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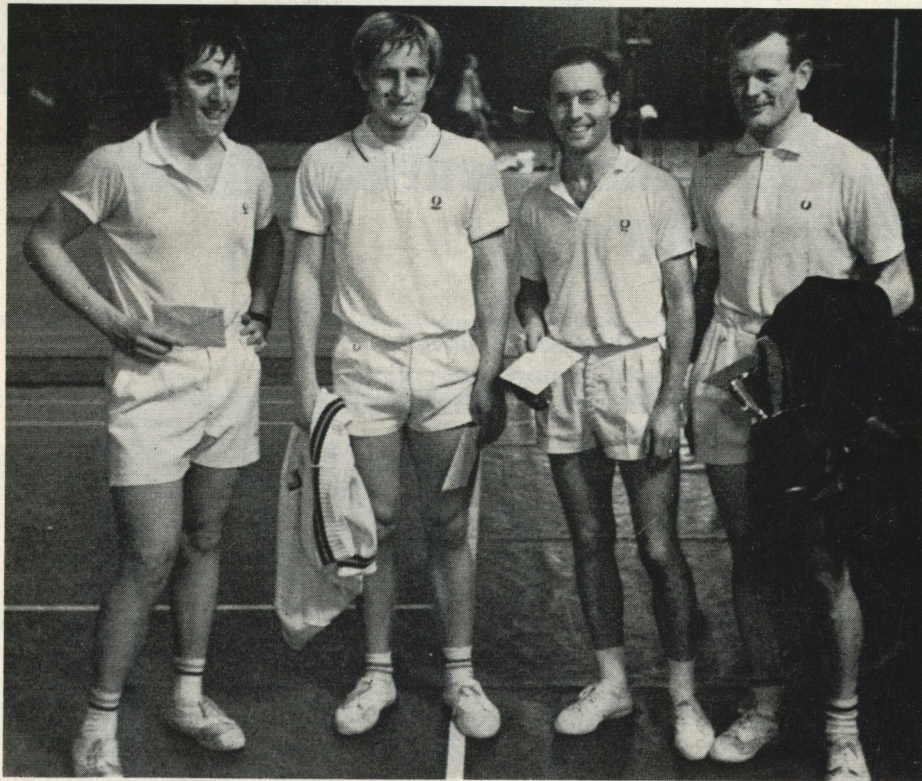
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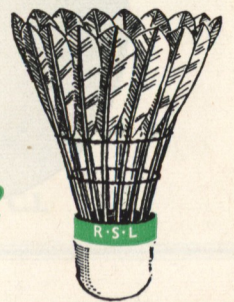
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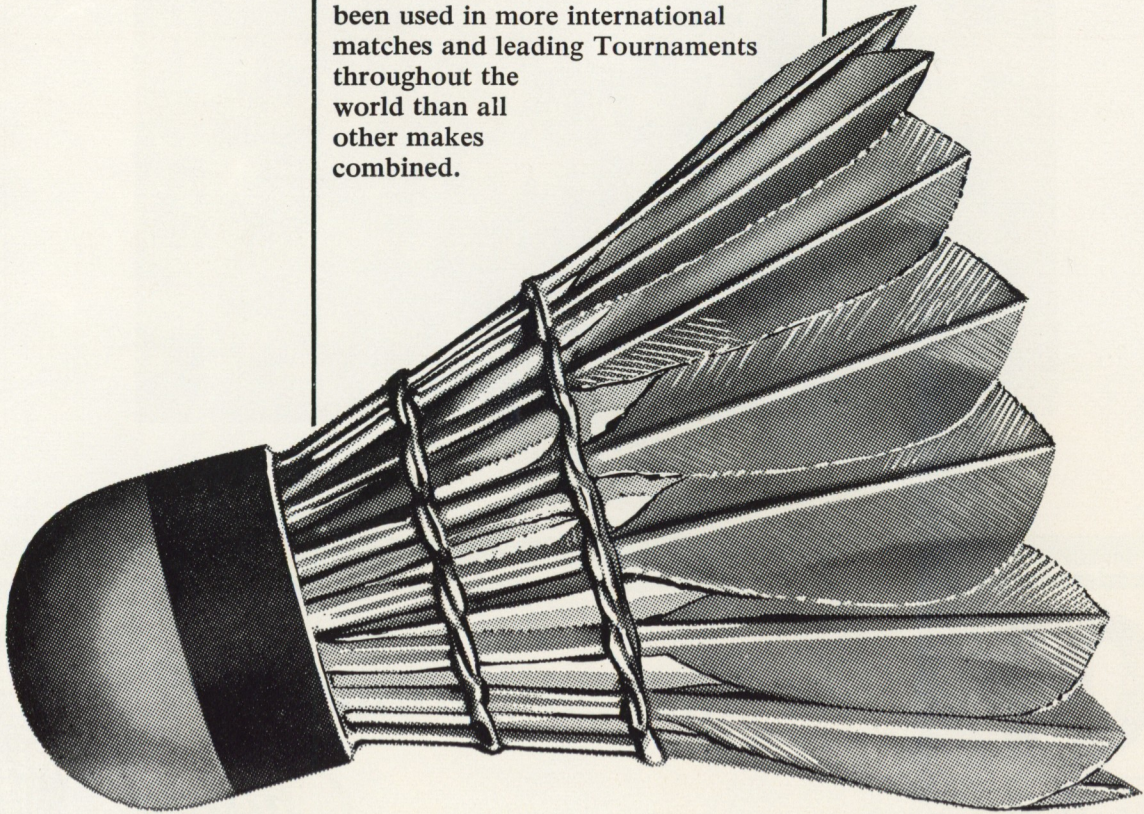
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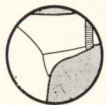
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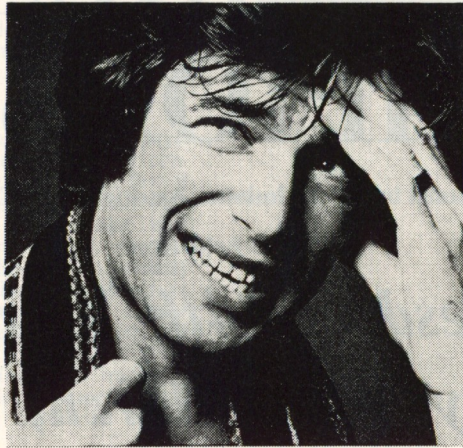
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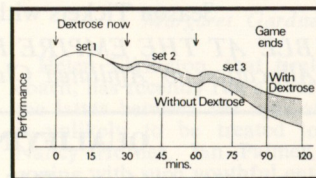
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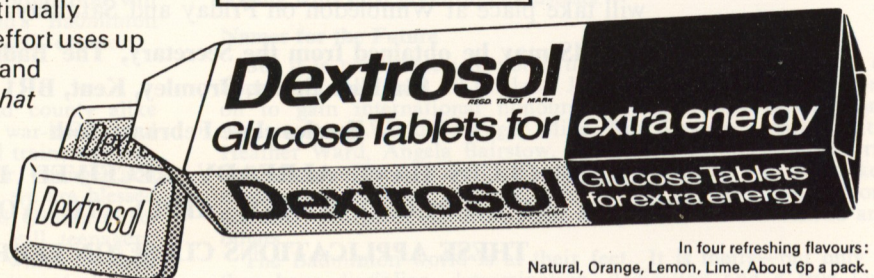
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Editorial Comment

Accent on Youth

NO apology is made if in this month's issue the accent is indeed on youth. Rather, it is a matter for congratulation; for the congratulation of many tireless adult organisers and hundreds of enthusiastic youngsters. Many of the latter have worked weary summer hours at some treadmill job to scrape together sufficient money for the Badminton Grand Tour.

In the 18th century, every young man of standing toured Europe to see the world which was to be his oyster. Today dedicated young Badminton players do much the same. But for Paris, Madrid, Florence and Rome are substituted Carlisle, Birkenhead, Portsmouth and Wimbledon. Less romantic to some perhaps, but it is on these courts that friendships are made, battles lost and won, realisation of standards gained, a Badminton apprenticeship finished, and new vistas opened.

The Bad Old Days!

What a transformation has taken place since the early days! Old copies of the Gazette show that Badminton made few concessions to youth. Tournaments abounded but there were few if any specifically for youngsters. A few young men and women were occasionally mentioned with almost bated breath like rare phenomena, strange new stars drifting disruptively into the ordered, chartered heavens. Photos revealed middle-aged and elderly men, moustached, in decent seemly attire (one indeed is shown in the glory of full regimentals!) and of respectable ladies of unquestioned years, wasp-waisted, billowing of sleeve and skirt, and sometimes hugely hatted, but of youngsters . . .

A visionary few ran teenage tournaments. Indeed it was only as recently as 1950 that the All-England Junior Championships emerged from the chrysalis of a tournament started in Surrey by Ian Palmer.

E.S.B.A. and Others

How swift an advance has been made since then! Hundreds of Junior Clubs are run by dedicated adults wherever a hall is available. Many schools now encourage Badminton as a sport in its own right. The English Schools' Badminton Association has done much to fan these flames of enthusiasm. Steadily its roll of activities has increased: an Inter-County tournament, a triangular Regional fixture, and now an International match. The scope is just as wide for those who have left school.

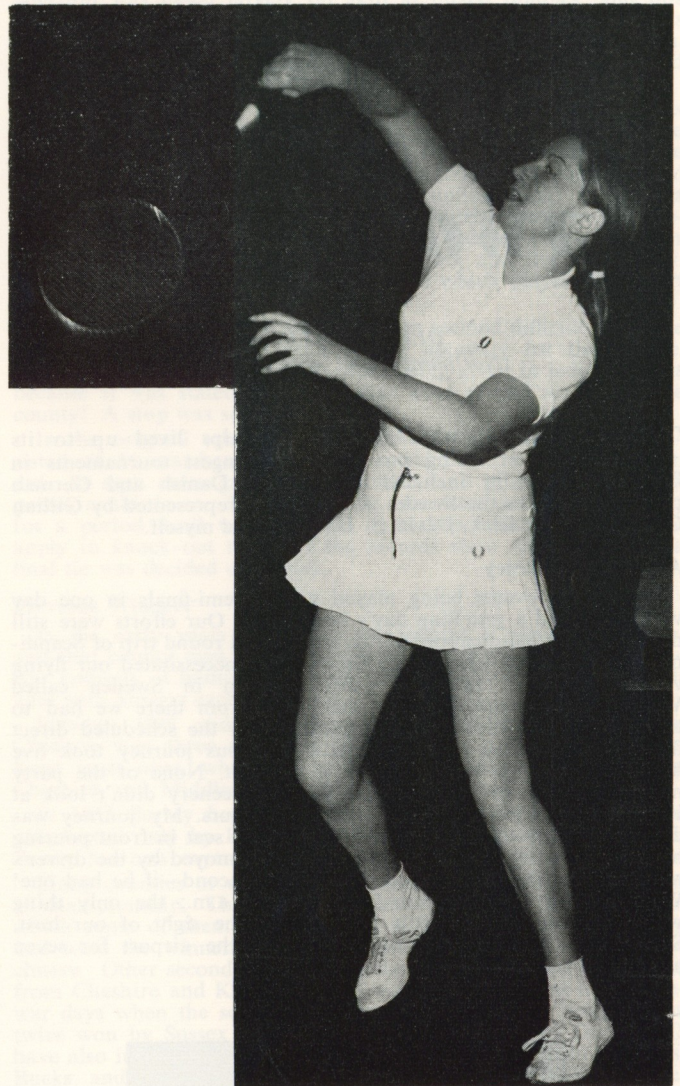
Nearly every County Association runs its own Restricted Junior Tournaments, scarcely knowing how to cope with the resultant avalanche of entries. In addition, most of them run Junior County teams or use their third team as a proving ground for youth. The Charles Cumpsty Fund is to be largely devoted to initiating an Under-21 competition. In April, fortunate juniors from this and other countries will travel to the lovely old city of Prague to battle on a wider field for European honours.

Coaching Schemes

Nor does youth have to find its way through this maze of events unaided. A wealth of coaching experience is placed at their disposal both in their own counties and at such famous centres as Crystal Palace, Lilleshall and Inverclyde. Elsewhere in this issue an article explains how Regional co-ordination will drag an even closer-meshed net across England's Badminton spawning grounds so that not the smallest tiddler will escape.

Starting Age?

All this aid is not purely altruistic. Club and county alike realise that youngsters who are to replace the old war-horses and to maintain the county honour must be caught and trained young. Just how young is a pertinent question. Each year, younger and younger boys and girls take the court. As a result, we are blessed with stars of the brilliance of Margaret Beck and Gillian Gilks blazing across the international firmament whilst still teenagers. Nine or ten would seem to be a reasonable age at which children will accept a little informal coaching provided it is not allowed to mar the sheer joy of the game itself.



Nat Gould, S.E. London Mercury

Margaret Gardner typifies Youth's zest.

Helen Elkington, that tireless Amateur Swimming Association coach, has recently run a course for some 80 mothers and children, the latter between the ages of 4 months and 4 years! Badminton is unlikely to be treated to the happy scene of "Ken Brock, Nancy Horner, Ian Palmer, old Uncle Tom Bowker an' all" coping with such youthful enthusiasts.

Names for the Future

But it is nevertheless to youth that England looks. The roll of honour of previous All-England Junior winners who have gone on to gain international honours is long: Frank Shaw, Tony Jordan, Peter Waddell, Roger Mills, Ray Stevens, Ursula Smith, Heather Ward, Angela Bairstow, Margaret Boxall, Gillian Perrin and Margaret Beck. Doubtless one day, with these will be ranked names such as Peter Gardner, John Stretch, Barbara Giles, Nora Gardner, Margaret Gardner, Peter Kidger, Kathleen Redhead and others.

The Badminton world is at their feet. It is theirs—but only if they have discipline, determination, dedication and a true love of the game.

SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

FOG, FATIGUE and TWO TITLES

By

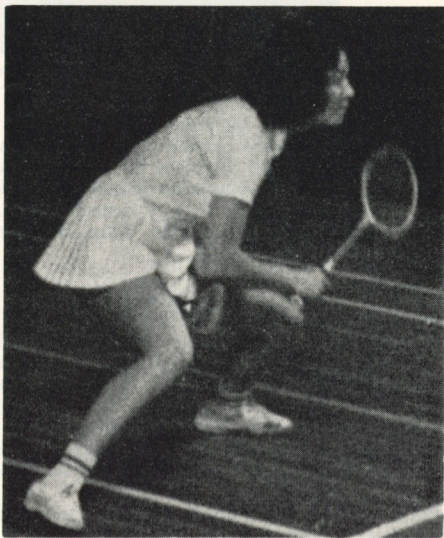
DEREK TALBOT

(Northumberland and England)

THE Swedish International Championships lived up to its reputation of being one of the strongest tournaments in Europe. The entry included all the top Danish and German players as well as the Swedes. England was represented by Gillian Gilks, Margaret Beck, David (J. D.) Eddy and myself.

A Wearing Journey

With three events being played to the semi-finals in one day we anticipated a gruelling day's badminton. Our efforts were still more severely handicapped by an unexpected round trip of Scandinavia on the way out! Fog at Gothenburg necessitated our flying via Copenhagen, to some outback town in Sweden called Welliburg (or something like that!) and from there we had to travel by bus to Gothenburg; instead of by the scheduled direct flight due to arrive there at 9 p.m. The bus journey took five hours and was, to say the least, unpleasant. None of the party managed to get to sleep and the Swedish scenery didn't look at its best in the pitch black of the early hours. My journey was completely ruined by some funny guy in the seat in front pouring his beer down my trouser leg, and I was annoyed by the driver's reluctance to change into any gear above second—if he had one! We arrived totally exhausted at about 4 a.m.; the only thing which made us feel a little fresher was the sight of our host, Sven Carlsson, who had been waiting at the airport for seven hours!



MARGARET BECK

Deceptive Errors

The tournament started at 9 a.m., and it was at this early hour that J.D. and I 'graced' the courts in the Men's Singles, only to find that our repertoire of deceptive errors and lack of movement were sufficient to force us to taste defeat. J.D. lost in the first round to Anders Lindback (Sweden) 5-15, 15-17, and I lost in the second round to Flemming Delfs (Denmark) 1-15, 4-15; after having beaten Per-O Olsson (Sweden) 15-0, 15-8.

In the Ladies' Singles, Margaret Beck, despite a bad cold, played well to reach the final. In her first round against the young Danish player Lene Koppen, Maggie made a nervous start surviving two match points, but then settled down to play more sensible badminton to win easily in the third. In the semi-final, Maggie had a great win over the present Danish No. 1, Lizbeth von Barnekow, and went through to play Eva Twedberg of Sweden in the final. In this match, lack of experience was the main cause of defeat, Maggie was caught time and again by Eva's deceptive double-motion drop shot from the net, and one feels had she cleared more and exploited Eva's comparative lack of power, she might have been in with a chance of winning. Nevertheless a creditable performance.

Gill's "Dream" Badminton

Gill was too tired to make any progress in a third end against Pernille Kaagaard losing 5-11, 11-6, 2-11, but played like a "dream" in the doubles events to give England her two titles.

In the Ladies' Doubles final Maggie displayed her improved technique in this department of the game, and with Gill confidently controlling the net the English formation proved too strong for Anne Flindt and Pernille Kaagaard (Denmark), winning in two close games 17-14, 18-14.

Men's Doubles Disappoint

In the Men's Doubles, J.D. and I had a first round win over T. Sandberg and S. Oberg 15-7, 15-2, only to lose in the following round to the Danish combination of Klaus Kaagaard and Jorgen Mortensen 10-15, 7-15, a couple we had previously beaten in a recent Thomas Cup encounter. Anglo-Danish contests at Men's Doubles appear to be one of superior tactics versus unparalleled strength and physical fitness. Unfortunately our contest was spoiled by our display of unforced errors and bad serving; consequently an easy two set win for the Danes.

The Mixed Doubles gave England her second title of the tournament. In the semi-final Gill and I defeated Svend Pri and Ulla Strand (Denmark) in straight sets. In the first set there was an endless rally at set point, during which Svend made a diving pick-up from the net and Ulla fell twice to the floor before we finally clinched the set. I think Gill made one mistake in this match—of course I scolded her for it afterwards!

In the final, some good top spin serving by Per Walsoe gave the Danes the first set in double-quick time. We decided to slow the tempo down a little in the second set; this paid dividends and we won comfortably. The decider proved to be a very close contest, the excitement being held to the very end when we won a superb rally to take the match 5-15, 15-6, 17-14.

Men's Singles Impressive

We were all impressed by the quality of the men's singles play. Elo Hansen demonstrated the tremendous strength in depth of Danish players by winning this event though unseeded. He beat Svend Pri for the first time in a gruelling three set semi-finals, 17-16 in the decider, and then went on to beat Sture Johnsson (Sweden) in another extremely tough match. His control and freedom from error, allied to his strength, stamina and fabulous coolness under pressure, made it hard to see how he could ever lose a rally.

Squad formed

The recently-formed All-England training squad, coached by Maurice Robinson, have many months of hard training ahead of them if they are to approach such a level of strength and fitness. However, Maurice has instigated tough training for the squad who are working very hard, so perhaps through his efforts a new breed of fit singles players will evolve. (Look out at the All-England for the men in the yellow track-suits!)

One cannot over emphasise the toughness of playing three events over two days in a competition of such high standard, particularly in the men's events. I hope in future years no player is entered in three events, so that they can do themselves justice in the events in which they are most interested.

On Saturday evening we were treated to a magnificent meal by the Gothenburg B.A., but as always in these championships the festivities were a little subdued because of the thought of play the following day.

Our sincere thanks are due to the Carlsson family with whom we stayed, especially Sven who spent most of his time, day and night, taxi-ing us about.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: E. Hansen (D) beat J. Mortensen (D) 15-9, 15-5. S. Johnsson (S) beat E. Kops (D) 15-8, 15-3.

Final: Hansen beat Johnsson 17-18, 15-10, 15-4.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: M. Beck (E) beat L. von Barnekow (D) 11-2, 6-11, 11-6. E. Twedberg (S) beat P. Kaagaard (D) 6-11, 11-3, 11-4.

