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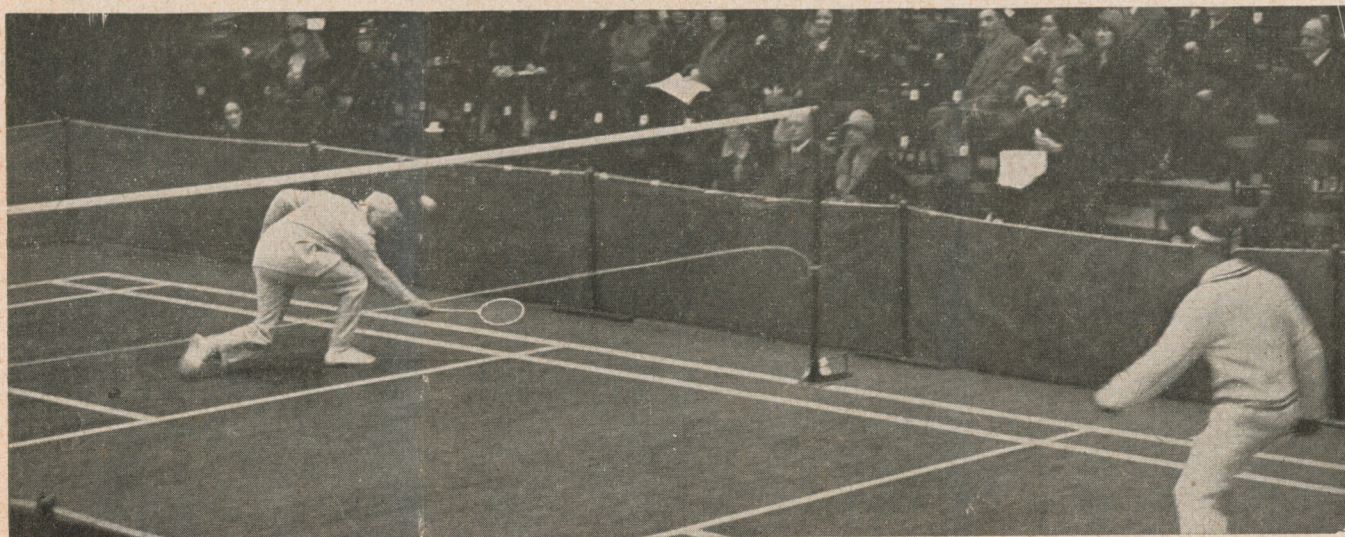
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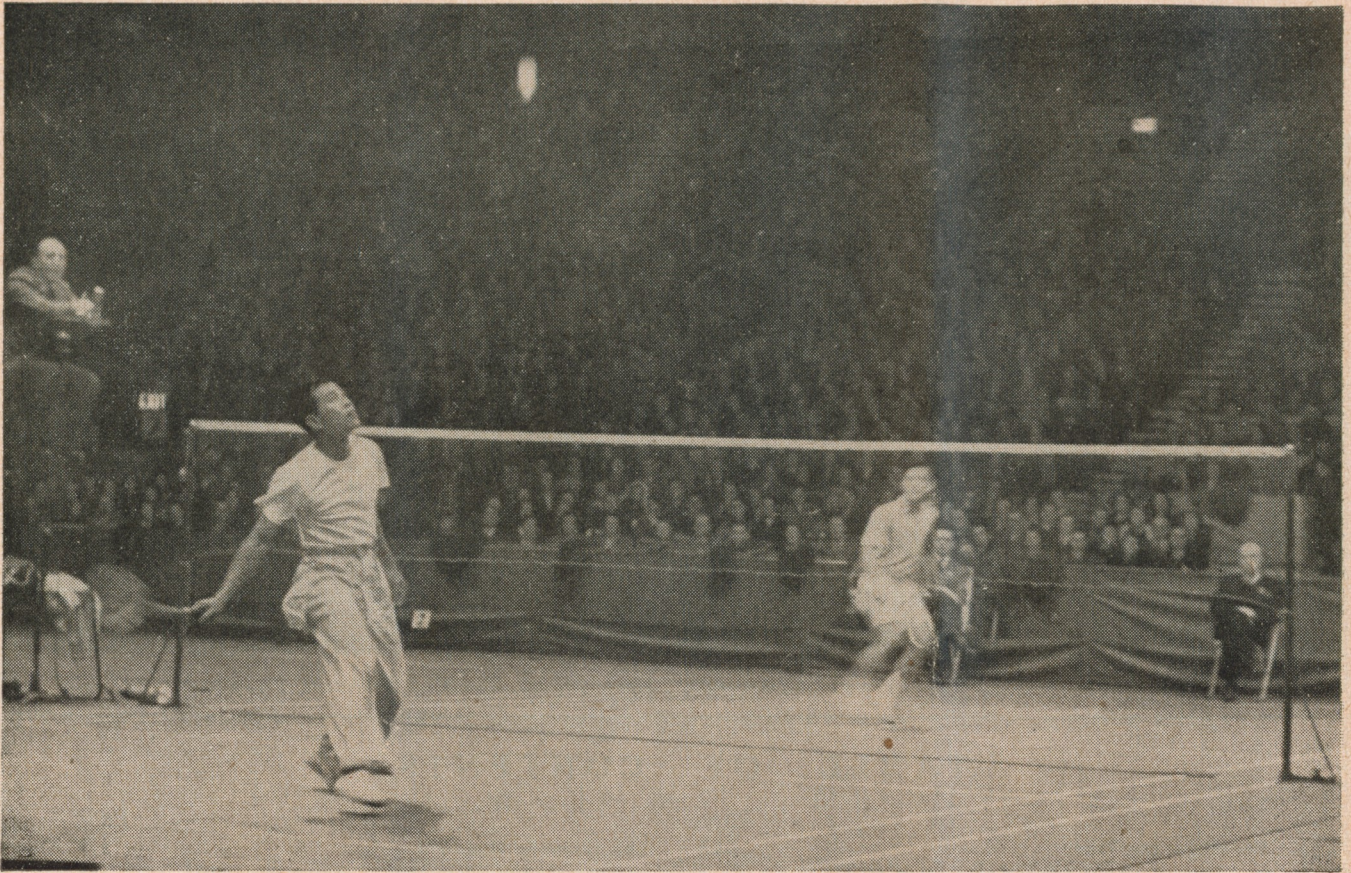


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WONG PENG SOON WINNING THE ALL-ENGLAND SINGLES FOR THE THIRD TIME

In this excellently timed photograph the champion reveals his excellent balance as he opposes E. B. Choong in the singles

The Signs are There

It is always interesting to take stock at the end of a season and to form comparisons with the efforts, the skill and the successes of our friends and rivals in other lands.

The record books of the future will show that 1951-52 was not dissimilar to any of the preceding post-war years. We won no All-England honours; we were twice defeated in international tests; our nationally chosen representatives returned empty-handed from their continental tour.

But the discerning student of the game will have noted mentally that, for the first time since far-off 1939, there are signs at last that English Badminton is shortly about to commence its climb back up the ladder of relative playing skill. Irish and Scottish Badminton is doing the same.

The results and scores of the matches in the All-England Championships will show, without any question, that the players of Great Britain are now far closer in skill to our continental friends than they have been for some time. We have extended these foes in recent years, it is true, but invariably through the medium of pre-war players, who could, by the laws

of nature, not be expected to attain to higher summits.

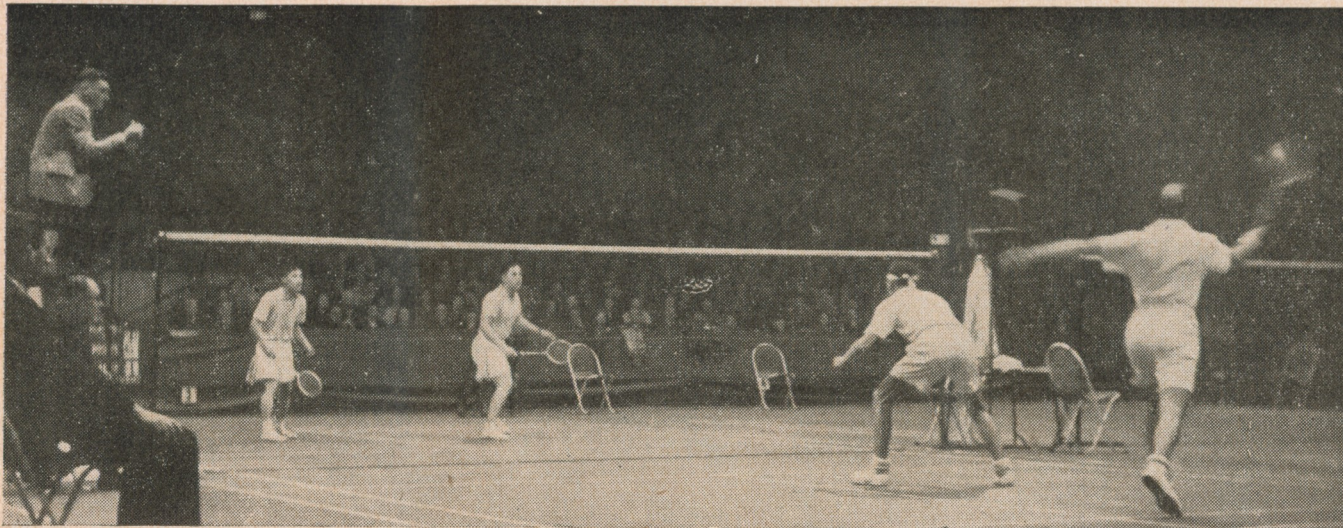
In 1952 the younger generation in the British Isles made such headway as to suggest that in two or three years' time it may be responsible for placing our nation at or very near the top of the tree again. This forms a delightful prospect, but it is now no idle hope. Did not Miss O'Beirne come really close to dethroning the reigning All-England champion from Denmark? Did not Mrs. Horner all but defeat another of Denmark's best in the same event? Did not the championship-laden Danes themselves recognise the advance made, by these two players at least, by seeding them both amongst the top four in their own championship tournament? Did not the Misses Cooley and White dismiss a prominent Danish pair in the All-England doubles?

On the men's side, Ireland would be justified in expressing exuberance at the continued triumphs of her Peard and FitzGibbon. Scotland has come to the fore with her Russell and her fine victory over Sweden on foreign soil. England has in her Jordan perhaps the finest doubles player within the junior age limit of any

country today. Our own touring international team was easily the youngest turned out for over a decade; and these young choices did far better abroad than their seniors in recent years.

It is true that we have not yet regained any of the actual honours lost, but it is a comforting and encouraging thought that all of those mentioned have several years before them in which to rise to the top. Though no victories in the strict international field can be chronicled, apart from the Scots' success at Gothenburg which, although gained against a depleted team, is nevertheless meritorious, it is not out of place to record that an English county side, Kent, has also turned the tide of continual defeat by its fine victory over Jutland.

A pessimist might suggest that the foreigner has perhaps gone off a little, just that little to cause the difference. He may have done, of course, but the leeway has been made up to a far greater extent by the welcome advance of our new and entirely post-war generation whose further efforts and, we hope, successes we shall all follow with the greatest interest and pleasure in the months and years to come.



IRELAND'S FINE CHALLENGE TO THE SUPREMACY OF THE CHOONGS Photo: R. W. Butler

J. J. FitzGibbon plays a drop-shot in the semi-final of the men's doubles while F. W. Peard is ready for any net activity. E. B. Choong (at the left) and E. L. Choong had a hard job in subduing the aggressive play of the Dublin pair

The All-England Championships

Wong Peng Soon's Third Championship

Fru Tonny Ahm Wins three Titles in Record-Breaking Tournament — Home Players make their Mark—Choong Brothers are Stretched in Doubles

By "INVICTA"

Bigger crowds than ever before were attracted to the Empress Hall for the 1952 All-England Championships, which were honoured by the usual large and representative entry from overseas countries to which, once again, all the challenge trophies were duly exported, three of them, indeed, never to come back.

In all of the principal events the titles were won by top-seeded players, Danish competitors claiming three championships and Malaya the other two.

The men's singles provided Wong Peng Soon with his third consecutive win, and he was a good way ahead of the rest of the field, even though E. B. Choong put up a fine resistance to the world's master-player on the final day. Despite that, Wong Peng Soon's 1952 success was the most convincing of his three victories, and he dropped no game in his quest to make the cup presented by the late Colonel Arthur Hill in 1938 his own. Wong is, of course, not the first player to remove a singles cup from competition in the All-England Championships, but he is the first to do so since the entries have become so very international in character, so that it might reasonably be claimed that his is the greatest feat. Three times in the past have cups for the men's singles been won outright, and Wong joins the select trio composed of Sir George Thomas, J. F. Devlin and R. C. F. Nichols in performing the feat. All of these eminent players also won the event more than three times,

Devlin leading the way with six successes, five of them in successive years, so Wong still has a little leeway to make up in emulating them. It is sincerely to be hoped that he will be attracted by an endeavour to equal the existing best record.

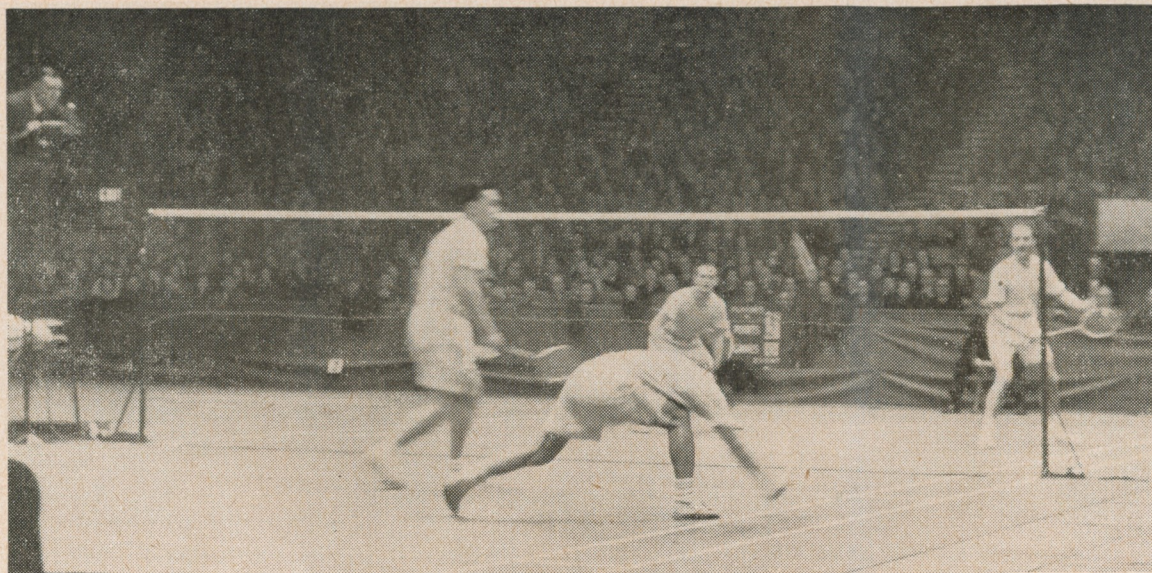
Nobody watching the great Malayan wizard can fail to be impressed by his classical, accurate and almost errorless play. An English qualifier, a Danish Thomas Cup player, the Irish champion and H. A. Heah, of his own country, all fell to the Singapore wand without almost a turn of the hair in a demonstration of near-perfect singles play. Heah, who might have been expected to put up stouter resistance, made the fatal mistake of trying to play the champion at his own game. Mathematically, the result was almost annihilating, though the rallies were long and many, and Heah certainly deserved to see a better score go up on the telewriter as they came off the court. He will, no doubt, have learned that no one in the world can match Wong Peng Soon at his own type of game. Eddy Choong seems to have been of this opinion, and as a result he put up an excellent performance as he took all sorts of risks in his endeavour to run up the points. Choong went for the winners and he was successful to a considerable degree. He hustled Wong and when there was the slightest chance of scoring with a smash he took it. It did appear at one stage that the chal-

lenger might run his formidable foe to a third game, for he acquired a useful lead in the second game, but, aroused to his danger on the very threshold of success, Wong Peng Soon took himself in hand, seemed to concentrate just that little bit more with his familiar racket twiddle as he prepared to serve, and never looked back after the game had been set.

All but one of the seeded competitors managed to reach the last eight. Knut Malmgren of Sweden was the disappointed man as he went under after a very long struggle to Ove Eilertsen of Denmark, who, poor fellow, was so tired as a result of this match that he was quite unable to put up much resistance to Eddy Choong an hour or so later. It was unfortunate for Eilertsen that Choong had not even had to play a previous match that day since his opponent had scratched. In the semi-final Choong eliminated Poul Holm, for the last two years the singles champion of the Danes, with surprising facility.

English participation in the men's singles was extremely disappointing and there were no successes against the invader to chronicle, though it must be mentioned in fairness that two of our three Thomas Cup singles choices were not included in the draw.

The ladies' singles was, however, very different, and in that event there were certainly a few successes and near-successes to remember. For the first time



A VIEW OF THE MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL

Photo: R. W. Butler

Eddy Choong has to stretch for Poul Holm's half-court stroke while Ole Jensen prepares to deal with the anticipated short reply.

since the war, England had a semi-finalist. This was the seeded Miss Elizabeth O'Beirne, who thoroughly justified the faith reposed in her. In her first match she disposed of Frk. Edel Christensen of Copenhagen with a good deal to spare, and though Frk. Christensen does not feature in the top ten singles players of her country, Miss O'Beirne's victory was something to put heart not only into herself, but also into other English competitors. In the semi-final round the Sussex lady met Frk. Aase Jacobsen, the holder, as she had done a year earlier. England ought to have been a game to the good here, and it was obvious that Frk. Jacobsen was somewhat relieved when she just managed to salvage the first game by the odd point. It made all the difference, for though Miss O'Beirne hung on keenly after the change of ends she was never quite able to keep on terms with the more masculine type of game across the net. It was, however, a fine effort and was such as to give every hope that Miss O'Beirne's name may well, and before very long too, be engraved on the trophy.

The ladies' final was a most extraordinary one. Fru Tonny Ahm, winner two years earlier, had no trouble whatever in beating Frk. Jacobsen, who put up only feeble resistance until quite near the end, when it was much too late, the score board then reading 11-2, 10-1. It was a most disappointing finish to the event.

But to return for a moment to English, or rather British, aspirations, one must chronicle with pleasure and considerable satisfaction the efforts of several of the younger generation. It was unfortunate that Mrs. Horner, the Middlesex player and Scottish international, should have been drawn in the first round against Miss Iris Cooley, Surrey's and perhaps England's most promising competitor. The latter had beaten her opponent on each of their last two meetings, but this time she

failed after a long struggle. The winner then met Fru Aase Winther, who had been a finalist, and a very near winner, on her last appearance in 1949. Mrs. Horner just got away with the first game, lost the second to 7, and extended the Dane to 10-all in the deciding game, a magnificent performance. One point the other way might have given Britain two semi-finalists.

Miss Ursula Smith, the reigning junior champion, was another whose star shone brightly. She met another young home competitor in Miss June White on the first day, and gave evidence of considerable fighting spirit in rallying to win from a 7-1 deficit in the third game. In the next round, too, the young Kent player put up a creditable resistance against the defending champion.

Scintillating Men's Doubles

David and Eddy Choong retained possession of their silver tankards. They were able to advance to the semi-final of the men's doubles without great anxiety, but in their two final rounds they were in each case a game to the bad at the first change of ends. The first threat to their supremacy came from that magnetic, energetic and ever-attractive pair from Dublin, F. W. Peard and J. J. FitzGibbon. They, themselves, had previously been a little troubled by the Danes, John Nygaard and Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen, though they triumphed over them comfortably in the end. The Irishmen were good value for their first game against the Choongs; they went at them with scant regard for reputation, Peard's activity in the forecourt and his partner's excellent drops to force the openings from the back being the dominating factors. The Malaysians nearly recovered from their long deficit—it was love-8 to begin with—but the gritty Irish never quite let go. There were some really fine rallies in this match, in which, as it proceeded on its way, the Choongs

managed to gain the ascendancy by dint of their fine defence.

In the other half, Poul Holm and Ole Jensen of Denmark came to the final without dropping a game. They were probably helped somewhat by the elimination of Jonsen and Mohlin of Sweden at the hands of another Danish pair, Ole Mertz and Ove Eilertsen, which was much against the book, though the young Copenhagen pair played well in causing this upset; however, they could do little with their own Thomas Cup pair. Like its predecessor of a year ago, the final was a fine match, brimful of excitement and several inordinately long rallies at which the huge crowd marvelled, so often were pseudo-winners returned, and returned really effectively that the umpire had difficulty in restraining the 8,000-odd spectators from their applause during these thrilling exchanges. The Choongs did not give the impression of being such a dominating force as they had been twelve months earlier, but on the other side of the net Jensen played remarkably well, certainly a grade better than he had ever done before in England. Holm, too, was in form, and that with Eddy Choong on the other side of the net in a men's doubles was sufficient to ensure a fine spectacle.

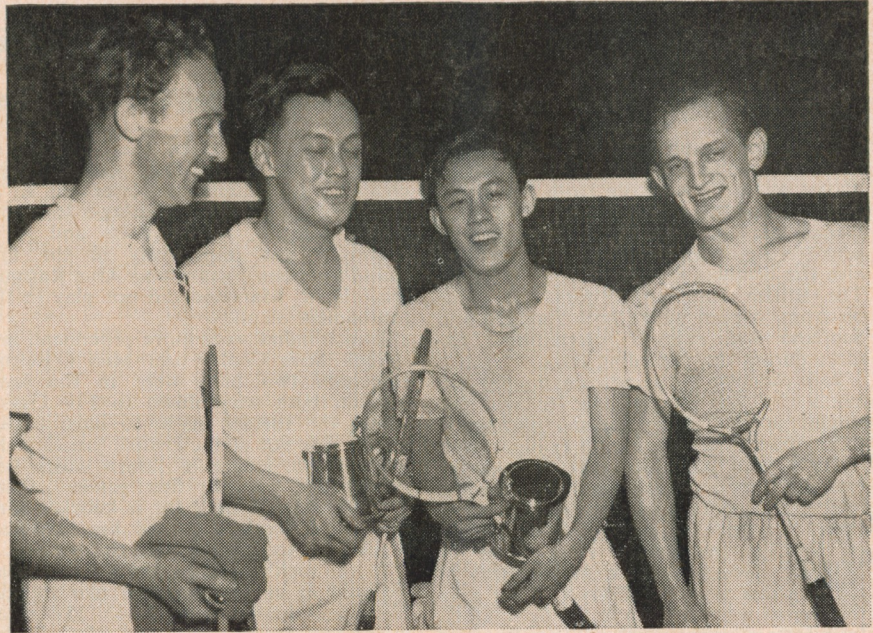
In contrast to 1951, England had two pairs reach the quarter-final round, but that was really due more to the fortunes of the draw than to any noticeable improvement in technique. However, C. Denton and J. H. Lawton Smith, who had reached that stage entirely via qualifying opposition, did then give Holm and Jensen quite a good struggle, though they are not such a strong pair now as they were two or three years ago. The other quarter-finalists were H. R. Marsland and Warwick Shute, playing together, it is believed, for the first time in three years. The scratchiness of the home pairs was

probably a big drawback, and this must remain a hindrance to any successes on our side if it continues in an internationally-laden draw as is provided by the All-England Championships. Similarly, we saw H. J. Wingfield and A. D. Jordan in partnership. This pairing would certainly possess considerable possibilities if it became fixed on an established basis, and it did indeed snatch the first game off Nygaard and Hammergaard who had previously dismissed R. S. Hodge and R. C. F. Nichols. J. D. McColl and Maurice Robinson might have been expected to have stretched the Swedes, Inge Blomberg and Knut Malmgren, more than they did, but there were extenuating off-court affairs which no doubt prevented their giving of their best.

The ladies' doubles, however, was really encouraging from a home outlook. England had three semi-final pairs when that round was reached, and the principal award of congratulation and satisfaction must go to the Misses Cooley and White of Surrey. They disposed of the Danes, Fru Aase Winther and Frk Edel Christensen, a top-seeded pair, with a fair degree of comfort after they had settled down, and one could not help feeling that they would have gone further had at least one of them not been feeling the natural effects of participation in her first All-England with its attendant nervous strain in front of large crowds. However, Miss Iris Cooley and Miss June White did enough to give unusual encouragement for the next two or three years. Mrs. Horner



FRU TONNY AHM
who repeated her 1950 hat-trick.



AFTER THE BATTLE

Poul Holm and Ole Jensen seem just as happy as David and Eddy Choong despite the latter's retention of the men's doubles championship.

and Miss O'Beirne won the first game off the favourites and eventual winners, Fru Tonny Ahm and Frk Aase Jacobsen, and also hunted them all the way in the second, only to fall down thereafter. The Danes defeated Mrs. Uber and Mrs. Allen Webber in the final, and though the first game was close, the second was rather one-sided. Mrs. Uber has been right out of practice most of the season, and the 1949 champions were by no means as formidable as they were then when they had upset a stronger Danish challenge.

Holm and Fru Ahm won the mixed event for the fourth time, and thereby removed the challenge cups from further competition. By the time that the quarter-finals had been reached two seeded pairs had fallen by the wayside. Both went out at the very beginning. Jordan and Mrs. Ludlam were comfortably disposed of by E. L. Choong and Mrs. Horner, a pair whom the young Cheshire player had beaten in partnership with Miss O'Beirne in the Scottish Championships. The other failure was the Danish couple, Eilertsen and Frk Christensen, which had performed great deeds in Scandinavian tournaments during the season. They went out to Nichols and Miss O'Beirne whose varied tactics and courtcraft were too much for the invaders. Later on, the conquerors were rather easily eliminated by E. B. Choong and Miss Amy Choong. Then, after beating Jordan and Mrs. Ludlam, the elder Choong and Mrs. Horner very nearly accomplished the beating of Holm and Fru Ahm on the second day.

When the final stages were approaching, however, there were three Danish pairs and one Malayan left in. The latter went out unexpectedly to some really fine play

on the part of Jensen who seems to thrive on Malayan opposition, but it was nip and tuck before the two leading Scandinavian pairs were lined up for the final round. In that match Jensen continued to reveal his advance as he and Frk Jacobsen extended the ultimate winners to a third game.

The whole tournament seemed to run very smoothly, and great satisfaction was evinced at the portable courts very kindly placed at the disposal of the committee by the Aylesford Paper Mills Sports Club. Once again, Brigadier R. Bruce Hay carried out the duties of chairman of the Tournament Committee, and though his self-imposed and onerous tasks may not be readily visible to visitors to the Empress Hall since they are mostly completed before any match is played, they are nevertheless considerable in their extent. Before the tournament was completed Brigadier Bruce Hay had been elected President of the Badminton Association of England, and as such he performed his first official duty by presenting the winners of all events with their trophies and prizes as they came off court.

