the events are dealt with in order of play.

In the top singles Russell maintained the form which had already given him victories over K. R. Greasley and N. B. Radford this season. He maintained a fine length, keeping Peard away from the net, and smashed decisively. He was obviously "match-tight," whereas Peard, who had not played in a tournament for almost eight weeks, was not. It was two years since Peard had lost to a player from the home countries.

A. J. McIntyre showed tremendous power in beating J. P. Doyle, 15-7, 15-2. The Irishman had won in a previous encounter this season but on this occasion McIntyre smashed right through his defence.

Miss Good and Miss Lawless might have won against Mrs. Horner and Mrs. Robertson. As it was, Mrs. Horner had them continually in difficulties with well played drops to the middle of the net. For the last couple of seasons the Irish teams have been very unfortunate in that no regular pairing of ladies seems to be able to make the team.

Ireland went into the men's doubles three matches down and received her crowning blow in the defeat of Peard and FitzGibbon who have probably never before lost to a Scottish pair. R. S. Hodge and W. A. Robinson played extremely well, blending stonewall defence with ability to counter-attack rapidly. Robinson, particularly, was very aggressive in the forecourt. The Irish pair won the first game 17-15, lost the second to 10 and trailed 4-14 in the third following a series of errors by Peard. At this stage desperation regained something of their greatness for them and, with the Scots becoming increasingly tentative, they survived at least half-a-dozen match points to reach 12-14. An amazingly good but extremely lucky stroke by Hodge brought the Scots in to serve at this stage and, at last, to gain the game. The Scottish pair deserved its victory on the run of the play.

Four-love down, Green and Majury staved off defeat a little while longer by defeating J. C. Mackay and Russell. They trailed behind during most of the third game and then levelled at 13 all, one hand down. The Scots refused to set but failed to score on gaining the service, and the Irishmen got home on their next effort. This was a good and hard fought match with plenty of attack being met by sound defence.

J. K. D. Lacey and Doyle defeated McIntyre and D. Ross to make the score 4-2. The Scotsmen never covered one another off at the net and were always being attacked. Ross was well below the level of the rest of the Scottish men.

A decision was reached when the second mixed went to Scotland in the persons of Hodge and Mrs. Armstrong who beat FitzGibbon and Miss Good 15-13, 11-15, 15-12. All four players played well up to form but the Irish pair must incur severe criticism for failing to push home a lead of 8-2 (subsequently 11-8) in the third game when Hodge was obviously very tired; indeed on one occasion he had to stop to recover from an attack of cramp.

Green and Mrs. Potter were defeated decisively by Robinson and Mrs. Horner in the top mixed. Robinson's hard hitting, wristy game always had Green stretching and although the latter got himself out of much difficulty by his strong defence he missed some easy chances of pressing home winners.

Lacey became the only Irish player to win two matches when he and Miss Lawless beat Mackay and Mrs. Robertson. Mrs. Robertson was definitely weaker than the other Scottish ladies.

Ireland v. Scotland

Played at Belfast on 29th February and won by Scotland by 6 matches to 3. Scores (Scottish names first):

J. A. Russell beat F. W. Peard, 15-5, 15-7. A. I. McIntyre beat J. P. Doyle, 15-7, 15-2.

R. S. Hodge and W. A. Robinson beat F. W. Peard and J. J. FitzGibbon, 15-17, 15-10, 15-12. J. C. Mackay and J. A. Russell lost to T. T. Majury and D. B. Green, 15-18, 15-9, 13-15. A. I. McIntyre and D. Ross lost to J. K. D. Lacey and J. P. Doyle, 3-15, 5-15.

Mrs. A. M. Horner and Mrs. M. G. C. Robertson beat Miss B. J. Good and Miss J. C. Lawless, 15-7, 11-15, 15-7.

R. S. Hodge and Mrs. J. A. S. Armstrong beat J. J. FitzGibbon and Miss Good, 15-13, 11-15, 15-12. W. A. Robinson and Mrs. Horner beat D. B. Green and Mrs. D. Potter, 15-8, 15-11. J. C. Mackay and Mrs. Robertson lost to J. K. D. Lacey and Miss Lawless, 2-15, 15-8, 13-15.

It had been Postponed

The international fixture between Ireland and Scotland, originally arranged for 14th February, at Belfast, was postponed owing to the death of H.M. King George VI. As originally selected, the Irish team showed one change from that defeated by England a month earlier. Mrs. D. Potter came back to the exclusion of Mrs. B. I. Donaldson. The fixture was hastily re-arranged to take place on 29th February, and the team to represent Ireland was as selected for the earlier date.

It was most unfortunate that the newly-established junior international against the Scots had also to be cancelled. This should have been held at Londonderry on 13th February between teams of four boys and two girls. The B.U. of Ireland, who suggested this contest, originally had

in mind an age limit of 23, but the Scottish B.U. asked for the lower limit of 21 which was eventually agreed upon.

It was intended that both teams, after playing their matches, should have travelled back to Belfast to take part in the Irish championships, a valuable experience for them.

The Irish Championships

Scheduled to be held over the week-end of 15th February, the Irish Open Championships became restricted to a one-day meeting owing to the funeral of H.M. the King. In consequence thereof, and of the postponement of the Ireland v. Scotland international fixture, there were no Scotsmen on hand at Belfast when the tournament was played off. Also, several English visitors who had entered were eventually absentees.

E. B. Choong retained his singles cup after another one of his almost weekly battles with H. A. Heah. The latter tired, however, rather visibly towards the middle of the second game, and Choong got home a comfortable winner. The Choong brothers added the Irish doubles title to their All-England honours. In the final they were opposed to the strange-looking combination of J. J. FitzGibbon and Heah. FitzGibbon's usual partner, F. W. Peard, was an absentee.

Miss Jean Lawless added the Irish Open title to her Irish Close success of last November, and she and Miss Barbara Good had little trouble in winning the ladies' doubles. In the mixed, Heah and Mrs. Saunders resumed where they had left off a month before at the Scottish Championships.

The scores of the final rounds were as follows:—

Men's Singles: E. B. Choong beat H. A. Heah, 15-7, 15-11.

Ladies' Singles: Miss J. C. Lawless beat Miss S. E. Abraham, 11-5, 11-1.

Men's Doubles: E. L. Choong and E. B. Choong beat H. A. Heah and J. J. FitzGibbon, 15-11, 15-5.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss B. J. Good and Miss J. C. Lawless beat Mrs. E. McKnight and Miss J. Duncan 15-8, 15-6.

Mixed Doubles: H. A. Heah and Mrs. G. F. Saunders beat D. B. Green and Mrs. D. Potter, 15-4, 15-9.

Ireland's Team to Play Sweden

The following team has been selected to represent Ireland against Sweden at Dublin on 17th March:—F. W. Peard, J. J. FitzGibbon, T. T. Majury, D. B. Green, Mrs. D. Potter and Miss J. C. Lawless. It is understood that Peard and Majury will play the singles, and that the mixed pairs will be Green and Mrs. Potter and FitzGibbon and Miss Lawless, the latter being quite a new combination.

The Thomas Cup Progresses

In a Few Days' Time only Three Challengers will Remain

Denmark Beat Sweden, 6-3

In the outstanding second round European Zone tie, Denmark beat Sweden by six matches to three at Copenhagen on 16th and 17th February. Principal feature of the play was the splendid performance of Nils Jonson who upset both Poul Holm and Jorn Skaarup in singles. Sweden's other success was also in the singles when Knut Malmgren won the third string match against the newcomer, Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen.

Play occurred at the Idrætshuset before what was, however, a most disappointingly small concourse of spectators, 250 being the most present on either day.

Sweden drew first blood when Jonson, in the biggest upset of the present competition, defeated Holm, the reigning Danish champion. Holm led in the first game, 11-6, but thereafter there was only one player in it as the little Swede captured the game to 13 and ran away to a 13-0 lead in the second! Denmark won the remaining three first day matches without loss of a game.

On the second day, Jonson again accomplished a fine piece of giant-killing when he saved a match-point against Skaarup and then won the third game with some-

thing to spare. Though Inge Blomberg then failed against Holm, Malmgren brought the score to 3-4 by his singles success. After that, Sweden was within one point of making things four all when Jonson and Stellan Mohlin had a match point against Ib Olesen and John Nygaard, but they failed to sustain their lead. Denmark also won the last match.

In the past Sweden's strength has usually lain in the doubles, and it was surprising that their two pairs could win only one game in the four doubles matches.

Denmark v. Sweden

Played at Copenhagen on 16th and 17th February and won by Denmark by 6 matches to 3. Scores (Danish names first):

Singles: P. Holm lost to N. Jonson, 13-15, 4-15; beat I. Blomberg, 15-11, 15-2. J. Skaarup beat Blomberg, 15-9, 18-13; lost to Jonson, 15-9, 17-18, 8-15. J. Hammergaard Hansen lost to K. Malmgren, 12-15, 15-12, 6-15.

Doubles: P. Holm and O. Jensen beat N. Jonson and S. Mohlin, 18-16, 15-10; beat I. Blomberg and K. Malmgren, 15-12, 18-13. I. Olesen and J. Nygaard beat Blomberg and Malmgren, 15-5, 15-9; beat Jonson and Mohlin, 8-15, 18-17, 15-7.

J. Bergvist (Denmark) and S. Lindvall (Sweden) captained the teams and N. P. Kristensen (Denmark) was honorary referee. O. Wahlberg was also nominated for Sweden but did not eventually play.

Canada and U.S.A. will meet at Calgary

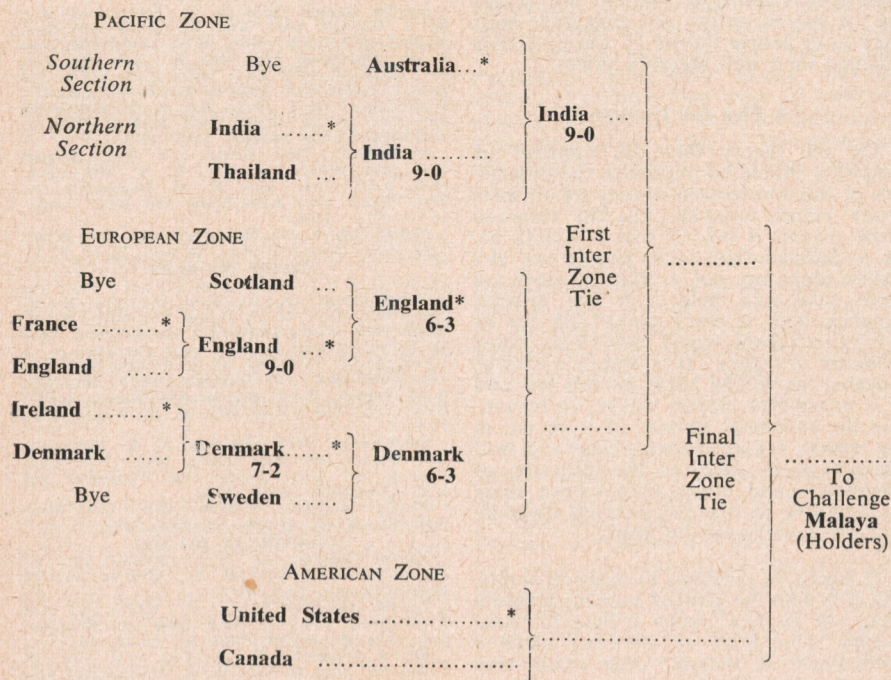
In the only American Zone tie of the present competition, Canada and United States will meet on Friday and Saturday, 21st and 22nd March, at the Glencoe Club in Calgary, Alberta. The date and venue seem particularly suitable since the Canadian Championships are scheduled for Winnipeg from 12th to 15th March and the American Championships for Seattle from 26th to 29th March. Thus, Eastern players of both these large countries will be able to play in the Thomas Cup and in their own national championships on the same trip to the west.



SWEDEN'S HERO
Stockholm's Nils Jonson

The International Badminton Championship

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* This Nation has choice of courts; for subsequent rounds see Regulation 8.

Malayan Arrangements

The latest news from Malaya indicates that the new Badminton stadium in course of erection in Singapore will not now be ready in time for the Thomas Cup challenge tie which is scheduled to be held in that city on 31st May and 1st June. Instead, the matches will take place at the Happy World Stadium which has accommodation for over 9,000 spectators. It is expected with every confidence that this building will be completely sold out for the challenge tie.

The final inter-zone tie between the American zone winners and the nation triumphant in the European-Pacific play-off will also take place at the Happy World Stadium, doubtless just a few days before the challenge tie.

In the event of India, Pacific Zone victors, and the European Zone winners also playing off in Malaya, their tie will take place at Kuala Lumpur, the capital of the Federation of Malaya.

The Hampshire Championships

E. B. Choong and Mrs. Henderson Each Take Two at Portsmouth

Mrs. Wyatt also Shares in Removing Cups from Competition

By F. W. G.

The entries for the Hampshire Championships, held at Portsmouth on 1st and 2nd February, were larger than for many years, and the referees, Messrs. S. C. Saunders and S. Wyatt, faced with the task of playing some 125 matches, did very well to finish as early as they did on each night.

Yet another singles final was contested by H. A. Heah and E. B. Choong, neither of whom had any difficulty in getting to this stage. Choong won in three hard games and thus retained the cup which he won last year. A result which should be of some interest to the county selectors was that in which J. R. Beal, who recently had his first games for Hampshire 2nd team, comfortably beat T. Kennedy, who has been playing first string singles for that team.

Mrs. K. M. Henderson retained the ladies' singles trophy without any difficulty, but there were some close matches in this event, notably those between Miss S. J. Ripley and Miss R. Page, and Miss A. J. Stone and Miss J. R. White.

Close Men's Matches

The men's doubles provided some very good matches and the final, in which H. A. Heah and L. T. Lee beat the holders was very exciting; the umpire had great difficulty in maintaining an impassive face as the tension mounted. In earlier rounds one noticed a victory by K. E. Foster and J. Paul over L. G. Coffin and D. Harvey, and the fact that P. V. Willford and K. W. Hunter took a game from A. B. Renton and R. C. F. Nichols. The latter pair raised hopes of a British win when they took a game from E. B. Choong and S. H. Lim, but stamina beat them in the end, not, however, before the spectators had been treated to a fine exhibition and had all wondered what might have been had our best players of former years been at their peak at the same time as the best Malaysians.

The ladies' doubles somehow seemed to be played on a softer note, and Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. S. Wyatt did not really have many anxious moments before they won the cups outright, though they did lose a game to the young pair, Miss I. Cooley and Miss White. In the final Miss D. B. Grace and Mrs. M. Barnett played well without ever looking as if they could quite win.

The mixed doubles had such a large entry that it would be impossible to detail the play in the space available, but it should be noted that C. R. Denton and Miss Grace, H. I. Palmer and Miss White, and K. E. Foster and Miss Stone all played well. The final, however, was between Heah and Mrs. Henderson, the pair your correspondent fancied, and the holders, Choong and Miss Cooley. My ideas were all wrong; Heah and Mrs. Henderson did not seem to combine as well as one would have thought and, with Miss Cooley playing a very good net game and Choong bringing off his best shots in his last match, the latter won comfortably.

No players made a "clean sweep" in the tournament, although Choong and Mrs. Henderson each won two titles. Once again the latter was the outstanding lady player and one wonders why she never seems to catch the eye of the English selectors.

The handicap committee performed very well with the large entry they had to judge and, although the eventual winners in each event seemed to play better than their handicaps, they all lost games on the way to victory and must have been very tired people indeed by the time they claimed their well deserved prizes.

A Plea for Umpires

On the theory that the standard of umpiring should be improved, the organisers of this tournament always try to have every match umpired, but the response from players is not all that it should be. It is realised that some people are shy about umpiring, but a little goodwill on both sides can help over the difficult patches, and, if every player did his or her share, there would not be so much criticism of others. It is usually a case of flogging the willing horse for this job, and it is hoped that players will try to remember the enormous amount of work put in by others for their enjoyment and will endeavour to increase the pleasure of themselves and others by taking a share of umpiring so that the standard throughout the country can be raised.

It would be invidious to mention names, but it is with the greatest possible pleasure that one pays a public tribute to those people who work so hard to make a tournament a success, often with very little thanks.

MEN'S SINGLES

First Round: H. A. Heah beat P. V. Willford, 15-6, 15-3. J. R. Beal beat T. Kennedy, 15-6, 15-7. F. A. Cox beat E. H. Sadler, 15-10, 15-9. E. B. Choong beat G. P. Bale, 15-5, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Heah beat Beal, 15-5, 15-9. Choong beat Cox, 15-1, 15-1.

Final: Choong beat Heah, 11-15, 15-5, 15-3.

LADIES' SINGLES

(9 players)

Second Round: Mrs. K. M. Henderson beat Mrs. G. E. Parnell, 11-2, 11-2. Miss S. Ripley beat Miss R. Page, 11-8, 4-11, 11-3. Mrs. F. M. Henderson beat Miss J. Mansley, 11-5, 11-7. Miss A. J. Stone beat Miss J. R. White, 4-11, 11-7, 11-3.

Semi-finals: Mrs. K. M. Henderson beat Miss Ripley, 11-3, 11-2. Mrs. F. M. Henderson beat Miss Stone, 11-1, 11-3.

Final: Mrs. K. M. Henderson beat Mrs. F. M. Henderson, 11-1, 11-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(16 pairs)

Second Round: H. A. Heah and L. T. Lee beat G. F. Cullimore and W. Hoenes, 15-4, 15-9. K. E. Foster and J. Paul beat L. G. Coffin and D. Harvey, 8-15, 15-3, 15-12. A. B. Renton and R. C. F. Nichols beat P. V. Willford and K. W. Hunter, 16-17, 15-7, 15-6. E. B. Choong and S. H. Lim beat C. Denton and E. D. T. Vane, 15-0, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Heah and Lee beat Foster and Paul, 15-5, 15-1. Choong and Lim beat Renton and Nichols, 15-5, 15-17, 15-8.

Final: Heah and Lee beat Choong and Lim, 15-4, 17-16.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(11 pairs)

Second Round: Miss D. B. Grace and Mrs. M. J. Barnett beat Miss S. Ripley and Mrs. Mason, 15-4, 15-8. Miss A. J. Stone and Mrs. F. M. Henderson beat Miss R. Page and Mrs. A. Thursfield, 15-6, 15-7. Miss J. R. White and Miss I. Cooley beat Miss D. McPhaden and Mrs. P. Gallagher, 15-4, 15-2. Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. M. R. Wyatt beat Miss P. Thomas and Mrs. G. E. Parnell, 15-7, 15-2.

Semi-finals: Miss Grace and Mrs. Barnett beat Miss Stone and Mrs. F. M. Henderson, 15-5, 9-15, 15-8. Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt beat Miss White and Miss Cooley, 10-15, 15-1, 15-3.

Final: Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt beat Miss Grace and Mrs. Barnett, 15-10, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

(26 pairs)

Third Round: H. A. Heah and Mrs. K. M. Henderson beat A. J. Kemp and Mrs. F. M. Henderson, 15-0, 15-5. C. Denton and Miss D. B. Grace beat K. E. Foster and Miss A. J. Stone, 14-17, 15-3. W. R. Thursfield and Mrs. Thursfield beat L. T. Lee and Miss N. Hastings, 4-15, retired. E. B. Choong and Miss I. Cooley beat L. G. Coffin and Mrs. M. R. Wyatt, 15-4, 15-9.

Semi-finals: Heah and Mrs. K. M. Henderson beat Denton and Miss Grace, 15-8, 12-15, 15-6. Choong and Miss Cooley beat Thursfield and Mrs. Thursfield, 15-12, 15-3.