Final: E. Twedberg beat M. Beck 11-7, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: H. Borch and E. Kops (D) beat K. Kaagaard and J. Mortensen (D) 18-15, 16-17, 15-1. S. Pri and P. Walsøe (D) beat T. Bacher and P. Petersen (D) 11-15, 15-4, 15-7.

Final: S. Pri and P. Walsøe beat H. Borch and E. Kops 15-11, 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: A. Flindt and P. Kaagaard (D) beat K. Jorgensen and U. Strand (D) 15-7, 10-15, 15-6. M. Beck and G. Gilks (E) beat A. Cassens and M. Thiere (E.G.) 15-4, 15-10.

Final: M. Beck and G. Gilks beat A. Flindt and P. Kaagaard 17-14, 18-14.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: D. Talbot and G. Gilks (E) beat S. Pri and U. Strand (D) 15-5, 15-5. P. Walsøe and P. Kaagaard (D) beat T. Bacher and A. Berglund 15-8, 15-11.

Final: D. Talbot and G. Gilks beat P. Walsøe and P. Kaagaard 5-15, 15-6, 17-14.

Originally, and indeed until as late as 1950, all ties consisted of doubles matches only! Teams consisted of four men and four ladies, and they had to provide two men's, two ladies' and four mixed pairs. There were four men's and four ladies' doubles matches, as now, and eight mixed doubles matches. Thus, team selection was based largely on skill at mixed doubles, and this was notably so in some of the groups because if desired it was permissible to reduce the men's and ladies' matches to two each. When avail was made of this reduction, many of the men's and ladies' doubles pairs were distinctly make-shift.

With the coming of the contest for the Thomas Cup, and its emphasis on singles play, it was soon felt desirable to introduce singles into inter-county play. So, in 1950, two men's and one ladies' singles matches were added, and four of the eight mixed matches were dropped. Lest some counties might still select teams intended to win doubles matches, which of course still predominated, and let the singles look after themselves, the number of players in a team was extended to six and five respectively. Completely free rein was accorded as to which players took part in which matches, as is still the case.

Finding just one ladies' singles player seemed difficult for some teams at the start, sure proof of the necessity for the change. There were even cases of walk-overs being given in ladies' singles because it was stated that no ladies ever played singles in the county! A stop was soon put to that.

In the original scheme, as will have been observed, ties consisted of 16 matches. Thus a tie could come about, and often did. In such cases games won decided, and if they were equal, points could do so. This, of course, was very unsatisfactory, and for a period 8-all was regarded as a draw. But this could not apply in knock-out ties, and the records show that five times a final tie was decided on games.

Previous Winners

In the early years Middlesex was almost a perpetual winner, and that county won the championship in seven of the nine pre-war contests. Cheshire and Lancashire (the latter after an 8-all final with Sussex) each won once.

Between 1946 and 1954 there was much close competition. Cheshire won three times, Middlesex twice, and Yorkshire and Kent each once, whilst there was one unplayed final between Cheshire and Middlesex when a date could not be agreed.

In 1955 Surrey began her long list of successes which were interrupted only by Kent in 1960 and by Essex in 1964. In all, Surrey has now captured the trophy 14 times in the last 16 years.

Many counties or county second teams have won the Division II championship. This was inevitable because of the promotion which some of them achieved, but it is noteworthy that Surrey 2nd were the winners six times running, from 1958 to 1963 inclusive. Other second teams which have done the deed have come from Cheshire and Kent, and it is worth mention that in the pre-war days when the second team competition was in being it was twice won by Sussex 2nd. County first teams to win Division II have also included Essex, Hertfordshire, the combination of Berks, Bucks, and Oxon., Somerset, Derbyshire, Middlesex, Hampshire, and Berkshire, alone and unassisted.

The lower divisions have never played off. Perhaps one day they may do so. Their object must be the challenge for promotion to a higher division.

Editor's Note: This article was received earlier in the season but unfortunately, owing to lack of space, could not then be included.

The County Championship

How it Began

H. A. E. SCHEELE

THE Inter-County Championship, or Inter-County Competition as it was originally called, really commenced in 1928 when such counties as had by then formed County Associations were divided into nine geographical groups and invited to play each other county in the group. Pessimistically, no arrangements were made for the group winners to play off! This rather natural corollary was introduced only two years later, so that it is really only from 1930 that a real championship has existed.

The Beginnings

In 1937, at the behest of a few counties, a competition for county second teams was instituted. All these arrangements held sway until 1948. But then one county association, the identity of which need not be mentioned, but it then held jurisdiction over more than one actual county, asked permission, after several years as a chopping block for its neighbours, to enter its first team in the second team competition. There was some sympathy for this, and other weaker county associations were also given the opportunity of doing likewise. No others sought much indignity. Out of this request arose the present scheme of classification which was firstly organised with three divisions of play. The Council, then only called committee, of the B.A. of England classified all the teams on recent playing results. Provision was made at the same time for the challenge ties for promotion and relegation.

Progressive Change

Seven years later, in 1955, so successful had the scheme been and had general enthusiasm grown, that a demand was received for the inclusion of county third teams. Accordingly, a fourth division of play was instituted. Now, a fifth has come.

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A NEW RANKING LIST

THE Selectors have prepared a new National Ranking List. It should be understood that it is based on singles play.

MEN

1. D. (Derek) TALBOT
(Northumberland) (2)
2. R. P. (Ray) STEVENS (Essex) (=5)
3. J. D. (David) EDDY
(Staffordshire) (8)
4. B. H. (Brian) WHITE (Wiltshire) (4)
5. R. J. (Roger) MILLS (Surrey) (-)
6. D. R. (David) HUNT
(Hampshire) (=5)
7. M. G. (Michael) TREDGETT
(Gloucestershire) (-)
8. C. J. (Clive) KIRK
(Nottinghamshire) (-)
9. E. C. (Elliott) STUART
(Northumberland) (7)
10. D. (David) HUTCHINSON
(Yorkshire) (9)

WOMEN

- Equal 1. Miss M. (Margaret) BECK
(Middlesex) (4)
- Equal 1. Mrs. M. A. (Gillian) GILKS
(Surrey) (1)
3. Mrs. W. R. (Julie) RICKARD
(Surrey) (7)
4. Mrs. H. J. (Jenny) HORTON
(Surrey) (-)
5. Miss B. (Barbara) GILES
(Essex) (-)
- Equal 6. Mrs. B. (Bridget) COOPER
(Lancashire) (-)
- Equal 6. Miss C. E. (Charlotte)
LINDSAY (Yorks.) (-)
8. Miss M. (Margo) WINTER
(Yorkshire) (-)
9. Miss M. (Margaret)
GARDNER (Surrey) (-)
9. Miss N. (Nora) GARDNER
(Essex) (-)

Note: The figures in brackets indicate positions in last lists.

In view of the departure in December to professional ranks of Paul Whetnall (1), Ray Sharp (3), Margaret Boxall (=2) and Sue Whetnall (5) a new ranking list was very desirable. The Selectors cannot have had an enviable task as data must have been hard to come by so early in the season.

Indeed David Hutchinson and Clive Kirk, from the abbreviated results received, appear to have had little success in major tournaments. Nor do Mike Tredgett or Elliott Stuart seem to have fared much better. Roger Mills no doubt owes something of his excellent run of Men's and Mixed Doubles victories to the very fact that he is wisely husbanding his resources and playing fewer singles. David Eddy too appears to have entered the final bracket only once.



Julie Rickard

Of the remaining four players, D. Hunt has won no less than five Singles events though largely in minor tournaments. B. White has had rather fewer successes in much the same company. Nevertheless he displayed brilliance at the Northern when he defeated first Paul Whetnall and then the Dane, H. Borch. At the Oxfordshire, his fitness gave him a resounding victory over Ray Stevens.

It is, however, the latter who seems to have stolen much of the limelight. He gave



Barbara Giles

Derek Talbot a good run for his money in the National and made a very promising debut for England against Scotland.

Derek Talbot stands pre-eminent. He has won five titles in six appearances in very good company; a worthy record for England's No. 1.

The Ladies ranking must have been simple enough at the head of the list but very difficult from No. 4 downwards.

Gillian Gilks, playing a little less since she moved to the Midlands, is still far too good to be ousted from No. 1. And Margaret Beck, backing her Commonwealth Gold Medal with a string of successes in major tournaments, could not be denied equality as a front-runner.

Julie Rickard fully deserves her rise of four places for to her numerous doubles triumphs she has added not less than three singles wins.

Thereafter, records reveal virtually no victories of real merit. The Northern ladies, Mrs. B. Cooper, Miss C. Lindsay and Miss M. Winter obviously do not find tournaments as frequent or as accessible as do their Southern counterparts.

Sixteen year old Miss N. Gardner has had a phenomenal success for one so young, but largely in Doubles. Miss M. Gardner and Miss Giles both show great potential but, not surprisingly, have not yet made a real mark in top-class Singles. But given time, coaching and encouragement, they undoubtedly will.

Of necessity, England's strength lacks depth. The Selectors obviously realise this, and quite undeterred, are doing all in their power to remedy the situation by squad training and more intensive Tournament entry.

CHIEF COACH RESIGNS

KEN Crossley, Chief Coach, has sent in his resignation to the B.A. of E. Mr. Crossley was appointed in July, 1968 so his three-year contract has nearly run out. He served in the R.A.F. at a P.T. instructor and was a skilled fencer; he later played Badminton for both Middlesex and Surrey. Since taking up his appointment he has done a great deal of research into fitness training at Loughborough; this he applied to our last Uber Cup team. In addition, he has made valuable contacts with Colleges of Education as well as doing a vast amount of coaching at all levels throughout the country. He has also produced an excellent book "Progressive Badminton". His resignation will leave a large gap in the Coaching world.

The position is advertised elsewhere in this issue. Most of our established National Coaches no longer play top-class Badminton; most of our top-class players quite naturally find playing a full-time job and therefore have not had much time to give to coaching. Only a very few names with the required qualities come to mind. It is, however, essential that, the post of Chief Coach having once been established, and then brought into being by Mr. Crossley, no efforts are spared to find the very best possible successor to carry on this work. On this appointment, no doubt, hinge much of England's hopes of future successes in world competition.

ENGLAND'S TEAMS NETHERLANDS CHAMPIONSHIPS

13th-14th February in Haarlem

SEVEN players have been nominated by the B.A. of E. as official entries for the Netherlands Championships to be held at Haarlem on the 13th and 14th February. Judy Hashman will accompany them to play in the Ladies and Mixed Doubles. Roger Mills is presumably unable to make the journey.

Men's Singles—

J. D. Eddy
R. P. Stevens
E. C. Stuart
D. Talbot

Ladies' Singles—

Miss M. Beck
Mrs. M. A. Gilks
Mrs. H. J. Horton

Men's Doubles—

J. D. Eddy and R. P. Stevens
D. Talbot and E. C. Stuart

Ladies' Doubles—

Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman
Miss M. Beck and Mrs. H. J. Horton

Mixed Doubles—

D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks
E. C. Stuart and Mrs. H. J. Horton
R. P. Stevens and Miss M. Beck
J. D. Eddy and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman

ENGLAND v. IRELAND

Thursday 18th February in Dublin

Men's Singles—

D. Talbot
R. P. Stevens

Ladies' Singles—

Mrs. M. A. Gilks

Men's Doubles—

D. Talbot and E. C. Stuart
R. P. Stevens and R. J. Mills

Ladies' Doubles—

Miss M. Beck and Mrs. H. J. Horton

Mixed Doubles—

R. J. Mills and Mrs. M. A. Gilks

Reserve to travel—

B. H. White

B. H. White (Wilts.) is to be congratulated on being chosen to travel as reserve, and to play in the Championships. An honour he well deserves.

It is also pleasing to see Nora Gardner accompanying the party. Let us hope this 16 year old player will rise to the occasion yet again.

IRISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

19th—20th February in Dublin

Men's Singles—

R. J. Mills
R. P. Stevens
E. C. Stuart
D. Talbot
B. H. White

Ladies' Singles—

Miss M. Beck
Miss N. Gardner
Mrs. M. A. Gilks
Mrs. H. J. Horton

Men's Doubles—

D. Talbot and E. C. Stuart
R. P. Stevens and R. J. Mills

Ladies' Doubles—

Miss M. Beck and Mrs. H. J. Horton
Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Miss N. Gardner

Mixed Doubles—

D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks
R. J. Mills and Mrs. H. J. Horton
R. P. Stevens and Miss N. Gardner
E. C. Stuart and Miss M. Beck

Partners in both doubles events have been requested for B. H. White.

ENGLAND'S MEN'S SQUAD FOR WEMBLEY

THE England selectors have nominated an eight-man squad to undergo special training and coaching with a view to producing satisfactory results in the All-England Championships, to be held at the Empire Pool and Sports Arena, Wembley, from March 24th to 27th.

All the arrangements will be under the control of Mr. Jack McColl, chairman of the selectors, and Messrs Maurice Robinson and Jake Downey will assist as required in the training and preparation.

The eight players are:

J. D. (David) EDDY (Staffordshire)
R. A. (Robert) POWELL (Cheshire)
E. C. (Elliott) STUART (Northumberland)
M. G. (Michael) TREDGETT
(Gloucestershire)

R. J. (Roger) MILLS (Surrey)
R. P. (Ray) STEVENS (Essex)
D. (Derek) TALBOT (Northumberland)
B. H. (Brian) WHITE (Wiltshire)

COMPETITIONS

FOUR RACKETS TO BE WON!

A prize of a Badminton racket will be given for the best entry in each of the following competitions:-

PHOTOGRAPH

A CARLTON RACKET for the best action, portrait, charm or general interest photograph.

BADMINTON APOCRYPHA

A DUNLOP RACKET for the best humorous Badminton anecdote—true or "shaggy dog".

DRAWING

A GRAY'S RACKET for the best drawing, cartoon, caricature or article motif.

CROSSWORD

A SLAZENGER RACKET for the best Crossword consisting mainly of Badminton clues.

Conditions

Any number of entries may be submitted. Each should be clearly labelled, e.g. Photographic Competition, and bear the name and address of the entrant. They must reach the Editor, whose decision is final, at 60 St. Martin's Hill, Canterbury, Kent, **not later than Friday, 12th March.**

All entries may be used in the Gazette and cannot be returned unless suitable S.A.E. is enclosed.

PROFILE-1

PORTRAIT OF GILLIAN

by

**DOROTHY
HINCHCLIFF**

I AM very happy to have been asked to sketch a "portrait" of Gillian Gilks (until recently, Perrin) whom I first met when she came as a very small thin junior of 9 years of age to the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club's junior session on a Saturday afternoon.

Even at that time, although she had no great perfection of stroke she had the uncanny ability to hit the shuttle into the best possible spot on the court—something which usually comes later to most players, and to some, alas, never at all! At 11 years of age she actually had a trial for the Surrey Junior team, quite a strong team as Junior teams go, and composed of players of "Under 18". Her progress from that point has been one of steady and remarkable improvement, and I think, at 20 years of age, capable of still further improvement.



"The Poor Man's Judy Hashman"

As part of her training and for experience she came with me to the sunny Island of Guernsey when she was only 14 years of age. I knew she was good, but I don't think even I realised the heights to which she was capable of rising until I played with her in the ladies' doubles—one of the three titles she won, on this, her first appearance in a senior open tournament! Gillian took command of the whole of the back of the court. Afterwards, we laughingly joked that she was a "proper poor man's Judy Hashman".

However, as we know, many a true word has been spoken in jest, and Gillian has indeed become a fabulous player in all three departments of the game. Singles perhaps do not suit her slight tendency to nervousness as much as the more companionable game of doubles, although, when untroubled by tension she is a very fine singles player.

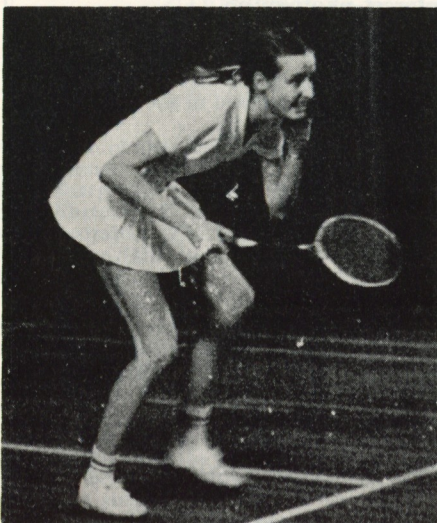
In Junior team at 11

After that first trial at the age of 11 she was soon in the junior team. From then on until she was too old to play in it (although on reflection I do not think we had the nerve to select her for it in her last junior years as she was by then an International) we could put her with the weakest player in the team.

No matter how bad the partner, Gillian somehow always managed to win with her, or him, and, of course, she never lost a singles. She shares this distinction with Roger Mills during his time in Surrey's junior team—we were always sure of a win with both of them. There is another parallel with Roger in that however weak the partner, neither set of parents ever criticised their children's partners! I think this is a wonderful testimony to them; it must have contributed to the resulting sporting attitude of their children. Ray and Margaret Perrin were always quietly in the background and ever ready to help with transport, and in any other way which was required.

Youngest ever international

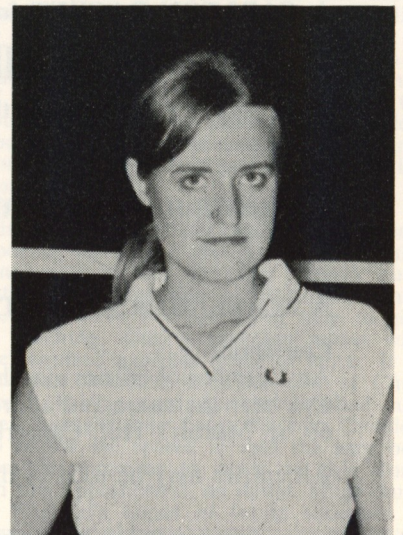
Following Gillian's junior team days, she then advanced to the County 2nd team and in a very quick time to the Championship winning 1st team. She has the honour to have been the youngest English player to receive her International colours when she

**Academic brilliance**

However, to go back to the days before she began her badminton career, she was born on the 20th June, 1950, at Sutton to Ray and Margaret Perrin, fourth child of a family of three girls and a boy. She attended Nonsuch Grammar School, and it won't surprise anyone to know that she was brilliant at her school work and managed to combine phenomenal advancement at badminton without in any way neglecting her studies. While still at school she excelled at both tennis and table tennis, but badminton became her first love.

Coached by Ian Palmer

Many people in the badminton world contributed in their various ways to her advancement. She was taken up, as so many other wonderful Surrey girls have been, by Surrey National Coach, Ian Palmer, who coached her from the age of 12 until about two years ago.



was only 16 years and 4 months, and one of the elite band of English players ever to have won an All-England title, which appropriately enough, she won with Roger Mills in 1969.

Space does not permit lists of wins, but briefly, the 1968-69 results seem worthy of mention, when she won singles titles in: The English Nationals, The Swedish Championships, the International Championship of the Netherlands, the Irish Open and the South African Championship—in all these except the Irish Open she also won the mixed doubles event. As already mentioned she won the All-England Mixed with Roger Mills, and to cap it all she won the top singles for England in the Denmark v. England Uber Cup Match, beating Imrie Nielsen. I understand her tally of junior and senior tournaments and championship titles now stands at 151, and her international appearances at 22.

Cover Girl?

The Editor asked me to try to include some personal glimpses of Gillian. I hope a few have crept into the foregoing, but for those who do not know her I would like to tell them that she is a gentle creature, with inbred perfect manners on court or off.

As many know, she is often likened to a well-known model girl (I am not sure that she likes this, so perhaps it will help if I do not mention the name!) because of her blonde hair and long slim legs and figure. Certainly she could model clothes very successfully if she ever ran out of badminton or scholastic ability, but she has so much of these that it does not seem likely that she will ever appear as a Cover Girl!

She is now married to Michael Gilks of Warwickshire, and we take this opportunity of wishing them both every happiness and success.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our sincerest congratulations to two well-known badminton personalities who appeared in the New Year's Honours List: Alderman H. D. Cowan and J. D. Udal.