A very large number of assistants were on hand to undertake the many and varied duties necessary with a meeting of the size of the All-England Championships, and they were all again marshalled and organised into squadrons of umpires, linesmen, etc., under the guiding reins of Mr. S. Holmes King. Another who deserves mention is Mr. S. G. Bell who took over, at short notice, and with his customary success so often seen in the Wimbledon tournaments, the duties of referee when Mr. H. A. E. Scheele was taken ill and unable to function on the Thursday.

Skaarup Regains Danish Open Title

And Frk Aase Jacobsen wins her first Danish Singles Event — How English and Scottish Players fared

There was a fine entry for the eleventh annual Danish Open Championships played off in Copenhagen from 5th to 8th April inclusive. Apart from the leading Danish players there was a large contingent from both England and Scotland and also the brothers E. L. and E. B. Choong. The British Isles competitors had come on from Sweden where both England and Scotland had enjoyed international fixtures during the preceding days.

Jorn Skaarup is the new champion, and he is the first player ever to win the singles at the chief Danish tournament more than once; he had previously won in 1948, and not since that last success had the honour gone to a Dane, for the intervening period had seen the success of David Freeman of U.S.A., Nils Jonson of Sweden and Wong Peng Soon of Malaya. None of these players was in the lists this year, but Eddy Choong gave the winner a good scrap in the final, albeit his efforts at endeavouring to tire Skaarup met with the reverse effect, for the Dane was much the fitter at the close. In the semi-final round Skaarup had eliminated Palle Granlund and Choong had finished the claims of Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen.

The ladies' singles went to Frk Aase Jacobsen who beat Frk Marie Ussing, who was not seeded at all, 11-8, 11-8, in the final. Semi-final losers were Scotland's Mrs. Horner and Fru Aase Winther respectively.

The most remarkable feature of the doubles events was that two of them were won by pairs which had not even entered! The men's went to that fine pair composed of Ib Olesen and John Nygaard, though the former was scheduled on the programme to partner H. A. Heah, and the mixed to E. L. Choong and Fru Tonny Ahm, whose partner should have been Poul Holm.

The men's doubles was sensational in the extreme. The winners won both their last two matches by the closest possible margin of 18-17 third game scores each time, against the Choongs in the semi-final and against Holm (who played in this event) and Ole Jensen in the final.

Fru Ahm and Fru Lossmann won the ladies' doubles for the fifth year running, a truly fine record. They defeated Frk Agnete Friis and Frk Aase Jacobsen in the final after the latter had dismissed the top-seeded Mrs. Allen Webber and Miss O'Beirne, the Danish national champions, Fru Jytte Kjems and Frk Ussing, lost in the semi-final to the eventual winners.

E. L. Choong and Fru Ahm gained their success, an undoubtedly fine one, over last round opposition from pairs composed of Hammergaard and Frk Anni Jorgensen and Skaarup and Frk Jacobsen, the latter having beaten Jensen and Frk Jacobsen in the penultimate round.

British participation was generally disappointing. In the men's singles J. R. Best lost to Granlund, 15-2, 15-8; W. Shute to Hans Aage Norberg, 15-8, 18-13; J. D. McColl to the seeded Mogens Kolle, 18-15, 15-9; and A. D. Jordan to

Ove Krogh Rants. Of the Scots, J. A. Russell went out to Finn Kobbero who created a fine impression later on; R. S. Hodge scratched after winning a long first match; and W. A. Robinson and A. I. McIntyre lost respectively in the first round to Hammergaard and Arne Rasmussen. H. R. Marsland did not play in the tournament at all.

British ladies were more prominent, and though Miss Cooley and Miss O'Beirne, England's two best, were in the same quarter, both went down to Frk Ussing whom the former ought to have beaten on the day but at the critical juncture she lost the fine length of return which had helped her win the first game. Mrs. Webber entered only for a knock. Mrs. Horner of Scotland gained her semi-final bracket in accordance with the seeding.

In the men's doubles Shute and Jordan did well as an experimental pair to take Holm and Jensen to an 18-13, 15-9 score in the first round. Best and McColl also did well against the substituted Nygaard and Olesen whom they encountered also in the first round; they collected 10 and 11, a creditable showing for a scratch combination against the recognised best pair in Denmark. Hodge and Robinson went out after one success to Hammergaard and Skaarup, while McIntyre and Russell lost to the seeded Benny Andersen and Poul

Christensen, likewise in the first round. The draw in this event was not very kind to the British pairs.

Mrs. J. A. S. Armstrong and Mrs. Horner, the Scottish international pair, were eliminated in the first round by Fru Kjems and Frk Ussing. Mrs. Webber and Miss O'Beirne, after a bye, defeated a good pair in Frk Edel Christensen and Frk Kirsten Rex, to lose thereafter to the runners-up. Miss Cooley played and lost with a Danish partner in the first round of the event which had only 12 pairs in it.

In the mixed Jordan and Miss O'Beirne were dismissed after one success by E. B. Choong and Fru Kjaergaard; Shute and Miss Cooley went out at once to Hammergaard and his partner; and McColl and Mrs. Webber had similar ill-fortune in meeting Skaarup and Frk Jacobsen in their first match. Best and a Danish lady defeated Hodge and Mrs. Armstrong and then lost to Olesen and Fru Winther, who had previously accounted for Robinson and Mrs. Horner. Russell and McIntyre, with Danish partners, both fell at the first fence.

It is regretted that the scores of this important meeting are unable to be given, but the arrangements made to obtain them fell down. It is hoped to quote them in the next issue, if only for record purposes.

Uncle George at the All-England

"Ah! There you are, m'boy. Glad to see you again . . . Got a bone to pick with you, though. Why didn't you tell me they hold 'em out in the suburbs now. I've been sculling round Vincent Square for hours trying to get in the Hall there. Thought I must be early or something. What's that you say? On the ticket? Now you don't expect me to read *everything* that turns up in the morning post, do you . . . your letter was trying enough.

"Now let me see . . . X block . . . Dear me, don't they make things complicated here now. Old Bradley used to watch for me to arrive and jolly me along to a nice seat in the old days. I suppose you even had to *pay* for these tickets for tonight. Huh! Thought as much. I feel almost tainted by professionalism *paying* to watch.

"Ah! At last! Heavens! But we're miles away from the courts. What's that you say? Gifhorse? Don't gifhorse me, m'boy . . . Try to enjoy myself? But that's just what I'm doing. Let me have a look-see at the programme then . . .

"Choong, Jensen, Wing—no, Wong—Nygaard . . . what's this? A Foreign Legion event? Our best players all in it, you say? Rubbish, m'boy! Where's Hume, and Dick? Where's White? And where are those Irish scallywags, Boyle and Rankin? Can't have an All-England without them. Why! The men's doubles event will be an all-mighty flop. What's that you say?

Too old? Balderdash! I may be, yes. But Boyle and Rankin? Mere boys, mere boys. You'll be telling me Maconachie's retired from the game and the Nichols brothers don't play together next. What! He has? They don't? Well, now, it really is a day of surprises. I stop down at Megavissey for a few seasons and the whole Badminton world turns topsy-turvy. And just as I was thinking I might rejoin the Crystal Palace Club as an honorary member . . .

"Now, lad, I'm parched and famished. Just pop out and see what's doing. I fancy a pint and a smoked salmon sandwich while they get rid of these ladies' singles. You say you *have* made enquiries? And there's only fruit cake or dinner at 9/6? "Heavens! There's nothing for it but the ladies' singles, then. Ah! I've spotted a name I know here. White. My word! I didn't know he had a wife as young as that. I must watch this for a bit . . ."

F. F. B.

Judge Engelbach is on the Sick List

We are sorry to hear that Judge A. F. Engelbach is in hospital where he has just undergone an operation. All connected with the game will extend to him every good wish for a complete recovery. Judge Engelbach is, of course, a vice-president of the B.A. of England and a former All-England doubles champion. Over a very long period he has put in a tremendous amount of work on behalf of the game, and his legal knowledge is, of course, of unique value in the general administration of affairs in England.

England's Thomas Cup Defeat

Matches were Closer than Denmark's 9-0 Victory Suggests

By "INVICTA"

England's 1951-52 Thomas Cup quest ended exactly where it was expected—in the final round of the European Zone against the much stronger team mustered from Copenhagen. It had been hoped, however, that the margin would not have been quite so overwhelming as it eventually proved to be. 9 matches to 0, 18 games to 0, sounds extremely one-sided, but there was no doubt that many of the matches were a good deal closer than that summary tends to indicate, but always, when English players or pairs gained some degree of ascendancy which gave hopes of success, their Danish opponents were able to raise their game just that little bit which made all the difference. Furthermore, the Danes did not make mistakes in the crises of these occasions, and therein lay the secret of their continued success.

Play took place on the two days immediately preceding the commencement of the All-England Championships, and the venue was a Cheshire dance hall, the Lido at Sale, near Manchester, which had been cleverly converted to provide an excellent court and seating accommodation for about a thousand spectators; indeed, one very important part of the preliminary arrangements could be styled a structural alteration inasmuch as most of the inside roof had been removed to allow of really high serving facilities in the singles.

Greasley's Good Play

K. R. Greasley and N. B. Radford, as England's top two singles choices, were matched against Poul Holm and Jørn Skaarup, and Greasley did remarkably well against both these formidable opponents. Indeed, he had perhaps some bad luck in not bringing off the first game against Holm in the opening match of the tie, for he had a considerable lead early on, and the Danish champion probably regarded himself a little fortunate in not changing ends a game to the bad; furthermore, Greasley hunted his younger foe all the way home too, and certainly enhanced his own reputation in doing so. Again, on the second day, after the tie had been lost, he kept Skaarup on court for half-an-hour, though the scores do not at all reflect the fine fight which he put up. Radford was not quite so successful, and with the handicap of years he was rarely able to dictate the terms and control the rallies to suit his purposes. In the third singles H. R. Marsland was not quite in the class of Jørgen Hamnergaard Hansen, one of the younger up-and-coming players in Denmark. Yet, nevertheless, the Yorkshireman frequently teased Hamnergaard into errors of which he was rather prone on his backhand until quite near the end; when, however, the Dane's stylish, effective and well-produced backhand kill was working as if looked as though it ought to have worked all the time, it was a fine

weapon of great advantage in turning defence into attack. Hamnergaard, who is only 19, showed us enough to indicate that he possesses prospects of an early rise to the very top of the game in his country.

It was in the doubles, perhaps, that English hopes of some success rested more strongly, and both the home pairs did well if we except the important fact of their inability to press home the advantages previously gained by excellent play. On several occasions our representatives got on top in one game or the other and then allowed the Danes to crawl out and gradually emerge as winners. The Danes

made very few errors in the rallies that really mattered, whereas that could not be said of the English pairs. To the Cheshire public, A. D. Jordan's participation was, of course, of paramount interest. He was preferred to Greasley as Marsland's partner, and one can certainly grant that he justified the faith placed in him, junior though he still be. On the first day the young Cestrian was by no means overawed at his international baptism against the top Danish pair, Ib Olesen and John Nygaard. He was fortunate, of course, in that Marsland played right up to the top of his form, and there were certainly times when the gritty Yorkshireman was just about the best player on court; certain it was that Marsland displayed a far greater aptitude than either of his opponents in creating openings, and he frequently surprised them with his subtle placing of the shuttle; he was sufficiently good as to get both Danes scrambling on several occasions, but it was the old story in the end. The Danes played cleverly and cunningly in refusing to be drawn into errors; eventually, an English smash became a little ill-directed, and the Scandinavian score would mount.

The other English pair, H. J. Wingfield and W. Shute, ought also to have taken

England v. Denmark

Played at Sale, near Manchester, on 17th and 18th March, and won by Denmark by 9 matches to 0. Scores (Danish names first):

Singles: Poul Holm beat K. R. Greasley, 15-13, 15-10; beat N. B. Radford, 15-8, 15-2. Jørn Skaarup beat Radford, 15-1, 15-6; beat Greasley, 15-4, 15-5. J. Hamnergaard Hansen beat H. R. Marsland, 15-7, 15-11.

Doubles: Ib Olesen and John Nygaard beat H. R. Marsland and A. D. Jordan, 18-15, 15-6; beat H. J. Wingfield and W. Shute, 15-6, 18-13. Poul Holm and Ole Jensen beat Wingfield and Shute, 15-11, 15-8; beat Marsland and Jordan 18-15, 15-7.

Ib Larsen (Denmark) and H. Morland (England) captained the teams, and A. R. Crooke (England) was honorary referee.



ENGLAND'S 1951-52 THOMAS CUP TEAM

Standing—K. R. Greasley, A. D. Jordan, W. Shute, N. B. Radford.
Seated—H. R. Marsland, H. Morland (non-playing captain) and H. J. Wingfield.

a game off Olesen and Nygaard, but they petered out rather badly with a bout of errors on their service returns at the critical juncture.

Both nations used all their six players, and the whole tie was played off in the friendliest possible spirit. Mr. A. R. Crooke, the match secretary of the Lancashire and Cheshire B.A. acted in the role of honorary referee, and all his arrangements were perfect, but it would be wrong to omit mention of the fact that he was assisted by a most enthusiastic and hard-working committee which deserves considerable credit for the many and detailed matters which they had organised so well. May one repeat, they had gone so far as to remove most of the roof, just to start with! Messrs. Harold Morland and Ib Larsen were the respective non-playing captains, and both nations were also represented by their presidents, Sir George Thomas and Herr N. P. Kristensen.

The Thomas Cup

United States defeats Canada

In the only American Zone tie of the present Thomas Cup contest the U.S.A. upset Canada's hopes by defeating the Dominion at Calgary. We regret that we have not been able to obtain the actual scores from the International Badminton Federation, who seem not to have received them yet, but have assembled the under-mentioned from a variety of sources. They cannot therefore be guaranteed to be correct.

An interesting fact was the intention to play the tie in three distinct sessions, Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening, in contrast to the more usual two-evening procedure.

From the assembled scores, it will be seen that Donald Smythe, the newly-crowned Canadian champion, was responsible for all three of his country's successes.

Canada v. United States

Played at Calgary on 21st and 22nd March, and won by United States by 6 matches to 3. Scores (U.S.A. names first):

Singles: A. M. Merdez lost to D. Smythe, 15-6, 11-15, 12-15; beat Daryl Thompson, 18-16, 15-2. R. Mitchell beat Thompson, 15-6, 17-16; lost to Smythe, 12-15, 9-15. J. Alston beat A. Williams, 15-5, 15-7.

Doubles: Wynn Rogers and J. Alston beat D. Smythe and B. Porter, 15-8, 15-6; beat Grant Henry and K. Forsythe, 15-12, 15-10. C. Loveday and R. Williams lost to Smythe and Porter, 17-18, 12-15; beat Henry and Forsythe, 15-5, 15-6.

Scotland Tours the Scandinavian Countries

Scotland played international matches against both Sweden and Denmark for the first time when early in April the Scottish international team made a hurried tour to both countries. Somewhat unexpectedly, yet deservedly, the Caledonians defeated Sweden at Gothenburg by the odd match in seven, but it must be recorded that with Inge Blomberg and Knut Malmgren both absent Sweden had hardly her strongest possible side, for Malmgren in particular is the strongest doubles player in his country. In their places international colours were gained for the first time by

England Loses to Sweden

The fourth annual fixture between England and Sweden took place at Malmo on Friday, 4th April. Sweden won by 5 matches to 2, and thus kept her unbeaten record against England. For the first time in this fixture the teams included ladies.

The English team was a comparatively young one. J. D. McColl of Staffordshire being included for the first time. In addition, both reserve players were entirely new choices. They were J. R. Best of Kent and Miss I. L. Cooley of Surrey. The side was captained by Mr. M. W. Field of the England Selection Committee.

A special surface had been laid, over the floor of the Amiralen Dance Hall, and the lighting was provided by four strong lights shining down from the roof, two over the centre of the court and one over each end. Although this arrangement provided ample light it did prove a little difficult to the players. There were between 500 and 600 spectators present and they included the British Consul in Malmo. Before the matches commenced both teams lined up on the court and after the national anthems had been played, each player was introduced and given a souvenir book of Malmo.

Play started with the top singles between Nils Jonson and H. R. Marsland, and the diminutive Swede, who by his recent wins over the leading Danes must be considered one of the best players in Europe, proved too good for the Englishman. In the second singles, McColl made Inge Blomberg work for every point, and this match appeared more evenly contested, but Blomberg was the more accurate player, and this factor enabled him to put his country two up.

As was expected, the ladies' doubles, which was played next, provided an easy win for England. In the top men's doubles A. D. Jordan played an excellent game,

but unfortunately Marsland was completely out of touch and was unable to give any support, so that Jonson and Stellan Mohlin won reasonably comfortably.

Though Sweden was leading 3-1 at this stage, it was felt that England could still win, particularly as the mixed doubles matches had still to be played.

The second men's doubles was an excellent match, and Warwick Shute and McColl put all they had into it, and they were perhaps a little unfortunate to lose the first game after leading all the way. Blomberg and Knut Malmgren, an established pair of some years' standing now, finally triumphed in the third game to give their country an unassailable lead.

In the mixed matches, the results of which could now not affect the final issue. Jordan and Miss Elizabeth O'Beirne showed their best form and comfortably disposed of the second Swedish pair, but things ended rather tamely with the top mixed going to the home team.

Local customs such as the habit of spectators of walking about at the ends and sides of the court during play, and cameramen taking flashlight photographs during play, were perhaps a little disconcerting to begin with, but in spite of these matters Sweden thoroughly deserved her success.

Sweden v. England

Played at Malmo on 4th April, and won by Sweden by 5 matches to 2. Scores (Swedish names first):

Nils Jonson beat H. R. Marsland, 15-10, 15-5. Inge Blomberg beat J. D. McColl, 15-9, 15-7.

Nils Jonson and Stellan Mohlin beat H. R. Marsland and A. D. Jordan, 15-4, 15-10. Inge Blomberg and Knut Malmgren beat W. Shute and J. D. McColl, 15-13, 7-15, 15-11.

Fru Elsy Killick and Fru Amy Pettersson lost to Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber and Miss I. E. O'Beirne, 4-15, 3-15.

Knut Malmgren and Fru Killick beat W. Shute and Mrs. Webber, 15-7, 15-9. Stellan Mohlin and Fru Pettersson lost to A. D. Jordan and Miss O'Beirne, 7-15, 8-15.

J. A. Russell lost to Nils Jonson, 15-17, 11-15. A. I. McIntyre lost to Ingemar Eliasson, 4-15, 7-15.

R. S. Hodge and W. A. Robinson lost to Nils Jonson and Stellan Mohlin, 6-15, 2-15. J. A. Russell and A. I. McIntyre beat Ingemar Eliasson and Bertil Glans, 8-15, 15-13, 18-13.

Mrs. A. M. Horner and Mrs. J. A. S. Armstrong beat Frk Astrid Lofgren and Frk Tora Lofgren, 15-4, 15-6.

W. A. Robinson and Mrs. Horner beat Bertil Glans and Frk Astrid Lofgren, 15-7, 15-8. R. S. Hodge and Mrs. Armstrong beat Stellan Mohlin and Frk Tora Lofgren, 15-4, 15-13.

Denmark v. Scotland

Played at Copenhagen on 4th April and won by Denmark by 7 matches to 0. Scores (Danish names first):

Jorn Skaarup beat J. A. Russell, 15-9, 15-11. Ole Jensen beat A. I. McIntyre, 15-0, 15-0.

Poul Holm and Ole Jensen beat R. S. Hodge and W. A. Robinson, 15-7, 15-5. Jorn Skaarup and Ib Olesen beat J. A. Russell and A. I. McIntyre, 15-6, 15-5.

Fru Tonny Ahm and Fru Kirsten Lossmann beat Mrs. A. M. Horner and Mrs. J. A. S. Armstrong, 15-9, 15-9.

Poul Holm and Fru Ahm beat W. A. Robinson and Mrs. Horner, 15-6, 18-13. Ib Olesen and Fru Lossmann beat R. S. Hodge and Mrs. Armstrong, 15-10, 15-1.

Sweden v. Scotland

Played at Gothenburg on 3rd April, and won by Scotland by 4 matches to 3. Scores (Scottish names first):

Men of the Moment—XVII**Brigadier R. Bruce Hay, D.S.O.**

The New President of the Badminton Association of England

By SIR GEORGE THOMAS, BART.

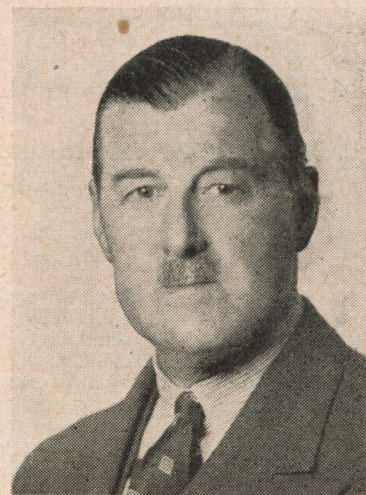
The election of Brigadier R. Bruce Hay, D.S.O., as President of the Badminton Association of England is a compliment richly deserved, for he has proved himself one of the finest and most indefatigable workers in the history of badminton.

He first played the game at Richmond in 1909, and developed an interest in its organisation so quickly that he was running the Surrey Championships in 1912. Since then, except for interference by the two great wars, his record has been one of ceaseless activity in the service of badminton. Outside his work for the B.A. of E. itself, he has been President of the Middlesex County B.A. for many years, a Vice-President of the International Badminton Federation since its formation in 1934; and was for many years a director (and for some time chairman) of the famous Logan B.C.—now alas! a war casualty. But it is his work for the B.A. of E. that has earned him his outstanding position in English badminton. A member of the Executive Committee since 1922, he became a Vice-President in 1935; and for many years before the second world war one of the two or three most active members of the All-England Tournament Committee, besides serving on various sub-committees. To all this he

added the chairmanship of the A.E. Tournament Committee in 1946, and of the B.A. of E. Executive Committee in 1947; and it is no slight on his predecessors in those two offices to say that he has set a new standard of energy and efficiency that can never be surpassed. Among other successes, he has been largely instrumental in raising the championship meeting to the position it now holds in public popularity.

Before nominating him for election as President, the Executive Committee of the B.A. of E. wisely ensured that there should be no risk of Brigadier Bruce Hay retiring, so to speak, to the ornamental shelf. A president takes honorable precedence; but the chairman of the Executive is the motive force! And it is good to know that the new President will continue to fill his other offices—for many years to come it is to be hoped.

A brief word as to Brigadier Bruce Hay's war service must suffice. In the first world war he was for two years in the Ypres salient with G.H.Q. Gunner Staff, and his D.S.O. was gained in 1917. After that war he was Commandant of the Province of Namur for a year. In the last war he held, among other appointments, command of all training of Gunner Cadets



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(A.A. Branch); was for a time on S.H.A.E.F. Staff as Director of Personnel (C.C.); and later was Commandant for the training of officers for all branches of the Control Commission of Germany.

A ready and amusing speaker, Brigadier Bruce Hay is fortunate in possessing, to a marked degree, the social qualities which help so much in the performance of presidential duties. The cares of office, though meticulously performed, sit lightly on him, and the B.A. of E. certainly could not have made a happier or more popular choice for its new President.

Thomas Cup Notes

The second contest for the Thomas Cup enters its final phases next month when the winners of the American, European and Pacific zone preliminary ties will be sending their teams to Malaya for the final clashes to see which of them shall oppose Malaya for the much-coveted trophy.

The arrangements made for these ties are as follows:—

Denmark v. India, at Kuala Lumpur, on dates not yet announced;

United States v. winners of above, at Singapore, on 25th and 26th May;

Malaya (holders) v. winners of above, at Singapore, on 31st May and 1st June.

No news has yet been received as to the composition of the teams to represent their countries, and all will be flying to the scene of combat.

It is understood, however, that the Danish team is likely to consist of Poul Holm, Jorn Skaarup, Ole Jensen, Ib Olesen and Jorgen Hammergaard Hansen, all of whom were in the team which defeated England in the European Zone

final. John Nygaard is unavailable for the trip; his doubles play is sure to be missed by the European champions.

India is likely to be led by Devinder Mohan Lal, T. N. Seth and Amrit Lal Dewan, the new All-India singles champion, but it is doubtful whether the Asiatic team possesses the necessary strength to upset the better-balanced side from Copenhagen, though the Europeans will not find it easy to acclimatise themselves to Malayan conditions.

The U.S.A. side to meet the winners of the India—Denmark clash will probably consist of the same players who beat Canada at Calgary, and this final inter-zone tie will take place on the same court as will be used for the challenge round a few days later.

In the meantime, the B.A. of Malaya has been making determined arrangements for the success of the greatest function, or series of functions, which have ever been held anywhere in the world as far as Badminton is concerned. Many trials of potential players have been staged, and as a result of them it would seem that the defending team is likely to consist of Wong Peng Soon, Ooi Teik Hock and Ong Poh

Lim for the singles, and of Ong Poh Lim and Ismail bin Marjan, and Ooi Teik Hock and another as the two doubles pairs. This is, of course, a most formidable team, and more particularly so in view of the fact that it will be playing in its own country under the humid heat so alien to whichever nation qualifies to meet it.

It seems, thus, somewhat inconceivable that Malaya will be deprived of her hold on Sir George Thomas' famous and magnificent trophy.

The Happy World Stadium, in Singapore, which is to be equipped with a portable court imported from England, will be the scene of the last two encounters, and accommodation will be available for 9,000 spectators at each session. There seems no doubt at all that every day's play will see this stadium filled to capacity, for Badminton is easily the most popular game in the whole of the Malayan peninsula.

This is the last issue of the 1951-52 season. The next issue will be published in October.

The Irish Scene**Ireland's Narrow Defeat by Sweden**

Scandinavians just Succeed after exciting Finish on their first Visit to Dublin — Peard and FitzGibbon Claim more Overseas Victims — Doyle's Fine Form at Phoenix Park

By "RACKETEER"

About 900 spectators witnessed some excellent Badminton when the Swedish team paid its first visit to Ireland, fittingly at Dublin on St. Patrick's Day. The conclusion of the fixture was most exciting, the teams were level at three matches all, game all, and 13 all in the final match, the top mixed in which K. Malmgren and Fru Elsy Killick beat D. B. Green and Mrs. D. Potter

Sweden started well by winning the two men's singles. Nils Jonson did not make things easier for himself by being consistently short in his clearances and had to work hard to win the first game from F. W. Peard, after setting. The Irishman was very accurate in his close net shots in this game but was continually in trouble in the second as Jonson, who was much fitter, piled on the pressure. In the second singles, T. T. Majury played well to win the middle game from Inge Blomberg but he, also, failed to stay against a much younger opponent.

Ireland v. Sweden

Played at Dublin on the 17th March, and won by Sweden by 4 matches to 3. Scores (Swedish names first):

N. Jonson beat F. W. Peard, 18-15, 15-9. I. Blomberg beat T. T. Majury, 15-8, 10-15, 15-0.

N. Jonson and S. Mohlin lost to F. W. Peard and J. J. FitzGibbon, 12-15, 9-15. K. Malmgren and I. Blomberg beat T. T. Majury and D. B. Green, 15-10, 15-10.