Final: Choong and Miss Cooley beat Heah and Mrs. K. M. Henderson, 15-9, 15-8.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: G. F. Cullimore and W. Hoenes (owe 3) beat E. H. Allwood and R. Manvell (scr.), 15-4, 15-9.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss J. R. White and Miss J. Mansley (owe 8) beat Miss A. Matthews and Miss M. Hayes (plus 9), 15-10, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles: F. A. Cox and Mrs. P. Gallagher (plus 5) beat W. K. Hoenes and Miss B. Barwell (plus 5), 15-8, 15-10.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. O'Brien of Beckenham on the birth of a son (Philip Charles) last month. Mrs. O'Brien is the former Joy Prebble, a member of the Kent 2nd team of recent years. She is also a great-niece of that famous player, well known to the older generation, the late A. D. Prebble.

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We are sorry to hear that Hugh Findlay, the promising young Hertfordshire player and recent finalist in the Junior Championships, has been having more trouble with his knee. Apparently, he collapsed at the Norfolk Tournament last month and had to have an operation on the offending joint. It is good news that this was entirely successful and that Hugh will be playing again very shortly.

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Has this been a cold winter? Eddy Choong thinks so. After a recent tournament when retiring to the arctic-like temperature of his hotel bedroom, the lively little player from Penang donned a track suit over his pyjamas, two or three sweaters and even an overcoat before daring to get between the sheets!

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A minor, though irritating, operation is preventing Fru Kirsten Lossmann from competing in the All-England Championships this month for the first time since the war. We shall miss this lively young personality at the Empress Hall.

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John Shaw was looking very fit and well when he turned up to watch England's Thomas Cup match against Scotland at Nottingham last month. After missing a whole season's Badminton John is looking forward to hitting a shuttle seriously again next winter.

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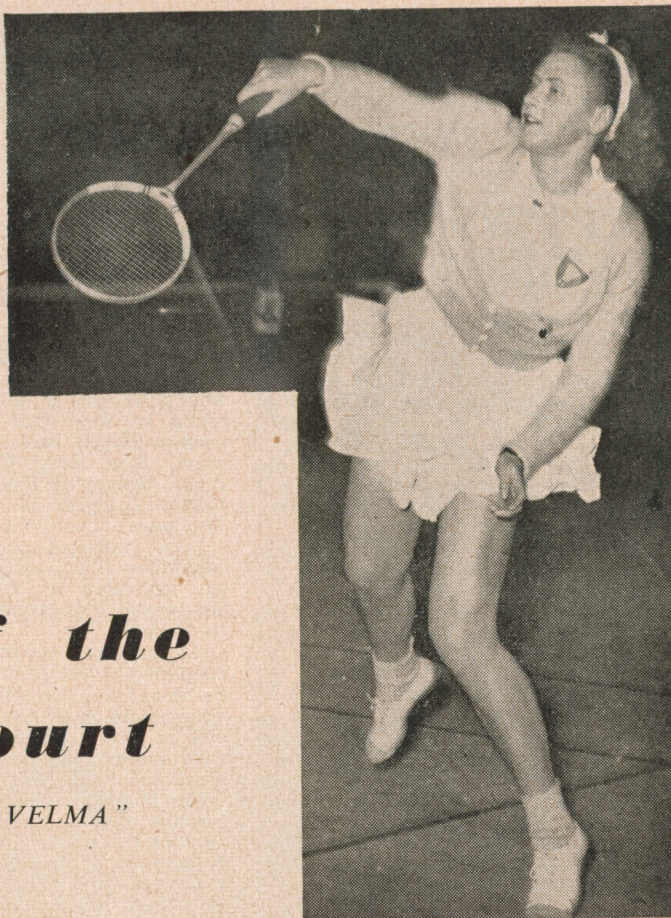
Nils Jonson, the spectacular little Swedish star, who keeps fit by gymnastic exercises, has been playing extraordinarily well lately and recently beat both Jorn Skaarup and Poul Holm in a Thomas Cup match. Nils is a popular figure throughout Scandinavia and has the affectionate nickname of "Tomten" which in English means "Tom Thumb."

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Alan Renton, the Hampshire player and English international, displayed unexpected gifts as a radio announcer at the Seymour Hall last month. At the Central Council of Physical Recreation's Exhibition Matches, "Focus on Badminton," he proceeded with witty comment to put Miss Kathleen Capell (who acted as guinea pig) on the right road.

**FRU AASE
WINTHER.**

who is coming back to England to play in the All-England Championships for the first time since 1949.



**Off the
Court**

By "VELMA"

Jeff Robson, the New Zealand champion, recently scored a double by winning the Dominion Lawn Tennis Championship again by beating George Worthington and Bill Sidwell on the way. Jeff, who is outstanding at both racket games, may be coming over here next year to combine playing in the All-England Badminton Championships and also at Wimbledon in the summer, if local newspaper rumours are correct.

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J. P. (Chick) Doyle who is a member of Ireland's contingent to the All-England this year, is quite famous in the Emerald Isle for his Irish dancing. This must be good training for Badminton, for his footwork on court is very good to watch.

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Mrs. Delforce, who was chosen to captain the England hockey team against Scotland at Wembley, showed promise at Badminton when as Miss Elizabeth Poulton she played for Kent's 2nd team just after the war. Since her marriage, however, Mrs. Delforce has concentrated on hockey. She is a younger sister of the former Miss Peggy Poulton, the Kent colour who was very well known in Badminton circles before the war.

Fru A. Winther who is making a welcome reappearance at the All-England this year will be remembered as Frk Aase Svendsen whose blonde curls and charming court manners made her very popular with the British public.

The last occasion Fru Winther played in this country she will never forget. It was her first year as an international and she and Tonny Ahm were engaged in a fierce struggle with our famous combination, Mrs. Betty Uber and Mrs. Queenie Allen-Webber, when she suddenly collapsed and had to be carried off the court. After examination it was found that she had severely damaged her achilles tendon and an operation was necessary. The next day she was carried down to London Airport and flown back to Copenhagen where an operation was performed the following day.

After many weary months in bed and a season away from the game, she came slowly back into the higher ranks last year; this year she has completely regained her form and takes her place again among the top four Danish girls.

Middlesex's 1000 Entries

Large Junior Participation is Encouraging as Play is Split between Hampstead and Cazenove Courts

By A. T. L.

The Middlesex championships and Hampstead tournament were held during the week of 2nd—9th February, open events being played at the Orion Hall, Stamford Hill, and the junior championships, restricted and handicap events at the Hampstead Baths.

When describing the numerical strength of this tournament, each succeeding year calls for greater superlatives, and this year proved no exception, over 1,000 entries being received for the various events. Without going into lengthy details, it is sufficient to say that in one handicap event the list of entries had to be closed a fortnight before the official closing date, and many entries had to be refused.

As a result of the new date, a far more representative entry was received for the championship events than last year. With the exception of one event, all titles changed hands, Miss I. Cooley retaining her singles title without undue difficulty. In partnership with Eddy Choong she also won the mixed doubles. Interest in this event centred on the very fine achievement of J. A. Broadhurst and Mrs. A. M. Horner, who defeated E. L. Choong and Miss J. White in two games in an early round. Apart from messing up the seeding, it was very gratifying to Middlesex supporters to see a "home product" in a final which, on paper, should have been almost entirely an all-Choong affair. A very fine semi-final in this event was seen when Eddy Choong and Miss I. Cooley beat H. A. Heah and Mrs. C. M. Robinson. It is thought that the almost Arctic conditions prevailing in the Orion Hall at the time had an adverse effect on Heah.

The scratching of Heah in the men's singles robbed this event of some of its interest, although S. H. Lim did well to reach the final before going down to the invincible Eddy Choong. The latter notched his third success when, in company with his compatriot, L. T. Lee, he landed the men's doubles title from the final opposition of W. G. P. Birtwhistle and K. R. Greasley. The best matches in this event were seen in the semi-finals, especially when Birtwhistle and Greasley "nosed home" by one point after setting in the third game against R. C. F. Nichols and H. J. Wingfield.

Middlesex recorded a win in the championships when Miss E. F. Andrews and Mrs. Horner won the ladies' doubles from the holders, Miss D. B. Grace and Mrs. Robinson in what was relatively speaking the best of the final matches. This win for Mrs. Horner came as a consolation for being on the losing end in two other finals.

The junior championships attracted a very large entry. 47 boys entered for the singles, which was won by R. J. Lockwood, who has been playing for the Middlesex second team this season. G. King of Kent was the only boy to take a game off the winner and B. Heath of Surrey did well in the semi-final when he made Lockwood set in both games. It

was very unfortunate that Hugh Findlay, who had won this event for the past two years, had to scratch, owing to his knee injury.

The action of the committee in including a girls' singles event received noteworthy support to the extent of 20 entries. A silver cup was presented by the Northern Heights B.C. and won by Miss G. Smith of Essex after a hard tussle with Miss J. Wilson of Middlesex. It is interesting to note that two daughters of county players were competing in this event, Miss Sally Bishop, daughter of R. O. Bishop of Essex, and Miss Susan Darley, daughter of Mrs. G. Darley of Middlesex.

Both restricted events were won by Middlesex 2nd team pairs, Mrs. S. Morgan and Miss W. Williams winning the ladies and A. Peckover and Miss M. Hill the mixed.

As usual, the handicap events were well supported, 100 pairs were accepted for the mixed doubles, 84 pairs for the men's doubles, 48 pairs for the ladies' doubles and in the handicap singles 51 entries were accepted for the men's and 22 for the ladies'.

His Honour Judge Engelbach presented trophies to the championship winners at the Orion Hall, whilst Councillor Mrs. J. Browne of Hampstead and Brigadier R. Bruce-Hay, D.S.O., President of the Middlesex County B.A., performed this duty at the Hampstead Baths.

MEN'S SINGLES

(24 players)

Third Round: R. Radford beat M. Green, 15-7, 15-11. S. H. Lim beat R. Mulvaney, 15-4, 15-11. W. C. Rogers beat R. Khoo, 15-17, 18-13, 17-15. E. B. Choong beat G. N. Robarts, 15-4, 15-3.

Semi-Finals: Lim beat Radford, 15-0, 15-10. Choong beat Rogers, 15-1, 15-2.

Final: Choong beat Lim, 15-4, 15-4.

LADIES' SINGLES

(11 players)

Second Round: Miss J. Mansley w.o., Miss E. O'Beirne retired, Mrs. A. M. Horner beat Miss D. B. Grace 11-6, 11-0. Mrs. C. M. Robinson beat Miss W. M. L. Williams, 11-7, 11-3. Miss I. L. Cooley beat Miss B. Brewer, 11-3, 11-1.

Semi-Finals: Mrs. Horner beat Miss Mansley, 11-1, 11-1. Miss Cooley beat Mrs. Robinson, 11-8, 11-8.

Final: Miss Cooley beat Mrs. Horner, 12-9, 11-0.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(25 pairs)

Third Round: E. B. Choong and L. T. Lee beat A. Barron and S. H. Lim, 15-3, 15-8. E. J. Chong and H. A. Heah beat W. S. Siow and R. S. Lucas, 12-15, 15-6, 15-9. R. C. F. Nichols and H. J. Wingfield beat J. A. Broadhurst and R. S. Hodce, 15-7, 5-15, 15-5. W. G. P. Birtwhistle and K. R. Greasley beat E. Symonds and W. C. Rogers, 15-9, 15-10.

Semi-Finals: E. B. Choong and Lee beat E. J. Chong and Heah, 15-6, 15-13. Birtwhistle and Greasley beat Nichols and Wingfield, 5-15, 15-10, 18-17.

Final: E. B. Choong and Lee beat Birtwhistle and Greasley, 15-10, 15-6.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(18 pairs)

Third Round: Mrs. A. M. Horner and Miss E. Andrews beat Miss M. L. Hill and Miss D. Charlton, 15-9, 15-1. Miss S. Ripley and Miss J. White beat Mrs. V. A. Cowan and Miss P. Hopker, 15-5, 15-1. Miss A. J. Stone and Miss I. L. Cooley beat Miss J. Haselgrove and Miss C. Swann, 15-5, 15-9. Miss D. B. Grace and

Mrs. C. M. Robinson beat Mrs. D. Dunsire and Mrs. L. I. Scott, 15-7, 15-7.

Semi-Finals: Mrs. Horner and Miss Andrews beat Miss Ripley and Miss White, 15-9, 15-5. Miss Grace and Mrs. Robinson beat Miss Stone and Miss Cooley, 18-17, 15-12.

Final: Mrs. Horner and Miss Andrews beat Miss Grace and Mrs. Robinson, 15-9, 8-15, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES

(37 pairs)

Fourth Round: E. B. Choong and Miss I. L. Cooley beat A. Barron and Miss B. Swinton, 15-1, 15-5. H. A. Heah and Mrs. C. M. Robinson beat R. S. Hodce and Mrs. M. Wyatt, 15-12, 15-12. C. Denton and Miss D. B. Grace beat W. G. R. Birtwhistle and Miss E. Andrews, 15-8, 5-15, 15-4. J. A. Broadhurst and Mrs. A. M. Horner beat E. L. Choong and Miss J. White, 15-9, 15-11.

Semi-Finals: E. B. Choong and Miss Cooley beat Heah and Mrs. Robinson, 9-15, 15-10, 15-6. Broadhurst and Mrs. Horner beat Denton and Miss Grace, 18-15, 15-8.

Final: E. B. Choong and Miss Cooley beat Broadhurst and Mrs. Horner, 15-5, 15-8.

LADIES' DOUBLES RESTRICTED

(16 pairs)

Semi-Finals: Mrs. G. Vaughan and Mrs. B. Bray beat Miss M. L. Hill and Miss D. Charlton, 13-18, 18-15, 15-7. Miss W. M. L. Williams and Mrs. S. Morgan beat Miss D. Dewey and Mrs. N. Houston, 15-11, 15-5.

Final: Miss Williams and Mrs. Morgan beat Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Bray, 9-15, 15-8, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES RESTRICTED

(34 pairs)

Semi-Finals: R. Mulvaney and Mrs. B. Gilbert beat R. J. Lockwood and Miss W. M. L. Williams, 15-5, 17-16. A. E. Peckover and Miss M. L. Hill beat W. S. Siow and Miss P. Heah, 15-6, 15-3.

Final: Peckover and Miss Hill beat Mulvaney and Mrs. Gilbert, 15-10, 15-9.

VETERANS' DOUBLES

(6 pairs)

Final: G. E. Toller and A. Hogg (plus 2) beat A. Broadhurst and R. Brooker (plus 5), 15-8, 15-10.

BOYS' SINGLES

(47 players)

Semi-Finals: R. Lockwood beat B. Heath, 18-13, 18-16. T. Coates beat K. Waters, 15-3, 15-3.

Final: Lockwood beat Coates, 15-8, 15-0.

GIRLS' SINGLES

(20 players)

Semi-Finals: Miss G. Smith beat Miss P. Warner, 12-11, 11-2. Miss J. Wilson beat Miss J. Cryer, 11-8, 11-9.

Final: Miss Smith beat Miss Wilson, 10-12, 11-6, 11-2.

BOYS' DOUBLES

(23 pairs)

Semi-Finals: T. Coates and G. F. King beat D. Matthews and G. Farrell, 15-4, 15-3. R. Lockwood and C. Twede beat R. King and W. Pegg, 15-5, 11-15, 15-11.

Final: Lockwood and Twede beat Coates and G. King, 15-9, 15-4.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

(13 pairs)

Semi-Finals: Miss M. Wood and Miss J. Wilson beat Miss V. Clark and Miss P. Warner, 15-4, 15-11. Miss J. Cryer and Miss G. Smith beat Miss K. Capell and Miss S. Goulding, 15-3, 15-5.

Final: Miss Wood and Miss Wilson beat Miss Cryer and Miss Smith, 10-15, 17-14, 15-8.

JUNIOR MIXED DOUBLES—POSTPONED

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Singles. D. Hashman (scr.) beat S. C. Jones (plus 4), 15-13, 11-15, 15-7.

Ladies' Singles. Miss E. Warner (plus 3) beat Miss J. Mansley (scr.), 10-11, 11-4, 11-8.

Men's Doubles (Class "A"). R. Murgason and R. L. Perry (plus 6) beat D. A. Trehearn and W. Mudge (plus 3), 15-9, 15-7.

Men's Doubles (Class "B"). S. C. Jones and A. E. Jones (plus 3) beat R. A. Gillard and L. A. Anderson (scr.), 15-6, 15-13.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss W. M. L. Williams and Mrs. S. Morgan (owe 4) beat Mrs. B. Gilbert and Mrs. D. Hinchcliffe (owe 2), 15-10, 1-15, 15-8.

Mixed Doubles: A. E. Peckover and Miss I. Gear (owe 2) beat E. J. Jupp and Miss D. Padget (plus 5), 15-8, 15-12.

The Irish Scene

Dennis Green Dominates Doubles in Ulster Championships—J. P. Doyle and Mrs. Donaldson Gain Singles Victories at Belfast and at Dundalk

By "RACKETEER"

The Ulster Championships took place in Belfast from 10th to 12th January, and provided few surprises. Dennis Green struck his best form and dominated the mixed and men's doubles.

In the men's singles J. P. Doyle had an easy win over N. Lavelle, a very promising young Belfast player, to reach the final. On the other side K. J. Diplock had to work hard to beat H. C. Boyd 10-15, 15-10, 15-10. In the final Doyle pulled back a long lead to level at 14 in the first game, but Diplock exerted sufficient pressure at the critical stage to put him one up. Doyle won the second game, and the players were level at 9 in the third. At this stage Doyle was much the steadier, and his opponent made a series of mistakes which cost him the match.

Mrs. Donaldson won the ladies' singles without much trouble, being much too strong for her opponents. In the final she beat Miss S. Moore.

In the men's doubles Ireland's second and third pairs, seeded in opposite halves, came through to the final with little trouble. Diplock and Lacey beat the Scottish visitors, D. L. Bloomer and D. Ross, in one semi-final, 15-11, 15-10. In the final Majury and Green lost the first game easily and then changed their tactics to deep defensive clearing. Doyle and Lacey failed to penetrate this defence and with Green quick to develop a counter-attack when the opportunity presented itself, the Northern pair got home easily.

Mrs. Donaldson and Miss Conway won the ladies' doubles for the third consecutive year. They were extended to an advantage game by Miss Abraham and Miss Moore, and dropped a game to Miss J. Duncan and Mrs. E. McKnight in the final. Experience, however, had its just reward.

The mixed doubles provided some interesting matches. Tod Majury, playing with Miss E. F. Hall, a sister of Mrs. D. Potter, provided surprises in defeating first R. S. and Miss A. Love, and then Diplock and Miss J. Allen, before finally going down to Doyle and Mrs. Donaldson, 3-15, 15-6, 15-6. In the semi-finals established pairings in Green and Mrs. Potter and Huey and Miss Foster triumphed over scratch pairings in Doyle and Mrs. Donaldson and Lacey and Miss Conway respectively. In the final Green was at the top of his form and played with great power.

Following the tournament the team to play Scotland, as given above, was selected: Mrs. Potter came back on to the team on the strength of her mixed doubles win with Green.

MEN'S SINGLES

J. P. Doyle beat K. J. Diplock, 15-17, 15-7, 15-9.

LADIES' SINGLES

Mrs. B. K. Donaldson beat Miss S. Moore, 12-10, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES

D. B. Green and T. T. Majury beat Doyle and J. K. D. Lacey, 3-15, 15-5, 15-6.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Miss N. Conway and Mrs. Donaldson beat Miss J. Duncan and Mrs. E. McKnight, 11-15, 15-11, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: S. S. J. Huey and Miss A. Foster beat J. K. D. Lacey and Miss N. M. Conway, 15-9, 8-15, 15-10. D. B. Green and Mrs. D. Potter beat J. P. Doyle and Mrs. B. J. Donaldson, 15-6, 15-8.