Mr. H. Cowan was for many years a member of the Council of the Badminton Association of England and is now an Hon. Vice-President. He was awarded the O.B.E. for his services to the Redbridge Council of which he has been Housing Committee Chairman for a number of years.

Mr. J. D. Udal is President of the Warwickshire B.A. His award of M.B.E. is in connection with his own business in Birmingham.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

No Choice of Courts

When we heard of the new set-up in the English Inter-County Championship this year, we envisaged more matches like our semi-final tie against Yorkshire last season. We could only imagine that with having a higher standard of opposition in the League section, this would certainly improve our standard of play.

Over the years we have played in the Inter-Counties, I am certain we have won more ties than we have lost. As everyone knows, the best way to improve one's standard is to play against better opposition. From this point of view, we, in our own small way, have perhaps helped to improve the play of some of the English County players. We ourselves have benefitted greatly from the experience of playing in such a competition.

We have now been advised by the B.A. of E. that in future every English County we play will have choice of courts against us. The reason for this is the cost of the travelling involved. They also state, and I quote: "The Championship is, after all, a competition primarily intended for the Counties affiliated to the B.A. of England". If they feel as strongly as that, at least it would have been more honest to refuse our entry and not try to make conditions almost impossible for us to participate.

As a player and Committee member in the West of Scotland, I sincerely hope the B.A. of England will continue to accept our entry. I also hope we can go on playing on equal terms with every other entrant and not at such a disadvantage as this new condition imposes.

Yours truly,
IAN HUME.
51 Busby Road,
Clarkston, Glasgow.

Dear Sir,

Mr. F. C. Lohden

With reference to the Surrey article in the January issue of the Gazette, I would mention that our first Secretary was Mr. F. C. Lohden, O.B.E. We are rather distressed to see a printing error calling him Mr. Lehden. Mr. Lohden was almost the "father" of Surrey badminton and we apologise, particularly to those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Whilst putting pen to paper, I would like also to point out that although I have been credited with authorship I was not entirely responsible for the article, and because of this and other reasons, we had intended it to appear as an anonymous contribution!

Certainly no-one in Surrey would have been conceited enough to use the description "Premier County" which appeared in the heading. We thank the Editor for this compliment!!

Yours truly,
Dorothy Hinchcliff.

[The Editor must defend his printers—and his own proof reading—and lay the "blame" on Mrs. Hinchcliff's typewriter. Such yeoman service has it done in the interests of Surrey and the Gazette—or so fast does she type—that, "e" and "o" are nearly identical twins. The Editor too takes full responsibility for the headings; staunch man of Kent though he is, he felt no qualm about making up for Surrey's modesty!]

Dear Sir,

Our Professionals

Your Editorial Comment and the letter (on page 58 of the December issue) from the five recently-declared professionals have forced me to put pen to paper.

Unfortunately, time will not permit me to write the article that I intended so I will briefly itemise some points for consideration by your readers:

1. Undoubtedly, all five players love and live for badminton.
2. They are turning professional for money.
3. They could have earned a considerable amount of money under present B.A. of E. regulations (see Regulation for Amateur Status, page 41 of 1970-71 Edition of B.A. of E. Handbook).
4. With them, Kent would have won the County Championships, but far more important, England would have stood an excellent chance in the next Thomas and Uber Cup competitions.
5. They have travelled the world because of a game promoted by amateurs.
6. Whether or not they are "qualified" to coach players or coaches, I am not "qualified" to say.
7. There are many international players travelling the country taking part in exhibitions to promote the game, and the B.A. of E. have appointed me to help organise, promote, etc. any exhibition (see Regulations for Exhibition Matches on page 42 of 1970-71 B.A. of E. Handbook) as a free service to affiliated clubs and organisations.
8. Tournaments are trying to obtain more sponsorship in order to help players' expenses and offer better prizes, and the next few years could see an "overall sponsorship" of the "top" tournaments.
9. At least four other young international English players have been "approached" by the "professional group".

Finally, I wish them luck, but must add that the B.A. of E. are a well-organised amateur Association who are now definitely thinking big. I feel that any other players contemplating professionalism should be patient, because I am certain that had "Our Professionals" taken just a little confidential advice, they could have done far better for themselves and English badminton.

Yours very sincerely,
ROGER MILLS.

All-England Junior Championships

GARDNER — A NAME TO CONJURE WITH!

A Thrilling Mixed Final

by S. T. Golding



NORA GARDNER (Essex)

THE 1970-71 All-England Junior Championships were held at Wimbledon from the 6th to 9th of January, 1971.

There was a record entry and restrictions were necessary in all the under-eighteen events. Play was of a high standard and provided continuous entertainment for the many spectators.

Clear Cut Victories

Peter Gardner (Surrey) was in top form and convincingly won the Boys' Singles title. John Stretch (Essex) gave him a good game in the Final; but Peter took the initiative early and maintained it throughout. Although unseeded, John Woodgate (Essex) played consistently well to reach the Semi-final. He then had a close second game with the eventual winner.

The Girls' Singles provided yet another success for Nora Gardner (Essex) who has been making her mark in Senior tourna-

ments this season. In the Semi-final she was given a good fight by Pat Smiles (Surrey) who took her to three games. The Final was rather one-sided as Barbara Giles (Essex) was not allowed to settle down to her normal effective game.

Fighting Back

The seeded pairs in the Boys' Doubles duly reached the Final. A. R. Boote and P. J. Gardner (Surrey) were soon off to a good start and easily took the first game from J. Stretch and J. Woodgate (Essex). In the second game they faltered when leading 14-10, whereupon Stretch and Woodgate fought back well to set and win it. Encouraged by their narrow escape, they raised their game to win the title without further difficulty.

As expected, N. Gardner and B. Giles (Essex) dominated the Girls' Doubles. When finally opposed by R. M. Hughes and P. A. Smiles (Surrey) their sustained severe attack helped them to a well-merited success.

A Match to Remember

The Final of the Mixed Doubles was a thrilling and memorable contest. The opposing pairs were P. Gardner and B. Giles (Surrey and Essex) and J. Stretch and N. Gardner (Essex).

They held the spectators spellbound through three glorious games, with setting in the first and third. The speed and accuracy displayed was a revelation of the very high standard of play which can be achieved by Juniors. There were few unforced errors and some of the retrieving of smashes was quite amazing.

In the end, Gardner and Giles emerged triumphant. It is pleasing to record that a less well-known mixed pair showed that they are extremely promising players. They are M. J. Wilks and R. J. Toogood (Kent). In the Semi-final they came very near to defeating Stretch and Gardner.

Talented Under-15's

The Under Fifteen events revealed a wealth of young talent. P. G. Kidger (Yorkshire) and P. H. Wood (Lancashire) were outstanding among the boys. They provided a skilled display in the Singles final which Kidger narrowly won.

Kathleen Redhead Outstanding

K. Redhead (Lancashire) was easily the best of the girls and in the final of the Singles she had little difficulty in defeating J. Reeve (Essex). The latter had sprung a surprise in the Semi-final by beating D. Hurst (Cumberland) who was one of the joint top-seeds.

The Boys' Doubles final was keenly fought and the issue was always in doubt. After setting in both games, G. J. Scott (Lancashire) and P. H. Wood carried the day against P. G. Kidger and I. W. Kime (Nottinghamshire).



JOHN STRETCH (Essex)

THE SEEDS

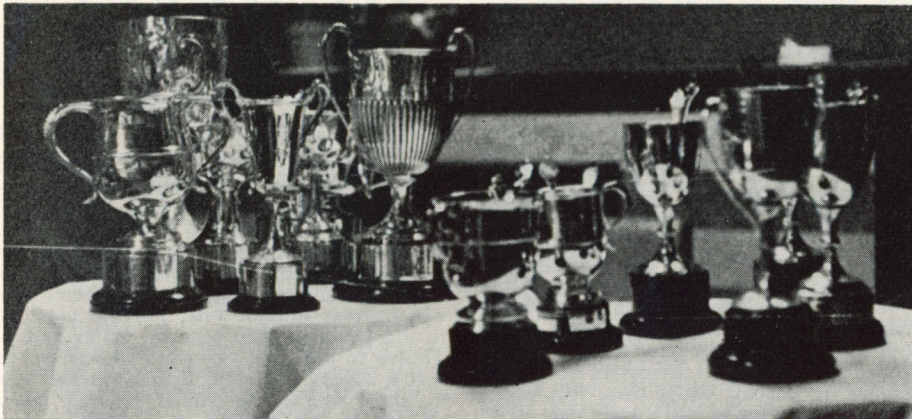
THE following, in draw order, were seeded:-

BOYS' SINGLES

- P. J. GARDNER (Surrey).
- A. J. WING (Nottinghamshire).
- P. A. PEARCE (Cornwall).
- C. P. H. J. BACON (Middlesex).
- R. D. WALLACE (Warwickshire).
- C. J. HARKNESS (Lancashire).
- A. R. BOOTE (Surrey).
- J. C. STRETCH (Essex).

GIRLS' SINGLES

- Miss B. GILES (Essex).
- Miss K. J. STRANKS (Essex).
- Miss M. J. A. BREWER (Surrey).
- Miss J. E. A. PIRIOU (Guernsey).
- Miss A. M. HESLIN (Lancashire).
- Miss N. GARDNER (Essex).
- Miss R. M. HUGHES (Surrey).
- Miss P. A. SMILES (Surrey).



The fine array of Cups presented to the winners by Mr. Stuart Wyatt, President of the B.A. of E.

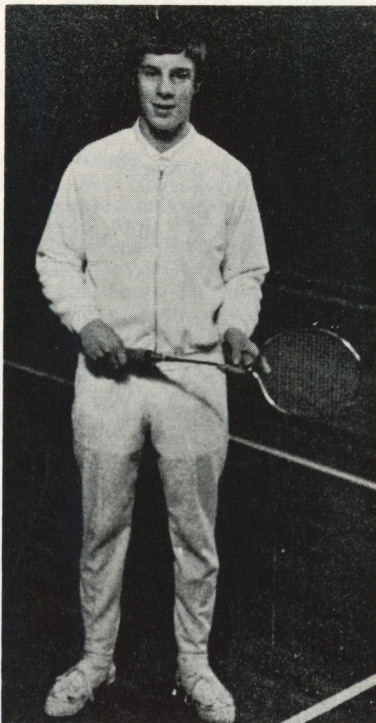
K. Redhead and S. Parker (Lancashire) beat D. Hurst and G. R. Scholey (Lancashire) in three games to win the Girls' Doubles.

Once again the facilities provided at Wimbledon were excellent, and the willing co-operation of everyone there was much appreciated. Our president, Mr. S. Wyatt, very kindly presented the trophies in his usual genial and capable manner to round off a very pleasing tournament.

RESULTS

BOYS' SINGLES
(64 players)

Fourth round: P. J. Gardner (Surrey) beat A. J. Wing (Nottinghamshire) 15-8, 15-7. J. K. H. Woodgate (Essex) beat M. J. Wilks (Kent) 15-4, 15-9. C. J. Harkness (Lancashire) beat S. L. Thomas (Kent) 15-8, 15-0. J. C. Stretch (Essex) beat A. R. Boote (Surrey) 15-3, 15-0.



P. H. WOOD (Lancs.)

Semi-finals: Gardner beat Woodgate 15-4, 15-12. Stretch beat Harkness 15-4, 15-7.

Final: Gardner beat Stretch 15-5, 15-10.

GIRLS' SINGLES
(32 players)

Third round: Miss B. Giles (Essex) beat Miss D. Hurst (Cumberland) 11-0, 11-4. Miss M. J. A. Brewer (Surrey) beat Miss K. Redhead (Lancashire) 11-5, 11-6. Miss N. Gardner (Essex) beat Miss A. M. Heslin (Lancashire) 11-3, 11-3. Miss P. A. Smiles (Surrey) beat Miss R. M. Hughes (Surrey) 11-6, 11-8.

Semi-finals: Miss Giles beat Miss Brewer 12-10, 11-2. Miss Gardner beat Miss Smiles 11-8, 8-11, 11-6.

Final: Miss Gardner beat Miss Giles 11-4, 11-6.

BOYS' DOUBLES
(34 pairs)

Third round: A. R. Boote and P. J. Gardner beat T. W. Hampton and P. A. Massey 15-13, 15-4. C. J. Harkness and D. I. Jackson beat S. Thorpe and M. J. Wilks 15-6, 9-15, 15-4. P. A. Pearce and D. P. Ward beat K. R. Bradbury and A. J. Wing 15-0, 18-14. J. C. Stretch and J. K. H. Woodgate beat G. B. Macfarlane and G. T. Roberts 15-4, 15-1.

Semi-finals: Boote and Gardner beat Harkness and Jackson 15-5, 15-2. Stretch and Woodgate beat Pearce and Ward 15-9, 15-3.

Final: Stretch and Woodgate beat Boote and Gardner 5-15, 17-14, 15-5.

GIRLS' DOUBLES
(22 pairs)

Third round: Miss N. Gardner and Miss B. Giles beat Miss C. J. A. Salmon and Miss J. F. White 15-2, 15-3. Miss J. A. Deacon and Miss K. Redhead beat Miss V. W. Herbert and Miss J. Sherratt 15-7, 18-15. Miss M. J. A. Brewer and Miss J. E. A. Priou beat Miss C. Davies and Miss K. Whiting 15-6, 15-9. Miss R. M. Hughes and Miss P. A. Smiles beat Miss H. F. Collins and Miss S. E. Sokol 15-2, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Miss Gardner and Miss Giles beat Miss Deacon and Miss Redhead 15-0, 15-2. Miss Hughes and Miss Smiles beat Miss Brewer and Miss Priou 15-18, 15-7, 15-11.

Final: Miss Gardner and Miss Giles beat Miss Hughes and Miss Smiles 15-7, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES
(42 pairs)

Fourth round: P. J. Gardner and Miss B. Giles beat C. J. Harkness and Miss M. J. A. Brewer 15-8, 15-8. E. James and Miss L. A. Frost beat S. Thorpe and Miss J. E. Gambie 15-5, 15-8. M. J. Wilks and Miss R. J. Toogood beat J. K. H. Woodgate and Miss K. J. Stranks 15-8, 4-15, 17-16. J. C. Stretch and Miss N. Gardner beat A. Boote and Miss R. M. Hughes 15-8, 15-5.

Semi-finals: Gardner and Miss Giles beat James and Miss Frost 15-7, 15-4. Stretch and Miss Gardner beat Wilks and Miss Toogood 7-15, 18-13, 15-6.

Final: Gardner and Miss Giles beat Stretch and Miss Gardner 17-14, 12-15, 18-15.

UNDER 15 BOYS' SINGLES
(64 players)

Fourth round: P. G. Kidger (Yorkshire) beat D. K. Porter (Worcestershire) 15-8, 15-6. T. J. Cottingham (Essex) beat D. S. Whitfield (Berkshire) 15-1, 12-15, 15-4. R. A. Rofe (Kent) beat B. J. Hammond (Essex) 15-11, 15-7. P. H. Wood (Lancashire) beat G. S. Donaldson (Jersey) 15-7, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Kidger beat Cottingham 15-2, 15-4. Wood beat Rofe 15-7, 15-11.

Final: Kidger beat Wood 15-12, 17-14.

**All-England
Junior
Championships**

UNDER 15 GIRLS' SINGLES
(20 players)

Third round: Miss K. Redhead (Lancashire) beat Miss L. C. Maine (Surrey) 11-6, 11-2. Miss A. M. Gardner (Surrey) beat Miss G. R. Scholey (Lancashire) 4-11, 11-5, 11-3. Miss J. Reeve (Essex) beat Miss S. J. Hill (Somerset) 5-11, 11-6, 11-3. Miss D. Hurst (Cumberland) beat Miss J. E. Auton (Durham) 11-6, 11-7.

Semi-finals: Miss Redhead beat Miss Gardner 11-5, 11-4. Miss Reeve beat Miss Hurst 11-7, 11-12, 11-3.

Final: Miss Redhead beat Miss Reeve 11-4, 11-2.

UNDER 15 BOYS' DOUBLES
(22 pairs)

Third Round: G. J. Scott and P. H. Wood beat A. J. Cook and N. G. Tier 15-7, 15-7. J. S. Evans and R. A. Rofe beat N. Birkett and G. S. Donaldson 15-9, 15-11. B. P. Bacon and B. J. Hammond beat K. Hurst and E. Robert 15-9, 15-12. P. G. Kidger and I. W. Kime beat M. Eaton and J. Unwin 15-3, 15-3.

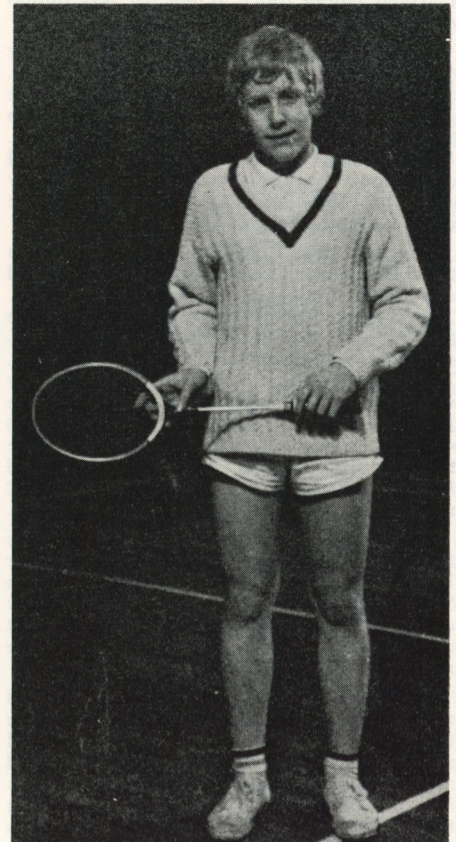
Semi-finals: Scott and Wood beat Evans and Rofe 18-15, 15-6. Kidger and Kime beat Bacon and Hammond 15-9, 15-6.

Final: Scott and Wood beat Kidger and Kime 17-15, 17-14.

UNDER 15 GIRLS' DOUBLES
(11 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss S. Parker and Miss K. Redhead beat Miss R. P. Allen and Miss C. E. Hern 15-3, 15-4. Miss D. Hurst and Miss G. R. Scholey beat Miss E. A. Gilbert and Miss G. B. Pennekett 15-5, 15-8.

Final: Miss Parker and Miss Redhead beat Miss Hurst and Miss Scholey 15-4, 9-15, 15-6.



P. G. KIDGER (Yorks.)

ACCENT ON YOUTH

CUMBERLAND JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Three Titles for P. J. Gardner

by Ian Graham

The Cumberland Junior Open Tournament attracted a record entry of 42 boys and 21 girls to Carlisle Market Hall on December 29th and 30th, with representative entries from Scotland, the North East, Notts and the Home Counties, plus many local competitors.

Play commenced at 1 p.m. on the Tuesday and from the outset it was obvious that Peter Gardner (Surrey) was in a class of his own. In the Boys' Singles he was never extended and in the final met Mike Wilks (Kent) who had done well to eliminate Tony Wing (Notts) in a close quarter-final match. To say that the final was one-sided would be manifestly unfair to Wilks who tried all he knew to break Gardner's rhythm. That he succeeded to some extent to lead 9-8 in the second game is much to his credit but Gardner then came with a long run on service to 14-9 and that was virtually that. The result was 15-4, 15-9 to Gardner whose touch at the net was immaculate throughout.

In the Girls' Singles final, Martha Brewer (Surrey) opposed Kathleen Redhead (Lancs). Miss Brewer opened up a 10-4 lead in the game which Miss Redhead pulled back to 8-10 with a succession of drive serves. Martha then gained the final point and easily took the second end 11-4 over a very dispirited Miss Redhead whose confidence in no way matches her ability.

Gardner and Tony Boote (Surrey) then took the Boys' Doubles 15-10 in the third over Hugh Redhead and Ian Wood (Lancs). The Surrey pair's all-out attacking game finally took its toll against the more defensive strategy adopted by the Northerners. The overall standard of Girls' Doubles play was rather disappointing. In the final, Anne Johnstone and Joyce Rait (Edinburgh) showed greater determination and made fewer mistakes than Kath Redhead and Susan Parker (Lancs) to win 15-9, 15-12 after being 12-4 down in the second game.

