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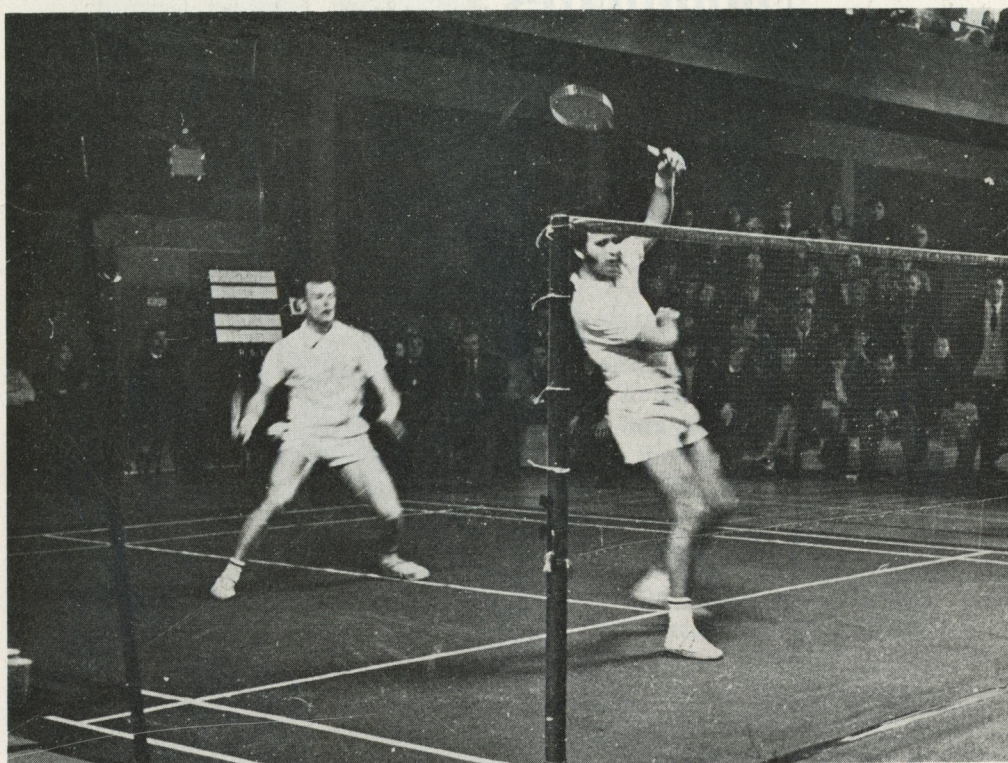
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Bob Powell aggressively threatens the net whilst David Eddy is alert at the back during play at the English National Championships at Nottingham.

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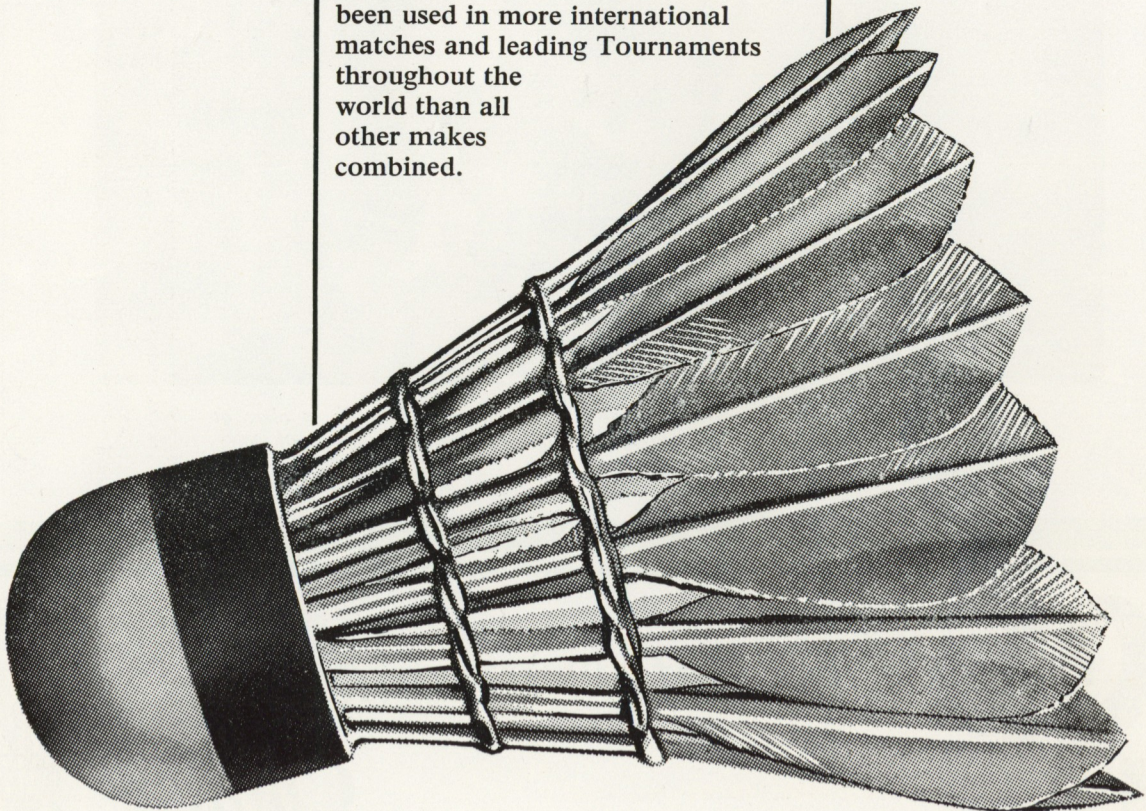
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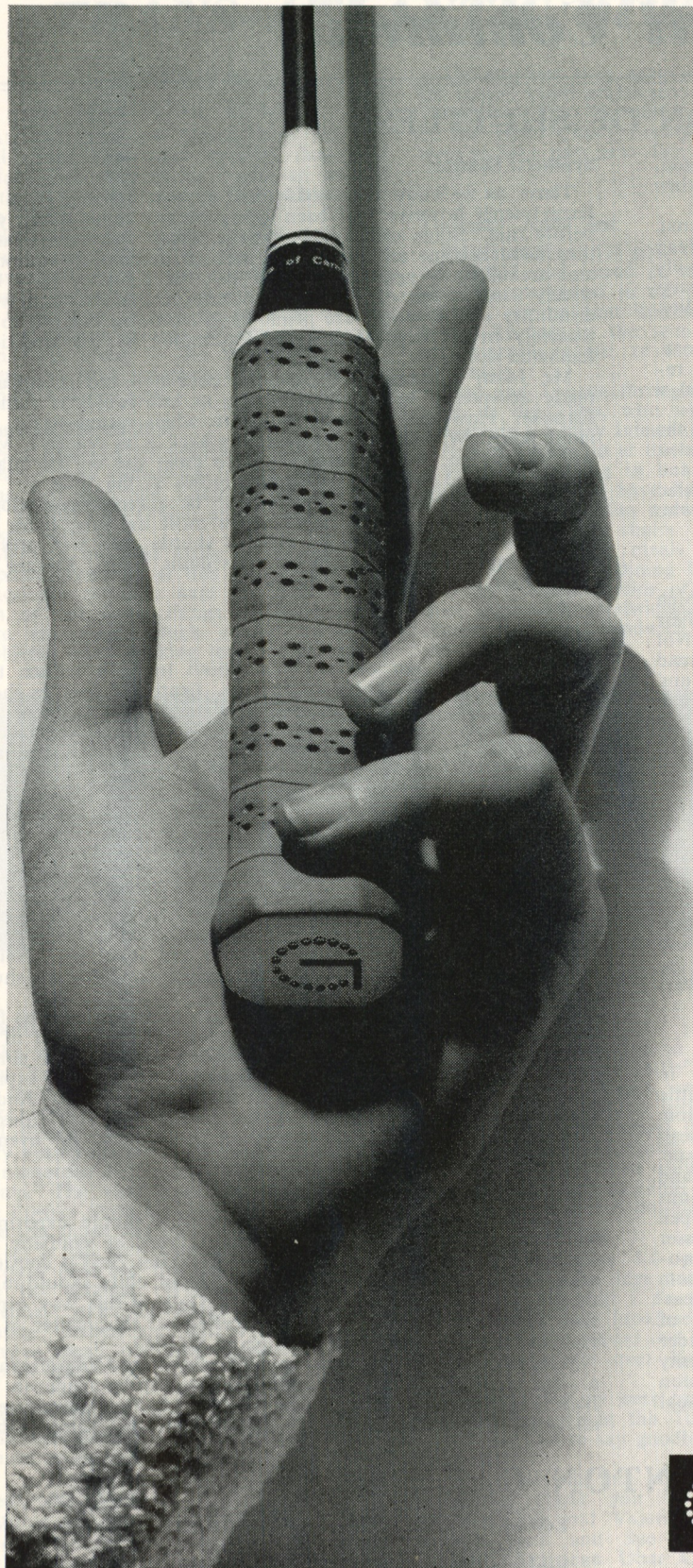


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Editorial Comment

A QUESTION OF SHUTTLES?

Shuttles are one of the joys and yet the bane of Badminton. In these days, rumours of shuttle shortage, like mothers-in-law and the British climate, seem always to be with us.

The childish shuttlecock, with its seven widely-spaced red, white and blue feathers depicted in the 18th century by Jean Baptiste Chardin in his "Girl with a Shuttlecock", slowly evolved into the barrel-shaped shuttles of the early 20th century. And from those, they have progressed to the gossamer fragility, strength and beauty of the modern shuttle.

Those initiators of Badminton, the Army officers of Poona, must have suffered a permanent shortage of anything even remotely resembling a shuttle. Lengths of wool wound round a cardboard core were their makeshift missiles!

We are by no means reduced to such straits today. At the beginning of the season, there was a shortage of feathered shuttles. To ease it, manufacturers have been using all their technical and commercial skill. It is, however, a problem that must be tackled by everyone—manufacturers, players and administrators—who has the future growth of Badminton at heart.

Reasons for the Shortage

These were basically twofold. Certain foreign countries which previously exported feathers to us had now decided to make their own, partly for home consumption and partly for export. Not only were fewer feathers available but, owing to the rapid spread of the game both in this country and overseas, there was—and is likely to be—an evergrowing demand for shuttles. It is to the future as well as to the present that we must look.

This very shortage leads to increased prices. By the law of supply and demand, higher prices have to be paid for those feathers manufacturers can buy. Greater and more efficient production cannot wholly absorb such rising costs. A part at least has to be borne by the consumer; club and tournament player alike feel the pinch.

Shuttle manufacturers are doing all they can to remedy the situation. Already new sources of supply have been found and ceaseless experiment is being carried out to find new ways of better utilizing all feathers (most players probably realize that only nine feathers in each wing are considered suitable for use in a shuttlecock, and of these only four are good enough for the top grade). The position is improving but, as the manufacturers themselves admit, there is still a gap to bridge.

A.B.A. of E. Proposal

So, what of the future if Badminton continues to grow in popularity as everyone surely hopes it will? The B.A. of E. Shuttle Committee constantly seeks ways of ameliorating the situation. At a recent Council meeting the subject was brought to a head when a member, Mr. S. C. Jones, as reported in our last issue, made a firm proposal "that the Badminton Association of England should give a lead to the game by urging County Associations and Tournament Committees to use synthetic shuttles in all open tournaments and Inter-County Competition ties and all lesser events as from October, 1971." Mr. W. G. P. Birtwistle's proposed amendment that open tournaments should be deleted from the ambit of the proposal was lost by 52 votes to 35. Mr. Jones' original proposal was then carried by a sweeping majority of 58 votes to none. As the resolution had been put forward under Any Other Business, it was not binding on the Council or County Associations, although the Council took notice of the expression of opinion. The matter will be raised again at the Annual General Meeting in May, 1971.

Synthetic Shuttles

These, as we know them today, first appeared twenty years ago. Experiments however had been going on for some thirty years before that. Made of nylon or plastic, cheap and hard-wearing, they have become an established part of Badminton equipment and are officially approved by the B.A. of E. They have been widely used in schools, evening institutes and clubs, and where durability and economy are prime considerations, but not so extensively in the higher flights of Badminton as the traditional feathered shuttle.

Mr. Jones' proposal is therefore a bold step and its apparent ready acceptance by members voting as individuals is rather a surprise. How the proposal will fare when raised again is a moot point. Will County Associations back it as readily? Much will depend on club representations to them and on the quality, availability and price of feathered shuttles at the time.

Whatever the decision, it is likely to be a **recommendation** to County Associations. Unless as seems most unlikely, there is a grave shortage, the choice of kind of shuttle used will presumably remain the prerogative of individuals, clubs, leagues and tournament committees as hitherto.

Shuttle Care

Players themselves can do much both to help reduce their club shuttle costs and to avoid wastage. Feathered shuttles should always be stored in a cool, slightly moist atmosphere. Heat dries out their natural oils, leaving them brittle and easily subject to damage. If shuttles have been kept in too high a temperature, a damp towel should be wrapped round the tube forty-eight hours before its contents are to be used. Mis-hitting is a major cause of damage. This may be minimised if different speeds are kept available to ensure that even if the hall temperature varies shuttles can be used that still have the same length and speed of flight. Correct choice of speed too is a safeguard for slow shuttles are necessarily subjected to more sustained and harder hitting. Provision of the best possible lighting and background also helps to reduce the number of damaging mis-hits. Ruffled barbs should frequently be smoothed between thumb and forefinger. Neither petulance nor carelessness is a valid excuse for hitting a shuttle on the half volley.

Tubes should not be crushed in storage or banged on the floor to help open them; this will only result in the spread of the feathers being distorted and a "wobbling" shuttle. A similar commonsense approach should be applied to avoid a too capricious discarding of match shuttles at the slightest defect. And all too often such rejects are merely left for the caretaker's dustbin rather than being collected for play on an ordinary club evening.

Club and County Opinion

County officials and affiliated clubs alike should experiment widely and wisely with all the different types of synthetic and feathered shuttles that are now available. After careful consideration and discussion of their respective merits, clubs should report their opinion to the County Secretary. Only in this way can he then voice a true cross-section of feeling on this matter at the next Badminton Association of England A.G.M.

With such care and thought by both players and administrators a wise use of all kinds of shuttles can surely be made so that Badminton can continue to be played to best advantage at all levels from school and club to All-England Championships.

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TRANS-ATLANTIC QUEST

AMERICA

by MARGARET BOXALL

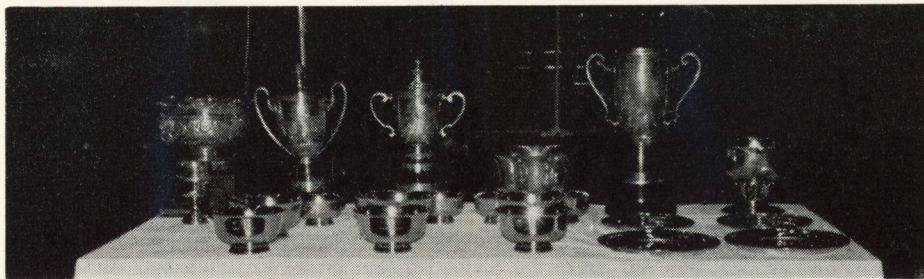
At 3.45 p.m. on March 27th we (i.e. Paul, Sue, Tyna and myself) flew into Philadelphia Airport to begin an assault on the U.S. and Canadian Open Championship Titles.

We were met at the airport by John Cornell (an official of the A.B.A.) and transported quickly and comfortably along massive road networks in a huge, luxurious car to his home where we were all staying. We grabbed a couple of hours' rest and then went along to the Wissahickon B.C. where the Mid Atlantic Open Championship was being held.

Saturday, March 28th

Paul emerged triumphant, winning three titles. I was runner-up in the Singles to Tyna but won the Ladies' Doubles with Sue against Dot O'Neil and Tyna, and the Mixed with Paul.

Mention must be made of the beautiful trophies presented at this tournament. The Americans certainly kept up their reputation of not doing things by halves—they were enormous, which caused numerous problems when packing to come home!



The splendid trophies for the U.S.A. Open Championships.

Monday, March 30th

We were up early and took a train into New York not wanting to miss the chance of seeing the big city! First impressions were very cold and wet (snow and slush still filled the kerbs) and the roads were very busy with the proverbial Yellow Cabs, as numerous as the people filling the pavements. The view from the 82nd floor of the Empire State Building was breathtaking. The sun shone and the air was clear, affording us a fine view from all sides. I thought I could pick out the Statue of Liberty in the far distance. We walked down 5th Avenue, saw Broadway and Madison Square Garden and had a somewhat expensive meal, where we paid 2/6d. for a cup of tea!

Tuesday, March 31st

Snowed hard all day so we again had a chance to relax.

Wednesday, April 1st

We travelled by car to Boston with the Cornell family. In the evening, we watched the finals of the American Closed Championship being played at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with Tyna being successful in all three Finals.

The trophies were again very impressive; the largest stood practically three feet high! These were also presented to the winners of the Open Championships in which we were to take part next day.

Thursday, April 2nd

Play started at 1.0 p.m. with Singles and we played one round of each except Sue who was partnered in the Mixed by Mike Adams, an up and coming Junior, who eventually lost in the second round after an enjoyable game, to Honma and Miss Takanaka.

Paul and I came through quite comfortably, as did Tyna, who was playing with Jim Poole (a very interesting combination, with Jim mostly up at the net!)

We were playing in a huge gymnasium which could easily have held eight courts. The changing facilities were good and there were comfortable chairs to rest weary players' legs! Our meals were obtained from the Students' Dining Room where we had an excellent choice of food. In addition, mammoth sandwiches could be purchased from the Sandwich Bar just down the road.

Friday, April 3rd

The end of the second day's play saw me losing another "battle"—against Tyna, Sue to Miss Takanaka, and Paul another exciting cliff-hanger to little Ippe Kojima.

Paul had been teamed up in the Men's with Roy Diaz Gonzales. For a scratch pairing they combined quite well, but Roy would be the first to admit that he still has a lot to learn about doubles play.

Saturday, April 4th

Finals began at 1.0 p.m. with Tyna almost having the edge over a rather tired Takanaka. Sue and I never really hit top form against the Japanese girls but Paul and I probably played our best ever Mixed, winning the title over Kojima and Miss Azawa.

That evening we were treated to a Buffet Dance to conclude the Tournament, after which we had to say goodbye to many new friends.

We would at this point like to say a particular thank you to John and Pat Cornell, Bill and Valerie von Rosenvinge (where Paul and Sue stayed) and Dot O'Neil (American Uber Cup player) and her friend Carol (affectionately known as Dot and Carry One!) for making our stay so enjoyable.

CANADA

by SUE WHETNALL

Monday, April 6th

Maggie and Tyna spent the next couple of days down at Connecticut with Dot and Carol recuperating, while Paul and I travelled to Toronto to spend some time with Ronnie Rowan (née Brock) who, incidentally, wanted to be remembered to all her old friends. During our stay she drove us out to see the Niagara Falls, which were truly breathtaking.

Wednesday, April 8th

Having settled into our Toronto hotel we put in some practice at the best equipped Club we have ever been in, the Winnipeg Winter Club. It has five perfect badminton courts, squash courts, ice rink, curling rink, swimming pool, restaurant, bar and ball-room overlooking the ice rink. Naturally, the cost of joining such a Club is really high compared with the amounts we are used to paying over here.

That evening we watched the finals of the Canadian Closed Championship in another hall very close by, which had room for six courts!

Sunday, April 12th

The Finals of the Canadian Open Championships began at 3.0 p.m. in front of an appreciative crowd. The Men's Singles (Paul having lost to Jamie Paulson) between Kojima and Homma a repeat of the American Championships Final. This time Kojima took revenge for his defeat the previous week, becoming even more like a rubber ball every time he played. He featured in all three Finals and although he was bouncing a little slower by the time the Mixed started, he managed to pull me through. (He did say, that in the first couple of rounds he found it rather difficult to see past me!) But it was really exciting playing with him; some of the shots he retrieved were remarkable when you consider the length of his arm.

Maggie lost yet another marathon to Tyna but we managed to win the Doubles, though I somehow contrived to serve almost under the net at 14-13 in the 3rd game! (We won't mention the fact that the Japanese Girls were taking a holiday in Hawaii at the time!)

The prizes were again very worth winning, though I hope Ippe Kojima managed to change his size 42" sweater for something smaller!

The Tournament came to a quiet close with most players anxious to get home. We spent the evening trying to cram all our clothes and newly acquired prizes into too few cases!

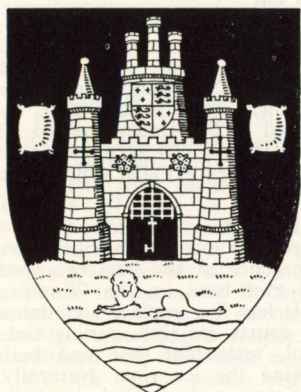
Monday, April 13th

After souvenir hunting, the earliest flight we could book was 4.0 p.m.! Needless to say we were all very tired on arriving back in England on Tuesday morning and almost looked forward to going back to work for a rest!

In conclusion, we would all like to express our sincere thanks to all our new friends in America and Canada and to all those who made this tour possible.

[Editor's Note: It was felt that this article, held over for lack of space previously, was still of sufficient general interest to warrant inclusion].

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT-1



SURREY

England's Premier County. 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

By Mrs. D. Hinchcliff.

The Surrey County Badminton Association was formed in January, 1921, with a membership of 38 clubs. One wonders whether it is the same with other County Associations, but it is surprising how little, on the whole, is known about the beginnings and history of Surrey, even by the most active and interested "Surreyites". One somehow thinks of the present set-up as being long-established, but in many cases it is far from that.

For instance, it is hard to think of Surrey badminton without either the Wimbledon Squash & Badminton Club or the Ebbisham Sports Club, as they both feature so largely in County activities—but on looking back to the mid-thirties, a Wimbledon Club certainly existed, but it functioned in the Drill Hall, St. George's Road, Wimbledon, and the Ebbisham Club played in the Drill Hall, Epsom.

Tribute to Secretaries

However, there was a name tie-up, as Lord Ebbisham was Surrey's first President. Since Lord Ebbisham's Presidency, Surrey has had three Presidents: Noel Goddard, Toby Ross and now Wray Kirkby. The Hon. Secretaries, too, have served for quite long terms, and from the first Secretary, Fred C. Lehden, O.B.E., we have had only Noel Goddard, Bill Wiltshire and now Nick Budibent. Tribute to them is paid by H. G. Smyth, a former Match Secretary, who writes:

"I am very glad of the opportunity of paying tribute to my colleagues of the 'Old Guard' for the work they did to put Surrey badminton on the map.