Fru E. Killick and Fru A. Petterson lost to Mrs. D. Potter and Miss J. C. Lawless, 7-15, 6-15.

K. Malmgren and Fru Killick beat D. B. Green and Mrs. Potter, 15-12, 10-15, 18-14. S. Mohlin and Fru Petterson lost to J. J. FitzGibbon and Miss Lawless, 6-15, 13-18.

Ireland scored in the ladies' doubles. Miss Jean Lawless and Mrs. Dora Potter beating Fru Elsy Killick and Fru Amy Petterson comfortably. Miss Lawless's powerful smashing contributed largely to this first international ladies' doubles victory we have had since the war.

When F. W. Peard and J. J. FitzGibbon defeated the Swedish champions, Nils Jonson and Stellan Mohlin, 15-12, 15-9, the teams were level at two matches each. The Irish pair had already defeated both the Danish pairs in the Thomas Cup, and this victory over the Swedes must mark them as Europe's best men's pair.

Green and Majury lost to Malmgren and Blomberg, 10-15, 10-15. This match probably produced better Badminton than the first men's, all four players being very severe in attack and rock-steady in

defence. The Swedes were more reliable in the crisis and this brought them through.

FitzGibbon and Miss Lawless won more comfortably than the score would suggest against Mohlin and Fru Petterson. Mohlin was able to force winners from his left-sided forehand but his backhand was comparatively weak.

The deciding match was hard-fought from beginning to end. Malmgren was a tower of strength at the back of the court, his ability to retrieve, and to drive the shuttle absolutely ferociously across court from both wings being a delight to watch. His partner, however, was weak when forced out by a high service and Mrs. Potter was more than her equal at the net. As a result, the match developed into a most interesting struggle, the Irish players attempting to slow the game around the net, whilst Malmgren attempted to attack by fast driving rallies.

Midland Branch Close Championships

The Midland Branch Close Championships, held at Garda Depot, Phenix Park, was by far the largest tournament held in Dublin for many years, the handicap and championship events necessitating a total of 420 matches.

In the championship events, J. P. Doyle displayed a considerable improvement on his previous form this season. In the final of the singles he and Peard took an hour to fight out what was described by many as the finest singles played in Dublin since the war. At one stage in the second game the score moved only one point in 11 minutes. Doyle and Miss Lawless, unseeded, won the mixed doubles, defeating FitzGibbon and Miss Good in three games perhaps somewhat luckily. There was no doubt, however, about their superiority over Peard and Mrs. Donaldson in the final, and it would be hard to see any Irish pair beating them in the face of the delightful blend of attack and defence they produced in this match. This, incidentally, was Peard's first defeat for three seasons in any event in a tournament held in Dublin. During this period he had won 26 consecutive events including nine Irish Close and two Irish Open titles.

The Junior International

The postponed under-21 international fixture against Scotland took place at Londonderry last month, when Ireland gained a win by the odd event.

Ireland v. Scotland (under-21)

Played at Londonderry on 6th March and won by Ireland by 4 matches to 3. Scores (Irish names first):

N. Lavelle lost to A. M. Heberton, 8-15, 8-15. K. Carlisle lost to J. M. Kemsley, 6-15, 6-15.

Lavelle and C. Desano beat Kemsley and J. B. Gordon, 15-3, 17-15. Carlisle and M. J. McVeigh lost to Heberton and I. Young, 2-15, 18-15, 9-15.

Miss M. Henderson and Miss E. Garton beat Miss L. Grant and Miss E. M. McKenzie, 15-10, 15-11.

Desano and Miss Henderson beat Young and Miss Grant, 15-9, 15-13. McVeigh and Miss Garton beat Gordon and Miss McKenzie, 15-12, 15-6.

Dublin Badminton players recently enjoyed, on the films, a short item of the All-England Championships, witnessing a couple of rallies of the semi-final in which the Choongs beat F. W. Peard and J. J. FitzGibbon.

Fru Elsy Killick, holder of the Swedish mixed doubles championship, was visiting Dublin for the first time when she came with the Swedish team. Her husband, however, was born in Ireland of Irish parents, but emigrated when a child.

Miss Mavis Henderson, who played in Ireland's under-21 team, is sister of Noel Henderson, the Irish Rugger star, who is himself a fine Badminton player.

The North-West Ulster Championships

We are indebted to a correspondent in Londonderry who advises the undermentioned results of the North-West Ulster Championships held in Londonderry from 24th to 29th March. The most noteworthy was the defeat of D. B. Green and T. T. Majury, the Irish Thomas Cup pair, at the hands of S. S. J. Huey and J. Wallace after a ding-dong struggle. The international pair had previously had to fight hard to eliminate J. L. Rankin and R. Bell. In the mixed doubles, R. S. Love and Miss Audrey Love defeated the holders, Huey and Miss A. Foster, but they could not quite hold Green and Mrs. Potter in the final.

The final rounds resulted as follows:—

Men's Singles: K. J. Diplock beat T. T. Majury, 15-6, 18-15.

Men's Doubles: S. S. J. Huey and J. Wallace beat T. T. Majury and D. B. Green, 15-12, 7-15, 17-16.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss A. Love and Mrs. B. Irwin beat Mrs. D. Potter and Miss A. Foster, 15-12, 17-18, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles: D. B. Green and Mrs. D. Potter beat R. S. Love and Miss A. Love, 10-15, 15-8, 15-7.

Off the Court

By "VELMA"

Many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. P. Birtwistle on the birth of a son (Brian David William) on April 1st. Both parents are very well known in badminton circles. Peter Birtwistle, who plays regularly for Lancashire and has had many tournament successes, has also represented England five times in international matches. I am assured that young Brian arrived after 12 o'clock so that the date has no significance!

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Very intriguing were Amy Choong's black-rimmed American spectacles which she wore at the All-England and which went so perfectly with her jet black short bobbed hair.

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A young man with a perfect knowledge of English and an extraordinarily good accent was Ole Mertz of Copenhagen, who was paying his first visit to the All-England Championships, though not to England. He had a fortnight's holiday here last year and managed to see enough to wish to come back again. This young Dane is training to be an English language teacher, and after our experience of his ability we can be sure he will make a great success of it.

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Congratulations to Miss Iris Cooley of Richmond, Surrey, who was chosen to travel with the international team to Sweden early in April. Iris had clearly earned her place with her good results in tournaments and county play and confirmed her selection when in partnership with her Surrey team-mate, Miss June White, they scored a sensational victory in the All-England over the second seeded Danish pair, Fru Aase Winther and Frk. Edel Christensen.

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Also internationally chosen for the first time was J. D. McColl, match secretary of Staffordshire. Jack, who could very well act as interpreter for the whole party, having spent three months last year in Gothenburg, was born in Chatham and recently gave up rugger to concentrate on the shuttle game.

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Another selected for the first time to travel with the England team was J. R. Best, who is at present up at Cambridge studying languages. John, who only started playing the game three seasons ago, has advanced at a phenomenal pace and has an outstanding flair for the mixed game. He got his Kent county colours less than a year ago.

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Many people will have wondered why Wong Peng Soon hurried to pick up the shuttle with which he won the last point in the singles final at the Empress Hall last month. The truth is that Peng Soon

values that precious last bird and it will be added to the other two trophies from the two previous All-England tournaments, which hold a place of honour among his numerous silver awards from many parts of the world.

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A hitch in the travelling arrangements of the Irish contingent who came to play in the All-England was caused by bad weather. They were due to leave Northolt on Sunday afternoon, but after hanging around at the airport for a while they had to return and spend another night in London, and did not eventually get back to Dublin until Monday night. As a compensation great excitement was caused in Eire's capital when the newsfilms gave shots of the famous Dublin pair, Peard and FitzGibbon, during their thrilling match with the Choong brothers.



MISS AMY CHOONG

Who is always such an attractive personality wherever she plays

A lucky young man is Ronald Lockwood, the Middlesex 2nd and outstanding junior player, who has just been called up into the R.A.F. He has been chosen to join the Air Force team to tour Denmark. This should be invaluable experience for an up-and-coming player.

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A young lady who does her share on the administrative side of the game is Miss Vivienne Uber, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Uber. She recently took on the job of tournament secretary at the West Hants Championships. In spite of this, however, she did very well in the ladies' singles there, only going down to Miss D. B. Grace after a hard match.

Congratulations to Mrs. Olive Clegg on her marriage to Mr. Eric Thunder early in April. Mrs. Thunder has played for Kent 2nd with success for two seasons.

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I see that the Misses Tora and Astrid Lövgren of Gothenburg were both chosen to play for Sweden against Scotland on April 3rd. This must surely be the first occasion that twins have played in an international match.

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We must congratulate Miss Jean Petchell, the 18-year-old Nottinghamshire County player, who did so well in the Paddington Tennis Tournament early this month. After beating Miss Georgie Woodgate in the semi-final she went on to win the final, her opponent being Mrs. Panton, who is a sister of Mrs. Joy Mottram.

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A great success at the All-England Championships were the green composition courts. Praise was rained on them from all sides and Wong Peng Soon was so impressed that when he got back to Malaya he told the authorities there about them. The result has been that one has been ordered to be sent to Malaya for the challenge tie of the Thomas Cup.

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The bad, wintry weather which we experienced at the end of March made life rather difficult for John Newland and Miss Lesley Mackenzie, who were all set to travel to Paris on the early morning 'plane for the French Championships. First of all their service was cancelled, so they hurriedly made their way to the train, but when they got to Dover the boat was not running. Eventually, after returning to London, they got away the next morning by 'plane and arrived just in time to play in the doubles events.

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The televising of the final of the men's doubles at the All-England was a great success. At one time viewers were shown close-ups of the famous Choong foot-work—Eddy's ballet-like steps and spectacular leaps and David's more solid movements.

According to word received from David Bloomer, the reception was clear also in Scotland.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. V. Messenger on the birth of a daughter (Rosemary Ann) at Herne Bay on the 19th March. Michael Messenger, who has been hon. secretary of the Kent County Badminton Association for two years, is also well-known on the courts; he has played many times for Kent 2nd, and on two occasions for the county when representative teams have visited Aberdeen and Jutland.

The All-England Qualifying Rounds

Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Players Impress

For the first time in the history of the All-England Championships, qualifying rounds were instituted this season to cater for the overflow of competitors annually desirous of competing in the premier tournament of the year. They took place on the three excellent courts of the Lensbury and Britannic House Associated Clubs at Lower Sydenham on Friday and Saturday, 14th and 15th March.

In broad retrospect the entries were disappointing, which means to say that the total entries for the All-England Championships, of which the qualifying rounds formed of course an integral and important part, were not up to what they had been expected to be, though this applies only as far as number is concerned. This may have been, and probably was, due to the difficulty on the part of many provincial players to come up to London twice in the space of a few days interval, firstly to take part in the qualifying rounds, and then, if successful therein, to return a few days later for the All-England Championships proper. All of which lends thought to the future possibility of extending a portion of the "Q," as it has become known, to either a midland or a northern centre.

There were, however, some fine matches in all the five events which were, of course, only pursued sufficiently far to enable the gaps in the draw for the Empress Hall to be filled up.

In the men's events, the two Bedfordshire players, L. V. Smith and T. H. Clark, had hard luck in not gaining a ticket for the Empress Hall, for both played remarkably well. More fortunate was C. A. Darnell of Cambridgeshire, though he was forced to scratch in the men's doubles. Another Cambridgeshire player who had hard luck was the junior Miss Jean Cryer, who ought to have eliminated Miss J. Peters of Surrey in the singles. Miss Cryer played magnificently, and opposed to the previous week's winner of the restricted event in the Surrey Championships, she was leading by a game and 9-2, but then faltered. However, the loser did enough to show that she should have a future.

It was unfortunate that, due to retirements, one or two players gained bloodless passports to the Empress Hall, but though this was unavoidable it was hard luck on some who were narrowly defeated.

MEN'S SINGLES (22 players)

First Round: C. A. Darnell w.o., J. C. B. Somerville, retired. M. Green beat E. D. T. Vane, 15-4, 15-7. T. H. Clark beat J. Newland, 15-1, 15-9. W. S. Slow w.o., J. Wallace retired. L. V. Smith beat D. B. Hepworth, 15-12, 15-0. D. J. Boorman beat A. C. Bahree, 15-11, 15-12.

Second Round: P. G. Alcorn w.o., B. R. Jensen, retired. P. V. Willford beat A. J. Kemp, 15-11, 6-15, 15-11. Darnell beat R. C. Evers, 18-16, 15-12. Green beat Clark, 18-13, 15-10. Slow beat Smith, 15-13, 15-8. Boorman beat M. F. Hines, 15-2, 15-1. G. Bregeon w.o. B. Goode, retired. G. J. Harrison beat M. A. Turner, 15-0, 15-5.

LADIES' SINGLES (9 players)

First Round: Mrs. P. G. Alcorn beat Miss M. B. Russell, 11-8, 11-7.

Second Round: Miss J. Peters beat Miss J. F. Cryer, 10-12, 12-9, 11-4. Mrs. Alcorn beat Mrs. F. M. Henderson, 11-1, 11-3. Mrs. P. J. Bailey beat Mrs. H. A. Nye, 11-2, 11-5. Miss W. M. Llywelyn-Williams beat Miss J. Broomfield, 12-10, 11-8.

MEN'S DOUBLES (17 pairs)

First Round: D. B. Hepworth and J. D. Robertson beat R. W. Habens and P. V. Willford, 15-12, 15-5.

Second Round: P. G. Alcorn and B. R. Jensen w.o., C. A. Darnell and B. Goode, retired. S. Mitchell and J. C. Rolstone beat G. Bregeon and M. A. Turner, 15-2, 15-1. H. L. K. Brock and F. C. Lowe beat G. H. Featherstone and R. J. Sargent, 15-10, 15-9. Hepworth and Robertson beat T. H. Clark and L. V. Smith, 15-11, 18-17. L. Wash and B. Duckitt beat S. R. Crocker and W. S. Corbishley, 17-14, 15-8. R. C. Evers and W. H. Osborn beat W. Mudge and D. A. Trehearne, 15-10, 15-8. M. Green and A. G. Rayner w.o., K. K. Mukerjee and R. Murugason, retired. A. J. Kemp and R. S. Lucas beat G. J. Harrison and J. Selves, 15-4, 15-2.

Parkstone Stages the West Hants Championships

There was not a very good entry for the West Hants Championships, which were played off at Parkstone, actually in Dorset, on March 28th and 29th, but this may have been due to last-minute alteration of the dates. It was, however, good to see the Irishman, J. L. Rankin, emerge temporarily from retirement and win both doubles events without a great deal of trouble.

S. H. Lim and Miss June White won their first singles championship honours. Though the former had very little opposition, the latter thoroughly earned her title with a very fine win over Miss D. B. Grace in the final. An outstanding success in the ladies' singles was also that of Miss Vivienne Uber over Miss S. I. Ripley, and the winner came close to annexing the second game off Miss Grace in the next round.

MEN'S SINGLES (8 players)

Semi-finals: F. Carter beat C. Read, 15-7, 15-6. S. H. Lim beat R. O. Davies, 15-1, 15-4.

Final: Lim beat Carter, 15-4, 15-1.

LADIES' SINGLES

First Round: Miss V. Uber beat Miss S. I. Ripley, 12-11, 11-7. Miss D. B. Grace beat Mrs. G. R. C. Hawkins, 11-2, 11-2. Mrs. V. Durringer beat Miss S. M. Pratt, 6-11, 12-10, 11-3. Miss J. White beat Mrs. D. Cuff, 11-4, 11-2.

Semi-finals: Miss Grace beat Miss Uber, 11-2, 12-11. Miss White beat Mrs. Durringer, 11-4, 11-4.

Final: Miss White beat Miss Grace, 7-11, 12-10, 11-6.

Third Round: Mitchell and Rolstone beat Alcorn and Jensen, 17-18, 17-15, 15-5. Hepworth and Robertson beat Brock and Lowe, 15-13, 15-10. Evers and Osborn beat Wash and Duckitt, 15-9, 14-17, 15-7. Kemp and Lucas beat Green and Rayner, 15-8, 15-6.

LADIES' DOUBLES (8 pairs)

First Round: Mrs. D. M. Collier and Miss U. H. Smith beat Mrs. H. A. Nye and Mrs. J. E. Steer, 15-8, 15-8. Mrs. B. M. B. Gilbert and Miss J. Peters beat Miss D. M. Charlton and Miss M. L. Hill, 15-9, 15-10. Miss W. M. Llywelyn-Williams and Mrs. I. S. Morgan beat Miss D. M. Dewey and Mrs. Houston, 18-13, 15-7. Mrs. O. Clegg and Miss H. C. Parfitt beat Miss J. Broomfield and Miss M. B. Russell, 15-7, 15-18, 15-4.

Second Round: Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Peters beat Mrs. Collier and Miss Smith, 15-12, 17-16. Miss Llywelyn-Williams and Mrs. Morgan beat Mrs. Clegg and Miss Parfitt, 15-11, 13-18, 15-4.

MIXED DOUBLES (17 pairs)

First Round: A. E. Peckover and Miss M. L. Hill beat P. V. Willford and Miss S. I. Ripley, 17-14, 15-12.

Second Round: J. C. B. Somerville and Mrs. O. Clegg beat R. Radford and Miss U. H. Smith, 8-15, 15-11, 18-15. M. Green and Miss W. M. Llywelyn-Williams beat F. C. Lowe and Miss H. C. Parfitt, 7-15, 15-11, 15-4. W. C. Regan and Miss E. Windsor-Aubrey beat B. R. Jensen and Mrs. F. M. Henderson, 15-12, 15-6. Peckover and Miss Hill beat R. D. Brown and Mrs. B. Head, 15-3, 12-15, 15-11. J. D. Robertson and Mrs. V. A. Cowan beat C. A. Darnell and Miss J. F. Cryer, 18-15, 15-8. D. B. Hepworth and Miss M. B. Russell beat R. C. Evers and Mrs. J. Needham, 15-10, 15-5. G. H. Featherstone and Mrs. Houston beat J. C. Rolstone and Mrs. M. E. Arthur, 15-9, 4-15, 15-9. K. K. Mukerjee and Miss J. Pearce beat J. Newland and Miss L. Mackenzie, 14-17, 15-3, 15-12.

MEN'S DOUBLES (6 pairs)

Semi-finals: F. H. D. Lawton and S. H. Lim beat E. Carter and A. Beesley, 15-7, 15-3. J. L. Rankin and A. B. Renton beat H. C. J. Vick and C. W. Bissell, 15-8, 15-6.

Final: Rankin and Renton beat Lawton and Lim, 15-8, 15-6.

LADIES' DOUBLES (6 pairs)

Semi-finals: Mrs. H. S. Uber and Miss J. R. White beat Miss J. Awford and Miss V. Uber, 15-2, 15-3. Miss D. B. Grace and Mrs. K. M. Henderson beat Miss S. I. Ripley and Mrs. V. E. Durringer, 15-2, 15-6.

Final: Miss Grace and Mrs. Henderson beat Mrs. Uber and Miss White, 12-15, 15-10, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

First Round: A. B. Renton and Mrs. V. Durringer beat D. J. Harvey and Miss R. Page, 15-7, 11-15, 15-5. H. C. J. Vick and Miss D. B. Grace beat F. H. D. Lawton and Mrs. G. R. C. Hawkins, 7-15, 15-10, 18-13. S. H. Lim and Mrs. K. M. Henderson beat C. W. Bissell and Miss S. I. Ripley, 15-2, 15-4. J. L. Rankin and Mrs. H. S. Uber beat E. N. Carter and Miss J. White, 15-4, 15-9.

Semi-finals: Renton and Mrs. Durringer beat Vick and Miss Grace, 15-11, 15-7. Rankin and Mrs. Uber beat Lim and Mrs. Henderson, 15-4, 8-15, 15-3.

Final: Rankin and Mrs. Uber beat Renton and Mrs. Durringer, 15-7, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES RESTRICTED

Semi-finals: C. W. Bissell and Miss D. Cook beat R. O. Davies and Mrs. D. Cuff, 15-8, 8-15, 15-8. F. H. D. Lawton and Mrs. G. R. C. Hawkins beat E. Carter and Miss S. M. Pratt, 15-8, 15-9.

Final: Lawton and Mrs. Hawkins beat Bissell and Miss Cook, 16-7, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES AMERICAN HANDICAP WINNERS

A. Beesley and Mrs. A. Harwood (plus 9); E. H. Sadler and Mrs. M. L. Coffin (plus 9) and D. Dear and Mrs. E. M. Bond (plus 5) divided.

The Game in France

International Championships Reveal Increasing Enthusiasm — Cross-Channel Visitors again Win all Honours

The 24th annual "Championnats Internationaux de France" took place on 29th and 30th March on the courts of the Racing Club de France, Paris. As with most European events this season, it proved to be another "Choongament," as the famous Malayan brothers swept all before them. Prominent amongst other cross-channel visitors were Mrs. Wyatt, Miss Audrey Stone, Mrs. F. M. Henderson and Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber, who between them provided the class of the ladies' entry. Not surprisingly, they shared all the honours open to them.

Miss Stone is the new singles champion, and the Kent player had no real difficulty in winning her first national singles title. In the final she beat Mrs. Wyatt who had done well to eliminate Mrs. Henderson, particularly as the Hampshire lady rarely participates in the singles game. An encouraging state of affairs was revealed by the large entry of 19 ladies for the singles, and this tends to show to what extent the game is now really booming in France. Most of the entrants were quite young players. The new national champion of France, Mlle. Annie Gibon, gave Mrs. Henderson quite a good struggle in the first game of their clash, too.

Noteworthy in the men's singles was Bent Nielsen's three-game match against E. L. Choong. The former is a Dane now studying in the French capital. Henri Pellizza, the leading French exponent, aspired to the semi-final where he had the satisfaction of picking up nine points in the first game against E. B. Choong who then beat his brother in the final.

Pellizza and Paul Ailloud had a really good game against the Choongs in the doubles final, though not collecting many points, and this new French combination bids fair to do well in the future.

Mrs. Henderson and Miss Stone had a fine win in the ladies' doubles when they disposed of Mrs. Allen Webber and Mrs. Wyatt fairly comfortably in the final. This was a very fine effort, and provided the winners with their third success together in this event.

The mixed final was the *piece de resistance* of the meeting, and the largest gallery ever to attend a Badminton event in Paris enjoyed it to the full.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: E. L. Choong (Malaya) beat Bent Nielson (Denmark), 15-8, 17-18, 15-4. E. B. Choong (Malaya) beat Henri Pellizza (France), 15-9, 15-2.

Final: E. B. Choong beat E. L. Choong, 15-5, 15-8.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. S. Wyatt (England) beat Mrs. F. M. Henderson (England), 3-11, 11-3, 12-10. Miss A. J. Stone (England) beat Mme. Augry (France), 11-3, 11-1.

Final: Miss Stone beat Mrs. Wyatt 12-9, 11-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Paul Ailloud and Henri Pellizza (France) beat Georges Bouvier (France) and Bent Nielson (Denmark), 15-7, 15-6. E. L. Choong and E. B. Choong (Malaya) w.o., Yves Baudouin and Michel Le Renard (France) retired.

Final: Choong and Choong beat Ailloud and Pellizza, 15-2 15-5.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Miss A. J. Stone and Mrs. F. M. Henderson (England) beat Mlle Noelle Ailloud and Mlle Jany Boivin (France), 15-1, 15-4. Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber and Mrs. S. Wyatt (England) beat Mlle Claude Carvallo and Mlle Annie Gibon (France), 15-2, 15-6.

Final: Miss Stone and Mrs. Henderson beat Mrs. Webber and Mrs. Wyatt, 15-12, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: E. L. Choong (Malaya) and Mrs. S. Wyatt (England) beat Henri Pellizza and Mlle Noelle Ailloud (France), 15-11, 15-8. E. B. Choong (Malaya) and Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber (England) beat Bent Nielsen (Denmark) and Mlle L. Giani (France), 15-5, 15-2.

Final: E. B. Choong and Mrs. Webber beat E. L. Choong and Mrs. Wyatt, 12-15, 15-1, 15-11.

Other Notes and News from France

Earlier in the season two other important tournaments had taken place amongst the several now annually listed throughout France.

The International Championships of Paris were unfortunately entirely devoid of British entrants, but the Danes, Bent Nielsen and Niels Graeffe, who before their temporary migration to the French capital had already built up excellent reputations in their own country, added lustre to the meeting. It was a fine effort of Henri Pellizza to defeat Graeffe, 15-4, 15-9, in the semi-final of the singles, but he had to bow to the superior genius of the Jutlander, Nielsen.

Mlle. Noelle Ailloud, a very young player from Lyons, confirmed her high place in the game in France by winning the ladies' singles with the loss of never more than two points in any game. She is a sister of Paul Ailloud who gave H. R. Marsland such a close match in the Thomas Cup tie in December.

The results of the final rounds were as follows:—

Men's Singles: Bent Nielsen beat Henri Pellizza, 15-10, 15-8.

Ladies' Singles: Mlle Noelle Ailloud beat Mlle Jany Boivin, 11-2, 11-0.

Men's Doubles: Bent Nielsen and Niels Graeffe beat Paul Ailloud and Henri Pellizza, 15-3, 15-12.

Ladies' Doubles: Mlle Yvonne Girard and Mlle Madeleine Girard beat Mlle Noelle Ailloud and Mme Simonne Pellizza, 13-15, 15-3, 15-6.

Mixed Doubles: Henri Pellizza and Mlle Noelle Ailloud beat Maurice Mathieu and Mlle Jany Boivin 15-7, 15-6.

The National Championships of France took place at Le Havre when many Parisians and Lyonnais travelled north for the tournament. It was no surprise that Henri Pellizza won all three events open to him. But there was a big upset in the ladies' singles when the holder and No. 1 ranking player, Mlle. Noelle Ailloud, was defeated by Mlle. Annie Gibon of Le Havre in the semi-final. This was the only title gained by the home contingent, Paris and Lyons sharing all the rest. The scores of the final rounds were as follows:—

Men's Singles: Henri Pellizza beat Paul Ailloud 15-5, 15-2.

Ladies' Singles: Mlle Annie Gibon beat Mlle Jany Boivin, 9-11, 11-4, 11-2.

Men's Doubles: Henri Pellizza and Paul Ailloud beat Michel Le Renard and Maurice Mathieu, 15-7, 15-3.

Ladies' Doubles: Mlle Noelle Ailloud and Mlle Jany Boivin beat Mme Monique Chassain and Mlle Annie Gibon, 15-5, 15-13.

Mixed Doubles: Henri Pellizza and Mlle Noelle Ailloud beat Michel Le Renard and Mlle Claude Carvallo, 15-3, 15-7.