Gardner completed his hat-trick when he took the mixed title with Martha Brewer 15-4, 15-2 over Tony Wing and Colleen Salmon (Notts). The losers were completely outclassed but, typically, tried their utmost until the final point was lost—an example many other players could well emulate.

Once again referee Les Carrick and assistant referee Bill Liddle handled the tournament in their usual smooth, genial manner whilst secretary, Jack Stalker and accommodations officer Edgar Clarke organised the pre-tournament arrangements with their usual quiet efficiency. The trophies were kindly presented by Mrs. L. Graham, a vice-president of the Cumberland B.A.

DEVON COUNTY RESTRICTED JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Plymouth Players Predominate

At the Devon County Restricted Junior Tournament, held at the Torquay Town Hall on January 1st and 2nd, 1971, Plymouth players predominated in the "under 14" and "under 16" events, except for the Girls' Doubles, which were won in both cases by contestants from Buckfastleigh.

In the higher age group (under 18), however, the honours were shared between Plymouth and Torbay. The two seeds in the Boys' Singles fought a close Final, with R. Palmer of Plymouth narrowly beating P. Thomas of Torbay, while these two opponents joined forces to win the Boys' Doubles. P. Thomas was again a prize-winner in the Mixed Doubles, partnered by V. Whitworth of Torbay, who in turn partnered R. Grimes to win the Girls' Doubles.

Each event in this Tournament carries its own annual cap, while each winner was also pleased to receive a small trophy with a badminton motif. The runners-up all received key-rings with the same racquets-and-shuttle motif.

The results were as follows:

Under 14 events:

Boys' Singles: I. Nicholls

Girls' Singles: J. Bartlett

Boys' Doubles: N. Haley and I. Nicholls

Girls' Doubles: M. Turton and A. Harvey

Under 16 events:

Boys' Singles: M. Finnigan

Girls' Singles: S. Roberts

Boys' Doubles: M. Finnigan and C. Harris

Girls' Doubles: D. Clarke and C. Rowe

Mixed Doubles: M. Finnigan and S. Roberts

Under 18 events:

Boys' Singles: R. Palmer

Girls' Singles: J. Andrews

Boys' Doubles: P. Thomas and R. Palmer

Girls' Doubles: V. Whitworth and R. Grimes

Mixed Doubles: P. Thomas and V. Whitworth

BOYS' SINGLES

Semi-finals: P. J. Gardner (Surrey) beat D. Armstrong (Durham) 15-4, 15-8, M. Wilks (Kent) beat P. Refell (Cumberland) 15-9, 15-7.

Final: Gardner beat Wilks 15-4, 15-9.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Miss M. Brewer (Surrey) beat Miss J. Rait (Edinburgh) 11-9, 11-0, Miss K. Redhead (Lancs) beat Miss C. Salmon (Notts) 7-11, 11-7, 11-0.

Final: Miss Brewer beat Miss Redhead 11-8, 11-2.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: P. J. Gardner and A. Boote (Surrey) beat M. Wilks and S. Thorpe (Kent) 1-15, 15-7, 15-10, I. Wood and H. Redhead (Lancs) beat I. Loten and A. Fish (Notts) 15-12, 15-4.

Final: Gardner and Boote beat Wood and Redhead 15-9, 12-15, 15-10.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Miss K. Redhead and Miss S. Parker (Lancs) beat Miss D. Hurst and Miss S. Stuart (Cumberland) 15-10, 15-6, Miss A. Johnstone and Miss J. Rait (Edinburgh) beat Miss M. Brewer and Miss E. Gilbert (Surrey/Notts) 15-12, 15-6.

Final: Miss Johnstone and Miss Rait beat Miss Redhead and Miss Parker 15-9, 15-12.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: P. J. Gardner and Miss M. Brewer (Surrey) beat G. Hamilton and Miss A. Blyth (Edinburgh) 15-7, 15-10, A. Wing and Miss C. Salmon (Notts) beat R. Ross and Miss C. Healy (Edinburgh) 15-10, 8-15, 15-12.

Final: Gardner and Miss Brewer beat Wing and Miss Salmon 15-4, 15-2.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Miss Brewer Makes Her Mark

THERE was a good entry in this Annual Tournament, with an increase in the Boys' Singles, but a decrease in the Girls' event.

Both top seeds in the Boys' Singles, P. Gardner and A. Boote, came through to meet in the final where Gardner showed his superior play and fastness about court to win in two straight sets. Playing together in the Doubles, they beat M. Wilks and S. Thorpe in the final, again in two sets, but it was a closely contested final. Gardner won his third title in the Mixed Doubles, when playing with Miss Martha Brewer, they beat Boote and Miss R. Hughes.

Miss Brewer came through to win the Girls' Singles, although unseeded, beating Miss R. Hughes in the semi-final, and top seed Miss P. Smiles in a very closely fought final which went to three sets. One of the best finals was the Girls' Doubles, where Miss Smiles and Miss Hughes narrowly defeated Miss Brewer and Miss J. Piriou from Jersey, after setting in the first two games and winning the third to 7.

The handicap events were well supported with a Hampshire pair winning their only event in the girls doubles.

M.L.S.

RESULTS

BOYS' SINGLES (43 players)

Third round: P. Gardner beat A. Nicholson 15-0, 15-3, P. Pearce beat R. Wiseman 15-2, 15-5, P. Toler beat S. Thomas 15-7, 11-15, 15-7, A. Boote beat S. Thorpe 15-13, 4-15, 15-10.

Semi-finals: Gardner beat Pearce 15-7, 17-14, Boote beat Toler 8-15, 15-7, 15-8.

Final: Gardner beat Boote 15-2, 15-7.

GIRLS' SINGLES (11 players)

Semi-finals: Miss P. Smiles beat Miss J. Miles 11-7, 11-4, Miss M. Brewer beat Miss R. Hughes 11-7, 11-6.

Final: Miss Brewer beat Miss Smiles 8-11, 11-7, 11-4.

BOYS' DOUBLES (18 pairs)

Semi-finals: P. Gardner and A. Boote beat P. Pearce and P. Ormrod 9-15, 15-8, 15-5, M. Wilks and S. Thorpe beat D. Easterby and S. Thomas 15-5, 15-12.

Final: Gardner and Boote beat Wilks and Thorpe 15-10, 15-11.

GIRLS' DOUBLES (9 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss P. Smiles and Miss R. Hughes beat Miss J. Oldman and Miss A. Forrest 15-4, 15-4, Miss M. Brewer and Miss J. Piriou beat Miss S. Utteridge and Miss N. O'Farrell 15-0, 15-1.

Final: Miss Smiles and Miss Hughes beat Miss Brewer and Miss Piriou 17-14, 13-18, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES (19 pairs)

Semi-finals: A. Boote and Miss R. Hughes beat M. Wilks and Miss J. Ellis 18-17, 15-13, P. Gardner and Miss M. Brewer beat L. Dance and Miss P. Smiles 18-13, 15-6.

Final: Gardner and Miss Brewer beat Boote and Miss Hughes 15-1, 15-12.

HANDICAP FINALS

Boys' Doubles: D. Easterby and R. Wiseman (owe 6) beat C. Allen and J. Evans (plus 3) 15-11, 15-14.

Girls' Doubles: Miss A. Forrest and Miss G. Penneket (owe 1) beat Miss L. Ward and Miss R. Callaway (owe 3) 15-10, 15-13.

Mixed Doubles: D. Easterby and Miss N. O'Farrell (owe 1) beat C. Allen and Miss Utteridge (owe 6) 15-10, 5-15, 15-11.

ACCENT ON YOUTH

NORTHERN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pat Smiles and Peter Gardner
Outstanding

IT was a case of the mixture as before so far as the destination of Northern Junior titles was concerned when the 21st Annual Championships were concluded at Birkenhead Sports Centre on January 2nd.

As has so often been the case, southern players made almost a clean sweep with only two northern players taking a share of the honours.

The only defended title—the girls' doubles—was again competently won by the Surrey pair Pat Smiles and Rachel Hughes, though not before a struggle in the final game against the scratch partnership of Martha Brewer (Surrey) and Susan Marshall (Cheshire).

With a little more experience together than the three rounds in this event, the latter might easily have sprung a big surprise. But after levelling at game-all, they lapsed in the decider to let the champions through.

Pat Smiles—Gillian's sister they call her at Birkenhead—was the only player to score a double. She fully justified her top seeding in the singles by beating Rachel Hughes in the final without really being extended.

This thoughtful and already mature player was impressive throughout the tournament and, one felt, always had quite a lot in reserve.

The same could be said of Peter Gardner who won the Boys' Singles from an entry of sixty as well as reaching the final of the mixed doubles with Jane Auton (Durham).

Harkness Shines

It was here that the other odd-player-out, Lancashire's Colin Harkness, came into the picture with Miss Brewer—another scratch partnership which paid off.

In fairness to Gardner, he looked tired, but no one would deny that Harkness and Miss Brewer were the better pair in the first game. In the second, however, they nearly slipped up with inaccuracies which suggested they didn't deserve to win, but they recovered to snatch victory at 18-16.

Harkness had altogether a good tournament and is certainly a player who could be a big asset to his county.

An Ascendant Star

And that goes for the brilliant young 14-year-old Kathleen Redhead of Ingleton whose name is already known nationally and will assuredly be heard a lot more.

For one so young to reach three semi-finals in a tournament of this standing was a fine achievement. The biggest shock of the day was the 15-2, 15-1 victory of her and her brother Hugh, age 16, over Tony Boote and Martha Brewer, top seeds, in the second round of the mixed doubles.

It was always good to welcome competitors from another country and this time, there were four promising players from Ulster. Two of them, Brenda Quinlan and Ann Dawson, reached the semi-final of the Girls' Doubles where they went down to the holders.

Presentation to Leslie Moore

Birkenhead has become accustomed to good tournaments and this coming-of-age event was no exception. It was fitting that it was celebrated by a record entry of 230 from some 150 young players, and it was a tribute to Birkenhead League officials who now permanently sponsor this popular tournament that it ran without a hitch. It was a tribute to the players too, that punctuality and co-operation helped considerably towards completing such a massive programme—140 events were completed in nine hours on Friday.

Man at the helm was again Leslie Moore, the Championship's Secretary, to whom tribute was paid at the Northern Senior Championships in November when a silver salver was presented to him in recognition of his devoted service to juniors through the years.

F. E. Tomlinson

Performance of the Month

Between the 29th December, 1970 and the 9th January, 1971 two Surrey juniors, Peter Gardner (17) and Martha Brewer (16) took part in four junior championships; Cumberland Northern, South of England and All-England. At Carlisle, Peter won three titles and Martha two; at Birkenhead they each won one, and at Portsmouth Peter won three and Martha two. Nine hard days of play culminated in Peter reaching the All-England titles at Wimbledon while Martha reached the semi-finals in two events.

BOYS' SINGLES

Semi-finals: M. J. Wilks (Kent) beat C. J. Harkness (Lancashire) 8-15, 15-5, 15-6; P. J. Gardner (Surrey) beat J. P. Stretch (Essex) 15-12, 15-13.
Final: Gardner beat Wilks 15-3, 15-10.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Miss P. Smiles (Surrey) beat Miss M. J. Brewer (Surrey) 11-4, 11-0. Miss R. Hughes (Surrey) beat Miss K. Redhead (Lancashire) 11-8, 11-3.
Final: Miss Smiles beat Miss Hughes 11-7, 11-5.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: S. Thorpe (Kent) and M. J. Wilks beat D. Jackson (Lancashire) and C. Harkness 15-4, 15-8; J. Stretch and J. Woodgate (Essex) beat A. R. Boote (Surrey) and P. Gardner 7-15, 15-9, 15-6.
Final: Stretch and Woodgate beat Thorpe and Wilks 15-9, 15-11.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Miss S. Marshall (Cheshire) and Miss M. Brewer beat Miss K. Redhead and Miss K. Scott (Lancashire) 15-5, 15-5; Miss R. Hughes and Miss P. Smiles (holders) beat Miss B. Quinlan (Ulster) and Miss A. Dawson (Ulster) 15-7, 15-5.
Final: Miss Hughes and Miss Smiles beat Miss Marshall and Miss Brewer 15-11, 9-15, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: C. Harkness and Miss M. Brewer beat H. Redhead (Lancashire) and Miss K. Redhead 15-6, 15-10; P. Gardner and Miss J. Auton (Durham) beat L. Dance (Surrey) and Miss P. Smiles 4-15, 15-12, 18-15.
Final: Harkness and Miss Brewer beat Gardner and Miss Auton 15-7, 18-16.

NOTTS RESTRICTED JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Wing Retains Triple Crown

THE Nottinghamshire Restricted Junior Tournament was held on January 2nd and 3rd at the palatial surroundings of the Nottingham University Sports Centre, which had only three weeks earlier been the home of the English National Championships. The facilities here are second to none and a vast improvement on those previously available.

There were no major surprises in any of the five finals: the No. 1 seeds won all the events. This meant that Tony Wing retained the triple crown he won last season.

In the Boys' Singles final Tony Wing had no difficulty in defeating (15-2, 15-1) Ian Loten who had earned his final place by the No. 2 seed, Eric Smith, retiring, without putting up a fight in the semi-final. In the Girls' Singles, Jackie White defeated her partner Colleen Salmon after a dour fight, 8-11, 11-5, 11-4. Together they won the Girls' Doubles 15-6, 15-5 against Eileen Gilbert and Jane Muncaster. Tony Wing, partnered by Keith Bradbury, retained the Boys' Doubles title and partnered by Colleen Salmon he completed his triple crown.

BOYS' SINGLES

Semi-finals: A. Wing beat C. Kiernan 15-7, 15-9. I Loten beat E. Smith 15-8, 8-2 (retired).
Final: Wing beat Loten 15-2, 15-1.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Semi-finals: C. Salmon beat H. Gayle 11-4, 11-2. J. White beat E. Gilbert 11-4, 11-9.
Final: White beat Salmon 8-11, 11-5, 11-4.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: A. Wing and K. Bradbury beat C. Kiernan and E. Smith 15-12, 15-12. K. Cuthbert and A. Knight beat A. Fish and I. Loten 15-9, 6-15, 15-12.
Final: Wing and Bradbury beat Cuthbert and Knight 15-3, 8-15, 15-4.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Salmon and White beat K. Martt and P. Blair 15-1, 15-2. E. Gilbert and J. Muncaster beat H. Gayle and G. Morrison 15-9, 15-6.
Final: Salmon and White beat Gilbert and Muncaster 15-6, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: A. Wing and Miss C. Salmon beat P. Sullivan and Miss J. Rayner 15-5, 15-4. A. Fish and Miss E. Gilbert beat A. Knight and Miss J. White 17-14, 15-12.
Final: A. Wing and Miss Salmon beat A. Fish and Miss E. Gilbert 15-12, 15-4.

J.S.H.

Postal Strike

Despite the above, the Editor has garnered contributions from various parts of the country by nearly all known means of postal communication except carrier pigeons. He is indebted to many people, most of all perhaps to the use of the R.S.L. "Pony-Mail" plying between Canterbury, Sandwich and London.

Some items, not surprisingly, have not been received—and a few, from perennial lack of space, have had to be left over for the next issue.

The Editor.

London Dextrosol Championships

David Eddy Springs Surprise

By

BILL HAVERS

(Essex and ex-England)



U.21's! A. Nevzat, T. Goode, M. Gardner, M. Brewer and P. Smiles.

A FEW surprises interfered with the progress of the seeded players in the London Dextrosol Championships at Crystal Palace. Ray Stevens fell to David Eddy in the quarter finals and Eddy went on to give Robert McCoig a rare duffing in the semi; after their long battle at the Lancashire just over a week back, this was a turn up indeed. This was one of David Eddy's better singles; earlier he had some difficulty with Surrey's talented left hander, Martin Boutle. What an enigmatic player David is; a week before tumbled out the the Nationals in the first round!

Ray Stevens was left to reflect on his new position of being expected to win even against current Internationals. Surprisingly it can be much more difficult than being the underdog. I think Stevens has the perseverance and talent to quickly establish his new position of England No. 2, but knowing Ray he will not be satisfied with staying No. 2 for long.

Derek Talbot had played impeccably through the other half although having to withstand challenges from David Hunt and Brian White. No easy task for any Englishman. And who knows what would have happened had either been in the other half.

Keith Arthur's Promise

Among the other seeds, Colin Beacom tumbled to Keith Arthur the talented Essex 2nd string. It has been obvious that Keith has the ability to climb right to the top at singles. All-England Junior Champion last year, he has time on his side but he must realise that two things above all else make a champion: **Dedication** and **Hard Work**.

Elliott Stuart overcame David Hutchinson just to establish who was second singles at "The Palace" then scratched because of nasty foot blisters, to give White a quarter final walk-over. ("The Palace" is the nickname given to the notorious flat at Castle Nan, West London, in which Messrs. Hutchinson, Kidd, Stuart and Talbot reside. David Eddy is only staying on a temporary basis).

Gillian's Hat-trick!

Gillian Gilks was in tremendous form to win "all three". How near she was to losing only Gillian really knows. Against Margaret Beck at 8-10 in the second, we all waited with baited breath (all that is except the photographer who strolled behind the court) to see match point saved. And then a complete transition as Gillian played

her most positive style of all court game hitting the shuttle deep into the corners, and playing well to and at the net.

Judy Hashman teamed up with Gillian to retain their Ladies' Doubles title without the slightest bother, except that in her inimitable way, Judy "bothers" over every single point and shot. It was nice to see the two charming Dutch girls, Felis de Nooyer and Joke van Beusekom, playing well in this event after doing well in the singles. Margaret Beck and Julie Rickard had the better of three sets against Jenny Horton and Barbara Giles. Barbara needs lots of games like this tough semi-final, and its good to see her enjoying the struggle to break through. How fortunate she is to have a player of the stature and cool temperament of Jenny Horton.

Stout Defence

Ray Stevens and Mike Tredgett came good in the Men's Doubles against a strangely out of touch Talbot and Stuart. Tredgett's defence was amazing although he was helped by some flat hitting and out of character clashing of rackets by the current England pair. All credit to Ray and Mike but there was something about Elliott and Derek that gave the impression they were not really concerned, their concentration suffered and this led them to play a very fast bread and butter game. A little more subtlety in the forecourt and more imaginative smashing might have seen Ray and Mike under greater pressure.

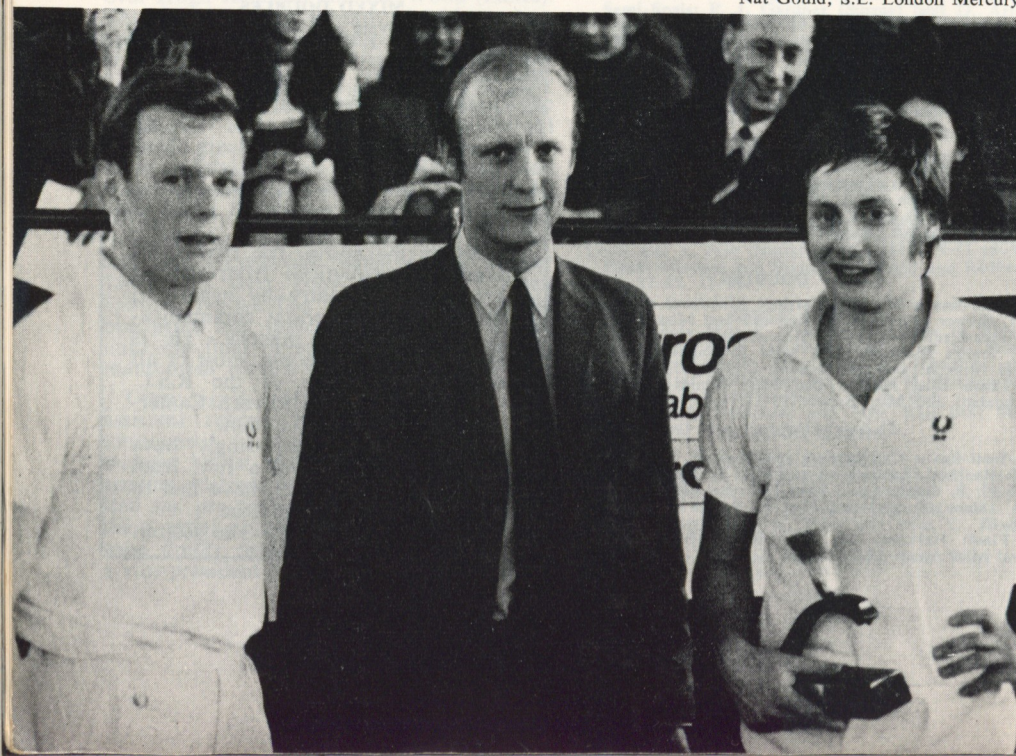
Roger Mills and David Eddy went smoothly to the semi-final where they met very stiff resistance from Bill Kidd and the tall Peter Bullivant, a welcome visitor from Lancashire, with David Eddy in lethargic mood and Roger Mills struggling to get the bird down in the huge arena against two very solid and swift defenders. If any single factor achieved victory here, it was Roger's will to win. What a fantastic competitor he is! However, it will be their opponents who will best remember this encounter.