F. C. Lehden

Surrey owes a great deal to its various Hon. Secretaries. The first Secretary was F. C. Lehden, O.B.E., a great character and a big man in every sense. It was largely due to his drive and initiative that the Association was founded in 1921 with 38 affiliated clubs. He was also largely responsible for drawing up the rules running the Association, and for the general layout of the County Handbook. He cajoled his city friends, particularly those on the Baltic Exchange, to present many of our much sought-after cups for the County Inter-Club Competitions. His guiding hand was behind all the activities of the Association in the 1920/30 period. When he

passed on, the Association had been well and truly launched as a leading County in English badminton.

Noel Goddard

Our next Secretary was Noel Goddard who was the leading light in organising the setting up of the present Wimbledon Club (a living monument to the work he did for badminton during his lifetime). For the period 1933-52, he was a most loyal and hardworking officer of the County, and carried out his duties in a quiet, friendly and efficient manner. Our County meetings were held at his home and at the end of the meetings we always had a most enjoyable game of snooker on his excellent table.

Bill Wiltshire

When Noel Goddard died in 1952 that outstanding sportsman, Bill Wiltshire, took over as County Secretary. Despite his many business activities in London and locally, he found time to carry out the duties of Secretary in a most capable and efficient

manner. Nothing that was in the interest of the County was too much trouble for him and his services to badminton were soon recognised by the Badminton Association of England who elected him a Vice-President. During his period of office, 1952-66, Surrey C.B.A. grew in stature and size. His sudden death after a short illness was a great blow to the County and to all his many friends."

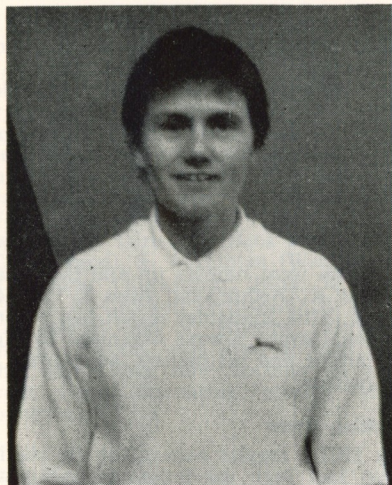
Many other offices have changed, multiplied or become non-existent, and it seems that the first overall Match Secretary was H. G. Smyth and after that Stanley Bell and now Mrs. F. E. Hinchcliff. Before this there were many small branches; for instance, in 1929, an Hon. Secretary of the "County Ladies' Junior Competition", a Mrs. Narraway, had the honour of being pictured in the County Handbook of that time wearing a very smart "cloche" hat of the twenties! There is no trace of any senior ladies' competition; perhaps they did not have one! Surrey certainly played County matches, but presumably the relevant committee must have dealt with them.



SURREY B.A. IN DESERVEDLY HAPPY MOOD.

Winners of the I.C.C. for the fourteenth time in sixteen years.

(Left to right) K. M. Andrews, M. J. Boutle, C. J. Beacom, R. Southwell, R. J. Mills.
Mrs. A. M. Palmer, Mrs. W. R. Rickard, Mrs. D. Hinchcliff, Mrs. G. Gilks,
Mrs. W. C. E. Rogers.



Mrs. E. B. NIELSEN
(née Heather Ward)

Coaching Pays Dividends

Turning to the coaching and junior activities, the very first Junior and Teenage tournament was thought-out and organised by Ian Palmer, as was the first Junior Under 15 tournament, which was subsequently taken over by the All England Junior Championships. From this first tournament in 1949 emerged Iris Rogers who with June Timperley was coached by Ian to become the first of many strong Surrey ladies who helped the County in their long reign as County Champions, and who, between them, won many All England Championship titles. Iris and June together won the All England Ladies' Doubles three times, June won the Mixed Doubles title three times, and Iris, once. Iris, with 52 appearances also holds the world record of International appearances for any lady. Other notable Surrey girls have been Heather Nielsen who as Heather Ward won the All-England Singles Championship in 1959 and with Margaret Bloss (née Varner) of America, the Ladies' Doubles in 1958. Angela Palmer (née Bairstow) reached the final of the Singles in 1963, and Gillian Gilks (née Perrin) with Roger Mills won the All-England Mixed Doubles in 1969.

Past—and Future!

In earlier days, probably the most famous names in Surrey history were those of H. S. and Betty Uber who, together, won the All-England Mixed Doubles in 1931 and the two following years. Betty then paired with Donald Hume to win the next four championships making seven consecutive titles. The names of H. S. and Betty, with their partners, also appeared on the winners' list of the All-England Men's and Ladies' Doubles. Other Surrey All-England champions were F. Hodge who won the Men's Doubles in 1921, 1924 and 1928, and A. K. Jones who was also a Men's Doubles champion in 1925.

Surrey Junior coaching is given to about 50 players selected as a result of play in the huge Junior and Teenage Tournament which is now run by Mrs. Hinchcliff in the Easter school holidays. More juniors are playing badminton at an early age, largely owing to the growth of school badminton and a Surrey Schools organisation now exists which promotes, among many other activities, matches for an Under 16 age team which works in very well with the County Junior Under 18 team. From these teams, juniors progress to the senior County teams, the very good ones often playing in both junior and senior teams in the same season.

Flourishing Membership

Since these early days when affiliated clubs numbered 38, this season 1970-71 sees Surrey with 156 clubs. This entails even more individual members than one would normally expect with this number of clubs owing to several very large clubs, making a total affiliated membership of approximately 5,000. Surrey's Inter County Championship record is a formidable one, and they now hold the record with 14 wins. Since 1954, they have failed to win Division I on only two occasions. The reorganisation of the I.C.C. this year should help to make the finals more equal, and, but for the unexpected removal to professional ranks of four top Kent players, the 1971 final would in all probability have been a Kent/Surrey affair for the first time ever.

Surrey is a happy County, and a lucky one in having had so very many superb players as well as wonderful officials who have worked excellently together. The County Committee meets in a spirit of



Mrs. A. PALMER
(née Angela Bairstow)

really sincere goodwill, and much hard work is done quietly, and very often un-sung, in the background. We have a wonderful Treasurer in Mr. R. G. Brookman; Mr. R. G. Emberson, with help from his wife, handles the huge County League fixtures, and rules over them with a firm hand; Mrs. W. T. Toogood, who is proud to be the longest serving member of the Committee, tends the Ladies' Afternoon League and has done so since its inception. We have a comparatively new Coaching Secretary, Douglas Gregory, who has begun in an efficient manner true to tradition. Wray Kirkby (President), Nick Budibent (Hon. Secretary) and Mrs. F. E. Hinchcliff (Hon. Match Secretary and Hon. Secretary to Junior Section), and the other members of the committee could be described, with truth, as one big happy family!

By the way, this "happy family" is celebrating the Association's 50th birthday with a dinner-dance at Bourne Hall, Ewell, on Friday, 21st May, and we hope everyone connected with Surrey, and perhaps other friends as well, will come along and enjoy the evening.

FAR FLIES THE SHUTTLE JUNIORS TO PLAY IN PRAGUE

One of the big international events of the coming season will be the second European Junior Championships which will take place in Prague, the capital city of Czechoslovakia, from April 16th to 18th. The age limit for players is that they must have been under 18 on the preceding September 1st, i.e. 1970. These are the same conditions as apply to junior tournaments in England and most other European countries.

Entries may be made only by national organisations such as the B.A. of England which is certainly expected to send a team, probably of two boys and two girls, though

it could be larger. The maximum size is five boys and five girls. No doubt the selections will depend much on the form and results shown in such tournaments as the Northern Junior Championships and the All-England Junior Championships.

Prague will be a delightful city for the young players to visit, and it seems a trip worth striving for, quite apart from the Badminton. The tournament should attract players from some fifteen countries or so, and it is of course organised by the European Badminton Union which is now three years old.

The first and original European Junior Championships took place in April, 1969, at The Hague. For a first effort they were very successful, but its successor (the meeting is held only every two years) in Prague should be considerably better as there will surely be many more entries following English-inspired changes in the regulations which were originally rather restrictive.

At The Hague, when only 56 matches in all were required to be played off, England won the boys' doubles through Ray Stevens and Keith Arthur, both of Essex. Miss Margaret Beck was runner-up in the girls' singles as well as in the girls' doubles with Miss Carol Wightman of Westmorland. They were the only players sent from England.

"INVICTA"

English Schools' Badminton Association

The Story of a Growing Enterprise

By *LEN WRIGHT*

(Hon. Secretary E.S.B.A.)

All too few players and even some County officials are not fully aware of the good work being done by the E.S.B.A. Among the players they have helped bring to the fore are M. Beck, A. Nevzat, P. Bullivant, K. Arthur, R. Stevens, Margaret Beck, Linda Spencer, Margo Winter, Barbara Giles and many others. Len Wright, together with other willing helpers, has been the driving force behind this silent revolution—Editor.

Badminton has been played in many schools in different parts of the country for many years, but for any school sport to flourish there must be a National Association to organise it. Teachers who were keen badminton players and anxious to start youngsters playing, had school teams in Lancashire, Surrey, Kent, Cumberland, Essex, Nottingham and the North East, to mention just a few, but apart from a few inter-school matches there was no real outlet for the school children, unless they were good enough to play for clubs and they were not always very welcome where there was only one court for a lot of adults.

The obvious answer was to arrange matches for them at their own age level, and to create more interest, with pupils from another part of the country.

The Beginning

The English Schools really started in 1964 when a school teacher from Nottingham travelled to Whitehaven with an U/15 schools team to play Whitehaven Schools. The match was played in Kells School and was enjoyed so much by everybody concerned, that it was agreed to try and organise more inter-town or county fixtures.

A letter was written to the Badminton Gazette offering fixtures, an early reply came from Lancashire, and Mr. Ken Smith organised a match—Lancashire v. Cumberland U/16 at Farnworth. It was decided after the game to try and form a National Association. The inaugural meeting was held in the Manchester Y.M.C.A. on the 10th July 1965; and the English Schools Badminton Association was officially born. The founder members were Cumberland, Lancashire, Essex and Hertfordshire. The B.A. of E. was represented by Mr. Ken Gregory (Lancashire) and Mr. A. Jones (Essex); Ken Smith was the first chairman; Frank New (Essex) treasurer. A constitution was worked out, and to publicise the formation of the Schools B.A. hundreds of letters were sent to schools, senior county, P.E. organisers and anyone we thought might be interested.

First National Competition

The committee felt that with a constitution and policy formulated, the administra-

tive side was taken care of, and the real business of playing badminton could now have its full attention. Plans for the first schools' national competition were laid, and an inter-county event was arranged for the 5th April 1966. Cumberland Schools offered to be hosts and to bear all costs if teams paid their own travelling expenses. The Education Authority, through Mr. Gordon Bessey, Director of Education for Cumberland, put two schools at the disposal of the Schools Committee, one residential to be used for billeting the teams, and a new comprehensive school, Wyndham at Egremont, with a brand new Sports Hall housing five courts, for the playing. Unfortunately, it was realised too late that all schools do not have school Easter holidays at the same time and Hertfordshire and Essex could not take part.

The Tournament was a great success; three counties took part, Lancashire, Cumberland and London Counties. No expense was spared, as those who remember the buffet supper after the games will agree! Cumberland were the first winners and were presented with the Gannon Shield given by a local badminton enthusiast; a special badge was printed and all who took part in the Tournament given one. Some of the players taking part in that event—for Lancashire: D. Harkness, Miss C. Barron, Miss C. Ralston; for Cumberland: Martin Beck, Margaret Beck, Caroline Wightman; for London Schools: A. Nevzat and Miss P. Timbers.

Now English Schools were beginning to grow. Birmingham Schools were in, Yorkshire was represented through Sheffield Schools, and Wiltshire, Surrey and other southern counties were expressing interest. Among early aims for E.S.B.A. was the production of an international side at U/16 level. Representative matches of any kind were wanted. The B.A. of E. were contacted but could not help, so Lancashire and Cumberland combined and played the first English Schools Representative match against a schools' team from the Isle of Man.

Inter-Regional Match

Ken Smith made the arrangements, the game was played in St. James C.E. School, Farnworth, on Saturday, 21st May 1966. To help select the best youngsters in the country and form an international squad for further coaching, a regional match—North v. South v. Midlands was embarked on. Mr. Nev MacFarlane (who is now chairman of E.S.B.A.) made all arrangements and the first Triangular Tournament was played in Brandwood Drill Hall, Birmingham on 12th November 1966. The North were the winners, the team included P. Ruthven (Yorks.), P. Bullivant (Lancs.), M. Beck (Cumb.), Miss C. Wightman (Westmorland).

The South were runners up and their team included K. Arthur and Miss L. Spencer (Essex). This triangular match has become an annual event, always organised by Nev. MacFarlane and his helpers, and always in Birmingham.

Coaching Plans

By 1967 a regular pattern for the playing season had been set up, membership was still growing, many enquiries had been received and the committee turned its attention to the coaching in the counties. It was agreed that each county would be responsible for its own coaching but would receive grant aid from B.A. of E. when the details of coaching programme had been received. The inter-county tournament was played at Harlow on April 22nd. Six counties competed: Cumberland, Essex, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Hertfordshire and Wiltshire—Cumberland were again winners with Essex in second place. The Povey-Richards trophy donated by another well-wisher was awarded to the runners-up. The Triangular Tournament held on the 25th November 1967 provided another win for North, but by a very narrow margin. New names were beginning to come through, although some of the previous season's old-stagers were still going strong. Young ladies like J. Bass and B. Giles (Essex); M. Winter (Yorkshire) and S. Storey (Cumberland); A. Ewles (Derbyshire) and K. Hall were making their presence felt.

An Eventful Year

1968 was perhaps the most eventful year of the Association's brief history. The season started with the usual triangular match at Birmingham. This year the South, represented entirely by Essex players, due to some misunderstanding about the trials, were winners for the first time; the Midlands strengthened by the inclusion of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire with Gloucestershire, finished second; and the North third. The inter-counties Tournament went to Harlow again, and well organised by Mr. New and the Essex committee, provided the best Tournament so far. Ten counties took part: Essex, Wiltshire, Nottinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Surrey made up the first group, Cumberland, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Shropshire and South Staffordshire were the second. The top two counties in each group played off in the final. Essex, Cumberland, Surrey and Yorkshire played off the final and finished in that order.

The committee now turned its attention to coaching once more, and agreed on a plan for zoning the country into six regions, a coach to be in charge of each region who would be responsible for all the coaching in his region. The scheme is not yet fully operational but on the whole is working well.

Towards the end of this season we were able to fulfil one of our aims and play an U/16 international match. Scotland had followed our example and formed a Schools organisation and, after only a matter of weeks and a lot of hard work by Douglas Hendry and his committee, agreed to play an international match. The game was played in the Moorclose School Sports Hall, Workington on 6th April 1968, the E.S.B.A. team being: Girls, M. Beck and S. Storey (Cumberland), S. Wightman (Westmorland), M. Winter (Yorkshire); Boys, K. Arthur (Essex), R. Crockett (Wiltshire), E. Percival (Lancashire) and S. Higgins (Yorkshire). English Schools won after a hard battle. This match has now become an annual event, venue alternating between the two countries.

First International Trial

In 1969, the first international trial was played in Birmingham to choose a team to play against a Junior Team from Denmark. The match was played at the Youth Sports Centre, Hayes, Middlesex and organised by Mr. P. Johnson (now President of E.S.B.A.) and Mr. Morgan (Secretary of Middlesex Schools). The E.S.B.A. team was J. Stretch and J. Woodgate (Essex), T. Wing (Nottinghamshire), I. Charlesworth (Yorkshire) and Carol Beer (Essex), Shirley Storey and Shona Stuart (Cumberland), and Kathleen Redhead (Lancashire). The result was a win for E.S.B.A. although unfortunately one event had to be cut out because of the lateness of the hour and transport difficulties.

The North v. South v. Midlands game was played in Birmingham at the Kingshurst Youth Sports Centre and once again the South proved their all-round strength, winning for the second year, and again the Midlands were second. The Inter-County Tournament was played at Keele University in April and attracted the biggest entry ever, 13 counties taking part. Essex were winners with Surrey being runners-up.

This season saw the start of the E.S.B.A. Award Scheme, the aim being to popularise the game in schools and to provide incentive to make progress for children already playing. From a quiet beginning the scheme is now beginning to boom and this season should see great strides being made. The E.S.B.A. U/16 team lost to the Scottish Schools Open Age team when the game was played in Scotland.

A Lancashire Win

The fifth Inter-county Tournament was played at Workington on 31st March 1970 and for the first time an individual Tournament was included. The events extended over three days and although this meant hard work for some of the better youngsters, the results were good enough to repeat the programme at the 6th Tournament to be played at Nottingham University during Easter 1971. Lancashire were winners of the Workington Tournament with Nottinghamshire as runners-up. The Individual Events were won by J. Stretch (Essex), Boys Singles; N. Gardner (Essex), Girls Singles; N. Stevens and R. Wallace (Warwickshire) won the Boys Doubles; C. Beer and N. Gardner (Essex), won the Girls Doubles; T. Wing and C. Salmon (Nottinghamshire) won the Mixed Doubles.

England v. Scotland

The last event of the Schools calendar was the international match played at Romford, Essex, between English Schools and the Scottish Schools. Mr. Napier and his helpers did a grand job of organisation and after a hard day's badminton on Saturday, 11th April 1970 the result was a draw 5 matches each! The E.S.B.A. Team was: J. Stretch, J. Woodgate and Norah Gardner and Carol Beer (Essex); T. Wing and A. Knight (Warwickshire); Shona Stuart (Cumberland) and Kathleen Redhead (Lancashire).

A lot of hard work has been done by a lot of people to get English Schools so far and much progress has been made. There is still a lot of hard work to be done to bring our organisation up to the size of the other Schools' National Associations. We would like 100% membership and we still have to persuade other countries to start organisations similar to our own. Only then we can have a full international programme.

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Obituary

Dr. M. Sundara Rajan

We regret to record the death which occurred at Alor Star in the State of Kedah, Malaysia, of Dr. M. Sundara Rajan on November 28th. He was 70 years of age, and had recently undergone two operations.

Dr. Sundara Rajan was an unusually keen Badminton enthusiast and had done much for the game in Malaysia, notably for the benefit of the Malaysian ladies' team. At the time of his death he was the chairman of the Malaysian Badminton Umpires' Association, a body whose capabilities were manifest at the recent Thomas Cup ties in Kuala Lumpur.

Though already suffering from what eventually caused his death, Dr. Sundara Rajan was present throughout the Thomas Cup ties last summer. Apart from his administrative duties on the umpiring side, he was also a member of the Malaysian Reception Committee and was himself extremely hospitable to some of the visitors to K.L.

He had often contributed to the Badminton Gazette, and for one whose mother-tongue was not English, his command of the latter was quite amazing. He had been a great student of English for many years.

H.A.E.S.

Obituary

C. T. A. Wilkinson, C.B.E.

The death occurred on December 16th at Sidmouth of C. T. A. Wilkinson at the age of 86. Although far better known in other branches of sport than he was on the Badminton court, "Wilkie" as he was affectionately known to countless games players, will be remembered by old members and habitués of the now defunct Logan Badminton Club where the London Championships took place before the war. He was not a voracious tournament player, yet his name will be found listed as All-England veterans' doubles champion in 1939 when, on his only appearance in that event, he partnered the late G. E. F. King.

As a cricketer and hockey player, "C.T.A." was very widely known. He captained Surrey from 1914 to 1920 inclusive. In the first year of this period the side from the Oval were champions, and he played many times for England at hockey.

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WEST AUSTRALIA WINS SHIELD

By R. O. FYFE

Hon. Secretary, Australian B.A.

In a "domestic" season with no visitors from overseas to offer new faces to the badminton scene in Australia, the major interest revolved around the Commonwealth Games team's efforts in Edinburgh, the annual struggle for the Glendinnen Shield and the quest for the National titles.

The "Games" were first to get into swing. Our little team of four was led into the fray by Tasmanian stalwart, Ron Whittle. The team consisted of Kay Nesbit, Judy Nyirati, Chris Hardwick and Ross Livingston and blended experience with youth. Judy Nyirati perhaps did the best of all when she reached the quarter-finals in her singles and pushed Gold Medallist Margaret Beck to two close games. In the mixed, Judy paired with Ross Livingston, was again beaten by the ultimate winners, (Derek Talbot and Margaret Boxall) this time in three close games. Kay Nesbit also collected a good scalp when she defeated Sue Whetnall, whilst Livingston beat the English international J. Eddy.

The Carnival

This year's Carnival was held in Adelaide in South Australia in the Badminton Centre now impressively enlarged by the addition of two courts, a most attractive kiosk and eating area and, equally important, excellent change-rooms and showers. All six States again competed for the right to hold the Glendinnen Shield. As usual, most matches were tight and the series was climaxed when West Australia met the holders, Victoria, on the final night. Victoria fielded a rather less experienced team than usual and this was fully exploited by the West whose team contained players with considerable experience in the Interstate arena together with a number of young improvers. West won comfortably by twelve rubbers to four, although they were unable to relax right up to the winning point.

Tasmania held third place by the narrowest margin from the improving South Australian team. As in 1969, Commonwealth Games representatives Judy Nyirati and Ross Livingston completed the series at No. 1 singles without suffering defeat. An encouraging sign was the number of young players selected to represent their States who performed well. Amongst these were Helen Lennan and Sue Sharp (NSW), Shirley Cutt (V), Meridee Just, Robyn Templeton and Greg Stanford (SA). These are the type of players to whom we must look to brighten Australia's badminton future.

Amongst the most impressive performances recorded during the Carnival were those of Victorian junior Paul Tyrrell. Paul won the three Under 19 Championships. This in itself is most commendable, but it must be added that he is still only sixteen and that he had earlier in the year won his third successive Australian Under 17 Singles Championship. Paul, with his speed and impressive range of strokes, is one of the most promising juniors to come out of Australian badminton for a number of years

and great hopes are held for his development. The Girl's singles was won by Christine Ballagh, also of Victoria, who is also a most promising player and who can be expected to improve considerably with experience

With the strain of the Interstate matches over, the players spent a relaxing weekend enjoying the Cabaret and the Barbecue arranged by the local authorities. They then plunged into the tension of the National Championships. Only two of these titles were successfully defended—the Ladies and Men's Singles won by Judy Nyirati and Ross Livingston respectively. Both went through their event with comparative ease and proved their undoubted superiority.