New clubs have been springing up all over France in recent months. Though Paris, Le Havre and Lyons still lead the way, there are signs that they may soon be rivalled by Nantes, Valenciennes, Agen, Angers, Bordeaux, and other towns.

New honorary secretary of the Commission Centrale de Badminton of the Federation Francaise de Lawn Tennis (rather a lengthy title for a national governing body) is Mlle. Jacqueline Deguingand of the Racing Club de France. Mlle. Deguingand is well known to numbers of Badminton itinerants to the French capital, not only by her charm and hospitality, but also by her play, though this season her active participation was somewhat upset by an attack of appendicitis, now happily forgotten. Mlle. Deguingand is, however, not the first lady to undertake the onus of honorary secretary of a national Badminton organisation. For several years, New Zealand had a lady at the helm. If Mlle. Deguingand can do for her country what Miss Margaret Dwyer did for the Dominion, then the "Tricolor" is sure to fly proudly over the Badminton world. We wish her the best of luck. She will certainly get plenty of help from that great enthusiast, Monsieur Rene Mathieu, who remains (needless to add, of course!) president of the C.C. de Badminton.

The French have remodelled their inter-club championship. From this season on it is being played on lines identical to the Thomas Cup ties; that is to say with five singles and four doubles matches. France has thus copied Malaya who similarly remodelled their inter-state championship two seasons ago. Previously, the French competition was played on Davis Cup lines, which is not the most advantageous for Badminton. The Malaysians had done the same.

France had hoped to be represented officially at the All-England Championships this season, but it was found impossible to bring this hope to fruition. It would have been more than interesting to have had Henri Pellizza and Paul and Noelle Ailloud, for instance. Let us hope that this is still a pleasure to come. In the meantime we hope that next season another French team will find it possible to play a few matches here as was done two seasons ago when six southern county sides were opposed in the space of a full week.

The French magazine "Smash" which is published every other month, and is devoted mostly to Lawn Tennis, is doing much to promote Badminton across the Channel, and during the winter months gives quite a bit of space to the shuttle game.

H. R. Holdsworth's Successes at Leicester

The most prominent feature of the open tournament of the Leicestershire B.A., held at the Spence Street Baths, Leicester, on 21st, 22nd and 23rd February, was the great success of H. R. Holdsworth. The Westmorland player won all three events, a more than most creditable achievement in view of the strong opposition on hand.

He was, perhaps, a little fortunate that N. B. Radford was obliged to retire owing to a leg injury, but nevertheless his was a fine performance. Holdsworth defeated W. E. Smith, Cheshire's international, with something to spare in the singles, and with C. Cumpstey, also of Westmorland, again defeated Smith who was playing with W. G. P. Birtwistle in the men's doubles. The winners had beaten those two fine players, both almost of a past generation, A. Titherley and D. E. Kenyon, in the first round, and it was good to see them turning out in tournament play again.

Mrs. E. D. Dean was altogether too good for the rest of the field in the ladies' singles, but she and Mrs. A. D. Lord were beaten in the doubles by Miss A. J. Stone and Mrs. F. M. Henderson. Mrs. Lord also lost the mixed final, though Holdsworth and Mrs. D. W. Gillies were too good for her and Birtwistle when it came to the third game.

MEN'S SINGLES

(16 players)

Second Round: N. B. Radford beat J. W. Ofield, 18-17, 15-7. H. R. Holdsworth beat W. C. Regan, 15-5, 15-8. W. E. Smith beat A. Egglestone, 15-3, 15-2. F. S. Parker beat C. Cumpstey, 12-15, 15-3, 15-5.

Semi-finals: Holdsworth w.o. Radford, retired. Smith beat Parker, 15-11, 15-10.

Final: Holdsworth beat Smith, 15-9, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES

(8 players)

First Round: Mrs. G. Dean beat Miss G. Fox, 11-2, 11-2. Miss A. J. Stone beat Mrs. G. Gawth, 11-2, 11-0. Miss M. Crockett beat Miss Thompson, 11-6, 11-0. Mrs. L. Higson beat Mrs. F. M. Henderson, 11-7, 4-11, 11-7.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Dean beat Miss Stone, 11-5, 11-2. Mrs. Higson beat Miss Crockett, 11-3, 11-5.

Final: Mrs. Dean beat Higson, 11-6, 11-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(14 pairs)

Second Round: W. G. P. Birtwistle and W. E. Smith beat A. Pilgrim and D. Wilkinson, 15-4, 15-5. W. C. Regan and F. S. Parker beat J. Green and J. W. Ofield, 15-8, 15-3. H. R. Holdsworth and C. Cumpstey beat G. R. E. Meredith and W. T. Alldridge, 15-1, 16-17, 15-7. N. B. Radford and E. N. L. Jones beat A. W. Badley and E. T. Watts, 15-7, 15-4.

Semi-finals: Birtwistle and Smith beat Regan and Parker, 15-13, 15-8. Holdsworth and Cumpstey w.o. Radford and Jones, retired.

Final: Holdsworth and Cumpstey beat Birtwistle and Smith, 9-15, 18-13, 15-12.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(10 pairs)

Second Round: Mrs. G. Dean and Mrs. A. D. Lord beat Mrs. K. Davidson and Mrs. J. Gillies, 15-4, 15-10. Mrs. F. Cuerden and Mrs. A. D. Kelly beat Miss M. Crockett and Mrs. L. Jones, 15-6, 15-11. Mrs. L. Higson and Miss J. Evans beat Mrs. M. Mitchell and Miss D. M. Lisle, 15-4, 15-3. Miss A. J. Stone and Mrs. F. M. Henderson beat Mrs. C. Cumpstey and Mrs. G. Gawth, 15-2, 15-7.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Lord beat Mrs. Cuerden and Mrs. Kelly, 15-8, 15-7. Miss Stone and Mrs. Henderson beat Mrs. Higson and Miss Evans, 15-7, 15-1.

Final: Miss Stone and Mrs. Henderson beat Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Lord, 15-10, 3-15, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

(19 pairs)

Third Round: W. G. P. Birtwistle and Mrs. A. B. Lord beat C. Cumpstey and Mrs. L. Higson, 15-12, 15-7. F. S. Parker and Mrs. N. Pilgrim beat J. H. M. Green and Mrs. A. D. Kelly, 15-9, 15-4. H. R. Holdsworth and Mrs. J.

Gillies beat W. C. Regan and Miss A. J. Stone, 18-13, 15-3. D. E. Kenyon and Mrs. F. E. Cuerden beat A. Pilgrim and Miss M. Crockett, 15-13, 15-7.

Semi-finals: Birtwistle and Mrs. Lord beat Parker and Mrs. Pilgrim, 13-15, 15-1, 15-2. Holdsworth and Mrs. Gillies beat Kenyon and Mrs. Cuerden, 15-9, 18-14.

Final: Holdsworth and Mrs. Gillies beat Birtwistle and Mrs. Lord, 6-15, 15-11, 15-4.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: G. N. Burton and S. Fretter (scr.) beat A. Pilgrim and D. L. Wilkinson (owe 4), 15-7, 15-11.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss M. Crockett and Miss M. Lumbers (plus 1) beat Mrs. M. Mitchell and Miss D. M. Lisle (plus 2), 15-10, 15-14.

Mixed Doubles: S. Fretter and Miss J. Bird (owe 1) beat A. Pilgrim and Miss M. Crockett (owe hand), 6-15, 15-12, 15-11.

Four Holders Repeat in Somerset Championships

Four of the five championship events were retained by the 1951 holders when the Somerset Championships were played at Bath on February 21st, 22nd and 23rd. E. B. Choong accomplished his not uncustomary treble, and this he did without being unduly extended in any match. The only holders to fail were Miss Audrey Blathwayt and Miss Amy Choong, who just fell at the post to Mrs. Durringer and Miss O'Beirne, who then went on to defeat Mrs. Uber and Mrs. Allen Webber in the ladies' doubles final.

M. Robinson had some good results. In the men's doubles he and J. D. McColl eliminated R. C. F. Nichols and A. B. Renton, and in the mixed, Robinson, this time with Mrs. Webber, took Nichols again into camp when the ex-champion was playing with Miss O'Beirne. E. B. Choong proved a little too much for the Warwickshire man, however, in both events.

The popular mixed doubles event which is restricted to non-championship winners, went to the Somerset player, D. Osman, and the Devonian, Miss B. A. Lee, after two very close encounters with other West country pairs. Miss Lee gave plentiful evidence of her improvement in the singles, too, when she extended the English international, Miss D. B. Grace, to two close games before capitulating.

It was good to see Miss Blathwayt taking part in an open tournament again. Her beautiful strokes are seen altogether too rarely in competitive play these days.

MEN'S SINGLES

(18 players)

Third Round: E. B. Choong beat L. G. Burden, 15-1, 15-6. J. D. McColl beat C. L. Yap, 15-5, 15-6. M. Robinson beat H. E. Chan, 15-4, 15-4. L. T. Lee beat D. M. Rundle, 15-1, 15-4.

Semi-finals: Choong beat McColl, 15-5, 15-7. Lee beat Robinson, 15-10, 15-5.

Final: Choong beat Lee, 15-3, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES

(14 players)

Second Round: Miss I. E. O'Beirne beat Mrs. S. Lee, 11-1, 11-3. Miss D. B. Grace beat Miss B. A. Lee, 12-11, 11-7. Miss A. Blathwayt beat Miss P. Gwyn, 11-2, 11-0. Miss J. E. Maples, w.o., Mrs. K. Grant retired.

Semi-finals: Miss O'Beirne beat Miss Grace, 11-4, 11-7. Miss Blathwayt beat Miss Maples, 11-7, 11-5.

Final: Miss O'Beirne beat Miss Blathwayt, 11-8, 11-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(16 pairs)

Second Round: E. B. Choong and L. T. Lee beat C. Cinglio and A. R. Farrell, 15-3, 15-2. H. E. Chan and C. L. Yap beat J. H. Kellett and F. H. Lawton, 15-10, 15-12. M. Robinson and J. D. McColl beat A. G. Coles and E. R. Coles, 15-6, 15-8. R. C. F. Nichols and A. B. Renton beat P. V. Willford and K. W. Hunter, 15-8, 15-9.

Semi-finals: Choong and Lee beat Chan and Yap, 15-1, 15-9. Robinson and McColl beat Nichols and Renton, 15-6, 10-15, 15-10.

Final: Choong and Lee beat Robinson and McColl, 15-7, 15-7.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(16 pairs)

Second Round: Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber and Mrs. H. S. Uber beat Miss P. Gwyn and Mrs. S. Lee, 15-6, 15-8. Miss D. B. Grace and Mrs. G. F. Saunders beat Mrs. B. Swann and Mrs. B. Carroll, 15-1, 15-12. Miss I. E. O'Beirne and Mrs. V. E. Durringer beat Mrs. M. R. Wyatt and Miss M. Willcox, 15-11, 15-8. Miss A. Choong and Miss A. Blathwayt beat Miss J. E. Maples and Miss M. Love, 15-8, 15-4.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Allen Webber and Mrs. Uber beat Miss Grace and Mrs. Saunders, 15-12, 15-12. Miss O'Beirne and Mrs. Durringer beat Miss Choong and Miss Blathwayt, 14-17, 15-11, 18-15.

Final: Miss O'Beirne and Mrs. Durringer beat Mrs. Allen Webber and Mrs. Uber, 15-7, 15-14.

MIXED DOUBLES

(21 pairs)

Third Round: E. B. Choong and Miss A. Choong beat J. H. Kellett and Mrs. G. F. Saunders, 15-2, 15-5. L. G. Burden and Miss A. Blathwayt beat A. B. Renton and Mrs. V. E. Durringer, 15-12, 15-4. M. Robinson and Mrs. Allen Webber beat R. C. F. Nichols and Miss I. E. O'Beirne, 18-15, 13-15, 15-7. J. D. McColl and Miss D. B. Grace beat L. T. Lee and Mrs. M. R. Wyatt, 18-16, 15-4.

Semi-finals: Choong and Miss Choong beat Burden and Miss Blathwayt, 15-5, 15-7. Robinson and Mrs. Allen Webber beat McColl and Miss Grace, 15-14, 15-8.

Final: Choong and Miss Choong beat Robinson and Mrs. Allen Webber, 15-2, 15-3.

MIXED DOUBLES—RESTRICTED

(22 pairs)

Semi-finals: F. H. Lawton and Mrs. M. Hawkins beat P. S. Porter and Miss M. Love, 16-17, 17-16, 15-5. D. Osman and Miss B. A. Lee beat R. J. Willcox and Miss M. Willcox, 16-18, 15-12, 10-10.

Final: Osman and Miss Lee beat Lawton and Mrs. Hawkins, 17-15, 15-10.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: G. H. Rowden and G. K. Woolley (scr.) beat H. Appleyard and G. G. Marshal (owe hand, owe 3), 15-10, 15-4.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss M. A. Taylor and Miss E. A. Lee (owe 8) w.o., Miss R. Ward and Miss A. Blathwayt (owe 9), retired.

Mixed Doubles: R. A. Wyatt and Mrs. C. E. Martin (owe 7) beat R. J. Willcox and Miss M. Willcox (owe 8), 15-10, 14-15, 15-13.

The Notts Championships

The Nottinghamshire Championships took place at Nottingham from 14th to 16th February. A. D. Jordan celebrated his selection for the England Thomas Cup team by winning both doubles events, though both finals were only gained by narrow margins.

We regret that the full scores of the tournament have not reached us but the final rounds were as follows:

Men's Singles: K. R. Greasley beat J. D. McColl, 11-15, 15-12, 15-12.

Ladies' Singles: Mrs. C. M. Robinson beat Mrs. L. Higson, 11-1, 11-6.

Men's Doubles: R. C. F. Nichols and A. D. Jordan beat K. R. Greasley and W. G. P. Birtwistle, 15-8, 13-15, 15-10.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber and Miss I. E. O'Beirne beat Miss D. B. Grace and Miss E. Windsor-Aubrey, 15-4, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles: A. D. Jordan and Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber beat J. D. McColl and Miss D. B. Grace, 10-15, 15-4, 15-12.

The Surrey Championships

Miss Grace and Miss O'Beirne are only 1951 Winners to Retain
Cups — W. C. Regan and Miss S. Peters Shine in other Events

There was the customary large entry for the Surrey Championship tournament, which was held on the courts of the Wimbledon Club during the whole of the week ending March 8th. The three championship events all went to different players, and there were some good scraps before the tournament was over.

There were no singles championships at stake, but, instead, two singles events restricted to non-championship winners.

In the ladies' doubles, Miss D. B. Grace and Miss I. E. O'Beirne had some fine victories to retain their 1951 title, but new winners in L. T. Lee and E. B. Choong emerged in the men's doubles. The two Malaysians did not lose a game throughout. In the mixed event, H. A. Heah and Miss Amy Choong enjoyed a fine success over E. B. Choong and Miss I. L. Cooley, the holders, and another pair which did remarkably well was that composed of W. C. Regan of Leicestershire and Miss A. J. Stone of Kent; not only did they eliminate R. C. F. Nichols and Mrs. Wyatt, but they also came very close to upsetting L. T. Lee and Miss Grace, Regan's tiredness alone preventing their entering the semi-final.

The restricted men's singles was confidently won by Khoo Eng Chin, Surrey's W. C. Rogers, a much improved player, being the only opponent to extend him fully. Miss Jennifer Peters enjoyed a fine win in the ladies' restricted singles; she defeated Miss J. R. White without loss of a game.

The handicap entries were tremendous in size, there being no fewer than 271 different pairs entered, and the whole tournament, which embraced over 400 matches requiring to be played, ran most smoothly, a most creditable performance on the part of the honorary referee, Mr. S. G. Bell, and his numerous assistants, who together formed a team difficult to imagine being surpassed in this direction.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(28 pairs)

Third Round: L. T. Lee and E. B. Choong beat E. C. Khoo and F. S. Lau, 15-1, 15-8. M. Robinson and H. A. Heah beat W. G. P. Birtwistle and B. R. Jensen, 15-0, 12-15, 15-4. N. B. Radford and W. Shute beat G. E. A. Tautz and E. D. T. Vane, 15-12, 15-4. R. C. F. Nichols and H. J. Wingfield beat J. H. Lawton Smith and C. Denton, 15-9, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Lee and Choong beat Robinson and Heah, 15-11, 15-12. Radford and Shute beat Nichols and Wingfield, 15-12, 9-15, 15-6.

Final: Lee and Choong beat Radford and Shute, 15-6, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(22 pairs)

Third Round: Mrs. H. S. Uber and Mrs. Q. M. Allen Webber beat Miss M. L. Hill and Miss D. Charlton, 15-8, 15-4. Miss D. B. Grace and Miss I. E. O'Beirne beat Mrs. S. Brock and Mrs. M. Alcorn, 15-6, 15-11. Miss E. F. Andrews and Miss A. Choong beat Mrs. J. H. Darley and Miss S. I. Ripley, 1-15, 15-4, 15-11. Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. M. R. Wyatt beat Mrs. D. M. Dunsire and Mrs. E. Scott, 15-4, 15-5.

Semi-finals: Miss Grace and Miss O'Beirne beat Mrs. Uber and Mrs. Allen Webber, 16-17, 15-10, 15-11. Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt beat Miss Andrews and Miss Choong, 15-5, 15-10.

Final: Miss Grace and Miss O'Beirne beat Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt, 15-7, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

(40 pairs)

Fourth Round: E. B. Choong and Miss I. L. Cooley beat N. B. Radford and Mrs. K. M. Henderson, 15-6, 15-9. W. Shute and Miss I. E. O'Beirne beat J. H. Lawton Smith and Miss E. F. Andrews, 10-15, 15-12, 15-10. L. T. Lee and Miss D. B. Grace beat W. C. Regan and Miss A. J. Stone, 5-15, 15-7, 18-13. H. A. Heah and Miss A. Choong beat W. G. P. Birtwistle and Miss J. White, 15-10, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Choong and Miss Cooley beat Shute and Miss O'Beirne, 15-2, 15-2. Heah and Miss Choong beat Lee and Miss Grace, 15-6, 15-5.

Final: Heah and Miss Choong beat Choong and Miss Cooley, 15-10, 10-15, 15-11.

MEN'S SINGLES RESTRICTED

(42 players)

Semi-finals: S. H. Lim beat R. Mulvaney, 8-15, 15-11, 15-10. E. C. Khoo beat Broadhurst, 15-5, 15-12.

Final: Khoo beat Lim, 15-12, 15-4.

The Hull Tournament

The Hull Open Tournament, held at the Hull and East Riding Sports Club on 28th and 29th March was to some extent interfered with by other events such as the Inter-County Final and Challenge Ties. The entries, however, were nearly the same as last year, and were made up by local players in the handicap events.

An early surprise in the mixed doubles was the defeat of G. Ripley and Mrs. Bennett by the county's junior pair, J. A. Turner and Miss A. Kenningham after a long three game match. The winners of the event, H. R. Holdsworth and Mrs. Gillies, were nearly put out by C. W. Kay and Mrs. Kay, but in the final H. R. Marsland and his partner were not on their form and were fairly easily beaten.

The men's doubles final was not as good as the two semi-finals; C. Cumpstey and H. R. Holdsworth were too active for Marsland and P. B. Brayshay, who were not at their best. Once again, the ladies' doubles was won by a scratch pair who wore down Mrs. Bryce-Smith and Mrs. Kay in a long match.

The tournament finished at its usually early time so that competitors were able to enjoy the customary informal dinner and dance. The honorary referee was Mr. G. S. Marshall.

On the following day, the Hull Badminton League beat the Bradford Badminton League by 13 matches to 11.

G. S. M.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(11 pairs)

Second Round: H. R. Marsland and P. B. Brayshay beat J. R. Cox and J. Hardy, 15-5, 15-8. J. H. Naylor and G. Ripley beat O. Cussen and W. Goode, 15-12, 15-9. C. W. Kay and

LADIES' SINGLES RESTRICTED

(17 players)

Semi-finals: Mrs. B. M. B. Gilbert beat Miss J. Mansley, 11-4, 11-1. Miss J. Peters beat Miss J. R. White, 11-8, 11-7.

Final: Miss Peters beat Mrs. Gilbert, 11-1, 11-5.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles (Class I): J. C. Rolstone and S. Stacey (plus 4) beat J. Gardner and R. E. Jones (plus 2), 15-11, 12-15, 15-5.

Men's Doubles (Class II): J. F. Langstone and P. Sivalingam (plus 2) beat R. J. Sargent and G. H. Featherstone (owe 2), 15-4, 14-15, 15-6.

Men's Doubles (Class III): M. Reidy and Keen (plus 2) beat R. H. Shah and E. S. Smith (plus 6), 15-7, 15-12.

Ladies' Doubles (Class I): Mrs. D. M. Dunsire and Mrs. B. Scott (plus 1) beat Mrs. D. Gow and Mrs. E. Head (plus 3), 15-11, 15-7.

Ladies' Doubles (Class II): Mrs. E. Richardson and Mrs. R. Pickett (plus 5) w.o., Miss P. E. Mathie and Miss B. H. Vincent (plus 5), retired.

Mixed Doubles (Class I): J. C. Rolstone and Mrs. A. J. Arthur (plus 4) beat A. E. Peckover and Miss I. Gear (owe 1), 12-15, 15-12, 15-10.

Mixed Doubles (Class II): J. R. Coulthard and Miss P. Bennett (plus 2) beat J. F. Langstone and Miss A. Young (plus 2), 8-15, 15-12, 15-3.

Mixed Doubles (Class III): J. Holton and Miss K. E. Coleman (plus 2) beat O. S. Allen and Mrs. O. S. Allen (plus 3), 15-14, 9-15, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles (Class IV): R. Pickett and Mrs. R. Pickett (plus 4) beat W. T. Toogoo and Mrs. G. E. Young (plus 8), 15-14, 1-6.

R. V. Dolman beat C. A. Darnell and R. Payne, 15-11, 15-12. C. Cumpstey and H. R. Holdsworth beat L. Higdon and M. W. Holborn, 15-5, 15-4.

Semi-Finals: Marsland and Brayshay beat Naylor and Ripley, 15-7, 11-15, 15-3. Cumpstey and Holdsworth beat Kay and Dolman, 15-3, 5-15, 15-12.

Final: Cumpstey and Holdsworth beat Marsland and Brayshay, 15-10, 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES

First Round: Mrs. Stott and Mrs. Higson beat Mrs. Gawith and Mrs. Cumpstey 15-3, 15-3. Mrs. Kay and Mrs. Bryce-Smith beat Miss Kenningham and Miss Bailey, 18-16, 15-11. Mrs. Tippen and Mrs. McLaren beat Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Robinson, 15-3, 15-6. Mrs. Gillies and Mrs. Allott beat Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Bennett, 15-3, 9-15, 15-12.

Semi-Finals: Mrs. Kay and Mrs. Bryce-Smith beat Mrs. Stott and Mrs. Higson, 15-10, 15-9. Mrs. Tippen and Mrs. McLaren beat Mrs. Gillies and Mrs. Allott, 15-9, 15-2.

Final: Mrs. Tippen and Mrs. McLaren beat Mrs. Kay and Mrs. Bryce-Smith, 11-15, 18-16, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

(21 pairs)

Third Round: H. R. Marsland and Mrs. Allott beat R. V. Dolman and Mrs. Bryce-Smith, 15-7, 11-15, 15-7. M. W. Holborn and Mrs. McLaren beat J. H. Naylor and Mrs. Marshall, 15-12, 14-17, 15-6. C. W. Kay and Mrs. Kay beat J. A. Turner and Miss Kenningham, 15-9, 15-11. H. R. Holdsworth and Mrs. Gillies beat N. Gray and Mrs. Aykroyd, 15-4, 15-4.

Semi-Finals: Marsland and Mrs. Allott beat Holborn and Mrs. McLaren, 15-7, 15-9. Holdsworth and Mrs. Gillies beat Kay and Mrs. Kay, 15-4, 11-15, 15-7.

Final: Holdsworth and Mrs. Gillies beat Marsland and Mrs. Allott, 15-9, 15-8.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: O. Cussen and W. Goode (owe 5) beat D. Penwill and J. Bayes (plus 8), 0-15, 15-9, 15-13.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. Gawith and Mrs. Cumpstey (plus 4) beat Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Robinson (owe 10), 10-15, 15-3, 15-13.

Mixed Doubles: C. A. Darnell and Mrs. Marshall (scr.) beat D. Penwill and Miss Stephens (plus 10), 15-14, 15-14.

Men's Singles

Men's Singles tournament bracket showing rounds from 1st Round to Winner. Includes names of players and their scores.

The 42nd Annual All-England Championships

Played at the Empress Hall, London March 19th to 22nd, 1952

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Ladies' Singles tournament bracket showing rounds from 1st Round to Winner. Includes names of players and their scores.

Ladies' Doubles

Ladies' Doubles tournament bracket showing rounds from 1st Round to Winner. Includes names of player pairs and their scores.

Men's Doubles

Men's Doubles tournament bracket showing rounds from 1st Round to Winner. Includes names of player pairs and their scores.

Mixed Doubles

Mixed Doubles tournament bracket showing rounds from 1st Round to Winner. Includes names of player pairs and their scores.



ABBREVIATIONS

* Seeded; † Won through Qualifying Rounds; (D.)—Denmark; (Ire.)—Ireland; (M.)—Malaya; (Scot.)—Scotland; (Swe.)—Sweden.

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.

BERKS, BUCKS and OXON

The Restricted Tournament

The Berks, Bucks and Oxon Counties Badminton Association held its tenth annual restricted tournament at the Slough Community Centre on 8th and 9th March. Once again a large entry was received, and it was most encouraging to see so many young players this season, some of whom showed great promise. We were very glad to welcome Mrs. V. Durringer to the tournament; she has recently come to live in Berkshire. The mixed open event was again won by C. Denton and Mrs. E. M. Horsley, making it their third consecutive victory. Abingdon players had a most successful day.

The results were as follows:—

Men's Singles: W. Hoenes beat W. Keen, 15-3, 15-1.

Ladies' Singles: Mrs. P. Lord beat Mrs. Gray, 3-11, 11-5, 12-9.

Mixed Doubles: C. Denton and Mrs. E. M. Horsley beat E. D. T. Vane and Miss S. I. Ripley, 15-10, 15-6.

Men's Doubles Handicap: G. Armitage and G. Bale (owe 8) beat D. Pember and K. Turner (owe 8), 15-11, 15-3.

Ladies' Doubles Handicap: Mrs. P. Lord and Mrs. Druett (owe 3) beat Miss J. R. Ackling and Miss A. Fuller (plus 6), 15-12, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles Handicap: J. Oatley and Mrs. Oatley (owe 4) beat R. Dixon and Miss A. Fuller (owe 1), 9-15, 15-8, 15-7.

A Review of the Season

This has been Berks, Bucks and Oxon's best season for many years, for the counties team reached the semi-final of Division II of the Inter-County Championship before going out to Gloucestershire at Bristol by seven matches to eight. This was a most exciting and close tie, and at seven all, the home side gained victory by one point in the third game.

