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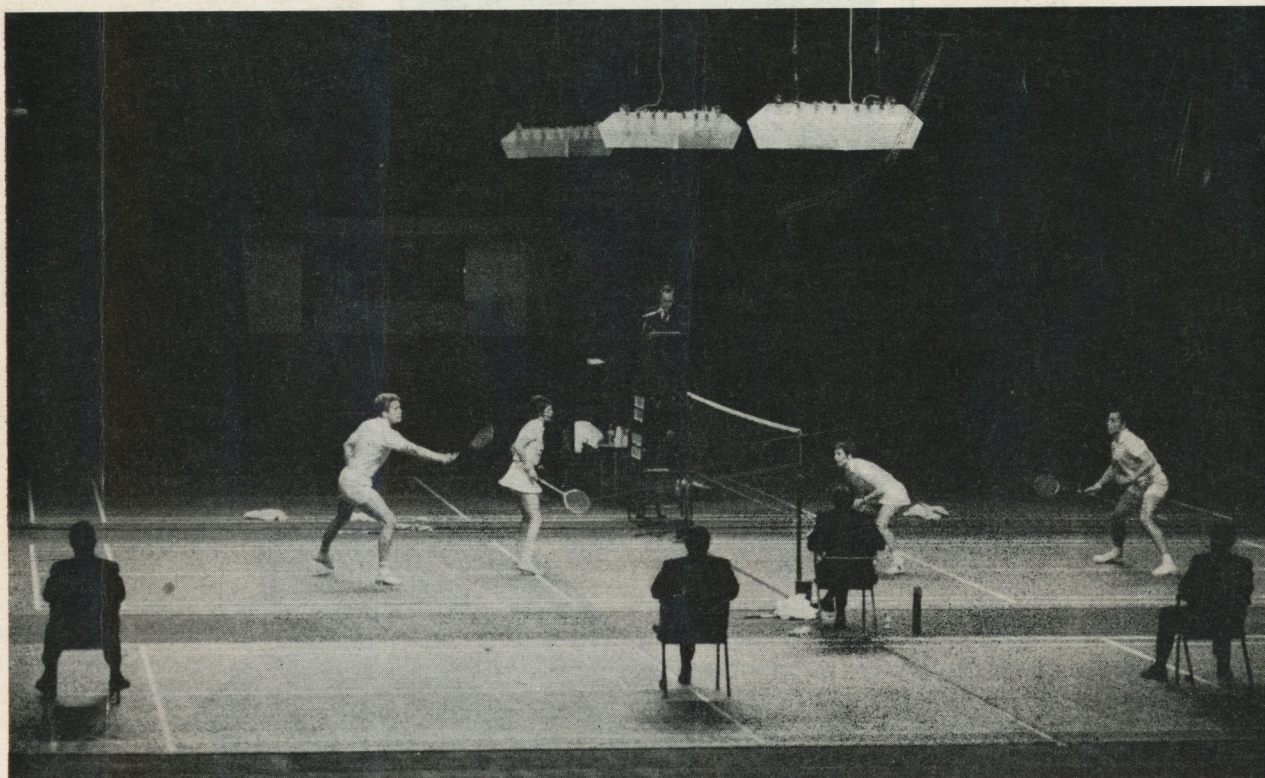
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*THE ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WEMBLEY POOL.*

*A general view of last year's mixed final. P. Walsöe and Mrs. K. Kaagaard (née Mølgaard-Hansen) and W. Bochow and Mrs. I. Gerlitzka (née Latz).*

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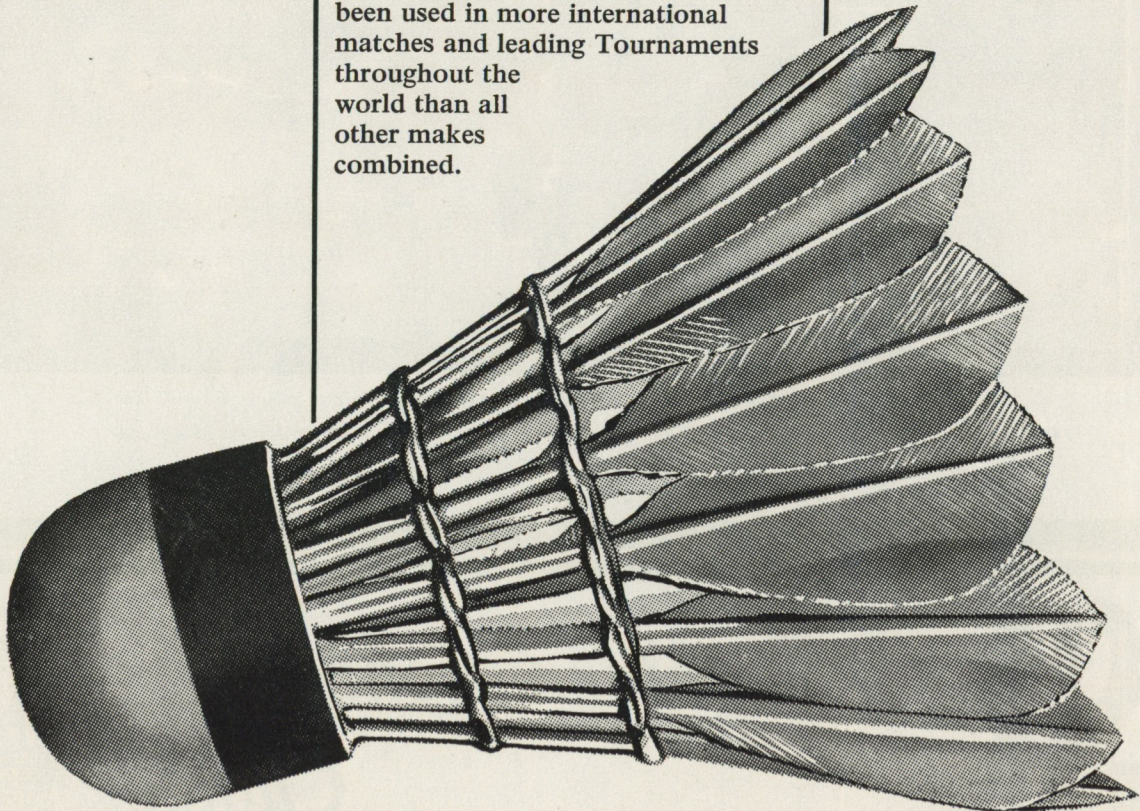
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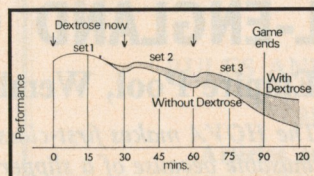
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**Editorial Comment:****ALL ROADS LEAD TO WEMBLEY**

**T**HE Badminton season moves steadily towards its climax—the All-England Badminton Championships. To it, come the finest players from the four corners of the world: from Japan and Malaysia, from America and Denmark. Whoever steps into the spotlight at Wembley to receive the winner's trophy is the uncrowned world champion.

And yet despite this galaxy of brilliant stars and the wealth of scintillating play they produce there are still many Badminton players who have never made the pilgrimage to Wembley. They have missed a great deal!

Here in generous measure may be found just the sheer excitement of watching great players in the white heat of fierce competition; here too the keen student of the game may study a whole new world of play: new tactics and strokes are revealed to give Badminton an extra dimension.

**Full House**

Final's day has always attracted a full house: tier after tier of expectant faces, row upon row of applauding hands. And nowadays seats for the Friday semi-finals are equally well filled.

Wednesday and Thursday should be nearly as full. The standard now is so high that hard fought games are the order of the day from the very first round. Here is the chance for a cooler assessment of a player's skill than in the point-hungry tension of later rounds. It is in these early ones that upsets occur, that memorable David and Goliath encounters happen, that a great star scintillates, burns himself out and is never seen again.

**Wonderful Atmosphere**

The All-England Championships cannot have the summer grace of Wimbledon. There tennis, watched in mellow sunshine, is played on close mown turf by peacock-hued crowds with a garden party atmosphere of lawns and strawberry teas just round the corner. In these respects, Wembley Pool can never vie with Wimbledon but it does have its own peculiar magic.

The same sense of occasion, of high drama, is there. Would-be spectators burrow up from the Underground to get a quick glimpse of the towers of the famous stadium. Then a swelling tide sweeps them on to Wembley Pool. Here BADMINTON stands emblazoned across huge hoardings in feet-high letters. Turnstiles click; commissionaires urge latecomers to their seats; vendors hoarsely cry "Gazette! Programme!"

Down the wide concrete alleys surges the crowd (no strawberry teas here! Only beer and pies on the right—tea and sandwiches on the left). It divides up and down a dozen staircases before swirling into the thousands of arena seats. But watch the flood of faces as it goes by. It hasn't Wimbledon's leisurely sense of social occasion but it is as good a place for spotting the great or bumping into acquaintances unseen for years as was Picadilly Circus before it broke out into a "hippy" rash.

**A Historic Arena**

The arena itself is a fascinating sight. Last Saturday perhaps burly ice hockey giants, padded from shin to chin, swept up and down its length with whirling puck, magically adhering to stick. This Saturday only a couple of hours after the last shuttle has been struck, Haarlem Globetrotters may gangle their uproarious way from end to end. But now seven green gleaming white-lined Hova courts stretch its length; each with its umpire's chair (that diabolically unstable structure!). To each a small army of grave linesmen walks to join the umpire in his Olympian isolation.

All round, seats stretch up and up to the dark recesses of the roof. Here giant scoreboards supplement those beside the umpire's chair. Below are the enclosures, with shaded lights and muted phones where officials are regimented and matches arranged with a hushed precision. On the opposite side stretches the open restaurant gallery where one can be doubly and deliciously self-indulgent by lounging comfortably over food and drink whilst watching greyhound-trained players sweating it out below.

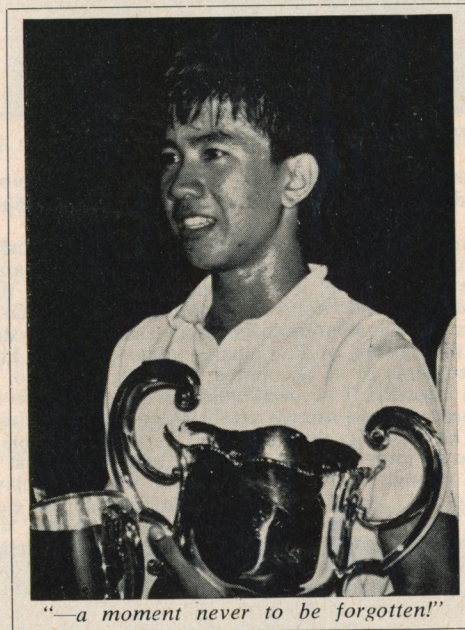
On finals' day, one central court only lies beneath the blaze of T.V. arc-lights high above. Even as spectators take their seats, small figures are knocking up on that green oasis. How difficult

out there to get one's touch, to judge the lines, to allow for errant draughts, to forget the myriad faces and all that is at stake—the waste of a year's gruelling training, the chance of a World title!

**The Final Point**

And when the game is over . . . the thunder of applause welling up on all sides from 20,000 beating hands; relief and exultation; a quick towelling; a scarcely recognised name hollowly boomed out by loud-speakers; a long-short walk in the glare of spotlights; a smile, a handshake, and cool silver between the hands; the blinding flash of a score of cameras; a word of commiseration for the loser; and the walk from the arena to a last roar of applause—a minute of time never to be forgotten!

The All-England has indeed gone far since 1902 when the first tournament was held under that title; from the drill halls of Buckingham Gate and of Bunhill to the decorousness of the Royal Horticultural Hall Westminster; and, after the War, from Harringay Arena and Earl's Court to that world-famous sports centre, Wembley Pool.



*"—a moment never to be forgotten!"*

Competitors came from afar. Until 1931, when a lone Canadian crossed the Atlantic to try his luck, the Championships were the prerogative of the Home Countries; today over 20 countries compete. Long since gone are the days when any player could enter, when Handicap Events took up most of the evenings, when Veterans played their event alongside those of current champions. Today arduous qualifying rounds have to be fought through in order to gain a coveted place among the world's best players.

The draw has already been made and is printed on later pages. From abroad the challenge is strong but England may well achieve success in the Ladies' and Mixed Events to equal past triumphs. Since the war, that success has eluded us in Men's Events—but there must come a first time! Perhaps, too, there will be played this year other classic matches to rank with Dave Freeman's defeat of Wong Peng Soon in 1949, or Judy Hashman's amazing tenth victory snatched late in the third set from Miss Takagi in 1967.

Happen what may, there is no doubt that much fine Badminton and many thrilling games will be seen at Wembley Pool between March 24th and 27th. Don't miss it!



*Svend Pri, last year's Singles runner-up.*

# WELCOME TO WEMBLEY!

## THE 61st ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

### A Wonderful International Entry

ONCE again the draw for the All-England Championships is star-studded with the names of leading players from all over the world.

The Men's Singles, as usual, has its full quota of 64 contestants. Rudy Hartono, winner for the last three years, is here again to defend his title, with Kojima (Japan) at the top of the draw and Muljadi (Indonesia) and J. Mortensen (Denmark) seeded as the other likely semi-finalists. Such assumption still leaves players of the calibre of P. Gunalan (Malaysia), S. Pri and E. Hansen (Denmark) to be accounted for. England's No. 1, Derek Talbot, will meet Pri if he overcomes the Swede, Sturre Johnsson.

England's chances of success are brighter in the Ladies' Singles. Gill Gilks, however, in the 4th round has a formidable obstacle to overcome in joint top-seed, Noriko Takagi, who last year was unfortunate enough to tear a leg muscle whilst in play against Mrs. E. Nielsen. Margaret Beck has an apparently easier path and, if she can beat Danish Miss L. von Barnekow, will be in the semi-final. In the top half of the draw, a great quarter-final battle could be between Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden) winner in 1968, and Miss E. Takenaka (Japan), last year's unseeded winner, though not highly ranked this year.

In the Men's Doubles, D. Talbot and E. Stuart have to defeat S. Pri and P. Walsoe (Denmark) if they hope to intervene with likely finalists R. Hartono and I. Gunawan (Indonesia) who could well play F. Gunalan and the irrepressible Ng Boon Bee (Malaysia) in a Far Eastern final.

England's hopes are mainly pinned on brilliant young Gill Gilks and that marvellous campaigner Judy Hashman, now playing for England; the latter won her first All-England in 1954! How the Pool would echo if they could overcome the Japanese girls, Miss N. Takagi and Miss H. Yuki, to keep the Ladies' Doubles title, relinquished by Mrs. P. Whetnall and Miss M. Boxall, in this country.

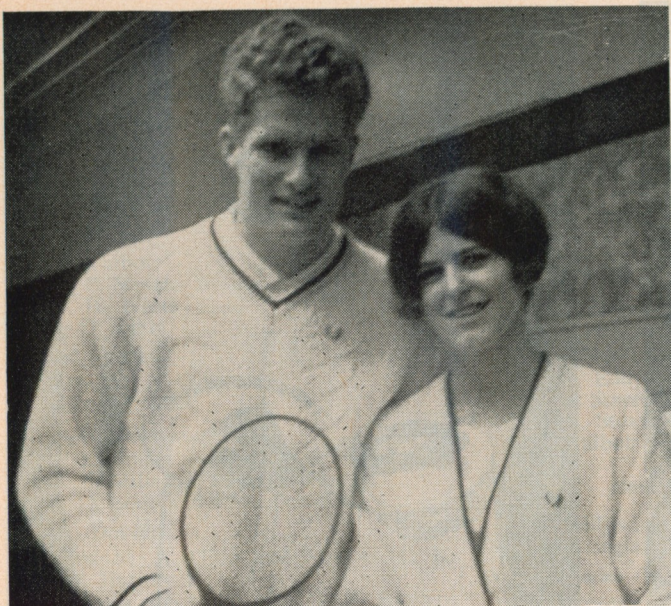
In recent years, the Mixed Doubles have been our happiest hunting ground. Here again our chances could be bright. D. Talbot and Mrs. M. Gilks should reach the final though our other tried pair, R. Mills and Mrs. H. Horton, seem to have a harder path with Walsoe, Pri and Bochow in their half.

Predictions are barren things. Dull indeed would the All-England be if there were no upsets of pre-conceived form. We wish home players and visitors alike "Good luck!". At least we can be certain that, win who may, the All-England will be played in the same fierce but sporting, competitive spirit that has always marked it as a truly great occasion.

*Mary Bryan, the charming Irish "Close" champion*







*Per Walsøe and Mrs. P. Kaagaard (Denmark).  
Last year's Mixed Doubles winners.*

## The All-England Championships

### The Seeded Players in the Order of the Draw

#### Men's Doubles

- P. Gunalan and Ng Boon Bee (Malaysia)
- T. Bacher and P. Petersen (Denmark)
- H. Borch and E. Kops (Denmark)
- I. Kojima and S. Togano (Japan)
- E. C. Stuart and D. Talbot (England)
- S. Pri and P. Walsøe (Denmark)
- J. Mortensen and K. Kaagaard (Denmark)
- R. Hartono and Indra Gunawan (Indonesia)

#### Ladies' Doubles

- Miss N. Takagi and Miss H. Yuki (Japan)
- Miss L. Koppen and Miss A. Berglund (Denmark)
- Mrs. P. Kaagaard and Miss A. Flindt (Denmark)
- Miss M. Beck and Mrs. J. E. Rickard (England)
- Mrs. K. Jørgensen and Mrs. U. Strand (Denmark)
- Miss E. Takenaka and Miss M. Aizawa (Japan)
- Miss L. von Barnekow (Denmark) and Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden)
- Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Mrs. C. G. K. Hashman (England)

#### Men's Singles

- I. Kojima (Japan)
- P. Gunalan (Malaysia)
- Muljadi (Indonesia)
- E. Hansen (Denmark)
- B. Jaiyen (Thailand)
- J. Mortensen (Denmark)
- S. Pri (Denmark)
- R. Hartono (Indonesia)

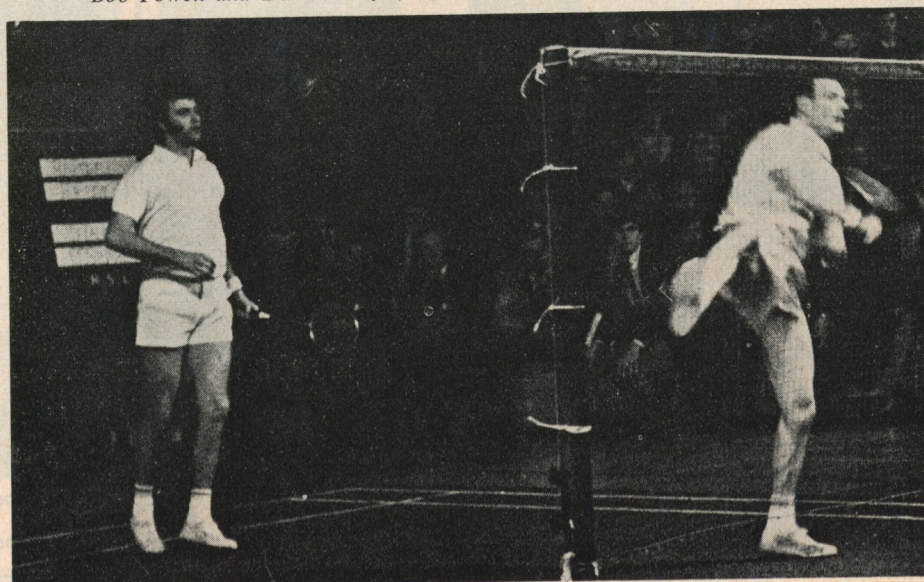
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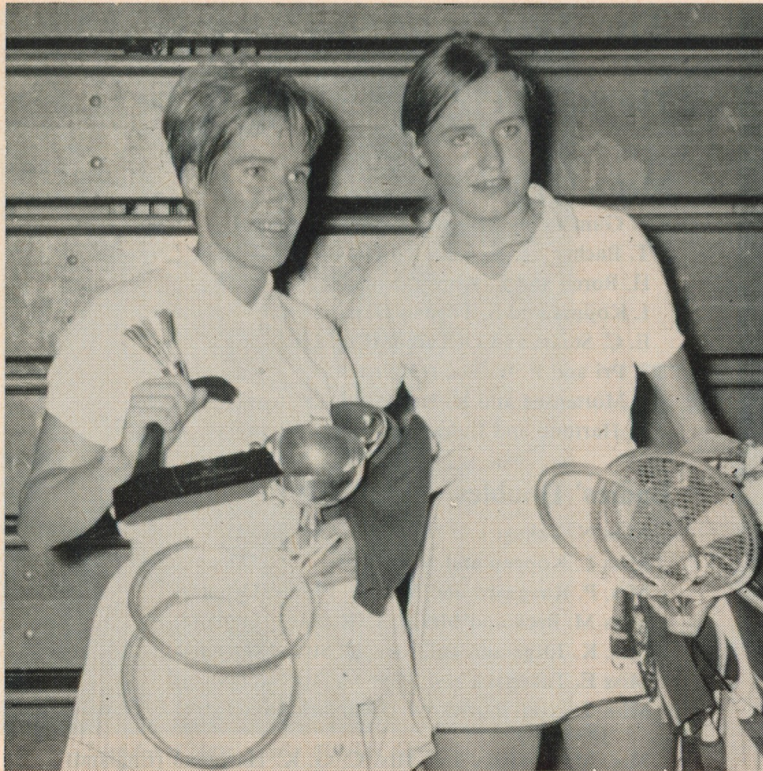
- D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England)
- H. Borch and Miss A. Flindt (Denmark)
- E. Hansen and Mrs. K. Jørgensen (Denmark)
- J. D. Eddy and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman (England)
- R. J. Mills and Mrs. H. J. Horton (England)
- S. Pri and Mrs. U. Strand (Denmark)
- W. Bochow (Germany) and Mrs. B. Cooper (England)
- P. Walsøe and Mrs. P. Kaagaard (Denmark)