JUDY NYIRATI

Australian National Championship Results

Men's Singles: R. Livingston beat D. Hoppen 15-2, 15-9.

Ladies' Singles: Mrs. J. Nyirati beat Miss J. Bennett 11-4, 11-8.

Men's Doubles: D. Hoppen and M. Lockwood beat C. Hardwick and C. Cutt 15-11, 16-18, 15-4.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. B. Hite and Mrs. G. Genders beat Mrs. J. Stone and Miss F. Truscott 17-16, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles: R. Livingston and Mrs. B. Hite beat W. Murray and Mrs. Genders 10-15, 18-16, 15-11.

Boys' Singles: P. Tyrrell beat T. Miller 15-6, 15-6.

Girls' Singles: Miss C. Ballagh beat Miss H. Lennan 11-4, 6-11, 11-2.

Boys' Doubles: P. Tyrrell and P. Thatcher beat M. Savage and R. Allison 15-8, 15-9.

Girls' Doubles: Miss R. Templeton and Miss M. Just beat Miss H. Lennan and Miss S. Sharp 15-10, 15-8.

Mixed Doubles: P. Tyrrell and Miss R. Templeton beat M. Savage and Miss M. Just 15-7, 10-15 15-4.

Sportsman/woman of the year

MARGARET BECK IS 17th

In the recent poll conducted by the Sports Writers' Association (membership confined to professional journalists) Margaret Beck finished 17th, with 22 points. 38 women received votes; Margaret Boxall and Gillian Gilks finished equal 32nd with 2 points; one point went to Sue Whetnall. There were no Badminton men players among the 59 nominees from other sports!

Sixteen "top teams" were also voted for. The Badminton women's doubles team gained one first, one second and two thirds, putting them in eighth place. Many members did not vote in this section.

Only one girl from a "non-major" sport received more votes than Margaret Beck. Here's how the top votes went for women: Mary Gordon-Watson (Equestrian) 381; Rosemary Stirling (Athletics) 277½; Mary Peters (Athletics) 252; Sheila Sherwood (Athletics) 204½; Marilyn Neufville (Athletics) 145; Anneli Drummond-Hay (Equestrian) 133; Marion Mould (Equestrian) 111; Diana Lansley (Swimming) 109; Rosemary Payne (Athletics) 85½; Rita Ridley (Athletics) 82½; Janet Wardell-Yerburgh (Fencing) 80; Ann Jones (Tennis) 62; Wendy Burrell (Swimming) 59; Alex Jackson (Swimming) 51; Sheila Ratchliffe (Swimming) 47; Diane Harrison (Swimming) 37; Margaret Beck (Badminton) 22; Beryl Burton (Cycling) 14; Diane Oxley (Golf) 14. These were the only girls to get double figures.



Miss MARGARET BECK

ENGLAND v. SCOTLAND

Newcomers' Promising Debuts

Before a crowd of a thousand, which included a welcome visitor in Lord Lonsdale, Chairman of the Northern Advisory Council for Sport, England defeated Scotland for the 42nd time by seven events to love. Despite the recent exodus of some leading players to the professional ranks, England were able to field a very powerful and experienced side for this annual encounter with the Auld enemy. There were two newcomers to the England side, both from Essex: Ray Stevens and Barbara Giles both former All England Junior Champions.

England were pre-match favourites and the pundits proved to be correct in their forecast. Two members of the English side played particularly well, Elliot Stuart and the newcomer Ray Stevens. More about both of them later.

A Real Battle

England's leading player, Derek Talbot, opened the proceedings against the veteran Scot, Robert McCoig, and for a game and a half dictated the play with a superb exhibition of singles. He was quick, accurate and penetrative and made very few errors. With a good lead in the second set, he then relaxed slightly and the old campaigner was on him in a flash and it was soon 14 all. Derek elected to go straight out and McCoig with an agonising decision on the base line chose correctly and left the shuttle that was an inch the wrong side for Derek. A set all then and Talbot with a real battle on his hands. McCoig was now playing extremely well and the exchanges were well received by an appreciative crowd. Talbot came again strongly at the back end of the 3rd set to run out the winner but he would be the first to admit that he learned a very good lesson at Carlisle on Thursday evening, the 3rd December.

Margaret Beck in front of her home crowd was, of course, received with rapture. After running quickly to a 5 love lead with a very powerful display, Maureen Hume, the stocky Scot, then began to play extremely well and gave nothing at all away. Margaret had to fight hard to get the first set 11-8. In the second too Maureen continued to play well and at one stage led 6-2 aided by some very loose serving by Margaret. The turning point came at 5-6 to Maureen in this set when after a very good rally she netted a smash and Margaret was able to run out without further loss of points.

Serving Trouble

David Eddy and Roger Mills then played Ian Hume and Jim McNeillage in the first of the men's doubles. For three sets, all four contestants found serving short an extremely difficult business. At one end, particularly where a draught carried the flick serve perhaps 18 inches further than at the other end, all four players indulged in very early attack of the short serve and this led to some disjointed play. It would be as well to mention here, now that there is so much emphasis on the server, that umpires should watch the receiver very carefully to see that he does not get an unfair advantage. A short serve when the racket head and the shuttle are kept within the bounds of the

law is an extremely difficult stroke and the men's doubles player who can achieve some sort of consistency with it will have an extremely useful advantage over his opponents.

Now to the game itself. Mills and Eddy started well and quickly ran to a 5-1 lead. The Scots after a slow start then began to play very well and more than held their own but could not make up their early losses. After serving well to bring his side to within 2 points at 9-7, McNeillage was called by the umpire for moving before Eddy had served and so started a run which gave the England pair a 12-7 lead and they ran out shortly afterwards. In the second set the same pattern emerged with all four players receiving short serves so well that rallies were short and sharp with very few exceptions. It was a splendid contest however and the Scots served marginally better at the end of this set and this was enough to win it for them. In the third set it was extremely close all the way through until Mills and Eddy pulled away to 12-7 after Roger had put in some sterling defensive work. To give some indication of the English pair's efficiency at receiving serve the Scots had eight serves to move off six and another six to move the score from seven to eight. Despite this problem they fought back to level at 13 all after a particularly good rally. Setting to 5 and Mills again was making important defensive recoveries and his partner too saved another rally at 3-2 which was eventually won by the English pair to give them match point. Mills served a flick which was killed and then David served a very good short one which led to them winning the final rally and therefore, the game.

Power Overhead

Margaret Beck then teamed with Gillian Gilks to play Helen Kelly and Margaret Gibson who was playing her first match for Scotland. Gillian and Margaret were altogether too powerful at the beginning of the first set and quickly ran to a lead of 10-4. They fought back however despite their problem with a defence that was rather shaky to close the gap at 11-9. A good backhand kill by Gillian followed by two more smashes through the middle of the court gave them the first set. In the second set, Helen Kelly played extremely well but Margaret was finding it extremely difficult to deal with the English pair's power overhead and there was never any danger to the English girls who ran out fairly comfortable winners.

Elliott Stuart and Derek Talbot then played Robert McCoig and Fraser Gow in the second of the men's doubles. Fraser was under immediate pressure and made a number of errors. Elliott particularly was playing extremely well, serving beautifully and providing his partner with a number of openings which he took with alacrity. At 14-3 there was some Scottish resistance but Gow netted to make another error and give the Englishmen the first set. In the second set, the Englishmen carried on where they had left off in the first and were quickly leading 10-3. The Scots were now having

problems with their serve and on four occasions they were put out without scoring. They could do nothing to staunch the flow of winners from Talbot and Stuart who were never in any danger and ran out very convincing winners. A very promising performance this and one that augurs well for the future.

A Promising Debut

Talking of the future, we then had Ray Stevens from Essex playing in his first international against Nicol McCloy. Stevens was obviously enjoying the knock-up but the non-playing Captain was just a little nervous about how the Essex youngster would perform despite the outward display of calm. He soon relieved both the Captain and a number of enthusiasts in the hall looking for future talent with a superb display of singles. He was very, very positive in his approach and hit down at every opportunity. Poor Nicol was overwhelmed and was soon facing a 12 love deficit. He broke his duck just and Stevens ran out 15-1 in the first set. In the second, he quickened up and this led to a few errors but he was always dominating the proceedings and ran out an easy winner. Ray has a lot to learn but he seems to enjoy the lessons. To emerge at this time as a very competent singles player is indeed a shot in the arm for English badminton. Nicol was slightly unfortunate in that Ray played at near his best and one cannot ask for more than this on a 19-year old's first appearance in an International match.

Some Excellent Serving

It was now getting extremely late and with the match at 6 love and nothing much to play for, some interest left the final event. This was a mixed doubles between the Surrey and England pair, Mills and Mrs. Gilks and Fraser Gow and Christine Evans. Christine was playing a first match for Scotland and performed creditably. She served particularly well to Roger who was bustling the girl's serve in his usual aggressive fashion. They were rather too good in the first set but Fraser was hitting the occasional winner and Christine was finding her feet, so that the second set became a contest in the true sense of the word. Christine's fine serving put the Scots pair back into the game and at one stage they looked as if they would force a deciding set. It was not to be and the English pair ran out after conceding a set point 18-17 to conclude the match.

A final word of congratulation to the Cumberland Association for their very competent organisation.

RESULTS (England names first)

D. Talbot beat R. McCoig 15-4, 14-15, 15-11.
R. Stevens beat N. McCloy 15-1, 15-6.
Miss M. Beck beat Mrs. M. Hume 11-8, 11-6.
J. D. Eddy and R. J. Mills beat I. Hume and J. K. McNeillage 15-9, 13-15, 18-15.
E. C. Stuart and D. Talbot beat R. McCoig and F. Gow 15-6, 15-5.
Miss M. Beck and Mrs. G. Gilks beat Miss H. Kelly and Mrs. M. Gibson 15-9, 15-5.
R. J. Mills and Mrs. Gilks beat F. Gow and Miss C. Evans 15-8, 18-17.

England 7—Scotland 0

J. N. HAVERS

English National Championships

Derek Talbot and Gillian Gilks Outstanding

By Betty Grace

The Eighth English National Championships were held in ideal conditions at the new University Sports Centre at Nottingham. Six Hova courts were in full use on Friday evening for the singles and up to 4 p.m. on the Saturday. Spectators particularly appreciated the work done by the Notts, officials in the immediate recording of results and the posting of boards showing who was playing on each court. After so many tournaments where the score is kept a dark secret, it was very helpful, too, to have the majority of the matches umpired. This is especially so when spectators want to transfer their attention from one court to another, and we record our grateful thanks to the Umpires' Association.

Sixteen past and present internationals took part in the tournament, and, in the main, clearly showed their superiority. Owing to the defection of Miss Boxall, R. J. Sharp and the Whetnalls and the retirement of A. D. Jordan only one title was being defended—that of the Ladies' Singles.

Disappointing Ladies' Singles

In this event, Mrs. Gilks and Miss Beck were clearly in a class of their own and there was never any doubt that they would contest the final. In the first round, Miss Lindsay started well against Mrs. Gilks, but as soon as the latter got into her stride there was only one person in the picture. On their earlier form most people expected Miss Beck to stop the holder winning the title for the third year running, but the latter played so accurately that she never allowed the Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist to settle down, and, with the exception of one or two good rallies, the final was most disappointing.

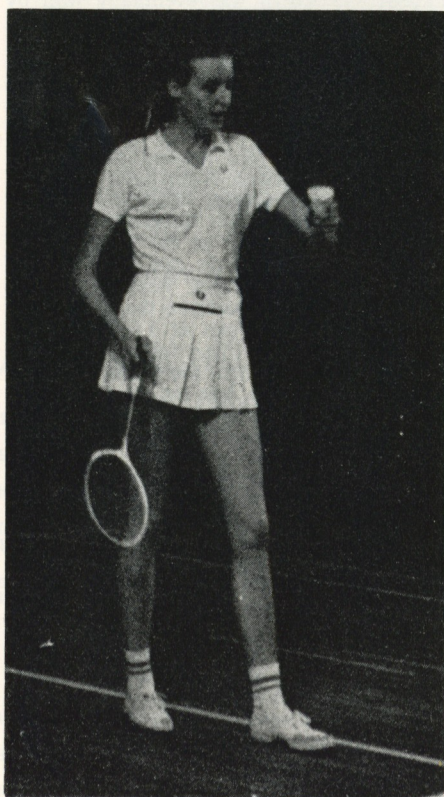
A Fine Match

In contrast, the Men's Singles produced one of the best and most interesting finals ever played in the Championships. The two protagonists, Talbot and Stevens, who had played as Numbers 1 and 2 Singles for England against Scotland the previous week, both demonstrated the considerable advance they have made in the last year. Talbot was more accurate about the net and very quick, but Stevens proved strong and determined and would not allow his opponent any easy points. When Talbot won the first game 15-8 and was 10-5 up in the second, it seemed that he would go through the tournament without dropping a game, but Stevens had other ideas.

Amid mounting excitement he caught up and then took that game 15-10, while Talbot, who had looked almost out on his feet after one or two of the long rallies, seemed to have shot his bolt. The younger player managed to keep ahead up to the change-over in the third game, but then Talbot, who had paced himself well, gradually took command again and ran out a worthy winner. The crowd of 500 showed by their applause their appreciation of this fine exhibition of Singles.



DEREK TALBOT.
Winner of the Men's Singles



GILLIAN GILKS

White had been seeded No. 2 in this event, but was slightly out of touch, and had quite a struggle to beat Tank and Kidd in the first two rounds. In the third round, he seemed back to form and started well against Stevens in the semi-final, but the latter improved, and, having eventually taken the first game, was in such devastating form that the second only took three and a half minutes!

Stevens had had a close and exciting first game against Mills, who had two game points, refused to set at 14-all, lost the game and only put up token resistance in the second. Talbot's semi-final against Hunt was an interesting game to watch and was not the walk-over it appears by the score. In this event there were two casualties among the seeds: Tredgett recording the best win of his career by beating J. D. Eddy in the first round, and Kirk delighting the local crowd by beating Stuart.

Stuart's Fine Defence

The Men's Doubles was fought out between the two top seeds, Powell and Eddy and Stuart and Talbot. Both pairs like to attack, but the latter—Stuart in particular—were more accurate in defence. Powell and Eddy, though brilliant at times, made too many errors. There were some exciting rallies, particularly in the close second game, and Stuart and Talbot looked worthy champions. Tredgett and Stevens had played well to upset the seeding by beating Mills and Horton; they had eight game points in the first game against the eventual winners, but got too excited, lost it, and went down easily in the second.

Sixteen Year Old Finalist

The standard in the Ladies' Doubles was rather disappointing and the final was a scrappy game. At 12-10 up in the second game, having won the first, Mrs. Gilks and Miss N. Gardner looked certain winners, but at this point Mrs. Gilks put an easy smash out of court; this proved the turning point. Mrs. Rickard, who had been struggling, raised her game to give the support Miss Beck needed and was able to exploit the inexperience of Mrs. Gilks' sixteen year old partner, who had, nevertheless, put up a promising performance.

Mills and Gillian Gilks Brilliant

In the Mixed there was, of course, one outstanding pair—Mills and Mrs. Gilks—and the only surprise would have been had they lost! Stevens and Miss Winter—for one game—and Eddy and Mrs. Ross in the semi-final, put up a fight against them, but there was never any doubt of the outcome.

The other finalists, Jones and Mrs. Cooper (Lancs.), had an energetic time. They were taken to three games by Mr. and Mrs. Havers, and were 4-14 down in the second game, having lost the first, to Hunt and Miss Giles before winning nineteen points in a row and coming out on top. Their semi-final against Stuart and Mrs. Horton was a real cliff-hanger and

provided a grand climax to Saturday's play. The winners had five and the losers two match points before the issue was decided! In the final they seemed overawed by their illustrious opponents and could not reproduce their previous night's form.

It seems a pity that, owing to the fixing of three or four County matches the same week-end, some players were deprived of the chance of playing in the National Championships. It is good, however, to note that representatives of twenty counties took part and to see a number of promising young players, either still in, or just out of, the Junior ranks making their debut here.

MEN'S SINGLES

(32 players)

Third round: D. Talbot beat M. Tredgett 15-5, 15-2. D. Hunt beat C. Kirk 15-5, 15-9. R. Mills beat R. Stevens 15-14, 15-4. B. White beat D. Hutchinson 15-9, 15-1.

Semi-finals: Talbot beat Hunt 15-9, 15-2. Stevens beat White 15-11, 15-0.

Final: Talbot beat Stevens 15-8, 10-15, 15-9.

LADIES' SINGLES

(15 players)

Second round: Mrs. G. Gilks beat Miss B. Giles 11-3, 11-1. Miss M. Gardner beat Mrs. P. Dawson 11-9, 11-8. Mrs. W. Rickard beat Mrs. S. Hamilton 11-6, 11-2. Miss M. Beck beat Miss M. Winter 11-3, 11-0.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Gardner 11-1, 11-3. Miss Beck beat Mrs. Rickard 11-2, 11-0.

Final: Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Beck 11-3, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(23 pairs)

Third round: R. Powell and J. Eddy beat W. Havers and P. Smith 15-2, 18-16. C. Beacom and K. Andrews beat K. Hawthorne and E. Sutton 11-15, 15-12, 15-12. M. Tredgett and R. Stevens beat R. Mills and D. Horton 15-11, 17-18, 15-4. E. Stuart and D. Talbot beat I. Middleton and D. Pither 15-3, 15-7.

Semi-finals: Powell and Eddy beat Beacom and Andrews 15-9, 15-12. Stuart and Talbot beat Tredgett and Stevens 17-16, 15-4.

Final: Stuart and Talbot beat Powell and Eddy 15-8, 17-14.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(16 pairs)

Second round: Mrs. W. Rickard and Miss M. Beck beat Mrs. A. MacFarlane and Mrs. S. Hamilton 15-2, 15-3. Mrs. D. Smith and Mrs. B. Cooper beat Mrs. K. Brindle and Mrs. P. Mace 15-2, 15-9. Mrs. J. Horton and Miss B. Giles beat Miss A. Morgan and Miss L. Veasey 18-15, 15-3. Mrs. G. Gilks and Miss N. Gardner beat Mrs. J. Charlton and Miss C. Lindsay 15-10, 15-10.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Rickard and Miss Beck beat Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Cooper 15-8, 15-6. Mrs. Gilks and Miss Gardner beat Mrs. Horton and Miss Giles 15-5, 15-10.

Final: Mrs. Rickard and Miss Beck beat Mrs. Gilks and Miss Gardner 7-15, 15-13, 18-14.

MIXED DOUBLES

(34 pairs)

Fourth round: R. Mills and Mrs. G. Gilks beat R. Stevens and Miss M. Winter 15-12, 15-0. J. Eddy and Mrs. E. Ross beat P. Smith and Miss N. Gardner 15-3, 15-12. B. Jones and Mrs. B. Cooper beat D. Hunt and Miss B. Giles 15-17, 17-14, 15-6. E. Stuart and Mrs. J. Horton beat M. Tredgett and Mrs. W. Rickard 15-12, 15-12.

Semi-finals: Mills and Mrs. Gilks beat Eddy and Mrs. Ross 15-7, 15-11. Jones and Mrs. Cooper beat Stuart and Mrs. Horton 15-11, 9-15, 17-16.

Final: Mills and Mrs. Gilks beat Jones and Mrs. Cooper 15-6, 15-2.

Competition Results

Club Corner. A year's free subscription or a copy of the I.B.F. Handbook is awarded to H. Moore, of Spalding B.C., for his article under this heading in the December issue.

Photographic Competition. No entries were submitted for the December issue. It is hoped that this month photographers will be tempted by the offer of a racket announced elsewhere in this issue (p.95).

New Subscribers. The Circulation Manager reports that no specific entries for this competition were received! The Carlton racket, therefore, cannot be awarded.

NORTHERN COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Once again the 36th Open Championships were held in the comfort of the Castle Ward Sports Centre, Ponteland. Thanks to the local authorities, no other Sports functions were held there during the Tournament, a fact which is wonderful for Badminton players and officials!

Talbot and Stuart Dominate

The Tournament was completely dominated by those two "Geordies"—Derek Talbot and Elliott Stuart, who drew a large body of spectators on the Saturday to watch their progress to the finals of the Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Before going into detail, mention must be made of the great support to the Championships given by Cumberland and Durham.

The Men's Singles was dominated by Derek, who had only fourteen points scored against him in three rounds to the final, where he beat Elliott in two sets. The Ladies' Singles were worthily won by Miss S. Storey of Cumberland, who beat Joyce Fitzpatrick of Durham in the final. Joyce was rather nervous and did not really do herself justice.

Cumbrians Fight Hard

In the Men's Doubles Derek and Billy Kidd had a good semi-final against Beck and Connor of Cumberland, winning 15-9 in the third set. Again, Derek showed his ability to dictate terms, and in the final he

soothed Billy Kidd's excitability to calmness. They won in two sets against Elliott and D. O. Horton of Essex, whom we were delighted to welcome to our Tournament for the first time. The Ladies' Doubles were won, but only just, by the Northumberland pair Ann Gill and Susan Robson, against the Durham sisters, the Pollards. Finally, the Mixed Doubles were won by Derek and Lynn Lacey, the holders, in an interesting final against Elliott and Susan Robson.

Thanks must be given to all the competitors who "turned up" for all the events on time, and made the whole Tournament an easy one for the referee.

P.B.

MEN'S SINGLES

(24 players)

Third round: D. Talbot beat J. W. Leng 15-1, 15-3. B. A. Wallwork beat D. O. Horton 15-12, 5-3 retired. W. Kidd beat G. A. Connor 15-11, 18-17. E. C. Stuart beat C. Lilley 15-3, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Talbot beat Wallwork 15-4, 15-3. Stuart beat Kidd 6-15, 15-7, 15-7.

Final: Talbot beat Stuart 15-7, 15-14.

LADIES' SINGLES

(7 players)

Semi-finals: Mrs. C. Fitzpatrick beat Miss S. Robson 6-11, 12-9, 11-6. Miss S. Storey beat Mrs. J. Tait 12-11, 11-2.