The following represented the first team during the season:—G. Bale, G. Cullimore, C. Denton (capt.), A. Mutch, D. Pember, J. H. Lawton Smith, E. Vane, Mrs. E. Yarde Frost, Mrs. E. M. Horsley, Mrs. J. Nickless and Miss S. I. Ripley.

In Division III our second team has found the opposition too strong, and although we won only the home fixture against Sussex Second, 9-6, a keen fight was put up by the team in all the other ties. Special mention should go to Mrs. B. Armitage and Mrs. P. Lord, who were a tower of strength in ladies' doubles.

Congratulations to R. Dixon and W. Keen who won their second team colours in their first season in the team. Dixon is a promising young singles player, and together with Keen, forms a difficult couple to beat. He is shortly joining the R.A.F. for his training period, and we hope that he will find time for some Badminton while serving.

The following represented the second team:—G. Armitage, G. Cullimore, G. Yates Fish, W. Keen, A. Mutch, K. Turner, Mrs. B. Armitage, Mrs. E. M. Brown, Mrs. P. Lord, Mrs. J. Radford, Miss M. Smallman, Mrs. D. Smith.

E. M. B.

DEVON

End-of-Season Activities

Devon's three inter-club competitions have been carried to a successful conclusion with the following results:—

Tavistock Trophy—Paignton B.C. beat Victoria B.C., Plymouth (holders), 6-3.

Commin Trophy—Plymouth B.C. beat County B.C., Exeter (holders), 6-2.

Gallie Trophy—Plymouth B.C. beat County B.C., Exeter (holders), 5-4.

The final of the Gallie Trophy provided a thrilling encounter with the last match going to three games before Plymouth won.

In conjunction with the Central Council of Physical Recreation, the Devon County B.A. arranged an exhibition of Badminton on the court of the Bridport B.C. The secretary of the club was responsible for the excellent organisation and a crowded gathering of interested enthusiasts from North Devon enjoyed a short talk by Miss M. Wyness of the C.C.P.R. on stroke production by Messrs. R. M. Alexander and G. Goodyear, which was followed by the exhibition proper. This comprised games between leading players in the county, showing the strokes and tactics employed in singles and doubles matches. So popular was the performance that numerous requests for a repeat were forthcoming at its conclusion. It might well be said that a good time was had by all.

Among the players was a popular local representative from Barnstaple, John Sprague, who, after having played for the county since 1931 on 57 occasions, had retired from competitive Badminton in 1951. He was persuaded to turn out for this event and as one spectator put it, "We were delighted to see John having to run about the court for a change; there is no one here to extend him!"

W. C. T. S.

Devon and Cornwall's 24th Restricted Meeting

The Devon and Cornwall Restricted Tournament on March 11th and 12th again took place at Tavistock, where it was instituted in 1911-12. The entry, however, was not up to par numerically. Miss B. A. Lee of the Devon County team won one of the coveted mixed doubles bowls for the first time; her partner, R. M. Alexander, had been successful on three previous occasions. Both also won two other events.

Concluding results were as follows:—

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: R. M. Alexander and G. H. Goodyear beat S. G. Wakefield and F. T. Barter, 15-8, 18-14. P. Lower and J. Sprague beat G. Hitchcock and J. Millman, 15-2, 17-14.

Final: Alexander and Goodyear beat Lower and Sprague, 15-17, 15-3, 15-2.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Miss J. M. Wilson and Mrs. I. L. Finch beat Mrs. Truscott and Miss Hamilton, 17-16, 7-15, 15-3. Miss B. A. Lee and Mrs. P. Forsyth beat Mrs. P. Chadwick and Mrs. J. M. Jayne, 15-11, 15-7.

Final: Miss Lee and Mrs. Forsyth beat Miss Wilson and Mrs. Finch, 15-11, 15-10.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: R. M. Alexander and Miss B. A. Lee beat F. T. Barter and Mrs. P. Forsyth, 15-2, 15-7. G. Goodyear and Mrs. J. M. Jayne beat P. Lower and Mrs. P. Chadwick, 15-8, 15-10.

Final: Alexander and Miss Lee beat Goodyear and Mrs. Jayne, 15-2, 15-4.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: R. M. Alexander and G. H. Goodyear (owe 10) beat F. T. Barter and S. C. Wakefield (owe 4), 15-3, 15-12.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. P. Forsyth and Miss B. A. Lee (owe 8) beat Mrs. P. Chadwick and Mrs. J. M. Jayne (owe 3), 15-4, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles: S. G. Wakefield and Mrs. P. Jarvis (Scr.) beat J. S. Cooke and Miss G. A. Hamilton (owe 2), 15-3, 15-4.

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ESSEX

A Busy Time in Essex

The county is drawing near to the end of a very busy season indeed. There has scarcely been a free week-end since the beginning of the year and a lot of Badminton has been played.

The finals of the Minors' Tournament, long delayed, have now been played, with the following results:—

Men's Singles: A. R. Farrell beat W. A. Stead, 16-18, 15-11, 17-16.

Ladies' Singles: Miss M. Catchpole beat Miss M. Taylor, 11-5, 11-3.

Men's Doubles: W. A. Stead and S. C. Jones beat A. R. Farrell and I. C. Sampson, 15-3, 9-15, 15-2.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss P. Sheen and Miss P. Elmore beat Miss E. Williams and Miss P. Berrill, 15-0, 15-0.

Mixed Doubles: A. H. Matthews and Miss M. Catchpole beat A. R. Farrell and Miss P. Elmore, 15-3, 15-7.

The Restricted Championships produced a disappointing entry resulting in the lowest so far. Nevertheless, an enjoyable time was spent by the participants, and everything went off according to plan. In the ladies' and men's doubles the holders retained the cups and in the mixed, Miss Grace produced a new partner with whom she managed to carry off double honours. The final results were:—

Men's Doubles: A. Barron and A. Horden beat S. Saunders and N. R. Brigg, 15-5, 15-9.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss D. B. Grace and Miss B. J. Swinton beat Miss J. E. Haselgrove and Miss C. Swann, 15-3, 15-3.

Mixed Doubles: J. Blade and Miss D. B. Grace beat A. Barron and Miss B. J. Swinton, 15-8, 13-15, 15-10.

Men's Doubles Plate: E. Farrow and L. Miller beat H. G. Allen and W. J. Prince, 11-15, 15-13, 18-14.

Ladies' Doubles Plate: Miss M. Harris and Miss J. Beech beat Miss Nowlan and Miss Smith, 15-10, 17-18, 15-3.

Mixed Doubles Plate: W. Corbishley and Mrs. Thomson beat J. R. Whitefield and Mrs. Dodd, 15-11, 15-9.

In the Inter-County Championship the Essex first team finished at the bottom of the division. Unfortunately, the absence of A. W. Horden and J. C. Bate has been sorely felt and the narrowness with which some of the ties have been lost gives support to this. However, in the challenge tie against Gloucestershire at Stamford

Hill, Essex managed to retain her first division status by a satisfactory 12-3 success.

The Essex second team succeeded in winning the Eastern Section of Division III, and so qualified to challenge Norfolk for promotion. The challenge tie was a most closely fought battle and was finally won by Essex second by eight matches to seven, so that the team will now have the opportunity of playing in Division II for the first time next season. H. D. C.

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HAMPSHIRE

Portsmouth's Annual Restricted Tournament

The annual restricted tournament held by the Portsmouth and District Badminton Association during the week beginning 10th March attracted more players than ever before, with 165 individual entrants from 23 clubs in the area. This showed an increase of 40 competitors, and throughout the week 243 matches were played, nearly 100 more than last year.

The first four days were occupied entirely with the ten handicap events, play continuing until midnight each day. It was encouraging to see many new players taking part, and there is no doubt that these events were very popular, the biggest of all being the mixed doubles Class B, with 43 couples.

In the level events the Malayan, S. H. Lim, at present living in the area, won the men's singles without much trouble, beating the holder, L. G. Coffin, in the final. In the men's doubles, Coffin and K. E. Foster retained their title by beating Lim and R. Khoo. W. R. Thursfield and T. Kennedy played well to take the latter pair to three games in the semi-final. The ladies' doubles title changed hands and was won by Mrs. S. Wyatt and Mrs. A. Thursfield after a hard-fought battle against the holders, Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Miss R. Page. Again in the mixed doubles the holders were beaten, Coffin and Mrs. Wyatt winning in three games against D. J. Harvey and Mrs. Henderson. This match was unfortunately marred by Harvey getting an attack of cramp in the second game.

At the end of the tournament, Mrs. D. G. Quick presented the trophies and League Cups won during the season. She and Mrs. M. L. Coffin, Hon. Secretary of the Portsmouth Association, were presented with bouquets and the Referee, D. G. Quick, was given a hearty vote of thanks for organising what had appeared to be an impossible programme.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: S. H. Lim beat J. W. Shute, 15-5, 15-3. L. G. Coffin beat J. R. Beal, 17-16, 15-10.
Final: Lim beat Coffin, 15-5, 15-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: L. G. Coffin and K. E. Foster beat H. C. Maughan and D. J. Harvey, 15-7, 15-9. S. H. Lim and R. Khoo beat W. R. Thursfield and T. Kennedy, 16-18, 15-11, 15-7.
Final: Coffin and Foster beat Lim and Khoo, 15-6, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. A. Thursfield and Mrs. S. Wyatt beat Miss P. Thomas and Mrs. Parnell, 15-6, 15-2. Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Miss R. Page beat Mrs. F. Gallagher and Miss D. McPhaden, 15-5, 18-13.

Final: Mrs. Thursfield and Mrs. Wyatt beat Mrs. Henderson and Miss Page, 15-11, 10-15, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: D. J. Harvey and Mrs. K. M. Henderson beat H. C. Maughan and Mrs. I. Adkins, 15-11, 15-8. L. G. Coffin and Mrs. S. Wyatt beat S. H. Lim and Mrs. P. Dobbs, 17-16, 15-7.

Final: Coffin and Mrs. Wyatt beat Harvey and Mrs. Henderson, 16-18, 15-0, 15-7.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Singles (Class A): J. R. Beal (owe 7) beat B. J. Humphris (plus hand, plus 8), 15-12, 15-10.

Men's Singles (Class B): B. J. Humphris (plus 3) beat D. Abraham (plus 2), 15-14, 15-7.

Ladies' Singles (Class A): Miss R. Page (owe 6) w.o. Mrs. E. M. Boulind (plus hand, plus 5) retired.

Ladies' Singles (Class B): Mrs. K. Chambers (scr.) beat Miss J. Haskell (plus 5), 11-9, 11-10.

Men's Doubles (Class A): A. J. Pittam and J. R. Hunt (owe 3) beat R. Ley and D. J. Harvey (owe 2), 15-7, 9-15, 15-13.

Men's Doubles (Class B): R. T. Clarke and W. J. Collins (plus 11) beat R. C. Hooper and T. Rutland (owe 6), 15-4, 15-14.

Ladies' Doubles (Class A): Miss Y. Carrell and Mrs. A. Foley (plus 10) beat Miss P. A. Thomas and Miss B. Shaw (plus 8), 15-11, 6-15, 15-5.

Ladies' Doubles (Class B): Mrs. K. M. Chambers and Miss A. Matthews (scr.) beat Miss M. Snook and Miss P. Snook (scr.), 15-11, 15-9.

Mixed Doubles (Class A): F. Gill and Miss P. Thomas (plus 6) beat A. J. Pittam and Mrs. G. Parnell (owe 3), 14-15, 15-11, 15-14.

Mixed Doubles (Class B): D. Abraham and Miss P. Snook (scr.) beat R. A. Pickwick and Miss J. M. Cawte (plus 10), 15-13, 15-14.

M.L.C.

Southampton Restricted

The second restricted tournament run in the Southampton district was held this year during March and was run on rather more ambitious lines than last year. Level doubles events were run on Friday evening, handicap doubles on the Saturday and an American sealed handicap mixed event on the Sunday. The entries were up on last year and the arrangements reflected great credit on the Committee and particularly Mr. D. F. Dear, who acted as Tournament Secretary. Mr. Dear is the Secretary to the Southampton and District League and it is due in great measure to his efforts that enthusiasm for the game has increased so much in this part of the county. The County authorities must also be pleased with this enthusiasm as there are several young players who show enough promise for hopes to be held of their future in the game. It is also pleasant to be able to record that more experienced players are taking an interest in these new faces and the writer was delighted to see that players of county standard paired up with the youngsters in some of the events. Others, equally praiseworthy, will forgive mention of the fact that our only local international, Alan Renton, set an example here by playing with two promising young people in the level events.

We were honoured on the Saturday by the Mayor of Southampton who visited us to watch the play and to present the prizes for the level events and the trophies for the League—there were four divisions of the league this year and they were won by: 1st Division—South Hants; 2nd Division—Esso, Fawley; 3rd Division—Bishopstoke; and 4th Division—Rosomon.

We must also thank Dr. McGrath, President of the Bishopstoke Club, who wanted to do something to encourage this young

club and, hearing that they had worthily won their division, kindly presented the challenge cup for the 3rd Division which will be known as the Bishopstoke trophy.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: D. James and R. Powell beat K. Powell and G. McColl, 15-5, 15-8. A. B. Renton and R. Grinstead beat J. Hingston and L. Guy, 15-9, 15-5.

Final: Renton and Grinstead beat James and Powell, 15-8, 15-5.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Miss M. Whyte and Mrs. G. Parnell beat Miss K. Carwood and Miss J. Biles, 15-3 15-2. Mrs. P. Todd and Miss M. Bancroft beat Mrs. J. King and Miss D. Martill, 15-11, 15-8.

Final: Miss Whyte and Mrs. Parnell beat Mrs. Todd and Miss Bancroft, 15-0, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: F. Curtis and Mrs. G. Gamble beat D. James and Mrs. M. Curtis, 15-11, 17-14. R. Powell and Miss M. Whyte beat A. B. Renton and Miss J. Biles, 15-7, 15-7.

Final: Powell and Miss Whyte beat F. Curtis and Mrs. Gamble, 15-8, 18-13.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: F. Smales and S. Sribhen (plus 2) beat R. Grinstead and F. Curtis (owe hand, owe 4), 15-12, 6-15, 15-3.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss K. Carwood and Miss M. Whyte (owe hand, owe 5) beat Miss J. Clarke and Mrs. Harding (scr.), 15-11, 15-14.

Mixed Doubles: H. H. Lee and Miss D. Kinnerley (plus 8) beat R. Grinstead and Miss J. Biles (owe 4), 15-4, 13-15, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles American: F. Podesta and Mrs. Podesta (owe 4) beat L. Phillips and Mrs. Phillips (scr.) 21-20.

F. W. G.

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KENT

A Great Win over Jutland

The fifth annual fixture between Kent and Jutland saw all past results entirely reversed when the Kent team recorded a great and meritorious victory by the astonishing score of 5 matches to 0, though most of the matches were extremely closely fought. Play took place on the courts of the Fredericia B.C. in Jutland and commenced with two of the most exciting encounters possible to witness. In the first, the second mixed doubles, Warwick Shute and Mrs. Alcorn were a game and 5-10 down before they got on top, and in the next match J. R. Best and Miss Stone had to save seven or eight match points, five of them at 10-14, before they were eventually able to steer home safely, though the total point score was much in the Danes' favour. Great credit is due to the Kent pairs for their determined and gritty fights, the success of which broke the back of Jutland resistance, and Shute soon ran up the all-important third win in the singles. Later, the Kent ladies earned a fine victory over the Jutland pair which had won so comfortably in the corresponding fixture a year earlier.

Accompanied on its short tour by H. L. K. Brock in the role of non-playing captain and reserve, the Kent team enjoyed a friendly encounter against a side from the Aarhus B.K. at Aarhus the previous day; this resulted in a draw of 3 matches all, the home players, all very young, consisting of Erik Wolstrup, B. Franck, Frk Inge Ahlers Jensen and Frk Birthe Rahback.

As usual, the entertainment of the visitors was magnificent. At Fredericia, Herr H. P. Jochumsen, the president of the Fredericia B.C., and his many colleagues were kindness itself, and at

Aarhus, Herr Harald Kongshede, an old friend, Herr K. Sorensen and Jorn Vosmar, a former Jutland opponent, were mostly responsible for the enjoyable visit to that town. At the official dinner following the representative fixture, the chair was taken by Herr Knud Gloggenieser, the instigator of these pleasant matches, and he was assisted by Jutland's captain, Herr Kai Sandorff Sorensen, in making the occasion a memorable one.

It is expected that Kent will defend its two hard won trophies in Kent next autumn.

Kent v. Jutland

Played at Fredericia on April 11th, and won by Kent by 5 matches to 0. Scores (Kent names first):—

W. Shute beat Finn Nielsen, 15-4, 15-10.
W. Shute and J. R. Best beat Benny Rasmussen and Gunnar Lauritzen, 10-15, 15-13, 15-13.

Miss A. J. Stone and Mrs. P. G. Alcorn beat Fru Inger Kjaergaard and Frk. Lilli Nelledmann, 15-7, 15-13.

J. R. Best and Miss A. J. Stone beat Benny Rasmussen and Fru Kjaergaard, 17-16, 2-15, 17-16. W. Shute and Mrs. Alcorn beat Gunnar Lauritzen and Frk. Lilli Nelledmann, 11-15, 15-11, 15-4.

The Herne Bay Restricted Tournament

The annual restricted tournament promoted by the Heron B.C. at Herne Bay was held on 28th and 31st March. It commanded a very good entry, and the principal feature was the return to form of P. R. Davis who had been prevented by recurrence of injuries from playing for Kent this season. He won all three open events, J. C. B. Somerville being the unfortunate runner-up in each case. Miss Ursula Smith, the All-England junior champion, celebrated the award of her half-colours for the county by winning her first trophies in senior play.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-Finals: J. C. B. Somerville beat E. V. G. Pilcher, 15-10, 15-5, P. R. Davis beat M. Drain, 15-6, 15-3.

Final: Davis beat Somerville, 15-9, 12-15, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-Finals: Miss H. Parfitt beat Mrs. J. A. Collier, 11-8, 7-11, 11-8. Miss U. H. Smith beat Mrs. O. Clegg, 11-1, 11-5.

Final: Miss Smith beat Parfitt, 11-4, 11-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: P. R. Davis and J. A. Collier beat A. Hall and A. Smith, 15-8, 15-10, J. C. B. Somerville and E. V. G. Pilcher beat H. H. Lord and J. Pettett 15-1, 15-6.

Final: Davis and Collier beat Somerville and Pilcher, 17-15, 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: Mrs. H. L. K. Brock and Miss U. H. Smith beat Mrs. C. Houston and Miss D. M. Dewey, 15-6, 15-8. Mrs. O. Clegg and Miss H. Parfitt beat Mrs. J. A. Collier and Mrs. A. H. Milner, 15-10 15-12.

Final: Mrs. Brock and Miss Smith beat Mrs. Clegg and Miss Parfitt, 15-11, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: J. C. B. Somerville and Mrs. O. Clegg beat J. A. Collier and Mrs. Collier, 15-4, 15-17, 15-6. P. R. Davis and Mrs. A. H. Milner beat R. M. V. Messenger and Mrs. B. Quentin Evans, 15-12, 15-12.

Final: Davis and Mrs. Milner beat Somerville and Mrs. Clegg, 15-8, 15-11.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: E. Hawkins and H. Williams (owe 4), beat H. H. Lord and J. Pettett (owe hand, plus 2), 4-15, 15-9, 15-13.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss J. Burgess and Mrs. V. Staples (plus 5) beat Mrs. M. Coates and Mrs. V. McAllister (scr.) 15-9, 15-8.

Mixed Doubles: J. Pettett and Mrs. E. Chidwick (owe 2) beat G. F. King and Miss J. Burgess (owe 3), 15-3, 14-15, 15-12.

And the Woolwich Meeting

Another restricted tournament was the Woolwich one, held at Plumstead from 24th to 29th March. Here, two Kent 2nd team players in H. F. Tarr and Miss M. B. Russell each won two open events. The scores of the final rounds were as follows:—

Men's Singles: H. F. Tarr beat P. G. Alcorn, 16-18, 15-5, 15-11.

Ladies' Singles: Miss M. B. Russell beat Mrs. Brewer, 8-11, 11-7, 11-7.

Men's Doubles: H. F. Tarr and K. Crowe beat A. C. Bahree and R. Rogers, 15-9, 5-15, 17-14.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. P. Jones and Miss M. B. Russell beat Miss M. Chambers and Mrs. B. Chandler, 15-6, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles: G. J. Harrison and Mrs. D. Selves beat J. Selves and Miss M. B. Russell, 15-4, 15-10.

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LANCASHIRE and CHESHIRE

The Restricted Championships

The Lancashire and Cheshire Restricted Championships were transferred from the Grosvenor Club, Chester, to the courts of the Claughton Club, and took place on 28th and 29th February and March 1st. All titles changed hands and there were a number of surprises. It was unfortunate that Wilfred Robinson was unable to defend his singles title, and also the men's doubles title, which he held in partnership with Walter Smith, but he was away on international duty for Scotland.

The singles event was won by that promising youngster from Lancashire, George Swarbrick, who beat Tony Jordan in the final. On his way Swarbrick dropped games to both Smith and Gordon MacTaggart. Jordan had an easy passage to the final, but in this match he appeared to be suffering from thigh trouble; but I doubt, even had he been fully fit, that he would have beaten Swarbrick, who played superbly. The most exciting match in this event was the quarter-final between the two second-team Cheshire players, Charles Kay and his brother-in-law, Ray Dolman. They were on court for almost one and a half hours before Kay got home 17-18, 18-13, 15-12.

The ladies' doubles was won rather easily by Cheshire's Mrs. L. R. Ludlam and Mrs. G. F. Saunders, who did not drop a game throughout the event, their tightest match being in the second round against Miss B. Fearnie and Miss M. Rosson, whom they beat 18-13, 15-8.

Ray Dolman and Ron Pickin, the Cheshire second team couple, who won the event two years ago and were beaten finalists last season, won the men's doubles when they beat Peter Birtwistle and Ken Houldcroft in the best final of the day.

The mixed doubles went to Lancashire, Houldcroft and Mrs. Kelly winning this event when they triumphed over Birtwistle and Mrs. Saunders in the final. The winners were nearly upset by Dolman and Mrs. Bryce-Smith in a closer match than the scores indicate. Birtwistle and Mrs. Saunders had a most hectic time, all their events going to three games. Their semi-final was a thrilling affair; they held a lead of 14-10 in the third game against Smith and Mrs. Ludlam, who drew level and then led 2-1 after setting before going down. In the quarter-final they had been just as close to defeat by Tony Jordan and his mother, when after losing the first game 10-15, they just scraped home 17-16, 15-7.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: G. R. Swarbrick beat W. E. Smith, 6-15, 15-8, 15-11. A. D. Jordan beat C. W. Kay, 15-5, 15-12.

Final: Swarbrick beat Jordan, 15-6, 15-12.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: K. Houldcroft and W. G. P. Birtwistle beat H. Morland and K. L. Wilson, 15-9, 15-8. R. Pickin and R. V. Dolman beat A. Lowe and J. H. Kellett, 15-8, 15-8.

Final: Pickin and Dolman beat Houldcroft and Birtwistle, 15-11, 12-15, 15-12.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. Ludlam and Mrs. G. F. Saunders beat Mrs. A. D. Lori and Mrs. G. Dean, 15-9, 15-12. Mrs. M. Bryce-Smith and Mrs. C. W. Kay beat Mrs. F. Cuerden and Mrs. A. D. Kelly, 15-2, 15-10.

Final: Mrs. Ludlam and Mrs. Saunders beat Mrs. Bryce-Smith and Mrs. Kay, 15-4, 15-10.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: K. Houldcroft and Mrs. A. D. Kelly beat R. V. Dolman and Mrs. M. Bryce-Smith 6-15, 15-7, 15-10, W. G. P. Birtwistle and Mrs. G. F. Saunders beat W. E. Smith and Mrs. Ludlam, 7-15, 15-7, 17-16.

Final: Houldcroft and Mrs. Kelly beat Birtwistle and Mrs. Saunders, 15-7, 15-10.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: K. G. Stott and P. Beswick (owe 2) beat R. Pritchard and N. H. McNeill (owe 4), 15-7, 15-7.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss Downs and Miss Rosson (scr.) beat Mrs. Donohue and Miss Jeremiah (scr.) 15-7, 15-3.

Mixed Doubles: J. Jennings and Miss Rosson (plus 6) beat A. V. Crutchley and Miss Whitmore (plus 3), 15-5, 15-6.

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Other News from the North-West

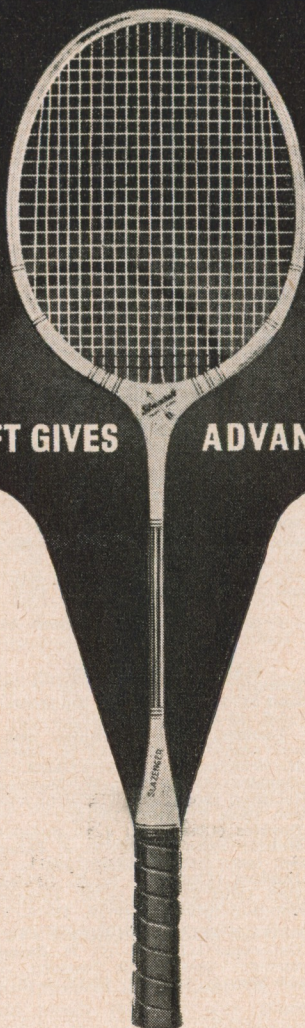
The death in harness of Dudley Allen, the Treasurer of the Lancashire and Cheshire Badminton Association, came as a great shock to all his many friends. Dudley Allen had been a member of the Lancashire and Cheshire Committee for over 25 years, the last few years of which he was Treasurer. He was Hon. Secretary of the well-known Claughton Club from 1925 to 1937 and during that period was responsible for running the Northern Championships. His quietly efficient work will be difficult to replace and his charming personality will be much missed by all Badminton followers.

Accrington beat Manchester in the final of the Wirral Cup by nine matches to three, although at one stage the result looked like being very close. However, R. S. Gray and Miss Pickburn came along with two splendid mixed wins for Accrington, by beating A. White and Miss Consterdine, the Lancashire fourth pair, in straight games, and also the Lancashire player A. Lowe, and Mrs. Flannery in three games. The old Lancashire pair, D. E. Kenyon and Mrs. Hanson, also beat White and Miss Consterdine, and only lost to Lowe and Mrs. Flannery 17-18 in the third game. For Manchester K. Cundy and Mrs. Macauley scored an excellent victory in straight games over K. Houldcroft and Mrs. Kelly. Manchester's other win was scored by Cundy and White, beating Kenyon and Gray 15-4, 15-4. For Accrington, Mrs. Cuerden, Miss Pickburn and Birtwistle, all won their three matches.