*Bob Powell and David Eddy (England). Can they again reach the final?*

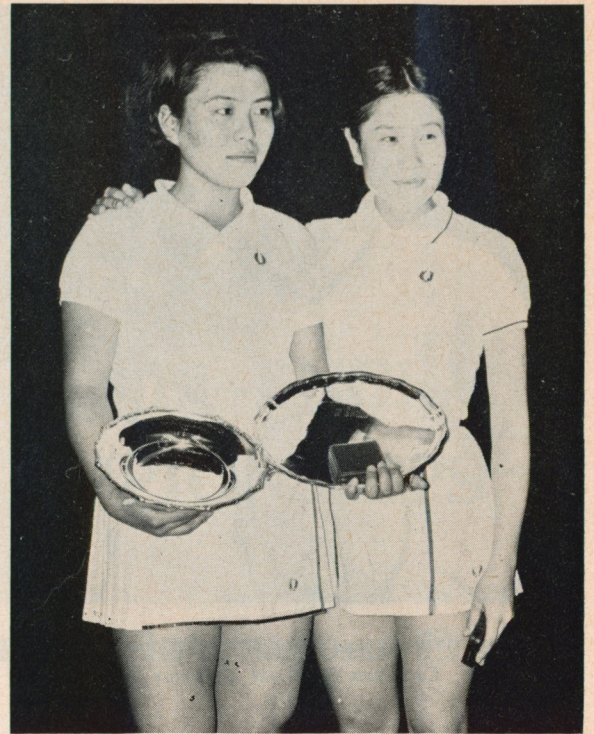
#### Ladies' Singles

- Miss N. Takagi (Japan)
- Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England)
- Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden)
- Miss E. Takenaka (Japan)
- Miss M. Beck (England)
- Miss L. von Barnekow (Denmark)
- Miss T. Kingmanee (Thailand)
- Miss H. Yuki (Japan)





Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden) and Mrs. M. Gilks (England)



Miss Hiroe Yuki and Miss Noriko Takagi (Japan)



E. Stuart and D. Talbot (England)



R. J. Mills (England)

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SATURDAY	...	...	...	2 p.m. to about 5.30 p.m.

# ENGLISH NOMINATIONS

## All-England Championships

The following have been nominated to take part in the above on 24th, to 27th March, at Wembley Pool, London:

### Men's Singles

- D. Talbot
- R. P. Stevens
- B. H. White
- J. D. Eddy

### Ladies' Singles

- Mrs. M. A. Gilks
- Miss M. Beck

### Men's Doubles

- E. C. Stuart and D. Talbot
- R. J. Mills and R. P. Stevens
- J. D. Eddy and R. A. Powell

### Ladies' Doubles

- Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman
- Miss M. Beck and Mrs. W. R. Rickard

### Mixed Doubles

- D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks
- R. J. Mills and Mrs. H. J. Horton

## International Championships of Germany

The following players have been nominated to take part in the above Championships at Oberhausen on the 6th and 7th

March:

- E. C. Stuart
- D. Talbot
- Miss M. Beck
- Mrs. M. A. Gilks

## Danish Open Championships

The following players have been nominated to take part in these Championships at Copenhagen on the 15th to 18th March:

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

## England v Denmark

The following have been chosen to represent England on 22nd March at Bristol.

### Men's Singles

- R. Stevens
- J. D. Eddy

### Ladies' Singles

- Miss M. Beck

### Men's Doubles

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

### Ladies' Doubles

- Mrs. M. Gilks and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman\*

## Mixed Doubles

- D. Talbot and Mrs. M. Gilks

Reserve: M. Tredgett

Non-playing Captain: R. Lockwood

\*This is Mrs. Hashman's first appearance for England.

## England v Sweden

The following have been chosen to represent England on 29th March at Torquay.

### Men's Singles

- D. Talbot
- R. P. Stevens

### Ladies' Singles

- Miss M. Beck

### Men's Doubles

- D. Talbot and E. C. Stuart
- J. D. Eddy and M. Tredgett\*

### Ladies' Doubles

- Mrs. M. Gilks and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman

### Mixed Doubles

- J. D. Eddy and Mrs. M. Gilks

Non-playing Captain: J. McColl.

\*This is the first time that M. Tredgett has been chosen for England.

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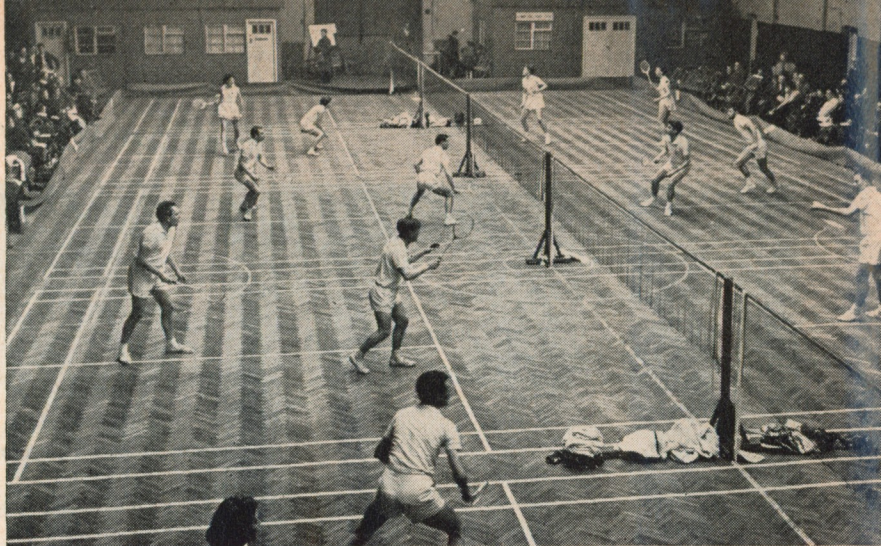
## CHESHIRE

"We played For The Fun . . . .

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The famous Cloughton courts. A photo taken some years ago during the Northern.

**T**HERE could, perhaps, be no more appropriate time to write a history of Cheshire for it is just fifty years since the county took on the official mantle of an association.

It was a joint venture with Lancashire and a happy union it was to remain for nearly forty years.

But more of that later for the story of badminton in Cheshire goes much further back than that. No official records exist to recall those earlier years, but the clubs and the people who formed them are still vividly real in the minds of the remaining few who enjoyed the new-found pleasures of the game.

#### Norman Wrench

One of them is T. Norman Wrench, still an active lawyer in the city of Liverpool in a business where he has spent a lifetime.

He was a 15-year-old schoolboy in Chester when he became associated with the Chester Badminton Club, formed in this garrison city mainly by Army personnel.

They played in the old skating rink in Liverpool Road with the horse trams trundling past the door.

The year was 1912 and the badminton bug had taken root with young Norman Wrench for soon after, when he moved to Wallasey, he was busy in the organisation of the North Wirral Club.

World War I interrupted activities and the club disbanded but when more peaceful times prevailed again, the Royal Garrison Artillery club was formed in Wallasey and from that emerged the pattern of competitive badminton in the county.

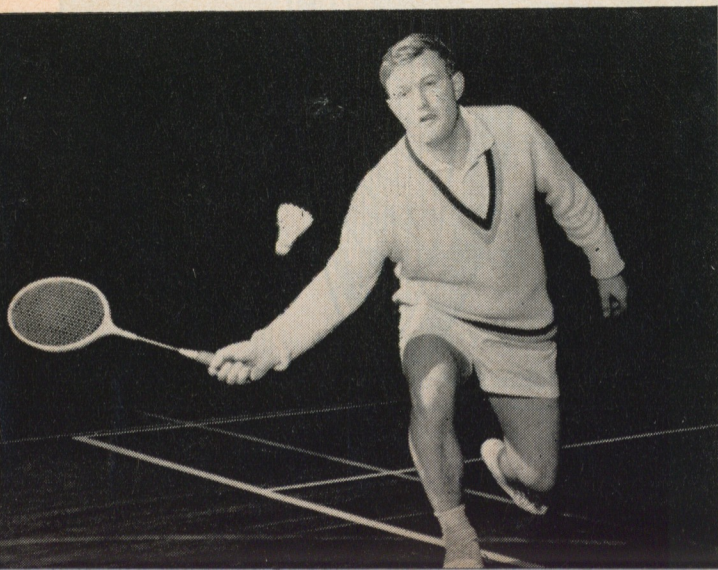
It took the form of friendly matches between Cheshire and Lancashire, but there was never any quarter asked for or given and it is probably just as well that honours were always fairly evenly divided.

"We played the game for the fun with never a cup at the end of it" recalls Norman Wrench.

#### Cheshire and Lancashire Unite

And it was in 1921 that this now firmly established friendly spirit led to his suggesting to the late J. K. Blackwood of Lancashire that they should form a joint county association.

A. D. JORDAN, Cheshire's greatest son.



By this time, the game had spread its wings and Norman Wrench circulated clubs throughout Lancashire and Cheshire calling a meeting at the Liverpool Exchange Hotel.

Nearly forty attended and the Lancashire and Cheshire Badminton Association was formed with Mr. Wrench as its first Secretary, eventually to become its President.

#### Cloughton and The Northern

So badminton developed and among the clubs to arise was Cloughton which was destined to play a major role in the county's fortunes in the years ahead. With headquarters in the Grange Road West Drill Hall, Birkenhead with its five courts, Cloughton soon began to attract the cream of the county's talent and Cloughton and Cheshire became synonymous.

Running alongside all this early activity in the county field were the Northern Championships started in Manchester in 1906 and played there until 1914. The first post-war meeting was at Wallasey in 1920 and with the exception of one season—1930-31 when the championships were held in Liverpool—they have been held in Cheshire ever since.

#### Tom Dick

The names soon began to emerge as a look at the records shows. T. P. Dick, who also later played for Northumberland won the Northern singles in 1926-27, the days when Sir George Thomas was making a habit of collecting titles at these championships. The year before, Miles Brooking, another great Cheshire stalwart, and J. Greening, had won the men's doubles.

In 1928-29, Dick gained the first of 21 England Caps and his great partnership with Alan Titherley was recognised in 1932 when Titherley too was selected for England and made 19 appearances up to 1939.

#### A Great I.C.C. Record

In 1930, Cheshire were in at the start of the Inter-County Championship and put up the challenge trophy. The following season, at Birkenhead, they were runners-up for the title to Middlesex who won 11-5. Two years later, they reversed the decision, winning the title for the first time with a 9-7 victory.

On four occasions before World War II, Cheshire were runners-up, each time to Middlesex, in 1939 by the slender margin of 8-all, 21 games to 18.

These were still the days of Titherley and Dick and of Ray Croke, another great Cheshire stalwart whose career had started in the days of the R.G.A. in Wallasey and was regarded as the best player who never gained an international cap.

There too, was Miss F. Darragh—later Mrs. L. R. Ludlam, a Cheshire player for many seasons who made the first of her six England appearances in 1949.

After the war, Cheshire and Middlesex continued where they had left off and in the 1946-47 competition, they shared the title when the final was never played.

Cheshire were now running into their finest era and won the championship in 1948-49, 49-50 (when they beat Surrey 8-8, 21 games to 17) and in 1951-52, being runners-up to Middlesex in 1951 and 1953, to Kent in 1954 and to Surrey in 1955, 1959 and finally in 1968.

**CHESHIRE** (Con inued)

The second team too, rode on the crest of a wave in those early post war years and notched up the remarkable record of never being beaten in group matches in nine seasons.

They won their competition in 1948, 1949, 1952 and 1955 and were runners-up to Kent II in 1947, to Essex in 1950 (when the score was 8-all 21 games to 19), and to Berks, Bucks and Oxon in 1953.

Proud records by any standard and not achieved without the keenness and devotion of a lot of people.

**Names of the Great**

Among them, the names of Ray Crooke now living in Birkenhead, and the late Sam Langford stand out as the men who moulded and coached the county teams to perfection on the courts of Claughton club.

In the 1949 competition, Alan Titherley made his 99th county appearance but was pipped at the post for his hundredth through injury.

A year earlier, the county produced another England player in Mrs. Joy Saunders and in 1952, Walter Smith was capped.

Meanwhile, another young star had emerged. After one season—1950-51—in the county second team, he was selected for England before even getting his county first team place.

His name—Tony Jordan of course—the greatest of all Cheshire's sons who played his 100th international on his home court of Claughton in March last year. Tony's record is well enough known to need no telling here. Suffice it to say that he has added many illustrious chapters to the county's and the country's records which both gratefully acknowledge.

Not only were England internationals created in Cheshire. Wilf Robinson, one of the giants of the game in Birkenhead and so near England selection, had a Scotland qualification too and they took advantage of it in 1951. He made fourteen appearances for Scotland up to 1956 while still playing many great matches for the county.

By now, the game had developed tremendously. There were leagues in Birkenhead, Wallasey (theirs was formed pre-war and was the first in the county), in Hoylake, Chester and Crewe.

In 1939, there had been 139 clubs in the joint association, 72 of them in Cheshire. Ten years later, the total had grown to 297 and by 1955 to 496, 195 of them in Cheshire.

**Friendly Divorce**

With such expansion, it was realised that the one association for the two counties had become unwieldy so, in the same friendly spirit that had marked its beginning, it was agreed to end the partnership.

In 1958, Cheshire and Lancashire went their separate ways. Ray Crooke became Cheshire's first president with the names of Norman Wrench and Miles Brooking among the vice-presidents. Alan Morris, leading light of Hoylake League was the first chairman and still holds the office, Hugh Richards (Wallasey) was Secretary and Leslie Ludlam (Wallasey) Match Secretary.

Treasurer was Geoffrey Baxter, for so long treasurer of the Lancashire and Cheshire Association, a tremendous worker for both counties who now lent his allegiance to his home county of Cheshire. And when Ray Crooke eventually resigned as president, Geoffrey Baxter was the automatic successor, a position he still pursues with utmost devotion.

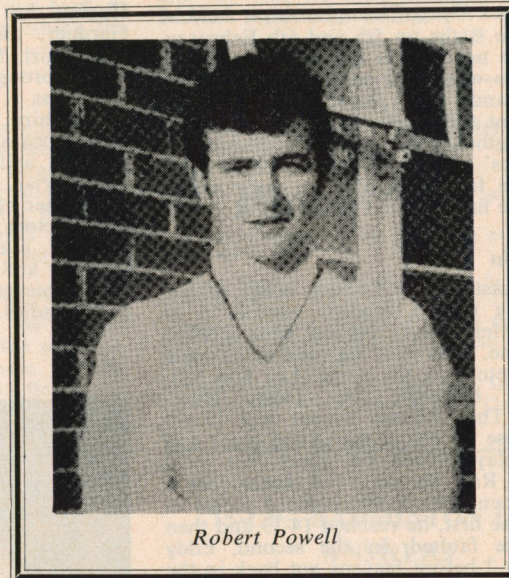
**Claughton Memories**

No story of Cheshire would be complete without reference to the Claughton Drill Hall, a veritable hall of memories. Memories of England internationals against Ireland in 1948, 1950, 1956 and 1970, against Wales in 1936 and against the all-conquering Malayan men's team in 1955, and of many great county battles.

Here have played some of the greatest names in badminton, notable among them Sir George Thomas, Wong Peng Soon, the Choong brothers, Erland Kops, Judy Hashman, Sue Peard, not forgetting Tony Jordan and virtually all the England, Ireland and Scotland internationals since the war.

Memories too of the many young stars who have come to the Northern Junior Championships, now permanently sponsored by Cheshire, and gone on to be some of the country's greatest players.

Latest name to be added to Cheshire's roll of England players is that of Robert Powell who was first selected in 1967. But so far this year, Cheshire has not been represented in the international side. It is first time they have missed since Dick was selected just 43 years ago.



Robert Powell

**Birkenhead Sports Centre**

Now, the Claughton hall wears the more select title of the Birkenhead Sports Centre and there are hopes of an early start on modernisation which will transform the facilities from the spartan to the superior.

That then is the story of Cheshire. In the interests of space, it is inevitable that a wealth of detail has been omitted and that the names of many personalities who have helped to keep the county at the top for so long have not been included.

But it is to their everlasting credit that the foundations they laid have ensured that badminton continues to thrive in the county which has made so many notable contributions to the game nationally.

**15 UP**

**A BADMINTON QUIZ**

**AROUND THE COUNTIES**

(Answers: See page 149)

1. When was the Inter-County Championship first played?
2. Why was there no official champion county until two years later?
3. Which county has the best post-war record? How many times have they won the Championship?
4. Which county had the best pre-war record and how many times did they win it in that period?
5. Who are the Chairman and Secretary of the I.C.C.?
6. Which very small county has recently had two large Sports Halls built within its boundaries?
7. From which county does Margaret Beck hail?
8. Which county does Derek Talbot play for?
9. How many counties take part in the I.C.C.?
10. How many teams take part in the I.C.C.?
11. Which county staged (a) this year's English National tournament? (b) the International v. Scotland?
12. What Scottish Associations take part in the I.C.C.?
13. Which county has the largest number of affiliated clubs?
14. What clubs presented the trophy for Division I?
15. Who presented the Division II trophy?

## ESSEX OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

# DUTCH GIRLS VICTORIOUS

by R. LEE

**T**HE Essex Open Championships, held at Leyton Baths on 5th and 6th February, 1971, were notable for the successes of the Dutch girls who were on a ten day visit to England and had played in the Kent Tournament the previous weekend. The six girls strengthened an otherwise disappointing Ladies' entry in both singles and doubles. In fact, each of them appeared in at least one final, a great achievement.

### Eddy Again

In contrast to the Ladies, seven of the ten leading ranked English players in at least one Men's event together with Scottish number one, Bob McCoig, and, making a welcome return to the game, Lee Kin Tat, who was, however, like David Hunt, unseeded. The ultimate winner was David Eddy, whose all round use of the court and fine net play proved too much for local top seed, Ray Stevens. The latter lost a chance, when after Eddy declined to set at 13 all in the first, he reached 14-13 and then was service faulted. In the second, Eddy reached 13-2 before Stevens got back in the match and, although he recovered to 14-9, the deficit proved too much.