Final: Miss Storey beat Mrs. Fitzpatrick 12-11, 11-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(19 pairs)

Third round: D. Talbot and W. Kidd beat B. A. Wallwork and G. P. Simm 15-8, 15-12. G. A. Connor and M. Beck beat G. C. Lamb and J. W. Leng 15-7, 15-9. H. Robertson and C. Lilley beat A. O. Coates and B. Jobling 15-5, 15-5. E. C. Stuart and D. O. Horton beat A. Erskine and F. Watson 15-2, 15-4.

Semi-finals: Talbot and Kidd beat Connor and Beck 13-15, 15-2, 15-9. Stuart and Horton beat Robertson and Lilley 15-6, 15-6.

Final: Talbot and Kidd beat Stuart and Horton 15-10, 17-15.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(9 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss K. Pollard and Miss M. Pollard beat Mrs. T. Lacey and Mrs. D. Watson 15-9, 10-15, 18-17. Miss S. Robson and Miss A. C. Gill beat Mrs. P. Brown and Mrs. C. Fitzpatrick 15-4, 15-4.

Final: Miss Robson and Miss Gill beat Miss Pollard and Miss Pollard 14-17, 15-6, 18-15.

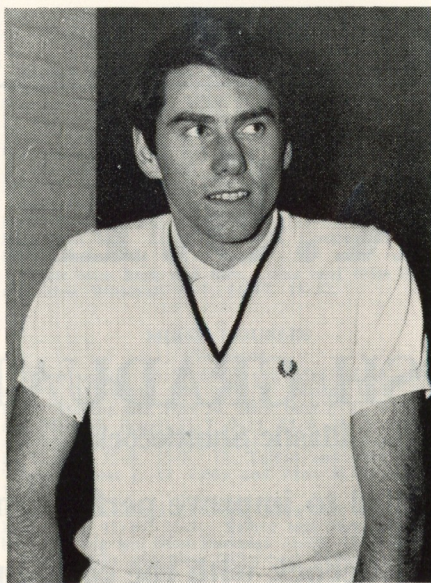
MIXED DOUBLES

(18 pairs)

Third round: D. Talbot and Mrs. T. Lacey beat D. Harrison and Miss D. Willmott 15-4, 15-6. H. Robertson and Miss A. Gill beat C. Lilley and Mrs. P. Crane 15-8, 8-15, 15-6. W. Kidd and Mrs. D. Watson beat C. M. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. C. M. Fitzpatrick 15-11, 15-8. E. C. Stuart and Miss S. Robson beat J. T. Richardson and Mrs. J. Tait 15-3, 15-7.

Semi-finals: Talbot and Mrs. Lacey beat Robertson and Miss Gill 15-6, 15-6. Stuart and Miss Robson beat Kidd and Mrs. Watson 15-8, 14-15, 15-12.

Final: Talbot and Mrs. Lacey beat Stuart and Miss Robson 8-15, 15-7, 15-6.



ELLIOT STUART

Veteran's Singles

It is interesting to learn from America that their Veterans' Tournament includes a singles event for the Over 40's. Is this something that might be incorporated in our own Veterans' Tournaments? Or would it merely lead to a decimation of their already thin ranks?

Ted Moehmann, who won all three events in the first U.S.A. National Junior Championships in 1947, won not only the

Veterans' singles but also both doubles events! Obviously the passing years have neither staled his enthusiasm nor diminished his stamina.

In this country, the name of evergreen Jack McColl springs to mind as a likely winner. And probably Sidney Brock would be the first lady to enter. Doubtless there would be other doughty contenders from all over the country. Then counties might not have so far to seek for those two elusive extra singles players!

OXFORDSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kay Nesbitt Shines

The fourth Oxfordshire Open Championships were held at the Sports Centre, Queen's Avenue, Bicester under the sponsorship of Coca-Cola Western Bottlers Limited. Two hundred and seventy-five players, thirty-four of whom had to be left out of the singles draw, made the trek to Bicester. The entry, as well as being huge, was also of good quality.

In the singles, B. H. White, the holder, met Ray Stevens. White appeared in much the better condition and had little difficulty in winning in two straight games. Although the ladies' final was keenly contested, Kay Nesbitt had little difficulty in winning in two games.

The same two ladies teamed up in the doubles to defeat Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman and Mrs. J. Mitchell in what was probably the best final of the evening. In the men's doubles final, after some superb badminton, Mills and Eddy soon gained control and ran out comfortable winners. R. Mills and Mrs. G. Gilks, gave the good sized crowd an exhibition of top quality mixed doubles and the outcome was never in doubt.

Play finished in good time on both days. Thanks to Coca-Cola, who sponsored the tournament and issued free drinks to the competitors, and to the manager of the Sports Centre, Bob Tedder, and his staff, who co-operated in the successful running of the tournament.

P.B.W.



KAY NESBITT,
Winner of the Ladies' Singles.

OXFORDSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN'S SINGLES

(32 players)

Semi-finals: R. Stevens beat M. Tredgett 15-8, 15-12. B. White beat J. Eddy 15-10, 15-6.

Final: White beat Stevens 15-6, 15-4.

LADIES' SINGLES

(20 players)

Semi-finals: Miss N. Gardner beat Miss White 11-8, 11-6. Miss Nesbitt beat Mrs. Andrew 8-11, 11-6, 11-4.

Final: Miss Nesbitt beat Miss Gardner 11-4, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(36 pairs)

Semi-finals: R. Mills and J. Eddy beat B. White and W. Andrew 15-6, 15-11. J. Havers and P. Smith beat P. Gaudoin and M. Nurmohamed 5-15, 15-6, 15-13.

Final: Mills and Eddy beat Havers and Smith 15-4, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(23 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss Nesbitt and Miss Gardner beat Mrs. Smith and Miss Marks 15-9, 15-1. Mrs. Hashman and Mrs. Mitchell beat Miss Bridge and Mrs. Hamilton 18-13, 15-4.

Final: Miss Nesbitt and Miss Gardner beat Mrs. Hashman and Mrs. Mitchell 18-14, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

(40 pairs)

Semi-finals: R. Mills and Mrs. Gilks beat P. Smith and Miss Gardner 15-10, 15-3. R. Stevens and Miss Nesbitt beat J. Eddy and Mrs. Ross 15-12, 15-3.

Final: Mills and Mrs. Gilks beat Stevens and Miss Nesbitt 15-5, 15-2.



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The Northern Championships

Danish Challenge Repelled

The Northern Championships were held on 19th-21st November at Birkenhead. The entry included not only the leading players of this country but also that famous and popular Danish pair, Erland Kops and Henning Borch. All the Doubles finals were very closely fought three-setters.

The Men's Singles were full of surprises. In the third round, B. H. White had a fine victory over Paul Whetnall and in the semi-final another good win over H. Borch. Derek Talbot had meantime repelled the other Danish attack by defeating Kops in two straight sets. In the final, Talbot was rather too good for White and won fairly comfortably.

Margaret Beck took the Ladies' Singles with almost equal ease. Having beaten Margaret Boxall in the semi-final, she again exerted her hoodoo on Tyna Barinaga who had emerged victorious from a hard fought three-set match with Gillian Gilks.

In the Men's Doubles, Borch and Kops revenged themselves on Sharp and Whetnall for their defeat in last year's All-England Championships. In the other semi-final, Stuart and Talbot had beaten Eddy and Powell (last year's All-England runners-up); in the closest fought of finals, they were worthy winners after three exceedingly hard sets.

Surprise reigned again in the Ladies' Doubles. Miss Beck and Mrs. Gilks dovetailed effectively to defeat the All-England holders, Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall, in another three-set final.

The Mixed Doubles ran more true to form. Talbot and Mrs. Whetnall after losing the first set, accounted for that exciting "all-in" pair, McCoig and Miss Barinaga. In the final it took Mills and Mrs. Gilks three sets in which to overcome them.

All in all, yet another memorable Northern.

THE NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN'S SINGLES

(limited to 22 players)

Third round: E. Kops beat E. C. Stuart 15-5, 15-4. D. Talbot beat R. J. Sharp 15-6, 15-5. B. H. White beat P. E. Whetnall 17-14, 15-9. H. Borch beat J. D. Eddy 15-13, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Talbot beat Kops 15-11, 15-7. White beat Borch 15-11, 15-9.

Final: Talbot beat White 15-9, 15-7.

LADIES' SINGLES

(11 players)

Second Round: Miss M. Beck beat Miss P. Protheroe 11-6, 11-1. Miss M. Boxall beat Miss K. Nesbitt 11-5, 11-3. Miss T. M. Barinaga beat Mrs. S. D. Whetnall 12-11, 11-6. Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss B. Walsh 11-7, 11-5.

Semi-finals: Miss Beck beat Miss Boxall 11-5, 11-1. Miss Barinaga beat Mrs. Gilks 10-12, 11-4, 11-3.

Final: Miss Beck beat Miss Barinaga 11-4, 11-6.

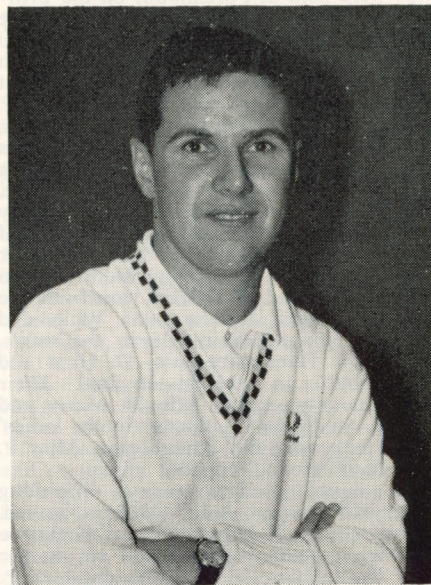
MEN'S DOUBLES

(limited to 16 pairs)

Second round: H. Borch and E. Kops beat C. I. Eddy and E. H. Sutton 15-4, 15-4. R. J. Sharp and P. E. Whetnall beat A. D. Jordan and R. S. McCoig 17-18, 18-16, 15-7. J. D. Eddy and R. A. Powell beat R. P. Stevens and B. H. White 15-4, 15-3. E. C. Stuart and D. Talbot beat K. M. Andrews and C. J. Beacom 15-6, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Borch and Kops beat Sharp and Whetnall 15-10, 4-15, 15-2. Stuart and Talbot beat Eddy and Powell 15-13, 15-11.

Final: Stuart and Talbot beat Borch and Kops 12-15, 15-13, 15-13.



B. H. WHITE

LADIES' DOUBLES

(14 pairs)

Second round: Miss M. Boxall and Mrs. S. D. Whetnall beat Mrs. E. Hornby and Mrs. J. B. Pearson 15-3, 15-6. Miss T. M. Barinaga and Miss K. Nesbitt beat Miss B. Walsh and Miss C. Walsh 15-13, 15-1. Mrs. B. Cooper and Mrs. D. Smith beat Miss B. Giles and Mrs. H. J. Horton 18-15, 15-12. Miss M. Beck and Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss P. Protheroe and Mrs. B. Ross 15-5, 15-9.

Semi-finals: Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall beat Miss Barinaga and Miss Nesbitt 15-6, 15-8. Miss Beck and Mrs. Gilks beat Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Smith 15-8, 15-7.

Final: Miss Beck and Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall 15-7, 14-17, 15-12.

MIXED DOUBLES

(24 pairs)

Third round: R. J. Mills and Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat B. H. White and Miss K. Nesbitt 15-7, 15-3. R. P. Stevens and Miss M. Beck beat P. E. Whetnall and Miss T. M. Barinaga 15-7, 15-9. R. S. McCoig and Miss M. Barinaga beat B. E. Jones and Mrs. B. Cooper 15-9, 15-3. D. Talbot and Mrs. S. D. Whetnall beat J. D. Eddy and Mrs. E. Ross 15-5, 15-5.

Semi-finals: Mills and Mrs. Gilks beat Stevens and Miss Beck 15-10, 15-1. Talbot and Mrs. Whetnall beat McCoig and Miss Barinaga 11-15, 15-8, 15-3.

Final: Mills and Mrs. Gilks beat Talbot and Mrs. Whetnall 15-4, 10-15, 15-12.

THE NORFOLK OPEN TOURNAMENT

The 34th Norfolk Open was held at the Corn Exchange, King's Lynn on November 20th and 21st.

Once again, many entries had to be turned away. Nevertheless, having accepted 123, the Tournament referees still managed to finish by 11.20 p.m.

In the Men's Singles, Keith Arthur (Essex) played very well to win the title from Bill Andrew (Herts); and the Ladies' Singles—Miss C. Lindsay (Yorks.), making her first appearance in Norfolk, had rather too much experience for the rest of the field, and went on to win the title, beating Mrs. Brenda Andrew (Herts) in the Final.

Once again the holders of the Men's Doubles, T. J. Bowler and C. Goodman (Essex) were undefeated, beating K. Arthur and D. Pither (Essex) in the final.

In the Ladies' Doubles, Miss Gardner and Miss Spencer (Essex) did very well to beat Miss Lindsay and Mrs. Pilcher (Yorks) in the final.

For the second successive year, the final of the Mixed Doubles was decided by a walk over due to the absence of C. Goodman (Essex). Rather a disappointing finale for a tournament committee who put in so much work for the benefit of these young players.

It was very encouraging to have strong support from Yorkshire, we hope they will come again next year.

J.R.

NORFOLK OPEN TOURNAMENT

MEN'S SINGLES

(19 players)

Semi-finals: W. E. Andrew beat P. Smith 10-15, 17-15, 15-10. K. Arthur beat J. G. Pearson 15-11, 15-10.

Final: Arthur beat Andrew 15-7, 15-12.

LADIES' SINGLES

(14 players)

Semi-finals: Mrs. W. E. Andrew beat Miss D. Raine 11-5, 11-8. Miss C. E. Lindsay beat Miss L. Spencer 11-5, 11-1.

Final: Miss Lindsay beat Mrs. Andrew 11-5, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(19 pairs)

Semi-finals: T. J. Bowler and C. Goodman beat L. Ellwood and F. Harwood 15-11, 15-4. K. Arthur and D. Pither beat C. Kirk and H. Radziwonik 15-7, 15-6.

Final: Bowler and Goodman beat Arthur and Pither 15-5, 15-6.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(15 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss L. Spencer and Miss N. Gardner beat Mrs. J. Dulieu and Miss I. Timbers 15-6, 15-8. Miss C. Lindsay and Miss Pilcher beat Mrs. A. Ker and Mrs. E. Fraser 15-6, 9-15, 15-13.

Final: Miss Spencer and Miss Gardner beat Miss Lindsay and Miss Pilcher 15-10, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

(30 pairs)

Semi-finals: G. Goodman and Miss Bull w/o, J. Pearson and Miss Hayes scr. P. Smith and Miss Gardner beat R. Bower and Mrs. Illingworth 15-8, 15-13.

Final: Smith and Miss Gardner w/o, Goodman and Mrs. Bull scr.

LATE RESULTS

LONDON (DEXTROSOL) CHAMPIONSHIPS

Crystal Palace, 16th-19th December, 1970.

RESULTS

Men's Singles: D. Talbot beat J. Eddy 15-4, 3-15, 15-9.

Ladies' Singles: Mrs. G. Gilks beat Miss M. Beck 6-11, 12-10, 11-3.

Men's Doubles: R. J. Mills and J. Eddy beat R. Stevens and M. Tredgett 15-9, 9-15, 15-6.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. G. Gilks and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman beat Miss M. Beck and Mrs. W. R. Rickard 15-6, 15-6.

Mixed Doubles: D. Talbot and Mrs. G. Gilks beat R. J. Mills and Mrs. J. Horton 15-11, 15-1.

Full details in next issue

Dorset Open Tournament

The Dorset Open Badminton Tournament took place at the Poole Sports Centre on 21st and 22nd November.

With an entry of 38 in the Men's Singles, it was a pity that the second seed, D. Gloyne, felt unwell and did not participate. David Hunt of Hampshire apart from a long first game against P. Pennekett, his Hampshire partner, in the semi-finals, came easily through to the final as did R. Northcott of Cornwall the third seed, Hunt winning 15-4, 15-9. Both Mrs. J. Rickard and Miss G. White had the same easy rounds to the finals in the Ladies' Singles; as expected Mrs. Rickard won comfortably.

The holders of the Ladies' Doubles did not defend their title so Mrs. Rickard and Miss M. Gardner had an easy win over Miss G. White and Miss S. Roberts. The latter pair were a very tired couple after a long, close three set fight in the semi-finals against Miss R. Cooper and Mrs. J. McCairns, every rally being closely fought. The seeds again came through in the Men's Doubles, N. J. White and R. Reed retaining their title against D. Hunt and P. Pennekett. We shall be sorry not to see Nicky White next year as he says he is giving up tournament play.

D. Gloyne and Miss M. Gardner gave us an unexpected win in the Mixed Doubles; playing extremely well, they beat N. J. White and Mrs. J. Rickard, the No. 1 seeds, in three sets, having beaten the No. 2 seeds D. Hunt and Miss C. Holland in the semi-final.

The American Sealed Handicap event again proved very popular on the Sunday and we had four sections using six courts. With play-offs between two sections, R. Roper and Mrs. C. Pike and R. Burden and Mrs. I. Stone were the winners.

A.H.

DORSET OPEN TOURNAMENT

MEN'S SINGLES

(38 players)

Semi-finals: D. R. Hunt beat P. Pennekett 18-15, 15-7. R. T. Northcott beat B. Seed 15-1, 15-13.

Final: Hunt beat Northcott 15-4, 15-9.

LADIES' SINGLES

(16 players)

Semi-finals: Mrs. J. Rickard beat Miss S. Roberts 11-2, 11-3. Miss G. M. White beat Miss M. Gardner 11-2, 11-1.

Final: Mrs. Rickard beat Miss White 11-5, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(23 pairs)

Semi-finals: N. J. White and R. Reed beat S. Burt and R. T. Northcott 15-8, 15-12. D. Hunt and P. Pennekett beat B. Meager and D. Carlisle 15-8, 15-8.

Final: White and Reed beat Hunt and Pennekett 18-15, 15-9.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(14 pairs)

Semi-finals: Mrs. J. Rickard and Miss M. Gardner beat Miss K. Clarke and Miss H. Herring 8-15, 15-3, 15-2. Miss G. White and Miss S. Roberts beat Miss R. Cooper and Miss J. McCairns 7-15, 15-12, 18-16.

Final: Mrs. Rickard and Miss Gardner beat Miss White and Miss Roberts 15-5, 15-2.

MIXED DOUBLES

(23 pairs)

Semi-finals: N. J. White and Mrs. J. Rickard beat R. Reed and Miss R. Cooper 15-8, 9-15, 15-12. D. Gloyne and Miss M. Gardner beat D. Hunt and Miss C. Holland 15-12, 8-15, 15-2.

Final: Gloyne and Miss Gardner beat White and Mrs. Rickard 15-9, 3-15, 15-11.

Portsmouth Open Championship

BERKSHIRE PLAYERS DO WELL

The 39th Annual Portsmouth Championships were held at Portsmouth on the 27th-29th November. Although the "stars" were playing elsewhere, the entry was good and it was a most enjoyable tournament, both Hampshire and Berkshire sharing all but one of the events.

David Hunt of Hampshire, a local player, had little difficulty in winning the men's singles without the loss of a set, beating the holder, J. Tank, in the final. Likewise, Miss P. Smiles of Surrey, had a fairly easy victory in the ladies' singles, beating a local girl Carol Holland, in the final. The latter did well to beat seeded Miss M. Brewer in the second round. Berkshire won both the men's and ladies' doubles. N. J. White and R. Reed retained their title in the men's, beating the Hampshire pair, D. Hunt and D. Curtis in a straight-set final. Their fellow "countywomen", Miss H. Marks and Mrs. A. Smith, had a victory in the ladies' where they beat the Surrey pair, Miss P. Smiles and Miss R. Hughes.

The mixed doubles was a ding-dong event with many close matches played, before once again Hampshire and Berkshire were on opposite sides of the net in the final. The holders, N. J. White and Mrs. P. Hunt (formerly Mrs. Lord), put up a tremendous fight before losing their title to the local pair, D. Hunt and Miss C. Holland, in two very close games.

The Handicap events played on Sunday had a good entry, with many players coming from the West Country, and all the Home Counties.

The Tournament was again ably refereed by David Crossfield, and Dr. John Robertson, who was making his last appearance in this capacity before taking up a permanent appointment in Holland in January. He will be sadly missed in Portsmouth.

M. L. SADLER

PORTSMOUTH AND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN'S SINGLES

(28 players)

Third round: D. R. Hunt beat D. Reeks 15-6, 15-4. K. Arthur beat J. Gardner 15-4, 15-1. R. Northcott beat D. Gloyne 15-5, 15-7. J. Tank beat W. Thorne 15-11, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Hunt beat Arthur 17-14, 15-6. Tank beat Northcott 15-11, 15-11.

Final: Hunt beat Tank, 15-3, 15-11.

LADIES' SINGLES

(10 players)

Semi-finals: Miss C. Holland beat Miss G. Marsh 11-1, 11-1. Miss P. Smiles beat Mrs. S. Kirk 11-8, 11-6.

Final: Miss Smiles beat Miss Holland 11-5, 11-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(25 pairs)

Third round: N. J. White and R. G. Reed beat B. Keeling and D. Ritchie 15-7, 15-12. A. Finch and R. Northcott beat D. White and P. J. Pennekett 15-11, 18-13. R. Bannister and M. Savage beat P. P. Matthews and M. Lawson 12-15, 15-8, 18-15. D. R. Hunt and D. Curtis beat M. Parratt and D. Clarke 15-12, 15-5.

Semi-finals: White and Reed beat Finch and Northcott 15-12, 15-8. Hunt and Curtis beat Bannister and Savage 15-4, 15-1.

Final: White and Reed beat Hunt and Curtis 15-9, 15-12.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(14 pairs)

Semi-finals: Mrs. A. Smith and Miss H. Marks beat Mrs. A. Friend and Miss C. Holland 15-8,

Warwickshire Open Tournament

MEN'S SINGLES

(24 players)

Third round: R. J. Sharp beat C. I. Eddy 15-13, 15-4. B. H. White beat C. P. Baxter 15-1, 15-2. P. J. Wood beat N. B. Smith 15-11, 18-17. P. E. Whetnall beat R. Barbour 15-2, 15-2.

Semi-finals: Sharp beat White 15-11, 15-8. Whetnall beat Wood 15-1, 15-8.

Final: Whetnall beat Sharp 15-7, 15-11.