The final of the Kearns' Trophy will be between two Southport clubs, as The Hawks (holders) beat Black Diamond (Chester) 8-0, and Wesley beat Bethel Congregational (Bury) 5-3 in the semi-finals.
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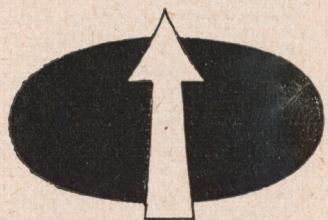
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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Three Titles for K. R. Greasley

The international, K. R. Greasley, had little real trouble in winning all three open level events in the Northamptonshire Restricted Tournament held at Northampton on March 8th, but the promising T. Armstrong gave him quite a good match in the singles final, and with S. Jones extended Greasley and R. J. Cobley, the holders, to a third game in the men's doubles. Ladies' honours were spread as widely as possible, no player winning more than one level event.

Two interesting events were the singles for players under 21, but there was no open ladies' singles event.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: K. R. Greasley beat C. A. Yuill, 15-4, 15-4. T. Armstrong beat S. Jones, 12-15, 15-9, 15-2.

Final: Greasley beat Armstrong, 15-5, 15-8.

MEN'S SINGLES (Under 21)

Semi-finals: P. A. Gambridge beat A. P. Billingham, 15-12, 8-15, 15-12. B. F. Bambridge beat R. C. Stopford, 15-4, 17-18, 15-9.

Final: Bambridge beat Gambridge, 15-4, 14-17, 15-3.

LADIES' SINGLES (Under 21)

Semi-finals: Miss M. Ivett beat Miss P. Brain, 11-3, 11-5. Miss B. Burt beat Miss S. George, 12-11, 11-0.

Final: Miss Burt beat Miss Ivett, 11-5, 11-0.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: G. R. Masters and H. H. J. Scott beat R. N. J. Moore and H. W. Chambers, 15-8, 6-15, 15-7. K. R. Greasley and J. Cobley beat T. Armstrong and S. Jones, 14-18, 15-10, 15-6.

Final: Greasley and Cobley beat Masters and Scott, 15-5, 15-6.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. J. Baldwin and Mrs. J. Cosford beat Mrs. F. Rymill and Mrs. G. Bryan, 15-3, 15-3. Miss P. Henson and Miss B. Burt beat Mrs. P. Forsyth and Mrs. T. Askew, 17-16, 10-15, 15-12.

Final: Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Cosford beat Miss Henson and Miss Burt, 15-12, 15-4.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: K. R. Greasley and Mrs. P. Forsyth beat T. Armstrong and Miss P. Henson, 6-15, 15-2, 15-4. G. R. Masters and Mrs. J. Baldwin beat S. Jones and Mrs. J. Cosford, 8-15, 15-8, 15-3.

Final: Greasley and Mrs. Forsyth beat Masters and Mrs. Baldwin, 15-4, 15-10.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: E. N. J. Moore and H. W. Chambers (owe 6) beat P. J. Islip and C. A. Yuill (owe 2), 15-2, 10-15, 15-4.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. P. Forsyth and Miss P. Henson (owe 8) beat Mrs. F. Rymill and Mrs. V. Wilkin (plus 3), 15-8, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles: T. Armstrong and Miss B. Burt (owe 3) beat P. Gambridge and Miss P. Henson (plus 2), 15-8, 1-15, 15-14.

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NORTHERN COUNTIES

The 23rd District Tournament

Throughout the week of February 18th to 23rd, the Northern Counties B.A. held its 23rd annual restricted tournament at the Gibson Street Baths, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Only M. W. Holborn, the Durham County player, succeeded in winning more than one of the open events.

The results of the concluding rounds of the different events were as follows:—

MEN'S SINGLES (Class A)

Semi-finals: E. F. Hobday beat J. H. Nelson, 15-12, 15-7. M. W. Holborn beat J. J. Yates, 15-13, 18-16.

Final: Holborn beat Hobday, 15-7, 15-14.

MEN'S SINGLES (Class B)

Semi-finals: G. E. Robson beat S. O. Rafique, 15-8, 15-12. F. S. Chai beat S. Aitken, 15-4, 15-14.

Final: Chai beat Robson, 17-14, 15-1.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Miss B. Horner beat Mrs. P. Howe, 11-8, 11-7. Miss M. Williamson beat Miss M. Elliott, 12-10, 9-11, 11-2.

Final: Miss Horner beat Miss Williamson, 11-0, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: W. Davidson and M. W. Holborn beat G. H. Jackson and G. M. Hannam, 15-10, 15-5. R. F. Hobday and B. Eccles beat J. H. Nelson and J. H. Sanderson, 15-11, 15-9.

Final: Hobday and Eccles beat Davidson and Holborn, 7-15, 17-15, 15-9.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. D. H. Lister and Mrs. D. M. Heppenstall beat Mrs. B. V. McLaren and Mrs. Darling, 15-6, 15-5. Miss M. Elliott and Mrs. N. Dickeson beat Miss V. Broderick and Miss L. Jordan, 15-7, 15-9.

Final: Mrs. Lister and Mrs. Heppenstall beat Miss Elliott and Mrs. Dickeson, 15-8, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES (Class A)

Semi-finals: M. W. Holborn and Mrs. B. V. McLaren beat L. E. Lawson and Miss L. Jordan, 15-10, 15-10. W. Davidson and Mrs. B. Robinson beat R. F. Hobday and Mrs. N. Dickeson, 15-1, 15-7.

Final: Holborn and Mrs. McLaren beat Davidson and Mrs. Robinson, 18-15, 15-13.

MIXED DOUBLES (Class B)

Semi-finals: G. H. Jackson and Miss M. Hume beat G. W. Hedderley and Mrs. L. M. Plank, 15-7, 15-12. G. Wright and Miss J. Raby beat K. Woodget and Miss D. Boiston, 15-7, 3-15, 15-8.

Final: Wright and Miss Raby beat Jackson and Miss Hume, 9-15, 15-7, 15-11.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: N. Raines and R. P. Hughes (plus 2) beat H. D. Bone and J. D. Moore (plus 3), 8-15, 15-8, 15-12.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss B. Horner and Miss B. Robinson (scr.) beat Mrs. D. H. Lister and Miss E. K. Williams (scr.), 15-8, 15-9.

Mixed Doubles (Class A1): W. Davidson and Miss B. Robinson (scr.) beat T. Cairns and Mrs. N. Dickeson (plus 3), 15-9, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles (Class A2): J. G. Spanton and Miss M. Hobday (plus 3) beat E. J. Talbot and Mrs. Talbot (scr.), 15-10, 11-15, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles (Class B): G. E. Robson and Mrs. G. Gall (plus 2) beat G. H. Jackson and Miss S. Harrison (plus 2), 15-10, 15-14.

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Final: Gateshead L.N.E.R. (C. H. Brown and Mrs. Cummings) beat North Jesmond (R. F. Hobday and Miss M. Elliott), 15-12, 9-15, 15-10.

Durham is Likely to have its own County Association

A movement is afoot to form a Durham County Badminton Association. Hitherto County Durham clubs have formed part of the Northern Counties B.A. which was originally founded many years ago to look after the interests of Cumberland, Durham and Northumberland clubs. Cumberland clubs seceded two or three years ago to form their own association, and now there are plans for Durham to do likewise.

If the contemplated secession takes place it will make no difference to Inter-County Championship arrangements, since both Durham and Northumberland have always taken part therein as quite separate entities, though Durham may now have to find different playing accommodation, for in the past few years she has always played her home ties in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Donald Shaw Retains Notts Restricted Titles

Donald Shaw retained both his Nottinghamshire Restricted honours when the only two events contested were played off

at the time of the Nottinghamshire Open Championships. In the singles he defeated Y. S. Lau, 15-5, 15-11, in the final, and in the mixed he and Mrs. Trease overcame J. Banks and Miss Taylor in the last round by the convincing score of 15-5, 15-1.

SHROPSHIRE

Shropshire's full Restricted Tournament

The Shropshire B.A. held its annual restricted tournament at the end of March at Whitchurch. Level events only were contested, but the mixed doubles was played off on the American principle with the six section winners meeting under normal conditions.

The results of the concluding rounds were as follows:—

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: W. R. Evans beat G. Bull, 3-15, 15-12, 15-9. H. Parsons Jones beat F. E. Barnett, 15-9, 18-17.

Final: Evans beat Parsons Jones, 15-7, 15-8.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. H. R. Phillips beat Mrs. L. Dawson, 11-0, 11-4. Miss B. Attack beat Mrs. George, 11-3, 11-9.

Final: Mrs. Phillips beat Miss Attack, 11-4, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: G. Bull and L. E. Norton beat C. C. Moore and F. E. Barnett, 15-3, 15-3. H. Parsons Jones and W. R. Evans beat G. W. Harley and H. Griffiths, 15-3, 15-7.

Final: Parsons Jones and Evans beat Bull and Norton, 15-5, 15-3.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Miss B. Attack and Mrs. Weaver beat Mrs. L. Dawson and Mrs. D. Goodwin, 15-8, 15-12. Mrs. A. Wakeley and Mrs. Phillips beat Mrs. N. Frost and Mrs. George, 15-10, 15-0.

Final: Mrs. Wakeley and Mrs. Phillips beat Miss Attack and Mrs. Weaver, 15-8, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: H. Parsons Jones and Mrs. Wakeley beat A. Dawson and Mrs. L. Dawson, 15-8, 15-7. G. Bull and Mrs. Goodwin beat D. Griffiths and Miss B. Attack, 15-6, 15-7.

Final: Bull and Mrs. Goodwin beat Parsons Jones and Mrs. Wakeley, 12-15, 15-9, 17-14.

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SUFFOLK

A Busy Month

The "County Pairs" Tournament was held on Saturday, 8th March, in the Lowestoft Co-operative Hall which has two excellent courts. This year the scope of the tournament, which was a knock-out one, was increased so as to allow three distinct events, viz., men's, ladies' and mixed doubles. The winners of all were the Casuals B.C. of Ipswich. Although the tournament was enjoyable, it was most disappointing that only seven clubs were represented.

On Saturday, 15th March, Suffolk acted as hosts to both the Norfolk and Norfolk 2nd teams, when a double fixture was played in the spacious gymnasium of the Royal Hospital School. Suffolk beat Norfolk in a hard-fought contest by ten matches to five, whilst Suffolk 2nd lost to Norfolk 2nd by five matches to ten. Credit must go to Suffolk ladies for the fine victory, all ladies' and mixed doubles being won by Suffolk. In the 2nd team contest all the Suffolk successes were achieved by the ladies, and all quite comfortably.

Miss O. Greengrass should be congratulated on winning the ladies' singles event

in the recent Norfolk Open Tournament and, in partnership with W. E. Martin, for being runner-up in the mixed doubles.

In the Ipswich and District League the Casuals B.C. has once again showed its playing ability by finishing as league champions with the Crusaders B.C. as runner-up. At the time of writing the final positions in the Lowestoft and District League are not known. As is well known in local circles, clubs in West Suffolk are not well represented in the Association and it is with this knowledge in hand that attempts are to be made for more affiliations to come from this district. Perhaps in the not too distant future a West Suffolk League can be formed with Bury St. Edmonds as the nucleus.

V. W. C.

WORCESTERSHIRE

The Annual County Tournament

The fourth annual tournament restricted to players eligible for Worcestershire took place at Barnt Green on 29th February and 1st March. There was a good entry again, although one would still like to see competitors from more of the clubs, there being only ten out of 26 affiliated clubs in the county represented. Little enthusiasm can be raised for the ladies' singles event; however, we did have one more entry this year! But only one was a member of the first county team, Miss Potter having retired from singles play, but Miss Stillwell is to be congratulated on winning in her third season of play.

The men's singles was again won by W. R. Doherty, who always manages to bring out his best form in this tournament. Later he was a victim when some of the competitors suffered with cramp, and had to retire in the semi-final of the mixed doubles.

We had a late start on Saturday morning and several matches went to three games, thus making the referees' job more difficult, and a late finish on Saturday night. But in the end it proved both a successful and enjoyable tournament.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: W. R. Doherty beat K. G. Bradney 15-12, 15-14. R. E. Ely beat D. Hadley, 15-8, 15-2.
Final: Doherty beat Ely, 15-2, 15-11.

Fru Tonny Ahm does Hat-trick at Aberdeen

Fru Tonny Ahm was the main attraction in the North of Scotland Championships at Aberdeen during the whole of the week ending March 15th. The Danish star won all three events entered for, though only in the singles did she come through without loss of a game.

In the ladies' doubles final she and Mrs. Wadsworth of Nottingham had a very close struggle with the Scots, Mrs. J. A. S. Armstrong and Miss Isabel Vallance, and the former also helped to take a game off Fru Ahm and K. J. Diplock of Ireland in the mixed final. In that event Mrs. Armstrong was partnered by J. B. Leslie, who seems to have retired from singles play; at any rate, he did not compete in the singles in what is his home tournament.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. E. Cunningham beat Mrs. S. Workman, 11-9, 11-1. Miss D. Stillwell beat Miss P. Preece, 11-5, 11-4.

Final: Miss Stillwell beat Mrs. Cunningham, 11-3, 11-5.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: W. R. Doherty and J. P. Hill (owe hand, owe 8) beat A. F. Furse Roberts and P. D. Mills (owe 6), 10-15, 15-9, 15-3.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. S. Workman and Miss E. Potter (owe hand, owe 4) beat Miss P. Wenham and Mrs. D. Hill (owe 10), 15-8, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles: R. E. Ely and Miss E. Potter (owe hand, owe 6) beat J. P. Hill and Mrs. S. Workman (owe 12), 15-5 15-5.

E. B. B.

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YORKSHIRE

H. R. Marsland Still Supreme

The Yorkshire Restricted Championships were held, for the fifth successive year, in the St. Paul's Street Drill Hall, Huddersfield, on 7th, 8th and 9th March.

This year, for the first time, the junior events were excluded, but in fact, even without them a record entry of 110 competitors was achieved.

So popular is this tournament becoming year after year that some reorganisation will be necessary particularly in the handicaps. The open events, played on Friday and Saturday, did not provide any surprises, and the spectators present did not find much to stimulate their interest.

With H. R. Marsland still supreme in Yorkshire Badminton, and the fact that there is no one at present who can challenge his skill, provides a situation which detracts from the interest of the tournament.

It was apparent throughout the "opens" that too much reliance was placed on "brawn" at the expense of "brain," and this resulted in extremely dull play. There are too many players today quite content to receive points from the mistakes of their opponents rather than make their winners as a result of their own strokes. The handicap events, on the other hand, provided us with some really enterprising play.

Very naturally, in view of his previous successes, the men's singles went to J. A. Russell without any apparent trouble. The Lanarkshire man also contested the final of the men's doubles with D. L. Bloomer. They had long struggles with Leslie and Diplock and with J. C. Mackay and D. Ross in the final in which the latter pair lasted better.

The results of the concluding rounds were as follows:—

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: J. A. Russell beat O. B. Ross, 15-4, 15-6. K. Diplock beat A. J. Malone, 15-5, 15-5.

Final: Russell beat Diplock, 15-6, 15-2.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Fru T. Ahm beat Miss J. Smart, 11-1, 11-0. Miss I. S. Vallance beat Miss I. G. Montgomerie, 11-7, 11-12, 11-7.
Final: Fru Ahm beat Miss Vallance, 11-4, 11-3.

This was particularly so in the case of the men's doubles final, when A. Turner and J. R. Cox (Bradford) fought magnificently to retrieve what appeared to be a lost cause. Heavily handicapped, they lost the first game to 5, and then as a result of sheer determination won the match, 15-14, 15-14. Incidentally, A. Turner is the father of J. A. Turner, the second team county player. The most promising player observed in the final was M. Evans of Harrogate who in his second season at the game showed promise by his ability to use his opponents' court to the best advantage.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: H. R. Marsland beat D. Hardy, 15-8, 15-12. J. A. Turner beat G. Stott, 15-10, 15-9.

Final: Marsland beat Turner, 15-3, 15-7.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. F. Higson beat Miss M. Bailey, 11-9, 11-4. Miss B. Wilson beat Mrs. F. B. Webb, 11-1, 11-7.

Final: Mrs. Higson beat Miss Wilson, 12-10, 11-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: H. R. Marsland and P. B. Brayshay beat R. Aykroyd and R. Jefferson, 15-3, 15-5. J. H. Naylor and G. Ripley beat J. R. Cox and A. Turner, 15-5, 15-3.

Final: Marsland and Brayshay beat Naylor and Ripley, 12-15, 15-13, 15-12.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. D. W. Gillies and Mrs. K. Davidson beat Mrs. J. Coult and Miss B. Wilson 15-9, 15-10. Mrs. J. Allott and Mrs. F. Higson beat Mrs. J. Evans and Mrs. M. Marshall, 15-10, 15-13.

Final: Mrs. Allott and Mrs. Higson beat Mrs. Gillies and Mrs. Davidson, 15-8, 15-2.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: J. H. Naylor and Mrs. Marshall beat J. A. Turner and Miss A. Kenningham, 15-12, 15-4. H. R. Marsland and Mrs. J. Allott beat G. Ripley and Mrs. H. Bennett, 15-10, 15-11.

Final: Marsland and Mrs. Allott beat Naylor and Mrs. Marshall, 15-7, 2-15, 15-5.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: J. R. Cox and A. Turner (owe 4) beat J. Cheetman and M. Evans (plus 5), 5-15, 15-14, 15-14.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. H. Tippen and Mrs. B. Cox (owe 8) beat Miss H. Kilner and Miss K. Whitelegge (owe 2), 15-6, 15-2.

Mixed Doubles: F. Beaver and Miss Broughton (plus 6) w.o., J. Penwil and Miss Stephens (plus 7) retired.

A. B. S.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: D. L. Bloomer and J. A. Russell beat J. B. Leslie and K. Diplock, 15-11, 6-15, 15-11. J. C. Mackay and D. Ross beat E. G. Scott and A. M. Heberton, 15-3, 15-9.

Final: Mackay and Ross beat Bloomer and Russell, 13-18, 15-12, 15-12.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. J. A. S. Armstrong and Miss I. S. Vallance beat Miss E. S. Donald and Miss M. B. Kelly, 15-5, 15-8. Fru T. Ahm and Mrs. A. D. Wadsworth beat Miss S. M. Crawford and Mrs. E. E. Beath, 15-7, 15-7.

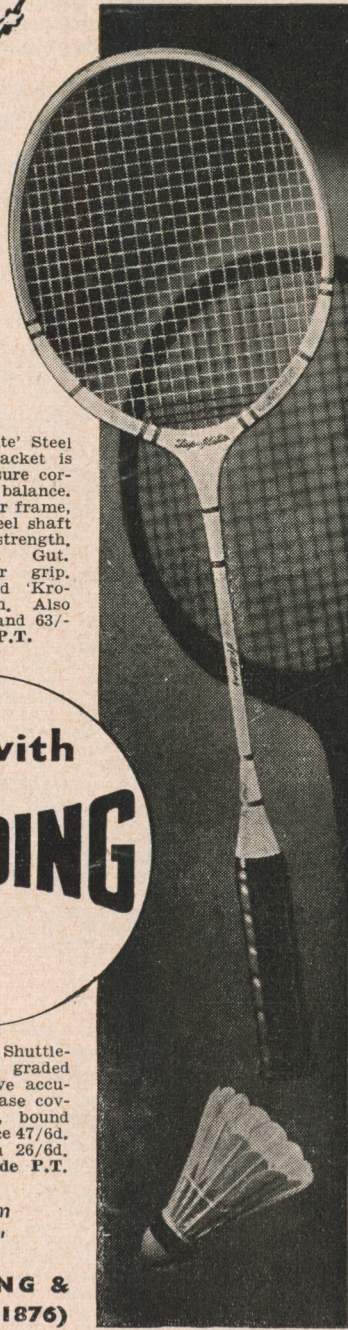
Final: Fru Ahm and Mrs. Wadsworth beat Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Vallance, 15-9, 11-15, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: K. Diplock and Fru T. Ahm beat J. S. Millar and Miss M. B. Forrester, 15-10, 15-12. J. B. Leslie and Mrs. J. A. S. Armstrong beat J. A. Russell and Miss I. G. Montgomerie, 15-9, 15-10.

Final: Diplock and Fru Ahm beat Leslie and Mrs. Armstrong, 15-3, 9-15, 15-5.

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B.A. of E's Annual General Meeting

Brigadier R. Bruce Hay is Elected President — Proposals to alter the Laws of Badminton

Brigadier R. Bruce Hay was unanimously elected President of the Badminton Association of England in succession to Sir George Thomas, who did not wish to stand for re-election, when the 49th annual general meeting of the association was held at the Empress Hall on 22nd March. He was proposed by Mr. W. H. Clarke of the Middlesex County B.A., who told those present of much of what Brigadier Bruce Hay had done for the game over a long period of years. After having been elected, the new president thanked the meeting for the honour and confidence bestowed upon him, and stressed with gratitude the tremendous work for Badminton which had been done by Sir George Thomas, who had retired after nearly a lifetime of devotion to the game.

Judge A. F. Engelbach and Messrs. A. J. Christie, S. Holmes King, D. L. H. Mercer, H. Morland and F. C. Sharp were re-elected vice-presidents, and their number was added to by the election of Messrs. W. H. Clarke and N. L. Goddard. Mr. A. Barron was re-elected honorary treasurer.

Before the meeting began officially, Sir George Thomas, who was in the chair until his successor had been elected, referred with sorrow to the recent death of Mr. Edward Hawthorn, a vice-president of the Association and one of the pillars of the game in England.

The minutes of the previous meeting, the annual report and the accounts and balance sheet for the year ended 31st August, 1951, were all adopted.

On the proposal of the committee, it was agreed to propose to the International Badminton Federation that the Laws of Badminton be altered as follows:—

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

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

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

And that the following clause be added to the Federation's Tournament Regulations Regulations for International Matches, and Regulations for the International Badminton Championship:—

"Modified shuttles as permitted under Law 4, shall not be used without the consent of the organisations concerned."

Judge Engelbach explained the reasons for the proposal, which was put up in order to legalise the use of shuttlecocks made of materials other than feathers.

The election of the following representatives of county associations on the committee was confirmed:—

Bedfordshire: Mr. H. E. Philipps; *Berks, Bucks and Oxon*: Mr. H. F. Chilton; *Cumberland*: Mr. C. Hetherington; *Derbyshire*: Mrs. G. A. Smith; *Dorset*: Mrs. H. S. Uber; *Essex*: Mr. H. D. Cowan; *Gloucestershire*: Mr. T. R. Drury;

Hampshire: Mr. S. Wyatt; *Hertfordshire*: Mr. G. R. Dunning; *Kent*: Mr. R. A. Forster; *Lancashire and Cheshire*: Messrs. M. Brooking and K. L. Wilson; *Lincolnshire and Rutland*: Mr. S. E. Andrew; *Middlesex*: Messrs. J. Capell and A. T. Leech; *Northamptonshire*: Mr. A. B. Barfield; *Northern Counties*: Mr. D. A. Roberts; *Nottinghamshire*: Mr. J. D. G. Bradbury; *Shropshire*: Mr. J. L. Sturrock; *Somerset*: Mr. C. Montagu; *Staffordshire*: Mr. M. W. Field; *Suffolk*: Mr. V. W. Child; *Surrey*: Mr. S. G. Bell; *Warwickshire*: Mr. J. D. Udal; *Westmorland*: Mr.

C. Cumpstey; *Yorkshire*: Mr. L. E. Laycock.

Several delegates present raised the question of the general lack of publicity in the national press throughout the season, and the committee was asked to consider what could be done to remedy this state of affairs.

Another delegate referred to a growing tendency for some county players to violate Law 14 in connection with the delivery of the service, and emphasised that that was setting a bad example for younger players. He asked that the committee should consider this matter.

The Sussex Championships

There was a disappointing entry numerically for the Sussex Championship meeting at Littlehampton on 28th, 29th February and 1st March, and several withdrawals had also to be recorded.

E. B. Choong ran up another treble success, and he was troubled only once; that was when his brother and Miss O'Beirne ran away with the first game of their mixed semi-final against him and Miss June White. Miss O'Beirne retained her ladies' singles cup, but she dropped the first game against Miss Cooley and in the final Miss White took her all the way in their first game.

Together, Miss O'Beirne and Miss Cooley confirmed their advance by defeating Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt comfortably and by overcoming Mrs. Allen Webber and Mrs. Uber in the third game of the final. Though handicapped by a recent leg injury, R. C. F. Nichols, with Maurice Robinson as his partner, did well to beat N. B. Radford and Warwick Shute in the men's doubles, but the winners were no match for the Choong brothers.

A feature of the mixed was the narrow failure of Robinson and Miss Andrews to eliminate H. A. Heah and Miss Grace.

MEN'S SINGLES (11 players)

Second Round: E. B. Choong beat D. S. Broyd, 15-1, 15-2, W. S. Slow beat G. P. Bale, 15-8, 14-11, P. V. Willford beat R. E. Mann, 15-12, 14-17, 15-12, N. W. Ward w.o., H. A. Heah retired.

Semi-finals: Choong beat Slow, 13-4, retired. Willford beat Ward, 14-17, 15-8, 15-12.

Final: Choong beat Willford, 15-1, 15-0.

LADIES' SINGLES (10 players)

Second Round: Miss O'Beirne beat Miss Cooley, 7-11, 11-4, 11-4, Mrs. Parnell beat Miss Piper, 12-10, 11-9, Miss White beat Miss Ripley, 11-4, 4-11, 11-4, Miss Grace beat Miss Lorimer, 11-1, 11-0.

Semi-finals: Miss O'Beirne beat Mrs. Parnell, 11-4, 11-1, Miss White beat Miss Grace, 11-3, 11-3.

Final: Miss O'Beirne beat Miss White, 12-10, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES (12 pairs)

Second Round: N. B. Radford and W. Shute beat G. P. Bale and L. F. Dart, 15-4, 15-8, R. C. F. Nichols and M. Robinson beat P. V. Willford and K. Hunter, 9-15, 15-9, 18-13, H. A. Heah and W. S. Slow beat G. I. Bayley and R. E. Mann, 15-8, 15-9, E. B. Choong and E. L. Choong beat K. E. Foster and L. G. Coffin, 15-6, 15-2.

Semi-finals: Nichols and Robinson beat Radford and Shute, 15-9, 15-6, Choong and Choong beat Heah and Slow, 15-3, 15-8.

Final: Choong and Choong beat Nichols and Robinson, 15-5, 15-5.

LADIES' DOUBLES (11 pairs)

Second Round: Mrs. Uber and Mrs. Allen Webber beat Miss Peters and Miss White, 15-4, 15-12, Mrs. Barnett and Miss Stone beat Miss Andrews and Miss Grace, 17-16, 15-7, Miss O'Beirne and Miss Cooley beat Mrs. Durring and Miss Ripley, 15-12, 15-8, Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt w.o., Mrs. Houston and Miss Dewey retired.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Uber and Mrs. Allen Webber beat Mrs. Barnett and Miss Stone, 15-2, 15-6, Miss O'Beirne and Miss Cooley beat Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Wyatt, 15-5, 15-8.