Earlier Eddy had struggled to beat Jamaican Commonwealth Games player Max Lawson, and also Brian White, in the semi-final. Meanwhile, Stevens, after dropping a set to Tim Goode of Hertfordshire, comfortably beat McCoig, who had previously beaten a tired Lee Kin Tat, doubtless surprised by the hard fight of Ian Middleton, a young Yorkshire player who made a good impression.

### Sporting Final

The Ladies' singles was marred by the withdrawal through illness of Nora Gardner, and, with Barbara Giles beaten somewhat surprisingly by Miss T. Pannemans, one of the Dutch contingent, the semi-finals were all Dutch. Seventeen-year-old Miss Marjan Luesken played well to beat first the favourite, Miss J. van Beusekom, then, in an entertaining and sporting final, Miss Felice de Nooyer.

The Men's Doubles produced its usual excitement although the final was an anticlimax with Roger Mills and David Eddy proving too strong for Brian White and Mike Tredgett. McCoig and Colin Beacom were beaten by Bill Havers and David Hutchinson, who were then beaten by

White and Tredgett. The real surprise was the thrashing of seeded Stevens and Hunt by Billy Kidd and Phil Smith, who later gave Mills and Eddy a hard fight, without looking like winners.

### Mrs. Horton Injured

An ankle injury prevented Jenny Horton partnering Barbara Giles and it was the up and down struggles of the Dutch losing finalists, Miss T. Pannemans and Miss K. Wesdorp, which created most interest. Each of their matches to the final went to three games, until they were well beaten by their compatriots, Miss J. van Beusekom and Miss F. de Nooyer, a useful pair on the day.

The mixed also suffered from Mrs. Horton's withdrawal. Roger Mills partnered his own Surrey's up and coming Rachel Hughes but they were beaten by John Gardner, also of Surrey, and the sixth Dutch girl, Miss M. Ridder. Other exciting mixed brought eventual winners, McCoig and Miss J. van Beusekom through 17-16 in the third against Stevens, and, making a rare appearance on court, Mrs. Pat Havers. Tredgett and Felice de Nooyer beat Smith and Marjan Luesken 18-17 also in the third in another cliff-hanger. The final proved an easy victory for McCoig and his Dutch partner over the inexperienced John Gardner and Miss Ridder but one was left with pleasant impressions of the charming Dutch ladies.



Miss J. van Beusekom in typically cheerful mood.

## ESSEX CHAMPIONSHIPS

### MEN'S SINGLES

(limited to 22 players)

**Third round:** R. P. Stevens beat T. A. Goode 17-18, 15-1, 15-12. R. S. McCoig beat Lee Kin Tat 14-17, 15-10, 15-4. J. D. Eddy beat K. P. Arthur 18-17, 15-12. B. H. White beat D. R. Hunt 17-15, 15-6.

**Semi-finals:** Stevens beat McCoig 15-11, 15-5. Eddy beat White 15-12, 5-15, 15-12.

**Final:** Eddy beat Stevens 17-14, 15-9.

### LADIES' SINGLES

(18 players)

**Third round:** Miss F. de Nooyer beat Miss L. A. Spencer 12-11, 6-11, 11-8. Miss T. Pannemans beat Miss B. Giles 11-12, 11-7, 71-8. Miss M. Luesken beat Miss K. Wesdorp 11-7, 11-1. Miss J. van Beusekom beat Miss M. Ridder 12-9, 11-3.

**Semi-finals:** Miss de Nooyer beat Miss Pannemans 11-3, 11-4. Miss Luesken beat Miss van Beusekom 11-8, 11-2.

**Final:** Miss Luesken beat Miss de Nooyer 11-8, 11-7.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

(limited to 16 pairs)

**Second round:** R. J. Mills and J. D. Eddy beat D. Pither and K. Arthur 15-5, 15-12. W. Kidd and P. J. Smith beat D. R. Hunt and R. P. Stevens 15-4, 15-11. B. H. White and M. Tredgett beat A. R. Reddick and D. Gloyd 15-1, 18-13. W. F. Havers and J. N. Havers beat R. S. McCoig and C. J. Beacom 15-12, 10-15, 15-13.

**Semi-finals:** Mills and Eddy beat Kidd and Smith 8-15, 15-11, 15-11. White and Tredgett beat Havers and Havers 18-13, 15-9.

**Final:** Mills and Eddy beat White and Tredgett 15-4, 15-10.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

(14 pairs)

**Second round:** Miss T. Pannemans and Miss K. Wesdorp beat Miss B. Giles and Miss M. Gardner 15-12, 11-15, 15-13. Miss M. Ridder and Miss M. Luesken beat Mrs. W. E. Andrew and Miss L. A. Spencer 15-6, 15-3. Mrs. P. Dawson and Miss J. de Lacey beat Miss K. Stranks and Miss V. Bull 15-13, 13-18, 15-8. Miss J. van Beusekom and Miss F. de Nooyer beat Miss N. Gardner and Miss H. Marks 6-15, 15-11, 15-4.

**Semi-finals:** Miss Pannemans and Miss Wesdorp beat Miss M. Ridder and Miss M. Luesken 15-13, 13-15, 15-11. Miss van Beusekom and Miss de Nooyer beat Mrs. Dawson and Miss de Lacey 15-2, 15-10.

**Final:** Miss van Beusekom and Miss de Nooyer beat Pannemans and Miss Wesdorp 15-13, 15-5.

### MIXED DOUBLES

(limited to 24 pairs)

**Third round:** M. G. Tredgett and Miss F. de Nooyer beat P. J. Smith and Miss L. Luesken 13-18, 15-11, 18-17. R. S. McCoig and Miss J. van Beusekom beat M. H. Parratt and Miss J. Brennan 15-10, 18-16. W. Kidd and Miss B. Giles beat W. F. Havers and Miss N. Gardner 15-5, 9-15, 17-15. J. A. Gardner and Miss M. Ridder beat R. J. Mills and Miss R. Hughes 5-15, 18-13, 15-12.

**Semi-finals:** McCoig and Miss van Beusekom beat Tredgett and Miss de Nooyer 15-12, 15-13. Gardner and Miss Ridder beat Kidd and Miss Giles 15-5, 15-6.

**Final:** McCoig and Miss Beusekom beat Gardner and Miss Ridder 15-6, 15-8.

### QUALIFYING FINALS

**Men's Singles:** G. Robotham beat D. Hutchinson 15-5, 15-8.

**Men's Doubles:** R. L. Flood and B. Nilsen beat D. A. Clarke and M. H. Parratt 15-8, 11-15, 17-16.

**Mixed Doubles:** N. V. Martin and Mrs. K. Castro beat P. Gardner and Miss J. H. Miles 7-15, 15-12, 15-1.

### HANDICAP FINALS

**Men's Doubles (Class 1):** M. Wright and B. Jones (owe 1) beat R. Wood and C. R. Harris (plus 5) 15-14, 15-13.

**Men's Doubles (Class 2):** R. Grimwood and D. Driver (plus 9) beat D. R. M. Pither and W. Rundle (scr.) 15-14, 18-16.

**Ladies' Doubles:** Miss K. McDermott and Miss C. Green (plus 2) beat Mrs. V. Powell and Mrs. P. Drew (plus 7) 15-11, 14-15, 15-9.

**Mixed Doubles (Class 1):** T. R. Wheatstone and Mrs. K. Castro (owe 4) beat J. Woodgate and Mrs. B. Bass (plus 5) 15-13, 15-13.

**Mixed Doubles (Class 2):** R. Cooper and Miss J. Mead (owe 2) beat C. J. Woodward and Miss C. Bird (scr.) 15-9, 15-6.

# "MILLS ON WHEELS" SCOTTISH STYLE

(or "Speed bonny bus like a bird on the wing. Up the A1 we fly")

by "The Driver"

IT all started in the early hours of the morning after the England v. Scotland match at Carlisle when Craig Reddie and I were talking philosophically over a couple of whiskies; he would be inviting Derek Talbot, Elliott Stuart, Bob Powell, Maggie Beck and Gill Gilks to the Scottish Open and would I like to bring a couple of other players up in my car? Little did we know that we were probably creating a new age in English badminton—the age of the "Minibus crew".

## What a Crew!

So, after a million telephone calls, twelve badminton fanatics boarded our comfortable Ford Transit bus at Stratford, bound for the Scottish border, at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 14th January. The "crew" consisted of Maggie Beck (Middlesex), Linda Spencer, Barbara Giles, Nora Gardner, Dean Pither, Ray Stevens, Phil Smith, Tim Bowler (Essex), Bill Kidd and Elliot Stuart (Northumberland) and the veterans (?) Jenny Horton and Roger Mills (Surrey).

Elliott went on ahead to organise our Thursday night accommodation in Newcastle and everything was planned to get up there at midnight (even down to the minute detail of getting Nutrament to provide us with two cans each, so that we need not stop for a meal).

The journey got off to a bad start, however, when Phil was told that he must work on the Friday so he decided to fly up the next day. In addition to this, a piece of dirt in the carburettor caused an hour's delay on the M.1 so that when we finally met Elliott in the centre of his friendly home town, we had to knock up our various hosts at 3 a.m.! (I must take this opportunity of sincerely thanking those marvellous families for allowing themselves to be woken up at this unearthly hour).

## All Set for Edinburgh

Refreshed after seven hours sleep, and with a huge breakfast under our belts, we took the scenic route to Edinburgh via Jedburgh. The Southern contingent of our group had to admit that the scenery made the winding journey worthwhile.

We arrived at Meadowbank Stadium mid-afternoon. I think we all immediately felt the different atmosphere of the Commonwealth Games Centre as a venue for the Scottish Open compared with that of the old Cornmarket.

## Win of the Season

I feel it is worthy of note that the long journey had obviously had its effect on the singles' performances of the group though Linda had a good win over Helen Kelly. In the Men's Doubles, however, we claimed the 'victory of the season' when Dean and Tim

topped Derek Talbot and Bob Powell and went on to prove that this was no 'flash in the pan' by taking McCoig and Gow very close in the semi-final—only Bob's considerable experience made the difference at the end. By Saturday evening, England had taken all five titles and we drove back to the Carlton Hotel thoroughly relishing the thought of a Scottish party.

## A Wonderful Party

We were certainly not disappointed—the meal was delicious and the speeches extremely witty but beautifully tinged with sincerity. Alistair Urquhart, David Bloomer and John McCarry were at their best and it was a wonderfully sentimental moment when John was presented with a set of golf clubs as retiring President.

Then followed dancing and the Scotland v. England cabaret acts (with the amount of feminine clothing worn by the men getting scantier each year!). There is little doubt that the Scots always win this event. Perhaps it is because the English have a conscience about taking all the vouchers; perhaps it is because Scotland organise their script writers on New Year's Day. Or could it be the fact that England concoct all their verses between 2.30 and 8.30 p.m. on the Saturday?

Naturally, after the official party was over everyone drifted into the lounge and various rooms where whisky and chat flowed until the early hours. In view of the private hospitality that had been very kindly arranged for us, I wanted to ensure that all the "crew" arrived "home" safely so I ferried them back to their Edinburgh beds.

I had a slight problem with one of our girls however. Her address did not seem to be roughly behind the mountains where she thought. After searching for about an hour, we finally found the address which turned out to be the hairdresser's shop where she had been advised to go to get her hair done for the party!

So at 5 a.m., unable to drive another yard I was forced to be the only one who did not get to his designated bed and I slept for three hours on a settee in a 'strange' lounge—my new landlord did not seem in the least surprised at my presence at the breakfast table the next morning; he merely asked if I preferred my eggs turned over!

With the tenseness of the competition now behind us, the journey home was interspersed with the sound of noisy singing and heavy snoring. Once again Elliott had amazingly organised lunch for all of us at his Newcastle home. Without it I don't think any of us (least of all me) could have made it to London.

## Lessons Learnt

Many lessons had been learnt over the weekend. Firstly, that this method of travelling was very enjoyable from the "team-spirit" point of view and certainly the cheapest for a long journey. Indeed, one would hope that eventually the B.A. of E. could have its own minibus, perhaps on permanent loan from Ford's or provided by some other sponsor, so that young players could be helped to tournaments all over the British Isles and possibly on the Continent. Secondly, this type of competition provides invaluable experience to young players. Thirdly, it is advisable to organise with the insurance company to have another driver (over 25) in the minibus! Last, but not least I feel that we all learnt what this game of badminton is really all about at the Dinner/Party after the Championships and for that we must sincerely thank the Scottish Badminton Union.

## SCOTTISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### RESULTS

**Men's Singles:** D. Talbot beat R. McCoig 15-5, 15-12.

**Ladies' Singles:** Mrs. G. Gilks beat Miss M. Beck 11-9, 11-5.

**Men's Doubles:** D. Horton and E. Stuart beat R. McCoig and F. Gow (Scotland) 15-8, 15-13.

**Ladies' Doubles:** Mrs. G. Gilks and Miss M. Beck beat Miss K. Nesbitt (Australia) and Miss B. Beckett (Ireland) 15-6, 15-7.

**Mixed Doubles:** R. Mills and Mrs. M. Gilks beat E. Stuart and Mrs. J. Horton 15-2, 15-5.

## 15-UP—BADMINTON QUIZ

### ANSWERS

(See page 147)

- 1928.
- No arrangement had previously been made for a play off between group winners.
- Surrey have won it 14 times in 16 successive years.
- Middlesex won it 7 times in 9 successive years.
- F. W. Kirkby and H. A. E. Scheele.
- Rutland (which is amalgamated with Lincs. B.A.)
- Margaret Beck was born in Cumberland but now lives in London and plays for Middlesex.
- Derek Talbot plays for Northumberland.
- 42.
- 101.
- (a) Notts, B.A. (b) Cumberland B.A.
- West of Scotland, East of Scotland and Scottish Border Counties.
- Lancashire B.A.
- Chester, Claughton, Grosvenor and Wallasey B.C.'s.
- Brigadier R. Bruce Hay, D.S.O., former President of the B.A. of E., 1952-1961.

# THE IRISH SCENE BY "MUB"

## Irish Close Championships

### Unseeded Pair Win Men's

FOR the first time, the Irish Close Championships were held in Belfast in the McCallum Hall. This much-aligned hall came into its own as the roof has been insulated and heating installed. It is now most comfortable and attractive for both players and spectators.

This promised to be a most interesting "Close" with the younger brigade hoping to topple the established players but, in the long run, the surprises were few. A new experiment is being tried in Ulster this season with all events, bar the Mixed, being played through to the final on the Friday night. Some players inevitably find themselves on court for hours on end and the luck of the draw plays a larger part on results than normally.

The Men's Singles final was contested by two of the younger players, top-seeded Michael Morrow (Belfast) and unseeded Brian Carson (Dublin). Morrow dropped a set in a long semi-final to Adrian Bell but it was in the other half that the excitement took place. Top-seeded Peter Moore went out to John McCloy in a long thrilling 3-set match, the outcome of which was in doubt to the last point. This match was the best in the event but then a weary McCloy went out to a confident Brian Carson in the semi-final. The final proved disappointing with Carson never striking form and Morrow playing strongly and accurately to take his first Close title.

In the Ladies' Singles, Miss Yvonne Kelly, surprisingly unseeded, reached the final easily at the expense of Miss Haslem. In the other half, the main surprise was the two-set win of 17-year-old Heather Young (Dublin) over her more fancied contemporary Barbara Beckett. This was a well-deserved win and Miss Young, though she could not bring down Mrs Bryan, played well in the semi-final. In the final, Miss Kelly did not get going until the second set but Mrs. Bryan warded off the challenge to win her ninth Close singles title. Miss Kelly and Mrs. Bryan joined forces in the Doubles to eliminate both Ulster pairs, Mrs. McAleese and Mrs. McCloy in a good 3-set semi-final, and then Miss Beckett and Miss Haslem in straight sets in the final.



IRISH TEAM v. ENGLAND

R. Stevens

Peter Moore, Colin Bell, Sammie Blair, Michael Morrow, Winston Wilkinson,  
Mrs. Mary Bryan, Jim Fitzgibbon, Miss Yvonne Kelly.

The Men's Doubles saw one of the rare defeats of Wilkinson and Blair. This pair have long been Ireland's top pair. They looked as though they were continuing that way when they defeated Carlisle and McCloy in a long semi-final in the small hours of Saturday morning. But in the final they fell to the unseeded Peter Moore and Ronnie Reddick. It was a grand fast-moving final with Peter Moore being the dominant figure on court.

The Mixed saw the greatest excitement when Adrian Bell and Miss Joan Simpson stormed through to the final of the Mixed disposing with great skill of seeded pairs, Carlisle and Mrs. Bryan, and the McCloys on their way. In the final, they met the holders, Wilkinson and Miss Kelly, and very nearly pulled off a sensational win. Wilkinson was not at his best, and it was Miss Kelly who held the side together. The younger pair were playing really well with Bell being very severe and Miss Simpson placing the shuttle beautifully but a brilliant patch of Miss Kelly's at the end of the third set just pulled the holders through.

### RESULTS

**Men's Singles:** M. Morrow (Belfast) beat B. Carson (Dublin) 15-4, 15-10.  
**Ladies Singles:** Mrs. E. T. Bryan beat Miss Y. W. Kelly 11-10, 11-8.  
**Men's Doubles:** P. Moore and R. Reddick beat C. Wilkinson and S. Blair 12-15, 15-8, 15-10.  
**Ladies Doubles:** Mrs. E. T. Bryan and Miss Y. Kelly beat Miss B. Beckett and Miss D. Haslem 15-12, 15-9.  
**Mixed Doubles:** C. Wilkinson and Miss Y. Kelly beat A. Bell and Miss J. Simpson 10-15, 15-10, 18-16.

In the Ladies' Singles, Miss Yvonne Kelly did not drop a set in beating teenagers Barbara Beckett and Heather Young to reach the final. But once again, she succumbed to the steady play of Mrs. Bryan who won comfortably. These two players then joined up to beat Miss Beckett and Miss Haslem in the best final of the evening. It was a lively game and the younger pair were unlucky not to take the second set but they showed they have the makings of a good pair—badly needed in Irish badminton.

The scratch pair of Peter Moore and Michael Morrow won comfortably in the Men's Doubles against S. Blair and K. Carlisle. After three 3-set matches, Carson and Miss Kelly took the Mixed, their final opponents being S. Eakin and Mrs. Bryan.

### RESULTS

**Men's Singles:** P. Moore beat B. Carson 15-6, 15-4.  
**Ladies' Singles:** Mrs. E. T. Bryan beat Miss Y. Kelly 11-1, 11-2.  
**Men's Doubles:** P. Moore and M. Morrow beat K. Carlisle and S. Blair 15-11, 15-4.  
**Ladies Doubles:** Mrs. E. T. Bryan and Miss Y. Kelly beat Miss B. Beckett and Miss D. Haslem 15-9, 17-16.  
**Mixed Doubles:** B. Carson and Miss Y. Kelly beat S. Eakin and Mrs. E. T. Bryan 15-12, 4-15, 15-6.

## Leinster Championships

### Miss Nesbitt to the Fore

WITH the aid of sponsorship, the organisers were able to bring some visiting players and these added greatly to the championships. As expected, the Men's Singles was fought out between England's Derek Talbot and Elliott Stuart, but both had been pressed unexpectedly hard in the semi-finals. Talbot had to fight all the way in second set against Michael Morrow, and Brian Carson took a set from Elliott Stuart and had a fairly close third game. A year ago, the same two English players had produced a great final with the title going unexpectedly to Stuart. This year, however, Talbot showed his increased stature as a singles player and won with ease.

The Ladies' Singles was the only "home" win when Mrs. Bryan defeated Australian Kay Nesbitt in the final. Miss Nesbitt had disposed of Miss Kelly in one semi-final

## Co. Louth Championships

### Mrs. Bryan in Three Finals

THERE was a relatively good entry for this championship. It looks as though the tournament is returning to its former prestigious position after a period in the doldrums.

The Men's Singles proved very interesting and resulted in a good win for Peter Moore. He had to fight very hard to overcome the semi-final challenge of Adrian Bell but won comfortably in the final against Irish No. 2 Brian Carson. Carson had survived match points against him in his semi-final against Colin, Adrian Bell had accomplished the defeat of current Irish No. 1, Michael Morrow, in an early round.