LADIES' SINGLES

(18 players)

Third round: Miss M. Beck beat Mrs. S. Whetnall 11-2, 8-11, 11-1. Miss M. B. Boxall beat Miss J. van Beusekom 8-11, 11-1, 11-6. Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss K. Nesbit 11-3, 11-1. Miss T. Barinaga beat Miss S. Roberts 11-0, 11-1.

Semi-finals: Miss Beck beat Miss Boxall 11-6, 11-12, 11-4. Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Barinaga 11-5, 11-4.

Final: Miss Beck beat Mrs. Gilks 11-2, 11-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(21 pairs)

Third round: R. J. Sharp and P. E. Whetnall beat C. Kirk and I. M. Wilson 15-9, 15-8. K. M. Andrews and B. White beat P. W. Davies and D. Hartshorn 15-6, 15-7. G. Cartwright and R. Lewis beat F. B. Wilson and T. Wood 15-6, 15-12. J. D. Eddy and R. J. Mills beat B. Campion and I. P. Clark 15-5, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Sharp and Whetnall beat Andrews and White 15-11, 15-8. Mills and Eddy beat Cartwright and Lewis 15-13, 15-10.

Final: Sharp and Whetnall beat Mills and Eddy 15-12, 15-7.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(24 pairs)

Third round: Miss M. B. Boxall and Mrs. S. Whetnall beat Mrs. J. Jones and Mrs. J. M. Startin 15-2, 15-2. Miss K. Nesbit and Miss J. van Beusekom beat Mrs. A. MacFarlane and Mrs. D. Smith 15-11, 15-1. Miss T. Barinaga and Miss M. Beck beat Miss M. Bridge and Miss L. M. Veasey 15-6, 15-7. Mr. M. A. Gilks and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman beat Miss J. Hall and Mrs. J. Upton 15-4, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall beat Miss Nesbitt and Miss van Beusekom 15-1, 15-7. Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Hashman beat Miss Barinaga and Miss Beck 15-9, 15-5.

Final: Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Hashman beat Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall 18-13, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES

(32 pairs)

Third round: K. M. Andrews and Miss T. Barinaga beat B. H. White and Mrs. A. MacFarlane 15-11, 15-9. J. D. Eddy and Mrs. S. Whetnall beat R. Lewis and Miss K. Nesbit 15-12, 15-9. R. J. Sharp and Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat R. J. Mills and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman 15-13, 15-12. P. E. Whetnall and Miss M. B. Boxall beat E. Sutton and Miss M. Bridge 15-12, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Eddy and Mrs. Whetnall beat Andrews and Miss Barinaga 15-6, 15-8. Sharp and Mrs. Gilks beat Whetnall and Miss Boxall 12-15, 15-8, 15-12.

Final: Eddy and Mrs. Whetnall beat Sharp and Mrs. Gilks 15-9, 17-14.

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15-9. Miss P. Smiles and Miss R. Hughes beat Miss J. Roebuck and Mrs. M. Mills 15-9, 15-8.

Final: Mrs. Smith and Miss Marks beat Miss Smiles and Miss Hughes 15-7, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

(31 pairs)

Third round: N. J. White and Mrs. P. Hunt beat M. Statt and Mrs. S. Kirk 15-5, 15-8. D. Clarke and Miss J. Carter beat M. Wooderson and Miss H. Marks 15-11, 15-5. D. R. Hunt and Miss C. Holland beat J. McEwan and Mrs. R. Spencer 15-8, 15-0. R. G. Reed and Mrs. A. Smith beat R. Northcott and Miss J. Huson 17-16, 15-7.

Semi-finals: White and Mrs. Hunt beat Clarke and Miss Carter 18-15, 9-15, 15-5. Hunt and Miss Holland beat Reed and Mrs. Smith 9-15, 15-12, 15-6.

Final: Hunt and Miss Holland beat White and Mrs. Hunt 17-16, 15-12.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: M. Savage and R. Bannister (owe 3) beat R. Knowles and R. Rule (plus 2) 8-15, 15-8, 15-3.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss A. Watson and Mrs. C. Catterall (owe 8) beat Mrs. M. Banyard and Miss D. Legg (owe 9) 15-12, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles: C. D. Smith and Miss L. Ward (owe 4) beat R. Deasley and Mrs. J. McCairns (owe 8) 15-3, 15-6.

Lancashire Open Championships

Four Titles for Scotland

By R.W.E.

It was "all-change" as far as the winners were concerned at Lytham on 4th and 5th December. Only in the Ladies' Doubles and Mixed were the holders defending and in these, Yorkshire's Mrs. Judy Charlton and Miss Charlotte Lindsay lost in the semi-final. In the Mixed Lancashire's Peter Wood and Mrs. Doris Smith—not even seeded this time—were first round losers to the young Yorkshire pair Ceely and Margot Winter.

Finals night was definitely Scotland's night. Immediately prior, their team had been whitewashed by England at Carlisle but at Lytham they partially compensated by being represented in all five finals and winning four of them.

It was their first visit to these Championships for most of them but despite their success in taking so much silver back north of the border, Lancashire hopes it will not be their last.

Only the Men's Singles eluded them. It was won as expected by Derek Talbot whose final opponent was Bob McCoig. McCoig had survived a gruelling semi-final against David Eddy and started brightly in the final by taking the first game 15-8, but hard though he tried (and does anyone try harder than this Anglo-Scot?) lost the next two 5-15, 6-15.

The Men's Doubles produced an all-Scottish final. Hume and McNeillage, despite being down 9-14 in the second, emerged as winners against McCoig and Gow—but how different it might have been!

On Friday evening, both couples had Lancashire pairs as first round opponents. McCoig and Gow, facing Usher and Jones, lost the middle game and were behind 7-12 in the third, before they closed the gap, helped by some nervous errors from the opposition, and came through 15-6, 15-18, 15-12.

The other match saw Wood and Hargreaves take the first game 15-10 against Hume and McNeillage and recover from 3-7 down to lead 13-9 before being caught and eventually losing 15-10, 14-18, 7-15.

Family illness and a bereavement may have affected the final line-up. Elliott had to withdraw so Roger Mills came in as a partner to Talbot only to lose narrowly in the semi-final to McCoig and Gow. Still more unfortunate, Bob Powell had to scratch after reaching the semi-final with David Eddy.

Mrs. Hume deservedly took the Ladies' Singles without much difficulty. In the Doubles, partnered by Miss Evans, after overcoming the holders, Mrs. Charlton and

Miss Lindsay, 13-15, 15-11, 15-8 in the semi-final, they lost 11-15, 9-15 to Miss Kelly and Mrs. Gibson in the second all-Scottish final.

The Mixed final saw two unseeded couples in opposition. Roger Mills—again replacing Stuart—partnered Lancashire's Mrs. Pearson to come comfortably through the top half. At the other end, Ansari and Miss Kelly had a series of close tussles. They did not seem to have much chance when they easily lost the first game of the final but with Miss Kelly in particularly good form they emerged successful.

MEN'S SINGLES

(27 players)

Third round: D. Talbot beat F. Gow 15-11, 15-11. P. J. Wood beat N. H. McCloy 17-16, 18-17. J. D. Eddy beat R. J. Westmorland 15-3, 15-2. R. S. McCoig beat J. G. Pearson 15-11, 15-10.

Semi-finals: Talbot beat Wood 15-9, 15-2. McCoig beat Eddy 15-11, 8-15, 18-13.

Final: Talbot beat McCoig 8-15, 15-5, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES

(17 players)

Second round: Miss H. Kelly beat Miss M. J. Winter 11-6, 11-6. Mrs. B. Cooper beat Miss B. Walsh 11-3, 11-3. Mrs. J. B. Pearson beat Mrs. S. L. Hamilton 11-3, 11-4. Mrs. M. Hume beat Miss A. M. Heslin 11-1, 11-2.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Cooper beat Miss Kelly 11-4, 11-8. Mrs. Hume beat Mrs. Pearson 11-8, 11-1.

Final: Mrs. Hume beat Mrs. Cooper 11-7, 11-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(25 pairs)

Third round: R. J. Mills and D. Talbot beat P. E. Bullivant and P. Bullivant 15-5, 15-9. R. S. McCoig and F. Gow beat A. C. King and R. J. Wilson 15-8, 15-7. I. Hume and J. K. McNeillage beat I. Middleton and H. Hewitt 15-10, 18-17. R. A. Powell and J. D. Eddy beat G. D. Bretherton and J. Cocker 16-17, 15-7, 15-7.



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Semi-finals: McCoig and Gow beat Mills and Talbot 17-16, 18-13. Hume and McNeillage w/o, Eddy and Powell scr.

Final: Hume and McNeillage beat McCoig and Gow 15-11, 17-14

LADIES' DOUBLES
(21 pairs)

Third round: Miss H. Kelly and Mrs. M. Gibson beat Mrs. I. McQuillan and Mrs. E. Ross 15-2, 15-4. Mrs. B. Cooper and Mrs. D. G. Smith beat Mrs. D. M. Hargreaves and Mrs. J. B. Pearson 17-16, 15-8. Mrs. M. Hume and Miss C. Evans beat Miss C. Walsh and Miss B. Walsh 15-12, 15-6. Miss C. E. Lindsay and Mrs. J. M. Charlton beat Mrs. M. Devine and Miss A. M. Heslin 15-8, 15-5.

Semi-finals: Miss Kelly and Mrs. Gibson beat Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Smith 15-12, 15-7. Mrs. Hume and Miss Evans beat Miss Lindsay and Mrs. Charlton 15-8, 13-15, 15-11.

Final: Miss Kelly and Mrs. Gibson beat Mrs. Hume and Miss Evans 15-11, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES
(29 pairs)

Third round: R. J. Mills and Mrs. J. B. Pearson beat F. Gow and Miss C. Evans 15-6, 15-11. G. Ceely and Miss M. J. Winter beat J. K. McNeillage and Mrs. M. Hume 15-10, 10-15, 15-13. J. D. Eddy and Mrs. E. Ross beat B. E. Jones and Mrs. B. Cooper 15-7, 17-14. J. Ansari and Miss H. Kelly beat R. S. McCoig and Mrs. M. Gibson 15-10, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Mills and Mrs. Pearson beat Ceely and Miss Winter 15-6, 15-11. Ansari and Miss Kelly beat Eddy and Mrs. Ross 15-11, 17-18, 15-7.

Final: Ansari and Miss Kelly beat Mills and Mrs. Pearson 7-15, 15-12, 15-9.

ULSTER OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

English Players Sweep the Board

The group of young up-and-coming Ray Stevens, Mike Tredgett, Barbara Giles, and Jenny Horton, were invited to Belfast to take part in the Ulster Open Championships, sponsored by Coca Cola.

We flew over on Friday lunchtime, having as a co-passenger none other than Bernadette Devlin; this perhaps was a fore-taste of the experience before us. We were met at Belfast Airport by Mr. McDonald, Hon. Referee of the tournament, who whisked us away to his home where his wife had the most wonderful repast awaiting us. We were then taken up to the McCallum Hall (now centrally-heated, players everywhere will be pleased to know).

Finalists All!

The Singles events were played through to the final round as were also the Men's and Ladies' Doubles, so we all had quite an active evening. Ray Stevens had an exciting game in the quarter-finals against Peter Moore and there were some gruelling rallies but Ray eventually won in the third set quite comfortably. Barbara Giles played Dorothy Haslem of Belfast University in the semi-finals. Dorothy played steadily and made very few errors, leaving Barbara to find the openings and make the winners. Barbara made the openings very competently but it was the winning shots which somehow kept going out or in the net. Apart from this we all remained unscathed to face the finals on the following day.

A Grim Reminder

The girls were very kindly being looked after by Mr. and Mrs. Adamson and the boys by Mr. and Mrs. Beckett. We all set off with our hosts through the maze of Belfast streets and were suddenly flagged down by the Army waving rifles and demanding that we open the boot of our car so that they could search for arms. We

were subdued by experiencing for ourselves the atmosphere under which life goes on in Belfast and during the whole weekend we saw much of the destruction and demolition that has taken place and learned a great deal from the friends we spoke to about the problems and difficulties.

Saturday morning saw us again at the Hall, battling in the Mixed Doubles and the English quartet again emerged unscathed to face each other in the afternoon. The finals brought overall victory for England which was satisfactory from our point of view and filled us with high spirits for the evening when we were lavishly entertained by our hosts at a Dinner/Dance. It can truthfully be placed on record as being a very enjoyable evening.

Grateful Thanks

We returned on Sunday morning to London with the feeling that our badminton experience had widened, our knowledge of Belfast had broadened and our circle of friends had increased. Our thanks go to everyone who made our visit so enjoyable.

RESULTS

Ladies' Singles: Mrs. J. Horton beat Miss D. Haslem 11-7, 11-4.

Men's Singles: R. Stevens beat M. Tredgett 15-6, 15-10.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. J. Horton and Miss B. Giles beat Mrs. E. Smyth and Mrs. A. Gilliland 15-4, 15-6.

Men's Doubles: R. Stevens and M. Tredgett beat K. Carlisle and J. McCloy 15-4, 15-2.

Mixed Doubles: R. Stevens and Mrs. J. Horton beat M. Tredgett and Mrs. B. Giles 15-11, 15-4.

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Buckinghamshire Championships

Introduction of an additional evening's play in the Men's Singles to cater for the increase in entries; rejection of 16 pairs in the Mixed Doubles due to over subscription; all 'Seeds' in the Men's Doubles sunk without trace; objection to a substitution in the Mixed Doubles; 79 pairs in the Mixed Doubles Handicap and the Men's Doubles Handicap won 15-14 in the third . . . A successful tournament? The Organisers thought it was a riot!

As expected, Brian White and David Hunt eased their way gently into the Men's Singles Final, but failed to make this a particularly memorable encounter. The Men's Doubles engraved a new name on Bucks silverware when Eddie Sutton (Staffs) partnering Keith Andrews beat Hutchinson and Kidd in a game which fell well short of the standard set in the Semi-Final when the latter pair accounted for Tredgett and Stevens.

Without ever being really extended, Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Mrs. J. Rickard took the Ladies' Doubles Trophies for the third year in succession—defeating Alison Morgan and Lynn Veasey in the Final. With Mike Tredgett in fine form and Mrs. Rickard giving a tremendous exhibition of what net players should really do in mixed doubles, this combination proved too strong for Andrews and Mrs. M. A. Gilks in the final event of the day.

First prize in the raffle was claimed by Mr. G. Halliday, but we still await hearing

from Mr. R. Ferguson who drew second prize.

Many thanks to a small, and by mid-night Sunday, completely shattered Committee: and thanks too to all competitors. Come again, we enjoy having you with us.

Handicap Events Results:

Men's Doubles—

T. Stewart, N. Clement (-2) beat G. Eatwell, T. Snook 15-9, 12-15, 15-14.

Ladies' Doubles—

Mrs. L. Howard, Mrs. R. Cavilla (Scr.) beat Mrs. L. Jessop, Miss S. Swift, 15-6, 7-15, 15-13.

Mixed Doubles—

K. Henderson, Miss Woods (Scr.) beat F. Weedon, Mrs. Reynolds (+4) 15-5, 15-12. (Full results of the Open Events not yet received.)

K.G.T.

Yorkshire's Comfortable Win

In an enjoyable under-sixteen fixture at Bradford, Yorkshire Schools swamped Cheshire 16-4. P. Kidger, who did not drop a set, was outstanding for them. Other players who caught the eye were M. RENNISON, M. James and Paula Kelvington (Yorks.) and Miss R. Warhurst (Cheshire).

N. COUNTIES RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT

MEN'S SINGLES

(36 players)

Semi-finals: R. Hawkins beat D. E. Barnett 15-7, 15-7. A. R. Fowler beat W. J. Thomas 15-4, 7-15, 15-12.

Final: Hawkins beat Fowler 8-15, 15-3, 15-8.

LADIES' SINGLES

(12 players)

Semi-finals: Miss D. M. Wilmot beat Miss J. Easdon 11-5, 11-8. Miss D. S. Martin beat Miss L. Milner 11-6, 6-11, 11-9.

Final: Miss Wilmot beat Miss Martin 12-10, 6-11, 11-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(20 pairs)

Semi-finals: D. J. Smith and W. J. Thomas beat D. Kemp and C. Kemp 15-11, 15-14. K. Bolton and D. A. Hawes beat D. E. Barnett and R. Snowdon 15-5, 15-11.

Final: Bolton and Hawes beat Smith and Thomas 15-11, 15-14.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(11 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss C. A. Cheesewright and Miss A. Hall beat Miss D. M. Wilmot and Miss C. T. Hull 18-16, 15-6. Miss E. Thompson and Miss E. Fowler beat Mrs. E. S. Taylor and Mrs. M. Hall 15-12, 18-14.

Final: Miss Cheesewright and Miss Hall beat Miss Thompson and Miss Fowler 15-8, 18-14.

MIXED DOUBLES

(26 pairs)

Semi-finals: D. Smith and Miss A. Hall beat F. Patterson and Miss B. Pearson 15-11, 14-17, 15-11. A. R. Fowler and Miss E. M. Fowler beat G. Anderson and Miss D. S. Martin 15-4, 8-15, 15-4.

Final: Fowler and Miss Fowler beat Smith and Miss Hall 8-15, 15-12, 15-0.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: P. Bernard and N. Hindmarsh (plus 6) beat D. E. Barrett and R. A. Snowdon (plus 3) 15-10, 15-4.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss C. A. Cheesewright and Miss A. Hall (plus 4) beat Miss S. Smurthwaite and Mrs. D. Weddell (plus 5) 15-3, 11-15, 15-3.

Mixed Doubles: J. O. Clark and Miss E. Thompson (plus 6) beat A. R. Fowler and Miss E. M. Fowler (plus 1) 15-4, 15-11.

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E.S.B.A. REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

North Win Well

By Len Wright (Hon. Sec. E.S.B.A.)

The weather being kind to us, all teams being able to get to Birmingham in good time for 2.00 p.m. start, this fifth Annual Inter-Regional Tournament started promptly and without any fuss. Only the Midlands had to make team changes, substituting Johnson for Tredgett who had been taken ill. We hope there is better news about him now. A few matches had to be played out of programme order. Perhaps next season the regions will be able to play their trial matches early enough to let me have their teams at least two weeks before the event; there would then be time to arrange the programme without alterations and without some players having to play two or three matches in succession. The Tournament finished an hour later than expected.

North Outstanding

The final score was North 15 matches, Midlands 9 matches, South 6 matches. From last year's results and the Inter-County Championship, the Midlands did start off as favourites. They had five players remaining from the previous year's team, the North had three, while the South played a completely new side without any old colours. However, it was soon very obvious that the North had strength in every department with their girls outstanding. They won all their 1st and 2nd Girls' Singles, all the 2nd Girls' Doubles while the 2nd Boys Singles and the top Mixed pairs were undefeated. K. Redhead (Lancashire) was the outstanding girl in the Tournament winning all her Singles and Doubles games (She played with H. Burnett, Yorkshire). The matches were won so easily that it is very probable that they could have taken on any of the top Girls' Doubles pairs and got the same results. P. Wood (Lancashire) and D. Hurst (Cumberland) did not lose any matches playing Second Singles and the Mixed partnership of M. Townson and K. Fife (Westmorland) proved itself the best of the Tournament.

Best of the Rest

P. R. Wallace (Warwickshire) was the top Boys' Singles player, winning both his matches, one was a hard fight against P. Kidger (Yorkshire). K. Whiting (Gloucestershire) played very hard for the Midlands and her match with K. Redhead was one of the best in the Tournament. She proved a very dour fighter with plenty of spirit but lacked the technique and court craft of the Lancashire girl. For the South, N. Gardner and S. Coats (Surrey) had a fine win over S. Stuart and D. Hurst (Cumberland) who were expected to be the strongest Girls' pair. The top Boys' Doubles, second Boys' Doubles, top Girls' Doubles and second Mixed events were evenly shared amongst the regions. Of the 30 matches played, 21 went to three games.

Mrs. Gilks Presents Prizes

Mrs. Gilks (Miss Gillian Perrin) presented the trophy to the captain of the North team, P. Kidger. The trophy had been borrowed from a pair given to the E.S.B.A. for the Individual Mixed Doubles Event to be held next April, and donated by pupils of Mr. E. A. Winter (Chairman, Staffordshire Schools). Unfortunately, their Club has had to disband and the trophies were bought with cash left in Club funds. The E.S.B.A. are most grateful for their kindness. We were sorry our President, Mr. Johnson, and his wife were not able to be with us; we also missed Mrs. Horner and her husband. We welcomed Brian Bissek who attended for the first time.

Thanks to Helpers

E.S.B.A. is most grateful to Mr. MacFarlane for organising the Tournament, Mr. Onions for the use of the Sports Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Capon for their wonderful work on the catering side, the Court Managers, Scorers, Team Managers, and everyone who helped get the players to Birmingham.

A special 'Thank You' to Carlton for their generosity in supplying the shuttles and their help with the programme.

TEAMS

North—P. Kidger (Yorks.), P. Wood (Yorks.), K. Redhead (Lancs.), D. Hurst (Cumb.), M. James (Yorks.), M. Rennison (Yorks.), S. Stuart (Cumb.), H. Burnett (Yorks.), M. Townson (West.), K. Fife (West.).

Midlands—R. Wallace (Warks.), I. Loten (Notts.), K. Whiting (Glos.), C. Salmon (Notts.), A. Fish (Notts.), C. Kiernan (Notts.), J. White (Notts.), V. Hunt (Warks.), E. Gilbert (Notts.), —, Johnson (Staffs.).

South—G. Roberts (Surrey), M. Phillips (Middx.), N. Gardner (Surrey), J. Reeve (Essex), R. Rofe (Kent), T. Cottingham (Essex), J. Hobbs (Essex), S. Coats (Surrey), V. Mead (Essex).

DURHAM COUNTY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Although numerically entries did not reach last year's record; the standard, particularly among the boys was very high indeed. For the first time in the history of the tournament, we had competitors from each of the eight District Associations which make up the County.

RESULTS

BOYS' SINGLES

Semi-finals: D. Armstrong beat B. Wright, 15-8, 15-12. P. Lambert beat J. Lambert, 15-12, 15-12.
Final: Armstrong beat Lambert, 15-9, 12-15, 17-15.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Final: Miss J. Auton beat Miss J. McCluskie, 11-6, 11-8.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Final: Armstrong and P. Lambert beat J. Lambert and Wright, 15-9, 15-5.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Final: Miss McCluskie and Miss L. Moore beat Miss G. Dinsmore and Miss M. Wilson, 15-4, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

Final: Armstrong and Miss J. Wilson beat P. Lambert and Miss Moore, 17-15, 15-3.