Final: Green and Mrs. Potter beat Huey and Miss Foster, 15-6, 9-15, 15-9.

JUNIOR FINALS

Men's Singles: A. H. Girvan beat R. Smyth, 15-2, 5-15, 15-7.

Ladies' Singles: Miss E. Gaston beat Miss L. Rea, 11-8, 11-8.

Men's Doubles: R. Smyth and M. J. McVeigh beat J. Bertenshaw and J. Holland, 10-15, 15-12, 15-12.

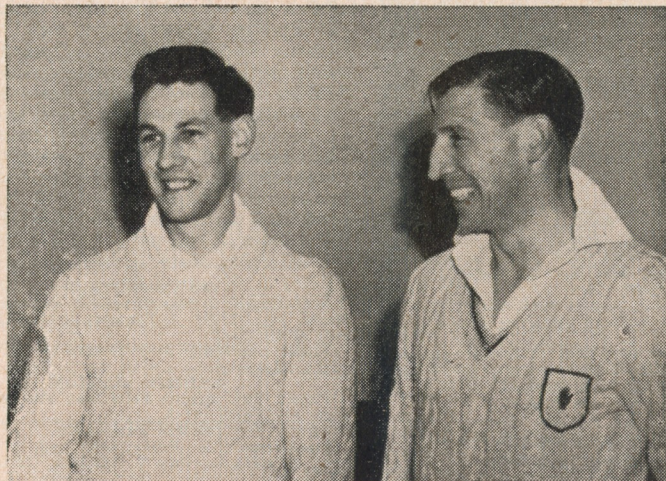
Ladies' Doubles: Misses R. and W. Savage beat Misses E. Kirkpatrick and D. Willis, 15-7, 12-15, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles: A. H. Girvan and Miss J. McConnell beat W. A. Abercrombie and Miss N. Ferguson, 15-11, 15-8.

having beaten Majury and Diplock on the way. The final was an exciting affair, though marred at times by lack of combination, and FitzGibbon and Doyle came through on their greater steadiness.

The ladies' doubles was won by Miss Conway and Miss Good, who were not extended. There can be no doubt that Norah Conway is the best ladies' doubles player in Ireland, and it is only her relative inability in a mixed to cover the ends of the net that keeps her off the Irish team.

The mixed doubles provided further surprises in the seeding, Majury and Miss S. Moore being seeded whilst Lacey and Mrs. Donaldson and Doyle and Miss Lawless were not. The latter pair were beaten in an early round by Green and Mrs. Potter, but Lacey and Mrs. Donaldson defeated FitzGibbon and Miss Good, the score in the third game being 15-3. Lacey's bustling game always had FitzGibbon stretching in the corners, and Mrs. Donaldson regained her previous form to produce steadier Badminton at the net than Miss Good. The semi-final between Lacey and Mrs. Donaldson and Diplock and Miss Foster was played at terrific speed, but Lacey was more prone to error than his opponent, and the match probably turned



ULSTER DOUBLES CHAMPIONS
Dennis Green and Tod Majury

The Co. Louth Championships

Belfast and Dublin players braved the icy roads and severe weather each night to travel to the central venue of Dundalk, 50 miles from both cities, for the Co. Louth Championships held from 24th to 26th January.

In the men's singles semi-final, Doyle pulled back match points in the second game before beating Diplock. In the final FitzGibbon put up no resistance.

Some inexplicable seeding in the ladies' singles placed Mrs. Donaldson and Miss J. Lawless in the same half. Mrs. Donaldson reversed her defeat in the Irish Close Championships and went on to win the event although she had to work hard to beat Miss Abraham in the final.

In the men's doubles two scratch pairs, Green and Lacey, and FitzGibbon and Doyle reached the final, the first pair

on this fact. Green and Mrs. Potter repeated their Ulster success, and went through the event without loss of a game. In the final they beat Diplock and Miss Foster, 17-14, 15-14, but despite the closeness of the score, they always seemed to have something in hand. It is good to see Green playing really well again after a long period of indifferent form.

MEN'S SINGLES

J. P. Doyle beat J. J. FitzGibbon, 15-5, 15-3.

LADIES' SINGLES

Mrs. B. J. Donaldson beat Miss E. Abrahams, 6-11, 11-6, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

J. J. FitzGibbon and J. P. Doyle beat D. B. Green and J. K. D. Lacey, 5-15, 15-13, 15-8.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Miss E. J. Good and Miss N. M. Conway beat Mrs. B. J. Donaldson and Miss J. Lawless, 15-6, 15-10.

MIXED DOUBLES

D. B. Green and Mrs. D. Potter beat K. J. Diplock and Miss A. Foster, 17-14, 15-14.

Activities in Scandinavia

(We acknowledge our indebtedness to our two Scandinavian contemporaries, "Svensk Badminton Sport," of Malmo, and "Badminton," of Copenhagen, for permission to quote the results of the undermentioned important events which have recently featured the game in Sweden and Denmark).

Denmark's Twelfth Victory Over Sweden

Denmark scored her twelfth successive victory over the Swedish international team when the sides met at Nykobing on the Island of Falster in the Baltic on Sunday, 3rd February. The result was a bit of a landslide, as the visitors did not win a single game. The Swedish team had an unfamiliar look about it with Nils Jonson, Stellan Mohlin and Inge Blomberg all being absent, these three all being current Swedish national title-holders. The fixture was staged only a fortnight before the two countries were due to meet in a Thomas Cup tie, and it seems possible that the northerners may have kept back some of their leaders in view thereof. Thus, Swedish international colours were awarded to two new representatives. They were Leif Ekedahl and Frk Astrid Lofgren who were the first players from Gothenburg to be so honoured. The latter's twin sister, Tora, who was reserve, is the present Swedish ladies' singles champion, and the other reserve, Bertil Glans, also comes from the west coast, his home being at Halmstad. It is evident, therefore, that the hitherto immune supremacy of Malmo and Stockholm players in Sweden is being seriously threatened, an excellent sign.

Denmark v. Sweden

Played at Nykobing Falster on 3rd February and won by Denmark by 7 matches to 0. Scores (Danish names first):

Jorn Skaarup beat Leif Ekedahl, 15-3, 15-8. Ole Jensen beat Olle Wahlberg, 15-12, 15-6.

Poul Holm and Ole Jensen beat Knut Malmgren and Lars Carlsson, 15-6, 15-8. Jorn Skaarup and Ib Olesen beat Leif Ekedahl and Olle Wahlberg, 15-2, 15-8.

Fru Tonny Ahm and Fru Kirsten Lossman beat Frk Astrid Lofgren and Fru Elsy Killick, 15-2, 15-1.

Holm and Fru Ahm beat Malmgren and Fru Killick, 15-6, 15-11. Olesen and Frk Lofgren beat Carlsson and Frk Lofgren, 15-4, 15-3.

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A Busy Time for Sweden's Players

The leading players in Sweden look like having time for little else but Badminton in the next few weeks. On 17th March, Sweden will meet Ireland in Dublin, the first visit of the Scandinavian team to the Green Isle, though not the first clash of the two countries. They met in a friendly men's engagement at Malmo three seasons ago when the Swedes only lost one of the nine matches played on Thomas Cup lines. This season's fixtures will include ladies' and mixed events.

From Dublin the Swedes will come to London to take in the All-England championships, but they must be back in their own country for their own national championships which commence on the day following the completion of the All-England tournament. This meeting, scheduled for three days, will be held at the west coast town of Falkenberg, which is to be honoured with the meeting for the first time. It will be the 16th Swedish championship tournament.

On 3rd April, Sweden meets England at Malmo. The teams here will also, for the first time, comprise both men and ladies.

Two days later, there will no doubt be many Swedish players taking part in the Danish open championships at Copenhagen, and as soon as that is over Sweden will be entertaining the Scottish international team at Gothenburg for the first fixture ever played between those two countries. When all that is accomplished, no doubt Nils Jonson and company will be glad of the Easter holiday interregnum.

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Frk Agnete Friis is Lady Champion of Copenhagen

An upset of the first magnitude occurred in the annual championships of Copenhagen at the end of January when Frk Agnete Friis won the ladies' singles after a victory over Fru Aase Winther (nee Svendsen), after a very close struggle. An extraordinary fact about this event was that these two were the only entrants! Indeed, none of the players who had been on the South African tour took part in the tournament at all, with the exception of Frk Aase Jacobsen, who restricted her participation to the mixed event. Jorn Skaarup had no trouble in winning the men's singles, and similarly the men's doubles was comfortably won by John Nygaard and Ib Olesen, generally regarded as Denmark's leading pair at the moment. Their strongest challengers were disrupted by the severe injury recently undergone by Preben Dabelsteen, whose place as Skaarup's partner was taken by that very fine player of the past, Tage Madsen.

The results were as follows:—

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-Finals: J. Hammergaard Hansen beat Ole Mertz, 15-8, 15-6. J. Skaarup beat B. Frederiksen, 15-12, 15-3.

Final: Skaarup beat Hammergaard Hansen, 15-11, 15-1.

LADIES' SINGLES

Final: Frk Agnete Friis beat Fru Aase Winther, 11-7, 6-11, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-Final: B. Frederiksen and O. Ellertsen beat J. Skaarup and T. Madsen, 12-15, 15-13, 15-9.

Final: I. Olesen and J. Nygaard beat Frederiksen and Ellertsen, 15-2, 15-8.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-Final: Frk Agnete Friis and Fru Gitte Schultz-Pedersen beat Frk Edel Christensen and Frk Kirsten Rex, 15-4, 14-17, 15-4.

Final: Frk Friis and Fru Schultz-Pedersen beat Fru Aase Winther and Frk Inger Sorensen, 15-3, 15-10.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: J. Hammergaard Hansen and Frk A. Jorgensen beat I. Olesen and Fru Aase Winther, 12-15, 15-12, 15-11. J. Skaarup and Frk Aase Jacobsen beat O. Ellertsen and Frk Edel Christensen, 15-11, 12-15, 15-8.

Final: Skaarup and Frk Jacobsen beat Hammergaard Hansen and Frk Jorgensen, 7-15, 15-5, 15-12.

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Some Surprises at Gothenburg

Several very surprising results featured the seventh annual international tournament promoted by the Orgryte Club in Gothenburg on 12th and 13th January. From a men's singles entry which included such well-known players as Knut Malmgren, Olle Wahlberg, Conny Jepsen, Ingemar Eliasson, all recent All-England challengers, and the now well-known Ove

Eilertsen of Copenhagen, the winner turned out to be Leif Ekedahl of the promoting club. He defeated all but Malmgren of the above listed more favoured competitors, and thereby gained for himself recognition by being selected for the Swedish international team to oppose Denmark three weeks later. Gunnar Lauritsen of Jutland also did well; he beat Malmgren's conqueror and then extended Wahlberg to a 15-11 third game in the semi-final.

Jutland's young Frk Lilli Nellemann, who played in England a year ago, won the ladies' singles largely as a result of superior stamina, and the ladies' doubles final was also an entirely Danish affair, though the young Gothenburg twins, Astrid and Tora Lofgren, showed up well, and according to the Danish report gave indications of a bright future.

The big sensation of the men's doubles was the astonishing defeat administered to Stellan Mohlin and Nils Jonson of Stockholm, who were considered a year ago to be quite as good a pair as any other in the whole of Scandinavia. They went down to two Funen Danes, Benny Andersen and Poul Christensen, to 8 and 12.

The results of the final rounds were as follows:—

Men's Singles: Leif Ekedahl beat Olle Wahlberg, 16-17, 15-2, 18-13.

Ladies' Singles: Frk Lilli Nellemann (Denmark) beat Frk Hanne Boysen (Denmark), 12-10, 4-11, 11-0.

Men's Doubles: Conny Jepsen and Lars Carlsson beat Benny Andersen and Poul Christensen (Denmark), 10-15, 15-6, 15-12.

Ladies' Doubles: Frk Hanne Boysen and Frk Else Morten Nielsen (Denmark) beat Frk Lilli Nellemann and Frk Annelise Hansen (Denmark), 15-7, 15-9.

Mixed Doubles: O. Ellertsen and Frk Edel Christensen (Denmark) beat Benny Andersen and Frk Hanne Boysen (Denmark), 15-12, 7-15, 15-2.

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All-England Champions are Beaten at Skovshoved

Poul Holm and Fru Tonny Ahm, three times All-England champions, were upset at the annual S.I.F. tournament north of Copenhagen at the end of January. They went down to the rising Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen and Frk Anni Jorgensen. Both losers made amends, however, in the other doubles events, though the success of Holm and Ole Jensen over John Nygaard and Ib Olesen was unexpected. Holm excelled himself with some sensational "smashreturner" to turn the scale in the final.

It is a pleasure to see the name of Fru Ruth Dalsgaard once again featuring in a

The Denmark v. Sweden Thomas Cup tie and the Danish National Championships are reported elsewhere in this issue.

Danish tournament final. She will be remembered as an All-England champion of 1939. But at Skovshoved she and her partner in the ladies' event salvaged an amazing semi-final match against a past Danish champion pair, Frk Marie Ussing, now permanently back in Copenhagen after several years in America, and Fru Jytte Kjems. The eventual winners were trailing, 1-15 and 4-12, but then conceded only a further 6 points whilst themselves collecting 28, sure proof that a match is never lost till the last point has been played.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: J. Nygaard and I. Olesen beat T. Madsen and B. Frederiksen, 15-4, 15-12. P. Holm and O. Jensen beat P. E. Nielsen and E. Udsen, 15-11, 15-9.

Final: Holm and Jensen beat Nygaard and Olesen, 15-12, 18-16.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: Fru Tonny Ahm and Frk Aase Jacobsen beat Frk Edel Christensen and Fru Kirsten Lossmann, 18-14, 15-11. Fru Ruth Dalsgaard and Fru Inge Birgit Anker Hansen beat Frk Marie Ussing and Fru Jytte Kjems, 1-15, 17-14, 15-4.

Final: Fru Ahm and Frk Jacobsen beat Fru Dalsgaard and Fru Anker Hansen, 15-8, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: J. Hammergaard Hansen and Frk A. Jorgensen beat Poul Holm and Fru Tonny Ahm, 15-18, 15-8, 15-11. J. Skaarup and Frk Aase Jacobsen beat O. Eilertsen and Frk Edel Christensen, 15-8, 18-15.

Final: Skaarup and Frk Jacobsen beat Hammergaard Hansen and Frk Jorgensen, 15-7, 15-7.

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Gentofte's Great Strength

The third consecutive victory in the Danish inter-club championship of the Gentofte Badminton Klub lends thought to the possibility that its team might well be rated as the best four men and four ladies team in the world. There are three current All-England champions among them. They are Poul Holm, Frk Aase Jacobsen and Fru Tonny Ahm. Two others in the persons of Mogens Felsby and Ole Jensen are Danish Thomas Cup players, and a further two, Frk Agnete



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GENTOFTE B. K.'s EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG TEAM
 Standing—Poul Holm, Mogens Felsby, Bent Palling, Ole Jensen
 Seated—Fru Gitte Schultz-Pedersen, Fru Tonny Ahm, Frk Agnete Friis and Frk Aase Jacobsen

Friis and Fru Gitte Schultz-Pedersen, won the Danish national ladies' doubles only two seasons ago. These two have also featured prominently in recent All-England meetings. The eighth member of this distinguished side, Bent Palling, must rest content so far with his men's doubles win in the French international championships a few years ago.

Recapitulation of the names makes one wish that this side could oppose the Alexandra Palace team of the thirties, at their best, of course. Somehow, one feels there might, all the same, be many backers for that side which was headed by Donald Hume and the Nichols brothers, though the Danes would have had a little advantage in the ladies' events. The Logan B.C. of an even earlier date is another club that comes to mind as being of overwhelming strength at the time.

Next Month's Danish Open Championships

The Danish open championships will take place in Copenhagen from Saturday, 5th April, to Wednesday, 9th April, inclusive. In the European calendar this meeting always ranks very high indeed, and an official team from England will again take part. No doubt, too, there will, as usual, be several other British players desirous of going over for it, and for their information, it may be said that entries close on 22nd March, the final day of the All-England championships. Further information about the tournament can be obtained from Mr. N. P. Kristensen, President of the Danish Association, at Nakskovvej 21, Copenhagen-Valby, or upon application at the referee's desk at the Empress Hall during the All-England championships.

"Focus on Badminton"

The exhibitions and demonstrations entitled "Focus on Badminton" which were staged at the Seymour Hall, London, on 12th February were a great success. The Central Council of Physical Recreation was the organisation responsible for the undertaking with the co-operation of the B.A. of England. The players who took part were E. L. Choong, E. B. Choong, R. C. F. Nichols, A. B. Renton, Mrs. H. S. Uber and Mrs. A. M. Horner, and the commentator, who was so outstandingly successful, was Mr. Emlyn Jones of the C.C.P.R.

There was a complete sell-out, and the demonstrations of stroke production were quite a novelty as far as Badminton was concerned. Nichols and Renton were responsible for this part of the programme, and right well and interestingly did they fulfil this undertaking. In addition, they gave a demonstration of individual coaching to a young player, Miss K. Capell, who is the daughter of the Middlesex County B.A.'s honorary secretary.

There must have been many in the large audience who learned some useful tips from this, particularly as Renton gave his criticisms of her faults through the microphone.

The actual playing exhibitions, of course, were all much enjoyed. The most exhilarating was, perhaps, the mixed between E. L. Choong and Mrs. Uber and E. B. Choong and Mrs. Horner, during the course of which some truly amazing rallies kept the crowd up to a high pitch of excitement.

It is to be hoped that there will be more of this sort of thing, and no doubt before long provincial centres will be able to have them too.

The West Hants Championships

Owing to very late cancellation of the arrangements originally made for the use of the new Alder Road Hall at Bournemouth, the dates of the West Hants championships have had to be changed. In-

stead, therefore, of Friday and Saturday, 4th and 5th April, the meeting will now take place on Friday and Saturday, 28th and 29th March.

It is perhaps needless to say that the necessity to alter the dates is not the fault of the Bournemouth Badminton Club, and we sincerely hope that the success of the meeting will not be impaired by the change.

The French Championships are on 28th, 29th and 30th March

This year's International Championships of France take place on 28th, 29th and 30th March in Paris. Entries close with the Commission Centrale de Badminton, F.F.L.T., 3 Rue Volney, Paris, on 24th March. As usual, it is expected that a large contingent of players from Britain will be in the lists of what is the oldest national championship tournament outside the British Isles.

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.

Cumberland's Restricted Tournament

The third annual restricted tournament organised by the Cumberland Badminton Association was played in the Market Hall, Carlisle, on Saturday, 2nd February.

There was again quite a large entry of 93 players, and between 11 a.m. and 10.30 p.m. 101 matches, involving 225 games, were played off on six courts, and, as the majority of matches were played from 1 p.m. onwards, this was no mean feat of organisation, and reflects great credit on the honorary referees, Mr. J. P. Hetherington, the County Chairman, and Mr. Charles Hetherington, the Hon. Secretary.

The level events produced the expected final results, but the unexpected success of one or two younger entrants in defeating older and more experienced players augurs well for the game. The outstanding player was Miss E. F. Hall, who won the singles and mixed doubles titles.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-Finals: K. V. Shaw beat C. W. Watson, 15-8, 15-10. J. C. Johnstone beat H. McMullen, 15-10, 15-4.

Final: K. V. Shaw beat J. C. Johnstone, 15-2, 15-4.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-Final: Miss E. F. Hall beat Miss M. W. Grey, 11-4, 11-2. Miss M. D. Atkinson beat Miss O. M. Hodgson, 11-10, 11-6.