**The Irish Scene**

and in the other semi-final Miss Haslem, who had defeated Mrs. Flockhart (Scotland) played right well against Mrs. Bryan but having lost a very close first set faded away. Mrs. Bryan looked all set for an easy win when she led 11-5, 10-1, in the final, but then the Australian appeared to come to life, and in a very exciting finish saved 8 match points and got back to seven before losing. She and Mrs. Flockhart seemed to be heading for defeat in the Ladies' Doubles but at eight in the second, Miss Kelly and Mrs. Bryan seemed to fall to pieces and the visiting pair played better and better to take the title without conceding another point.

Winkinson and Blair could make little impression on Talbot and Stuart in the final of the Men's Doubles. And it was the same story for Wilkinson and Miss Kelly in the Mixed. The Irish pair had struck a blow for Ireland when they played really well to defeat Talbot and Mrs. Flockhart in the semi-final but they never seemed able to get to grips in the final when Stuart and Miss Nesbitt won a second title each.

**RESULTS**

**Men's Singles:** D. Talbot beat E. C. Stuart 15-8, 15-0.

**Ladies' Singles:** Mrs. E. T. Bryan beat Miss K. Nesbitt 11-5, 11-7.

**Men's Doubles:** D. Talbot and E. Stuart beat C. Winkinson and S. Blair 15-9, 16-18, 15-8.

**Ladies' Doubles:** Mrs. J. Flockhart and Miss K. Nesbitt beat Mrs. E. T. Bryan and Miss Y. Kelly 9-15, 15-8, 15-0.

**Mixed Doubles:** E. Stuart and Miss K. Nesbitt beat C. Wilkinson and Miss T. Kelly 15-4, 15-12.



Mrs. E. T. Bryan wins her ninth "Close" title!

# It Was News Then — March

1911

**Official Notices:** A resolution to alter the law governing service in singles, so that the server should commence each hand from the court in which he last received service, was negatived.

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1915

**War Refugees' Fund:** Exhibition Games of Badminton in which the Holders of the All-England Ladies' and Men's Doubles Championships and other leading players will take part, will be played in The Badminton Hall, Richmond Public Baths, in aid of the above Fund.

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1922

**Reflections:** The attention of readers is drawn to a book entitled "How to Play Badminton" by Mr. J. H. C. Prior, the well-known member of the Ealing Club, and Hon. Secretary of the London League. The book, issued by the British Sports Publishing Co. Ltd. appears as one of "Spalding's Athletic Library" series, and its price is 1s.

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1930

**Lytham St. Anne's B.C.'s. New Hall**

The Lytham St. Anne's Badminton Club has built a hall specially for Badminton, which is certainly the finest in England. It has cost about £3,500. Its dimensions are 166 ft. x 63 ft. 6 in. height to the square is 20 ft. and to the top 25 ft. There are five courts. Mrs. R. C. Tragett opened the hall on Saturday.

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1935

**Design for New Cover:** There has been a gratifying response to our recent request for appropriate designs for a new cover for "The Badminton Gazette", and many of the entries are of first class originality and execution. As many Badminton players will doubtless appreciate an opportunity of seeing the excellent work submitted, it

has been arranged that the designs will be on view during the progress of the All-England Championships at the Horticultural Hall from March 4th to 9th.

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1955

**England's Thomas Cup Defeat: Swedes Win 7-2:** Nils Jonson beat J. D. McColl 15-8, 13-15, 15-4. Nils Jonson and S. Mohlin beat J. D. McColl and A. D. Jordan 15-9, 9-15, 15-8. Nils Jonson is a delight to watch in singles at any time. He gave no sign of any diminishing of the high standards . . . that earned him a ranking in the world's ten best singles players (See "Veterans" Results in this issue).

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1961

**Our Scottish Letter:** Perhaps the nicest thing that has ever happened to us was the invitation extended to Robert McCoig to take the place of Tan Joe Hok on the tour of Canada, where he accompanies such outstanding personalities as Erland Kops, Finn Kobbero and Hammergaard Hansen. It is a great tribute to the hard work and dedicated application of the Greenock player. In the past few months he has taken three world class players, Thanoo Khajadbhye, Finn Kobbero and Charoen Wattanasin to three games in singles.

\* \* \*

1965

**Letter to the Editor:** By all means let us have the McCoigs and Jordans, Sullivans and Findlays, Kellys and MacHendersons playing together in tournaments, and also let us have a British and Irish touring team going on safari to Africa (this is long overdue), but Mr. Reedie presumes too much if he expects the Irish, at any rate, to lose their national identities and characteristics, and be neatly wrapped up and labelled MADE IN ENGLAND. Anyway, "I'm shure 'twould be a mortal sin". Yours respectfully, JAMES PATRICK DOYLE Dublin.

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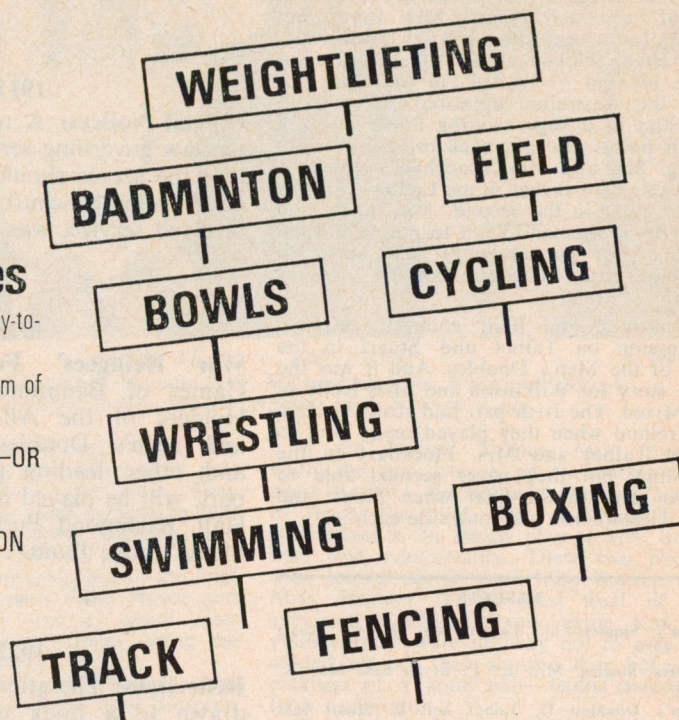
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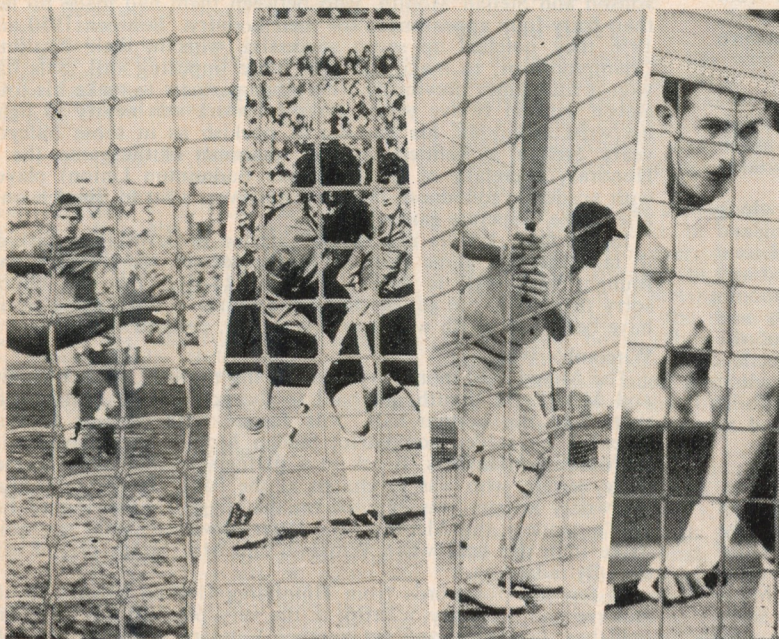
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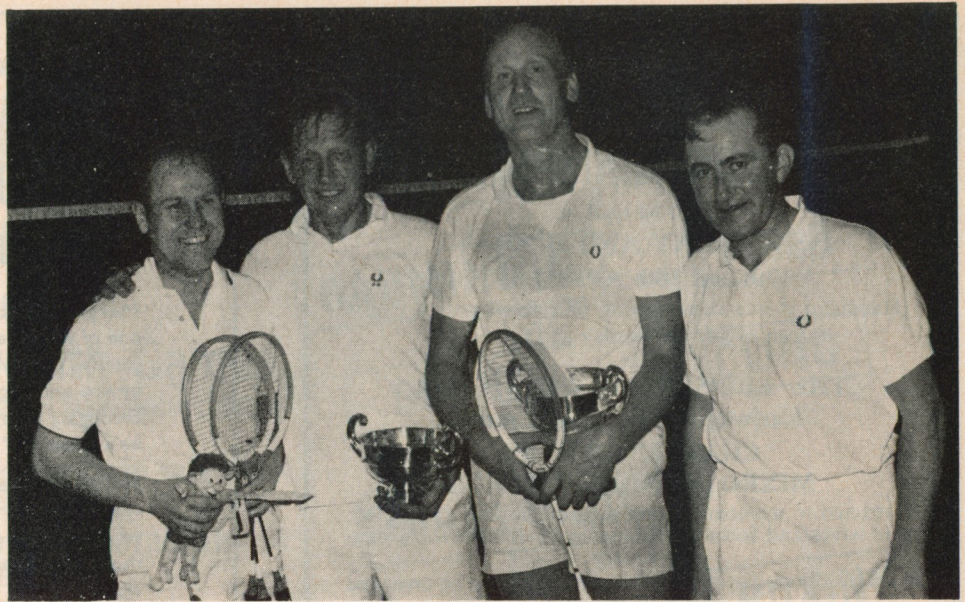
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SWEDISH  
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REPELLED

by

PAT DAVIS



Victors and vanquished: N. Jonson, J. McColl, W. Rogers and S. Mohlin.

**A**GEING battleships, whose speed and fire power, have decreased with the passing years, are sometimes put "into moth-balls" so that they may fight another day. Some similar process must surely preserve our Badminton dreadnoughts and frigates.

Each February they slough off this protective cocoon and emerge in surprisingly good shape. An unwonted bulge just above the water-line, a rather more stertorous wheezing and pounding from the engine room, radar scanners a little slower to pick up the enemy's course: these are the only changes. They do battle with each other in well simulated anger in that pleasantest of Badminton waters, the Ebbisham Club.

#### Changed Conditions

Once, the engagement was held during the All-England itself. Then a horde of mathematicians must have been employed on the invidious task of working out handicaps at a quarter of a point for each year over 50! Only men took part and the entry was very small. Today the age limit is 45 and ladies too have been admitted to take part in the manoeuvres.

Wisely, all craft have long since beaten a strategic retreat from the searchlights of publicity at the Horticultural Hall. After all, the "Victory" no longer parades at Spithead alongside modern pocket battleships and M.T.B's.

#### Annual Re-union

A vast amount of pleasure is had by all. Play is keen though it is not everything; the event becomes almost an annual re-union of those who once regularly opposed each other in County matches but now seldom meet.

A fair sprinkling of Badminton personalities always come along to see the fun, Ron Lockwood, the former Middlesex and England player remarked a little ruefully "A lot of faces here that I used to see on the other side of the net!" Herbert Scheele, aided and abetted by his wife, ran the Tournament with his usual smooth efficiency; Brian Bisserker was there to welcome everybody and make them feel at home; Humphrey Chilton, Chairman of the B.A of E., presented the prizes with all his usual bonhomie; Iris Rogers and Mrs. Mohlin supported their husband's endeavours; Michael Gilks umpired all three finals alone and unaided whilst Gillian had a respite from Badminton acting as kennel maid to Sylvia Ripley's "pack".

#### A Lasting Record

Ladies seem more reticent about announcing the passage of the years by entering the Veterans than do the Men. Consequently, their final was very much "the mixture as before". The allied Sussex-Berkshire fleet of Sylvia Ripley and Margaret Bayley rather out-ranged the smaller Kentish craft, Madge Alcorn and Mona Russell. The former, winning 15-8, 15-4, plundered the fine silver salvers for the eighth successive year! A truly phenomenal record! Sylvia Ripley still sails through a game with all the graceful ease

of a schooner whilst Margaret Bayley tacks busily to and fro with her usual careful seamanship that never jettisons a single point.

#### Strong Competition

In the Men's Doubles, Pat Davis and Cyril Denton's almost equally long run of successes was threatened by a field so strong that they yielded pride of place to become only third seeds. Jack McColl, still playing for Staffordshire I, and a very spry Bill Rogers, looking little less lively than when he played for Surrey, were seeded No. 1. Not even Denton's elastic reach and stone-wall defence or the fact that Pat Davis was wearing two right shoes could save them despite a great fight. Rogers deceptively varied the pace of his smash and the placing of his drops whilst McColl showed much of his old verve and delicacy of touch in the forecourt.

In the other half, an equally thrilling battle took place between two pairs of newcomers. Alec Witcomb, that bulwark of Derbyshire Badminton, with his county compatriot, Albert Ewles, played and just lost to two very welcome visitors from Sweden, Nils Jonson and Stellan Mohlin, who between them had made no less than forty-four appearances for their country. Between 1950 and 1956 they notched up seven successive wins in their National Championships; to make the tally more imposing still, Nils had won it four times previously with other partners to make his total eleven wins in twelve years. Nil's footwork was nearly as light, his wrist as supple, his humour as puckish as in those halcyon years; Stellan, as befitted an elder statesman of the game, (he is Honorary Secretary of the European Badminton Union) played with academic soundness. Victory, however, went to Sweden only after three desperate games.

In the final, Rogers and McColl started in devastating fashion to take the first game to two. In the second, the Swedish pair fought back well to level scores at 14-all. One was almost sorry they could not get the last vital points—a third game would have been well worth watching! Next year, perhaps?

#### Witcomb's Win

The Mixed held more surprises. In the top half, Alec Witcomb and Mrs. P. M. Smith put paid to the accounts of both seeded pairs. In the bottom half, Nils Jonson with Mrs. S. Morgan defeated his seeded compatriot Stellan Mohlin who played with the indestructible Mrs. Brock in a partnership that never seemed quite certain who was in charge at the back. In the semi-final, his wristy artistry was blunted on the rugged aggression of last year's winners, the Alcorns. The latter, however, could not quite make it in the final when Witcomb and Mrs. Smith played very soundly indeed.

A few cheerful words from Humphrey Chilton, thanks to the Referee and Secretary, a drink in the very pleasant new blue and gold bar, farewells—and yet another Veterans was over until the next time.



End of a long run! C. Denton and P. R. Davis who lost their long-held title.

## STAFFORDSHIRE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

by  
**J. D. EDDY**

**T**HE Tournament received a disappointing entry this year due to an unfortunate clash of dates with the Scottish Open. Many of the big "names" went up North but we saw a number of good matches, notably in the men's singles.

### A Tired Shuttle!

Here Brian White and David Hunt continued their rivalry with yet another grueling three-setter in the final. Brian had earlier scraped through against David Hutchinson after the latter, trailing 7-14 in the third, crept up to 13-14 only for Brian to keep cool and win with some really tight net play. David Hunt, having gone to three with Ian Middleton, beat an off-colour Dave Eddy in two straight games. However he found White just too steady for him in the end, despite his insistence at one point that his opponent didn't really want to change the shuttle which was just "rather tired"!

The ladies' singles, as did the men's suffered from some unfortunate scratchings but the final proved very close. Brenda Andrew, although complaining of a painful arm, just edged home 11-9 in the third end after an extremely long, hard struggle with Mary Bridge, who showed a very welcome determination in all her matches.

She partnered Lynn Veasey to win the doubles. After a close call in the semi-final where Lynn was not really on form, they combined much better in the final to beat Jenny Pearson and Dot Hargreaves in two easy games. A fast shuttle may have accounted for a lot of the Lancashire pair's unforced errors but they never really seemed to get going.

### The Two Dave's

The men's doubles was won by the two Dave's, though after many "alarums and excursions". All four victories were in three sets and their cause looked lost in the semi against Bill Andrew and Keith Hawthorne. Newly married life is obviously suiting Keith well!

At 14-8 up in the second, having won the first, looked certain to reach the men's doubles final. However, greater experience was perhaps brought to bear and after a tremendous run of serving by Dave Hutchinson from 8 to 16, the more fancied pair just edged home. Hunt and White also played three games in all their rounds but were obviously jaded after the singles and although winning the first, eventually succumbed quietly in the final.

### Unseeded Pair Win

The Mixed produced a surprise when the unseeded pair, Clive Kirk and Heather Marshall, came through for a meritorious win. In the semi-final, they beat Dave Eddy and Eileen Ross, who though off-form struggled quite hard. Thanks to Heather refusing to be rattled and producing some really tight play round the net, the Nottingham pair just got through. After a close first game in the final they wiped

out a fairly substantial lead by the Andrew family in the second, to win in two straight games, though Brenda was obviously still feeling the strain of her singles final.

### No shortage

The event finished at a very reasonable hour and despite an early score, the beer just held out at the party. Our thanks are due to Nutrament for their sponsorship (and free supplies to the finalists!) and to A.E.I. Ltd. for the use of their facilities. Next year we look forward to a big entry and a very successful Tournament.

(Editor: No results received).

## CHANGES IN THE HELVETIA CUP

by H.A.E.S.

**I**T looks as though there will be some major changes in the conduct of the annual international team tournament for the Helvetia Cup. This competition was instituted by the Swiss Badminton Federation and intended for what were then described as the weaker European nations. It has been very successful, although West Germany has won all of the past nine contests. The reason for anticipated change is the decision of the European Badminton Union to institute a team contest every alternate year at the time and place of holding the biennial European Championships, previously always held the week before the Helvetia Cup date. It remains to be seen what the Helvetia Cup nations decide.

This season's Helvetia Cup, which has always been held in different countries, has been awarded to the Netherlands whose association will be celebrating its 40th birthday in 1971.

The 1969-70 contest took place near Dusseldorf last April and resulted in the eight teams finishing in the following order: West Germany, Netherlands, Wales, Norway, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Finland. This season Belgium seems likely to return to the lists.

Though invited once, England has never taken part, and nor has Denmark or Sweden or Ireland or Scotland.

### THANK YOU!

The Editor wishes to thank the following who have taken the trouble to send him articles, (without which this magazine could not appear):

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whose articles it is hoped to print in the next issue.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

(20 pairs)

**Third round:** S. Jonson and S. Mohlin beat E. Esquilant and A. Fairhall 15-8, 15-2. A. Ewles and A. Witcomb beat R. Munro and M. Reidy 15-2, 15-5. P. Davis and C. Denton beat F. New and N. Tucker 15-8, 15-5. J. McColl and W. Rogers beat W. Elliott and C. Pulman 15-13, 15-6.

**Semi-finals:** Jonson and Mohlin beat Ewles and Witcomb 18-16, 9-15, 17-15. McColl and Rogers beat Davis and Denton 13-15, 15-9, 15-12.

**Final:** McColl and Rogers beat Jonson and Mohlin 15-2, 17-14.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

(9 pairs)

**Second round:** Mrs. P. G. Alcorn and Miss M. B. Russell beat Mrs. E. F. Haire and Mrs. P. M. Smith 15-1, 15-2. Mrs. M. Arthur and Miss D. Huffer beat Mrs. H. L. K. Brock and Miss D. B. Grace 15-8, 15-5. Mrs. S. Morgan and Mrs. H. J. Morsman beat Miss B. B. Ellis and Mrs. R. A. Radford 15-0, 15-3. Mrs. M. J. Bayley and Miss S. I. Ripley beat Mrs. J. M. MacFadyean and Mrs. J. Wheatling 15-9, 15-8.

**Semi-finals:** Mrs. Alcorn and Miss Russell beat Mrs. Arthur and Mrs. Huffer 15-13, 18-17. Mrs. Bayley and Miss Ripley beat Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Morsman 15-9, 15-4.