Final: Miss O'Beirne and Miss Cooley beat Mrs. Uber and Mrs. Allen Webber, 11-15, 15-13, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES (15 pairs)

Second Round: E. L. Choong and Miss O'Beirne beat N. B. Radford and Mrs. K. M. Henderson, 15-7, 15-5, E. B. Choong and Miss White beat R. E. Mann and Mrs. Mitchell, 15-5, 15-3, H. A. Heah and Miss Grace beat G. I. Bayley and Mrs. Barnett, 15-8, 15-8, M. Robinson and Miss Andrews w.o. R. C. F. Nichols and Mrs. Allen Webber retired.

Semi-finals: E. B. Choong and Miss White beat E. L. Choong and Miss O'Beirne, 4-15, 15-11, 15-12, Heah and Miss Grace beat Robinson and Miss Andrews, 12-15, 15-5, 17-15.

Final: E. B. Choong and Miss White beat Heah and Miss Grace, 15-9, 15-6.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: P. A. Kemp Potter and L. F. Dart (plus 6) beat E. H. Sadler and C. W. White (scr.), 13-15, 15-10, 15-13.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. Lindsey and Miss Trower (owe 6) beat Miss Gilson and Miss Goord (plus 6), 15-12, 15-13.

Mixed Doubles: J. C. Whisker and Miss Paggett (plus 4) beat T. A. Bowker and Mrs. Lindsey (owe hand, owe 2), 15-10, 15-13.

The Inter-County Championship**Cheshire Does the Double Again**

Both Trophies go back to Birkenhead — Middlesex is Defeated 11-4 in Final — Gloucestershire Bow 14-1 in Division II — Northamptonshire Gains Promotion

Repeating her successes of three years previously, Cheshire has annexed both inter-county trophies. The Merseysiders won the Inter-County Championship for the fourth time and the subsidiary competition for the third. No other county has ever won both contests, either at the same time or in different seasons, and Cheshire's successes in gaining both for the second time in four years provides fine evidence of the healthy state of affairs within her borders.

Cheshire had no trouble in disposing of Durham's claims in the semi-final, but her success over Middlesex, the holders, by the score of eleven matches to four, was not looked for by the margin eventually attained. All the same, the actual matches in that tie were a good deal closer than the bare mention of the final score would tend to indicate. The northerners got away to a fine start on the courts of the Cazenove B.C. in North London by winning all three singles, albeit two of them only after very close encounters. When R. C. F. Nichols, the Middlesex leader, again pulled a muscle in his first match, the result was clearly envisaged, even though the metropolitan ladies showed their superiority over the northerners in the doubles matches.

Cheshire had the advantage of being able to put a very well balanced side on court, and it says much for the strength of her mixed pairs when a player of the standard of A. D. Jordan can be ranked in the fourth pair; above him were all pairs which contained at least one international representative.

A fortnight earlier, Middlesex had reached the final round through an 11-4 win over Warwickshire whose ladies were not able to match the strength of the London side. Cheshire lost only one match to Durham during the same weekend at Newcastle, but as the scores will show, the Dunelmians might well have gained other successes, and it was a fine performance of M. W. Holborn, a vastly improved player during the past year or two, to run W. A. Robinson so closely in the singles and, in partnership with Mrs. McLaren, to defeat W. E. Smith and Mrs. Ludlam, both members of this season's England international team.

In the Division II play-offs, Cheshire 2nd was even more successful than was her senior team. Cumberland was eliminated in the semi-final without loss of a match, and in the final Gloucestershire had to submit after winning only one encounter, though it must be stressed that the final score rather flattered the northerners who were severely extended in most of the matches. Mrs. Aspinall and Mrs. Carroll were prominent in the western team, the former gaining her side's solitary point by overcoming the very promising Miss M. Rosson in the singles. Actually, the latter had her chances of winning this encounter, and would have done so with more experience; for a first season in county play, however, she did very well in both singles and doubles. The resources of Cheshire seem limitless, and the detailed results of her two successful teams which are appended will demonstrate to what extent her representatives have been superior to their

opponents. Let it be mentioned that all but two of the sides opposed by Cheshire 2nd have been other counties' first teams.

The challenge ties have also occupied considerable attention during the past month. Three teams, as a result thereof, have been successful in improving their status for next season. Northamptonshire returned to Division I after three seasons' absence, but Leicestershire, after only one season in the higher grade, gave her challengers a very close fight before conceding the victory. Both Northumberland and Essex turned back challenges from Cumberland and Gloucestershire respectively, both with a fair degree to spare but only after some very good struggles in the different matches.

Two teams have risen from Division III to Division II. Essex 2nd reversed the result of her challenge to Norfolk last year, and this time succeeded in overcoming the East Anglians, but only by the narrowest margin possible after needing to win but one of the four mixed matches to make sure. It is curious how both Essex teams seem always, year after year, to get involved in these challenge ties!

The other successful Division III side was Dorset which now returns to higher company after but a single season lower down. Though the margin of their success over Devon 2nd was 9-6, four of the successes were gained after only very narrow squeezes.

Nottinghamshire 2nd and Kent 2nd retained their positions in Division II with something to spare against the challenges of Staffordshire 2nd and Hampshire 2nd respectively.

THE FINAL STAGES**DIVISION I****Semi-finals**

Cheshire beat Durham, 14-1
Middlesex beat Warwickshire, 11-4

Final

Cheshire beat Middlesex, 11-4

DIVISION II**Quarter-finals**

Cumberland a bye
Cheshire 2nd beat Northamptonshire, 12-3

Berks, Bucks and Oxon beat Surrey 2nd, 8-7

Gloucestershire a bye

Semi-finals

Cheshire 2nd beat Cumberland, 15-0
Gloucestershire beat Berks, Bucks and Oxon, 8-7

Final

Cheshire 2nd beat Gloucestershire, 14-1

CHALLENGE TIES**Between Divisions I and II**

Northumberland beat Cumberland (challengers), 13-2
Northamptonshire (challengers) beat Leicestershire, 10-5
Essex beat Gloucestershire (challengers), 12-3

Between Divisions II and III

Nottinghamshire 2nd beat Staffordshire 2nd (challengers), 11-4
Essex 2nd (challengers) beat Norfolk, 8-7
Kent 2nd beat Hampshire 2nd (challengers), 11-4
Dorset (challengers) beat Devon 2nd, 9-6

CHANGES NEXT SEASON

Promoted to	Relegated to
Division I	Division II
Northamptonshire	Leicestershire
Promoted to	Relegated to
Division II	Division III
Essex 2nd	Norfolk
Dorset	Devon 2nd

THE CHAMPIONS' SUCCESSES**The First Team**

v. Lancashire	...	W. 14-1
v. Yorkshire	...	W. 9-6
v. Lancashire	...	W. 11-4
v. Yorkshire	...	W. 9-6
v. Durham	...	W. 14-1
v. Middlesex	...	W. 11-4
Ties:	Won 6; Lost 0.	
Matches:	Won 68; Lost 22.	

Second Team

v. Lancashire 2nd	...	W. 11-4
v. Isle of Man	...	W. 14-1
v. Yorkshire 2nd	...	W. 12-3
v. Westmorland	...	W. 11-4
v. Northamptonshire	...	W. 12-3
v. Cumberland	...	W. 15-0
v. Gloucestershire	...	W. 14-1
Ties:	Won 7; Lost 0.	
Matches:	Won 89; Lost 16.	

**Inter-County Championship
Scores and Results**

**DIVISION I
Semi-finals**

Durham v. Cheshire

Played at Newcastle on 15th March, and won by Cheshire by 14 matches to 1. Scores (Cheshire names first):

W. A. Robinson beat M. W. Holborn, 17-15, 17-16. A. D. Jordan beat M. Howett, 15-4, 15-4.

Mrs. Dean beat Miss B. Horner, 11-4, 11-5. Robinson and W. E. Smith beat Holborn and W. Davidson, 15-11, 15-5; beat F. Hobday and B. Eccles, 15-12, 15-13. J. H. Kellett and Jordan beat Holborn and Davidson, 15-7, 15-8; beat Hobday and Eccles, 15-5, 15-12.

Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Lord beat Mrs. B. MacLaren and Mrs. Pigdon, 15-5, 15-9; beat Mrs. Dickerson and Miss Elliott, 15-6, 11-15, 15-1. Mrs. Ludlam and Mrs. Saunders beat Mrs. MacLaren and Mrs. Pigdon, 13-15, 17-14, 15-1; beat Mrs. Dickerson and Miss Elliott, 15-3, 15-7.

Smith and Mrs. Ludlam lost to Holborn and Mrs. MacLaren, 10-15, 15-5, 10-15. Kellett and Mrs. Saunders beat Hobday and Mrs. Pigdon, 15-6, 12-15, 15-13. Robinson and Miss Fearnie beat Eccles and Miss Elliott, 17-14, 15-7. Jordan and Mrs. Lord beat Howett and Mrs. Dickerson, 15-2, 15-6.

Middlesex v. Warwickshire

Played at Stamford Hill on 16th March, and won by Middlesex by 11 matches to 4. Scores (Middlesex names first):

R. S. Hodge lost to N. B. Radford, 12-15, 3-15. J. A. Broadhurst beat M. Robinson, 15-4, 15-9.

Mrs. A. M. Horner beat Mrs. C. Robinson, 11-4, 11-8.

R. C. F. Nichols and Hodge lost to Radford and Robinson, 12-15, 15-8, 9-15; beat A. Fletcher and F. Stanley, 15-9, 18-15. Broadhurst and D. Boorman lost to Radford and Robinson, 15-17, 7-15; beat Fletcher and Stanley, 15-4, 15-11.

Miss E. Andrews and Mrs. G. Darley beat Mrs. Robinson and Miss D. Parsons, 15-13, 17-16; beat Miss B. Haines and Miss D. Kightley, 15-10, 15-4. Mrs. Horner and Mrs. L. Nichols beat Mrs. Robinson and Miss Parsons, 15-12, 12-15, 15-10; beat Miss Haines and Miss Kightley, 17-14, 15-3.

Nichols and Mrs. Horner beat Robinson and Mrs. Robinson, 15-9, 18-15. Hodge and Mrs. Darley w.o., Radford and Miss Parsons, retired. G. Tautz and Miss Andrews lost to Fletcher and Miss Haines, 15-7, 12-15, 7-15. Broadhurst and Miss E. Windsor-Aubrey beat Stanley and Miss Parsons, 15-6, 15-11.

Final

Middlesex v. Cheshire

Played at Stamford Hill, London, on 29th March and won by Cheshire by 11 matches to 4. Scores (Cheshire names first):—

W. A. Robinson beat R. S. Hodge, 15-3, 15-10. A. D. Jordan beat J. Broadhurst, 15-9, 4-15, 18-15.

Mrs. E. D. Dean beat Mrs. A. M. Horner, 9-11, 11-8, 11-7.

Robinson and W. E. Smith beat R. C. F. Nichols and Hodge, 15-6, 15-8; beat Broadhurst and D. Boorman, 15-7, 15-8. J. H. Kellett and Jordan beat G. Tautz (sub.) and Hodge, 12-15, 15-9, 15-4; lost to Broadhurst and Boorman, 8-15, 15-12, 9-15.

Mrs. Dean and Mrs. A. D. Lord lost to Miss E. Andrews and Mrs. G. Darley, 6-15, 15-12, 5-15; beat Mrs. L. Nichols and Mrs. Horner, 9-15, 18-13, 15-6. Mrs. G. F. Saunders and Mrs. L. R. Ludlam lost to Miss Andrews and Mrs. Darley, 8-15, 15-8, 6-15; lost to Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Horner, 6-15, 9-15.

Kellett and Mrs. Saunders beat Boorman (sub.) and Mrs. Horner, 15-5, 15-6. Smith and Mrs. Ludlam beat Hodge and Mrs. Darley, 17-16, 15-9. Robinson and Miss B. Fearnie beat Tautz and Miss Andrews, 15-5, 15-8. Jordan and Mrs. Lord w.o., Broadhurst and Miss E. Windsor-Aubrey retired.



CHESHIRE'S CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Standing—A. D. Jordan, W. A. Robinson, J. H. Kellett, W. E. Smith, G. L. MacTaggart (reserve).

Seated—Mrs. E. D. Dean, Mrs. A. D. Lord, Mrs. L. R. Ludlam, Mrs. G. F. Saunders and Miss B. Fearnie.

DIVISION II

Semi-finals

Cheshire 2nd v. Cumberland

Played at Port Sunlight on 15th March and won by Cheshire 2nd by 15 matches to 0. Scores (Cheshire 2nd names first):

R. V. Dolman beat K. V. Shaw, 17-18, 15-5, 15-5. K. R. Cunday beat J. G. Yarker, 15-2, 15-4.

Miss M. Rosson beat Miss E. F. Hall, 11-1, 5-11, 11-9.

Dolman and R. Pickin beat E. L. Eynon and H. McMullen, 9-15, 15-0, 17-15; beat W. Watson and A. B. Martin, 15-7, 15-2. C. W. Kay and G. L. MacTaggart beat Watson and Martin, 15-2, 15-1; beat Eynon and McMullen, 15-7, 15-6.

Mrs. G. Cartwright and Mrs. C. W. Kay beat Mrs. W. G. Hetherington and Miss D. Bell, 5-15, 15-9, 15-7; beat Mrs. Housby and Miss Hall, 15-7, 8-15, 15-6. Mrs. M. Bryce-Smith and Miss Rosson beat Mrs. Hetherington and Miss Bell, 15-11, 15-5; beat Mrs. Housby and Miss Hall, 9-15, 15-7, 15-2.

Pickin and Mrs. Cartwright beat McMullen and Miss Hall, 15-4, 15-0. Dolman and Mrs. Bryce-Smith beat Eynon and Mrs. Hetherington, 15-6, 15-10. Kay and Mrs. Kay beat Watson and Mrs. Housby, 15-2, 15-3. Cunday and Mrs. E. Macaulay beat Martin and Miss Bell, 15-7, 15-7.

Gloucestershire v. Berks, Bucks and Oxon

Played at Bristol on 16th March, and won by Gloucestershire by 8 matches to 7. Scores (Gloucestershire names first):

H. E. Chan beat G. Cullimore, 15-5, 15-11. R. C. Upton lost to G. Bale, 7-15, 13-18.

Mrs. D. Aspinall beat Miss S. Ripley, 4-11, 11-7, 11-9.

Upton and F. B. Hansford lost to C. Denton and J. Lawton Smith, 14-18, 13-15; beat Bale and A. Mutch, 15-10, 15-12. Chan and K. W. Drury lost to Denton and Lawton Smith, 6-15, 11-15; beat Bale and Mutch, 0-15, 15-7, 15-5.

Mrs. B. Carroll and Mrs. Aspinall lost to Mrs. R. Horsley and Miss Ripley, 13-15, 10-15; beat Mrs. E. Yarde Frost and Mrs. J. Nickless,

15-4, 15-8. Mrs. M. Lowther and Mrs. B. Swann lost to Mrs. Horsley and Miss Ripley, 8-15, 12-15; lost to Mrs. Yarde Frost and Mrs. Nickless, 12-15, 9-15.

Chan and Mrs. Aspinall beat Denton and Mrs. Horsley, 15-7, 9-15, 15-9. Upton and Mrs. Carroll beat Lawton Smith and Mrs. Yarde Frost, 15-9, 18-15. Hansford and Mrs. Lowther lost to E. Vane and Miss Ripley, 12-15, 15-5, 6-15. Drury and Mrs. G. Pearson beat Bale and Miss Nickless, 15-6, 8-15, 18-17.

Final

Cheshire 2nd v Gloucestershire

Played at Barnt Green on 19th April and won by Cheshire 2nd by 14 matches to 1. Scores (Cheshire names first):

R. V. Dolman beat H. E. Chan 15-8, 15-8. C. W. Kay beat R. C. Upton, 18-17, 1-15, 15-8.

Miss M. Rosson lost to Mrs. D. Aspinall, 7-11, 12-10, 5-11.

Dolman and R. Pickin beat Upton and H. E. Hansford, 15-7, 18-17; beat Chan and K. W. Drury, 15-10, 15-4. C. W. Kay and G. L. MacTaggart beat Upton and Hansford, 17-14, 15-5; beat Chan and Drury, 15-6, 8-15, 15-8.

Mrs. G. Cartwright and Mrs. C. W. Kay beat Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Aspinall, 15-7, 10-15, 15-6; beat Mrs. E. Cook and Mrs. Lowther, 15-5, 10-15, 15-7. Mrs. M. Bryce Smith and Miss Rosson beat Mrs. Carroll and Mrs. Aspinall, 10-15, 15-11, 15-11; beat Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Lowther, 15-5, 15-11.

Pickin and Mrs. Cartwright beat Chan and Mrs. Aspinall, 15-10, 15-7. Dolman and Mrs. Bryce Smith beat Upton and Mrs. Carroll, 15-5, 15-7. MacTaggart and Mrs. Kay beat Drury and Mrs. Lowther, 15-3, 15-9. K. R. Cunday and Mrs. Macaulay beat Hansford and Mrs. Cook, 15-13, 15-7.

CHALLENGE TIES

**Between Divisions I and II
Northumberland v. Cumberland**

Played at Newcastle on 28th February and won by Northumberland by 13 matches to 2. Scores (Northumberland names first):

J. H. Nelson beat K. V. Shaw, 15-18, 15-10, 15-7. E. D. Jefferson beat G. Yarker, 15-10, 9-15, 15-8.

Mrs. N. Howe beat Miss E. Hall, 11-5, 8-11, 11-6.

L. E. Lawson and Nelson beat L. Eynon and H. McMullen, 15-9, 11-15, 15-13; beat W. Watson and A. B. Martin, 15-8, 17-16. W. A. Kernohan and J. H. Henderson beat Eynon and McMullen, 15-7, 15-11; beat Watson and Martin, 14-17, 18-15, 15-9.

Mrs. D. H. Lister and Mrs. Howe beat Mrs. W. Hetherington and Miss D. Bell, 17-14, 15-4; beat Miss E. Hall and Mrs. M. Housby, 18-13, 15-12. Miss V. Broderick and Miss L. Jordan lost to Mrs. Hetherington and Miss Bell, 10-15, 14-18; lost to Miss Hall and Mrs. Housby, 15-18, 15-8, 11-15.

Lawson and Miss Jordan beat McMullen and Miss Hall, 15-6, 15-7. Henderson and Mrs. Lister beat Eynon and Mrs. Hetherington, 15-10, 15-11. Kernohan and Miss Broderick beat H. Watson and Mrs. Housby, 15-9, 15-17, 15-3. Jefferson and Miss J. Lynn beat Martin and Miss O. Hodgson, 15-8, 15-1.

Leicestershire v. Northamptonshire

Played at Loughborough on 29th March, and won by Northamptonshire by 10 matches to 5. Scores (Northamptonshire names first):

K. R. Greasley beat F. S. Parker, 17-16, 15-5. T. Armstrong lost to W. C. Regan, 15-11, 12-15, 9-15.

Mrs. J. Baldwin beat Miss G. Fox, 11-5, 11-0. Greasley and G. R. Masters beat Parker and Regan, 15-5, 15-5; beat A. Pilgrim and J. W. Ofield, 15-9, 15-5. Armstrong and S. Jones lost to Parker and Regan, 6-15, 7-15; beat Pilgrim and Ofield, 2-15, 15-3, 17-14.

Mrs. P. Forsyth and Mrs. Baldwin beat Mrs. Pilgrim and Miss Pickering, 15-7, 15-4; beat Miss Fox and Miss M. Crockett, 15-8, 15-0. Mrs. J. Cosford and Miss P. Henson lost to Mrs. Pilgrim and Miss Pickering, 4-15, 4-15; lost to Miss Fox and Miss Crockett, 7-15, 6-15.

Greasley and Mrs. Forsyth beat Parker and Miss Crockett, 14-17, 15-2, 15-8. Jones and Mrs. Cosford beat Regan and Mrs. Herbert, 15-8, 11-15, 15-9. Masters and Mrs. Baldwin beat Pilgrim and Miss Fox, 17-14, 15-8. R. N. J. Moore and Miss Henson lost to Ofield and Miss Pickering, 15-8, 13-18, 13-15.

Essex v. Gloucestershire

Played at Stamford Hill, London, on 30th March, and won by Essex by 12 matches to 3. Scores (Essex names first):

A. Salway beat H. E. Chan, 15-12, 15-10. D. B. Hepworth beat R. Upton, 15-2, 18-15.

Miss D. B. Grace lost to Mrs. D. Aspinall, 5-11, 11-5, 7-11.

A. Barron and A. Horden beat Upton and F. B. Hansford, 17-14, 15-3; beat Chan and K. W. Drury, 15-3, 15-9. J. D. Robertson and Hepworth beat Upton and Hansford, 15-5, 15-17, 15-4; beat Chan and Drury, 15-10, 15-11.

Miss Grace and Miss Swinton beat Mrs. Aspinall and Mrs. Carroll, 2-15, 15-10, 15-9; beat Mrs. Lowther and Mrs. Cook, 15-7, 15-10. Mrs. Haselgrove and Miss Swann beat Mrs. Aspinall and Mrs. Carroll, 8-15, 15-9, 15-12; lost to Mrs. Lowther and Mrs. Cook, 8-15, 15-2, 8-15.

Barron and Miss Swinton lost to Chan and Mrs. Aspinall, 15-12, 7-15, 3-15. Horden and Miss Grace beat Upton and Mrs. Carroll, 15-8, 15-12. Salway and Miss Haselgrove beat Drury and Mrs. Lowther, 15-5, 12-15, 18-15. R. O. Bishop and Mrs. Cowan beat Hansford and Mrs. Cook, 15-13, 15-12.

Between Divisions II and III

Nottinghamshire 2nd v. Staffordshire 2nd

Played at Nottingham on 23rd March, and won by Nottinghamshire 2nd by 11 matches to 4. Scores (Nottinghamshire 2nd names first):

J. Bancroft lost to D. Nerurkar, 8-15, 15-12, 2-15. D. Illingworth beat H. Hawkins, 15-6, 15-1.

Miss J. Petchell beat Miss B. Bird, 11-2, 11-4. A. Soles and K. Howard beat Nerurkar and G. Churchward, 7-15, 15-11, 18-16; beat F. Lowe and Hawkins, 15-5, 17-15. E. Snell and F. Harrington lost to Nerurkar and Churchward, 8-15, 4-15; beat Lowe and Hawkins, 11-15, 15-9, 15-12.

Miss Petchell and Miss R. Bennett beat Miss B. Bird and Miss J. Bird, 15-7, 15-7; beat Miss A. Ferguson and Mrs. D. Whitehouse, 15-10, 15-4. Mrs. J. Worthington and Mrs. P. Hague beat Miss Bird and Miss Bird, 15-6, 15-5; beat Miss Ferguson and Mrs. Whitehouse, 18-15, 18-17.

Soles and Miss Bennett beat T. Telford and Miss Ferguson, 15-7, 15-8. Harrington and Miss Petchell lost to Nerurkar and Miss B. Bird,

15-12, 17-18, 8-15. Howari and Mrs. Hague beat Churchward and Miss J. Bird, 17-18, 17-14, 15-1. Bancroft and Mrs. Reddish lost to Hawkins and Miss Whitehouse, 12-15, 1-15.

Norfolk v. Essex 2nd

Played at Norwich on 23rd March and won by Essex 2nd by 8 matches to 7. Scores (Essex 2nd names first):

D. B. Hepworth beat R. W. Havers, 15-8, 15-5. B. Fairman lost to J. S. Sterry, 15-17, 11-15, 9-15.

Miss P. Hopker beat Mrs. Page, 11-7, 3-11, 11-9.

J. D. Robertson and Hepworth beat Havers and R. Plunkett, 15-10, 9-15, 15-12; beat T. Stevenson and Sterry, 15-11, 15-7. S. Mitchell and Fairman lost to Havers and Plunkett, 15-12, 7-15, 10-15; beat Stevenson and Sterry, 15-9, 15-7.

Mrs. Larman and Mrs. Budge lost to Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Page, 15-13, 2-15, 5-15; beat Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Stevenson, 15-10, 18-16. Mrs. Frith and Miss Hopker lost to Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Page, 4-15, 11-15; beat Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Stevenson, 15-9, 15-4.

Robertson and Miss Hopker beat Havers and Mrs. Williamson, 15-12, 11-15, 15-8. Saunders and Mrs. Larman lost to Stevenson and Mrs. Cooper, 8-15, 9-15. N. R. Brigg and Mrs. Frith lost to Plunkett and Mrs. Stevenson, 7-15, 17-16, 8-15. Mitchell and Miss J. Smith lost to R. Norman and Mrs. Filby, 16-17, 15-8, 15-18.

Kent 2nd v. Hampshire 2nd

Played at Lower Sydenham on 6th April, and won by Kent 2nd by 11 matches to 4. Scores (Kent 2nd names first):

A. J. Kemp lost to J. R. Beal, 15-5, 17-18, 2-15. P. G. Alcorn beat T. Kennedy, 18-16, 15-5.

Miss U. Smith beat Mrs. G. Parnell, 11-2, 11-3.

H. L. K. Brock and R. S. Lucas beat D. J. Harvey and K. W. Hunter, 17-15, 15-10; beat Kennedy and F. H. D. Lawton, 15-12, 15-12. Kemp and Alcorn beat Harvey and Hunter, 15-7, 15-11; beat Kennedy and Lawton, 15-5, 15-2.

Miss Smith and Mrs. M. E. Kitton beat Mrs. A. Thursfield and Miss S. Pratt, 15-9, 15-12; beat Miss M. Whyte and Mrs. Parnell, 15-2, 15-10. Miss H. Parfitt and Miss M. Russell lost to Mrs. Thursfield and Miss Pratt, 16-17, 15-10, 8-15; beat Miss Whyte and Mrs. Parnell, 15-13, 15-6.

Lucas and Miss Russell lost to F. Curtis and Mrs. Gamble, 16-18, 15-10, 12-15. Brock and Mrs. Kitton lost to Hunter and Miss Whyte, 10-15, 4-15. Kemp and Miss Smith beat Lawton and Miss Pratt, 15-13, 15-7. Alcorn and Miss Parfitt beat Harvey and Mrs. Thursfield, 15-11, 15-9.

Devon 2nd v. Dorset

Played at Plymouth on 5th April, and won by Dorset by 9 matches to 6. Scores (Dorset names first):

E. Carter lost to G. Wakefield, 4-15, 8-15. W. H. Hawke beat G. Hitchcock, 11-15, 15-8, 15-0.

Mrs. Wurzer beat Mrs. Cheetham, 11-7, 11-1. C. W. Bissell and H. C. J. Vick lost to L. Handford and C. Macaulay, 4-15, 15-12, 11-15; lost to Wakefield and F. Barter, 18-13, 5-15, 12-15. Carder and Carter lost to Handford and Macaulay, 8-15, 11-15; beat Wakefield and Barter, 16-18, 15-3, 18-15.