Final: Miss E. F. Hall beat Miss M. D. Atkinson, 11-1, 11-0.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: H. McMullen and Miss E. F. Hall beat C. W. Watson and Mrs. M. Housby, 10-15, 15-9, 15-10. J. C. Glendinning and Miss D. M. Bell beat L. F. Wilson and Mrs. W. G. Hetherington, 15-5, 5-15, 18-17.

Final: H. McMullen and Miss E. F. Hall beat J. C. Glendinning and Miss D. M. Bell, 15-9, 15-9.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: N. F. Bulloch and T. H. Owen (plus 3), beat K. V. Shaw and J. S. Stabler (minus 3), 15-6, 15-2.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss A. M. Fee and Mrs. L. Turner (plus 2), beat Mrs. D. Stanley and Mrs. E. Wardrop (scr.), 15-7, 15-2.

Mixed Doubles: L. F. Wilson and Miss A. M. Fee (plus 3), beat R. Wylie and Miss D. M. Bell (minus 3), 15-10, 15-7.

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Gloucester's Big Restricted Meeting

The fourth annual Gloucester and District restricted tournament took place at the Public Baths, Gloucester, on 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th February. A record entry of 113 couples in the four events was received—72 in the three open events and a record number of 41 in the mixed handicap.

The holders retained their trophies in two of the three open events. Mrs. B. Carroll and Mrs. R. Wilson Lee narrowly defeated Mrs. D. Aspinall and Mrs. A. S. Evans in the ladies' doubles, 15-13, 6-15, 18-17, whilst in the mixed Mrs. Carroll, partnered by R. Upton, had an easier passage against Mrs. E. M. C. Cook and L. F. Cook, winning 15-9, 15-12. The Malaysians, H. E. Chan and C. L. Yap, proved

too good for F. B. Hansford and H. F. Martin in the men's doubles, the score being 15-9, 15-4. The handicappers were well pleased with the results in the mixed doubles handicap, the eventual winners being Mrs. I. A. Bailey and R. Bailey (plus 2), who beat Miss R. Roberts and T. E. Lane (owe 2), 15-14, 15-5, in the final.

The tournament again received magnificent support from the public, an average of 150 people watched the preliminary rounds on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoon, and a capacity crowd was present at the finals on the Saturday evening. Trophies and prizes were presented by P. D. Clarge, Esq., M.B.E., and Councillor Langdon, the Chairman of the Markets, Quay and Baths Committee. P.Mc.A.B.

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Hertfordshire's Restricted Handicap Events

The Hertfordshire B.A. held a handicap restricted tournament at Welwyn Garden City on Sunday, 24th February. Quite a large number of players took part, and they included a considerable element of newcomers to tournament play. Though the latter presented some difficulties to the handicappers, the results of the committee's efforts in this direction were extremely good so that most of the matches were really close ones.

The final rounds resulted as follows:—

Men's Doubles Handicap: S. Stacey and E. J. Slack (scr.) beat R. Phillipps and D. G. Smart (owe 1 han.), 15-7, 15-8.

Ladies' Doubles Handicap: Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Lyddon (plus 5) beat Mrs. Parslow and Mrs. Bacon (owe 2), 15-11, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles Handicap: S. Stacey and Mrs. Ricketts (plus 1) beat R. Thirnbeck and Miss Berrett (scr.), 15-7, 6-15, 15-1.

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Present and Future Happenings in Kent

Full county colours have been awarded by the Kent County B.A. to J. C. B. Somerville of Ramsgate who has played in all the county fixtures this season with some fine results. He earned his half-colours a year ago. In addition, half-colours have been gained by Miss Ursula Smith, the All-England junior champion, upon her selection to represent Kent against Middlesex. She is easily the youngest ever to play for the county.

Kent "A" lost to Cambridge University in a men's fixture at Cambridge on 24th February by three matches to six.

The next big engagement for the county will be the annual event against Jutland, scheduled this season to be played at Fredericia in Denmark on 11th April. Kent has lost all four of the previous encounters, and by mutual agreement the size of the teams has now been reduced to five players each, principally on the score of expense. The matches to be played will be one men's singles, one men's doubles, one ladies' doubles and two mixed. Other friendly fixtures may also be included in the course of the tour which commences just after the Danish Open Championships at Copenhagen.

The committee of the Kent County B.A. hopes to institute Kent Junior Championships as a regular feature of future seasons. If they can be arranged the Christmas holiday period will be the time of the year.

The county was indebted to the 460 H.A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery, for permission to hold some exhibitions at Catford on 28th February when E. B. Choong, H. A. Heah, Miss Amy Choong and Miss E. F. Andrews were the guests of the Association. H. J. Wingfield and Warwick Shute were others who played.

A restricted tournament held at Dover during the week ending 1st December was a great success. It was the first of its kind in that area, and the winners were B. H. Lock (men's singles), Mrs. J. D. Colyer (ladies' singles), B. H. Lock and A. Smith (men's doubles), Mrs. J. Robson and Mrs. Colyer (ladies' doubles) and B. H. Lock and Mrs. Lock (mixed doubles). Challenge trophies had been presented for all the five events.

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Lancashire and Cheshire Miscellanea

Cheshire has already reached the semi-final of the Inter-County Championship, and most worthily, too. Her team is fully up to the standard of recent years, and it should stand a very good chance of regaining the championship. Lancashire has shown improvement this season and has beaten Yorkshire twice, but the side is still some way from beating Cheshire. Once again, Cheshire 2nd has won its group in Division II.

Both counties have some young talent coming to the fore. Tony Jordan of Cheshire and George Swarbrick of Lancashire have both made their mark in open tournaments in this their first season for their counties. In the county second teams, Miss M. Rosson of Cheshire, Miss Jeremiah, Mrs. Flannery, Miss Armstrong and G. H. Bromiley of Lancashire have all shown promise, also in their first season, and Miss A. Fearnhead of Lancashire has shown great improvement and should have a promising future if she can learn courtcraft.

The Kearns Trophy competition has reached its semi-final stage, the last four clubs left in being Black Diamond, Bethel Cong, Hawks and Wesley (Southport). A feature of the third round ties was the extraordinarily narrow victory gained by the holders, Hawks of Southport, over Moorbury. The teams were level with 4 matches and 11 games each, but Hawks got home by one point, 287 to 286.

In the semi-finals of the Wirral Cup, Accrington beat Southport Wesley and will meet Manchester in the final. The latter eliminated Port Sunlight.

In recent inter-league fixtures, Manchester beat Bradford at Sale by 13 matches to 3, but lost in the return at Bradford, 5-7. For the losers, however,

R. T. Harman and K. R. Cundey accomplished a fine performance by defeating the Yorkshire County player, G. Ripley, and J. A. Turner, by the exciting score of 18-14, 13-15, 18-13. Manchester's 2nd team defeated Bolton on the latter's courts, 7-5.

An invitation under 21 tournament run by the Manchester League attracted 44 entries. The men's doubles was won by C. B. Moss and K. Lim of Manchester University, and the ladies' doubles by Miss D. Harrop and Miss H. Fletcher of St. Margaret's, Altrincham.

A moderate players' tournament was held at Leyland on 31st January, 1st and 2nd February, and the events, all handicap, were won as follows:—

Men's Doubles: C. Varley and F. Singleton (scr.) beat R. Walmsley and K. Marsden (owe 4), 15-11, 15-3.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss K. Parr and Miss M. Semple (scr.) beat Mrs. C. Butler and Miss F. Lee (plus 2), 15-7, 13-15, 15-13.

Mixed Doubles: T. Moule and Miss M. Woodcock (plus 3) beat G. Morris and Mrs. J. Semple (plus 2), 15-7, 15-11.

Boys' Doubles: J. Turner and B. Wilding (plus 8) beat J. R. Laplan and W. N. Large (plus 5), 15-13, 14-15, 15-9.

Girls' Doubles: Miss K. Parr and Miss M. Semple (scr.) beat Miss S. Rodgers and Miss M. Barker (plus 10), 15-12, 15-13.

Junior Mixed Doubles: J. Nelson and Miss H. Nelson (scr.) beat J. Walmsley and Miss S. Rodgers (plus 10), 15-14, 13-15, 15-12.

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Portsmouth's Married Couples do Battle

The second Annual American Tournament, restricted to married couples of the Portsmouth and District Association was held on Sunday, 20th January, and attracted 21 couples. These were divided into three sections according to playing strength, the winners of each section playing off to decide the holders of the "Perpetual Partners" Challenge Trophy.

Section 1 was won by Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb, who gained the maximum of 90 points, back-markers being Mr. and Mrs. Coffin at (owe one hand, owe 12), and last year's winners, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thursfield (at owe one hand, owe 8). In Section 2, Mr. and Mrs. Staniford won, although several pairs were in the running right until the last few games. Section 3 was even more closely contested and was eventually won by Mr. and Mrs. Locke, who had only a four-point lead over Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Lucking.

In the semi-finals, the Staniford's (owe 6) beat the Locke's (plus 9) in a very exciting match, when, at 14-all, the Locke's, with both hands in, could not gain the final point. The final, between the Webbs (owe one hand, owe 5) and the Stanifords, showed that experience counts, and after a two-game match, Mr. and Mrs. Webb became the champions, winning by 15-11, 15-7. They were presented with the polished Rolling Pin, mounted on a teak stand, and the winners of the other two sections received prizes of handkerchiefs.

That this tournament is very popular was proved by the increased entry over last year and by the number of spectators who, although not eligible to compete themselves, were amused at watching 21 husbands and wives playing together, some for the first time ever.

M. L. C.



G. R. SWARBRICK who has made his mark in his first season for Lancashire.

Surrey's Restricted Tournament

Very satisfactory entries were received for the second Surrey Restricted Tournament, which was held on 15th, 16th and 17th February, good support being obtained from the smaller clubs in the county and, with 144 individuals competing, it is now true to say that this is indeed Surrey's own tournament.

The tournament was played on the courts of the Ebbisham B.C. Those who were knocked out in the first round of the doubles were automatically entered in the consolation events and so "lived again." Since last year an imposing array of trophies has been provided, and, in order to preserve the full records, these have been engraved with the names of last year's winners.

The general standard of play was very good and each round was closely contested, but it was greatly to be regretted that Mrs. Wildsmith pulled a muscle in a strenuous quarter-final of the mixed doubles and was unable to be her usual active self in the final of the ladies' doubles, while R. Radford hurt his back in falling during the final of the men's doubles and was unable to play his normal game in the final of that event and also in the mixed doubles' final which was to follow.

The closing rounds were as follows:

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-Finals: W. C. E. Rogers beat W. H. Hadley, 15-11, 15-5. R. Mulvaney beat R. Radford, 18-13, 15-13.

Final: Rogers beat Mulvaney, 15-13, 18-14.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-Finals: Miss J. R. White beat Mrs. B. M. B. Gilbert, 11-5, 11-8. Miss I. L. Cooley beat Miss J. Peters, 11-5, 11-1.

Final: Miss Cooley beat Miss White, 11-7, 3-11, 11-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: R. Mulvaney and R. Radford beat S. G. Bell and G. W. Searle, 9-15, 15-10, 15-11. W. G. Knight and W. Wiltshire beat E. J. Furniss and D. W. Hayes, 12-15, 15-6, 15-4.

Final: Knight and Wiltshire beat Mulvaney and Radford, 15-11, 13-15, 15-12.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: Miss I. L. Cooley and Miss J. R. White beat Mrs. D. J. Hinchcliff and Miss B. Piper, 15-4, 15-2. Miss S. McMurray and Mrs. I. M. Wildsmith beat Mrs. B. M. B. Gilbert and Miss J. Peters, 15-12, 17-15, 15-8.

Final: Miss Cooley and Miss White beat Miss McMurray and Mrs. Wildsmith, 15-3, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: H. I. Palmer and Miss J. R. White beat W. C. E. Rogers and Miss J. Peters, 15-5, 12-15, 15-6. R. Radford and Miss I. L. Cooley beat E. J. Furniss and Miss B. Piper, 15-9, 15-4.

Final: Palmer and Miss White beat Radford and Miss Cooley, 15-7, 15-1.

CONSOLATION WINNERS

Men's Doubles: J. C. Sherrard and E. Thompson.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. P. R. Ireland and Mrs. H. M. Lockwood.

Mixed Doubles: J. C. Sherrard and Miss D. P. Mead.

A. F. S. G.

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Westmorland Notes

Westmorland "A" beat Barrow and District at Barrow on Saturday, 2nd February, by 11 matches to 4. Westmorland was represented by M. C. Archer, C. Cumpstey, H. R. Holdsworth, F. T. Long, Mrs. M. Gawith, Mrs. B. Harrower, Mrs. M. Dugdale, Mrs. M. Mason and Mrs. P. Scott.

County Colours have been awarded to Miss D. Howie and M. C. Archer, the latter having completed playing in the number of matches required in the present season.

The Westmorland restricted tournament, again consisting of eight events, is scheduled to commence on 17th March.

The junior restricted tournament will be played on 22nd March and 5th April. A.P.

The Isle of Man's Annual Week

The Isle of Man held its annual Badminton Week from 18th to 23rd February in the Villa Marina, Douglas, when the three team competition finals were decided, and the week concluded with a dance attended by well over 1,000 people. The Junior "Cottier Cup" was won by St. Peter's (Onchan) who defeated St. Germain's (Peel) 4-4, 9-8, 204-197 in a closely contested final. The Intermediate "Moore Shield" was won rather convincingly by Fencibles "A" team who beat Castletown 7-1, 15-3, 255-152. The highlight of the week was the final of the senior club knock-out competition in which the holders of the Cunningham Shield for the past four seasons, Victoria Street, were opposed by their rivals, St. Ninian's, who won the trophy in 1947. This was the most exciting final ever. At the half-way stage matches and games were level with Victoria Street two points in the lead. At the three-quarter stage matches and games were still level with St. Ninian's two points in the lead. St. Ninian's won the second mixed, and the first mixed, which was the final match of the evening, was won by the holders with the exciting result that the teams tied 4-4, 8-8, 189-189. The shield has been awarded jointly, each team to hold it for six months.

We have made arrangements for Eddie, David and Robert Choong, Johnny Heah, Dicky Lee, Miss Amy Choong and Miss June White to play some exhibition matches for us in Douglas on Wednesday, 26th March. The players will be flying from Croydon. We expect fully 1,000 spectators to witness the matches which will be played in the Villa Marina, Douglas, an excellent hall to stage such an event. A. C. J.

The Cumberland Tournament

Lancastrians Invade Carlisle

But Westmorlanders Hold Their Own—Some Amazing Mixed Struggles

By "ANON"

The third open tournament promoted by the Cumberland Badminton Association was played on four courts in the Covered Market, Carlisle, on Saturday, 9th February, and although the weather was extremely cold, which made it rather uncomfortable for the players between matches, they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and several of the newcomers commented on the very friendly atmosphere and the splendid organisation. It is pleasing to note that the popularity of this tournament is gradually increasing, as there was a stronger entry from Lancashire this year, and as they carried off some of the trophies there will be probably be an even stronger entry next year. It is hoped so, anyway, as Carlisle is an excellent centre, on main line and main road, there are six courts available if the entry necessitates their use, and there are trophies for all five events.

In the men's singles for the J. P. Hetherington Trophy H. R. Holdsworth of Westmorland and G. R. Swarbrick of Lancashire each had a fairly easy passage to the final which, after a stirring first game was won by Swarbrick, did not live up to its early promise. After Holdsworth had taken the second game comfortably, Swarbrick easily took the final game, and in this Holdsworth helped him materially, as for a long spell he was continually hitting out of court.

The ladies' singles, for the Mrs. J. P. Hetherington Trophy, had a disappointing entry, and Miss E. F. Hall of Cumberland had little difficulty in retaining it.

The men's doubles, for the D. F. Campbell Memorial Cups, was retained by C. Cumpstey and H. R. Holdsworth, the Westmorland pair, who, however, had much stronger opposition this year.

In the ladies' doubles, for the D. F. Campbell Memorial Cups, the holders, Miss D. M. Bell and Mrs. W. G. Hetherington of Cumberland, were defeated in the final by Mrs. F. E. Cuerden and Mrs. A. D. Kelly, the Lancashire pair.

The mixed doubles, for the Cumberland Badminton Cups, provided most of the highlights of the tournament. Holdsworth and Mrs. M. Cumpstey of Westmorland, the holders, had a terrific struggle in the second round when they beat R. S. Gray and Miss E. L. Mason by the close score of 15-17, 15-4, 17-16, but had not such a hard fight after that to reach the final. Swarbrick and Mrs. Cuerden had a great fight in their semi-final against C. Cumpstey and Mrs. A. Jackson of Westmorland, the score being 18-17 in the third game.

This was repeated in the final and the scores reflect the excitement. Actually, in the final game, after overtaking Swarbrick and Mrs. Cuerden at 13-all, Holdsworth and Mrs. Cumpstey led 4-1 and seemed to have the game in hand, but a misunderstanding lost them the vital point, and a superhuman effort by Swarbrick gave his side the match.

MEN'S SINGLES (12 players)

Second Round: H. R. Holdsworth beat K. D. Wheldon, 15-7, 15-7. K. Houldcroft beat G. H. Jackson, 15-4, 15-9. K. V. Shaw beat C. Cumpstey, 15-8, 15-11. G. Swarbrick beat W. Cumpstey, 15-1, 15-10.

Semi-Finals: Holdsworth beat Houldcroft, 15-7, 15-7. Swarbrick beat Shaw, 15-9, 15-2.
Final: Swarbrick beat Holdsworth, 18-14, 4-15, 15-3.

LADIES' SINGLES (4 players)

First Round: Miss E. F. Hall beat Miss I. A. Kenningham, 10-12, 11-1, 11-4. Mrs. W. G. Hetherington beat Mrs. A. Jackson, 11-10, 11-8.
Final: Miss Hall beat Mrs. Hetherington, 11-6, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES (10 pairs)

Second Round: C. Cumpstey and H. R. Holdsworth beat H. McMullen and R. L. Eynon, 15-7, 15-11. L. E. Lawson and J. Yates beat L. F. Wilson and G. Yarker, 15-10, 17-14. W. Cumpstey and J. A. Turner beat J. C. Johnston and K. V. Shaw, 15-5, 18-15. K. Houldcroft and G. Swarbrick beat T. A. Cairns and K. D. Wheldon, 15-6, 15-0.

Semi-Finals: C. Cumpstey and Holdsworth beat Lawson and Yates, 15-7, 15-3. Houldcroft and Swarbrick beat W. Cumpstey and Turner, 17-14, 15-9.

Final: C. Cumpstey and Holdsworth beat Houldcroft and Swarbrick, 15-5, 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES (10 pairs)

Second Round: Miss D. M. Bell and Mrs. W. G. Hetherington beat Miss J. E. Mynott and Miss D. Young, 15-1, 15-1. Miss S. Armstrong and Miss E. L. Mason beat Mrs. M. Cumpstey and Mrs. A. Jackson, 6-15, 15-8, 15-12. Miss E. F. Hall and Mrs. M. Housby beat Mrs. M. Gawith and Miss I. A. Kenningham, 15-5, 15-4. Mrs. F. E. Cuerden and Mrs. A. D. Kelly beat Miss L. Jordan and Miss V. Broderick, 15-10, 15-5.

Semi-Finals: Miss Bell and Mrs. Hetherington beat Miss Armstrong and Miss Mason, 15-10, 15-5. Mrs. Cuerden and Mrs. Kelly beat Miss Hall and Mrs. Housby, 18-14, 15-9.