**Final:** Mrs. Bayley and Miss Ripley beat Mrs. Alcorn and Miss Russell 15-8, 15-4.

### MIXED DOUBLES

(19 pairs)

**Third round:** A. Witcomb and Mrs. P. Smith beat E. Symonds and Mrs. H. Morsman 15-9, 15-5. D. Burr and Miss M. Russell beat C. Denton and Miss D. Grace 15-7, 15-7. S. Jonson and Mrs. S. Morgan beat S. Mohlin and Mrs. H. Brock 15-11, 11-15, 15-7. P. Alcorn and Mrs. M. Alcorn beat P. Davies and Mrs. J. Wheatling 15-0, 15-7.

**Semi-finals:** Witcomb and Mrs. Smith beat Burr and Miss Russell 15-11, 15-12. Alcorn and Mrs. Alcorn beat Jonson and Mrs. Morgan 15-7, 15-3.

**Final:** Witcomb and Mrs. Smith beat Alcorn and Mrs. Alcorn 15-12, 15-11.

**MAINTAINING INTEREST**

The following extract from "The Badminton Coach" by Pat Davis (Kaye and Ward) dealing with running a club, had to be omitted from a previous issue.

While play on court is always the prime interest, any of the following can be used as additional stimuli;

1. A visit to a local tournament, league or county match, or to the All-England Championships at Wembley Pool.

2. Tactical games played on a miniature court made of peg-board.

3. Design of posters to illustrate stroke production or tactics.

4. An evening of films, loops or cine.

5. Making a scrapbook from results and photographs in the local and national press and the Badminton Gazette.

6. American tournaments, preferably one in which each player plays with a different partner against different opponents.

7. Sealed handicap tournaments, i.e. each pair are given a number of points to be added to the total number they actually score. This number is not revealed until the end of the tournament; consequently every pair has to play all out to gain every possible point.

8. A Novelty tournament. In this, handicaps which create a lot of fun are of this type;

- (a) Partners tied together by a 15ft. cord.
- (b) Tennis or squash racquets replace badminton racquets.
- (c) Each player has a black patch over one eye.
- (d) Each player wears crash helmet and goggles.

9. General badminton quiz.

10. Watching a badminton match on television.

11. Ladder contest: players' names are listed one below the other. Any player (or pair) may challenge one not more than three places above. If successful, the former moves above the latter; if unsuccessful, the player (or pair) may not challenge the winners again for a fortnight.

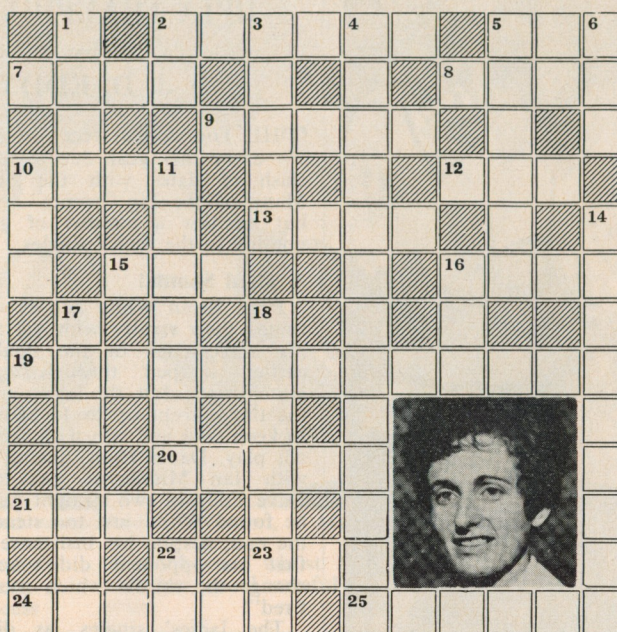
12. 'Tactical Talks' or 'Any Questions'. Bring in four local experts as panel.

13. Keeping of badminton diaries: the player's own results; his opponent's strengths and weaknesses.

14. Formation of a badminton library: Players give or lend badminton books to form a club library.

15. Establishment of camera club to take cine and still films for coaching purposes

**BADMINTON CROSSWORD - 2 by "PARD"**



**ACROSS**

- 2. I rumba in Central Italy; there's no Badminton there (6)
- 7. Worcestershire star of the 30's once housed hens (4)
- 8. The muddled slob returns a drop shot (4)
- 9. "... answer" for nickname of this fine pre-war player who later became Governor of Parkhurst (5)
- 10. Once the tops for Kent (4)
- 12. Scores are the same (3)
- 13. An international feathered friend from Staffordshire (4)
- 15. First Danish girl to win All-England mixed makes a tasty dish (3)
- 16. \*A world-wide star (4)
- 19. It deflects the shuttle (1, 4, 2, 3, 3)
- 20. Toy O.K.? But we lost a cup here in 1969 (5)
- 21. Initially a lusty young farmer who reaped a fine harvest of ... caps! (3)
- 23. Such a tiny association (3)
- 24. A knightly George (6)
- 25. It's out if it doesn't (4, 2)

**DOWN**

- 1. Former Irish international brother and sister combination; they start every game (4)
- 2. 15 ... = our Quiz (2)
- 3. Badminton books have it on the inside flap (5)
- 4. No chameleon—he wouldn't change his colours for anything (13)
- 5. Surrey star who used to sound like an Oriental peasant (6)
- 6. They make the feathers fly (3)
- 10. A shilling is a small price to pay for a fast-footed Scot (3)
- 11. Gallowing veterans drop to this in the 2nd game (2, 1, 4)
- 14. Birds or horses might be found here (9)
- 16. Keep this off the line in service (3)
- 17. Reach out for a promising Essex lad (7)
- 18. Absolutely the best! — Feathered shuttles? (7)
- 22. An upset for the Master of Arts early in the day (2)

**Solution next month**

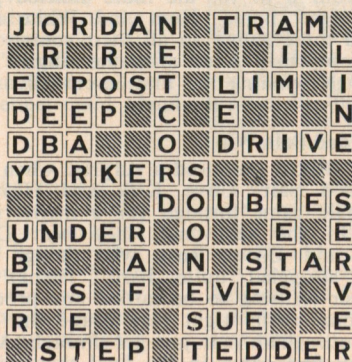
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It is hoped that in this way different shades of opinion can be aired. The Editor, however, reserves the right to accept, edit or reject MSS at his discretion.

**SOLUTION—CROSSWORD—1**



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- Badminton U.S.A.—Official Organ of American B.A.
- Badminton—Nippon B.A.

It is always a pleasure to receive any Badminton magazine even if the language presents some difficulties!

# KENT DEXTROSOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## FINE ENTRY FROM OVERSEAS

By  
**Pat Davis**

THIS 43rd Tournament held at the Crystal Palace on 28th to 30th January was again something of an international event. M. Lawson (Jamaica), B. and R. Ridder (Holland), G. Robotham, R. Diggins and D. Cory (Australia), D. Gloyne (New Zealand), Bob McCoig (Scotland), W. Bochow and Mrs. I. Gerlatzka (West Germany) and the charming Dutch ladies' team added spice to an event that also included all the leading English internationals.

### Air Strike!

The only disappointment was that the West German pair were delayed by the B.E.A. strike and, despite, a hectic rush by

Ray Stevens, with Jenny Horton, serves to W. Bochow, partnered by Mrs. I. Gerlatzka.

car to Frankfurt to make another connection, were unable to take part in the Singles events.

D. Pither and K. Arthur (Essex), recently nominated to represent England in the Canadian U.19 Championships, both did well in the Singles. The former ran Dave Hutchinson, ranked No. 10 for England, to 3 games whilst the latter had a clear cut win over Mike Tredgett, before succumbing in 3 games to Elliott Stuart in the semi-final. In the other half, Ray Stevens had shown fine form in beating no less a player than David Eddy.

### A Thrilling Win

The final was a see-saw affair. In the first game, Stevens recovered from 0-8 to win 15-10. Inspired, he swept on in the second game to 14-2! At this point, his over-eagerness was blunted by Stuart's regained touch and consistency. Giving absolutely nothing away the latter saved no less than 9 set-points to move remorselessly on to 13-14! A rather worried Stevens was very glad to win the elusive last point after twice regaining service at that score. A feature of the game was Stevens' heavy and accurate smashing down the side-line.

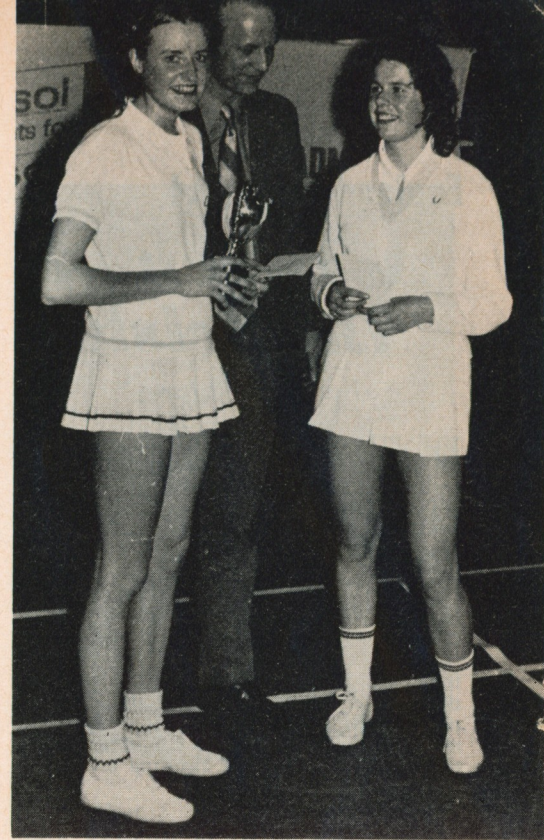
### Off Target

In the Ladies' Singles, Margaret Gardner did well to dispose of the Dutch girl, Miss M. Ridder before crashing to Gillian Gilks who had overcome another Dutch challenge from Miss M. Luesken, to reach the final. Here she was joined by Miss J. van Beusekom who had done very well to beat Margaret Beck en route. In the final, the Dutch girl ran Mrs. Gilks very close in the first game but her smashing went sadly awry in the second.

### A Fine Combination

In the Ladies' Doubles, the scratch pairing of Margaret Beck and Mrs. I. Gerlatzka had no answer to the vast experience of Judy Hashman allied with the speed and power of Mrs. Gilks.

Talbot and Eddy, after two close games, took the third fairly comfortably from Mills and Hutchinson in the Men's Doubles. The latter had played well to beat Stevens and Tredgett. Unfortunately Bob Powell, who was to have partnered Elliott Stuart, had to scratch.



Gill Gilks and Joké van Beusekom receive their singles awards from Mr. R. Nelberg, of Dextrosol.

### Fine Mixed Play

Perhaps, the most interesting game of the evening was the Mixed final between two fine pairs, Roger Mills and Gillian Gilks and W. Bochow and Mrs. I. Gerlatzka. The latter won a fast match owing perhaps to Bochow's superb backhand, as thunderous in the smash as in the drive, and Mrs. Gerlatzka's speed around the net. A collector's piece!

### Thank You, Bill!

Unfortunately, the attendance for the finals was not as good as in previous years. E. A. Parkin, who has organised this tournament for over ten years, is handing over the reins to C. F. R. Wilson.

The Kent Championships owe much to his hard work. We wish him a happy (golfing?) retirement!

Appreciation is also due to Ken Brock who, snatching time off from his Dutch coaching commitments, refereed with his usual quiet efficiency.

### MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: R. Stevens beat M. Lawson 15-8, 15-12. E. Stuart beat K. Arthur 15-8, 0(?) -15, 15-5.

Final: R. Stevens beat E. Stuart 15-10, 15-13.

### LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. G. Gilks beat Miss M. Luesken 11-10, 12-10. Miss J. van Beusekom beat Miss M. Beck 12-9, 11-8.

Final: Mrs. Gilks beat Miss van Beusekom 11-8, 11-3.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

Final: D. Eddy and D. Talbot beat R. Mills and D. Hutchinson 12-15, 15-12, 15-8.

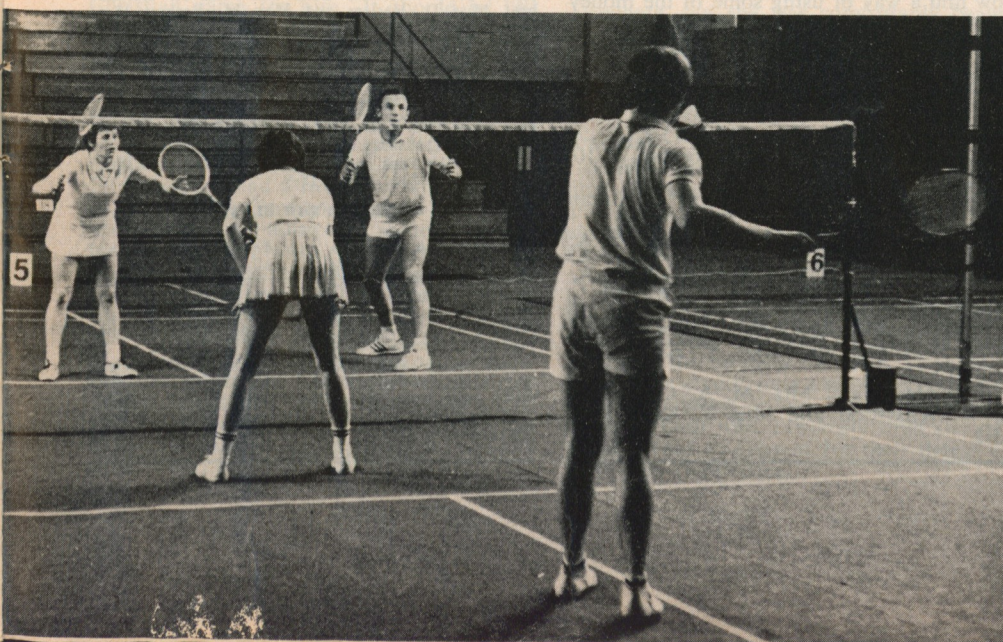
### LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. I. Gerlatzka and Miss M. Beck beat Miss J. van Beusekom and Miss F. de Nooyer 15-5, 15-7. Mrs. G. Gilks and Mrs. J. Hashman beat Miss B. Giles and Mrs. J. Horton 15-4, 9-15, 15-4.

Final: Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Hashman beat Mrs. Gerlatzka and Miss Beck 15-8, 15-9.

### MIXED DOUBLES

Final: W. Bochow and Mrs. I. Gerlatzka beat R. Mills and Mrs. G. Gilks 15-10, 15-10.



## England v Ireland

# A Touch of the Irish

by "The Skipper"

**D**ESPITE the nearness of the guns, grenades and many problems of Belfast, a young English team built up some refreshing new friendships when we visited Dublin for the annual international fixture and Irish Open Championships during the third weekend in February.

Although our B.E.A. flight was delayed for 1½ hours, we were very kindly met at the airport and driven to the Central Hotel which was to be our home for the next four days. With only coffee and biscuits on our delayed flight, we rushed round to the nearest Chinese Restaurant for a "fled lice nosh-up" before getting a full night's sleep to prepare for an early morning practice.

### Happy Memories!

The Badminton Hall in Whitehall Road, Terenure gave me a feeling of nostalgia that morning as I had played my first home international there exactly ten years ago and had sprained my ankle during the match. (co-incidentally, this had also been Jenny Horton's first match and although she had been selected to come with us this time, she had unfortunately sprained her ankle about two weeks previously and we were lucky to have Julie Rickard substituting for her at only 24 hours' notice).

If the hall itself had not changed, the social surroundings had certainly been enormously improved by the building of a large bar/lounge extension for the cost of £8,000; it was sheer joy to relax on the luxurious bench-type armchairs. I hope the subsequent increase in bar-profits will enable the Committee to make still further improvements to the hall.

### A Battle of Wits

This was to be the 57th fixture since 1902 and the wonderfully informal organisation and atmosphere was exactly the same as in previous years: the non-playing captain, an old friend, Jim Fitzgibbon, arrived at the hotel at 6.00 p.m. to discuss the order of play for the match due to start at 7.30. I had made up my mind that in the battle of wits to follow, I would insist on all my team having the longest possible rest between games, but within five minutes of listening to Jim's Irish lilt, I found myself playing the 6th and 7th games in the match! We arrived at the hall at 6.55 for a knock-up only to be told that the courts were to be cleared at 7.00 (so as to allow the spectators to walk about freely!).

### Confusing Tactics!

At 7.50 with the umpire, linesmen and players anxiously waiting, I wandered over to Jim to see if there was any chance of getting the presentations started, whereupon he went off to look for the shuttles! I flatly refused the idea of a presentation after the first game. No, I was not going to have



**PARTY FROM ENGLAND FOR IRISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
Roger Mills, Derek Talbot, Elliott Stuart, Ray Stevens, Brian White, Nora Gardner, Gillian Gilks, Margaret Beck, Julie Rickard.

my team march on after the first game—so we didn't. We were marched on after the second game!

I will not dwell on the results of the match, other than to say that I was delighted that a 7-0 victory was recorded for my first stint as captain, but I feel that the 'senior' Irish players in the first Men's and in the Ladies' Doubles were a little unlucky not to win a game for their country.

### Irish Hospitality

The rest of the week was devoted to recovering from the party, visiting restaurants and cinemas in O'Connell Street and playing in the Irish Open. By late Saturday, the team had managed ungratefully to take away every voucher in the building, but still the Irish entertained us. There followed what must have been some of the greatest Shakespearian misquotations in an epic "Mixed Doubles" between the Macbeths and Hamlet and Ophelia—I must say that I felt more like Nuryev than Hamlet. I wish someone had warned me that I would have to wear those tights! The incomparable Chick Doyle gave us 25 minutes of jokes and stories, by which time nobody had the strength to dance.

### A New Breed of Irish

One point stood out to me about our visit: there is a new breed of younger players amongst the Irish who with personal coaching, the right facilities and opportunities, will prove very tough opposition in the near future. The administrators appear to have been very successful in obtaining sponsors for their major events. If they can now find a way of using some of the money to give the young players greater competitive experience, this would be a real shot in the arm for Irish badminton.

### ENGLAND 7: IRELAND 0

D. Talbot beat P. Moore 15-0, 15-8.

R. P. Stevens beat M. Morrow 15-10, 15-3.

Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Mrs. M. Bryan 11-4, 11-2.

D. Talbot and E. C. Stuart beat C. W. Wilkinson and S. Blair 15-9, 16-18, 15-8.

R. P. Stevens and R. J. Mills beat P. Moore and C. Bell 15-2, 15-3.

Miss M. Beck and Mrs. J. Rickard beat Mrs. M. Bryan and Miss Y. Kelly 15-9, 8-15, 15-11.

R. J. Mills and Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat C. W. Wilkinson and Miss Y. Kelly 15-2, 15-2.

## IRISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

### MEN'S SINGLES

(20 players)

**Third round:** R. Stevens beat B. Carson 15-10, 12-15, 15-7. B. White beat J. Pearson 15-4, 15-7. E. Stuart beat A. Bell 15-7, 15-3. D. Talbot beat M. Morrow 15-11, 15-13.

**Semi-finals:** Stevens beat White 15-4, 10-15, 15-7. Talbot beat Stuart 15-7, 15-7.

**Final:** Talbot beat Stevens 15-4, 17-16.

### LADIES' SINGLES

(13 players)

**Second round:** Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss B. Beckett 4-0 ret'd. Mrs. E. Bryan beat Miss N. Gardner 11-5, 11-1. Miss K. Nesbitt beat Miss Y. Kelly 11-2, 11-0. Miss M. Beck beat Miss D. Haslem 11-1, 11-2.

**Semi-final:** Mrs. Gilks beat Mrs. Bryan 11-0, 11-4. Miss Beck beat Miss Nesbitt 11-0, 11-4.

**Final:** Miss Beck beat Mrs. Gilks 12-9, 10-12, 11-6.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

(13 pairs)

**Second round:** D. Talbot and E. C. Stuart beat P. Moore and M. Morrow 15-5, 15-5. S. Blair and C. Wilkinson beat D. Grimes and J. Taylor 15-8, 15-12. A. Bell and C. Bell beat B. White and J. Pearson 15-3, 15-2. R. J. Mills and R. P. Stevens beat K. Carlisle and G. Henderson 15-8, 15-6.