MIXED DOUBLES PLATE

Final: M. Tonge and Miss P. Stedman beat S. Turner and Miss D. Stothard, 15-5, 2-15, 15-5.

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HAMPSHIRE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Keen Competition

The Hampshire Junior Championships were played in November at Wimbledon Park Sports Centre, Southsea. Events stretched over two days, ten titles being divided and very keenly contested.

Under 16 Events

In the under 16 section, there was a very high entry of good quality. Some of the matches produced some very good badminton indeed from the youngsters.

RESULTS

Boys' Singles: A. Britland (Portsmouth) beat J. Evans (Gosport) 15-8, 15-6.

Girls' Singles: Miss A. Forrest (Southampton) beat Miss G. Pennekett (Portsmouth) 11-6, 11-3.

Boys' Doubles: A. Britland and D. Darr (Portsmouth) beat J. Evans and G. E. Evans (Gosport) 15-12, 15-3.

Girls' Doubles: Miss A. Forrest (Southampton) and Miss G. Pennekett (Portsmouth) beat Miss J. Ross and Miss Whitehorn (Southampton) 15-4, 15-4.

Mixed Doubles: G. Evans (Gosport) and Miss G. Pennekett (Portsmouth) beat G. Anderson and Miss D. Walker (Southampton) 15-12, 15-6.

Under 18 Events

The Boys Under 18 events were dominated by a Southampton boy, M. Wort, who won both the singles and doubles events at the expense of another Southampton boy R. Wiseman. Both games went to three sets and produced some of the best badminton witnessed at the Championships.

The girls under 18 events were equally dominated by Bournemouth in the person of Miss L. Ward who was victorious in both singles and doubles.

The mixed doubles title went to the unlucky loser in the boys events, R. Wiseman, a case of "third time lucky!"

RESULTS

Boys' Singles: M. Wort (Southampton) beat R. Wiseman (Southampton) 16-17, 15-18, 15-5.

Girls' Singles: Miss L. Ward (Bournemouth) beat Miss A. Forrest (Southampton) 11-6, 11-3.

Boys' Doubles: J. Waight and M. Wort (Southampton) beat R. Wiseman (Southampton) and R. Cullen (Gosport) 11-15, 15-11, 15-12.

Girls' Doubles: Miss L. Ward and Miss R. Calloway (Bournemouth) beat Miss J. Ellis and Miss J. Garrod (Southampton) 15-9, 15-3.

Mixed Doubles: R. Wiseman (Southampton) and Miss J. Oldman (Portsmouth) beat K. Fleming (Andover) and Miss L. Hayter (Bournemouth) 15-11, 15-11.

K.C.

Kent Junior Championships

A rather smaller entry than usual was dealt with very comfortably in the four days allotted to it in the rather inhospitable confines of Canterbury's old Garrison Theatre.

Results were very much as expected. In the Juniors, Ray Rofe won all three events for the loss of a handful of points. It is not surprising that he has been picked to play for the South of England School team. Deborah Kirby (Newstead Wood) was similarly unassailable in the Girls' events.

In the Senior events there were also two triple champions. Michael Wilks' cross-court smash was too much for his year-younger opponent, Steve Thomas, in the Singles; in the Mixed, his concentration, steadiness under pressure, and telling return of service gave him the edge over the mercurial Simon Thorpe and Miss J. Gamble. Rosemary Toogood, Wilks' partner in the Mixed, was also outstanding. Both, together with Thorpe and Thomas, are members of the Canterbury Pilgrims B.C.

The Tournament was well organised by Mrs. H. Rudkin and smoothly refereed by Tom Lewis.

P.R.D.

SENIORS

Boys' Singles: M. Wilks beat S. Thomas 15-5, 18-15.

Girls' Singles: Miss R. Toogood beat Miss J. Smith 11-5, 11-4.

Boys' Doubles: S. Thorpe and M. Wilks beat D. Easterby and S. Thomas 18-13, 13-15, 15-5.

Girls' Doubles: Miss R. Toogood and Miss S. Uttridge beat Miss J. Smith and Miss J. Gamble 12-15, 15-9, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles: M. Wilks and Miss R. Toogood beat S. Thorpe and Miss J. Gamble 15-12, 14-17, 15-9.

JUNIORS

Girls' Singles: Miss D. Kirby beat Miss L. Stephenson 11-1, 11-1.

Boys' Singles: R. Rofe beat R. Brennan 15-2, 15-3.

Girls' Doubles: Miss D. Kirby and Miss L. Stephenson beat Miss J. Prior and Miss M. Douglas 15-0, 15-5.

Boys' Doubles: R. Rofe and S. Brand beat N. Jones and R. Newstead 15-5, 15-4.

Mixed Doubles: R. Rofe and Miss D. Kirby beat K. Jones and Miss L. Stephenson 15-4, 15-5.

A Fine Performance

Fifteen-year-old Shona Stuart and fourteen-year-old Diane Hurst were selected to play for Cumberland's newly-formed 2nd team. Not only did they beat their Northumberland counterparts but Shona also won her Mixed, thus gaining two of her team's four wins. Can any other senior County team boast such youthful talent?

Essex Schools Beat Danes

A most enjoyable under-eighteen match was played against Holte B.C. (near Copenhagen) at Newham Badminton Centre under the organisation of Mr. I. Horton. The Essex team, for whom John Stretch and Nora Gardner were outstanding, won 8-5 despite brilliant play by Hille Birch. (Other Essex players were: J. Woodgate, P. Massey, T. Hampton, J. Willingham, P. Able and the Misses S. Oakley, J. Reeve, V. Mead and R. Allen.)

News from the Counties**WARWICKSHIRE**

When the details of the reorganization of the inter-counties competition became public, all Warwickshire fell on its knees (having played on 'em all last season) and praised the name of the B.A. of E.

After the most disastrous season in history for the first team, which culminated in the loss of the challenge tie, the county seemed set for a period of gloom and despondency, but praise be—there around the next bend was salvation—"The Reorganization".

Problems of Selection

Accepting that opportunity only knocks once, the 'Gestapo' (that dreaded band of unfeeling, blind desperadoes—known colloquially as 'selectors') set to work to plan for the new season. That they eventually arrived at any conclusions, let alone such logical ones, passes all understanding. Third team players striving for a place in the First—First team players striving for a place in the Third: apologies to Gilbert and Sullivan, "a selector's lot is not a happy one".

The so welcome return of Graham (Curly) Deakin, Bob Niblett, Mike Butterfield and Eric Donachie strengthens the male side of the two senior teams. Unfortunately on the ladies' side, the retirement, after many years of sterling service, of Mrs. M. Rooke and Mrs. A. Axford leaves a gap which is further widened by the enforced rest for a time of Mrs. J. Daw who finds the lure of Family Allowances too attractive to forego.

Competitions

Internally, most competitions have got away to a good start. The local leagues in both Birmingham and Coventry are almost bursting at the seams. The Udal Cup, a unique inter-club handicap competition, gains strength and popularity yearly. Deservedly so, too, for the concept of this event is original, and its adjustable handicapping system both fair and sensible.

The one cloud on the horizon remains hanging over the future of the premier competition—"The County League". It will be a great loss if this has to fold up through lack of support. Is the principle that it is better to be the bottom team of a higher standard, than the top team in a lesser one, too old-fashioned for the seventies?

Schools' Badminton

The Junior and Schools' organizations continue to thrive, partly thanks to complete co-operation and liaison between them and the senior county. (A happy situation which one would like to see in all counties!) However, there is still a shortage of girl players of potential. Perhaps here all married county and ex-county players could note and continue, or even increase their support.

N.R.J.M.

WESTMORLAND

Interest in Badminton in Westmorland has grown in recent years and it has become necessary to re-organise and spread the administration more.

Our area of activity extends from Grasmere in the North-West, to Arnside in the South, and Sedbergh in the East to Grange-over-Sands in the South-West, this involves

much travelling, often in bad weather. Despite these difficulties, the enthusiasm shown by the Clubs for the game and in the opportunity for both social and recreational activity has now resulted in 44 teams in a League composed of 6 Divisions. In addition the Albert Pearson Memorial Cup Competition runs concurrently with the league programme. So we have a full programme to look forward to indeed!

Westmorland being overwhelmingly a rural county, the demand on both village hall and school hall space from the many forms of social and cultural activities is very great; also badminton is only being played on a limited scale in one or two schools. Despite these apparent handicaps, much dedicated work is being done by club members in the training of juniors on club nights and we now have upwards of 120 youngsters regularly taking part in club and league activities, four or five having graduated to county status.

H. WILSON.

LANCASHIRE

Lancashire will not forget in a hurry the two visits within a week made by Scotland's leading "feather bashers". On Sunday, 29th November, the strong West of Scotland side comfortably won the Division I County match at Southport. Returning the next weekend with the remainder of their international team, they dominated the finals of the Lancashire Open Championships.

12th December saw the Division II side compensated for the long journey to Hull by an exciting 9-8 win over Yorkshire II after the score had reached 8-all and game-all in the last mixed doubles on court. The next day the young Division III side proved too good for Westmorland at Blackburn.

Among the County's domestic competitions, 26 teams, representing 13 affiliated leagues, are competing in five divisions for the Littlewood Cup with all leading county players involved. For "moderate" (i.e. non-county) players over 40 clubs have entered for the Kearns Knock-out Trophy.

In addition, "Moderate Players" handicap doubles tournaments run at Warrington and St. Helens each attracted over 100 couples. There was also a good entry for the Manchester and District Junior Tournament.

"Bad light stopped play" is a familiar phrase to cricketers but at St. Helens it was the case that "no light prevented play" owing to a power-cut and one half of the mixed events could not be played!

Warrington Results

Men's Doubles: R. Rozée and P. Dawson (—6) beat H. Andrews and S. Johnson (—4) 13-15, 15-9, 15-12.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. P. Sheen and Mrs. G. Ratcliffe (+5) beat Miss C. Bell and Miss B. Jukes (—2) 15-3, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles: G. Cowan and Miss J. Whittle (—4) beat R. Jackson and Miss C. Bell (—8) 15-9, 15-5.

Manchester Junior Results

Boys' Singles: H. Redhead beat D. Denner 15-7, 15-11.

Girls' Singles: G. Scholey beat S. Green 11-5, 11-4.

Boys' Doubles: H. Redhead and I. R. Wood beat S. Denner and K. Massey 15-5, 15-5.

Girls' Doubles: G. Scholey and A. Taylor beat B. Hustin and C. Mattison 15-9, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles: C. Orme and S. Green beat H. Redhead and E. M. Wilson 15-7, 11-15, 15-6.

R.W.E.

**CHARLES CUMPSTEY
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This fund has now been closed. Thanks to the generous friends and admirers of Charles listed below a total of £136 18s. 0d. has been received.

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ON THE AIR

Badminton housewives—and others—may well have been surprised when they tuned in to Pete Murray's early morning record programme "Open House" on Radio 1 to hear the voices of Margaret Boxall and Ray Sharp. For half an hour they helped Pete Murray between records with the announcements and talked to him about Badminton in general and their own professional venture in particular.

By skilful and obviously interested questioning, Mr. Murray pieced together the answers to some of the questions which the public must have been asking both about the game and the first step of some of its leading players into professionalism. As the producer himself is a Badminton enthusiast the factual content of the programme was put over without the over-simplification which is sometimes the lot of a sport not frequently publicized by the mass media.

Margaret and Ray discussed at length their reasons for turning professional, their hopes of attracting greater publicity for Badminton both here and abroad by means of exhibitions and coaching clinics so putting something more back into the game from which they have had so much. They also touched on such topics as the usefulness of Badminton books for players and coaches, on other facilities for learning the game both at local and national centres, and on how far ability in one racket game helped another.

The two players gave an excellent impression. It is to be hoped that this is a Badminton breakthrough on the air and that others of our leading players will be invited to follow them to talk on wider issues.

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Know Your Umpire - No. 2**MONA RUSSELL**

by F. E. Hinchcliff

Mona Russell served in the W.A.A.F. during the war as a meteorologist and says she used to "bottle fog"! She must have been very successful because there is certainly none about when she is in the chair. Many will remember her clear, calm umpiring during Judy Hashman's memorable victory over Takagi and those very tense last moments of the match.

By profession, Mona is a schoolteacher in south-east London. Her own training began after the War at Goldsmith's College. It was here that she first started playing serious Badminton, captaining the team to win the London University Ladies' Cup.

She has been a member of the Cazenove and Catford Wanderers' clubs for many years and is currently captain of the latter's team. She is best known in many parts of the country as a regular tournament and Kent County player for many years past. Many will recall her very successful partnership with Roy Rogers.

Mona qualified as an umpire through one of the B.U.A. of E.'s training course at Lilleshall a few years ago. She quickly established herself as a very efficient umpire who is well respected by players generally. Mona created a very good impression at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh where Scottish officials were delighted to find that a mere woman could be an efficient umpire as well as being easily heard throughout the hall!

Because she is a woman, officials tend to give her only Ladies' or Mixed rather than Men's matches to umpire. It would not therefore be surprising to hear of Mona campaigning vigorously for "equal rights for women" on this issue. It is certain that men would support her efforts.

Off duty, Mona can usually be found in the convivial surroundings of the bar dis-

cussing events of the day with both players and officials and demonstrating her deep knowledge of the game and its laws.

Her pet hate? Service judging!



Just before umpiring at the Crystal Palace.

15 Up.... A Badminton Quiz**Do YOU know the Laws?***(Answers on p.97)*

1. Is the umpire's decision final on all points?
2. Can an umpire over-rule a linesman?
3. When a service judge is provided, what is the umpire's duty while service is being made?
4. How many options has the winner of the toss?
5. What should the umpire do if players call their own faults?
6. Should the umpire take any action if a player takes a very long time over his service?
7. What is the position if a player puts his foot under the net during a rally?
8. What 5 points must a service judge notice to ensure that a serve is legal?
9. Is it a fault if a player completely misses the shuttle when he is serving?
10. If a player hits the shuttle over the net and it remains suspended on the net is he penalized if he then hits the net with his follow through?
11. Are all strokes, however made, now legal?
12. What 3 limits are laid down as to the dimensions of a shuttle?
13. What limits are laid down as to the dimensions of a racket?
14. What does B.U.A.E. stand for?
15. Who is the Hon. Secretary of this body?

IT WAS NEWS THEN . . .**JANUARY****1949**

The eagerly awaited competition for the Thomas Cup has started. Owing to the French Federation being forced to refuse the offer to hold this tie in Paris, it will be held in England. Team: H. R. Marsland (Yorkshire), R. C. F. Nichols (Middlesex), N. B. Radford (Surrey), W. Shute and H. J. Wingfield (Kent), K. Wilson (Lancashire).

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1954

One of the three newly capped players in the Danish team which recently beat England 7-0 was 17 year old Finn Kobbero. His is a name that is likely to thunder round the world.

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1958

At the recently held English Invitation Tournament P. J. Waddell (Kent), still only 18 years of age and included in the tournament for the first time, turned the books completely upside down to win the Singles after beating players of the calibre of A. D. Jordan, Trevor Coates and E. J. Timperley.

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1964

Only one letter, from Mr. F. Brundle, has been received in favour of the change in Law 14 h that has made wood shots legal.

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1970**Stop Press!**

Thomas Cup Sensation. Thailand beat Indonesia 6-3 at Bangkok in the Asian Zone. After leading by 3 matches to 2 the Indonesian captain withdrew his team.

(Editor's Note: On appeal, the I.B.F. decided that Muljadi was at fault in refusing to continue his single, that the score of 3-3 must stand, and that the remaining games be played off at a neutral venue with neutral officials. Thailand refused to accept this ruling and the match was awarded to Indonesia who subsequently won the competition.)

Off the Court

by "Velma"

After many years of lack of exciting personalities, the West Country is at last bringing forth two very interesting players who have already reached a high standard as has been evidenced in the early autumn tournaments, and the recent National Championships.

Mike Tredgett, the Gloucestershire player, who has suddenly made great strides, and looks as if he may develop into a great doubles player, showed up prominently in the Nationals. This young left-hander, reminiscent of Alan Parsons, the Springbok, has powerful strokes and a great temperament.

Brian White, from Wiltshire, who has emerged this season, getting to the finals of the Northern by beating Henning Borch, the Danish International, has been gradually plugging away, with a good standard of results at different tournaments. Brian, who comes from a very Badminton-conscious family—in fact three of them were playing at one time for their county, does not believe in spending all his time playing Badminton. He is a very good Cricketer—in fact so good, that although he plays regularly for Wiltshire, a certain first-class county wanted him on their books. Luckily for Badminton Brian does not want to tie himself down.

Another sign of the great spurt taking place far out in the South-West, is the

very good results that Cornwall have been achieving in the Inter-County Championship. So far their young team, led by Molly Govett, who has also played Tennis as well as Badminton for her county, have won all their matches in Division II which for a county so far from the famed centres of the game is a great achievement.

A very nasty accident was sustained by Ronnie Rowan. Ken and Sidney Brock's daughter, in Canada recently. Out in the car with her two daughters, a freak wind blew over the car, which turned many times. Luckily for Ronnie she sustained only fractured ribs and a pierced lung—which was bad enough and very uncomfortable, but as she was seen to at once, was not serious. The two children were badly shocked and cut, but otherwise not injured.

Robert McCoig, the Scottish International, has been suffering recently from a bad tennis elbow, and this stopped him participating in several tournaments. Luckily he was able to turn out for the International against England and has played again recently, though the elbow gives him a lot of pain.

Coming down to the London scene shortly will be David Eddy, the Staffordshire and England player, Margo Winter, the Yorkshire youngster who has improved a lot since her junior days, and Margaret Beck's talented brother, Martin from Cumberland.

Three newcomers from down under who are now participating in English tournaments are G. Robotham, D. Corry and B. Diggins. George Robotham is the most widely known of the trio, having represented his country on fifteen occasions, and having been a member of Australia's Commonwealth Games team in Jamaica in 1966. They will now be joining their countrywoman Kay Nesbit. It is nice to see those four, the first from Australia since Don Murray, the Tasmanian, who was over here in the early fifties. We hope that they will be the forerunners of more to come.

Back again in her home in New Plymouth, is Judy Purser, the sister of Richard and Brian Purser, the New Zealand brothers who has been over here taking part in our tournaments and enjoying life in England.

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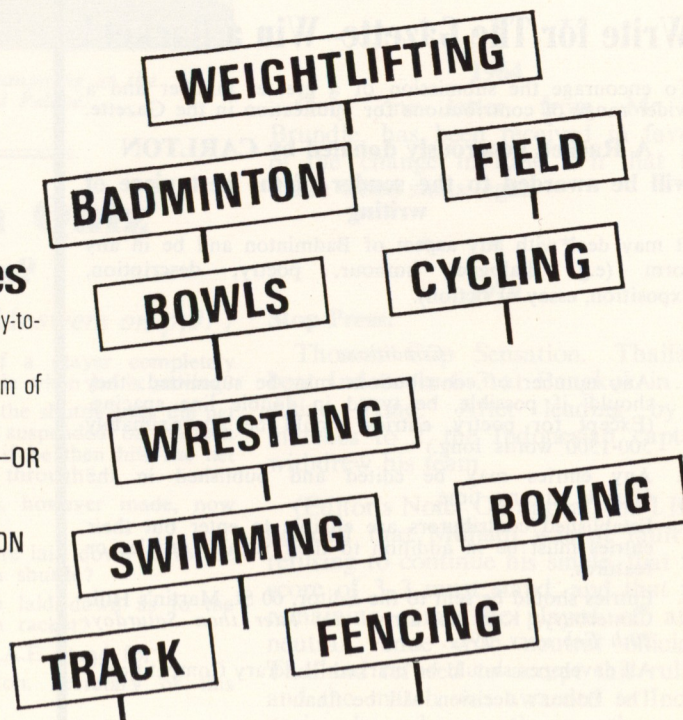
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15 UP - BADMINTON QUIZ ANSWERS

(See Page 94).

1. It is final on all points of fact but the referee, on appeal by a player, may over-rule him on a point of a law.
2. No.
3. He should watch receiver and delivery of service to see that the receiver does not move before the shuttle is hit.
4. Three: (i) To serve first; (ii) Not to serve first; (iii) To choose ends.
5. He should warn them not to do so as they are distracting their opponents and inform them he will call all faults.
7. "Fault" should be called; the player has invaded his opponents' court.
8. (i) Some part of both feet in a stationary position on the floor until the shuttle is struck once swing is started.
(ii) Feet are inside service court, not on line.
(iii) Server does not feint.
(iv) At moment of impact, shuttle is not higher than server's waist.
(v) At moment of impact, whole of racket head is discernibly below whole of server's hand holding racket, and shaft pointing downwards.
9. No; only if he touches it with his racket, even very slightly.
10. No; the shuttle is dead as soon as it is suspended on the net.
11. They are not legal if (i) the shuttle is caught or "slung" or if (ii) the shuttle is hit twice in succession by the same player in one stroke, or (iii) the shuttle be hit by a player and his partner successively.
12. (i) The base shall be 1"-1½" in diam.
(ii) From tip to base, feathers shall be 2½"-2¾".
(iii) The spread at the top shall be 2½"-2½".
13. None.
14. Badminton Umpires' Association of England.
15. F. E. Hinchcliff.

15 right—join the B.U.A.E.
12 or more right—very good
9 or more right—fairly good
Under 9—buy the rules and study them before you play again!

An Experiment in Coaching

In this topmost corner of England, the Coaching Committee were aware for many years that beginners found difficulty in getting into clubs. Facilities and clubs are rather limited in this part of the world and most affiliated clubs have a "playing-in" standard. There tends to exist, therefore, a "vicious circle" of clubs not wanting to accept beginners and beginners not able to get into clubs to become competent.

We were sure this problem existed in many other areas and we applied the following remedy with some measure of success.

In Autumn, 1969, two courts became available in one of the halls on which the Northern Counties Badminton Association has an annual lease. Instead of allowing these courts to be sub-let in the normal way, the Executive permitted the Coaching Committee to take over one evening each week. With the help of some good publicity from the local press, applications soon started to come in for our coaching course/badminton club. We accepted anyone who applied; lack of playing ability was no bar, and before we started, the course was full with a long waiting list.

At this time, we had encouraged a number of interested players to take a national coaching course. Each week in our coaching club we provided them with just the practical experience they required—instructing our enthusiastic beginners. Incidentally, we had no failures at the B.A. of E. examination.