Final: Mrs. Cuerden and Mrs. Kelly beat Miss Bell and Mrs. Hetherington, 15-11, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES (23 pairs)

Third Round: H. R. Holdsworth and Mrs. M. Cumpstey beat K. D. Wheldon and Miss D. Young, 15-7, 15-12. K. Houldcroft and Mrs. A. D. Kelly beat L. E. Lawson and Miss L. Jordan, 15-17, 15-0, 15-11. C. Cumpstey and Mrs. A. Jackson beat J. A. Turner and Miss I. A. Kenningham, 15-11, 15-3. G. Swarbrick and Mrs. F. E. Cuerden beat R. L. Eynon and Mrs. W. G. Hetherington, 15-7, 15-3.

Semi-Finals: Holdsworth and Mrs. Cumpstey beat Houldcroft and Mrs. Kelly, 15-13, 15-11. Swarbrick and Mrs. Cuerden beat C. Cumpstey and Mrs. Jackson, 12-15, 15-10, 18-17.

Final: Swarbrick and Mrs. Cuerden beat Holdsworth and Mrs. Cumpstey, 13-15, 17-14, 18-17.

An Appeal from Wales

A Presentation to Mr. E. Trevor-Williams

There will be many besides Welsh players, and particularly those fortunate enough to have taken part in the Welsh Championship tournaments in pre-war days, who will be interested in the following letter which has been circulated by the Welsh Badminton Union:

Dear Sir/Madam,

You will remember that Mr. E. Trevor-Williams of Deganwy, North Wales, retired from the Secretaryship of the Welsh Badminton Union at the beginning of this season.

He was a founder member and acted as Secretary from the commencement of the Union in 1928. He represented Wales at the inaugural meeting of the International Badminton Federation and continued to act as delegate until the outbreak of war.

It was universally agreed among badminton players that one of the "highlights" of the seasons before the war was the Welsh championship tournament held at Llandudno, and all who visited the tournament did so with so much pleasure that the world's best players were attracted, and they were unanimous in their praise of the hospitality provided. The success of the meeting was in no small measure due to the efforts and enthusiasm of Mr. Trevor-Williams, ably supported by his wife.

The satisfactory position in which the Union finds itself today, on the resumption of its activities suspended during the war, is due to the exemplary manner in which the Secretary's duties were performed.

There is no doubt that badminton players everywhere and Welsh players in particular, owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Trevor-Williams, for he made possible much of the enjoyment derived from the game of badminton in Wales.

It would be fitting to show appreciation of services rendered and to present Mr. and Mrs. Trevor-Williams with a suitable reminder of their happy association with Welsh badminton. Your club members are invited to join in the presentation, which it is proposed to make at Newtown on the occasion of the North Wales v. South Wales match, to be held in March next. All subscriptions, large or small, will be welcomed, and should be sent to the above address. Kindly make cheques, etc., payable to "The Secretary, W.B.U. Presentation A/c."

Our friends will be pleased to know that Mr. Trevor-Williams has been appointed a vice-president of the W.B.U. and we are assured of his continued advice and support.

Yours faithfully,

T. W. Hughes, President

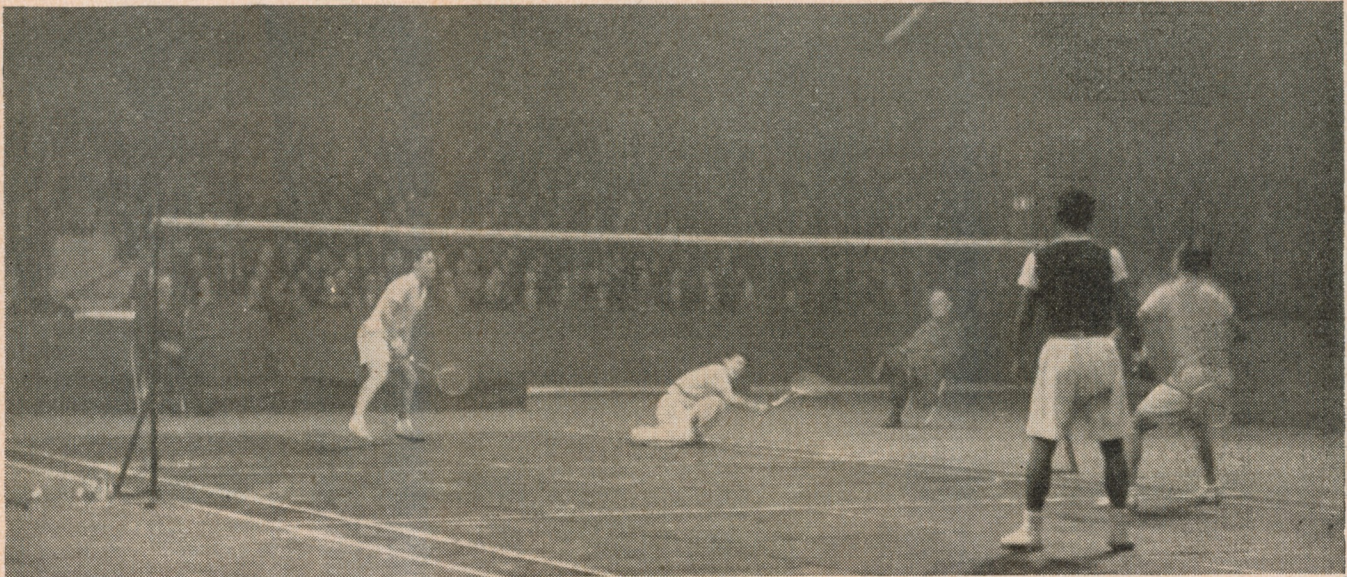
A. Beveridge, Chairman

F. C. Williams, Hon. Secretary

338 Cyncoed Road,
Cardiff.

12th January, 1952.

It is to be hoped that the subscription list for the intended presentation to Mr. Trevor-Williams will be representative of a really wide area. It is understood that the presentation will be made upon the occasion of the North Wales v. South Wales fixture which is scheduled to be held at Newtown on 29th March. We wish the organisers every success in their efforts to make a suitable presentation to one of the game's hardest workers in pre-war days.



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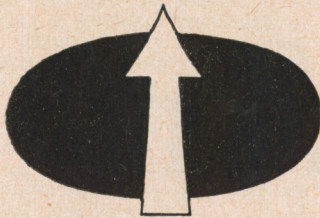


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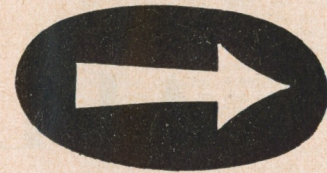
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Norfolk's Big Event

Players from many Counties Visit Kings Lynn

By P. M.

"Quite a Kaleidoscope" was the remark of the editor of the local press when hearing the report that players wearing the colours of ten different counties were participating in the Norfolk Open tournament at Kings Lynn on 25th and 26th January. It is the first time that the number of competitors has exceeded the 100 mark and, by disposing of the handicap mixed doubles on Friday evening, the whole of Saturday was left clear for the five open events.

The referees, Mr. C. D. Warren (County Secretary) and Dr. H. G. Hudson, are to be congratulated on successfully staging 120 matches and getting all the finals completed just before midnight. An appreciation for the increasing popularity of the tournament is due to the local club, started only three years ago by Mrs. W. F. Page. It was from their efforts that the Kings Lynn Corporation was persuaded to fit out its fine and lofty Corn Exchange with the most modern means of lighting, etc., making it one of the best Badminton halls with four courts in the Eastern Counties. Plans are already formulating for the addition of a fifth court and the inclusion of men's and ladies' handicap doubles in the programme for next year.

All the cups changed hands, and the contingent from Stafford, visiting the tournament for the first time, won three of the five events. In each case J. D. McColl was on the winning side. He won the Watling Cup for singles from S. H. Lim of London University, who endeared himself to the spectators by joining in the applause for his opponent after he had pulled up from 2-11 down to 11-11 in the first game of the final.

McColl had previously beaten R. W. Havers, Norfolk's No. 1, in the semi-final. The holder, G. N. Robarts, was defeated in the other semi-final by Lim after a close three-game match which drew frequent applause for the many delicate cross-court drop shots.

McColl also won the men's doubles with A. R. Greatrex and the Bridgwater Cup for mixed doubles with Mrs. M. Warren. In the latter event there was a record entry of forty couples. The holders, Robarts and Mrs. Robarts, unfortunately had to scratch after winning through to the semi-final. They had to look after H. T. Findlay, a member of their party, who had just previously slipped a cartilage while playing with Robarts in the men's doubles semi-final against Havers and Mason, which necessitated him having to be taken to a doctor.

In the ladies' singles Mrs. E. G. Cooper, who had held the Watling Cup for the last seven years, did not defend. The event was won by Miss O. Greengrass (Suffolk), who beat Mrs. B. M. B. Gilbert (Surrey), last year's finalist. Mrs. W. F. Page (Norfolk) beat Miss M. Wheeler (Suffolk), and was only beaten by the winner in a good semi-final.

The ladies' doubles was won by Mrs. J. Worthington and Mrs. M. Bexon of Not-

tingham, who defeated the holders, Miss Greengrass and Miss Wheeler, and also the Norfolk pair, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. O. B. Williamson, in the final.

The cups and prizes were presented by Mr. D. C. Ferrier, president of the Kings Lynn Badminton Club. He said he admired the stamina which enabled the finalists to produce such fine form after such a long day's play, and expressed the hope that the tournament would become an annual event in Kings Lynn.

MEN'S SINGLES

(32 players)

Third Round: J. D. McColl beat C. A. Darrell, 15-12, 15-6. R. W. Havers beat H. T. Findlay, 15-12, 16-6. G. N. Robarts beat R. Radford, 15-6, 15-12. S. H. Lim beat W. B. Martin, 15-3, 15-6.

Semi-finals: McColl beat Havers, 15-8, 15-1. Lim beat Robarts, 15-10, 9-15, 15-9.

Final: McColl beat Lim, 15-11, 15-5.

LADIES' SINGLES

(13 players)

Second Round: Mrs. B. H. Gilbert beat Miss M. J. Belton, 11-2, 11-1. Miss P. Munro beat Mrs. A. E. Booth, 7-11, 12-9, 11-2. Mrs. W. F. Page beat Miss M. Wheeler, 12-9, 12-10. Miss O. Greengrass beat Mrs. M. Warren, 11-7, 11-4.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Gilbert beat Miss Munro, 1-11, 11-2, 11-3. Miss Greengrass beat Mrs. Page, 11-7, 4-11, 11-8.

Final: Miss Greengrass beat Mrs. Gilbert 11-7, 12-11.

Wiltshire's First

By P. C. E.

The open tournament at Warminster on January 26th and 27th was the first venture of its kind to be run by the newly-formed Wilts County B.A., and was entered upon with some trepidation, especially in view of the difficulty of finding a suitable hall in such a widely scattered county as Wiltshire. The courts at Warminster are excellent as regards playing conditions and seating accommodation for spectators, but unfortunately there are only two, and the position of the hall is not good from the point of view of drawing a crowd of spectators.

Players, however, from neighbouring counties nobly supported the event and travelled considerable distances on two of the coldest days of the winter, so that the committee was agreeably surprised to be able to show a balance on the right side.

Some very exciting play of a high standard was seen in the semi-finals and finals of the open events. F. H. D. Lawton (Hampshire) had a strenuous time towards the end as he reached the final of the men's doubles with H. Vick (Dorset), the final of the mixed doubles, the final of the mixed doubles handicap and the semi-final of the men's doubles handicap. In the mixed doubles he was partnered by Miss S. M. Pratt, a young player who promises to be very good.

Miss A. Blathwayt, in a class of her own among the ladies, won the mixed

MEN'S DOUBLES

(23 pairs)

Second Round: Mrs. B. H. Gilbert beat Miss E. G. Berrett and E. Metson, 15-9, 10-15, 15-4. H. F. Cove and W. E. Martin beat K. Shaw and G. H. Gisborne, 15-6, 18-15. G. N. Robarts and H. T. Findlay beat J. D. Robertson and J. R. Whitefield, 17-14, 15-10. R. W. Havers and E. R. Mason beat S. E. Andrew and J. Quiddington, 15-12, 15-6.

Semi-finals: McColl and Greatrex beat Cove and Martin, 15-8, 15-10. Havers and Mason w.o. Robarts and Findlay retired.

Final: McColl and Greatrex beat Havers and Mason, 15-6, 15-5.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(21 pairs)

Third Round: Mrs. J. H. Worthington and Mrs. M. Bexon beat Miss O. Greengrass and Miss M. Wheeler, 11-15, 15-5, 15-4. Mrs. E. Metson and Mrs. M. Warren beat Mrs. G. N. Robarts and Miss O. Wells, 15-8, 15-10. Mrs. E. G. Cooper and Mrs. O. B. Williamson beat Miss K. N. R. Whyte and Mrs. R. Bannerman, 10-15, 15-3, 15-6. Mrs. D. Bailey and Mrs. Lawrie beat Mrs. C. J. Filby and Mrs. J. E. B. Downham, 15-3, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Worthington and Mrs. Bexon beat Mrs. Metson and Mrs. Warren, 15-5, 15-9. Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Williamson beat Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Lawrie, 15-8, 15-9.

Final: Mrs. Worthington and Mrs. Bexon beat Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Williamson, 15-7, 15-12.

MIXED DOUBLES

(40 pairs)

Fourth Round: J. McColl and Mrs. M. Warren beat G. H. Gisborne and Mrs. J. H. Worthington, 15-5, 15-6. K. Shaw and Mrs. M. Bexon beat E. G. Berrett and Miss Oldham, 15-13, 15-10. W. E. Martin and Miss O. Greengrass beat H. F. Cove and Miss M. Wheeler, 17-14, 15-11. G. N. Robarts and Mrs. Robarts beat G. Bullent and Mrs. Algar, 15-9, 15-4.

Semi-finals: McColl and Mrs. Warren beat Shaw and Mrs. Bexon, 15-7, 15-7. Martin and Miss Greengrass w.o., Robarts and Mrs. Robarts retired.

Final: McColl and Mrs. Warren beat Martin and Miss Greengrass, 15-8, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP

Final: R. Radford and Miss D. Padgett (owe 8) beat S. E. Andrew and Miss P. Munro (owe 8), 15-5, 15-9.

doubles with F. W. Fortune, fairly comfortably, but, in the final of the ladies' doubles she and Mrs. White (Hampshire) had a hard struggle to defeat Miss Gwyn (Wiltshire) and Miss Strudwick (Somerset).

MEN'S SINGLES

(13 players)

Semi-Finals: P. Barlow beat G. K. Woolley, 15-9, 15-2. K. Jones beat G. Bence, 18-15, 18-13.

Final: Jones w.o., Barlow retired.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(12 pairs)

Semi-Finals: F. H. D. Lawton and H. C. Vick beat A. G. Coles and E. R. Coles, 15-18, 15-10, 15-10. A. Murray and R. B. Horstmann beat P. C. Elvins and R. C. Bickley, 15-7, 16-18, 15-7.

Final: Lawton and Vick beat Murray and Horstmann, 15-7, 15-3.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(6 pairs)

Semi-Finals: Miss P. M. Gwyn and Miss P. Strudwick beat Miss J. Brewer and Mrs. K. Colenso, 15-3, 15-1. Mrs. E. H. White and Miss A. Blathwayt beat Mrs. Jones and Miss R. Pinfield, 15-3, 15-4.

Final: Mrs. White and Miss Blathwayt beat Miss Gwyn and Miss Strudwick, 14-15, 15-3, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

(12 pairs)

Semi-Finals: F. H. D. Lawton and Miss S. M. Pratt beat W. H. F. Mayo and Miss J. E. Maples, 15-5, 15-6. F. W. Fortune and Miss A. Blathwayt beat E. H. White and Mrs. White, 15-13, 18-13.

Final: Fortune and Miss Blathwayt beat Lawton and Miss Pratt, 15-9, 15-4.

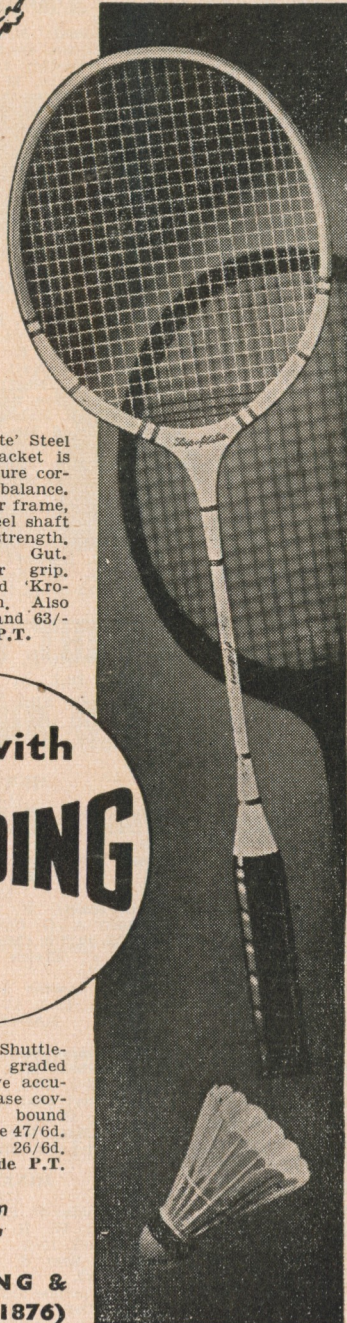
HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: A. Murray and R. D. B. Horstmann (owe 6), w.o., G. Bence and P. Barlow (owe 2) retired.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss J. Brewer and Mrs. K. Colenso (scr.), w.o., Mrs. Giles and Miss S. M. Pratt (owe 2) retired.

Mixed Doubles: F. H. D. Lawton and Miss E. M. Pratt (owe 10) beat A. Murray and Miss P. Gwyn (owe 8), 4-15, 15-6, 15-11.

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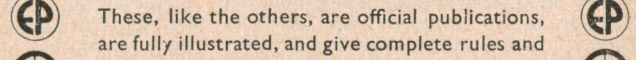
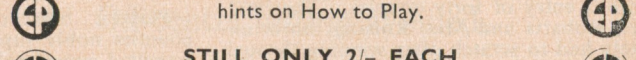
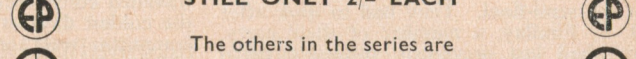
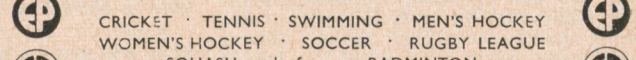
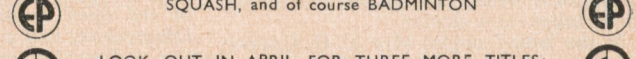
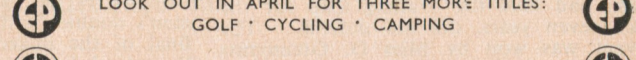



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The Berkshire Championships

H. J. Wingfield's Day at Abingdon

Miss Audrey Stone's First Singles Success

The funeral of His Majesty the King reduced play in the Berkshire Championships to one day, and in consequence all the handicap events were abandoned and the five championship events run right through on Saturday, 16th February. The Old Gaol Courts at Abingdon were the venue, as usual.

H. J. Wingfield occupied one court most of the day, and was an extremely tired man at the end; he did very well to win two of his three final rounds. He and A. B. Renton went under to the home pair, J. H. Lawton Smith and C. R. Denton after a close struggle.

Miss A. J. Stone is to be congratulated on gaining her first singles championship win. Her doubles partner, Mrs. F. M. Henderson, extended her very closely, but otherwise she was never in danger of dropping a game. Miss E. F. Andrews added two more doubles successes to her growing collection.



MISS A. J. STONE
Winner of the Berkshire Singles Cup.