**Semi-finals:** Talbot and Stuart beat Blair and Wilkinson 15-12, 15-12. Mills and Stevens beat Bell and Bell 15-6, 15-10.

**Final:** Talbot and Stuart beat Mills and Stevens 15-11, 15-3.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

(11 pairs)

**Second round:** Mrs. E. T. Bryan and Miss Y. Kelly beat Miss E. Galbraith and Mrs. D. Bevan 17-14, 15-4. Mrs. M. Gilks and Miss N. Gardner beat Miss D. Haslem and Miss M. Beckett 15-6, 15-5. Mrs. F. Peard and Mrs. M. Dinan beat Miss H. Butler and Miss E. Tweedie 15-1, 15-4. Miss M. Beck and Mrs. J. Rickard beat Mrs. V. Hood and Miss R. Allison 15-7, 15-4.

**Semi-finals:** Mrs. Gilks and Miss Gardner beat Mrs. Bryan and Miss Kelly 7-15, 15-2, 15-3. Miss Beck and Mrs. Rickard beat Mrs. Peard and Mrs. Dinan 15-3, 18-13.

**Final:** Miss Beck and Mrs. Rickard beat Mrs. Gilks and Miss Gardner 15-12, 15-9.

### MIXED DOUBLES

(19 pairs)

**Third round:** R. Mills and Mrs. W. Rickard beat C. Wilkinson and Miss Y. Kelly 15-7, 15-10. R. Stevens and Miss N. Gardner beat K. Carlisle and Miss K. Nesbitt 5-15, 15-12, 15-13. E. Stuart and Miss M. Beck beat M. Morrow and Miss D. Haslam 15-3, 15-4. D. Talbot and Mrs. M. Gilks beat D. Grimes and Mrs. F. Peard 15-1, 15-4.

**Semi-finals:** Mills and Mrs. Rickard beat Stevens and Miss Gardner 15-13, 15-2. Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat Stuart and Miss Beck 6-15, 15-7, 15-6.

**Final:** Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat Mills and Mrs. Rickard 15-4, 15-9.



## International Championships of the Netherlands

# GILL GILKS TRIPLE FINALIST

by

"INVICTA"

**T**HE honours were well divided in the International Championships of the Netherlands which were held on the five championship courts of the Duinwijk Club at Haarlem from February 12th to 14th. It was the 25th promotion of the meeting, and as such was suitably celebrated and recognised by the excellent entry of most of the top players of Europe.

Denmark and England each captured two of the titles and Sweden won the ladies' singles. But, before all the real championship contenders got to grips on the Saturday morning, Friday afternoon and evening was wholly occupied by qualifying rounds in all events, which were later played off for prizes on the Kent system.

### El Automato

Denmark provided three of the four men's singles semi-finalists and both finalists; the title eventually went to Svend Pri who was making his first visit to the tournament. His final against Elo Hansen was a fine match indeed, and the winner, despite his reputation, did well to overcome Denmark's Kuala Lumpur hero of the Thomas Cup. Hansen's defences are quite remarkable, and so are his consistency and accuracy, as Derek Talbot discovered in the semi-final beforehand. Elo is not at all a suitable Christian name for him. It should be "El Automato".

### Our Younger Generation

There were several upsets in the early rounds, and some of these redounded to the credit of the younger generation from England. Ray Stevens, one of the official English team, had a two-game win over one of the leading Germans, Roland Maywald, and then quite upset the seeding with a magnificent and quite unexpected success over the reigning European champion, Sture Johnsson, to whom he handed out one of the most decisive beatings which the Swede has ever had from a European to the tune of 10 to 3. But the youngest English international fell to the fine strokes of a future Danish world-class player, Flemming Delfs. The latter had also beaten Stevens in the European Junior Championships of two seasons earlier.

John Stretch, an independent entrant, enjoyed a satisfactory victory over the experienced Dane, J. Herlevsen, after saving a match-point, but then capitulated to Sweden's other top man, Kurt Johnsson. David Eddy commenced against Pri in his best vein to win the opening game to 10, but then succumbed to 7 and love, but he was the only man to take a game off the eventual champion before the final.

Erland Kops went out in the third round to Germany's best-ever player, Wolfgang Bochow, in two close games, and Lee Kin Tat, only recently returned to the competitive arena following illness, went out at the outset to Pri whom he scarcely extended.

### Talbot Plays Well

Derek Talbot lasted the longest of the British. He reached the last eight over the bodies of a German and a Dutchman, and then enjoyed a well-merited win over Bochow. He won the first game comfortably and was twice within a two-game success, but he was overhauled when he elected not to set at 14. In the circumstances it seemed a worth-while decision, but it did not come off. But what did come off, and very rapidly too, was a fine spurt in the second half of the decisive game. Talbot played extremely well and thoroughly justified his high seeded position, as he did against Hansen in the semi-final. He won the first game, with "El Automato" being seemingly content to run the Englishman around. In the end the Dane's tactics paid him but not because of any physical shortcomings of the Englishman, but more because of the extreme accuracy of his fabulous close net shots, which, however, were sometimes even excelled by Talbot.

### By One Point!

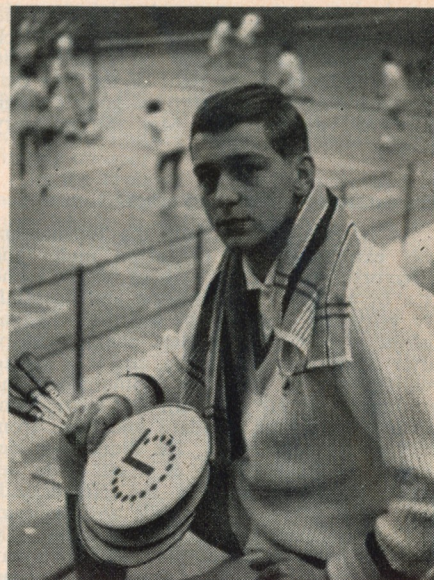
Both top-seeded players reached the final of the ladies' singles, and here Sweden's Mrs. Twedberg beat our own Mrs. Gilks by 12-11 in the third game in a very exciting finish after the Swede had had a goodly lead and Mrs. Gilks had had to stave off several match-points. At the close the Badminton was distinctly good, but it had not been so earlier when both players had made numerous and surprising errors, many quite unforced.

England's other top player, Miss Margaret Beck, reached the semi-final as expected and there took the first game from Mrs. Twedberg, but she was comfortably beaten in the end. However, in the preceding round she had avenged her Kent Championship defeat at the hands of Holland's Miss van Beusekom pretty satisfactorily.

### Too Hot!

Talbot and Elliot Stuart contested the final of the men's doubles but found Kops and Pri a little too hot, losing, strangely enough, by the same score to them as had Eddy and Stevens.

An English pair who did extremely well in this event was that composed of T. Bowler and D. Pither of Essex. In their first match they overcame the Swedish internationals, the brothers Johnsson, 17-18, 15-5, 15-6, after a very long encounter, and they were then asked to go on against almost at once. Both were extremely tired and this alone helped to account for their defeat by their Dutch opponents.



Svend Pri

West Germany's continued advance was well demonstrated by G. Kucki and K. Garbers. They defeated the Danes, Flemming Delfs and Tage Neilsen, and then Lee Kin Tat and Elo Hansen, in each case in three games. Then they captured the first game off Talbot and Stuart. Eddy and Stevens reached the last eight with wins over the Malaysians, Ho Khim Kooi and Oon Chong Jin, and the Germans, Bochow and Horst Loesche, without conceding a game.

The ladies' doubles had a small entry, and Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Hashman were in a class of their own, but it was nice to see the well-known Danish sisters, Mrs. Jørgensen and Mrs. Strand, on court again in a final. In matches not concerning either of these two pairs there were some astonishing scores, one of them a 17-16, 13-18, 18-16 victory for Germany's Mrs. Gerlatska and Miss Pothoff over Holland's Misses Marjan Luesken and Maria Ridder. This was a creditable score for the losers.

### Hopes of an All-England Title?

In the mixed doubles Talbot and Mrs. Gilks were the only 1970 winners to retain their title. Their final success over Pri and Mrs. Strand was a high quality match to which an exciting finish was added. Both English players were excellent and they must have a fine chance of adding the All-England title on the form displayed. One admired so much their absolute "sang froid" throughout, and the lack of this in the conclusive stages certainly seemed a handicap to Pri, but the mental concentration required in the fast exchanges at the end must have been enormous.

It was surprising to find last season's All-England runners-up, Bochow and Mrs. Gerlatska, falling in the last eight to their compatriots. Roland Maywald and Miss Pothoff, but tiredness late on the Saturday played its part. Bochow had had too much altogether, notably in the singles, though he had summoned tremendous energies to eliminate Eddy and Mrs. Hashman to 7 and 10 in the preceding round.

As a pair of whom not a great deal could have been expected, Stevens and Miss Beck did well to take a game off Hansen and Mrs. Twedberg in the light of the fact that this Scandinavian pair proved good enough later to run Pri and Mrs. Strand very closely.

#### Presentation to Mr. L. Verhoef

As is usual at Haarlem, the tournament was extremely well organised under the directorship of Mr. L. Verhoef, whose name is a by-word for organisation and hospitality. Nineteen years ago he was the principal mover in resuscitating these championships after a fourteen year lapse, and it is sad to realise that he has now relinquished the guiding reins. He has built this tournament up to a very high standard and fame from very small beginnings. He thoroughly deserved the presentation of a cut glass decanter made to him by the Netherlands B.A. as a token of gratitude and esteem.

The customary large crowds of some 1,500 were on hand on the Sunday, and not many less on the Saturday, and everything moved very smoothly. There could be only one adverse matter to comment upon, and that concerns some of the umpiring which was not very good and elicited several complaints. Recently adopted changes in the laws relating to "double-hits" and to the legality of the service do not seem to have percolated through to the Dutch, a surprising thing since one of the alterations was originally proposed by them. Is this perhaps due to some misinterpretations in translation from the official language of English?

#### Congratulations

On a happier note, the Netherlands B.A. entertained all the visitors to their customary excellent dinner and dance on the Sunday evening. One could not conclude better than to congratulate the Dutch on the championships, and to anticipate many more in the long successful line.

## SCOTLAND JUST BEAT THE DUTCH

By H.A.E.S.

SCOTLAND met the Netherlands for the first time in a friendly international fixture at Zandvoort last month, though the two nations had met in the Thomas Cup four years earlier when the Scots had triumphed by 7 matches to 2. This season's meeting, understood to be the forerunner of regular encounters, took place just before the International Championships of the Netherlands and resulted in a close victory for the visitors by 5 matches to 4. It was expected that the Dutch would win most, and probably all, of the singles matches, and that the Scots would gain a clear advantage in the doubles, but this forecast proved to be wrong, for the Scots captured both men's singles and then surprisingly lost the top mixed.

Scotland was at a disadvantage through the inability of R. S. McCoig to accompany the touring party, but the younger Scotsmen, Fraser Gow and J. Ansari, thoroughly justified themselves.

#### MEN'S SINGLES

**Fourth round:** E. Hansen (Denmark) beat K. Johnsson (Sweden) 15-4, 15-11. D. Talbot (England) beat W. Bochow (West Germany), 15-6, 14-15, 15-8. F. Delis (Denmark) beat R. P. Stevens (England), 15-12, 15-5. S. Pri (Denmark) beat T. Nielsen (Denmark), 15-10, 15-2.  
**Semi-finals:** Hansen beat Talbot 4-15, 15-2, 15-6. Pri beat Delis 15-7, 15-6.  
**Final:** Pri beat Hansen 10-15, 15-11, 15-10.

#### LADIES' SINGLES

**Third round:** Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden) beat Mrs. U. Strand (Denmark) 11-3, 11-6. Miss M. Beck (England) beat Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands) 11-8, 11-4. Mrs. A. van der Meulen (Netherlands) beat Mrs. I. Gerlitzka (West Germany) 11-4, 11-6. Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England) beat Miss B. Pothoff (West Germany) 11-3, 11-5.  
**Semi-finals:** Mrs. Twedberg beat Miss Beck 5-11, 11-6, 11-1. Mrs. Gilks beat Mrs. van der Meulen 11-5, 11-4.  
**Final:** Mrs. Twedberg beat Mrs. Gilks 3-11, 11-7, 12-11.

#### MEN'S DOUBLES

**Third round:** E. Kops and S. Pri (Denmark) beat K. M. Andrews and K. P. Arthur (England) 15-2, 15-4. J. D. Eddy and R. P. Stevens (England) beat I. Hume and J. K. McNeillage (Scotland) 15-6, 15-3. D. Talbot and E. C. Stuart (England) beat G. Kucki and K. Garbers (West Germany) 6-15, 15-9, 15-7. P. Ridder and H. Leidelmeier (Netherlands) beat T. Bowler and D. R. M. Pither (England) 15-9, 15-12.  
**Semi-finals:** Kops and Pri beat Eddy and Stevens 15-11, 15-4. Talbot and Stuart beat Ridder and Leidelmeier 15-9, 15-10.  
**Final:** Kops and Pri beat Talbot and Stuart 15-11, 15-4.

#### LADIES' DOUBLES

**Third round:** Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England) and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman (U.S.A.) beat Miss F. de Nooyer and Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands) 15-6, 15-1. Mrs. K. Jørgensen and Mrs. U. Strand (Denmark) beat Mrs. I. Gerlitzka and Miss B. Pothoff (West Germany) 15-9, 15-10.  
**Final:** Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Hashman beat Mrs. Jørgensen and Mrs. Strand 15-6, 15-2.

#### MIXED DOUBLES

**Third round:** S. Pri and Mrs. U. Strand (Denmark) beat F. Gow and Mrs. M. Hume (Scotland) 15-12, 15-0. E. Hansen (Denmark) and Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden) beat R. P. Stevens and Miss M. Beck (England) 15-1, 5-15, 15-12. R. Maywald and Miss B. Pothoff (West Germany) beat W. Bochow and Mrs. I. Gerlitzka (West Germany) 15-10, 8-15, 15-10. D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England) beat K. Garbers and Mrs. K. aus den Siepen (West Germany) 15-7, 15-2.  
**Semi-finals:** Pri and Mrs. Strand beat Hansen and Mrs. Twedberg 15-7, 9-15, 15-10. Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat Maywald and Miss Pothoff 15-12, 15-3.  
**Final:** Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat Pri and Mrs. Strand 15-4, 6-15, 17-16.

#### NETHERLANDS 4; SCOTLAND 5

At Zandvoort on February 11th. Scores (Scottish names first):-

A. Flockhart beat R. Ridder 15-9, 18-15. F. Gow beat P. Ridder 1-15, 15-4, 15-7.

Mrs. M. Hume lost to Miss J. van Beusekom, 7-11, 7-11. Mrs. J. Flockhart lost to Miss M. Luesken, 2-11, 11-3, 7-11.

F. Gow and J. Ansari beat R. van Ginneken and P. Ridder 15-7, 15-5. I. Hume and J. K. McNeillage beat B. Ridder and R. Ridder 15-9, 15-3.

Mrs. Flockhart and Miss H. T. Kelly lost to Miss F. de Nooyer and Miss J. van Beusekom 11-15, 11-15.

F. Gow and Mrs. M. Hume lost to R. van Ginneken and Miss F. de Nooyer 15-18, 15-8, 12-15. J. Ansari and Miss H. T. Kelly beat B. Ridder and Miss M. Luesken 18-17, 15-4.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

May I avail myself of the courtesy of your columns to clarify certain misapprehensions which seem to be manifesting themselves in so far as feather shuttlecocks are concerned.

Judging by the tenor of recent editorial and correspondence on the subject of shuttlecocks and their prospective availability, it is felt that, perhaps, some informed facts be placed before those whose job it is to assess the situation accurately.

There is no doubt that currently there are adequate stocks to meet all requirements in so far as the B.A. of E. are concerned for the present and future foreseeable seasons.

Production is running at an increasingly high level and deliveries are being executed effectively despite the present post difficulties.

At the commencement of the present season, assurances were given that the UK market needs would be safeguarded and this largely has been honoured despite pressures from many other sources. We have every confidence of being able to maintain this position in coming seasons.

The last thing we wish to be is controversial or enter into undignified argument for, obviously, opinions diverge as to what is the best medium through which club and player interests can best be served. The only comment in this context one can make is that like should be compared with like. It is pointless leaving club subscriptions or tournament entry fees, for instance, at immediate post war level and expecting on the other hand that out goings will be adequately covered at present-day expenditure. In such circumstances don't make the shuttlecock the chopping block.

Currently the Laws of Badminton make adequate provision, without dictating what shall or shall not happen, permitting individual organisations to make their appropriate choice and give their participating members freedom of movement where use of shuttlecocks is concerned. They are all adult enough, and, what is more important, fully capable of knowing what they want. The biggest mistake politicians can make is to underestimate their constituents most of whom are not addicted to the use of semantics.

Yours truly,  
D. M. MAXTON,  
Managing Director,  
Reinforced Shuttlecocks Ltd.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

May I comment on your interesting editorial on page 74 of your January issue and in passing also upon the letter you received from Mr. H. S. Baker and published on page 100 of the same issue.

Firstly may I correct one or two mis-statements of fact.

(1) My proposal to which you refer in your editorial was not made at a recent Council meeting of the Association. It was made at the Annual General Meeting of the Association at Manchester last May. The strong support shown for my proposition was thus an expression of opinion given by persons who were attending the meeting as County delegates although I quite agree that this particular vote was in the nature of a free vote and it was clearly understood that there had been no opportunity for deep consideration to be given by County Associations before the meeting.

The essential point is however that the vote upon my resolution was certainly not an expression of opinion from the Council of the Association and this immediately demolishes one of the major points of Mr. Baker's letter because he seems to think that the Badminton Association are trying to force a ruling on plastic shuttlecocks without reference to the County Associations and clubs.

(2) Mr. Baker seems to think that the resolution which I proposed was defeated "though the margin was not very great". Again I am at a loss to understand how Mr. Baker could possibly have reached this conclusion. My proposal was passed by fifty-eight votes to nil.

### Time for Debate

You are quite right when you state in your editorial that the matter will be raised again at the A.G.M. in May of this year. The Essex County Badminton Association propose to table an identical motion save that the date for the change over will be deferred until October 1972. It is the earnest desire of the E.C.B.A. that the fullest possible publicity should be given to this question so that all clubs and county associations will have time to debate the matter and come to the A.G.M. with the fullest information so that the proposal can be properly debated.

This is certainly one of the most important decisions taken by the Association since the war and for many years to come, and the future progress and expansion of our game is, in our opinion, dependent upon the decision which is taken. I was therefore extremely glad that you chose to publish a whole page editorial on this topic and I trust you will allow me sufficient space to make a few comments on such a vital issue.

Few people would disagree with me that there are three major complaints regarding feathered shuttlecocks. These are: Supply, price and quality. I propose to deal with each in turn.

**Supply**—Everyone connected with the administration of the game would readily

agree that the supply of feathered shuttles has been exceedingly bad and is likely to get worse. Indeed one firm admit in their circular to club secretaries of November 1970 that there is a "very wide gap between supply and demand, which will take some time to bridge" and that "improvement will be gradual". Furthermore the Secretary of the B.A. of E in a letter to all secretaries of County Associations, dated the 25th September, 1970, referred to the Council's concern at "the extreme shortage of feathered shuttles".

If one is honest about it there is no possibility whatever that this situation will improve. Supplies of raw materials are not likely to increase to any extent that would significantly affect the situation and the continued rapid expansion of the game throughout the world is only going to exacerbate the situation and not improve it. One minute part of the badminton world, namely the Newcastle Private Badminton Club, would appear to be an exception to this situation because Mr. Baker states that they have been able to obtain sufficient feathered shuttles and that this season the position seems easier. He is a very lucky man.

**Price**—This needs little comment from me. A rise in price at the beginning of the season was only the latest of a series of increases and again, if one is really honest about it, it is by no means the last. It will not be all that long before a tube of feathered shuttles is going to cost over £4. This is the major factor which makes the game of badminton an expensive game to play, and it particularly affects young people playing the game as a competitive sport and not as pure recreation. It is essential that they should play as much badminton as possible and there is no doubt that many of them find it a severe financial strain.