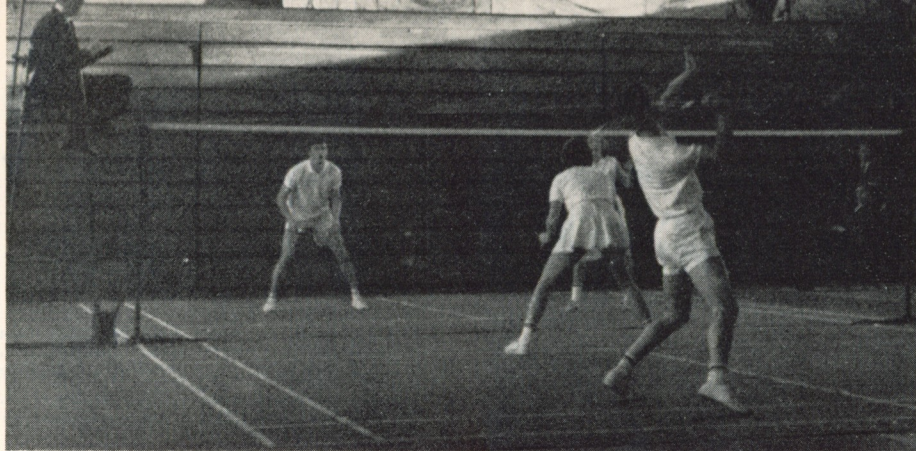
Noises Off!

The Mixed Doubles seemed an inevitable win for Derek Talbot and Gillian (hat-trick) Gilks. Although Roger Mills and Jenny Horton were well in in the first game, there was a hint of defeatism in the second. Most unusual this for both players who possess

Mr. R. Nelberg of Dextrosol, with J. Eddy and D. Talbot (winner).

Nat Gould, S.E. London Mercury





Roger Mills and Jenny Horton on the attack!

wonderful temperaments. It must be said that Roger in particular seemed annoyed at the "noises off" from the swimming pool end. Whether this was before or after his concentration had gone is a matter for conjecture.

Strong Under 21 Field

The Dextrosol under 21 event added not one but two further "Hat Trickers" to the honours list: two rising players from Wimbledon. Ali Nevzatt and Pat Smiles deserve many congratulations for this tremendous

performance against a very strong field from all parts of the country.

As a non-grafting member of the Committee. I would like to thank all players who entered and also Mr. R. Nelberg and Mr. M. Lazards, representing our sponsors, who watched with absorbed interest before presenting trophies and prizes.

And finally, "Well done!" to Keith Andrews, Peter Veasey, and Brian Shaw who made the whole thing possible.

(Final scores given in the January issue but detailed results not yet received).

WILTSHIRE OPEN TOURNAMENT

Some Surprising Results

AS predicted in these columns twelve months ago, a large number of those less hardy characters who gradually deserted Upavon returned, or attempted to return, to the Christie-Miller Sports Centre at Melksham. I say attempted, not because they could not find Melksham (although one late couple alleged that they wandered far around the county as none of the locals accosted had ever heard of the place) but because a considerable number of entries for men's singles and mixed doubles had to be rejected. Indeed, more ought to have been as we over-ran our time; the allowance of 30 minutes per match was not enough, especially when 35 of the 130 matches ran to three sets.

The Men's Singles was rather unbalanced, as Brian White had to withdraw through indisposition, leaving David Hunt and Mike Tredgett to contest the top half. It was not one of Tredgett's best days, and Hunt came through easily. In the bottom half, Stretch did well to reach the semi-final, beating the Welsh International, Howard Jennings on the way. Gordon Young, the R.A.F. player, met Hunt in the final and just lost the first set, a good performance for a player with not a great deal of top-class tournament play. Experience told, and Hunt was a good winner.

The Ladies' Singles also had its surprises. The holder, Mrs. Dickson of Glamorgan, was put out easily by Sue Roberts, who only made Wiltshire 1st team this season. The latter then gave Miss M. Gardner a fright by being within two points of the final. Miss Fisher, of Glamorgan, won the event in a very close final against Miss Gardner.

The Men's Doubles was won by the Hampshire pair, David Hunt and David Curtis, against Brian White and Mike Tredgett. The Ladies' Doubles had unexpected winners in the persons of Mrs. Friend and Mrs. Kirk of Hampshire, who beat the fancied pair of Mrs Dickson and Miss Fisher rather easily.

The Mixed Doubles also provided unseeded winners in David Curtis and Mrs. Spencer of Hampshire, who defeated Nick White and Mrs. Smith in the final. You cannot move very far in Wiltshire without bumping into one White or another!

The American Handicap event on the Saturday was an unqualified success, there being five sections of nine pairs each, three men and two ladies. The section winners were R. Robertson and A. Bolton, R. Barbour and K. Robbins, R. Bicknell and C. Mullins, Mrs. M. Thrush and Miss A. Bracewell and Mrs. N. Barbour and Miss R. McGowran.

RESULTS MEN'S SINGLES

(32 players)

Third round: D. R. Hunt beat J. Croxton 15-5, 15-4. M. G. Tredgett beat R. T. Northcott 17-18, 15-8, 15-6. J. C. Stretch beat E. H. Sutton 10-15, 15-1, 15-5. N. G. Young beat W. A. Thorne 15-6, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Hunt beat Tredgett 15-8, 15-1. Young beat Stretch 11-15, 15-8, 15-6.

Final: Hunt beat Young 18-14, 15-4.

COMPETITION RESULTS

ART ILLUSTRATION

THE December competition was won by Mr. W. H. Payne of 66 Edinburgh Avenue, Gorleston, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk with a series of six cartoons of the "Court Jester". The first appears in this issue; it is hoped to enliven the Gazette's columns with a cartoon each month.

Mr. Payne, a fairly recent recruit to Badminton, is a member of the Yare B.C. He has been sent a **Gray's Superlite** racket. Congratulations! His pseudonym is a combination of his and his wife's initials.

Entries were also received from County Coach, Percy Elvins, Rob Wells (15) of Bexley Heath, and pupils of the Ashton-in-Makerfield School, Wigan. Bad luck; try again! Sincere thanks to these pioneers, but it is hoped many more entries will be received for the next competition.

CLUB CORNER

Excellent contributions have been received for the above for which the Editor is most grateful. A year's free subscription to "**The Badminton Gazette**" has been awarded to The Rev. N. W. L. Auster, The Vicarage, Dullingham, Newmarket, Suffolk. More useful ideas, please, Secretaries! Here is a chance to cast modesty and anonymity to the winds!

LADIES' SINGLES

(14 players)

Semi-finals: Miss M. Gardner beat Miss S. Roberts 8-11, 12-10, 11-6. Miss B. A. Fisher beat Miss G. M. White 12-10, 11-7.

Final: Miss Fisher beat Miss Gardner 11-9, 10-12, 12-9.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(32 pairs)

Third round: E. H. Sutton and K. Hawthorne beat J. C. Dawes and R. I. H. Moore 15-10, 17-16. D. R. Hunt and D. Curtis beat G. Hinder and R. Roze 15-4, 15-6. N. J. White and R. G. Reed beat A. Fisher and H. R. Jennings 9-15, 15-2, 15-9. B. H. White and M. G. Tredgett beat J. L. Dann and G. B. F. Hamilton 15-7, 15-17, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Hunt and Curtis beat Sutton and Hawthorne 10-15, 15-7, 15-5. White and Tredgett beat White and Reed 15-11, 18-13.

Final: Hunt and Curtis beat White and Tredgett 15-10, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(20 pairs)

Third round: Mrs. A. R. Dickson and Miss B. A. Fisher beat Mrs. M. A. Lewington and Miss D. G. Bale 15-1, 15-9. Miss S. M. Page and Mrs. M. J. Hanney beat Miss G. M. White and Mrs. R. M. Spencer 15-8, 15-10. Mrs. M. Peaker and Mrs. S. Jones beat Miss M. Bridge and Miss A. Ewles 18-13, 15-9. Mrs. S. A. Kirk and Mrs. A. Friend beat Mrs. A. Smith and Miss H. Marks 11-15, 15-6, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Dickson and Miss Fisher beat Miss Page and Mrs. Hannay 15-12, 15-8. Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. Friend beat Mrs. Peaker and Mrs. Jones 15-2, 15-3.

Final: Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. Friend beat Mrs. Dickson and Miss Fisher 15-9, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

(35 pairs)

Fourth round: A. Finch and Mrs. J. Addinell beat R. G. Reed and Miss R. R. Cooper 10-15, 15-6, 15-8. D. Curtis and Mrs. R. M. Spencer beat D. Hunt and Miss C. A. Holland 15-3, 15-6. N. J. White and Mrs. A. Smith beat R. Northcott and Miss J. Huson 15-9, 15-7. M. Tredgett and Miss M. Gardner beat K. Hawthorne and Miss A. Ewles 12-15, 15-12, 15-12.

Semi-finals: Curtis and Mrs. Spencer beat Finch and Mrs. Addinell 17-15, 15-12. White and Mrs. Smith beat Tredgett and Miss Gardner 15-12, 15-9.

Final: Curtis and Mrs. Spencer beat White and Mrs. Smith 10-15, 15-5, 15-4.

SUSSEX OPEN**TREDGETT SHINES**

THE 44th Sussex Open Championships held at Littlehampton on January 8th and 9th produced some spirited play and interesting results. The Men's Singles produced another saga in the Brian White—David Hunt series, and they had to work in their semi-final matches against Dennis Gloyne and Max Lawson.

The Ladies' Doubles proved to be the most closely contested of the Open Events, with three matches simultaneously occupying the courts for almost an hour, and in the process giving the referee a daymare of Saturday night—Sunday morning final; however, in the end all was well. Ann Smith and Hyacinth Marks deservedly won although one might borrow a phrase from the boxing fraternity to say that it was "a very close points decision."

In the Men's Doubles, Roger Mills and Mike Tredgett had little difficulty in acquiring the title for the first time, although M. Thompson and R. Mead gave them a fright in a quarter-final match . . . 17-14, 18-16, is too close for comfort in any match. Sadly Bob Reed and Nick White were out of touch in the final, but one only plays as well as the opposition allows, and Mills and Tredgett gave a very competent performance. Reed and White accounted for M. Nurmohammed and P. Gaudoin in the semi-final, a knee injury to Nurmohammed in the second set put paid to what would have been an interesting match. Nurmohammed gamely carried on to the end.

The best match of the entire programme was the last when Roger Mills and Jenny Horton fought out the Mixed Final with Mike Tredgett and Julie Rickard. All four players deserve praise for producing a tremendous match . . . some indication of the effort that with Roger Mills and Jenny Horton leading 12-10 in the third game, the service did the rounds at least five times before the next point was taken.

The Handicap Events were played at the King Alfred Sports Centre, Hove, on the Sunday. Once again five courts were kept occupied non-stop for almost twelve hours with one hundred and sixteen matches!



MIKE TREDGETT

MEN'S SINGLES

(33 players)

Fourth round: M. G. Tredgett beat I. Gorden 15-6, 15-3. J. A. Gardner beat R. H. Moore 15-7, 15-8. R. T. Northcott beat P. A. Pearce 15-12, 15-7. H. Jennings beat F. H. Dovey 15-5, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Tredgett beat Gardner 12-15, 17-16, 15-5. Northcott beat Jennings 18-14, 15-5.

Final: Tredgett beat Northcott 15-9, 15-8.

LADIES' SINGLES

(8 players)

Semi-finals: Mrs. A. R. Dickson beat Mrs. M. A. Banyard 11-3, 11-0. Miss B. A. Fisher beat Miss C. Carne 11-0, 11-3.

Final: Miss Fisher beat Mrs. Dickson 3-11, 11-7, 11-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(27 pairs)

Third round: R. T. Northcott and A. C. Finch beat D. J. Rippon and N. Ahmad 15-10, 15-8. D. L. Cheese and P. A. Osang beat P. M. Hawkyard and S. A. Burt 15-4, 17-15. M. G. Tredgett and F. H. Dovey beat S. Gully and D. Turner 15-12, 15-2. N. J. White and R. G. Reed beat I. Gorden and T. J. Sanbrook 15-9, 15-9.

Semi-finals: Northcott and Finch beat Cheese and Osang 15-8, 15-8. White and Reed beat Tredgett and Dovey 18-15, 16-17, 18-15.

Final: Northcott and Finch beat White and Reed 10-15, 18-16, 15-10.

DEVON**CHAMPIONSHIPS****TREDGETT AGAIN****HANDICAP FINAL**

Mixed Doubles: D. L. Cheese and Miss M. Wisbey (owe one hand. scr.) beat R. P. Heale and Mrs. J. M. Reynolds (owe 5) 15-13, 15-2.

MEN'S SINGLES

(27 players)

Third round: B. H. White beat G. Rowbotham 15-1, 18-17. D. W. J. Gloyne beat T. Stewart 15-3, 15-4. M. Lawson beat J. A. Gardner 15-4, 15-6. D. R. Hunt beat B. Meager 15-1, 15-7.

Semi-finals: White beat Gloyne 7-15, 15-10, 15-1. Hunt beat Lawson 15-6, 18-16.

Final: White beat Hunt 6-15, 15-7, 15-7.

LADIES' SINGLES

(10 players)

Semi-finals: Mrs. J. Rickard beat Miss L. Wadsworth 11-6, 11-1. Miss M. Gardner beat Mrs. K. D. Clarke 11-0, 11-0.

Final: Mrs. Rickard beat Miss Gardner 11-12, 11-1, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(19 pairs)

Third round: R. J. Mills and M. G. Tredgett beat M. G. Thompson and R. A. Mead 17-14, 18-16. A. R. Reddick and D. W. J. Gloyne beat B. A. Street and P. A. Lowe 15-12, 15-9. M. Nurmohammed and P. Gaudoin beat D. R. Hunt and D. Curtis 7-15, 15-6, 18-16. R. G. Reed and N. J. White beat D. Cory and G. Rowbotham 6-15, 15-6, 15-9.

Semi-finals: Mills and Tredgett beat Reddick and Gloyne 15-6, 15-10. Reed and White beat Nurmohammed and Gaudoin 15-7, 15-9.

Final: Mills and Tredgett beat Reed and White 15-3, 15-2.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(11 pairs)

Semi-finals: Mrs. A. Smith and Miss H. Marks beat Mrs. J. Rickard and Miss M. Gardner 9-15, 18-16, 19-15. Miss A. Norrie and Mrs. J. Horton beat Miss K. D. Clarke and Miss H. Herrick 15-10, 18-15.

Final: Mrs. Smith and Miss Marks beat Miss Norrie and Mrs. Horton 17-14, 18-14.

MIXED DOUBLES

(24 pairs)

Third round: M. G. Tredgett and Mrs. J. Rickard beat B. White and Mrs. J. Bowden 15-6, 15-2. D. R. Hunt and Miss H. Marks beat D. W. G. Gloyne and Miss M. Gardner 15-10, 15-3. N. J. White and Mrs. A. Smith beat A. Buckle and Miss L. Wadsworth 15-5, 15-3. R. J. Mills and Mrs. H. J. Horton beat B. Meager and Miss K. D. Clarke 15-4, 15-1.

Semi-finals: Tredgett and Mrs. Rickard beat Hunt and Miss Marks 11-15, 15-7, 15-6. Mills and Mrs. Horton beat White and Mrs. Smith, 15-6, 15-9.

Final: Mills and Mrs. Horton beat Tredgett and Mrs. Rickard 8-15, 15-4, 15-13.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(24 pairs)

Third round: Miss B. A. Fisher and Mrs. A. R. Dickson beat Miss J. Huson and Mrs. A. Tozier 15-9, 15-3. Mrs. L. L. Riccard and Mrs. J. Addinell beat Miss D. Bale and Miss S. Page 15-4 15-2. Miss A. Richards and Mrs. E. Swadling beat Miss M. E. Govett and Mrs. V. Chadwick 15-9, 6-15, 15-7. Mrs. A. Smith and Miss H. Marks beat Miss H. Taylor and Mrs. S. Alfieri 15-10, 17-15.

Semi-finals: Miss Fisher and Mrs. Dickson beat Mrs. Riccard and Mrs. Addinell 15-7, 15-6. Miss Richards and Mrs. Swadling beat Mrs. Smith and Miss Marks 5-15, 15-8, 15-13.

Final: Miss Fisher and Mrs. Dickson beat Miss Richards and Mrs. Swadling 15-10, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

(41 pairs)

Fourth round: R. T. Northcott and Miss J. Huson beat J. C. Dawes and Miss S. Page 15-3, 18-15. M. G. Tredgett and Miss K. Whiting beat P. M. Hawkyard and Mrs. M. A. Tozier 15-6, 15-5. W. D. Colmer and Miss B. A. Fisher beat R. G. Reed and Mrs. A. Smith 3-15, 15-12, 15-10. N. J. White and Mrs. P. Deas beat S. Gully and Mrs. L. Tweed 15-12, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Tredgett and Miss Whiting beat Northcott and Miss Huson 15-11, 15-1. White and Mrs. Deas beat Colmer and Miss Fisher 15-2, 15-10.

Final: Tredgett and Miss Whiting beat White and Mrs. Deas 15-9, 15-8.

Yorkshire Open Championships

Stevens & Stuart do well

by R. J. L. Ball

THE 1970/71 Open Championships were held at the Railway Institute, York on the weekend 8th-10th January, 1971.

Tony Jordan Missed

Notable absentees were the Scottish contingent who, last year, won the Ladies' Singles, Ladies' Doubles and Mixed Doubles. They had a more pressing call to the Dunfermline Championships. Also, with great regret, Tony Jordan and David Eddy did not defend the Men's Doubles title that they have held for four consecutive years. Tony Jordan has been an ever-present competitor for over a decade. He has always been such an exemplary competitor on court, and a shining example to younger competitors that his presence was sadly missed.

Hard Fought Singles

The Men's Singles produced 44 competitors after four scratchings, and even six Courts were not enough to reach the Final. The top seeds, R. P. Stevens (Essex) (the holder) and E. Stuart (Northumberland), together with D. J. Hutchinson (Yorkshire) and L. Brown (Cheshire) reached the Semi-Finals. When play ceased at 11.30 p.m. the players elected to play on Saturday morning rather than continue. Eventually Stevens and Stuart reached the Final as seeded and neither dropped a game. The Final was an interesting match as Elliott Stuart got a flying start, leading 10-1 and 12-2. Up to this point Stevens was just missing the lines and on steadying his game, he drew up to 12-6, 13-6, 13-10 and set at 13 all. Eventually the first game was won by him at 14-18. The second game showed neither competitor getting an advantage until Stevens led at 13-9 and eventually won 15-11. As Number 2 seed for England, he justified his place by winning this section.

In the Ladies' Singles, Miss L. A. Spencer (Essex) should have been seeded and eventually won the title by defeating Miss C. E. Lindsay (Yorkshire) in a close match. She was a worthy winner, playing a stronger game than Miss Lindsay.