As the season progressed the course, by design, became less of a course and more of a badminton club. By the end of the season a club had been formed, with its own secretary, treasurer and committee. This season they are an affiliated club known as Newcastle Gibside, with a Mixed Doubles team entered in the bottom division of the Northern Counties League. The Coaching Committee hope they will not remain there too long but gain promotion.

The organisation involved the committee in quite a lot of hard work, but we considered that the result was worth the effort. This season (with apologies already extended to our grass-widows) we have started on the same road once again, and hope that this new course proves to be as popular as the last. W.A.

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Far Flies the Shuttle

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Canada

The game seems to be booming in Canada as never before if one can judge from the numerous activities taking place in that far flung country.

Following the successful appearance of a full Canadian team at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, when Jamie Paulson won the singles Gold Medal, and he and Yves Pare won the Bronze Medal in the men's doubles a fully representative Danish Team toured the whole breadth of Canada in November. The visitors played two official men's ties on Thomas Cup lines. At Moncton, New Brunswick (the first time that any international Badminton fixture had been staged in any of the Maritime Provinces) Denmark won, 9-0, but in the return at Calgary a week later Canada achieved an unexpected victory by the surprising score of 7-2.

Together with Paulson's Edinburgh success, this must give the land of the Maple Leaf a tremendous shot in the arm. Further international success may be anticipated on January 30th when the United States will be encountered at Toronto for the Devlin Cup. This will be only the second occasion on which this trophy has been competed for. In the inaugural contest, five years ago, the States' team won 11-3.

Further international contacts will occur in July and August when Canada has accepted an invitation to send a team of three men and three ladies to South Africa. Five test matches will be contested in the usual long programme which will include participation in the South African Championships at Cape Town. This will be the first time that the two countries have ever met on the Badminton courts. The series should be a very close one.

We also hear rumours of a big international playing event at Calgary early in July and of a big inter-provincial tournament at Saskatoon in February where Badminton will take a prominent part in what are to be called the Canadian Winter Games. Here all the provinces are expected to be represented, even Newfoundland, the North West Territories and the Yukon!

Clearly, the game in Canada has recently made great advances. Much is probably due to the administrative changes which have recently been made. The most outstanding is probably the establishment of a Canadian B.A. National Office at Ottawa under the full-time directorship of Mr. D. M. Folinsbee, he is incidentally, the husband of the former Miss Jean Waring who played in the All-England Championships when still a junior and who subsequently gained Canadian championship and international honours.

Mr. Folinsbee's drive and initiative has also been responsible for the publication of "Badminton Review". This has now developed into a very high-standard bi-monthly magazine of which he is the editor.

Canadians are very much hoping that Badminton's inclusion as a fully-fledged Olympic sport will have come about in time for the 1976 Olympic Games which are scheduled for Montreal.

In 1955 Canada instituted a Sports Hall of Fame in which are included, of course, only really outstanding athletes. In 1970 a lady Badminton player was added for the first time in the person of Miss Marjory Shedd who has played in no fewer than five Uber Cup contests. She has also won as many as 17 Canadian open championship titles as well as gaining national honours at both Volleyball and Basketball. Many congratulations to a player who is also well known in England and Scotland, for she has played several times on this side of the Atlantic.

Much of the foregoing information has been gleaned from "Badminton Review" already mentioned.

Hungary

The most recently elected full member of the I.B.F. is the Magyar Tollaslabda Szövetség, which, translated, means Hungarian Badminton Association which was founded just over a year ago. The game is, however, already more than ten years old in the country, for the first tournament of any sort took place in Budapest in October, 1960.

Two years after that an exhibition was staged in Budapest when 15,000 juniors were amongst the spectators! That, of course, set things off properly, and in 1963 the game featured for the first time on television. This was followed in 1964 by the visit of a Hungarian team to Czech-Slovakia for some friendly matches. Badminton spread to the provinces, and by 1966 the sport was officially recognised by the government, though the game was still being controlled by a committee under the aegis of the Hungarian Lawn Tennis Association.

By 1968 technical publications had already appeared in the Magyar language, and from then onwards it was but a step to the formation of an independent governing body, and with that to affiliation to the I.B.F.

Hungarian national championships were instituted in 1960 for singles, and three years later for all three branches of the doubles game. A national inter-club championship started in 1961, and by 1970 there were already five provincial associations to cover the different geographical parts of the country.

There are now 65 clubs making up the national organisation, and playing contacts with organisations in Czecho-Slovakia, Austria, East Germany and Slovenia have become regular activities. Curiously, the season is measured by the calendar year, and organised play appears to go on throughout.

It is quite clear that in Mr. Pal Razzo the Hungarian B.A. has a most energetic Hon. Secretary. He was the first singles champion of his country and also the first men's doubles and mixed doubles champion. His name still features on the 1970 ranking list, though no longer at the top as it obviously must have done a few years ago.

New Zealand

The 1970 New Zealand Championships took place for the fifth time at Wellington since they were instituted in 1927. Though devoid of any overseas representation they nevertheless (and this is a regular occurrence) commanded the entry of practically all the leading players of the Dominion.

It was naturally expected that Richard Purser would accomplish a hat-trick, and this he did for the fourth time in his career to bring his national championship titles up to a total of 17. But this is not the record for New Zealand. Jeff Robson tallied 21, Mrs. Robson 19 (think of it, 40 between one married couple!), Mrs. Potts (née Mavis Kerr and regarded by those who should know as the finest lady player New Zealand ever had, her career being finished before the Uber Cup started) 15, Mrs. Gow 15 and Miss Sonia Cox 14. So Purser has a little way yet to go, though he will probably create the personal record in the course of time.

The ladies' singles was won in dramatic fashion by Mrs. Glenys Middelberg, so well known in Britain. It was her first New Zealand title, but she has not been able to compete very regularly. Her final victim was the holder, Miss Robin Glenie (conqueror of her sister Alison) whom she defeated after setting in the third game. The drama (as if setting in the third game was not enough) occurred as she made the winning stroke, for in doing so she ruptured a tendon in the leg which necessitated immediate attention in hospital and a plaster cast for several weeks.

Two brothers and two sisters, in the Pursers and Glenies, took the doubles events; Richard Purser steered Mrs. Gow to a third straight mixed success. Among the competitors was Mrs. Brenda Parr, the Yorkshire player, who moved to Wanganui a year ago.

A full programme of junior and veterans' events was included in the five-day programme, and the tournament was, as usual, sponsored by Rothmans' Sports Foundation.

The results of the principal events were as follows:

NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: R. H. Purser beat D. B. Higgins 15-4, 15-8. M. Stossel beat F. Girvan 15-7, 15-7.

Final: Purser beat Stossel 15-12, 15-7.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Miss R. Glenie beat Miss A. Glenie 12-9, 12-9. Mrs. A. W. Middelberg beat Miss G. Tomkins 11-3, 11-5.

Final: Mrs. Middelberg beat Miss R. Glenie 11-11, 11-3, 12-9.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: R. H. Purser and B. Purser beat F. Girvan and P. Shirley, 15-11, 15-1. D. B. Higgins and J. Compton beat G. Pentecost and R. Musker (no score quoted).

Final: Purser and Purser beat Higgins and Compton, 15-4, 15-3.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Miss A. Glenie and Miss R. Glenie beat Mrs. A. W. Middelberg and Mrs. B. Parr 15-9, 15-6. Mrs. V. Gow and Mrs. J. Bignell beat Mrs. G. Cheyne and Miss G. Tomkins 15-4, 15-12.

Final: Miss A. Glenie and Miss R. Glenie beat Mrs. Gow and Mrs. Bignell 15-6, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES

Final: R. H. Purser and Mrs. V. Gow beat B. Purser and Miss R. Glenie 7-15, 15-12, 15-11.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

With reference to the admirable appreciation of Mr. F. E. Hinchcliff as umpire and administrator in your last issue, Mr. MacFarlane is inaccurate in one significant particular. Mr. Hinchcliff certainly chaired his first All-England final in 1957, and chaired subsequent finals in 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965 and 1968, making a total of six, not ten as stated in the appreciation.

It has always been the policy of the All-England Umpires Sub-committee, on which I served for 18 years up to last year, to allocate these finals duties round among as many umpires as possible, always subject to the ability and experience of the umpires concerned being adequate for this exacting task. Thus the same umpires do not chair finals in successive years. If Mr. Hinchcliff had in fact taken a finals chair on ten occasions since 1957, a total of 14 years, it will readily be seen that this policy could not have been observed.

However, the six finals which he in fact chaired are nevertheless a very fine record.

Yours faithfully,
W. G. P. BIRTWISTLE

Sir,

I was rather surprised on reading the report of the A.G.M. of the Badminton Association of England in your excellent Gazette that there was so much support for

a resolution that all competitive play below the Inter-County Championships should be conducted with synthetic shuttles.

Speaking as a Secretary of a small club in Newcastle, formed incidentally in 1911, I can say that none of our members wish to play with "synthetics" and are quite prepared to pay an increased subscription, which after all only amounts to another 10s, a season per head, to continue to play with feathers. No doubt there are many other Clubs who wish to do the same.

It does seem quite wrong for the Badminton Association, without prior consultation with County Associations or Clubs to try and force such a ruling and I was pleased to see it defeated, though the margin was not very great.

So far we have been able to obtain sufficient feathers and this season the supply position seems easier.

H. S. BAKER,
Hon. Secretary,
Newcastle Private B.C.

Dear Sir,

Laws of Badminton

The New Law 14(a) is not, in itself, different from the old law—it is only that the "area of doubt" will, as Mr. Hinchcliff says, be transferred so that services in this area will now be faulted. I have often wondered whether this law is, in fact, necessary—do players gain any unfair advantage when the racket head is above the "border line" and would the game suffer if this law was removed from the book? It is almost certainly the most difficult law to enforce, and has caused a certain amount of unpleasantness at major tournaments.

With regard to "Old Timer's" letter about shuttle height on service, this matter has been raised from time to time in the past. Although his suggestion might well work with a service judge, I would point out that the great majority of games are played without a service judge, so it is essential to frame the laws with this in mind.

Yours faithfully,
F. WRIGHT
14 Tibberton Road,
Malvern,
Worcestershire.

Dear Sir,

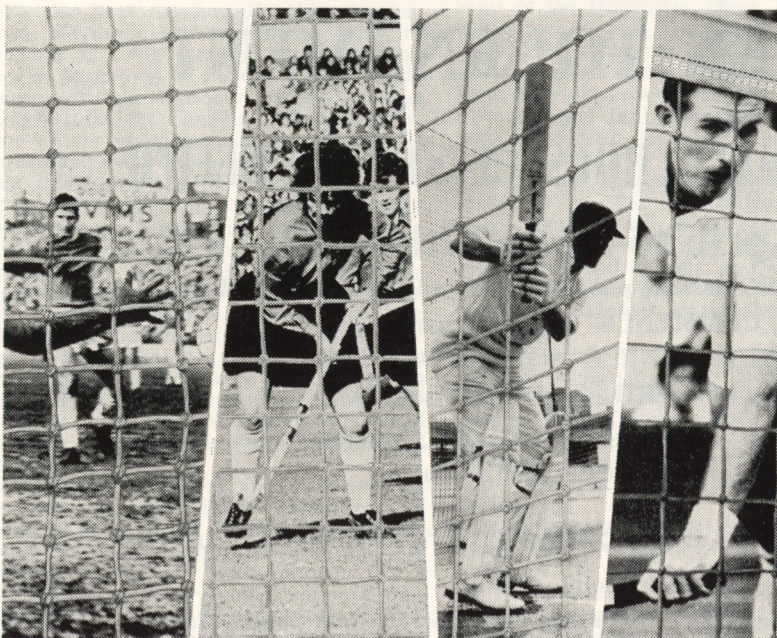
After reading the article in the November issue of the Badminton Gazette concerning membership of B.U.A.E. I took advantage of the opportunity to add to my limited knowledge of umpiring by accepting Mr. Hinchcliff's invitation to attend the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club on the afternoon of Saturday, 5th December, when, much to my great surprise, I found I was the sole student in attendance.

The discussion proved very beneficial to me and the wonderful manner in which I was put at ease by Mr. Hinchcliff was greatly appreciated. Any reader who may still wish to avail himself of the vast knowledge which Mr. Hinchcliff holds in this particular field of the game should not hesitate to get in touch with him. I feel his time and efforts will be well rewarded.

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Secretary: J. H. Bisseker,
81a High Street, Bromley, Kent.

Uber Cup: England has filed a challenge for the Uber Cup in the European Zone of the 1971-72 contest.

Overseas Championships: England will be officially represented in the Swedish International Championships on 9th-10th January and in the International Championships of Germany on 6th-7th March.

Exhibition Matches: No amateur players will be permitted to take part with professional players in exhibition matches, unless permission has previously been obtained from the Association.

Annual General Meeting: Notice of any proposals to be placed on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting, which will take place at the Charing Cross Hotel, London on 22nd May, must be received by the Secretary of the Association by 15th February.

Forthcoming Meetings: 12th January at 4.45 p.m. Finance and General Purposes Committee; 26th January at 2.15 p.m. International Match Committee; 26th January at 4.15 p.m. The Council.

Proposed Presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Scheele

Stuart Wyatt, President of the Badminton Association of England, encloses in this issue an appeal to all Badminton lovers to support a Council proposal to make a presentation to Herbert and Betty Scheele.

Such a gift, showing them the esteem and affection in which they are held, would mark Mr. Scheele's retirement after twenty-five years of faithful service. The presentation would be made on the Friday night of the All-England Championships before a host of Badminton enthusiasts, many of the world's best players, and numerous representatives of other nations.

Contributions, large or small, may be sent to Mr. J. B. H. Bisseker, 81a High Street, Bromley, Kent, BR1 1JY or to Mr. S. Wyatt, 79 High Street, Fareham, Hants.

I.B.F. News**The International Badminton Federation**

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Hon. Treasurer: Drs. H. Valken

Hon. Secretary: H. A. E. Scheele,
4 Madeira Avenue, Bromley, Kent,
England

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Uber Cup—Entries for the sixth contest for the Uber Cup, to be held over 1971-72, must be filed with the Hon. Secretary of the I.B.F. as follows:-

in the case of entry in the European Zone by March 1st, 1971;

in the case of entry in the American Zone by June 15th, 1971.

Entries for both the Asian Zone and the Australasian Zone closed on January 1st last.

The inter-zone ties, in which Japan as the trophy holder will also take part, will take place in Japan during May or June, 1972, the actual dates still to be agreed upon.

Next Annual General Meeting—The next Annual General Meeting will take place on June 29th, 1971. All motions from affiliated organisations to be considered by that meeting must be received by the Hon. Secretary of the Federation not later than February 28th, 1971.

Officers for 1971-72—The Council will nominate the following officers for election at the 1971 Annual General Meeting:-

President—Mr. F. A. Sonnevile.

Vice-Presidents (only two of whom are due to retire)—

Messrs. R. Balasubramaniam and S. Wyatt (retiring officers).

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. H. Valken (retiring officer).

Hon. Secretary—Mr. H. A. E. Scheele (retiring officer).

Annual Handbook—The 1971 Handbook will shortly be available. Copies may be ordered from the Secretary, price 12 shillings (£0.60) including postage and packing.

Subscriptions—Annual subscriptions became due on January 1st. They should be remitted to the Hon. Secretary. The rates for national organisations are £18 per vote, and for associate members £5 for an organisation and £3 for a club.

Next Meeting of the Council—The next meeting of the Council will take place on March 26th in London.

LANCASTER COACHES' COURSE

The date for this Course is 13th-14th February NOT 20th-21st February as shown on syllabus.

LATE RESULTS**INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP****Division I***North Zone*

Lancashire 9, Yorkshire 8

South Zone

Surrey 14, Middlesex 3
Kent 3, Essex 14

Division II*North Zone*

Derbyshire 10, Glamorgan 7

Division III*North Zone*

Northumberland 2nd 17, Scottish Border Counties 0
Oxfordshire 11, Warwickshire 2nd 6

South Zone

Suffolk 10, Norfolk 7

Division IV*North Zone*

North Wales 12, Leicestershire 2nd 5
Glamorgan 2nd 11, Warwickshire 3rd 6

South Zone

Somerset 3rd 9, Dorset 3rd 8
Middlesex 3rd 4, Essex 3rd 13

Division V*South Zone*

Sussex 2nd 15, Hertfordshire 2nd 2
Buckinghamshire 2nd 10, Hampshire 3rd 7

Editor's Note

It is regretted that owing to theft from Gordon Webb's car, his "Coaching Corner" article has had to be held over until the next issue.

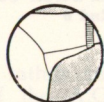
The Hon. Sec. of the I.B.F. points out that a sub-heading over the report of its A.G.M. in our last issue was inaccurate: the resolution that the "referees should approve Cup Match rankings" was not approved but referred back to the Council.



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Inter-County Championship Results

Division I

NORTH ZONE

LANCASHIRE 6; WEST OF SCOTLAND 11

At Southport on November 29th. Scores (West of Scotland names first):

N. H. McCloy beat P. J. Wood 15-4, 15-10. G. Forbes beat P. E. Bullivant 15-9, 15-5. J. Ansari beat A. Hargreaves 15-4, 15-8.

Mrs. M. Hume beat Mrs. G. W. Cooper 11-2, 11-8. Mrs. M. Gibson lost to Mrs. J. B. Pearson 7-11, 11-5, 1-11.

McCloy and J. Marshall lost to A. C. King and E. J. Usher 7-15, 12-15; lost to Bullivant and B. E. Jones 15-11, 13-15, 5-15. I. Hume and Ansari beat King and Usher 15-9, 15-7; beat Bullivant and Jones 15-10, 15-7.

Mrs. W. Reid and Mrs. Gibson beat Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. D. G. Smith 15-3, 9-15, 15-5; beat Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. D. M. Hargreaves 15-7, 15-5. Mrs. Hume and Mrs. A. Galbraith lost to Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Smith 11-15, 12-15; beat Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Hargreaves 15-8, 11-15, 15-8.

McCloy and Mrs. Hume lost to Wood and Mrs. Smith 15-10, 4-15, 9-15. Ansari and Mrs. Reid beat Hargreaves and Mrs. Hargreaves, 15-9, 15-11. Marshall and Miss Galbraith lost to Jones and Mrs. E. T. Hornby 15-5, 9-15, 8-15. Hume and Mrs. Gibson beat Usher and Mrs. Cooper 15-5, 15-9.

YORKSHIRE 14; CHESHIRE 3

At York on November 28th. Scores (Yorkshire names first):

D. Hutchinson beat S. Shaw 12-15, 15-9, 15-12. D. Ball beat R. Powell 15-12, 17-14. I. Middleton beat R. J. Westmorland 10-15, 15-8, 15-12.

Miss C. Lindsay beat Miss W. Wilson 11-0, 11-5. Miss M. Winter beat Miss S. Nelson 11-5, 11-5.

L. Ellwood and B. Keefe beat A. D. Jordan and Shaw 15-6, 11-15, 15-10; lost to Powell and Westmorland 12-15, 9-15. Hutchinson and F. Harwood lost to Jordan and Shaw 2-15, 8-15; beat Powell and Westmorland 15-8, 15-2.

Miss Lindsay and Mrs. J. Lilley beat Mrs. P. Smith and Mrs. J. Stephens 15-8, 15-11; beat Miss Wilson and Mrs. J. Hitchell 15-11, 15-8. Mrs. J. Charlton and Miss Winter beat Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hitchell 15-8, 15-6.

Ellwood and Miss Lindsay beat Jordan and Mrs. Smith 15-8, 15-11. Keefe and Mrs. Lilley lost to Westmoreland and Mrs. Stephens 10-15, 10-15. Ball and Mrs. Charlton beat Powell and Mrs. Hitchell 9-15, 18-15, 15-10. Middleton and Miss Winter beat L. Brown and Miss Wilson 15-13, 2-15, 15-8.

SOUTH ZONE

MIDDLESEX 5; KENT 12

At Stamford Hill on November 29th. Scores (Kent names first):

P. E. Whetnall beat T. Stewart 15-5, 15-4. R. J. Sharp beat J. McKinley 15-9, 15-10. J. Tank beat J. Bridges (?) 15-4, 15-7.

Miss M. Boxall lost to Miss M. Beck 2-11, 4-11. Mrs. P. E. Whetnall beat Miss A. Morgan 11-8, 11-8.

Sharp and Whetnall beat M. Nurmohamed and P. Gaudoin 15-10, 15-8; beat McKinley and D. Buddle 15-12, 15-9. A. Brightman and Tank lost to Nurmohamed and Gaudoin 7-15, 2-15; lost to McKinley and Buddle 2-15, 15-11, 3-15.

Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall beat Miss Beck and Miss Morgan 15-11, 15-4; beat Miss L. Veasey and Miss P. Timbers 15-4, 15-10. Miss N. Varnfield and Mrs. S. Bush lost to Miss Beck and Miss Morgan 12-15, 6-15; lost to Miss Veasey and Miss Timbers 11-15, 14-15.

Whetnall and Miss Boxall beat McKinley and Miss Beck 15-4, 15-3. Sharp and Mrs. Whetnall beat Nurmohamed and Miss Veasey 15-7, 1-2 retired. Brightman and Mrs. P. Lucas beat Gaudoin and Miss Morgan 5-15, 15-12, 15-5. Tank and Miss S. Lewis beat Stewart and Miss Timbers 15-11, 15-7.

ESSEX 4; SURREY 13

At Ilford on November 29th. Scores (Surrey names first):

R. J. Mills lost to R. Stevens 14-16, 15-12, 10-15. C. J. Beacom beat P. Smith 15-5, 15-3. J. Gardner lost to W. F. Havers 10-15, 15-6, 11-15.

Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss B. Giles 11-5, 11-6. Mrs. W. R. Rickard beat Miss N. Gardner 11-8, 11-7.

Mills and M. J. Boutle beat Havers and Smith 15-10, 9-15, 15-6; beat Stevens and D. Clarke 15-11, 15-11. Beacom and C. T. Coates beat Havers and Smith 15-11, 15-12; beat Stevens and Clarke 15-10, 15-12.

Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Rickard beat Miss Giles and Miss Gardner 15-11, 15-10; beat Miss A. Larman and Miss S. Ringshall 15-6, 15-2. Mrs. A. Palmer and Mrs. H. J. Horton beat Miss Giles and Miss Gardner 15-4, 15-10; beat Miss Larman and Miss Ringshall 15-9, 15-10.