MEN'S SINGLES
(19 players)

Third Round: G. B. Bale beat J. H. Lawton-Smith, 15-7, 15-7. H. J. Wingfield beat M. W. Dean, 15-3, 15-4. M. Green beat P. V. Willford, 15-2, 18-14. W. S. Slow beat P. F. Smith, 15-2, 15-4.

Semi-Finals: Wingfield beat Bale, 15-1, 15-4. Slow beat Green, 18-15, 15-5.

Final: Wingfield beat Slow, 15-6, 15-9.

LADIES' SINGLES
(9 players)

Second Round: Miss A. J. Stone beat Mrs. M. R. Wyatt, 11-4, 11-1. Mrs. F. M. Henderson beat Mrs. L. P. Godfrey, 11-10, 11-1. Miss J. Broomfield beat Mrs. T. Druett, 10-12, 11-7, 11-5. Miss S. Ripley beat Mrs. V. E. Durringer, 11-3, 11-4.

Semi-Finals: Miss Stone beat Mrs. Henderson, 11-9, 11-9. Miss Ripley beat Miss Broomfield, 12-10, 11-3.

Final: Miss Stone beat Miss Ripley, 11-2, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES
(12 pairs)

Second Round: H. J. Wingfield and A. B. Renton beat K. G. Turner and B. A. Faulkner, 15-2, 15-2. A. L. Salway and A. Barron beat W. S. Slow and L. G. Coffin, 8-15, 15-5, 15-8. G. P. Bale and A. Mutch beat M. Reidy and J. Hayes, 15-10, 15-9. J. H. Lawton-Smith and C. Denton beat A. Grace and I. M. Pickford, 15-10, 15-1.

Semi-Finals: Wingfield and Renton beat Salway and Barron, 15-7, 15-10. Lawton-Smith and Denton beat Bale and Mutch, 15-10, 15-8.

Final: Lawton-Smith and Denton beat Wingfield and Renton, 12-15, 17-14, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES
(9 pairs)

Second Round: Mrs. M. R. Wyatt and Miss E. F. Andrews beat Miss S. Ripley and Mrs. E. M. Horsley, 15-8, 15-11. Mrs. V. E. Durringer and Mrs. F. J. Radford beat Mrs. W. P. Lorr and Mrs. B. Armitage, 15-5, 15-11. Miss J. Hazelgrove and Miss B. Swinton beat Mrs. E. Scott and Mrs. D. Smith, 15-0, 15-5. Mrs. F. M. Henderson and Miss A. J. Stone beat Mrs. P. L. Gray and Mrs. E. I. Yarde Frost, 17-14, 15-6.

Semi-Finals: Mrs. Wyatt and Miss Andrews beat Mrs. Durringer and Mrs. Radford, 15-10, 15-2. Mrs. Henderson and Miss Stone beat Miss Hazelgrove and Miss Swinton, 15-9, 15-4.

Final: Mrs. Wyatt and Miss Andrews beat Mrs. Henderson and Miss Stone, 15-5, 15-12.

MIXED DOUBLES
(19 pairs)

Third Round: H. J. Wingfield and Miss E. F. Andrews beat E. D. T. Vane and Miss S. Ripley, 15-13, 15-12. J. A. Broadhurst and Miss A. J. Stone beat A. Barron and Miss B. Swinton, 15-11, 15-1. L. G. Coffin and Mrs. M. R. Wyatt beat C. Denton and Mrs. E. M. Horsley, 15-17, 15-12, 15-9. A. B. Renton and Mrs. V. E. Durringer beat P. V. Willford and Mrs. E. I. Yarde Frost, 15-5, 15-10.

Semi-Finals: Wingfield and Miss Andrews beat Broadhurst and Miss Stone, 17-16, 14-18, 15-7. Coffin and Mrs. Wyatt beat Renton and Mrs. Durringer, 18-13, 15-7.

Final: Wingfield and Miss Andrews beat Coffin and Mrs. Wyatt, 15-7, 15-13.

In the Services

Recent Events in R.A.F. Badminton

On 24th February the R.A.F. had a close match with a Yorkshire County "A" team. Play took place at Hull and the home team just got home by a 7-6 score. For the R.A.F. Sgt. Goode and A.C. Darnell each won two singles, but seven of the nine doubles went to the Yorkshire pairs. The teams were:

R.A.F.—Sgt. Goode, A.C. Darnell, Flt.-Lt. Cussen, Cpl. Payne, Flt.-Lt. Landrey, Patterson, Richards and Ewart.

Yorkshire—J. Burgess, J. A. Turner, J. H. Naylor, G. Ripley, D. L. Hardy, G. Stott, and Robinson.

The W.R.A.F. representative team was defeated by the Hull and East Riding Sports Club at Hull on 21st February by seven matches to two.

John Shaw Plays Again

John Shaw took part in some competitive play for the first time this season when he turned out for Nottinghamshire against Cambridge University at Nottingham on 17th February. We are advised that the 1950 and 1951 junior champion was in fine form, and playing well within himself in partnership with his brother Donald won all his three matches. This is good news indeed, for it will be recalled that Shaw had a long spell in hospital last summer, and has had to go easy ever since. John Shaw is the youngest player ever to represent England. He played against Sweden when he was little past his 17th birthday.

The American Championships will remain "National"

We have been requested by the International Badminton Federation to give publicity to the fact that this season's American championships, listed to be held at Seattle from 26th to 29th March, will in fact remain restricted to United States players, despite rumours and original intentions to the contrary. It is, however, confidently anticipated that very soon this meeting will be thrown open to the world, but the American B.A. has several difficult hurdles to get over before this can be accomplished.

The West Sussex Championships —a Correction

We have been advised by the Malayan player, W. S. Siow, of an error in the results of the handicap men's doubles in the West Sussex Championship tournament which were published in the last issue of the Badminton Gazette. It seems that it was not W. S. Siow and K. Smith who reached the final of that event, and we are grateful to the former for pointing this out. The final result should have read: C. E. Tottle and J. C. Whisker (plus 4) beat E. L. Stacey and D. L. Stacey (plus 5), 15-9, 9-15, 15-10. Siow and Smith were defeated by the runners-up in an earlier round.

The final rounds of the Inter-Station competitions took place at Wimbledon on 26th February. In the men's section R.A.F. Innsworth beat R.A.F. Leconfield, 5-4, and in the women's, R.A.F. Cosford was victorious over R.A.F. Dishforth, 4-0.

The Women's Inter-Services Tournament

The courts of the Wimbledon Club were the scene of the Women's Inter-Services Tournament when this annual event was played off on 25th February. The W.R.A.F. won the championship with 16 wins against nine by the W.R.A.C. and two by the W.R.N.S.

The winning team consisted of F/Offr. Wallace and Sgt. Rankin. Cpl. Longmuir and Cpl. Smith, and F/Offr. Fernihough and F/Sgt. Nutt. Amongst those representing the W.R.A.C. was Captain Myrtle MacLagen, the very well known England woman cricketer.

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Middlesex comes through Strongly

Metropolitan Side is better equipped than last Year — Gloucestershire or Berks, Bucks and Oxon may win Division II — This Year's Challenge Ties

The final stages of the Inter-County Championship are now in full swing, and within a few days the contestants in the final rounds of both Divisions I and II will have been established.

The holders of the championship, Middlesex, have come through the South Zone with a fine flourish, and must in consequence be regarded as favourites to hoist the county pennant over the roof of Hampstead Baths once again. Though the metropolitan team looks strong on paper, it is in effect even stronger in actual fact, and this has been well proved by those of its members not of international standard. R. C. F. Nichols and the two Scots, R. S. Hodge and Mrs. A. M. Horner form a formidable trio. Miss E. F. Andrews, newly chosen for England this season, is also a bulwark of strength, as she would be to any team anywhere. No side, however strong at the top, can all the same win such a hotly contested struggle as the Inter-County Championship without every possible support from those who do not enjoy the general reputation of being looked upon as stars. The Middlesex team of 1952 is no exception. But in J. A. Broadhurst, D. J. Boorman and Mrs. J. H. Darley, the Londoners have three extremely strong players who are all quite capable, as they have already proved, of upsetting higher ranked exponents. Add to them, too, the veteran G. E. A. Tautz and Mrs. L. Nichols and

Miss E. Windsor-Aubrey and a team of outstanding all-round balance is there.

Middlesex has come through the South Zone after dropping but 16 of 60 actual matches played. Against the same opposition, she lost 23 matches a year ago, and so it can be seen how much stronger is now the support in the county's lower pairs.

Strongest foe of Middlesex in the zone ties was expected to be Kent, but that team faded rather badly at the finish. The loss to Surrey, quite inexplicable on paper, put her virtually out of the running, and she then also fell to the present champions in a tie which she might have been expected to win, though the margin would have had to be immense to make any difference to the winning of the zone.

In the semi-final, Middlesex meets Warwickshire at Stamford Hill. A year ago the Londoners defeated the midlanders by 9 matches to 6. The side from Birmingham and Coventry is stronger this year, however, through the acquisition of N. B. Radford. To him can be added as Warwickshire's main strength Maurice Robinson and Mrs. Robinson, the latter the holder of international colours and the former a frequent international trialist. When at full strength, Warwickshire has won all its zone ties with a fair degree of comfort, and she may be relied upon to extend Middlesex to the limit. The main strength of the midlanders, however, has been its ladies, and they have come through the six ties quite unscathed. In each case all five ladies' matches have been won. Warwickshire will find, however, that the ladies' opposition in London will be rather greater than she has so far encountered, and so she will not be able to enjoy this delightful start and advantage.

In the north Cheshire continues to carry all before her. She, too, has improved on her last season's results in her zone, and the Merseysiders ought certainly to eliminate Durham from any further active interest in the competition. The improvement of A. D. Jordan and the greater reliability of Scotland's new cap, W. A. Robinson, must be looked upon as strengthening. An odd feature of the Cheshire v. Middlesex clash, if it comes off, is going to be the top men's singles. It is likely to be fought out between two Scottish internationals!

In Division II there are bound to be new finalists in the south. Neither Gloucestershire nor Berks, Bucks and Oxon have ever contested a final tie before. It is rather difficult to prophecy which of these will survive from their own clash. J. H. Lawton Smith and C. Denton form a power of strength to the triumvirate, but the westerners' strength is not so well known. Can either of these teams humble Cheshire's 2nd contingent which comes through to the final with unflinching regu-

LATE RESULTS

DIVISION I

Hampshire 8; Surrey 7.

DIVISION III

Sussex 2nd 9; Hampshire 2nd 7.

Inter-Group Ties

Essex 2nd 15; Cambridgeshire 2nd 0.
Dorset 13; Somerset 2nd 2.

CHALLENGE TIE

Northumberland 13; Cumberland 2.

larity year by year? Hertfordshire did so a season ago, and she went down to Berks, Bucks and Oxon a few months ago. In any event, the Division II outcome must remain very problematical.

The challenge ties come next in order of interest and their result is of great importance to the participants therein. There will be seven such ties in all, though one has already been played off. This saw Northumberland retain her Division I status for another year. She has considerable advantages over Cumberland in every respect, and the Northumbrian 13-2 victory was hardly a surprise.

The two other clashes between the avoiders of relegation and the seekers after promotion to the top circle are between Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, and Essex and the winners of the Gloucestershire—Berks, Bucks and Oxon tie. The first named climbed up at this stage a year ago; Northamptonshire started when the present system was adopted four years ago as berth-holders of Division I society, but were ejected by Derbyshire at the first opportunity. The latter then gave way to the Leicestershire team. There cannot be much to choose between any of the three in the long run, and it seems just a question of which way the ball will run, and for whom. In the south, one fancies the chances of Essex retaining her position if she can turn out her full strength which she has lacked on several occasions during the season. A year ago, Essex turned back Hertfordshire at this stage with a fair degree of comfort, and she should be able to repeat this result.

Essex 2nd, Hampshire 2nd, Dorset and either Lincolnshire and Rutland or Staffordshire 2nd will endeavour to gain their goal of a place in Division II. Essex 2nd and Dorset might well succeed, the former against Norfolk and the latter against the unhappy Devon 2nd team. One refers to the latter as unhappy solely from their season's results in higher company. They have been quite outclassed, though the better experience may have benefitted the players. One hopes so, for it is a dismal business being defeated by overwhelming scores tie after tie.

THE FINAL STAGES

DIVISION I Semi-Final Ties (March 15th)

Durham v. Cheshire.
Middlesex v. Warwickshire.
(Final to be played on March 29th)

DIVISION II Quarter-Final Ties

Cumberland a bye.
Cheshire 2nd beat Northamptonshire, 12-3.
Berks, Bucks and Oxon beat Surrey 2n., 8-7.
Gloucestershire a bye.

Semi-Final Ties (March 15th)

Cheshire 2nd v. Cumberland.
Gloucestershire v. Berks, Bucks and Oxon.
(Final to be played on April 5th)

CHALLENGE TIES Between Divisions I and II

Northumberland beat Cumberland, 13-2.
Leicestershire v. Northamptonshire.
Essex v. Gloucestershire or Berks, Bucks and Oxon.

Between Divisions II and III

Nottinghamshire 2nd v. Staffordshire 2nd or Lincolnshire and Rutland.
Norfolk v. Essex 2nd.
Kent 2nd v. Hampshire 2nd.
Devon 2nd v. Dorset.

In all cases first named has choice of courts.

Inter-County Championship

Final Table of Results

DIVISION I			
Far North Zone	Ties		Matches
	P. W. L.	W. L.	
Durham	2	2	- 22 8
East of Scotland	2	1	1 18 12
Northumberland	2	-	2 5 25
North Zone			
Cheshire	4	4	- 43 17
Lancashire	4	2	2 24 36
Yorkshire	4	-	4 23 37
Midlands Zone			
Warwickshire	6	6	- 67 23
Staffordshire	6	3	3 48 42
Nottinghamshire	6	3	3 36 54
Leicestershire	6	-	6 29 61
South Zone			
Middlesex	4	4	- 44 16
Kent	4	2	2 33 27
Surrey	4	2	2 29 31
Hampshire	4	2	2 24 36
Essex	4	-	4 20 40

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**Scores and Results
DIVISION I**

North Zone

Cheshire v. Lancashire

Played at Chester on 26th January, and won by Cheshire by 11 matches to 4. Scores (Cheshire names first):

W. A. Robinson beat G. R. Swarbrick, 12-15, 15-11, 15-11. C. W. Kay beat K. Houldcroft, 15-12, 15-8.

Mrs. Dean beat Miss Pickburn, 8-11, 11-8, 11-1.

W. E. Smith and Robinson beat W. G. P. Birtwistle and Houldcroft, 15-9, 15-18, 15-10; beat H. Morland and A. Lowe, 15-12, 15-9. J. H. Kellett and A. D. Jordan lost to Smith and Robinson, 4-15, 5-15; beat Morland and Lowe, 15-2, 15-11.

Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Lord lost to Mrs. Cuerden and Mrs. Kelly, 7-15, 15-4, 10-15; beat Mrs. Bentley and Miss Pickburn, 15-5, 15-9. Mrs. Ludlam and Mrs. Saunders lost to Mrs. Cuerden and Mrs. Kelly, 8-15, 15-9, 6-15; beat Mrs. Bentley and Miss Pickburn, 15-9, 15-12.

Smith and Mrs. Ludlam lost to Birtwistle and Mrs. Cuerden, 10-15, 13-15. Kellett and Mrs. Saunders beat Morland and Mrs. Kelly, 17-14, 18-13. Robinson and Miss B. Fearnle beat Houldcroft and Miss Pickburn, 15-3, 15-7. Kay and Mrs. Lord beat A. White and Miss Consterdine, 15-8, 15-10.

Cheshire v. Yorkshire

Played at Birkenhead on 9th February and won by Cheshire by 9 matches to 6. Scores (Cheshire names first):

W. A. Robinson lost to H. R. Marsland, 15-5, 5-15, 10-15. A. D. Jordan beat F. B. Webb, 15-5, 15-6.

Mrs. G. Dean beat Mrs. F. Higson, 11-6, 11-3. Robinson and W. E. Smith lost to Marsland and P. B. Brayshay, 12-15, 15-7, 15-18; beat G. Ripley and J. H. Naylor, 15-5, 15-9. J. H.

Far North Zone	Ties		Matches
	P. W. L.	W. L.	
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

(One tie not reported).

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	6	5	1 62 28
Devon	6	2	4 50 40
Devon 2nd	6	-	6 2 88

DIVISION III			
Midlands Zone	Ties		Matches
	P. W. L.	W. L.	
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	6	6	- 65 25
Leicestershire 2nd	6	3	3 45 45
Derbyshire 2nd	6	2	4 45 45
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	4	3	1 42 18
Sussex 2nd	4	2	2 31 29
Berks, Bucks and Oxon 2nd	4	1	3 17 43
Western Section (North)			
Dorset	6	4	2 53 37
South Wales	6	4	2 52 38
Gloucestershire 2nd	6	4	2 46 44
Wiltshire	6	-	6 29 61
Western Section (South)			
Somerset 2nd	4	4	- 42 18
Dorset 2nd	4	1	3 29 31
Cornwall	4	1	3 19 41

Kellett and Jordan lost to Marsland and Brayshay, 15-4, 6-15, 7-15; lost to Ripley and Naylor, 9-15, 15-14, 12-15.

Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Lord beat Mrs. Allott and Mrs. Marshall, 15-3, 15-7; beat Mrs. Higson and Miss James, 15-3, 15-11. Mrs. Ludlam and Mrs. Saunders lost to Mrs. Allott and Mrs. Marshall, 11-15, 9-15; beat Mrs. Higson and Miss James, 15-10, 6-15, 15-5.

Smith and Mrs. Ludlam beat Naylor and Mrs. Marshall, 6-15, 15-5, 15-4. Kellett and Mrs. Saunders beat Ripley and Mrs. Bennett, 15-6, 15-11. Robinson and Miss Fearnle lost to Marsland and Mrs. Allott, 15-5, 14-17, 9-15. Jordan and Mrs. Lord beat Brayshay and Miss James, 15-12, 15-6.

Midlands Zone

Warwickshire v. Staffordshire

Played at Coventry on 10th February and won by Warwickshire by 11 matches to 4. Scores (Warwickshire names first):

N. B. Radford lost to J. D. McColl, 2-15, retired. F. Stanley beat M. W. Field, 15-2, 8-15, 17-15.

Mrs. M. Robinson beat Mrs. Longmore, 11-5, 11-4.

Radford and Stanley lost to Field and M. McLean, 9-15, 15-10, 12-15; beat McColl and A. R. Greatrex, 15-11, 10-15, 15-5. A. E. Fletcher and R. Hindle lost to Field and McLean, 8-15, 11-15; beat McColl and Greatrex, 10-15, 15-12, 15-6.

Mrs. Robinson and Miss D. Parsons beat Mrs. Longmore and Miss Flatt, 15-8, 15-7; beat Mrs. Warren and Miss Baines, 15-9, 15-18, 15-8. Miss B. Haines and Miss D. Keightley beat Mrs. Longmore and Miss Flatt, 15-4, 15-5; beat Mrs. Warren and Miss Baines, 15-7, 15-4.

Fletcher and Miss Haines beat McColl and Mrs. Warren, 8-15, 15-9, 15-12. Radford and Miss Keightley lost to McLean and Miss Baines, 7-15, 15-5, 13-18. Hindle and Mrs. Robinson beat Field and Miss Flatt, 18-13, 15-3. Stanley and Miss Parsons beat Greatrex and Mrs. Longmore, 15-3, 15-5.

Warwickshire v. Nottinghamshire

Played at Coventry on 3rd February and won by Warwickshire by 12 matches to 3. Scores (Warwickshire names first):

N. B. Radford beat D. Shaw, 8-15, 15-3, 15-5. F. Stanley beat J. Banks, 15-9, 15-3.

Mrs. M. Robinson beat Miss B. Spooner, 11-2, 11-0.