Yorkshire Players Do Well

In the Mixed Doubles, a young Yorkshire pair, G. Ceely and C. Somek played particularly well, removing two seeds K. P. Arthur and D. R. M. Pither (Essex) and A. Hargreaves and P. J. Wood (Lancashire first team pair) to reach the Semi-Final. D. O. Horton, now resident in Yorkshire, and E. Stuart, Northumberland, had no difficulty in reaching the final stage and, after losing a very close first game against the other top seeds, Stevens and T. J. Bowler (Essex), won the next two games with ease.

Yorkshire came into their own in the Ladies' Doubles when, as expected, Miss C. E. Lindsay and Mrs. J. M. Charlton defeated Mrs. J. Lilley and that promising young player, Miss M. J. Winter in an all Yorkshire Final.

The local players also had an interest in the later rounds of the Mixed Doubles, L. Ellwood and Miss C. E. Lindsay being defeated Semi-Finalists by the top seeds R. P. Stevens and Miss M. J. Winter. In the other half, E. Stuart and Mrs. J. E. R. Liddell (Yorkshire) reached the Final, which they eventually won.

The Committee's Thanks

The Committee wish to place on record their thanks to all competitors for their forbearance with the difficulties a large entry always imposes. The Ladies' Doubles had to be played early at 6.0 p.m. and the Men's Doubles at 9.0 p.m., but this cleared the Mixed Doubles Section so that, despite the very large entry, the Tournament was over by 11.30 p.m.

Restricted Handicap Events were held on the Sunday and were well supported.

The Committee wish to thank all who helped in any way in the Tournament, particularly the York people and R.S.L. The presence of Bill Holwill always adds spice to a Tournament and his tact in dealing out the shuttles saves the Referees some concern.

LATE RESULT

Kent Dextrosol Championships

Men's Singles: R. Stevens beat E. Stuart 15-10, 15-13.

Ladies' Singles: Mrs. G. Gilks beat Miss J. van Beusekom 11-8, 11-3.

Men's Doubles: D. Talbot and J. D. Eddy beat R. J. Mills and D. Hutchinson 12-15, 15-12, 15-8.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. G. Gilks and Mrs. J. Hashman beat Miss M. Beck and Mrs. I. Gerlatzka 15-8, 15-9.

Mixed Doubles: W. Bochow and Mrs. I. Gerlatzka beat R. J. Mills and Mrs. G. Gilks 15-11, 15-10.

"SCOTTISH QUAIR"

IT is with real regret that the Editor has to record the passing from the Scottish Badminton scene of 'Scotia'. To mix a metaphor, "Cock o' the North" has risen phoenix-like from his ashes. A lusty bird, he has a clarion call that we hope will carry loud and clear at frequent intervals from the distant Border.

His first article, printed on page 128, was received just too late for inclusion in the January issue, but it is written with so facile a pen and neat a turn of wit that its consignment to the waste-paper basket could not be considered even if John Havers had described the match through English eyes.

MEN'S SINGLES

(48 players)

Fourth round: R. P. Stevens beat R. J. Westmoreland 15-7, 15-8. D. Hutchinson beat C. J. Kirk 15-17, 15-11, 15-12. L. Brown beat G. Ceely 12-15, 15-0, 15-7. E. Stuart beat D. L. Ball 15-8, 15-2.

Semi-finals: Stevens beat Hutchinson 15-10, 15-12. Stuart beat Brown 15-0, 15-4.

Final: Stevens beat Stuart 18-14, 15-11.

LADIES' SINGLES

(14 players)

Semi-finals: Miss C. E. Lindsay beat Miss M. Drake 11-8, 11-2. Miss L. A. Spencer beat Miss M. J. Winter 11-6, 11-4.

Final: Miss Spencer beat Miss Lindsay 11-8, 11-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(35 pairs)

Fourth round: R. P. Stevens and T. J. Bowler beat P. Bullicant and W. Kidd 15-7, 15-8. G. Ceely and C. Somek beat A. Hargreaves and P. J. Woods 15-7, 8-15, 18-17. L. Ellwood and B. Keefe beat F. Harwood and W. B. Blenkarn 15-12, 15-6. D. O. Horton and E. Stuart beat D. J. Hutchinson and T. D. Marshall 18-17, 15-12.

Semi-finals: Stevens and Bowler beat Ceely and Somek 15-7, 18-16. Horton and Stuart beat Ellwood and Keefe 15-5, 15-8.

Final: Horton and Stuart beat Stevens and Bowler 13-15, 15-1, 15-4.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(25 pairs)

Third round: Miss C. Lindsay and Mrs. J. M. Charlton beat Miss N. Charlton and Miss A. C. Gill 15-5, 15-1. Miss B. Walsh and Miss C. Walsh beat Miss A. Fletcher and Miss A. Blenkinsop 15-7, 15-1. Mrs. D. M. Hargreaves and Mrs. E. T. Hornby beat Miss M. Drake and Mrs. P. Lilley 15-4, 15-3. Mrs. J. Lilley and Miss M. J. Winter beat Miss C. M. Wightman and Mrs. M. Devine 18-15, 15-7.

Semi-finals: Miss Lindsay and Mrs. Charlton beat Miss Walsh and Miss Walsh 4-15, 15-11, 15-9. Mrs. Lilley and Miss Winter beat Mrs. Hargreaves and Mrs. Hornby 15-9, 18-15.

Final: Miss Lindsay and Mrs. Charlton beat Mrs. Lilley and Miss Winter 15-9, 15-12.

MIXED DOUBLES

(49 pairs)

Fourth round: R. P. Stevens and Miss M. J. Winter beat P. J. Wood and Miss C. Walsh 15-7, 18-15. L. Ellwood and Miss C. E. Lindsay beat H. Hewitt and Mrs. M. Burden 15-12, 15-9. A. C. King and Mrs. E. T. Hornby beat B. Keefe and Mrs. J. Lilley 5-15, 15-11, 15-6. E. Stuart and Mrs. J. E. R. Liddell beat A. Hargreaves and Mrs. D. M. Hargreaves 16-18, 15-12, 15-12.

Semi-finals: Stevens and Miss Winter beat Ellwood and Miss Lindsay 15-7, 18-15. Stuart and Mrs. Liddell beat King and Mrs. Hornby 15-6, 12-15, 15-8.

Final: Stuart and Mrs. Liddell beat Stevens and Miss Winter 18-16, 15-8.

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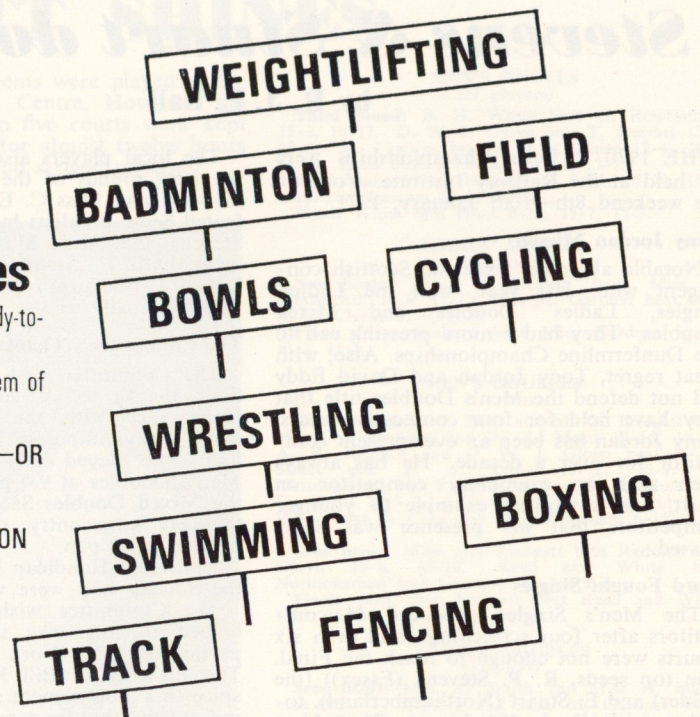
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FRED WRIGHT

by F. E. Hinchcliff

FRED Wright is a familiar figure at Wembley, various International fixtures, the All-England Junior and several other tournaments particularly in the Midlands and West. He lives in Malvern, Worcestershire, with his wife and five children but is always ready and willing to travel far and wide in the interests of the Association to help to provide the experience and competence required.

Born and educated in Liverpool, he is often at pains to explain—depending on the point to be made—that he is a Lancastrian by birth and that Worcestershire is his county by adoption.



He had been closely associated with the Association's Training Courses from their inception several years ago. Those who have "graduated" through these courses may have thought of Fred as a teacher in college because of his somewhat professorial air in the classroom. However, he is in fact a Chartered Civil Engineer specialising in Traffic Engineering so that when the net is measured by Fred, even without his theodolite) you can be sure of an accurate reading. He graduated from Liverpool University as a Bachelor of Engineering and obtained a Master of Engineering degree after the war. His war service, during which he attained the rank of Major, was with the Royal Engineers mostly in the Far East.

Fred has also been closely associated with the development of umpiring within the Welsh Badminton Union. He has officiated at International fixtures in Wales and represented that country as an umpire at both the European Championships in Wales and the British Commonwealth Games in Scotland.

**BADMINTON
APOCRYPHA****Shuttle Bait!**

THE Garrison Theatre, Canterbury, used by the Pilgrims B.C., is notorious throughout East Kent for its bitter cold and for the colander-like ease with which its aged roof admits driving rain or snow. Anyone who knows it well won't be surprised that the Pilgrims Secretary, Ron Broadway, should dream—or have nightmares!

One Monday night, with the car park rendered inaccessible by deep drifts, he trudged knee-deep through snow to the entrance. The door banged to and fro at the mercy of the bitter wind.

Inside burnt a single light. By its dim rays he observed, without undue surprise, that the floor was covered with snow and ice and that by the umpire's chair stood an igloo. In front of it the ice had been smashed to reveal black water beneath. Huddled beside it, swathed in layer upon layer of sweaters, looking like some monstrous Polar bear, was one staunch club member. In her numbed fingers, she grasped a fishing rod; at the end of her line dangled a feathered shuttle, a vintage, R.S.L. Tourney!

Only now were his emotions stirred; he strode forward, shouting angrily, "Marjorie! Marjorie, what are you doing? You know perfectly well that on Mondays we use only plastic shuttles!"

Hooked!

IN the wild country around Alnwick, in Northumberland, this story has been handed down from father to son.

A local club suffered the not unusual fate of having to play in a hall so small that the boundary lines lay at the very feet of the walls. In the ceiling, beams, heaters and lights wove their fatal web; on the end walls were coat pegs and pictures.

The leading light was a rugged "Geordie", a man of few words but of vigorous footwork and indomitable spirit, one who felt little need for effete Southern niceties of tactics. In one memorable game he had lunged, twisted, turned, pirouetted and leapt with a grace and power that would have delighted a mountain goat or even Nureyev himself. At match point, an accurate drop drew him to the net and a shrewd lob sent him rearing back to the base line. In a last desperate effort he out-Choonged Choong with a leap that sent him soaring two feet clear of the floor. He struck the shuttle a resounding blow—but, as gravity snatched him back to Mother Earth, the loop on the back of his shirt caught on one of the pegs. Suspended, but undismayed, indomitable to the last and with feet kicking well clear of the floor, he screamed "Mine! Mine!" as his astonished opponents bemusedly lofted the shuttle again. Once more he smote it vigorously down—for game, set and match before his partner joyously restored him to terra firma.

A Reet Musician

After a game of mishits by one of his opponents, a disgruntled Northern player muttered to his partner, "Yon chap 'ud mek a fair musician; he's as good on t' wood as he is on t' strings!"

Editor's Note: Equally good stories must be circulating in Clubs throughout the length and breadth of the country. A racquet, kindly donated by Dunlop's, will be awarded for the best story or piece of humorous writing submitted to the Editor. Entries must be clearly marked "Badminton Apocrypha" and reach him before March 12th, 1971. Any or all such entries may be printed in the "Gazette". See page 113.

**FIRST BADMINTON
EXHIBITION**

THANKS to the Sports Federation in conjunction with the Sports Service of Sussex University about 500 Badminton enthusiasts were privileged to support the first ever professional appearance of 'Badminton World Wide' at the University's Sports centre near Brighton on Wednesday, 20th January.

This highly entertaining evening was opened by Eddy King the commentator, who introduced the 'group'.

The presence of B.B.C. Grandstand added to the occasion. Their prize of £50 for a ladies' singles competition undoubtedly added to the purpose of the evening. This cheque was presented by Mike Banks, Director of Sport at the University, to Tyna Barinaga, who finally managed to overhaul Sue Whetnall by one point in the closely fought third game. In the first leg of this contest Sue narrowly defeated Margaret in another thrilling display of the ladies' singles game.

The obvious skill and physical stamina of Ray Sharp and Paul Whetnall, as they manoeuvred themselves and the shuttle deftly to all corners of the court, was warmly appreciated by the capacity audience. Trick shots were shown in the knock-up which preceded the one lively game of mixed doubles.

The officiating umpires were Mr. Eric Hinchcliff and Mr. Tom Bowker.

The group also demonstrated some of their exhausting exercises and training methods. Four University students and two junior members of a local club were invited to have the first taste of the 'professional coaching clinic'. Margaret, after a superb demonstration, helped her pupils with the smash, and Tyna with the backhand clear. Judging by the keenness of the fans one could imagine them all wanting to 'have a go'.

To conclude the programme the players made themselves available for personal discussions and autographs.

This display by 'the Badminton World Wide' group, was accurately forecast by the local press as a 'Badminton feast for the fans.'

LIZ SWAIN,
Match Sec., Sussex C.B.A.

COACHING CORNER

Conducted by Gordon Webb

QUITE frequently when examining candidates at a Coaching examination, I am astounded at the lack of preparation made by them for the test.

I have made a few notes for the guidance of candidates, particularly those taking the Club Coach award, and I hope that these will be a help. Generally speaking they will not make a very marked improvement in the general quality of your coaching, but at least the notes will help to ensure that you do yourself justice in the comparatively short time available to you at the examination.

BE PREPARED!

by GORDON WEBB (Somerset)
(Badminton Association of England County Coach)

WHEN one goes to take a driving test, or indeed, any other examination, it pays to be well prepared. Whatever one thinks about the subject for the duration of the exam at least, you conform to the syllabus. Afterwards you can go your own way to some extent, but the exam shows that at least at one time you learnt the recommended basic principles, and you then slowly develop from that point as your experience grows. So it is for the Coaching Exams—particularly that for the Club Coach.

There is no substitute for experience, so get all the coaching practice you can before you take the exam. If you have really had lots of experience, then you may have developed methods of your own. Provided that they are sound, the examiner will give you credit for them—but beware, do not go shooting-off on a pet theory, and miss the main point of the exercise.

Red Book and Laws

For your driving test you learn the Highway Code, and do all the correct hand signals. In the coaching exam you are wise to study "the little red book" ("Notes for Badminton Coaches"), and conduct your set-pieces in the exam along those lines. With experience we often modify these methods, but to start with you should follow the "Coaches' Code". Your examiner will certainly expect you to do so.

Likewise, know your Laws of Badminton. You will be asked a few questions on the laws and to anyone who has spent just a short while refreshing his memory, the marks awarded in this section are a gift. Do not assume that you know the Laws; experience has shown me that all too often the better player just does not know them. It is small wonder that we have arguments between players in tournaments and county matches when many of those same players have obviously never bothered even to read the Laws. You are not expected to know the correct wording, like a parrot, only the broad meaning in your own words, but **anyone** who comes to an exam without spending a short time refreshing his memory, is, frankly, a fool. Obviously you cannot coach, for example, the short serve, if you do not even know the laws which govern it.

Suitable Clothing

When you take your driving test you do not wear Wellington boots, a fur coat, ear muffs and thick mittens, but sensible shoes and clothes which help to put you at ease, and give you good control of the car. At badminton, the correct clothing is white

pumps and white shirt, shorts or dress and jumper. Wear these. There are a small number of marks awarded for your appearance, and slovenly dress, or even a coloured track suit will mean lost marks, and in a borderline case, a failure. In any case, a smart appearance will impress your class that you are "with it", and unless the hall is an absolute "fridge", wearing a track suit will only suggest to your class, and the examiner, that you are not going to work too hard. The whole exam only lasts one hour, and for that time you must keep hard at it.

Because the time available to you is so limited, the examiner will not expect you to cover the whole subject from A to Z. In fact, that is obviously impossible. Rather, pick-out the obvious, and basic, failings of your pupil and concentrate on those. The examiner will be far happier if you deal with one or two points only if your pupil obviously benefits, rather than you should sort out 20 mistakes, (real or imaginary!), and at the end leave your pupil, and the examiner, baffled and bemused. Keep it simple!

Those of us who are not teachers are often shy when we first try to coach, and as a result we "whisper into our beards". This can only give an impression of unsureness to the pupils, and bewilderment to the examiner who is left without knowing whether you know your subject, or not. **Speak up**, in a confident and pleasant manner; your class will be impressed and given confidence that you know what you are about, and the examiner will not have to strain to hear you, or embarrass you by standing with his ear at your elbow to catch your pearls of wisdom.

Check that your class are in the best position to give you their attention. This means that they have their backs to any distractions, and are placed on the right side of you to have an uninterrupted view of your demonstration. You will not have their attention if they can see something, or someone, beyond you, or if you demonstrate a shot which they cannot see properly.

Action Wanted!

Then, when you are coaching your group on the shot allocated to you, do not give them a 15 minute lecture. The class, and the examiner, want to see action. Give then a **short explanation** of the shot, and a good demonstration (not more than 4 or 5 shots), and then **get them onto court** trying it out. For all you know, they may be quite good at this shot, and do not need a long time spent on some basic point. Let them try it, and you will soon know whether they all want to try shadowing or not. Then, when the group are on court, make sure that they are **all** occupied—even if a few of them are only retrieving the shuttle. When you are correcting individual members of your group observe them **trying** the shot a few times, make the more important corrections, and then move on to the next person. Do not forget, the whole group want an equal share of your attentions. Never forget that you are coaching a **group**, and therefore, as far as possible, address your remarks to the whole class. The mistakes that one member of the group are making may very well apply to the whole class, and this will save you time in going over the same point to each member of the group individually.

A small number of marks in the exam are related to your playing ability. If you are a County player or someone whose standard is well known, that is fair enough. If not, make sure that when you are having a knock-up before you start, you try hard, and do not mess about. You will be surprised, for "Big Brother", three courts away probably has his eye on you! Also when demonstrating, try your best to make sure that your shots are well-produced and accurate. Your class will benefit, and it will also show your own ability in a good light.

Do not be frightened to take someone with you to feed you when you are demonstrating. You cannot hit a good shot unless the feeding is accurate, and you may be unlucky if you have to rely on a member of your class. If all else fails, and nobody in your class can racket feed, then do not be frightened to ask them to hand feed. The examiner will be suitably impressed, and the class, when their turn comes, will be able to concentrate on hitting the shot, and not diving to get underneath the shuttle.

Tactics

For the Club Coach award, most examinees have most difficulty in coping with the section on Tactics. For this you will have "a four" and will have to coach them in either Men's, Ladies' or Mixed Doubles for 20 minutes. Normally, they will be of very average club standard. In that time you cannot do much; in most cases you will not get further than the positions for serving and

receiving, and the formations for attack and defence. It is quite useless going beyond this stage until your "four" have mastered this thoroughly.

Do not interrupt every single rally. Let them play one or two points before stopping them to make a point. Then, having made your correction, make them replay exactly the same rally 3, 4 even 10 times if necessary using the corrected tactics until your point is made, and thoroughly understood.

Get involved with your group. This means, enter into the game yourself for a time instead of one of the players. In this way it is much easier to set up any particular tactical situation you wish. It's quite likely, in any case, that the examiner will suggest this to you, and he will be suitably impressed if you do this without prompting.

Hints That Help

Space does not permit me to pass on any other 'tips', but if the examinee follows all of the above suggestions he will be over half-way towards passing the exam. If he then fails, then his actual coaching ability must be very poor indeed.

REGIONAL COACHING SCHEME FOR YOUNG PLAYERS

JOHN WOOLHOUSE

(Yorkshire—B.A. of E. Coaching Committee)

What is the purpose of this Scheme?