It is also our contention that the Badminton Association, by giving a positive lead in this matter, can point the way to substantial reductions in affiliation fees at club, county and national level. I have attended every A.G.M. of the Association for more years than I care to remember and I can assure Mr. Baker that the willingness of his members to pay increased subscriptions amounting to another ten shillings per head per season is not generally shared by clubs throughout the country. Every suggested increase of subscriptions in the past has always met with considerable resistance which has frequently warranted the adjective "vitriolic".

**Quality**—This is largely a matter of personal opinion but from the complaints that I hear voiced I would justifiably claim that most Badminton players would agree that the quality of shuttlecocks has deteriorated. There is little doubt that this situation is unlikely to improve.

### What Can Be Done?

All this presents a rather dismal picture and it is the opinion of the Essex County Badminton Association that unless vigorous

steps are taken to improve matters the future growth and health of the game are going to be completely strangled by the high cost and extreme shortage of the one commodity with which the game is played. What, then, can be done? Our answer is a changeover to plastic shuttles which are certainly infinitely cheaper.

On the topic of supply I am assured by one manufacturer that provided the resolution which I shall propose refers to the date of October 1972 and not October 1971 any increase in demand can be easily met.

On the question of quality I passed on various reports I had received regarding the quality of some of their plastic shuttles I was assured that they were already fully aware of these complaints which arose out of technical difficulties in the plastic extrusion process and they were well advanced with steps for curing this. I was also assured that if the plastic shuttle came into general use as a major piece of equipment in the game then a great deal more money would go into basic research with a view to producing a much improved shuttlecock.

### Natural Prejudice

In conclusion may I say that I am fully aware that there is a natural prejudice against change particularly by people who have been brought up to play with feathered shuttles throughout the whole of their lives. It is ironic that the same thing would be true if the position were reversed and if they had been playing with plastic shuttles all their lives and the proposal now was to switch to feathered shuttles. It is the old human reluctance to change the habit of a life-time, but in our view it is absolutely essential that the game must take this dramatic step if it is going to continue to expand and develop into one of the world's major indoor sports.

When I attended the A.G.M. of the International Badminton Federation in London last June it was most interesting to hear the delegate from India start a discussion, the gist of which was to ask when the I.B.F. were going to make the plastic shuttle more universal, and also to see the point taken up and expounded by delegates from all over the world.

We are not alone in facing these problems and I am quite confident that once a major nation such as England gives a lead in the matter, the rest of the world will rapidly and gratefully follow, just as they did on the question of open tennis.

### Careful Consideration

I must urge all Badminton players to discuss this question as fully as possible to ensure that their county delegates can come to the A.G.M. of the Association next May with full instructions to debate this matter and to make a decision one way or the other. The Essex C.B.A. do not wish for a hole in the corner decision to be taken but are concerned that everyone should have the fullest opportunity of expressing their opinions, one way or the other. It is for this reason that I have imposed upon your generosity to such an inordinate length.

Yours faithfully,  
S. C. JONES,  
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## H. F. CHILTON

(Chairman, B.A. of E.)

# Writes on SPONSORSHIP

**H**AVING been in the publicity business for most of my working life, I have seen both sides of the sponsorship question. As this is a growing force in sport today, I believe readers of the "Gazette" will be interested in some of the problems on sponsorship with which badminton is faced.

### What the Sponsor Wants

First let me try and clarify the viewpoint of the sponsor. All he is interested in is in pulling off a publicity coup of the order of that outstanding success "The Gillette Cup" for the smallest amount of money he can get away with! Never forget that the sponsor is in that business for his own ends; he is **not**—and, in today's financial climate, he cannot be expected to be—in it for charitable or philanthropic reasons!

He wants his product's name to get the maximum amount of publicity on TV (especially if he is in the cigarette business!), in the Press and on the radio—and anywhere else where he can get mass coverage for his name.

This accounts for the popularity of racing as a sponsored sport—I have no doubt you can all instantly add another name to the one which comes first to my mind in that sport—**The Hennessey Gold Cup**—Why? Because you've seen in on the TV, or read about it in the press, or heard it on the radio!

Here, of course, professional sports have a great advantage over amateur sports. To continue the example first quoted, one of the great attractions of the Gillette Cup matches is the selection of the Gillette "Man of the Match" and the award of cash to that lucky fellow—this is always reported in the mass media. One need hardly add golf and professional tennis, which are remarkable examples of the importance of the individual and his prize winnings. We all know how much Rod Laver or Gary Player is earning—its news! But its news that does not occur in amateur sport.

In our game, badminton, we would greatly welcome sponsorship to aid us in the development and growth of the game and the Council has, in fact, recorded sponsorship as acceptable. I think we would all have some doubts about certain sponsors—tobacco and drink are currently the two most heavily involved in sports sponsorship, and one must be allowed to wonder whether a cigarette is really a suitable sponsor for Badminton—it doesn't seem quite to match up with the training image!

### Gains for Badminton

Now to consider the advantages to be gained for Badminton by sponsorship. I would list them in the following order of importance to the game:

1. We want more coaches for, and more training facilities for, children at school (and possibly students at University too), to start off more potential players for the future.

2. We want aid for Inter-school and Junior Events whether local matches, inter-county or regional matches or Junior Tournaments.

3. We want aid for the counties—to ease their budgeting problems—to help them run local, restricted or open tournaments, for coaching work, to help pay the costs of the County players and of participation in the Inter-County Championships.

4. The Badminton Association of England wants aid for the costs of training National Squads of the best players, whether this is the Junior Squad for the European Championships or Senior Squads for Thomas Cup, Uber Cup, European Championships or The All-England.

And, again, under our present agreement with the Empire Pool, which has proved very satisfactory to us over many years now, we have to share all income with them—as they do with us—so some of the sponsor's money would go straight to the Empire Pool! Would we get lots more paying spectators? This seems doubtful as we play to near-capacity on Friday and Saturday! Well, let's spread the All-England out over a week or even a fortnight like Wimbledon, playing fewer of those marvelously early matches per day, which no one except a handful of spectators ever sees? But think of the escalating costs for the players and their accommodation, for the officials—all of whom are amateurs—for the cost of the Empire Pool for 6 or 12 days; to say nothing of the loss of the availability to fit our international match



### The All-England Championships

But the one area in which we really do **not** need sponsorship is for the All-England Championships, which pays for itself, but which is universally regarded, in its current form, as the unofficial championship of the world!

Contrarily—sponsorship of the All-England is just about the only thing that the big money sponsor wants—just because it is world wide, it has TV coverage and it is widely reported.

So here is the hub of the problem—what we have to offer, the average sponsor doesn't find very attractive; what the sponsor wants, we cannot offer on his terms. If we changed the title—as a sponsor would want—to, let us say **The Hennessey (?) Championships of All England**, held at the Empire Pool, Wembley, would we not downgrade our biggest national asset overnight—to say nothing of imperilling the fee we get from ITV's World of Sport for ITV coverage of the Finals?

commitments into the Monday before or the Monday after the All-England, as is happening this year, when the players are already all in one spot.

I wonder if readers realize that all these things have been thought about, discussed and in some cases costed! At the moment, the consensus of opinion is that the most important thing to do is to retain the pre-eminent position held by **The All-England Championships** in the world today.

### More Sponsors Wanted

In conclusion, may I express on behalf of the Association our sincere thanks to those sponsors such as **Dextrosol**, **Coca-Cola** and other who have helped and are helping us by sponsoring certain events. May I add that we are always ready to meet and discuss with any potential sponsor how we can aid him, how he can aid us and, most important **to us**, how we can help the growth and development of the game of Badminton in this country.

OFFICIAL



# The Badminton Association of England

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 68th Annual General Meeting of the Badminton Association of England will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 22nd May, at the Charing Cross Hotel, Strand, London, W.C.2.

In accordance with Rule 7, representation is restricted to not more than six representatives of each county association, one of whom shall cast all the votes to which his county association is entitled. Directly affiliated Societies and District Associations are also entitled to be represented by one delegate though without a vote.

The agenda for the meeting is appended for the information of all indirectly affiliated clubs and organisations

### AGENDA

1. To approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.

(The minutes were published in *The Badminton Gazette* of November 1970.)

2. To receive and, if thought fit, adopt the Annual Report of the Council for the year ended 31st May, 1970.

(The report is published elsewhere in this issue.)

3. To receive and, if thought fit, to adopt the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st May, 1970.

4. To consider and, if thought fit, to adopt the following proposals to alter the Rules of the Association:

**Rule 3(a).** It is proposed by the Council that the following sentence be added at the end of Rule 3(a):

"The Rules and Regulations of County Associations, and any amendment thereof, which shall not contravene those of the Association, shall be sent to the Secretary of the Association for approval."

**Rule 3(b) Definition (ii).** It is proposed by the Berkshire County Badminton Association that in Rule 3(b) Definition (ii) a full stop be inserted after the word "members" in line 7 and that the wording thereafter be deleted and the following be substituted:

"District Associations shall, before affiliation, undertake in writing that all clubs and committees comprised in the District Association are, or will be within three years, affiliated to the appropriate County Association. Clubs joining a District Association after the affiliation of the District Association shall themselves undertake to affiliate to the appropriate County Association within three years of joining the District Association."

**Rule 6(c).** It is proposed by the Council that Rule 6(c)(i) be amended by increasing the sum of 12½p to 15p for each individual playing members of each club or other playing organisation, subject to a minimum payment of £2.40 in each case. The subscription for schools and clubs whose members are all under 21 years of age to be similarly increased to 50 per cent of the above rate, with a maximum of £2.40 for each school or club.

**Rule 7(e).** It is proposed by the Council that Rule 7(e) be amended by the addition of the words "or 400 playing members (the maximum shall apply)" after the words "20 clubs" in line 2.

**Rule 8(h).** It is proposed by the Council that Rule 8(h) be amended by the substitution of the words "not later than the preceding 15th February" or at least ten clear weeks before the Annual General Meeting".

5. To consider and, if thought fit, to adopt the following proposal by the Essex County Badminton Association:

(i) That as from 1st October, 1972 synthetic shuttles shall be used for Inter-County Championship ties, the English National Championships and the All-England Junior Championships.

(ii) That the B.A. of E. approaches all those nations with whom it plays international matches and requests their agreement to use synthetic shuttles.

6. To consider and to decide how the Association's delegates shall cast England's votes on any matters relating to the Laws of Badminton which may feature on the agenda for the the Annual General Meeting of the International Badminton Federation.

NOTE—The agenda for the meeting of the International Badminton Federation has not yet been received, but copies of any proposals concerned will be circulated later to all county associations.

7. To elect the officers for 1971-72:

**President:** Mr. S. Wyatt has been proposed by the Council for re-election.

**Vice-Presidents:** Messrs. S. E. Andrew, S. B. Bell, W. G. P. Birtwistle, H. F. Chilton, G. R. Dunning, Mrs. A. M. Horner, Messrs. P. A. Johnson, F. W. Kirkby and H. Morland have been proposed by the Council for re-election.

**Honorary Treasurer:** Mr. S. C. Saunders has been proposed by the Council for re-election.

**Honorary Assistant Treasurer:** No nomination has been received.

8. To report the names of nominees of County Associations (and their alternates) to sit on the Council for 1971-72 (see Rule 8).

9. To appoint the Auditors for 1971-72.

Messrs. Simpson, Wreford & Co. retire and offer themselves for re-election.

10. Any other business.

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## The Badminton Association of England — Official

# Annual Report for 1969-70

### MEMBERSHIP

At the close of the year under review the affiliations through County Associations totalled 2,971 consisting of 2,714 clubs, 148 schools and youth clubs, 82 district associations and 27 schools associations and youth associations. In addition 40 county associations, 14 societies and 5 district associations were directly affiliated. The total of 3,030 directly and indirectly affiliated organisations was 82 more than in the previous year.

### OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

At the Annual General Meeting held on 16th May, 1970 Mr. S. Wyatt was re-elected President of the Association. Messrs. S. G. Bell, W. G. P. Birtwistle, H. F. Chilton, H. Morland and Mrs. A. M. Horner were re-elected and Messrs S. E. Andrew, G. R. Dunning, P. A. Johnson and F. W. Kirkby elected as Vice-Presidents. Messrs. A. Barron, H. D. Cowan and M. W. Field had been elected by the Council as Honorary Vice-Presidents on their retirement as Vice-Presidents. Mr. S. C. Saunders was re-elected as Honorary Treasurer.

### INTERNATIONAL FIXTURES

England competed in the European Zone in the 8th contest for the Thomas Cup. The results of the ties played by England were as follows:

England beat West Germany at Bracknell 7-2  
England beat Norway at Wells 9-0  
England lost to Denmark at Blackburn 3-6

The results of other fixtures during the year were as follows:

England beat Scotland at Greenock 7-0  
England beat Ireland at Birkenhead 7-0

The following took part in one or more of these fixtures: J. D. Eddy (Staffordshire), A. D. Jordan (Cheshire), R. J. Mills (Surrey), R. A. Powell (Cheshire), R. J. Sharp (Kent), E. C. Stuart (Northumberland), D. Talbot (Northumberland), P. E. Whetnall (Kent), Miss M. Beck (Middlesex), Miss M. B. Boxall (Kent), Miss G. M. Perrin (Surrey, Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (Kent).

A. D. Jordan made his 100th appearance for England at Birkenhead against Ireland on 23rd March, 1970 and this achievement, unique for Badminton throughout the world, was marked by a presentation to him by the President on behalf of the Association and of Council members.

### OVERSEAS CHAMPIONSHIPS

England was officially represented at several overseas championships. The following successes were gained:

Swedish International Championships—Miss M. B. Boxall and Miss G. M. Perrin (ladies' doubles)

International Championships of the Netherlands—Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (ladies' singles), J. D. Eddy and R. A. Powell (men's doubles), Miss M. B. Boxall and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (ladies' doubles), D. Talbot and Miss G. M. Perrin (mixed doubles).

Belgian International Championships—E. C. Stuart and D. O. Horton (men's doubles), Miss M. B. Boxall and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (ladies' doubles), P. E. Whetnall and Miss M. B. Boxall (mixed doubles).

Scottish Open Championships—Four of the five titles were won by members of the team representing England against Scotland. Four players were sent to the Danish Open Championships, but no successes were gained.

In April, nine players represented England in the European Championships held in Wales. Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall retained their ladies doubles title, while J. D. Eddy and Mrs. Whetnall were the winners and D. Talbot and Miss Perrin the runners-up in the mixed doubles.

### RANKING LISTS

The first annual singles ranking lists were issued at the end of the season.

### ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 60th All-England Championships were held at the Empire Pool, Wembley on the 18th to 21st March with the usual representative entry of players from all over the world. Qualifying rounds were again held at the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club on the preceding weekend. The Championship titles were won as follows:

Men's Singles—R. Hartono (Indonesia)  
Ladies' Singles—Miss E. Takenaka (Japan)  
Men's Doubles—T. Bacher and P. Petersen (Denmark)  
Ladies' Doubles—Miss M. B. Boxall and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England)  
Mixed Doubles—P. Walsøe and Miss P. Mølgaard-Hansen (Denmark)

R. Hartono won the men's singles championship for the third year in succession and, therefore, won the trophy outright. English players were not so successful as in the previous year, but in addition to the second successive win by Miss M. B. Boxall and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall in the ladies' doubles, J. D. Eddy and R. A. Powell were runners-up in the men's doubles for the second successive year, while Mrs. E. B. Nielsen was the runner-up in the ladies' singles.

### ENGLISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 7th English National Championships were held at Poole in December when the titles were won by the following players:

Men's Singles—P. E. Whetnall  
Ladies' Singles—Miss G. M. Perrin  
Men's Doubles—R. J. Mills and A. D. Jordan  
Ladies' Doubles—Miss M. B. Boxall and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall  
Mixed Doubles—P. E. Whetnall and Miss M. B. Boxall

The tournament was very successful and for the first time the finals were played on the Sunday.

### ALL-ENGLAND VETERANS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

The All-England Veterans' Championships were again held at the Ebbisham Badminton Club, Epsom when the titles were won by the following players:

Men's Doubles—P. R. Davis and C. Denton.  
Ladies' Doubles—Mrs. M. J. Bayley and Miss S. I. Ripley  
Mixed Doubles—P. G. Alcorn and Mrs. Alcorn

### MARRIED COUPLES TOURNAMENT

The fifth Married Couples Tournament was held at the Ebbisham Badminton Club and was won by Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall for the second successive year.

### ALL-ENGLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 21st All-England Junior Championships were held at Wimbledon and the successful competitors were as follows:

Boys' Singles—K. P. Arthur  
Girls' Singles—Miss M. Beck  
Boys' Doubles—D. E. Hounslow and D. R. M. Pither  
Girls' Doubles—Miss B. Giles and Miss S. B. Ringshall  
Mixed Doubles—D. R. M. Pither and Miss B. Giles  
Boys' Singles (under 15)—R. D. Wallace  
Girls' Singles (under 15)—Miss K. Whiting  
Boys' Doubles (under 15)—A. P. Fish and I. Loten  
Girls' Doubles (under 15)—Miss S. A. Martin and Miss K. Whiting

Entries for all events were again so large that a number had to be refused owing to the time factor. Under 15 doubles events were played for the first time in place of consolation plate events which were abolished.

**INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP**

Ninety-six teams from forty-four counties participated in the four divisions of the Inter-County Championship, including three Scottish and three Welsh groups. Surrey won the Championship for the sixth year in succession and for the fourteenth time in the last sixteen seasons when she defeated West of Scotland 14-1 in their final at Wimbledon. The Division II champion team for the second successive year was Berkshire, who defeated Derbyshire 9-6 in the final at Abingdon.

It was decided that for at least the next two seasons, 1970/71 and 1971/72, ties should consist of 17 matches by the addition of an extra men's and ladies' singles match. A fifth division was also instituted for 1970/71 when, through Division I being restricted to 8 teams, numerous teams became classified in a lower division than had hitherto been the case.

**TOURNAMENTS**

Forty-six open tournaments, which included five for juniors only, were sanctioned and held during the season and all county associations held restricted tournaments as well as events for juniors.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 67th Annual General Meeting was held at Manchester Town Hall on 16th May, 1970 when 23 county associations were represented.

**ANNUAL DINNER**

The 24th annual dinner and dance of the Association was held on the final day of the All-England Championships. Competitors and officials from all overseas countries represented at the Championships were again the guests of the Association and the function was very successful. For many years, the detailed arrangements for this annual function have been ably managed by Mrs. K. Dance (née Miss Audrey Stone), who asked that she be allowed to relinquish this work on her marriage. The Association would like to record its sincere appreciation to her for all she did to ensure the success of these dinner-dances.

**PUBLICITY**

Further progress was made in disseminating information to the widest possible number of Press outlets. Publicity for badminton in some national newspapers had improved slightly, but little progress was made in the "popular" press. Appreciation for his work is extended to Mr. G. R. Harrower, the Association's press officer and to officials and county associations for their assistance. The All-England Championships again featured on television.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Five issues of the Badminton Gazette were published during the season, several containing more than the customary number of pages to compensate for the normal six issues and an Addendum to the Handbook was printed. All these were supplied without cost to affiliated clubs and organisations, as they were to the Press for information, at a total cost to the Association of over £2,300.

**FINANCE**

Receipts before investment income of £277 has increased by £1,067 to £14,117 and expenditure has increased by £2,431 to £20,857 thus resulting in an excess of expenditure over income of £6,740 compared with £5,376 for the previous year.

Grants received were £7,294 compared with £5,240 for the previous year resulting in an increase in the general fund of £631.

**COACHING**

The Chief Coach, Mr. K. G. Crossley, made a series of regional tours throughout the country visiting educational establishments, meeting representatives of county associations and carrying out coaching in all fields. Training courses for coaches were held as usual and 460 candidates presented themselves for examination, an increase of 77 over the previous year. Towards the end of the season, the Coaching Committee made plans for dividing the country into regions with a senior coach in charge of each area.