Radford and Stanley beat D. Shaw and K. Shaw, 15-12, 15-7; beat Banks and F. Harrington, 15-3, 6-15, 15-9. A. E. Fletcher and P. Gray lost to Shaw and Shaw, 9-15, 7-15; beat Banks and Harrington, 15-11, 15-9.

Mrs. Robinson and Miss D. Parsons beat Mrs. N. Bexon and Mrs. J. Worthington, 15-4, 15-1; beat Mrs. E. Trease and Miss E. Birks, 15-4, 15-3. Miss B. Haines and Miss D. Keightley beat Mrs. Bexon and Mrs. Worthington, 15-8, 15-5; beat Mrs. Trease and Miss Birks, 15-7, 15-5.

Radford and Miss Keightley lost to D. Shaw and Mrs. Trease, 15-5, 5-15, 8-15. Fletcher and Miss Haines beat K. Shaw and Miss Birks, 15-9, 15-6. Gray and Mrs. Robinson lost to Banks and Mrs. Bexon, 11-15, 13-15. Stanley and Miss Parsons beat Harrington and Miss Spooner, 15-6, 15-7.

Leicestershire v. Staffordshire

Played at Leicester on 3rd February and won by Staffordshire by 9 matches to 6. Scores (Staffordshire names first):

J. D. McColl beat F. S. Parker, 15-11, 15-5. M. W. Field lost to W. C. Regan, 7-15, 15-5, 12-15.

Mrs. Longmore lost to Miss G. Fox, 10-12, 7-11.

Field and M. McLean lost to Parker and Regan, 12-15, 9-15; beat A. Pilgrim and J. W. Ofield, 15-13, 5-15, 15-5. McColl and A. R. Greatrex beat Parker and Regan, 15-11, 15-11; lost to Pilgrim and Ofield, 7-15, 15-11, 10-15.

Mrs. M. Goodhead and Mrs. E. Hall beat Miss Pickering and Miss Fox, 15-11, 8-15, 15-8; beat Miss M. Crockett and Mrs. Crawford John-
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Will it be Another Middlesex v. Cheshire Final?

THEIR MEETINGS IN THE PAST:—

- 1931-32 Middlesex won 11-5
- 1933-34 Cheshire won 9-7
- 1934-35 Middlesex won 13-3
- 1935-36 Middlesex won 12-4
- 1936-37 Middlesex won 11-5
- 1938-39 Middlesex won 8-8
(21 games to 18)
- 1950-51 Middlesex won 9-6



MIDDLESEX'S WINNING TEAM OF 1951

Standing: R. S. Hodge, G. E. A. Tautz, R. C. F. Nichols, J. A. Broadhurst.
Seated: Miss E. F. Andrews, Mrs. J. H. Darley, Mrs. L. Nichols and Mrs. A. M. Horner.



CHESHIRE'S CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM OF 1949

Standing: W. E. Smith, W. A. Robinson, J. H. Kellett, A. E. Powell.
Seated: Mrs. L. R. Ludlam, Mrs. M. Brooking, Mrs. G. F. Saunders and Mrs. A. D. Lord.

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son, 11-15, 15-12, 15-11. Miss J. Baines and Mrs. Warren beat Miss Pickering and Miss Fox, 10-15, 15-5, 15-8; beat Miss Crockett and Mrs. Crawford Johnson, 12-15, 15-10, 15-10.
 McColl and Mrs. Warren lost to Parker and Miss Crockett, 6-15, 9-15. McLean and Miss Baines beat Regan and Mrs. Crawford Johnson, 15-9, 15-11. Field and Mrs. Goodhead beat Pilgrim and Miss Fox, 15-8, 18-16. Greatrex and Mrs. Longmore lost to Ofield and Miss Pickering, 8-15, 7-15.

Nottinghamshire v. Leicestershire

Played at Nottingham on 9th February and won by Nottinghamshire by 9 matches to 6. Scores (Nottinghamshire names first):

D. Shaw lost to F. S. Parker, 15-8, 5-15, 9-15. J. Banks beat W. C. Regan, 15-5, 6-15, 15-7.

Miss J. Petchell beat Miss G. Fox, 11-7, 11-1. D. Shaw and K. Shaw lost to Parker and Regan, 9-15, 15-8, 11-15; beat A. Pilgrim and J. Ofield, 15-18, 15-12, 15-7. E. Harrison and Banks lost to Parker and Regan, 15-11, 11-15, 11-15; lost to Pilgrim and Ofield, 10-15, 15-6, 14-11.

Mrs. Wadsworth and Mrs. Trease beat Miss E. Pickering and Miss G. Fox, 5-15, 15-8, 15-13; beat Miss M. Crockett and Mrs. R. C. Johnson, 15-0, 15-0. Mrs. N. Bexon and Miss Petchell lost to Miss Pickering and Miss Fox, 8-15, 15-4, 16-17; beat Miss Crockett and Mrs. Johnson, 15-7, 15-1.

D. Shaw and Mrs. Trease lost to Parker and Miss Crockett, 15-18, 15-7, 6-15. Harrison and Mrs. Wadsworth beat Regan and Mrs. Johnson, 15-11, 7-15, 15-8. Banks and Mrs. Bexon beat Pilgrim and Miss Fox, 15-12, 15-10. K. Shaw and Miss Petchell beat Ofield and Miss Pickering, 17-18, 15-7, 15-2.

Nottinghamshire v. Warwickshire

Played at Nottingham on 23rd February and won by Warwickshire by 10 matches to 5. Scores (Warwickshire names first):

F. M. Stanley lost to D. Shaw, 15-12, 9-15, 15-17. S. Panel beat J. Banks, 15-6, 15-2. Miss E. Haines beat Miss B. Spooner, 11-6, 11-2.

A. E. Fletcher and Stanley lost to D. Shaw and K. Shaw, 17-15, 7-15, 8-15; beat E. Har-

riser and Banks, 15-10, 9-15, 15-7. R. Hindle and Panel lost to Shaw and Shaw, 0-15, 5-15; beat Harrison and Banks, 12-15, 15-4, 15-7.

Miss Haines and Miss D. Keightley beat Mrs. A. D. Wadsworth and Mrs. E. Trease, 15-1, 15-8; beat Mrs. Bexon and Miss Spooner, 15-7, 15-0. Miss D. Parsons and Miss E. Parsons beat Mrs. Wadsworth and Mrs. Trease, 15-11, 13-15, 18-14; beat Mrs. Bexon and Miss Spooner, 15-17, 15-11, 18-16.

Fletcher and Miss Haines beat A. D. Wadsworth and Mrs. Wadsworth, 9-15, 15-8, 15-12. Stanley and Miss D. Parsons lost to D. Shaw and Mrs. Trease, 17-16, 14-17, 15-18. Hindle and Miss E. Parsons lost to Banks and Mrs. Bexon, 14-17, 12-15. Panel and Miss Keightley beat K. Shaw and Miss Spooner, 15-3, 17-15.

South Zone

Essex v. Middlesex

Played at Ilford on 24th February and won by Middlesex by 12 matches to 3. Scores (Middlesex names first):

R. S. Hodge beat A. Salway, 8-15, 17-14, 17-14. J. Broadhurst beat J. Blade, 10-15, 15-2, 15-9.

Mrs. A. M. Horner beat Miss D. B. Grace, 11-2, 11-2.

R. C. F. Nichols and Hodge lost to A. Barron and A. Horden, 11-15, 1-15; G. Tautz (sub) and Hodge beat Salway and R. O. Bishop, 15-5, 15-3. Broadhurst and D. Boorman lost to Barron and Horden, 15-18, 15-5, 1-15; beat Salway and Bishop, 15-8, 15-11.

Miss E. F. Andrews and Mrs. G. Darley beat Miss Grace and Miss B. Swinton, 10-15, 15-8, 15-12; lost to Miss C. Swann and Miss J. E. Haselgrove, 6-15, 13-15. Mrs. Horner and Mrs. L. Nichols beat Miss Grace and Miss Swinton, 11-15, 15-12, 15-11; beat Miss Swann and Miss Haselgrove, 15-3, 15-11.

Boorman (sub) and Mrs. Horner beat Horden (sub) and Miss Swinton, 15-3, 15-11. Hodge and Mrs. Darley beat Salway and Miss Grace, 10-15, 15-12, 18-17. Tautz and Miss Andrews beat Bishop and Miss Haselgrove, 15-7, 15-11. Broadhurst and Mrs. Nichols beat J. Robertson and Miss Swann, 15-6, 15-3.

Kent v. Middlesex

Played at Lower Sydenham on 2nd March and won by Middlesex by 9 matches to 6. Scores (Middlesex names first):

R. S. Hodge lost to H. J. Wingfield, 15-13, 9-15, 10-15. J. A. Broadhurst lost to W. Shute, 9-15, 6-15.

Mrs. A. M. Horner beat Miss U. Smith, 11-7, 6-11, 11-5.

R. C. F. Nichols and Hodge lost to Wingfield and Shute, 7-15, 15-13, 16-17; beat J. R. Best and J. C. B. Somerville, 5-15, 15-9, 15-9. Broadhurst and D. Boorman beat Wingfield and Shute, 15-9, 12-15, 18-16; lost to Best and Somerville, 6-15, 13-15.

Miss E. F. Andrews and Mrs. G. Darley beat Miss A. J. Stone and Mrs. P. G. Alcorn, 17-15, 11-15, 15-9; beat Mrs. J. A. Collier and Miss U. Smith, 15-9, 15-8. Mrs. Horner and Mrs. L. Nichols beat Miss Stone and Mrs. Alcorn, 9-15, 15-12, 15-8; beat Mrs. Collier and Miss Smith, 15-9, 18-13.

Hodge and Mrs. Darley beat Best and Miss Stone, 15-11, 11-15, 17-14. Tautz and Miss Andrews lost to Wingfield and Mrs. Alcorn, 15-9, 12-15, 6-15. Boorman and Mrs. Horner beat Shute and Mrs. Collier, 15-8, 15-12. Broadhurst and Mrs. Nichols lost to R. S. Lucas and Mrs. H. L. K. Brock, 5-15, 6-15.

DIVISION II

Far North Zone

Durham 2nd v. Cumberland

Played at Newcastle on 25th January and won by Cumberland by 8 matches to 7.

Cumberland: K. V. Shaw, G. Yarker, L. Eynon, H. McMullen, A. B. Martin, W. Watson, Miss E. Hall, Mrs. W. Hetherington, Mrs. M. Housby, Miss D. Bell, Miss O. Hodgson.

Durham 2nd: K. Wheldon, F. Thompson, T. Cairns, G. Wright, G. Jackson, Mrs. B. Horne, Miss S. Robinson, Mrs. M. Brown, Mrs. E. Cummings, Miss J. Mynott.

North Zone

Lancashire 2nd v. Yorkshire 2nd

Played at Warrington on 19th January and won by Yorkshire 2nd by 9 matches to 6.

Yorkshire 2nd: J. Burgess, D. L. Hardy, G. Stott, J. Cox, J. A. Turner, Mrs. G. Stott, Mrs. J. Cox, Miss B. Wilson, Mrs. J. Evans, Miss A. Kenningham.

Lancashire 2nd: R. S. Gray, G. H. Bromiley, R. T. Harman, H. Jackson, A. Devlin, D. H. Organ, Miss A. Fearnhead, Miss E. L. Mason, Miss P. Jeremiah, Mrs. J. P. Flannery, Miss F. Armstrong.

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Midlands Zone

Derbyshire v. Nottinghamshire 2nd

Played at Derby on 12th January and won by Derbyshire by 9 matches to 6.

Derbyshire: C. H. Whittaker, E. T. Cox, K. Thurgood, J. Morgan, J. K. Thompson, Miss J. Bullivant, Mrs. Brookes, Mrs. August, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Trayford.

Nottinghamshire 2nd: N. J. Gibson, J. Bancroft, A. Seles, K. Howard, F. Harrington, E. Snell, Miss J. Petchell, Miss Worthington, Mrs. Birks, Miss Bennett, Miss Spooner.

Derbyshire v. Northamptonshire

Played at Derby on 26th January and won by Northamptonshire by 8 matches to 7.

Northamptonshire: K. R. Greasley, T. Armstrong, H. H. J. Scott, G. R. Masters, S. Jones, R. N. J. Moore, Mrs. J. Baldwin, Mrs. P. Forsyth, Mrs. J. Cosford, Mrs. T. Askew, Miss P. Henson.

Derbyshire: J. K. Thompson, E. T. Cox, K. Thurgood, C. H. Whittaker, J. Morgan, Miss Buxton, Mrs. August, Mrs. Brookes, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Trayford.

Warwickshire 2nd v. Worcestershire

Played at Coventry on 27th January and won by Warwickshire 2nd by 11 matches to 4.

Warwickshire 2nd: J. Calderbank, S. Pannell, R. Hindle, E. D. Boyd, Miss N. M. Thornhill, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Paul, Miss E. Parsons.

Worcestershire: R. Doherty, R. Ely, J. P. Hill, R. Young, Miss E. Potter, Miss E. B. Basford, Miss K. Annand, Mrs. Cunningham.

South Zone

Surrey 2nd v. Sussex

Played at Epsom on 20th January and won by Surrey 2nd by 9 matches to 6.

Surrey 2nd: R. Mulvaney, R. Radford, R. C. Evers, G. W. Searle, W. Wiltshire, D. Hayes, Miss J. Peters, Mrs. Wildsmith, Mrs. Head, Mrs. Gilbert.

Sussex: P. V. Willford, H. S. Loveday, A. R. Hodges, A. F. Reed, Mrs. Barnett, Miss Hoadley, Miss Pigott, Miss Trower.

Gloucestershire v. Somerset

Played at Bristol on 26th January and won by Gloucestershire by 10 matches to 5.

Gloucestershire: H. E. Chan, R. C. Upton, F. B. Hansford, K. W. Drury, Mrs. D. Aspinall, Mrs. B. Carroll, Mrs. E. Cook, Mrs. M. Lowther.

Somerset: W. F. Sauniers, L. G. Burden, D. Osman, P. Porter, Miss A. Blathwayt, Miss J. Maples, Miss L. Barlow, Miss P. Strudwick.

Middlesex 2nd v. Sussex

Played at Hampstead on 27th January and won by Middlesex 2nd by 9 matches to 6.

Middlesex 2nd: E. Symonds, R. Lockwood, A. Peckover, D. Hashman, J. Stewart, Miss W. Williams, Miss M. Hill, Miss D. Charlton, Mrs. S. Morgan, Mrs. N. Godfrey.

Sussex: P. Willford, R. W. Habens, A. R. Hodges, A. F. Keed, Mrs. Barnett, Miss Hoadley, Miss Pigott, Miss Taylor.

Devon v. Gloucestershire

Played at Plymouth on 2nd February and won by Gloucestershire by 9 matches to 6.

Gloucestershire: H. C. Chan, R. C. Upton, E. Hansford, K. Drury, Mrs. D. Aspinall, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Lowther, Mrs. E. Cook.

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

Surrey 2nd v. Middlesex 2nd

Played at Wimbledon on 3rd February and won by Middlesex 2nd by 8 matches to 7.

Middlesex 2nd: E. Symonds, R. Lockwood, D. Hashman, J. Knox, A. Peckover, Miss M. Williams, Miss M. Hill, Miss D. Charlton, Mrs. Morgan, Miss J. Cramb.

Surrey 2nd: R. Radford, R. Mulvaney, W. Wiltshire, D. Hayes, G. Searle, Miss J. Peters, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Head, Mrs. Needham.

Somerset v. Devon 2nd

Played at Exeter on 10th February, and won by Somerset by 15 matches to 0.

Somerset: D. M. Rundle, P. S. Porter, D. Osman, G. Marshall, Miss J. Maples, Miss A. Blathwayt, Miss L. Barlow, Miss P. Strudwick.

Devon 2nd: G. Wakefield, G. Hitchcock, L. Handford, C. Macaulay, C. Barnes, Miss Cheetham, Mrs. Truscott, Miss Jankins, Miss Axworthy, Miss Wisby.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND

Northamptonshire v. Cheshire 2nd

Played at Northampton on 23rd February and won by Cheshire 2nd by 12 matches to 3. Scores (Cheshire names first):

A. R. V. Dolman lost to K. R. Greasley, 4-15, 7-15. C. W. Kay lost to T. Armstrong, 10-15, 14-17.

Miss M. Rosson lost to Mrs. Baldwin, 12-10, 6-11, 6-11.

Kay and G. L. McTaggart beat Greasley and H. H. J. Scott, 18-16, 14-17, 15-12; beat G. R. Masters and Armstrong, 15-5, 15-6. K. R. Cudey and Dolman beat Greasley and Scott, 15-3, 15-13; beat Masters and Armstrong, 15-4, 15-9.

Mrs. Cartwright and Mrs. Kay beat Mrs. Forsyth and Mrs. Baldwin, 18-14, 14-17, 18-16; beat Mrs. Cosford and Mrs. Askew, 15-6, 15-4. Miss Rosson and Mrs. Bryce-Smith beat Mrs. Forsyth and Mrs. Baldwin, 15-6, 15-6; beat Mrs. Cosford and Mrs. Askew, 15-3, 15-9.

Kay and Mrs. Kay beat Greasley and Miss Hanson, 15-10, 18-16. McTaggart and Mrs. Cartwright beat S. Jones and Mrs. Cosford, 15-5, 15-7. Dolman and Mrs. Bryce-Smith beat Masters and Mrs. Baldwin, 15-11, 15-9. Cudey and Mrs. Macaulay beat R. N. J. Moore and Mrs. Forsyth, 15-5, 15-3.

Berks, Bucks and Oxon v. Surrey 2nd

Played at Slough on 23rd February and won by Berks, Bucks and Oxon by 8 matches to 7. Scores (B. B. and O. names first):

E. Vane lost to R. Mulvaney, 6-15, 8-15. C. Denton lost to R. Radford, 9-15, 10-15.

Miss S. Ripley beat Miss J. Peters, 11-5, 5-11, 11-8.

Denton and J. H. Lawton Smith beat R. C. Evers and G. Searle, 15-0, 15-4; beat W. Wiltshire and D. Hayes, 6-15, 15-6, 15-5. G. Bale and A. Mutch beat Evers and Searle, 13-15, 15-6, 15-3; lost to Wiltshire and Hayes, 16-17, 14-17.

Mrs. Horsley and Miss Ripley beat Mrs. Wildsmith and Mrs. Head, 8-15, 15-5, 8-9, retired; beat Mrs. B. Gilbert and Miss Peters, 7-15, 18-15, 15-10. Mrs. E. Yargie Frost and Mrs. J. Nickless lost to Mrs. Wildsmith and Mrs. Head, 10-15, 6-15; lost to Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Peters, 15-11, 4-15, 14-17.

Denton and Mrs. Horsley lost to Mulvaney and Miss Peters, 15-17, 10-15. Lawton Smith and Mrs. Yarde Frost beat Radford and Mrs. Head, 17-18, 15-9, 15-8. Vane and Miss Ripley lost to Wiltshire and Mrs. Wildsmith, 15-18, 15-4, 12-15. D. Pember and Mrs. Nickless beat Hayes and Miss B. Piper, 17-15, 15-5.

DIVISION III

Midlands Zone

Leicestershire 2nd v.

Lincolnshire and Rutland

Played at Leicester on January 19th, and won by Lincolnshire and Rutland by 11 matches to 4.

Lincolnshire and Rutland: W. G. Readman, L. Caudwell, S. E. Andrew, B. Sims, D. Hewitt, Mrs. P. Munro, Miss Booth, Miss E. Shaw, Mrs. Cunnell.