It is an attempt to pick out, and then improve the performance of, potential internationals at an early age.

Why is it Regional?

This is because the needs of young players in different parts of the country vary considerably. In particular it is hoped to counteract, to some extent, the undoubted disadvantages experienced by players not situated in the South-East.

How is this regionalisation taking place?

The country has been divided into 6 regions with a regional co-ordinator in charge of each. Each co-ordinator is very experienced in at least one facet of junior coaching.

To whom do the co-ordinators report?

The co-ordinators report to a sub-committee of the B.A. of E. Coaching Committee which includes the Chairman of the Coaching Committee, Phil Johnson, John Woolhouse, and the Chief Coach.

What will the co-ordinators do?

(1) In areas where counties do not have a progressive junior coaching scheme and Schools Association, the co-ordinators will spend time giving help with, and encouragement for, the setting up of such schemes.

(2) In areas where counties do have such a scheme, the co-ordinators will supply a continuous stream of information about players in their regions, covering not only schools and county youth sides but any other players who are perhaps not so easily pigeon-holed. In addition they will organise as many regional courses and training sessions as possible.

These regional groups sound like the squad system of which we hear so much in top class sport these days.

Exactly. It is hoped that the players within a region will look upon themselves as a team and will help one another, make up pairs for entering tournaments and so on. While individual players will have to meet part of the cost of this, the B.A. of E. and individual counties hope to help as much as possible.

What happens then?

The B.A. of E. Coaching Committee will organise as many courses and training sessions as possible on a National basis and National squads will be formed. The main aim, however, will be to bring to the attention of the International selectors the outstanding young people in the different age ranges as recommended by the co-ordinators.

Is this suggesting that it will no longer be necessary for ambitious youngsters to fight their way into their county first teams or to compete in the major open tournaments?

Definitely not. It will be just as important as it has always been for ambitious youngsters to compete against the leading players in county matches and in the top open tournaments. However, they should in future have the consolation of knowing that

For the Club Coach award, it is true to say that the examiners are looking for reasons to give you a pass. Even if you do miss a particularly important point, they will ask you questions to see if you really knew all along, but in the rush it had merely slipped your memory. When later, you sit for the Advanced Club, or County Coach award, then progressively the examiners become much more critical and the suggestions made above less rewarding in the marks they obtain. Nevertheless, in a borderline case, one or two marks gained in this way can make the difference between a Pass or a Fail.

To return to the Driving Test, after you have passed the Test, you do not always bother to give a hand-signal, or change-down on approaching a bend, but the point is you know and understand these basics and as you improve, adapt them into your more advanced technique. Likewise, once you have passed your exam you will not always stick religiously to the "Red Book" but in time vary, and possibly even improve, on these methods in a way to suit your own particular talents.

I hope the above suggestions will help the new coach to attain his Club Coach award. In any case, don't be frightened, but do **Be Prepared!**

when they set out on their trips to the top tournaments they are not going as complete unknowns; their names, at least, should be known to the International selectors.

Should teachers, parents or coaches who know of talented youngsters find it necessary to contact the regional co-ordinators directly?

In general, no. They should first work through their county coaching authorities and benefit from county coaching activities. The very best from each county will come to the attention of the appropriate co-ordinator. The co-ordinators will, however, be happy to deal with any problems and questions relating to their areas.

Who are the co-ordinators?

They are as shown below.

Name and address	Area
Ken Houldcroft 22 Hawkshead St., Southport, Lancashire.	Cheshire, Lancashire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Yorkshire and Durham.
Peter Roper Rosemary, Huntingdon Gate, Fulbourn, Cambridge.	Lincolnshire, Rutland, Cambridge- shire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Huntingdon and Peterborough.
Jack Yardley 19 Middle Park Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 4BE.	Derbyshire, Herefordshire, Leicester- shire, Northamptonshire, Nottingham- shire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire.
Ian Horton 41A The Drive, Ilford, Essex.	Essex, Hertfordshire, Middlesex, Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Buckingham- shire and Oxfordshire.
Gordon Webb Hammamet, Roedowns Road, Medstead, Nr. Alton, Hampshire.	Kent, Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire.
Larry Landry Greenacres, Midway Road, Bodmin, Cornwall.	Wiltshire, Somerset, Gloucestershire, Dorset, Devon and Cornwall.

SCOTTISH QUAIR

IT was very considerate of the B.A. of E. to arrange this year's International against Scotland in Carlisle, so near the Border. Almost as considerate as the turning professional of four of England's best players, just before the match. A weakened English side and a favourable venue! Scotland had been waiting forty years for this day. After the first flush of excitement, cold reality gradually permeated the minds of the selectors. England could still call on fine players of world class, and Scotland had to rely on a team the backbone of which was the over-30 brigade, and the remainder younger players slow to fulfil their promise. It is a fact that Scotland has six men and five women of International standard, and no-one else remotely capable of displacing them.

Full House

The Market Hall makes a marvellous stage for a match, and, despite the cold weather, was actually warm; in fact the players asked for the heating to be turned down. It is to the credit of the organisers that even such a formidable connoisseur of halls as Robert McCoig could find little to complain about, and had to resort to requesting the extinguishment of the dressing room lights. Since this also plunged the toilets into darkness, some peculiar happenings, best unmentioned, took place. Carlisle must produce one of the best crowds in the country. A packed hall of ardent supporters, many from Scotland, were most appreciative of good play, but, alas, had little to enthuse over.

Talbot v. McCoig

After the preliminary introductions, ably conducted by the Master of Ceremonies, Peter Birtwistle, the youth, power, vigour and speed of Derek Talbot took on Robert McCoig. The first game was a disaster for the Scot, who was caught on the receiving end of a procession of crunching smashes, which not even a plethora of lace-tying, spectacle-wiping and strategic shuttle-changing could stem. For most of the second, the story was the same; Talbot's smashes began to be picked up, but still Talbot stood at 14-13. Then McCoig drew level and was unable to check an ejaculation of delighted disbelief when his opponent elected not to set. A more thorough spectacle-wipe, a leisurely lace-tie, a careful shuttle-change, a serve, a clear and a smash, and they were game-all.

When asked later why he had made the peculiar decision at 14-all, Talbot replied that, faced with a similar choice recently in Germany, he went straight through and lost and so was sure he would win this time. Such is the foible of logic. For most of the third game McCoig looked like winning, and Scottish hopes were high, but the longer the game went, the stronger Talbot became and ultimately won the day for England.

Grunt Play

Although eventually the loser, McCoig reigned supreme in one aspect of the game, namely advanced grunt play. This is a superior and extremely difficult type of deception and occurs when one is caught flat-footed by a skilful drop-shot or fast clear. One emits a grunt as if to concede the point, and then just manages to scrape a return over the head of the opponent, who has stopped, thinking the point won. Robert has a fine selection of grunts from a lamented "Och" to a painful, mournful "Ah", with a few other expletives capable of taking care of any situation. Talbot's mighty snort every time he completed a smash, commendable though it was, served only to label him the apprentice in the presence of the master.

Anti-climax

After this high entertainment, the remainder of the International ground, often agonisingly, to an anti-climax. Local interest was roused by the appearance of Margaret Beck on her home heath, and perhaps it was nervousness at performing before her erstwhile colleagues that made Margaret Beck play with surprising lack of concentration. Indeed, for much of the second game, Maureen Hume ran her round the court, but eventually Miss Beck's accuracy returned and the score was 2-0.

By COCK O' THE NORTH



"What a pleasant fellow . . ."

It is in the mixed and men's doubles that Scotland fares best against England and the unproven combination of Roger Mills and David Eddy seemed like the Achilles' Heel, and Ian Hume and Jim McNeillage looked a likely pair to exploit the vulnerability. Indeed it should have been so, for David had one of those nights that send shivers of pleasure up and down the spines of his opponents. His first half dozen smashes were struck with shaft, frame or handle and, although he improved, he showed none of the genius of which we know he is capable. It is much to the credit of the ebullient Mills that he pulled this game out of the fire. The Scots had their chances, but it was the old story: if you cannot serve you cannot win.

A disastrous hat-trick

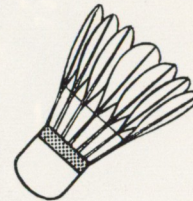
The announcement of the ladies' doubles produced the traditional emigration behind the scaffolding to the bar at the end of the hall and, had the service behind the bar not been speedy many would have missed this game entirely. Our untried couple of Helen Kelly and Margaret Gibson, the latter in her first international, was no match for Gillian Gilks and Margaret Beck.

Nor did McCoig and Fraser Gow fare any better against Talbot and Elliott Stuart. It is questionable whether Robert had any time to tie his laces; his glasses certainly could not have steamed up.

The hat-trick of disastrous defeats or wonderful victories, depending on how you view it, was notched up by Ray Stevens, who had a fairy tale debut and gave Nicol McCloy an evening to forget. What a pleasant fellow and fine player Stevens is, and how pleasing it must be for the English selectors to find such an able replacement for their established players. How proud also must Len Wright and the English Schools be to see their labours bearing fruit in the form of Margaret Beck and Ray Stevens, with Barbara Giles sitting on the side lines, capable any time of stepping into the team.

This left only the mixed, and a scrappy match of repetitive errors it was, Mills and Mrs. Gilks, one game up, took the second 18-17, but one had the feeling that the spectators were somewhat relieved when Gow and Miss Evans failed to take it to three.

So Scotland lost 7-0, but more worrying than the score is the fact that this is the fifth year running that the whitewash has been applied, and, if we Scots are to be realistic there is no likelihood of an improvement next year. One consolation is that it can be no worse. Or can it? Take away the over-30 brigade, particularly McCoig, and we could be counting our successes in points.



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LIST OF DATES OF NATIONAL COURSES AND EXAMINATIONS SEASON 1970-71

Date	C.C.P.R. Region	Type of Course	Venue
13th/14th February	North West	N. & R.	Lancaster
20th/21st March	Yorkshire	R. & Potential	York University County Course.

N.=National Course.

R.=Refresher Course for those who have already attended a National Course.
Application forms may be had from the appropriate C.C.P.R. Regional Office.

EXAMINATIONS

21st February	Newquay	18th April	Burnley
27th February	Coventry		(County Test)
7th March	Haywards Heath	24th/25th April	Yorkshire
6th/7th March	Lancaster	24th April	Bicester
17th/18th April	Orion Hall		

Application forms are available at all Courses.

Owing to a double booking by Sussex University, the examination scheduled for Brighton will now be held at the Haywards Heath County School on Sunday, 7th March.

Any County Association who would like to have an Exhibition by International Players should get in touch with the Coaching Secretary giving dates and requirements, etc.

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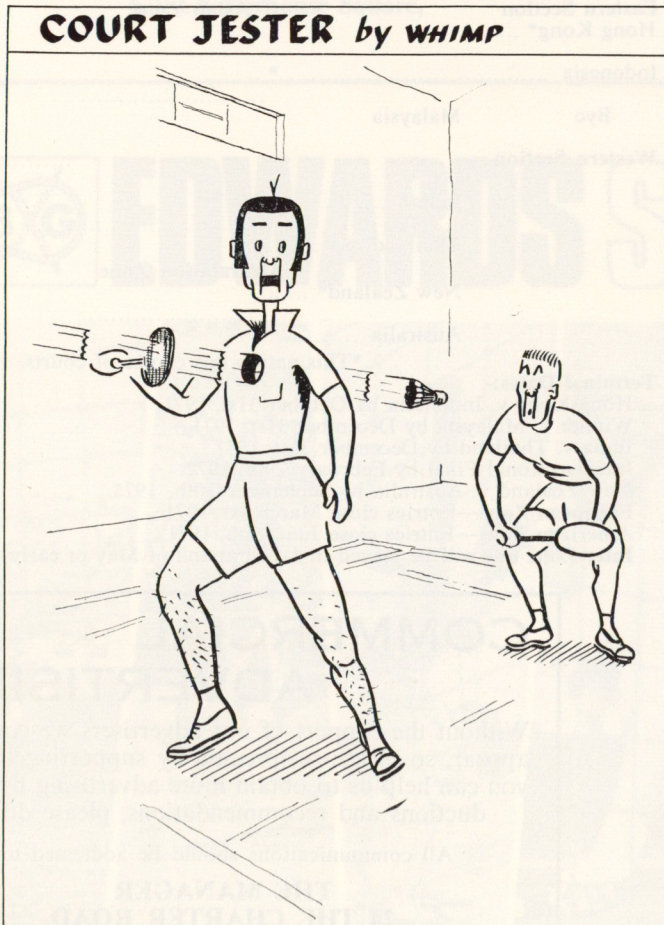
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Annual Dinner and Dance

The Annual Dinner and Dance will be held on the final day of the All-England Championships, Saturday, 27th March, in the International Suite at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, London W.1, at 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. Privately made-up parties will be very welcome. Dress will be evening dress or dinner jackets. An extension of licence up to 1.30 a.m. has been applied for.

Tickets, prices £2.50 each, exclusive of drinks, may be obtained from either Mrs. W. G. P. Birtwistle, Mynton Court, Withnell Fold, Chorley, Lancashire PR6 8AZ (Tel: Brinscall 205) or the Secretary, 81a High Street, Bromley, Kent, BR1 1JY (Tel: 01-460 5722). All applications for tickets must be accompanied by the correct remittance. The names of all persons in parties should be given when ordering tickets so that place names may be made out.

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JANUARY QUIZ

It is regretted that answer 6 was omitted: "He should warn him that he may be faulted if he continues to delay."

Answer ii) should have read "with two strokes".

BADMINTON CROSSWORD - 1 by "PARD"

Solution next month

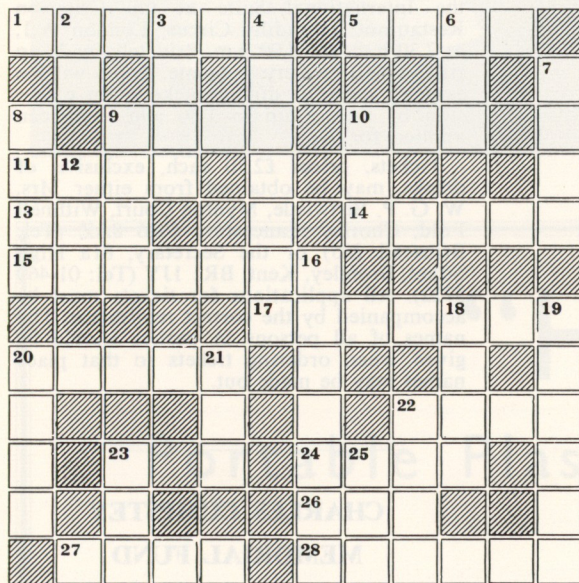
CLUES

ACROSS

1. An honoured player has one more river to cross (6)
5. (and 7 down). Pulled up long ago but still the main target in Mixed (4, 4)
9. A net supporter (4)
10. Famous Malaysian loses hand or foot! (3)
11. All clears should be! (4)
13. Alec Witcomb organises their abbreviated matches (3)
14. A muddled diver plays a large part in Mixed (5)
15. Could we call Lance Ellwood or Frank Harwood these? Or is Freddie still slipping a few under the bat? (7)
17. In the bar or on court? (7)
20. This hand makes for a legal service (5)
22. Gillian or Derek shines? (4)
24. J. W. Adams' mixed partners? (4)
26. To prosecute Judy Hashman's sister in the Emerald Isle? (3)
27. Not allowed once the swing starts (4)
28. Red Ted an Air-Marshal? (6)

DOWN

2. An alternative in Trevor Coates (2)
3. Shot? Or let fall (4)
4. Keeps it taut with some luck (7)
6. Take it before the service (3)
7. See 5 across
8. A swirling current from Staffordshire (4)
9. A singular fruity, medical practitioner, player and administrator from Berkshire (4)
10. Was points—if not streets—ahead (3)
12. A tiny Essex Badminton Official! (3)
16. Wong Peng is superlative! (7)
18. Allows but disallowed in 1958? (4)
19. Waiter opens the game! (6)
20. Is this cup willow-pattern now? (4)
21. Larry Landry served it well (3)
22. Top this for a Badminton honour (4)
23. Make firm or play a little longer? (3)
25. Betty Uber's muddled little girl makes a fine French sight (3)



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Olympic Games—Information has now been received that Badminton has definitely been adopted as one of the two "demonstration sports" to be included in the Olympic Games at Munich next year. The date of the demonstration, the form of which has not yet been decided, will be September 5th.

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- Winner v. Malaysia by December 31st, 1971.
- India v. Thailand by December 31st, 1971.
- Inter-sectional Final by February 29th, 1972.
- New Zealand v. Australia by September 30th, 1971.

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I. C. C. RESULTS

Division I

NORTH ZONE

LANCASHIRE 9; YORKSHIRE 8

At Lancaster on December 19th. Scores (Lancashire names first):-

P. J. Wood beat D. J. Hutchinson 15-12, 16-17, 15-6. R. J. Wilson lost to D. L. Ball 8-15, 5-15. A. Hargreaves lost to I. Middleton 7-15, 4-15.

Mrs. G. W. Cooper lost to Miss C. E. Lindsay 5-11, 4-11. Mrs. J. B. Pearson lost to Miss M. Winter 3-11, 10-12.

A. C. King and E. J. Usher beat F. Harwood and Hutchinson 15-8, 15-11; lost to L. Ellwood and B. Keefe 11-15, 12-15. B. E. Jones and Wood lost to Harwood and Hutchinson 11-15, 9-15; beat Ellwood and Keefe 17-15, 15-9.

Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. D. G. Smith beat Miss Lindsay and Mrs. J. Lilley 15-2, 18-13; beat Mrs. J. M. Charlton and Miss M. Winter 15-9, 15-10. Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. D. Hargreaves beat Miss Lindsay and Mrs. Lilley 17-15, 15-9; lost to Mrs. Charlton and Miss Winter 18-17, 12-15, 6-15.

Wood and Mrs. Cooper beat Ellwood and Miss Lindsay 10-15, 15-3, 15-7. Jones and Mrs. E. Hornby beat Keefe and Mrs. Lilley 17-16, 15-10. Hargreaves and Mrs. Hargreaves beat Ball and Mrs. J. Liddell 13-15, 15-10, 15-12. King and Mrs. Smith lost to Middleton and Miss Winter 8-15, 15-12, 12-15.

CHESHIRE 9; LANCASHIRE 8

At Birkenhead on January 24th. Scores (Cheshire names first):

S. J. Shaw beat P. J. Wood 15-11, 13-15, 18-13. R. J. Westmoreland beat A. Hargreaves 15-9, 15-2. G. Shaw lost to P. Bullivant (?).

Miss W. Wilson lost to Mrs. B. Cooper 8-11, 0-11. Mrs. P. Smith lost to Mrs. J. Pearson 10-12, 9-11.

A. D. Jordan and S. J. Shaw lost to A. C. King and E. J. Usher 13-18, 15-17; beat Wood and B. E. Jones 15-8, 15-17, 15-7. Westmoreland and D. Bennion beat King and Usher 15-10, 15-7; beat Wood and Jones 15-10, 15-6.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. J. Stephens lost to Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. D. Smith 3-15, 9-15; beat Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. D. Hargreaves 15-9, 2-15, 15-11. Mrs. J. Hitchell and Miss Wilson lost to Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Smith 3-15, 0-15; lost to Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Hargreaves 3-15, 7-15.

Jordan and Mrs. Smith beat Wood and Mrs. Cooper 15-2, 15-8. Westmoreland and Mrs. Stephens beat Jones and Mrs. E. Hornby 15-4, 15-3. G. Shaw and Miss Wilson beat Hargreaves and Mrs. Hargreaves 2-15, 15-5, 15-4. Bennion and Mrs. Hitchell lost to King and Mrs. Smith 3-15, 8-15.

SOUTH ZONE

SURREY 14; MIDDLESEX 3

At Wimbledon on December 20th. Scores (Surrey names first):-

R. J. Mills beat R. S. McCoig 15-11, 15-11. C. J. Beacom beat J. McKinley 15-2, 18-13. C. T. Coates beat T. Stewart 17-16, 15-3.

Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss M. Beck 7-11, 11-7, 12-9. Mrs. W. R. Rickard beat Miss A. Morgan 11-6, 11-2.