Mrs. Horner's resignation as Honorary Director of Coaching at the end of the season was accepted with very great regret and with thanks for her past work. It was decided that her work should be shared between other officials and that no successor should be appointed.

**ADMINISTRATION**

At the end of the period, Mr. S. Wyatt declined to stand for re-election as Chairman of the Council after nine years valuable service and Mr. H. F. Chilton was elected to take his place. Mr. A. E. Jones was elected Deputy Chairman. The Council again co-opted a number of additional members in accordance with the provisions of the Rules. It kept in close touch with the Sports Council and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, from both of which considerable assistance has been received.

**SHUTTLES**

The shortage of feathered shuttles created considerable concern and a meeting was held with representatives of the manufacturers to discuss and try to resolve this problem. The matter was also the subject of a lively debate at the Annual General Meeting.

**HALLS AND PLAYING FACILITIES**

Practical tests were carried out at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre in collaboration with the Sports Council to ascertain the height necessary for badminton for different standards of play and a subsequent meeting was held with the Sports Council. As a result, it was agreed that (i) there is obviously a need for some halls at regional and sub-regional level with a clear height of 30 feet extended over the whole court to accommodate top class play; (ii) halls of 25 feet are adequate for badminton at club level, and (iii) halls of less than 25 feet from the floor at a point over the net are unsuitable for the game to be played to a reasonable standard.

Tests made at a Barracuda air hall showed that it is possible to play Badminton in such a hall provided the courts are at least 30 feet away from the air inlet.

A great number of enquiries requesting information of all kinds about halls, lighting, hire charges and kindred matters continued to be answered in detail. The priority assessments for grant-aid for capital projects of amateur sports clubs by Regional Sports Councils were other important subjects which had attention.

**SCHOOLS AND YOUTH ORGANISATIONS**

The Council has maintained its close contact with the English Schools Badminton Association, whose Chairman was co-opted to the Council and whose Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer were co-opted to the Schools and Youth Committee. Twenty County schools associations have now affiliated to the Badminton Association of England and all did excellent work in promoting the game amongst school children.

**INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON FEDERATION**

The Association maintained its close co-operation as a member of the International Badminton Federation. In July 1969 Mr. H. F. Chilton was elected President and Mr. S. Wyatt was elected as one of the six Vice-Presidents.

**UMPIRES**

The Association continues to be greatly indebted to the Badminton Umpires Association of England and to its members for officiating at all playing functions directly organised by the Association. The Council was as usual represented on the Committee of the Umpires Association.

**REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES**

The Association continued to be directly represented on the Central Council of Physical Recreation, on the British Commonwealth Games Council for England, on the English Schools' Badminton Association and at the Annual General Meeting of the European Badminton Union.

**TROPHIES**

The Council was indebted to the late Mr. Charles Cumpstey, to Mr. S. T. Golding, Miss D. B. Grace and Mr. A. Barron for the presentation of new challenge trophies for different events.

**HONOURS**

Mr. A. D. Jordan was honoured by the award of the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to Badminton—the first time the game has been so honoured.

On behalf of the Council,

H. F. CHILTON (Chairman)  
J. B. H. BISSEKER (Secretary)

February 1971.

# INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

## INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL STAGES

### DIVISION I

#### Semi-finals:

Middlesex v West of Scotland  
Surrey v Yorkshire  
(To be played on March 13th)

Final Tie on April 17th

### DIVISION II

#### Quarter-final:

Northumberland beat Lancashire 2nd at Ponteland  
Three other teams had byes

#### Semi-finals:

Staffordshire v Northumberland  
Berkshire v Cornwall  
(To be played on March 13th)

Final Tie on April 17th

### DIVISION III

#### Inter-section Ties:

Oxfordshire v Leicestershire  
Cambridgeshire v Sussex  
(To be played on March 13th)

### CHALLENGE TIES

#### Between Divisions I and II

Cheshire v Staffordshire or Northumberland  
Kent v Berkshire or Cornwall  
(To be played on April 3rd)

#### Between Divisions II and III

Cumberland v Northumberland 2nd (if eligible)  
(To be played on April 17th)  
Isle of Man walk over  
Glamorgan v Oxfordshire or Leicestershire  
Hertfordshire v Cambridgeshire or Sussex  
Dorset v Devon  
(To be played on April 3rd)

#### Between Divisions III and IV

Derbyshire 2nd v Northamptonshire  
Worcestershire v Glamorgan 2nd (if eligible)  
Norfolk v Bedfordshire  
Hampshire 2nd v Kent 2nd  
(To be played on April 3rd)  
Dorset 2nd v Devon 2nd (or possibly Cornwall 3rd)  
(To be played on April 17th)

#### Between Divisions IV and V

Nottinghamshire 3rd v Staffordshire 3rd  
Worcestershire 2nd v Monmouthshire 2nd or Glamorgan 3rd  
(if eligible)  
Cambridgeshire 2nd v Hunts & Peterborough  
Middlesex 3rd v Kent 3rd (if eligible) or Sussex 2nd  
(To be played on April 17th)

## RESULTS

### Division I

#### NORTH ZONE

West of Scotland 12; Yorkshire 5  
Cheshire 9; Lancashire 8  
Lancashire 10; Cheshire 7 (return tie)

#### SOUTH ZONE

Middlesex 8; Essex 9  
Surrey 17; Kent 0  
Essex 17; Kent 0  
Middlesex 5; Surrey 12  
Kent 3; Middlesex 14  
Surrey 13; Essex 4

### Division II

#### NORTH ZONE

Cheshire 2nd 5; Yorkshire 2nd 12  
Derbyshire 9; Warwickshire 8  
Derbyshire 9; Staffordshire 8  
Nottinghamshire 8; Warwickshire 9  
Staffordshire 11; Glamorgan 6  
Nottinghamshire 7; Derbyshire 10  
Isle of Man 1; Lancashire 2nd 16  
Glamorgan 3; Nottinghamshire 14  
East of Scotland 15; Cumberland 2  
Staffordshire 9; Nottinghamshire 8  
Warwickshire 7; Derbyshire 10  
Nottinghamshire 12; Glamorgan 5  
Warwickshire 7; Staffordshire 10  
Derbyshire 14; Nottinghamshire 3  
Lancashire 2nd 15; Cheshire 2nd 2  
Glamorgan 8; Staffordshire 9  
Northumberland 10; Cumberland 7  
Lancashire 2nd 11; Yorkshire 2nd 6 (return tie)  
Warwickshire 11; Glamorgan 6  
Glamorgan 9; Derbyshire 8

### SOUTH ZONE

Berkshire 11; Surrey 2nd 6  
Somerset 4; Wiltshire 13  
Dorset 3; Gloucestershire 14  
Essex 2nd 8; Hertfordshire 9  
Somerset 9; Dorset 8  
Surrey 2nd 4; Berkshire 13  
Berkshire 13; Essex 2nd 4  
Cornwall 10; Gloucestershire 7  
Hampshire 11; Surrey 2nd 6  
Wiltshire 11; Somerset 6  
Gloucestershire 12; Somerset 5  
Surrey 2nd 11; Hertfordshire 6  
Dorset 4; Cornwall 13  
Essex 2nd 10; Surrey 7  
Hertfordshire 7; Berkshire 10  
Wiltshire 7; Cornwall 10  
Cornwall 12; Somerset 5  
Dorset 5; Wiltshire 12  
Hampshire 6; Berkshire 11  
Hertfordshire 8; Surrey 2nd 9  
Dorset 2; Somerset 15  
Hampshire 11; Essex 2nd 6  
Berkshire 11; Hampshire 6  
Surrey 2nd 11; Essex 2nd 6  
Wiltshire 8; Gloucestershire 9

### Division III

#### NORTH ZONE

Cheshire 3rd 6; Yorkshire 3rd 11  
East of Scotland 2nd 12; Northumberland 2nd 5  
Leicestershire 8; Nottinghamshire 2nd 9  
Oxfordshire 16; Monmouthshire 1  
Northumberland 2nd 9; Durham 2nd 8  
Nottinghamshire 2nd 15; Derbyshire 2nd 2  
Warwickshire 2nd 12; Monmouthshire 5  
Durham 2nd 17; Scottish Borders 0  
Westmorland v Yorkshire 3rd  
Warwickshire 2nd 7; Oxfordshire 10  
East of Scotland 2nd 15; Cumberland 2nd 2  
Leicestershire 11; Staffordshire 2nd 6  
Staffordshire 2nd 6; Nottinghamshire 2nd 11  
Cumberland 2nd 10; Scottish Borders 7  
Lancashire 3rd 7; Cheshire 3rd 10  
Staffordshire 2nd 10; Derbyshire 2nd 7

Warwickshire 2nd 10; Worcestershire 7  
Monmouthshire 6; Oxfordshire 11

### SOUTH ZONE

Cambridgeshire 12; Lincs. & Rutland 5  
Dorset 2nd 7; Gloucestershire 2nd 10  
Hampshire 2nd 7; Buckinghamshire 10  
Devon 14; Gloucestershire 2nd 3  
Somerset 2nd 15; Dorset 2nd 2  
Lincs. & Rutland 14; Norfolk 3  
Sussex 9; Middlesex 2nd 8  
Wiltshire 2nd 13; Somerset 2nd 4  
Devon 16; Dorset 2nd 1  
Buckinghamshire 7; Sussex 10  
Cambridgeshire 15; Suffolk 2  
Gloucestershire 2nd 7; Somerset 2nd 10  
Devon 15; Wiltshire 2nd 2  
Norfolk 5; Suffolk 12  
Devon 15; Somerset 2nd 2  
Dorset 2nd 2; Wiltshire 2nd 15  
Norfolk 7; Cambridgeshire 10  
Dorset 2nd 6; Somerset 2nd 11  
Buckinghamshire 12; Middlesex 2nd 5  
Hampshire 2nd 8; Sussex 9  
Wiltshire 2nd 9; Gloucestershire 2nd 8

### Division IV

#### NORTH ZONE

Leicestershire 2nd 13; Nottinghamshire 3rd 4  
Nottinghamshire 3rd 4; Northamptonshire 13  
Warwickshire 3rd 12; Shropshire 5  
Leicestershire 2nd 6; Northamptonshire 11  
Shropshire 3; Glamorgan 2nd 14  
Nottinghamshire 3rd 14; North Wales 3  
Shropshire 14; Worcestershire 2nd 3  
Warwickshire 3rd 14; Worcestershire 2nd 3  
Glamorgan 2nd 14; Shropshire 3  
Leicestershire 2nd 9; North Wales 8  
Northamptonshire 16; Nottinghamshire 3rd 1  
Oxfordshire 2nd 12; Worcestershire 2nd 5  
Warwickshire 3rd 14; Oxfordshire 2nd 3  
Worcestershire 2nd 7; Warwickshire 3rd 10  
Northamptonshire 14; Leicestershire 2nd 3  
Worcestershire 2nd 7; Oxfordshire 2nd 10



**I.C.C. Results (Contd.)**

**SOUTH ZONE**

Kent 2nd 10; Essex 3rd 7  
 Devon 2nd 11; Cornwall 2nd 6  
 Berkshire 2nd 8; Kent 2nd 9  
 Norfolk 2nd 7; Lincs. & Rutland 2nd 10  
 Wiltshire 3rd 13; Dorset 3rd 4  
 Bedfordshire 17; Cambridgeshire 2nd 0  
 Essex 3rd 13; Middlesex 3rd 4  
 Wiltshire 3rd 11; Somerset 3rd 6  
 Devon 2nd 16; Dorset 3rd 1  
 Devon 2nd 16; Wiltshire 3rd 1  
 Dorset 3rd 7; Cornwall 2nd 10  
 Berkshire 2nd 10; Essex 3rd 7  
 Cambridgeshire 2nd 5; Lincs. & Rutland 2nd 12  
 Devon 2nd 10; Somerset 3rd 7  
 Cornwall 2nd 10; Somerset 3rd 7  
 Dorset 3rd 7; Wiltshire 3rd 10  
 Middlesex 3rd 8; Berkshire 2nd 9  
 Dorset 3rd 7; Somerset 3rd 10  
 Cambridgeshire 2nd 5; Norfolk 2nd 12  
 Lincs & Rutland 2nd v Bedfordshire  
 Middlesex 3rd 1; Kent 2nd 16

**Division V**

**NORTH ZONE**

Glamorgan 3rd 14; Herefordshire 3  
 Leicestershire 3rd 2; Northamptonshire 2nd 15  
 Glamorgan 3rd 9; Monmouthshire 2nd 8  
 Derbyshire 3rd 8; Northamptonshire 2nd 9  
 Herefordshire 7; Glamorgan 3rd 10  
 Shropshire 2nd 2; Worcestershire 3rd 15  
 Leicestershire 3rd 2; Staffordshire 3rd 15  
 Herefordshire 6; Monmouthshire 2nd 11  
 Northamptonshire 2nd 9; Staffordshire 3rd 8  
 Shropshire 2nd 4; Glamorgan 3rd 13  
 Worcestershire 3rd 5; Monmouthshire 2nd 12  
 Herefordshire v Shropshire 2nd  
 Worcestershire 3rd 10; Glamorgan 3rd 7  
 Derbyshire 3rd 10; Leicestershire 3rd 7  
 Glamorgan 3rd 17; Shropshire 2nd 0  
 Monmouthshire 2nd 9; Glamorgan 3rd 8  
 Northamptonshire 2nd 15; Leicestershire 3rd 2  
 Worcestershire 3rd v Herefordshire  
 Derbyshire 3rd 7; Staffordshire 3rd 10

**SOUTH ZONE**

Hampshire 3rd 6; Hertfordshire 2nd 11  
 Bedfordshire 2nd 6; Hunts. & Peterborough 11  
 Kent 3rd 13; Buckinghamshire 2nd 4  
 Lincs. & Rutland 3rd 12; Suffolk 2nd 5  
 Hertfordshire 2nd 8; Sussex 2nd 9  
 Kent 3rd 10; Sussex 2nd 7  
 Suffolk 2nd 10; Bedfordshire 2nd 7  
 Hampshire 3rd 12; Buckinghamshire 2nd 5  
 Sussex 2nd 7; Kent 3rd 10  
 Bedfordshire 2nd 9; Lincs. & Rutland 3rd 8  
 Buckinghamshire 2nd 5; Sussex 2nd 12  
 Kent 3rd 16; Hampshire 3rd 1  
 Suffolk 2nd 7; Hunts. & Peterborough 10  
 Hertfordshire 2nd v Buckinghamshire 2nd  
 Hunts. & Peterborough 14; Bedfordshire 2nd 3

**COMPETITIONS**

Owing to the continuance of the postal strike entries have not been received for the competition announced on p. 113 of the February "Gazette" (q.v.).

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**Royal Praise for £680,000 Sports Centre**

**R**IGHT in the heart of the new shopping centre, in Basingstoke, Hampshire, where customers can go from shop to shop protected by arcades from the rough weather, there is a large Sports Centre. Underneath the pavement across which shoppers scurry, other people are swimming. On the floors above, school children are learning badminton, squash or trampolining. There are facilities, too, for indoor cricket, and golf, archery, tennis, volley ball, five-a-side football, boxing and other sports.

A comfortable cafeteria overlooks the shopping arcade, and there is a bar where members of the Sports Centre can meet for a drink. In this self-contained complex, catering for both activity and relaxation, it is also possible to buy sports equipment. The estimated cost of the project—aimed at being the most up-to-date sports centre in Britain—is £680,000.

Prince Phillip, accompanied by Prince Charles, officially declared the Centre open in December. He then declared "Places like this don't just happen. It boils down to some public spirited people getting together and saying they would like to have a go, and then devoting a tremendous amount of time, thought and professional ability in achieving something against every possible difficulty."

In the first six months, prior to the Royal opening ceremony, the Centre was used by well over 100,000 people. Of these, nearly 3,000 became members. An annual fee (£3 for an individual £5 for a family, 10s. for an O.A.P.) entitles members to the use of the private bar, reduced prices for all sports activities and booking privileges.

**Amateurs and 'World-Wide' Professionals Play for Charity**

**O**N Tuesday, 2nd February a capacity crowd of 1,100 people filled the main hall in the Guildhall, Portsmouth, to watch the first ever game of Badminton to be played in the building. An exhibition lasting over three hours was given in aid of the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth's Coronary Care Appeal, when eight top players displayed their talents in five thrilling matches. Those taking part were Margaret Boxall, Margaret Beck, Tyna Barinaga, Sue and Paul Whetnall, Ray Sharp, Elliott Stuart and Derek Talbot. As this event was planned long before some of the players turned professional, the B.A. of E. very kindly gave their permission for the amateurs to play with the professionals, the latter group giving their services free for Charity.

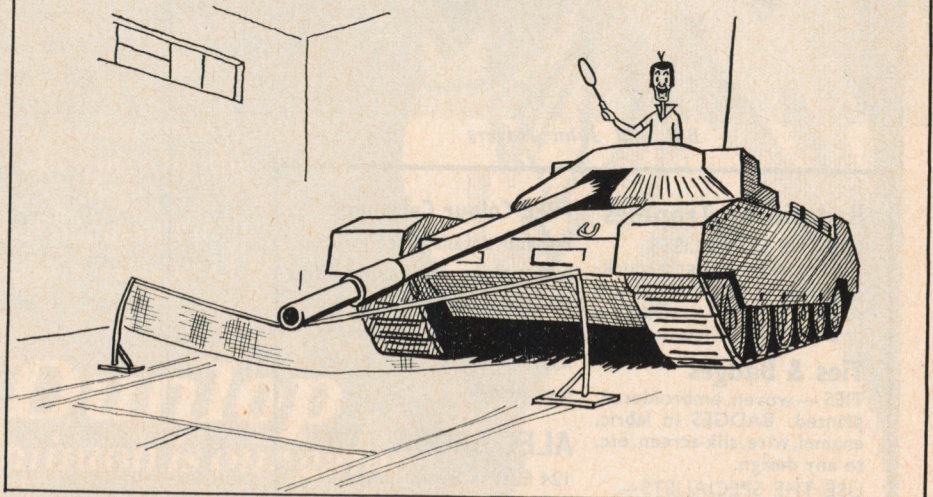
Thanks to the generous help given by various firms and individuals including the free loan of a Hova court and equipment, nearly £380 was presented to the Lord Mayor for his charity.

Thanks are due to the organiser, Mr. E. V. J. Thompson, and to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sadler and Mrs. J. Colverton of the Portsmouth and District Badminton Association. Mr. S. Wyatt, President of the B.A. of E. acted as M.C. and the matches were umpired by members of the B.U.A. of E.

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M.L.S.

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### NEWS FROM THE COUNTIES

#### Essex

**T**HE last first team match of the season marked the 80th appearance in the team for W. F. "Bill" Havers when he beat the record for men previously held by his brother, John, now a National Selector. Bill is still behind Ann Larman, with 87 appearances. The same match against Surrey was also notable for the fact that all 5 singles players were under 21, and Nora Gardner, the National ranked number 9, who is 17, did not even play singles.

The only real new name in Essex teams this season has been Mrs. K. Castro, who was formerly Miss K. Collins and played regularly for Northumberland.

Following Ray Stevens' first international appearance and the official nomination of Barbara Giles for last December's Ulster Championships, considerable satisfaction is felt about the nomination of D. R. Pither and K. P. Arthur for the Canadian Under 19 Championships. The nomination for the European Junior Championships in Prague in April is awaited with interest, and with high hopes of further Essex youngsters following in the footsteps of Stevens and Arthur, who won the Doubles two years ago.

It is hoped to hold the County Restricted tournaments in April after their postponement because of the local Council strike at the beginning of the season.

R.D.L.



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### NEWS FROM THE COUNTIES

The Editor would like to receive more contributions for this feature. A few counties are regular supporters; too large a number modestly hide their lights under bushels. Some 300 words and a photo would be very acceptable.

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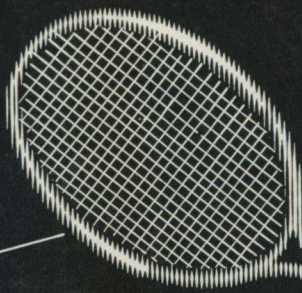
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