Mills and Mrs. Gilks beat Havers and Miss Giles 18-17, 15-5. Beacom and Mrs. Palmer lost to Stevens and Miss J. Brennan 14-15, 14-15. Coates and Mrs. Horton lost to Smith and Miss Gardner 10-15, 7-15. R. J. Southwell and Mrs. Rickard beat Clarke and Miss Ringshall 15-9, 15-6.

Division II

SOUTH ZONE

GLOUCESTERSHIRE 4; WILTSHIRE 13

At Bristol on November 15th.

Wiltshire: B. H. White, R. Major, R. Crockett, R. Burden, Miss G. M. White, Miss S. Roberts, Mrs. S. P. Robertson and Mrs. J. Martin.

Gloucestershire: M. Tredgett, A. Finch, M. Powell, P. Jenkins, J. Dover, M. Buttler, Mrs. S. Alfieri, Miss K. Whiting, Miss H. Taylor, Mrs. C. Cloke and Mrs. E. Collins.

SOMERSET 6; GLOUCESTERSHIRE 11

At Long Ashton on November 21st.

Somerset: R. Moore, J. Lanning, N. Chambers, M. Sertin, K. G. Stott, Mrs. M. Haning, Miss S. Page, Mrs. N. S. Jones, Miss M. Thomas and Mrs. M. Lewington.

Gloucestershire: M. Tredgett, J. Dovey, I. Gordon, S. P. Lai, A. Finch, P. Jenkins, Mrs. S. Alfieri, Miss K. Whiting, Miss H. Taylor, Mrs. C. Cloke, Mrs. V. Joiner and Mrs. P. Deas.

SURREY 2nd 7; HAMPSHIRE 10

At Epsom on November 22nd.

Hampshire: D. Hunt, P. Pennekett, D. White, D. Curtis, K. Paul, Mrs. S. Kirk, Miss C. Holland, Mrs. A. Friend and Mrs. M. Dalton.

Surrey 2nd: Mehmet Ali, R. Pearson, P. J. Gardner, P. Robinson, M. G. Thompson, R. J. Southwell, Miss M. Gardner, Miss P. Smiles, Miss B. J. Carpenter, Miss A. Watson and Miss M. Brewer.

HERTFORDSHIRE 7; ESSEX 2nd 10

At Harlow on November 22nd.

Essex 2nd: D. Clarke, J. Stretch, D. Pither, T. Bowler, C. Goodman, Miss L. Spencer, Miss R. Ringshall, Miss P. Chitty, Mrs. R. Illingworth and Miss J. Carter.

Hertfordshire: T. A. Goode, W. E. Andrew, P. Seaford, R. Rogers, Mrs. B. Andrew, Miss D. Hughes, Miss G. Caulkett and Miss V. Woods.

BERKSHIRE 12; HERTFORDSHIRE 5

At Abingdon on November 29th.

Berkshire: R. F. Gibbins, R. G. Reed, N. J. White, G. C. K. Hashman, R. S. Lucas, Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman, Miss H. Marks, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mrs. A. Smith and Miss R. Cooper.

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SOMERSET 2; CORNWALL 15

At Ashton Court on December 5th.

Cornwall: R. Northcott, P. A. Pearce, A. Murley, J. Webster, Miss M. Govett, Mrs. V. Chadwick, Miss A. Richards and Mrs. E. Swadling.

Somerset: R. Moore, J. Lanning, R. Milward, M. Sertin, N. Chambers, K. G. Stott, Mrs. M. Hanney, Mrs. Lewington, Mrs. N. S. Jones, Miss M. Thomas, and Miss M. Thomas.

ESSEX 2nd 8; HAMPSHIRE 9

At Ilford on December 6th.

Hampshire: D. Hunt, P. Pennekett, D. White D. Curtis, K. Paul, Mrs. S. Kirk, Miss C. Holland, Mrs. A. Friend and Mrs. M. Dalton.

Essex 2nd: K. Arthur, J. Stretch, D. Pither, R. Flood, T. Fowler, C. Goodman, Miss L. Spencer, Miss S. Ringshall, Mrs. R. Illingworth, Miss P. Chitty and Miss J. Carter.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE 8; CORNWALL 9

At Bristol on December 6th.

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WILTSHIRE 15; DORSET 2

At Melksham on December 6th.

Wiltshire: B. H. White, R. H. Major, R. Crockett, R. Burden, Miss G. M. White, Miss S. Roberts, Mrs. S. P. Robertson and Mrs. J. Martin.

Dorset: R. Hardy, P. Cox, R. Roper, B. Domanay, G. Doddington, B. Randall, Mrs. C. Pike, Miss J. Roebuck, Miss W. Pitcher, Mrs. A. Varlow, and Miss W. Atcher.

HERTFORDSHIRE 8; HAMPSHIRE 9

At Harlow on December 13th.

Hampshire: D. Hunt, P. Pennekett, D. White, D. Curtis, K. Paul, Mrs. S. Kirk, Miss C. Holland, Mrs. A. Friend and Mrs. M. Dalton.

Hertfordshire: T. A. Goode, W. E. Andrew, P. Seaford, R. Rogers, P. McCrimmon, Mrs. B. Andrew, Miss D. Hughes, Miss G. Caulkett and Miss V. Woods.

ESSEX 2nd 5; BERKSHIRE 12

At Ilford on December 12th.

Berkshire: R. F. Gibbins, R. G. Reed, N. J. White, G. C. K. Hashman, R. S. Lucas, Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman, Miss H. Marks, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mrs. A. Smith and Mrs. J. McAirms.

Essex 2nd: D. Pither, T. Bowler, M. Wright, C. Goodman, R. Flood, Miss L. Spencer, Miss P. Chitty, Mrs. R. Illingworth, Miss S. Ringshall and Miss J. Carter.

NORTH ZONE

WARWICKSHIRE 8; NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 9

At Birmingham on November 15th.

Warwickshire: A. J. Mackintosh, G. Deakin, R. Niblett, J. Carey, J. Gibson, Miss W. Pickering, Miss W. Pickering, Miss K. Clarke, Mrs. M. Rooke, Mrs. J. Jones and Mrs. J. Startin.

Nottinghamshire: C. J. Kirk, F. Vincent, I. Wilson, M. Bredbury, C. Abbott, Mrs. J. Abbott, Mrs. K. Brindle, Mrs. P. Mace, Miss H. Marshall, and Mrs. A. Keast.

STAFFORDSHIRE 13; DERBYSHIRE 4

At Stone on November 15th.

Staffordshire: J. D. Eddy, C. I. Eddy, E. H. Sutton, K. Hatthorne, Mrs. E. Ross, Mrs. S. Hamilton, Miss P. Young and Miss P. Dunscombe.

Derbyshire: I. P. Clark, B. Campion, A. H. Gaskin, M. J. Clark, A. Tolman, Miss M. Bridge, Miss J. Hall, Miss M. Frost, Miss A. Ewles and Mrs. J. Upton.

GLAMORGAN 14; WARWICKSHIRE 4

At Beddau on November 22nd.

Glamorgan: H. Jennings, K. Hopkins, S. Gully, P. Seaman, D. Colmer, Mrs. A. Dickson, Miss B. Fisher, Miss P. Jeremiah and Mrs. M. Withers.

Warwickshire: G. Deakin, B. Niblett, J. Gibson, J. Carey, Mrs. J. Startin, Miss K. Clarke, Mrs. M. Rooke and Mrs. J. Jones.

YORKSHIRE 2nd 16; ISLE OF MAN 1

At York on November 28th.

Yorkshire 2nd: H. Hewitt, G. Ceely, D. Hudson, W. Blenkarn, M. Hunter, Miss P. Protheroe, Miss C. Stinchcombe, Miss G. Taylor, Mrs. M. Kilvington and Mrs. T. Blenkarn.

Isle of Man: D. W. Kennaugh, P. E. Clague, J. D. Moore, J. Cannell, P. Kniveton, J. Corlett, Mrs. A. Corlett, Miss P. Kelso, Mrs. W. McDowell, Mrs. M. Rigby, Mrs. P. Anderson and Miss M. Kneen.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 8; STAFFORDSHIRE 9

At Nottingham on November 29th.

Staffordshire: J. D. Eddy, C. I. Eddy, E. H. Sutton, K. Hawthorne, Mrs. S. Hamilton, Mrs. E. Ross, Mrs. M. Williams and Mrs. V. Steadman.

Nottinghamshire: C. J. Kirk, F. Vincent, I. Wilson, M. Bredbury, C. Abbott, Mrs. J. Abbott, Mrs. K. Brindle, Mrs. P. Mace, Mrs. B. Bancroft and Miss H. Marshall.

EAST OF SCOTLAND 9; DURHAM 8

At Edinburgh on December 5th.
East of Scotland: J. A. Hamilton, J. R. Calder, A. R. McRae, K. G. Foulner, H. S. Calder, Miss E. A. Huggins, Mrs. M. Calder, Mrs. G. Allen, Mrs. J. Marr and Mrs. A. Old.
Durham: N. Jamieson, B. Jobling, G. Fidler, C. Lilley, H. Robertson, D. O. Coates, Miss M. Drake, Miss L. K. Conlon, Mrs. P. Lilley, Miss K. Pollard and Miss M. Pollard.

STAFFORDSHIRE 9; WARWICKSHIRE 8

At Stone on December 6th.
Staffordshire: J. D. Eddy, C. I. Eddy, E. H. Sutton, K. Hawthorne, Mrs. S. Hamilton, Miss P. Duncombe, Mrs. E. Ross and Miss V. Steadman.
Warwickshire: G. Deakin, B. Niblett, J. Gibson, E. Donnachie, Mrs. A. MacFarlane, Miss K. Clarke, Mrs. M. Rooke, Mrs. J. Jones and Miss P. Robinson.

DURHAM 13; CUMBERLAND 4

At South Shields on December 12th.
Durham: N. Jamieson, B. Jobling, G. Fidler, H. Robertson, C. Lilley, D. O. Coates, Miss M. Drake, Miss L. Conlon, Mrs. P. Lilley, Miss M. Pollard and Miss K. Pollard.
Cumberland: G. A. Connor, H. Shadwick, M. Beck, I. Graham, Miss S. Storey, Mrs. P. Dodd, Miss B. Smith, Mrs. E. Robertson and Miss B. Jefferson.

Division III

NORTH ZONE

Nottinghamshire 2nd 8; Leicestershire 9
 Leicestershire 12; Derbyshire 2nd 5
 Worcestershire 11; Warwickshire 2nd 6
 Derbyshire 2nd 8; Staffordshire 2nd 9
 Nottinghamshire 2nd 7; Staffordshire 2nd 10
 East of Scotland 2nd 8; Durham 2nd 9
 Derbyshire 2nd 6;; Leicestershire 11
 Oxfordshire 9; Worcestershire 8
 Durham 2nd 17; Cumberland 2nd 0
 Monmouthshire 10; Worcestershire 7
 Lancashire 3rd 12; Westmorland 5

SOUTH ZONE

Dorset 2nd 2; Devon 15
 Buckinghamshire 13; Hampshire 2nd 4
 Lincs. & Rutland 13; Suffolk 4
 Hampshire 2nd 6; Middlesex 11
 Cambridgeshire 14; Norfolk 3
 Wiltshire 2nd 17; Dorset 2nd 0
 Gloucestershire 2nd 6; Devon 11
 Middlesex 2nd 10; Sussex 7
 Somerset 2nd 10; Wiltshire 2nd 7

Division IV

NORTH ZONE

Nottinghamshire 3rd 5; Leicestershire 2nd 12
 Oxfordshire 2nd 1; Glamorgan 2nd 16
 Shropshire 5; Warwickshire 3rd 12
 North Wales 8; Northamptonshire 9
 Shropshire 10; Oxfordshire 2nd 7
 Glamorgan 2nd 16; Oxfordshire 2nd 1

SOUTH ZONE

Dorset 3rd 0; Devon 2nd 17
 Somerset 3rd 10; Cornwall 2nd 7
 Kent 2nd 10; Berkshire 2nd 7
 Wiltshire 3rd 6; Cornwall 2nd 11
 Bedfordshire 16; Norfolk 2nd 1
 Cornwall 2nd 7; Devon 2nd 10
 Somerset 3rd 8; Wiltshire 3rd 9

Division V

NORTH ZONE

Shropshire 2nd 5; Herefordshire 12
 Leicestershire 3rd 4; Derbyshire 3rd 13
 Herefordshire 7; Worcestershire 3rd 10
 Glamorgan 3rd 11; Worcestershire 3rd 6
 Shropshire 2nd 0; Monmouthshire 2nd 17
 Staffordshire 3rd 11; Northamptonshire 2nd 6

SOUTH ZONE

Hunts & Peterborough 14; Suffolk 2nd 3
 Hampshire 3rd 4; Kent 3rd 13
 Hertfordshire 2nd 4; Kent 3rd 13
 Buckinghamshire 2nd 1; Kent 3rd 16
 Suffolk 2nd 11; Lincs. & Rutland 3rd 6
 Sussex 2nd 16; Hampshire 3rd 1

TABLE OF RESULTS
(as at January 1st, 1971)

DIVISION I

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
North Zone*					
West of Scotland	2	2	0	23	11
Yorkshire	2	1	1	22	12
Lancashire	2	1	1	15	19
Cheshire	2	0	2	8	26

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
South Zone					
Surrey	3	2	1	34	17
Kent	3	2	1	25	26
Essex	3	1	2	25	26
Middlesex	3	1	2	18	33

* Return ties not being played

DIVISION II

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
North Zone (Far North)*					
Northumberland	2	2	0	28	6
East of Scotland	2	1	1	10	24
Durham	3	1	2	26	25
Cumberland	1	0	1	4	13

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
North Zone (Northern)*					
Cheshire 2nd†	1	1	0	14	3
Lancashire 2nd	1	1	0	9	8
Yorkshire 2nd†	2	1	1	24	10
Isle of Man	2	0	2	4	30

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
North Zone (Midlands)					
Staffordshire	3	3	0	31	20
Glamorgan	2	1	1	20	14
Nottinghamshire	2	1	1	17	17
Derbyshire†	2	1	1	14	20
Warwickshire†	3	0	3	20	31

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
South Zone (East & Central)					
Hampshire	4	4	0	37	31
Berkshire	2	2	0	24	10
Essex 2nd	3	1	2	23	28
Surrey 2nd	1	0	1	7	10
Hertfordshire	4	0	4	28	40

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
South Zone (Western)					
Cornwall	4	4	0	49	19
Wiltshire	3	2	1	36	15
Gloucestershire	4	2	2	36	32
Somerset	2	0	2	8	26
Dorset	3	0	3	7	44

* Return ties not being played

† Result of one tie not submitted

DIVISION III

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
North Zone (Far North)*					
Northumberland 2nd	2	2	0	30	4
Durham 2nd	2	2	0	26	8
East of Scotland 2nd	1	0	1	8	9
Scottish Border Counties	1	0	1	0	17
Cumberland 2nd	2	0	2	4	30

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
North Zone (Northern)*					
Lancashire 3rd	2	2	0	22	12
Cheshire 3rd†	1	1	0	11	6
Yorkshire 3rd†	1	0	1	7	10
Westmorland	2	0	2	11	23

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
North Zone (Midlands—North)					
Staffordshire 2nd	3	3	0	28	23
Leicestershire	4	3	1	40	28
Nottinghamshire 2nd	3	1	2	24	27
Derbyshire 2nd	4	0	4	27	41

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
North Zone (Midlands—South)					
Oxfordshire	3	3	0	30	21
Monmouthshire	3	2	1	27	24
Warwickshire 2nd	3	1	2	21	30
Worcestershire	5	1	4	41	44

South Zone (Eastern)

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Cambridgeshire	3	2	1	31	20
Lincs. & Rutland	3	2	1	30	21
Suffolk	3	2	1	23	28
Norfolk	3	0	3	18	33

South Zone (Central)

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Middlesex 2nd	4	4	0	48	20
Sussex	3	2	1	32	19
Buckinghamshire	3	1	2	22	29
Hampshire 2nd	4	0	4	17	51

South Zone (Western)

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Somerset 2nd	3	3	0	30	21
Devon	3	2	1	33	18
Gloucestershire 2nd	4	2	2	34	34
Wiltshire 2nd	3	1	2	32	19
Dorset 2nd	3	0	3	7	44

* Return ties not being played
 † Result of one tie not submitted

DIVISION IV

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
North Zone (Midlands—North)					
Northamptonshire	2	2	0	21	13
Leicestershire 2nd	2	1	1	17	17
North Wales	3	1	2	25	26
Nottinghamshire 3rd	1	0	1	5	12

North Zone (Midlands—South)

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Glamorgan 2nd	4	4	0	60	8
Warwickshire 3rd	3	2	1	27	24
Worcestershire 2nd	2	1	1	10	24
Shropshire	3	1	2	22	29
Oxfordshire 2nd	4	0	4	17	51

South Zone (Eastern)

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Bedfordshire	4	4	0	58	10
Lincs. & Rutland 2nd	3	2	1	28	23
Norfolk 2nd	4	1	3	22	46
Cambridgeshire 2nd	3	0	3	11	40

South Zone (Central)

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Essex 3rd	2	2	0	24	10
Kent 2nd	1	1	0	10	7
Middlesex 3rd	2	1	1	14	20
Berkshire 2nd	3	0	3	20	31

South Zone (Western)

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Devon 2nd	3	3	0	43	8
Wiltshire 3rd	3	2	1	25	26
Somerset 3rd	4	2	2	28	40
Cornwall 2nd	5	2	3	45	40
Dorset 3rd	3	0	3	12	39

DIVISION V

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
North Zone (Midlands—North)					
Staffordshire 3rd	3	3	0	37	14
Northampton	2	1	1	17	17
Derbyshire 3rd	3	1	2	24	27
Leicestershire 3rd	2	0	2	7	27

North Zone (Midlands—South)

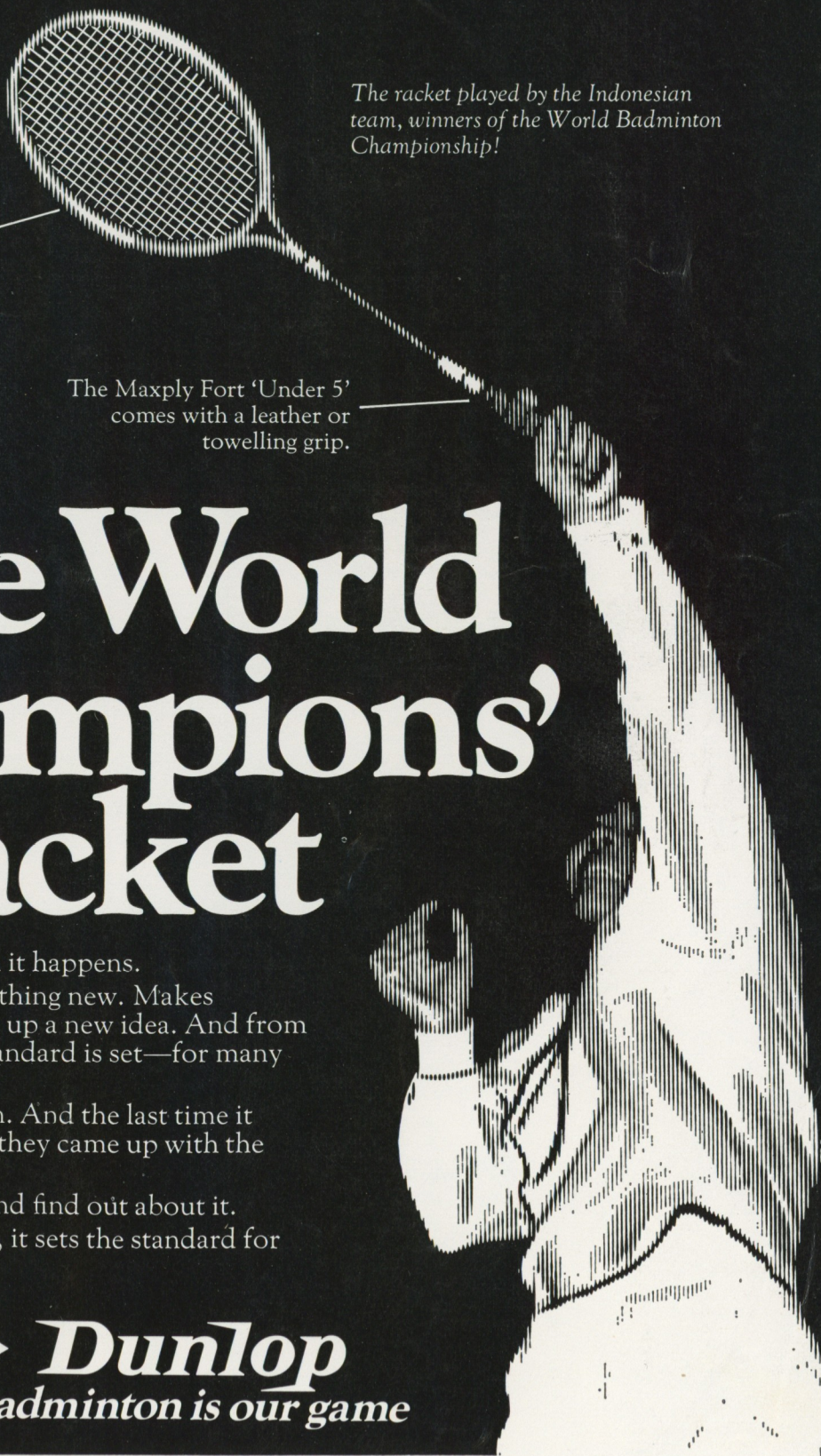
	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Monmouthshire 2nd	2	2	0	29	5
Glamorgan 3rd	1	1	0	11	6
Worcestershire 3rd	4	2	2	38	30
Herefordshire	2	1	1	19	15
Shropshire 2nd	3	0	3	5	46

South Zone (Eastern)

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Hunts. & Peterborough	2	2	0	25	9
Suffolk 2nd	3	2	1	24	27
Bedfordshire 2nd	2	1	1	17	17
Lincs. & Rutland 2nd	3	0	3	19	32

South Zone (Central)

	Ties			Matches	
	P.	W.	L.	W.	L.
Kent 3rd	4	4	0	55	13
Sussex 2nd	3	3	0	47	4
Buckinghamshire 2nd	3	1	2	18	33
Hertfordshire 2nd	4	1	3	20	48
Hampshire 3rd	4	0	4	13	55



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