Miss Cook and Mrs. Wurzer beat Mrs. Truscott and Miss Jenkins, 15-9, 15-7; beat Miss Axworthy and Miss Wisbey, 15-3, 15-7. Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Bissell lost to Mrs. Truscott and Miss Jenkins, 7-15, 15-7, 12-15; beat Miss Axworthy and Miss Wisbey, 15-9, 15-5.

Bissell and Miss Cook beat Wakefield and Miss Axworthy, 13-15, 15-6, 17-14. Carder and Mrs. Hawkins beat Handford and Miss Wisbey, 3-15, 15-7, 18-14. Hawke and Mrs. Wurzer lost to Macaulay and Mrs. Cheetham, 6-15, 13-15. Vick and Mrs. Bissell beat Barter and Miss Jenkins, 10-15, 17-14, 15-12.

DIVISION III

Inter-Group Ties

Staffordshire 2nd v. Lincolnshire and Rutland

Played at Stafford on 6th March, and won by Staffordshire 2nd by 9 matches to 6. Scores (Staffordshire names first):

D. Nerurkar beat W. G. Readman, 15-6, 10-15, 15-10. J. Whitehouse lost to G. A. Bell, 8-15, 7-15.

Miss B. Bird beat Miss K. Cousens, 11-3, 11-4.

Nerurkar and G. Churchward beat S. E. Andrew and B. Sims, 15-2, 15-9; beat L. Caudwell and Bell, 15-13, 15-9. H. Hawkins and T. N. Telford lost to Andrew and Sims, 18-15, 13-15, 2-15; beat Caudwell and Bell, 9-15, 15-11, 15-9.

Miss B. Bird and Miss J. Bird beat Miss P. Munro and Mrs. B. Booth, 4-15, 15-7, 15-13; lost to Miss E. Shaw and Miss Cousens, 5-15, 9-15. Miss A. Ferguson and Mrs. D. Whitehouse lost to Miss Munro and Mrs. Booth, 6-15, 14-18; lost to Miss Shaw and Miss Cousens, 4-15, 18-17, 9-15.

Telford and Miss Ferguson lost to Andrew and Miss Munro, 6-15, 9-15. Nerurkar and Miss B. Bird beat Readman and Miss Shaw, 15-4, 15-6. Churchward and Miss J. Bird beat Caudwell and Mrs. Booth, 15-4, 15-10. Hawkins and Mrs. Whitehouse beat Bell and Cousens, 17-14, 15-7.

Cambridgeshire 2nd v. Essex 2nd

Played at Cambridge on 1st March, and won by Essex 2nd by 15 matches to 0. Scores (Essex names first):

D. Hepworth beat F. Krebs, 15-12, 15-8. B. Fairman beat C. Hanson, 15-9, 15-5.

Miss P. Hopker beat Miss J. F. Cryer, 11-7, 12-10.

N. Brigg and S. Saunders beat R. Whittington and Krebs, 15-6, 15-10; beat J. Reddall and E. Summerlin, 15-0, 15-8. Fairman and S. Mitchell beat Whittington and Krebs, 15-4, 18-13; beat Reddall and Summerlin, 15-3, 15-3.

Mrs. Larman and Mrs. Budge beat Mrs. M. Gall and Mrs. E. Mason, 15-4, 16-17, 15-5; beat Mrs. M. Halls and Miss Cryer, 10-15, 15-4, 15-5. Miss Hopker and Mrs. Frith beat Mrs. Gall and Mrs. Mason, 15-8, 15-9; beat Mrs. Halls and Miss Cryer, 15-6, 18-13.

J. D. Robertson and Miss Hopker beat Whittington and Mrs. Mason, 15-10, 15-11. Saunders and Mrs. Larman beat Hanson and Mrs. Halls, 15-10, 18-13. Hepworth and Mrs. Frith beat Krebs and Miss Cryer, 15-10, 17-14. Mitchell and Miss J. Smith beat H. J. Ross and Miss O. Saunders, 15-1, 15-8.

Dorset v. Somerset 2nd

Played at Weymouth on 1st March, and won by Dorset by 13 matches to 2. Scores (Dorset names first):

E. Carter lost to R. Earlam, 7-15, 14-17. W. Hawke lost to A. Bracher, 8-15, 13-15.

Mrs. Hawkins beat Miss Barber, 11-7, 11-2.

C. Bissell and H. Vick beat G. Marshall and Earlam, 15-8, 15-10; beat Bracher and M. H. Eck, 15-5, 15-7. R. Carder and E. Carter beat Marshall and Earlam, 7-15, 18-13, 15-3; beat Bracher and Eck, 15-13, 11-15, 15-4.

Miss Cook and Mrs. Wurzer beat Miss J. Perry and Miss G. Barber, 15-2, 15-1; beat Mrs. J. Barrie and Miss N. Gange, 15-10, 15-6. Mrs. Bissell and Mrs. Hawkins beat Miss Perry and Miss Barber, 15-6, 15-4; beat Mrs. Barrie and Miss Gange, 15-10, 15-3.

Bissell and Miss Cook beat Earlam and Miss Perry, 15-5, 15-6. Carder and Mrs. Hawkins beat Marshall and Miss Barber, 15-7, 15-11. Hawke and Mrs. Wurzer beat Bracher and Mrs. Barrie, 15-18, 15-8, 15-1. Vick and Mrs. Bissell beat Eck and Miss Gange, 15-7, 15-7.

DIVISION I

A Late Zone Tie

Hampshire v. Surrey

Played at Portsmouth on 24th February, and won by Hampshire by 8 matches to 7. Scores (Hampshire names first):

L. G. Coffin lost to W. Rogers, 15-7, 8-15, 3-15. J. R. Beal lost to E. Timperley, 15-7, 2-15, 8-15.

Mrs. K. M. Henderson beat Miss I. L. Cooley, 5-11, 11-3, 12-10.

A. B. Renton and K. E. Foster beat S. G. Bell and H. I. Palmer, 15-5, 13-15, 15-0; lost to W. C. Knight and Rogers, 17-18, 13-15. Coffin and R. A. G. Powell lost to Bell and Palmer, 7-15, 12-15; lost to Knight and Rogers, 13-15, 18-13, 11-15.

Mrs. K. M. Henderson and Mrs. S. Wyatt beat Miss Cooley and Miss J. White, 15-7, 15-11; beat Miss S. McMurray and Mrs. B. Gilbert, 15-6, 15-7. Mrs. E. H. White and Miss R. Page lost to Miss Cooley and Miss White, 7-15, 9-15; beat Miss McMurray and Mrs. Gilbert, 15-5, 15-3.

Renton and Mrs. Henderson beat Palmer and Miss White, 15-10, 15-11. Coffin and Mrs. Wyatt lost to Rogers and Miss Cooley, 17-18, 5-15. Foster and Miss M. Whyte beat Knight and Miss McMurray, 15-5, 15-6. Powell and Miss Page beat Timperley and Mrs. Gilbert, 17-14, 12-15, 15-8.

Notes and News

Cambridge Wins the Inter-University Match

The annual fixture between Oxford and Cambridge Universities took place this season on 7th and 8th March at Cambridge when the home team again ran up a 15-0 victory, though Oxford showed improvement over other post-war encounters by running two of the different matches to three games. There was quite a good crowd on hand to witness the play. Cambridge had a tremendous advantage by being able to include E. L. and E. J. Choong in its team as well as J. R. Best, the English international trialist. The winners were captained by F. L. Chai, and Oxford were led by E. R. Larsen, an undergraduate from Vancouver.

In connection with the 'varsity match, we are indebted to Mr. R. C. Politeyen for some reminiscences of pre-war encounters, which began in 1928-29 with an Oxford success by 11 matches to 4. Mr. Politeyen recalls that in his last year at Cambridge, 1930-31, "saw Cambridge well on top, and I do not believe Oxford have won since. It is all 'Choongbridge' now! Those early days of Cambridge Badminton were very good fun, and I wonder what has happened to everyone. 'Paddy' Wynter-Blyth, one-time Cambridge captain, fell to Jap bayonets in Hong Kong, and Knight, one-time Granta secretary, became a pilot and died of thirst and hunger in the North African desert."

The Sixth Annual B.A. Dinner

The sixth annual Dinner and Dance of the Badminton Association of England took place on the evening of the final day of the All-England Championships when all the overseas competitors were the guests of the Association at the Criterion Restaurant, London. A large gathering of home competitors, officials and others was also present to render the occasion a memorable one.

Brigadier R. Bruce Hay, newly-elected President of the Association, was in the chair, and either side of him at dinner were the two singles champions, Mr. Wong Peng Soon and Fru Tonny Ahm. The chairman proposed the toast of the guests, and this received a three-fold reply, from Messrs. N. P. Kristensen of Denmark, F. W. Peard of Ireland and E. L. Choong of Malaya. Mr. A. Barron, honorary treasurer of the B.A. of E., proposed the toast of the champions, and this was officially replied to by Mr. Wong Peng Soon. Afterwards, dancing was enjoyed by all concerned, the only complaint being that the hour of midnight arrived altogether far too quickly.

The Choongs just lose a Great Record

By their narrow defeat in the Danish Championships—it was only by a solitary point—E. L. and E. B. Choong just failed to set up a unique record. Already this season, they had together won the men's doubles title at the Scottish, Irish, All-England and French Championships; thus, they only needed to win the Danish to have the proud record of holding all the



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European national open championships, a feat never previously accomplished. The nearest approach was the success in 1938-39 of T. H. Boyle and J. L. Rankin who then won the Welsh, Scottish, Irish and All-England doubles championship; they did not take part in the French or Danish Championships that season, both of which they might well otherwise have annexed.

Ontarians Win all Canadian Championships

Competitors from Ontario won all five Canadian Championship titles when the 25th Dominion tournament was played at Winnipeg from 12th to 15th March, and all five titles changed hands. In the singles, Don Smythe came from behind against the holder, Daryl Thompson, in the third game, and won after Thompson had refused to set at 14-all. Miss Marjorie Mapp regained the singles title she had held three years earlier. The 1951 winner, now Mrs. M. S. Grant, did not defend.

Misfortunes in the way of injury upset the doubles, for both R. E. Birch and Gordon Simpson, rated as Canada's best doubles pair, were obliged to retire during the tournament. Their injuries deprived Canada of their anticipated assistance in the important Thomas Cup tie against the United States, played shortly after the tournament.

Men's Singles: Donald Smythe (Ontario) beat Daryl Thompson (British Columbia), 15-4, 12-15, 15-14.

Ladies' Singles: Miss Marjorie Mapp (Ontario) beat Miss Marjorie Shedd (Ontario), 0-11, 11-6, 11-7.

Men's Doubles: Donald Smythe and Bud Porter (Ontario) beat Ken Forsythe (Manitoba) and Albert Williams (Alberta), 17-18, 15-5, 18-16.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss Barbara Ince and Miss Joan Warren (Ontario) beat Mrs. Jean Bardsley and Miss Lois Reid (British Columbia), 12-15, 18-16, 17-16.

Mixed Doubles: Bud Porter and Miss Edith Marshall (Ontario) beat Grant Henry and Miss Noreen Cossar (Ontario), 15-11, 9-15, 15-7.

The B.A. of E. has elected two new Vice-Presidents

We would like to congratulate Messrs. W. H. Clarke and N. L. Goddard on their election as vice-presidents of the B.A. of England. Both thoroughly deserve the honour after many years of unstinted work on behalf of the game.

Mr. Clarke will always be remembered through his holding the honorary secretaryship of the Cazenove B.C. ever since its foundation in 1909, and he is still in office there. He has been a member of the committee of the Middlesex County B.A. for a long time, too, and since 1936 has represented that county on the committee of the B.A. of E. For the past few years he has been the chairman of the Finance Sub-Committee of the B.A. of E., and he has also served on several other sub-committees of the latter. In addition, Mr. Clarke is the President of the London League, as he was before the war.

Mr. Goddard likewise joined the committee of the B.A. of E. in 1936 as a representative for Surrey, of which county association he has been honorary secretary for over twenty years. We would also like to congratulate him upon his nomination as President of the Surrey County B.A. Mr. Goddard is, of course, also very well-known for his extremely close connection with the Wimbledon S. and B.C. of which he was one of the principal movers when the present magnificent edifice was erected a few years before the war.

The Crystal Palace B.C. expects to Reopen

We understand that every hope exists that next season the Crystal Palace B.C. may be able to re-start its activities in the Forest Hill area. We hear that plans to this effect are more than well in hand. The honorary secretary of the club, Mr. S. C. Minard of 4 Acacia Road, Hampton, Middlesex, will be very pleased to hear from all old members, of whom many must have moved since 1939, so that he can acquaint them of further and fuller details.

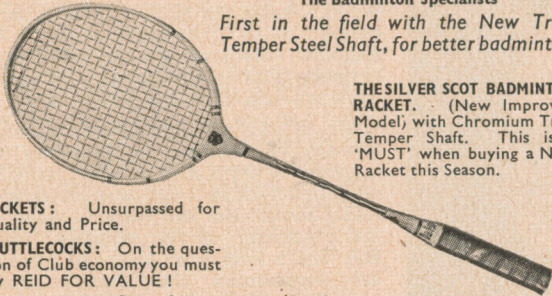
Alan Titherley Reappears

It is good to see the name of Alan Titherley featuring in tournament play again. The former international played in both doubles events at the Leicestershire meeting, though he had hard luck in the draw, and one wonders whether he has ever before had the misfortune to fall at the first hurdle in both events as he did there. Titherley was at his best when English Badminton was of a very high class, and his selection for England teams in the thirties was almost as automatic as was that of D. C. Hume, R. M. White and the Nichols brothers. He made his last international appearance in 1946-47 against Ireland. But for the war, Titherley would have passed the century mark in appearances for Cheshire; as it was he made over 90 over a period of about twenty years. That he retains his former great interest was pleasurably evidenced by his travelling to London to see Cheshire win this season's Inter-County Championship.

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Nils Jonson Regains Swedish Title

Despite Rough Journey Home International Players Retain National Honours

The 16th annual Swedish national championships were staged for the first time at Falkenberg, on the west coast of Sweden, from 23rd to 25th March inclusive. Due to the meeting starting the day following the conclusion of the All-England Championships a novel procedure was adopted in-so-far as the draw was concerned in order to enable the members of the Swedish international team to participate. In all the chief events, except the ladies' doubles, the four best players or pairs were exempted until the quarter-final round, in which all were opposed to players who had succeeded on the first day in reaching that stage.

The six players who had represented their country in the British Isles during the preceding days were all suffering from the after-effects of a very rough passage back to Gothenburg, and none regained their normal condition until after the tournament. However, between them they managed to win most of the honours. Nils Jonson regained the singles championship which he had previously held in 1949, but he was extended very severely in all but his final match. The holder, Inge Blomberg, fell at his first hurdle, as did Knut Malmgren, by a solitary point; Ingemar Eliasson, who played in England two years ago, thus reached the final after playing right through the preliminary rounds. Fru Amy Pettersson regained her singles title when she defeated the holder in the final after a long match.

The holders retained both the men's and mixed doubles, the latter being taken by Malmgren and Fru Killick for the fifth time, of which the last four have been consecutive.

Altogether, the championships embraced seventeen events, which included five for juniors, five for "old-timers" and two for what are described as older seniors.

MEN'S SINGLES

Fifth Round: Bertil Glans beat Inge Blomberg, 15-11, 15-7. Ingemar Eliasson beat Knut Malmgren, 15-8, 5-15, 18-17. Leif Ekedahl beat Rune Bengtsson. Nils Jonson beat Olle Wahlberg, 10-15, 15-9, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Eliasson beat Glans, 6-15, 15-12, 15-11. Jonson beat Ekedahl, 18-15, 15-11.

Final: Jonson beat Eliasson, 15-7, 15-10.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Fru Amy Pettersson beat Fru Ulla-Britt Schelin, 11-8, 11-6. Frk Tora Lovgren beat Frk Kerstin Bergstrom, 11-8, 11-4.

Final: Fru Pettersson beat Frk Lovgren, 6-11, 11-8, 11-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Knut Malmgren and Inge Blomberg beat Olle Wahlberg and Anders Sahlen 15-4, 15-6. Nils Jonson and Stellan Mohlin beat Ingemar Eliasson and Leif Ekedahl, 15-5, 15-3.

Final: Jonson and Mohlin beat Malmgren and Blomberg, 8-15, 15-3, 15-7.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Final: Frk Tora Lovgren and Frk Astrid Lovgren beat Fru Amy Pettersson and Fru Elsy Killick, 15-12, 8-15, 15-2.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Knut Malmgren and Fru Elsy Killick beat Inge Blomberg and Fru Amy Pettersson, 15-8, 15-3. Bertil Glans and Frk Astrid Lovgren beat Stellan Mohlin and Frk Kerstin Bergstrom, 10-15, 15-3, 15-9.

Final: Malmgren and Fru Killick beat Glans and Frk Astrid Lovgren, 15-11, 15-4.

Nils Jonson Defeated in All-Svensk Cup

On the day following his two remarkable victories over the leading Danes in the Thomas Cup tie at Copenhagen, Nils Jonson, best ever-player produced in Sweden, suffered a surprising defeat at the hands of Inge Blomberg, who had just lost to the same two Danes, when these two met in the final tie for the All-Svensk Cup at Malmo. Blomberg's victory helped his club, the Malmo Allmanna Idrottsforening, to retain its hold on the inter-club championship of Sweden. M.A.I. beat A.I.K. (Allmanna Idrottsklubben) of Stockholm by three matches to one in a tie contested by teams of which every member was a Swedish international player. A.I.K.'s only success was achieved by Jonson and Stellan Mohlin, the Swedish champions, over Blomberg and Knut Malmgren.

This was the second season of the holding of the All-Svensk Cup, and twenty clubs competed in contrast to the seventeen in the inaugural year. Played entirely on the knock-out basis, Sweden is divided into four zones for the preliminary rounds; they are based round Malmo and the south, Stockholm and the east, the west coast including Gothenburg, and Central Sweden. A novel feature of the competition is that the previous year's zone winners stand out and play only the new zone winners prior to the four district champions playing off.

Teams are restricted to two men and one lady. In the semi-final round, M.A.I. defeated Boras B.K., 4-0, and A.I.K. upset O.I.S. of Gothenburg by the same score.

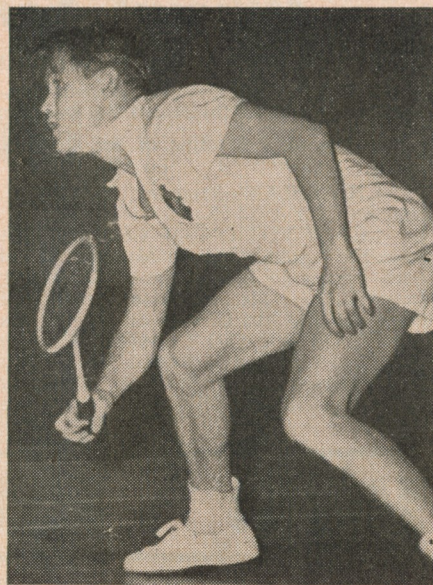
M.A.I. v. A.I.K.

Played at Malmo on 18th February, and won by M.A.I. (Malmo) by 3 matches to 1. Scores (M.A.I. names first):

Inge Blomberg beat Nils Jonson, 15-6, 11-15, 15-11. Fru Amy Pettersson beat Frk Kerstin Bergstrom, 11-5, 11-3. Inge Blomberg and Knut Malmgren lost to Nils Jonson and Stellan Mohlin, 9-15, 15-7, 10-15. Knut Malmgren and Fru Amy Pettersson beat Stellan Mohlin and Frk Kerstin Bergstrom.

The Norwegian Championships

The annual Championships of Norway, restricted to Norwegian players, took place at Oslo on 22nd and 23rd March. Members of the Oslo B.K. gained all the titles, though a pair from far away Aalesund, on the northwest coast, contested the final of the men's doubles. Both singles winners had held their titles in the past, and there was, indeed, only one new championship winner. This was Henriksen, who won the men's doubles with Reidar



SWEDISH CHAMPION AGAIN
Nils Jonson of Stockholm.

Engebretsen who spent some time in Northampton a few years ago.

A former honorary secretary of the Norwegian Association, Gunnar Dorenius, was successful in winning the over-40 singles.

The results of the finals of the five main events were as follows:

Men's Singles: Johan Elgaaen beat Reidar Engebretsen, 12-15, 15-9, 15-2.

Ladies' Singles: Fru Aase Hansson beat Fru Inge Flognfeldt.

Men's Doubles: Reidar Engebretsen and Henrikksen beat Bjorn Ronneberg and G. Ronneberg, 15-11, 15-11.

Ladies' Doubles: Fru Inge Flognfeldt and Frk Olly Tait beat Frk Berit Elgaaen and Fru Aase Hansson, 15-3, 11-15, 15-3.

Mixed Doubles: Reidar Engebretsen and Fru Inge Flognfeldt beat Henrikksen and Frk Andreasson, 15-6, 15-7.

In the Services

The R.A.F. is Touring in Denmark

During the latter part of April an official R.A.F. representative team was touring in Denmark when a number of friendly fixtures against Danish clubs was played off. These were to culminate in a match against the Danish Air Force.

The visiting team, which was of course flying both ways, was to consist of twelve players, and we hope to give some details of the results of the tour in our next issue.

We hear that the R.A.F. Association branch at Ealing is extending its playing facilities for next season, and applications for membership from R.A.F. and W.R.A.F. personnel and their friends will be welcomed by the club's honorary secretary, Mr. R. C. Politeyan of 39 The Mall, Ealing, W.5. From past season's results it would appear that the club has been unusually successful in its matches with other clubs.

Official Notices

The Badminton Association of England

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Synopsis of a Meeting of the Committee held in London on 16th April

CHAIRMAN—Brigadier R. Bruce Hay was re-elected chairman for 1952-53.

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE—It was reported that since the Annual General Meeting the following gentlemen had been appointed to represent their county associations on the committee:— Mr. A. Basen (Bedfordshire—vice Mr. H. E. Phillipp) and Mr. C. Basford (Worcestershire).

CO-OPTION TO COMMITTEE—Under the provisions of Rule 8, the committee has co-opted Messrs. W. G. P. Birtwistle, A. B. Renton and W. Shute to its number.

SUB-COMMITTEES—The following sub-committees were elected:—

Finance—Messrs. A. Barron, W. H. Clarke, H. D. Cowan and S. Wyatt.

Rules—Judge A. F. Engelbach, Messrs. S. Holmes King and F. C. Sharp.

International Match—Messrs. A. Barron, M. W. Field, H. Morland and F. C. Sharp.

Selection—Messrs. M. W. Field, H. Morland and F. C. Sharp.

Tournament—Messrs. A. Barron, S. G. Bell, C. H. Brooking, H. F. Chilton, W. H. Clarke, S. Holmes King, M. Maxwell, A. B. Renton, F. C. Sharp, S. Wyatt, and Mrs. M. E. Kitton and Mrs. F. G. Webber.

Entertainment—Messrs. A. Barron, H. F. Chilton, S. Holmes King and Mrs. M. E. Kitton.

Inter-county Championship—Messrs. S. E. Andrew, A. Barron, S. G. Bell, H. F. Chilton, G. R. Dunning, M. W. Field, H. Morland, F. C. Sharp and S. Wyatt.

Publicity—Messrs. W. G. P. Birtwistle, H. F. Chilton, W. H. Clarke and S. Holmes King.

Junior Championships—Messrs. A. Barron, S. G. Bell, S. Holmes King, A. T. Leech and A. B. Renton.

REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES—Brigadier R. Bruce Hay was re-elected as the Association's representative on the Central Council of Physical Recreation, and Messrs. S. Holmes King and F. C. Sharp were appointed to represent the Association on the Council of the international Badminton Federation next July.

TOUR TO SOUTH AFRICA—The invitation from the South African Badminton Union to send a young international team of three men and three ladies to tour the Union and the Rhodesias in July and August, 1953, was accepted.

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP—The proposals to alter the composition of teams and matches in Inter-County Championship ties, and to abolish challenge ties in favour of automatic promotion and relegation, which had been put forward by different county associations, were rejected following recommendations made by the Inter-County Championship sub-committee.

FUTURE MEETINGS—The committee will meet again on Thursday, 12th June, Wednesday, 24th September, and Tuesday, 18th November. The following sub-committee meetings have been arranged:— Finance on Tuesday, 29th April; Tournament on Tuesday, 6th May; Inter-County Championship on Thursday, 5th June.

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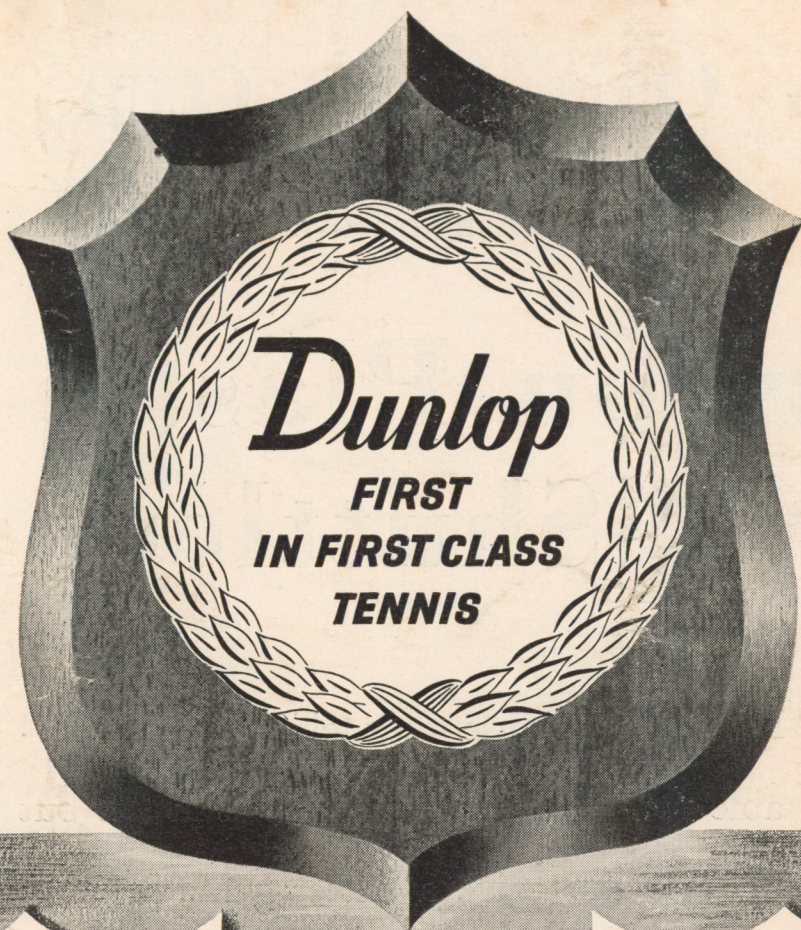
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