Leicestershire 2nd: J. H. M. Green, D. Ward, G. N. Burton, G. Smith, G. Palmer, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Durant, Miss Burbidge, Miss Hobson, Miss Tumbers.

Northamptonshire 2nd v. Derbyshire 2nd

Played at Northampton on 20th January, and won by Northamptonshire 2nd by 8 matches to 7.

Northamptonshire 2nd: R. Tallett, G. Yuill, D. Curtis, H. W. Chambers, Miss B. Burt, Miss P. Henson, Miss D. Norfolk, Miss B. Hawker, Miss M. Ivett.

Derbyshire 2nd: L. Rowland, M. Rawlings, T. G. Bramley, C. T. Coates, Miss M. Buxton, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Gibbs, Miss M. Looker.

Derbyshire 2nd v. Lincolnshire and Rutland

Played at Derby on 9th February, and won by Lincolnshire and Rutland by 10 matches to 5.

Lincolnshire and Rutland: W. G. Reedman, G. A. Bell, S. E. Andrew, D. Sims, L. Caudwell, D. Hewitt, Miss K. Cousins, Miss Munro, Miss Booth, Miss Shaw, Miss Cunnell.

Derbyshire 2nd: M. Rawlings, K. Stevens, L. Rowlands, T. Timmins, -- Pugh, Miss Buxton, Mrs. Stevens, Miss Clayton, Miss Looker, Miss Hearne.

South Zone

Gloucestershire 2nd v. Wiltshire

Played at Bristol on 19th January, and won by Gloucestershire 2nd by 10 matches to 5.

Gloucestershire 2nd: C. Coode, J. Wilcox, J. Drury, C. Yarde, G. Akers, Mrs. B. Swann, Mrs. M. Wilcox, Mrs. P. Harris, Mrs. M. Meek.

Wiltshire: P. Barlow, P. C. Elvins, A. Murray, R. B. Horstmann, W. G. Greenshields, Mrs. Wilson Lee, Mrs. J. Whately, Miss P. Gwyn., Mrs. D. Collenso.

Essex 2nd v. Cambridgeshire

Played at Clacton on 20th January, and won by Essex 2nd by 8 matches to 7.

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

Cambridgeshire: C. Darnell, A. Crack, E. R. Mason, A. H. E. Gillingham, E. M. Rayner, Miss D. M. S. Bailey, Mrs M. A. E. Walker, Mrs. J. Laurie, Mrs. E. F. Mason, Miss E. A. Stokes.

Berks, Bucks and Oxon 2nd v. Sussex 2nd

Played at Slough on 20th January and won by Berks, Bucks and Oxon 2nd by 9 matches to 6.

Berks, Bucks and Oxon 2nd: G. Cullimore, R. Dixon, G. Yates Fish, K. Turner, J. Keen, G. Armitage, Mrs. J. Radford, Mrs. G. Armitage, Mrs. P. Lord, Mrs. D. Smith, Mrs. M. Wickens.

Sussex 2nd: R. Mann, G. Thick, H. J. Mitchell, -- Voice, P. Kemp-Potter, J. K. Roberts, Mrs. B. Lindsay, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Bannister, Miss M. Taylor.

Cornwall v. Dorset 2nd

Played at St. Austell on 2nd February, and won by Cornwall by 8 matches to 7.

Cornwall: J. Ware, W. Hole, W. J. Harry, J. Snell, Miss M. Hosking, Mrs. I. Finch, Miss J. Wilson, Mrs. R. Pascoe, Miss I. Barker.

Dorset 2nd: D. Ford, A. Ferguson, G. Butler, G. Jacobs, Miss V. Uber, Miss O. Carew, Mrs. P. Blanchard, Mrs. M. Macauley.

Cambridgeshire 2nd v. Suffolk 2nd

Played at Cambridge on 26th January and won by Cambridgeshire by 8 matches to 7.

Cambridgeshire 2nd: F. Krebs, C. Hanson, R. Whittington, J. R. Reidall, E. Summerlin, Miss J. F. Crier, Mrs. M. W. Gall, Mrs. E. F. Mason, Mrs. M. A. Halls, Miss B. Buck.

Suffolk 2nd: S. Smith, A. M. Ward, V. W. Boughton, D. Rees, R. Pull, Miss P. M. Sharp, Miss E. Arnold, Mrs. P. Turner, Miss R. Risk.

South Wales v. Gloucestershire 2nd

Played at Newport (Mon.), on 2nd February, and won by South Wales by 8 matches to 7.

South Wales: W. J. Slimmings, H. H. Anderson, J. H. Evans, F. C. Williams, D. L. Phillips, Miss S. Rees, Mrs. M. Anderson, Mrs Tomlin, Miss M. Williams, Miss V. Hanford.

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

Dorset v. Wiltshire

Played at Weymouth on 2nd February, and won by Dorset by 10 matches to 5.

Dorset: W. E. Carter, W. Hawke, C. W. Bissell, H. Vick, R. Carder, Mrs. Wuerzer, Miss Cooke, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Bissell.

Wiltshire: F. Dumbleton, P. C. Elvins, A. Murray, G. Bence, Mrs. Wilson Lee, Miss Gwyn, Miss Brewer, Mrs. Colenso.

Wiltshire v. Dorset

Played at Warminster on 9th February and won by Dorset by 10 matches to 5.

Dorset: W. Hawke, E. Carter, G. Bissell, H. Vick, R. H. C. Carder, E. Carter, Mrs. Hawkins, Miss D. Cook, Mrs. Wuerzer, Mrs. Bissell.

Wiltshire: F. Dumbleton, P. C. Elvins, A. Murray, G. Bence, Mrs. Wilson Lee, Miss Gwyn, Mrs. Colenso, Miss Brewer.

Dorset 2nd v. Cornwall

Played at Weymouth on 9th February and won by Dorset 2nd by 10 matches to 5.

Dorset 2nd: G. Butler, A. Ferguson, D. Ford, G. Jacobs, Miss V. Uber, Miss C. Carew, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Macauley.

Cornwall: J. Ware, W. Hole, W. J. Harry, J. Snell, Miss Hoskings, Miss J. Wilson, Mrs. R. Pascoe, Miss I. Finch, Miss I. Baker.

Did You Know That . . .

Answers and Comments
(See Page 131).

1. Jesper Bie, the reigning Danish junior champion, reached the final of the men's singles in 1938 after beating two English internationals and the Danish champion, Tage Madsen, on the way. He was beaten by R. C. F. Nichols, 15-4, 15-5.

2. It was in 1901 that the present known court was adopted. Prior to that date, the court had been of the hour-glass shape, four feet narrower at the net than at the baselines. It was a fault if the shuttle went round the net posts even though it might fall within the court beyond. To assist in determining whether it actually passed over the net, and not round it, the net posts were required to be extended a further seven feet above the top of the net.

3. Before the International Badminton Federation was founded, clubs from anywhere could affiliate to the Badminton Association, as it was then known. The first from outside the British Isles to do so was the Homburg Badminton Club in 1902. Baron von Maltzahn was the honorary secretary of the club formed at this German spa.

4. The four men who played for Kent in 1928-29 all played during the same season in international matches as follows:—J. F. Devlin for Ireland, P. D. Macfarlane for England, W. B. Jones for Wales, and W. J. A. Bonar for Scotland.

5. The trophy is on its way back from England after having been on view in London at the National Sporting Trophies Exhibition. It will be defended in Singapore which is not part of the Federation of Malaya. Singapore is a Crown Colony, but by recognition of the International Badminton Federation some years ago, Singapore is regarded as part of Malaya for Badminton purposes.

6. The four non-international All-England championship winners since 1947 are Frk Marie Ussing (Denmark), Mrs. Clinton Stephens (U.S.A.) and E. L. and E. B. Choong of Malaya. The four winners between the wars were Judge A. F. Engelbach, Mrs. A. D. Stocks and Miss

E. G. Peterson of England and Mrs. W. R. Walton of Canada. Of these, Judge Engelbach was invited to play for his country but was unable to accept the honour owing to the calls of his profession.

7. Up to a few years before the first war there were clauses in the Laws of Badminton to provide for more than two players a side, this being a relic of the infancy days of the game. A curious feature of them was that if the receiver was unable to reach a high service sent to him, the shuttle could be returned by the player who was permanently stationed at the back of the court. As far as is known, no open tournament events for three or more players a side took place in the British Isles, but right up to and including 1938 the Punjab Championships in India contained both "Gent's 3-a-side" and "Mixed 3-a-side" events. The last winners of these old-fashioned matches were Hidayat, Harnarain and Zahur in the former, and Kartar, Miss S. Kaul and Miss Duke in the latter.

8. R. M. White was the player who failed to serve in an international match which he and his partner won. It was on 9th January, 1933, when England played Denmark for the first time. Mrs. Uber served thirty times successively when she and White defeated Aksel Hansen and Frk Bodil Clausen, 15-0, 15-0.

9. Cheshire has W. E. Smith, A. D. Jordan, Mrs. L. R. Ludlam and Mrs. G. F. Saunders, all of whom possess England international colours, and W. A. Robinson who played for Scotland this season.

10. The London League was formed in 1908-09, and had an uninterrupted existence, except for 1914 to 1920, until 1939. It was revived this season. When it was formed there were no inter-club competitions run by counties as exist nowadays.

A Malayan Project

To follow immediately upon the Thomas Cup Challenge Tie, the Selangor Badminton Association is organising an international invitation tournament at Kuala Lumpur, the capital of the Federation of Malaya, to which all overseas Thomas Cup players then in Malaya for the International Championship ties will be invited. This should be an extremely interesting meeting.

New Names on the Honour Rolls

During the past month several new names were added to the lists of England international players and winners of national championship events. Congratulations are due to W. E. Smith of Cheshire and Miss Betty Grace of Essex on the award of international colours against Scotland, and to A. D. Jordan (also of Cheshire) on his nomination as a member of England's Thomas Cup team. He is the youngest Thomas Cup representative ever to be chosen for any country. National Championship honours went for the first time to Miss Esme Andrews of Middlesex and Mrs. G. F. Saunders of Cheshire when they won events in the Scottish Championships. What with W. A. Robinson also gaining Scottish international selection, Cheshire players have been very much in the public eye recently. Apart from the four just mentioned, Cheshire also boast the possession of Mrs. L. R. Ludlam who is also playing, and playing very well indeed, for England. No other county can claim five internationals in its county team.

Is He the First Golfo-Shuttle International?

South African doubles champion and international in 1948, E. S. Irwin of Johannesburg played Golf for his country against England last month. Is he the first double international in these two sports? Irwin is the present holder of the South African Golf Championship, too.

Conversation Piece

After asking Sir George Thomas for his autograph at the All-England Junior Championships, a small boy ventured the statement that he had just been reading Sir George's book on the game. "Oh, yes, what did you think of it?" asked the author. Back came the reply rapidly: "Oh, it's quite good."

A Big Norwegian Event

The Norwegian Association plans to stage a big international invitation tournament at Oslo on 29th and 30th March. Poul Holm and Jorn Skaarup have been asked to take part, and we understand that an invitation has also been extended to both E. L. Choong and E. B. Choong.

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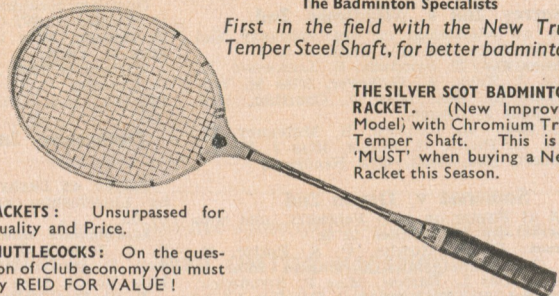
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The Danish National Championships

The 22nd annual Danish National Championships were played off at Copenhagen from 23rd to 26th February. The Kobenhavn B.K. was the scene of the preliminary matches, and the Idrætshuset staged the final rounds of all five events.

The principal feature of the meeting was the closeness of most of the matches, even right from the start, and this is regarded as a fine omen for Danish play of the future. Indeed, we are told that for general standard of excellence the play has never been higher than it was this year.

There were two great surprises, and they centred round Fru Jytte Kjems, who, quite unseeded, nevertheless won the ladies' doubles with her old partner and former All-England champion, Frk Marie Ussing, and played a mixed game of such quality as has not been seen in recent years in Copenhagen. In retaining his singles title, Poul Holm performed well up to the highest of his inspired moments. Apart from the final, he lost but one game, and that in the first round to a junior, Bent Lillelund.

Features of the ladies' singles were the unfortunate withdrawal owing to illness of the holder, Fru Kirsten Lossmann, the regaining of the honour of champion by Fru Tonny Ahm, and the game against her which Fru Inger Kjaergaard of Jutland won in the second round.

In winning the men's and mixed doubles, Holm completed his hat-trick. Curiously, for one so prominent in Denmark, he had never won the men's doubles before. In winning the ladies' doubles from an unseeded place in the draw, Fru Kjems and Frk Ussing defeated what were probably looked upon as the strongest three pairs in Denmark, all after long drawn out struggles. They started off by taking the measure of Fru Aase Winther (nee Svendsen) and Fru Lossmann, 12-15, 15-12, 15-5.

Holm and Fru Ahm lost games in all but one of their mixed matches. An upset was the success of Ole Jensen and Fru Gitte Schultz Pedersen in beating Jorn Skaarup and Frk Aase Jacobsen, and the defeat, at 18-15 in the third game, of the Lossmanns, who were the holders, by Mogens Kolle and Frk Ellen Jorgensen.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-Finals: Poul Holm beat Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen, 15-11, 15-9. Jorn Skaarup beat Ole Jensen, 9-15, 15-5, 15-7.

Final: Holm beat Skaarup, 15-13, 4-15, 15-11.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-Finals: Fru Tonny Ahm beat Fru Gitte Schultz-Pedersen, 11-0, 11-1. Frk Aase Jacobsen beat Fru Aase Winther, 12-10, 11-7.

Final: Fru Ahm beat Frk Jacobsen, 11-4, 7-11, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: Poul Holm and Ole Jensen beat Jorn Skaarup and Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen, 15-5, 8-15, 15-5. John Nygaard and Ib Olesen beat Benny Andersen and Poul Christensen, 11-15, 15-2, 18-15.

Final: Holm and Jensen beat Nygaard and Olesen, 15-2, 15-7.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: Fru Tonny Ahm and Frk Aase Jacobsen beat Fru Inge Birgit Hansen and Frk Anni Jorgensen, 15-5, 15-11. Fru Jytte Kjems and Frk Marie Ussing beat Frk Agnete Friis and Fru Gitte Schultz-Pedersen, 15-7, 11-15, 15-11.

Final: Fru Kjems and Frk Ussing beat Fru Ahm and Frk Jacobsen, 15-10, 7-15, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: Ole Jensen and Fru Gitte Schultz-Pedersen beat Jorn Skaarup and Frk Aase Jacobsen, 9-15, 15-11, 15-10. Poul Holm and Fru Tonny Ahm beat Ole Mertz and Fru Jytte Kjems, 17-18, 18-14, 15-12.

Final: Holm and Fru Ahm beat Jensen and Fru Schultz-Pedersen, 11-15, 15-10, 15-6.

About Fru Jytte Kjems

The remarkable success of Fru Jytte Kjems in winning the Danish national doubles championship with Frk Marie Ussing must focus attention on a name quite unknown outside her own country. Fru Kjems is the former Frk Jytte Thayssen who was right at the top in Danish Badminton throughout the war years. After being Danish junior champion in 1940-41, Frk Thayssen won, within the next four seasons, no fewer than four ladies' doubles and four mixed doubles championships of her country, the first of each when she was still a junior. She and Frk Ussing have played together since their schooldays and their success last month was actually their third in partnership in the Danish national event. Fru Kjems had been quite out of the game for the past five years, and the extent of surprise occasioned by her success can be gauged by her not having been seeded in any event of the Danish Championships at all. We are given to understand, too, that her net play in the mixed was of a quality never previously surpassed in Denmark.

As Frk Thayssen, Fru Kjems represented Denmark in international matches against Sweden three times during the war years. She has also featured prominently in Lawn Tennis circles in her country; she was Danish junior champion in 1941, and no doubt inherited much of her games skill from her father, Axel Thayssen, who was six times men's doubles champion of Denmark at the summer game between 1909 and 1917 and who was a member of Denmark's first international tennis team in 1920. He helped his country to win the Nordic Cup from Sweden, Norway and Finland in that competition's inaugural year.

Congratulations to Alderman P. F. Friend-James

We congratulate the former Sussex County player, P. F. Friend-James, who was unanimously elected as an alderman by Brighton Town Council last month. Ald. Friend-James was Mayor of Brighton from November, 1947, to May, 1949, and he is also Chief Special Constable of the borough. In his playing days, Ald. Friend-James was also honorary secretary of the Sussex County Badminton Association for three years. In this office he was the immediate predecessor of Mr. F. C. Sharp, who held the Sussex reins for 21 years before retiring two or three years ago. Ald. Friend-James has been a vice-president of the Sussex County B.A. for over twenty years now.

Essex Secretary to be Mayor of Ilford

At its meeting on 22nd January the Ilford Council unanimously elected Councillor H. D. Cowan to be the next Mayor of Ilford. He will take office next May, and it is anticipated that he will be raised to the Aldermanic Bench this month.

Mr. Cowan has been on the Ilford Council since 1945, and has during the past six years acted in a truly remarkable number of capacities in the interests of his borough. Ilford's Mayor-elect is of course the present honorary secretary of the Essex County Badminton Association, an office in which he has worked with tremendous enthusiasm since the war. Before 1939 he was hon. league secretary of the Essex County B.A. Mr. Cowan is also a member of the committee of the B.A. of England.

The Harrogate Tournament

The Harrogate open tournament took place on 26th and 27th January. All the winners of the three open events came from Yorkshire. We are, unfortunately, unable to record more than the results of the final rounds of the tournament. It is noted that Miss A. Kenningham, holder of the All-England Junior doubles title, won both handicap events, but the results to hand have not indicated the handicapping.

Men's Doubles: H. R. Marsland and P. B. Brayshay beat G. Ripley and J. H. Naylor, 9-15, 18-17, 15-12.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. L. Higson and Mrs. J. Allott beat Miss N. Askham and Mrs. C. Davidson, 15-12, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles: H. R. Marsland and Mrs. J. Allott beat H. R. Holdsworth and Mrs. J. Gillies, 15-12, 15-8.

Men's Doubles Handicap Winners: Shoesmith and Bolton.

Ladies' Doubles Handicap Winners: Miss A. Kenningham and Miss Bailey.

Mixed Doubles Handicap Winners: J. A. Turner and Miss A. Kenningham.

Correspondence

Junior Progress

THE EDITOR,

THE "BADMINTON GAZETTE."

Dear Sir—In your report, in the February issue, on the All-England Junior Championships, reference is made to Miss Ursula Smith's standard of play. "Invicta" states that it is amazing how she has reached her present standard.... Here is the answer and a pointer for future would-be girl champions. Miss Smith has, of course, a natural games ability, a great asset, but for the past three seasons certain male members of the Heron Badminton Club have regularly played several games of singles against her every week, until now she frequently beats them, but they still continue to play her, and so she maintains and improves her standard of play.

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Yours faithfully,

A. A. CLUTTERBUCK
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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.

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.

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

SANCTIONED OPEN TOURNAMENTS, 1951-52

March

- 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 West Hants Championships (Bournemouth).
- 28th-29th Hull.
- 29th Inter-County Championship Final Tie (Division I).
- 29th Inter-County Championship Challenge Ties.
- 31st-April 5th Jersey.

April

- 5th Inter-County Championship Final Tie (Division II).
- 10th-14th Isle of Wight Championships (Seaview).

NATIONAL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS OUTSIDE ENGLAND

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.

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