Beacom and K. M. Andrews beat McCoig and G. Elliott 15-17, 17-15, 15-13; beat P. Gaudoin and M. Nurmohamed 7-15, 15-1, 15-11. Mills and M. J. Boutle beat McCoig and Elliott 14-18, 15-8, 15-8; lost to Gaudoin and Nurmohamed 10-15, 8-15.

Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Rickard beat Miss Beck and Miss Morgan 15-6, 15-9; beat Miss P. Timbers and Miss L. Veasey 15-3, 15-6. Mrs. D. O. Horton and Mrs. H. I. Palmer lost to Miss Beck and Miss Morgan 17-18, 15-8, 13-18; beat Miss Timbers and Miss Veasey 15-8, 15-4.

Mills and Mrs. Horton beat McCoig and Miss Timbers 15-12, 15-5. Andrews and Mrs. Gilks beat Elliott and Miss Beck 15-7, 15-11. Beacom and Mrs. Palmer beat Nurmohamed and Miss Veasey 15-4, 15-8. Coates and Mrs. W. C. E. Rogers lost to McKinley and Miss Morgan 5-15, 14-15.

KENT 3; ESSEX 14

At Sydenham on December 20th. Scores (Essex names first):-

R. Stevens beat J. Tank 15-5, 15-7. K. Arthur beat G. Rowlands 15-11, 15-12. W. F. Havers beat G. Hubbard 16-18, 15-11, 15-11.

Miss B. Giles beat Miss J. de Lacey 11-3, 11-5. Miss N. Gardner beat Mrs. S. Bush 11-7, 11-5.

Stevens and Havers beat L. Steeden and A. Brightman 10-15, 15-8, 15-10; beat Tank and Hubbard 15-8, 14-18, 15-4. M. Parratt and P. Smith lost to Steeden and Brightman 15-10, 9-15, 12-15; beat Tank and Hubbard 15-12, 15-7.

Miss Giles and Miss Gardner beat Mrs. Bush and Miss N. Varnfield 15-2, 15-10; beat Miss S. Lewis and Mrs. P. Lucas 15-6, 15-2. Miss P. Chitty and Miss A. Larman beat Mrs. Bush and Miss Varnfield 17-16, 15-12; lost to Miss Lewis and Mrs. Lucas 15-10, 10-15, 5-15.

Havers and Miss Giles beat Steeden and Miss Lewis 15-9, 15-5. Stevens and Miss J. Brennan beat Tank and Miss de Lacey 15-5, 15-7. Smith and Miss Gardner lost to Brightman and Mrs. Lucas 10-15, 15-9, 13-15. D. Clarke and Miss Chitty beat Hubbard and Mrs. Bush 11-15, 15-9, 15-8.

SURREY 17; KENT 0

At Wimbledon on January 3rd. Scores (Surrey names first):-

R. J. Mills beat J. Tank 15-6, 15-9. C. J. Beacom beat G. Rowlands 15-4, 17-15. C. T. Coates beat G. Hubbard 15-6, 15-8.

Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss J. de Lacey 11-1, 11-3. Mrs. W. R. Rickard beat Mrs. S. Bush 11-4, 11-5.

Beacom and K. M. Andrews beat L. Steeden and A. Brightman 15-6, 15-7; beat Tank and Hubbard 15-10, 15-7. Mills and M. J. Boutle beat Steeden and Brightman 15-7, 15-11; beat Tank and Hubbard 15-4, 15-7.

Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Rickard beat Mrs. Bush and Miss N. Varnfield 15-7, 15-5; beat Mrs. P. Lucas and Miss S. Lewis 15-4, 15-9. Mrs. D. O. Horton and Mrs. H. I. Palmer beat Mrs. Bush and Miss Varnfield 15-10, 15-7; beat Mrs. Lucas and Miss Lewis 15-10, 15-2.

Mills and Mrs. Horton beat Steeden and Miss Lewis 15-6, 15-13. Andrews and Mrs. Gilks beat Tank and Miss de Lacey 15-12, 15-4. Beacom and Mrs. Palmer beat Brightman and Mrs. Lucas 15-3, 15-8. Coates and Mrs. Rickard beat Hubbard and Mrs. Bush 18-13, 15-7.

MIDDLESEX 8; ESSEX 9

At Stamford Hill on January 3rd. Scores (Essex names first):-

R. Stevens beat R. S. McCoig 15-12, 12-15, 15-4. K. Arthur beat J. McKinley 15-9, 15-4. P. Smith beat T. Stewart 15-11, 15-3.

Miss B. Giles lost to Miss M. Beck 0-11, 4-11. Miss N. Gardner beat Miss A. Morgan 11-8, 11-8.

Stevens and T. Bowler beat P. Gaudoin and M. Nurmohamed 15-11, 15-7; lost to McCoig and G. Elliott 7-15, 11-15. W. F. Havers and Smith lost to Gaudoin and Nurmohamed 16-17, 5-15; lost to McCoig and Elliott 16-17, 11-15.

Miss Giles and Miss Gardner lost to Miss Beck and Miss Morgan 13-15, 8-15; lost to Miss L. Veasey and Miss P. Timbers 15-11, 16-18, 0-15; Miss J. Brennan and Miss A. Larman lost to Miss Beck and Miss Morgan 8-15, 4-15; lost to Miss Veasey and Miss Timbers 17-15, 10-15, 9-15.

Havers and Miss Giles lost to McCoig and Miss Beck 8-15, 12-15. Stevens and Miss Brennan beat Elliott and Miss Timbers 15-7, 12-15, 15-2. Smith and Miss Gardner beat Nurmohamed and Miss Veasey 15-12, 15-6. Bowler and Mrs. R. Illingworth beat McKinley and Miss Morgan 15-8, 15-12.

Division II

NORTH ZONE

DERBYSHIRE 10; GLAMORGAN 7

At Derby on December 12th.

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

Glamorgan: H. R. Jennings, D. K. Hopkins, W. D. Colmer, P. A. Seaman, Mrs. A. Dickson, Miss B. Fisher, Mrs. M. Winter, Mrs. J. Stockden and Mrs. M. Withers.

CHESHIRE 2nd 5; YORKSHIRE 2nd 12

At Birkenhead on December 19th.

Yorkshire 2nd: G. Celley, H. Hewitt, D. Hudson, B. Blenkarn, M. Hunter, Miss C. Stinchcombe, Miss A. Staveley, Mrs. M. Burden, Miss M. Kilvington and Mrs. T. Blenkarn.

Cheshire 2nd: G. Shaw, L. Brown, P. Dawson, C. Denholm, P. Wilkinson, A. Harkness, Miss B. Jones, Miss V. Guest, Mrs. L. Hough, Mrs. M. Ewing, Mrs. M. Knight and Miss B. Watson.

DERBYSHIRE 9; WARWICKSHIRE 8

At Derby on December 19th.

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

Warwickshire: C. Deakin, R. Niblett, B. Gibson, E. Donnachie, Mrs. A. Macfarlane, Miss K. Clarke, Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. P. Robinson and Mrs. J. Startin.

DERBYSHIRE 9; STAFFORDSHIRE 8

At Derby on January 2nd.

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

Staffordshire: J. D. Eddy, C. I. Eddy, J. N. Marriot, K. Hawthorne, Mrs. S. Hamilton, Mrs. E. T. Ross, Mrs. V. Steadman and Mrs. B. Colclough.

STAFFORDSHIRE 11; GLAMORGAN 6

At Keele on January 3rd.

Staffordshire: J. D. Eddy, C. I. Eddy, J. Croxton, K. Hawthorne, Mrs. S. Hamilton, Mrs. B. Colclough, Mrs. E. Ross and Mrs. V. Steadman.

Glamorgan: H. R. Jennings, K. Hopkins, D. J. Colmer, A. Fisher, Mrs. A. Dickson, Miss B. Fisher, Mrs. M. Withers and Mrs. L. Tweed.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 8; WARWICKSHIRE 9

At Nottingham on January 3rd.

Warwickshire: G. Deakin, R. Niblett, B. Gibson, E. Donnachie, Mrs. A. Macfarlane, Miss K. Clarke, Mrs. M. Rooke, Mrs. J. Jones and Mrs. J. Startin.

Nottinghamshire: C. J. Kirk, I. Wilson, R. Kirk, C. Abbott, M. Bredbury, Miss J. Abbott, Mrs. M. Jackson, Mrs. K. Brindle, Mrs. P. Mace, Mrs. B. Bascroft and Mrs. R. Keast.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 7; DERBYSHIRE 10

At Nottingham on January 10th.

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

Nottinghamshire: C. J. Kirk, I. Wilson, R. Kirk, C. Abbott, M. Bredbury, Mrs. J. Abbott, Mrs. R. Keast, Mrs. P. Mace, Mrs. K. Brindle and Mrs. B. Bancroft.

ISLE OF MAN 1; LANCASHIRE 2nd 16

At Douglas on January 16th.

Lancashire 2nd: J. Cocker, P. Bullivant, B. Wallwork, T. D. Marshall, Miss M. Collins, Miss A. M. Heslin, Miss B. Walsh, Miss C. Walsh and Mrs. M. Devine.

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

SOUTH ZONE

BERKSHIRE 11; SURREY 2nd 6

At Abingdon on January 2nd.

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

Surrey 2nd: J. A. Gardner, Mehmet Ali, R. A. Mead, R. J. Southwell, P. J. Robinson, M. G. Thompson, Miss M. Gardner, Mrs. P. Dawson, Miss A. Watson, Mrs. S. Jones and Miss B. J. Carpenter.

SOMERSET 4; WILTSHIRE 13

At Bristol on January 2nd.

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

Somerset: R. H. Moore, J. Lanning, J. Dawes, N. Chambers, M. Sertin, Mrs. M. Hanney, Miss M. Thomas, Mrs. N. Jones and Mrs. M. Lewington.

DORSET 3; GLOUCESTERSHIRE 14

At Poole on January 3rd.

Gloucestershire: M. G. Tredgett, J. Dovey, I. Gordon, A. Finch, Mrs. S. Alfieri, Miss K. Whiting, Miss H. Taylor, Mrs. E. Collins, Mrs. V. Joiner and Mrs. P. Deas.

Dorset: A. Hardy, P. Cox, R. Roper, D. Dodington, B. Domoney, B. Randall, Mrs. C. Pike, Miss J. Roebuck, Mrs. M. Varlow and Miss W. Pitcher.

SOMERSET 9; DORSET 8

At Yeovil on January 10th.

Somerset: R. H. Moore, J. Lanning, J. C. Dawes, M. C. Sertin, Mrs. M. Hanney, Miss M. Thomas, Mrs. N. S. Jones and Miss S. Page.

I. C. C. RESULTS

Dorset: A. Hardy, P. Cox, B. Randall, D. Doddington, B. Domoney, R. Roper, Mrs. C. Pike, Miss J. Roebuck, Miss W. Pitcher, Miss J. Glanville and Miss M. Barker.

ESSEX 2nd 8; HERTFORDSHIRE 9

At Ilford on January 10th.
Hertfordshire: T. A. Goode, W. E. Andrew, P. Seaford, R. Rogers, P. Macrimmon, Mrs. W. E. Andrew, Miss D. Hughes, Miss G. Caulkett, Mrs. S. Hails and Mrs. P. Hutchins.
Essex 2nd: J. Stretch, B. Nilson, G. Goodman, T. Bowler, M. Livernore, Miss S. Ringshall, Mrs. V. Bull, Miss L. Spencer, Mrs. R. Illingworth, Mrs. R. Laws and Miss J. Carter.

SURREY 2nd 4; BERKSHIRE 13

At Epsom on January 10th.
Berkshire: N. J. White, R. G. Reed, A. R. Lucas, G. C. K. Hashman, Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman, Miss H. Marks, Mrs. J. Mitchell and Mrs. A. Smith.
Surrey 2nd: J. A. Gardner, Mehmet Ali, P. J. Gardner, R. J. Southwell, P. J. Robinson, M. G. Thompson, Miss M. Gardner, Miss P. Smiles, Mrs. S. Jones and Miss M. Brewer.

BERKSHIRE 13; ESSEX 2nd 4

At Abingdon on January 17th.
Berkshire: J. S. Tate, N. J. White, D. Atkinson, G. C. K. Hashman, A. R. Lucas, R. G. Reed, Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman, Miss H. Marks, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Mrs. A. Smith and Mrs. C. Maylon.
Essex 2nd: J. Stretch, B. Nilson, M. Wright, C. Goodman, N. V. S. Martin, T. Wheatstone, Mrs. S. Jones, Miss V. Bull, Mrs. R. Illingworth, Mrs. E. Tull and Miss J. Carter.

HAMPSHIRE 11; SURREY 2nd 6

At Portsmouth on January 17th.
Hampshire: D. Hunt, P. Pennekett, D. White, D. Curtis, K. Paul, Mrs. J. Cuff, Miss C. Holland, Mrs. A. Friend, Mrs. J. Cuff and Mrs. M. Dalton.
Surrey 2nd: J. A. Gardner, P. J. Gardner, Miss P. Smiles, P. J. Robinson, M. G. Thompson, R. J. Southwell, Miss M. Gardner, Miss P. Smiles, Mrs. S. Jones, Miss M. Brewer and Miss R. Hughes.

WILTSHIRE 11; SOMERSET 6

At Melksham on January 17th.
Wiltshire: B. H. White, R. Major, R. Crockett, R. Burden, Miss G. M. White, Miss M. Bracewell, Miss P. Robertson, Miss J. Martin and Miss A. Wildsmith.
Somerset: R. H. Moore, J. Lanning, J. C. Dawes, K. G. Stott, M. Sertin, Miss M. Thomas, Miss S. Page, Mrs. N. S. Jones, Mrs. M. Hanney and Mrs. M. Lewington.

CORNWALL 10; GLOUCESTER 7

At Camborne on January 17th.
Cornwall: R. Northcott, A. Murley, P. Pearce, B. Swadling, A. Drew, Miss M. Govett, Mrs. V. Chadwick, Mrs. E. Swadling and Miss A. Richards.
Gloucester: M. Tredgett, J. Dovey, I. Gordon, A. C. Finch, P. Jenkins, Miss K. Whiting, Mrs. S. Alfieri, Miss H. Taylor, Mrs. E. Collins, Mrs. B. Joiner and Mrs. P. Deas.

Division III

NORTH ZONE

Cheshire 3rd 6; Yorkshire 3rd 11.
 Leicestershire 8; Nottinghamshire 2nd 9.
 East of Scotland 2nd 12; Northumberland 2nd 5.
 Oxfordshire 16; Monmouthshire 1.
 Northumberland 2nd 9; Durham 2nd 8.
 Warwickshire 2nd 12; Monmouthshire 5.
 Nottinghamshire 2nd 15; Derbyshire 2nd 2.

SOUTH ZONE

Dorset 2nd 7; Gloucestershire 2nd 10.
 Cambridgeshire 12; Lincolnshire and Rutland 5.
 Hampshire 2nd 7; Buckinghamshire 10.
 Devon 14; Gloucestershire 2nd 3.
 Somerset 2nd 15; Dorset 2nd 2.

Division IV

NORTH ZONE

Leicestershire 2nd 13; Nottinghamshire 3rd 4.
 Warwickshire 3rd 12; Shropshire 5.
 Nottinghamshire 3rd 4; Northamptonshire 13.
 Leicestershire 2nd 6; Northamptonshire 11.
 Shropshire 3; Glamorgan 2nd 14.

SOUTH ZONE

Kent 2nd 10; Essex 3rd 7.
 Devon 2nd 11; Cornwall 2nd 6.
 Wiltshire 3rd 13; Dorset 3rd 4.
 Norfolk 2nd 7; Lincolnshire and Rutland 2nd 10.
 Berkshire 2nd 8; Kent 2nd 9.

Division V

NORTH ZONE

Glamorgan 3rd 14; Herefordshire 3.
 Leicestershire 3rd 2; Northamptonshire 2nd 15.
 Glamorgan 3rd 9; Monmouthshire 2nd 8.

SOUTH ZONE

Hampshire 3rd 6; Hertfordshire 2nd 11.
 Bedfordshire 2nd 6; Hunts. and Peterborough 11.

Warwickshire Restricted

Mrs. C. Robinson still going strong!

THE Warwickshire Restricted held over 4 evenings from January 4th-7th was again very well supported. How the Referees, Nev MacFarlane and Ray Harrison, continue to cope with increasing numbers is beyond the comprehension of the writer—they do a marvellous job!

Bob Niblett is now playing more badminton and had a good tournament up until Finals' Day when "the flu" hit him badly. Consequently he was no match for "Curly Deakin" in the Singles who accordingly notched up his 3rd win. Tom Jones has been unable to play County Badminton because of business pressures but was still playing well and won 2 doubles titles.

Kay Clarke in her first season as a regular "1st teamer" confirmed her improvement by appearing in all 3 finals, winning the Ladies' Doubles with Wendy Pickering. The holders, Cecily Robinson and Ann MacFarlane, tried hard to retain their title (Cecily won her 1st Restricted Title 33 years ago!) but could not quite make it. Ann MacFarlane also appeared in all 3 finals, winning the Singles and the Mixed with Tom Jones. Ann now has 9 singles victories and could easily go on to surpass Cecily's record of 12 wins.

The hardest worked competitor was 3rd teamer Robin Barbour who insisted on playing in the Handicap events as well as the Open. He suffered the penalty of being backmarker in the Singles and the Mixed but still reached both Finals! Sad to say he lost but no doubt enjoyed his mixture of Cider, Lager and Guinness afterwards—all at the same time!

A.J.M.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

Final: G. Deakin beat R. Niblett 15-4, 15-7.

LADIES' SINGLES

Final: Mrs. A. MacFarlane beat Miss K. Clarke 11-5, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Final: J. Gibson and T. Jones beat G. Deakin and R. Niblett 15-3, 15-18, 15-13.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Final: Miss Clarke and Miss Pickering beat Mrs. MacFarlane and Mrs. Robinson 8-15, 15-8, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

Final: T. Jones and Mrs. MacFarlane beat B. Meager and Miss Clarke 15-7, 15-5.

IT WAS NEWS THEN...

FEBRUARY

1915

In Doubles, at the commencement of a match, it is by no means uncommon for the players winning the toss to make their opponents serve first. A much more common practice is in making the players who won the toss serve first when they have taken choice of ends.

★ ★ ★
1925

Mr. E. Hawthorn, not content with winning the Veterans' Doubles with Mr. du Roveray, won the Men's Open Doubles with Mr. Devlin at the Middlesex Championships.

★ ★ ★
1935

American critics maintain that great skill is not required to play Badminton and state that leading players are not usually natural athletes and that anyone with natural racket strokes can pick up the strokes in a year and apparently come to the peak of this game in that time.

★ ★ ★
1949

England played a match against Sweden at Malmo, this being the first international fixture between the two countries. How very greatly the Swedes have improved in the past few years was at once revealed by the headlong defeat sustained by the visitors, for Sweden won by 7-0.

★ ★ ★
1955

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Sir George Thomas.

★ ★ ★
1960

The following (amongst others) were selected to attend a special Junior coaching course: D. L. Ball (Yorks.), L. Brown (Cheshire), G. R. Woolhouse (Yorks.), and Miss A. C. Price (Essex). R. J. Mills, Miss A. M. Bairstow and Miss C. Lindsay were omitted as they had been through such a course before.

★ ★ ★
1965

Easily the main focus of interest in the 16th All-England Championships lay in the astonishingly promising form of a girl of 14½ years of age, Miss Gillian Perrin. This small child, who has filled out a little since last year and therefore become sturdier physically has, it would seem, practically everything which it takes to build a champion.

★ ★ ★
1970

Then followed Whetnall's thrilling victory over the Old Master (Erland Kops) to become the recipient of congratulations from his team mates reminiscent of the Soccer field (17-15, 15-10).

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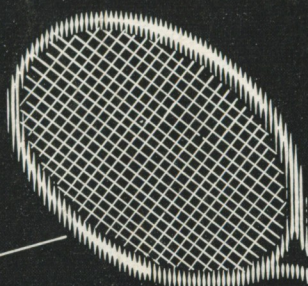
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