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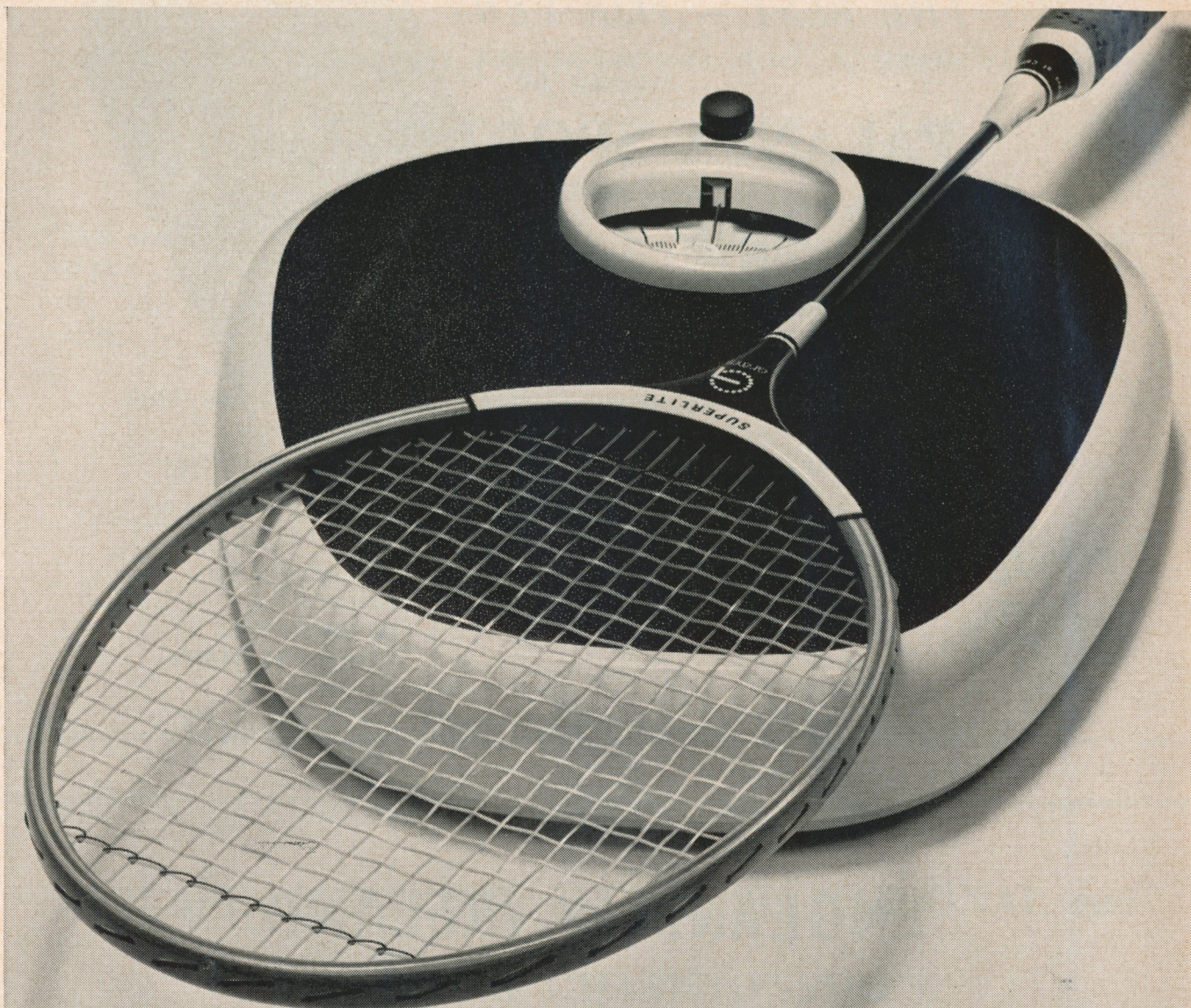
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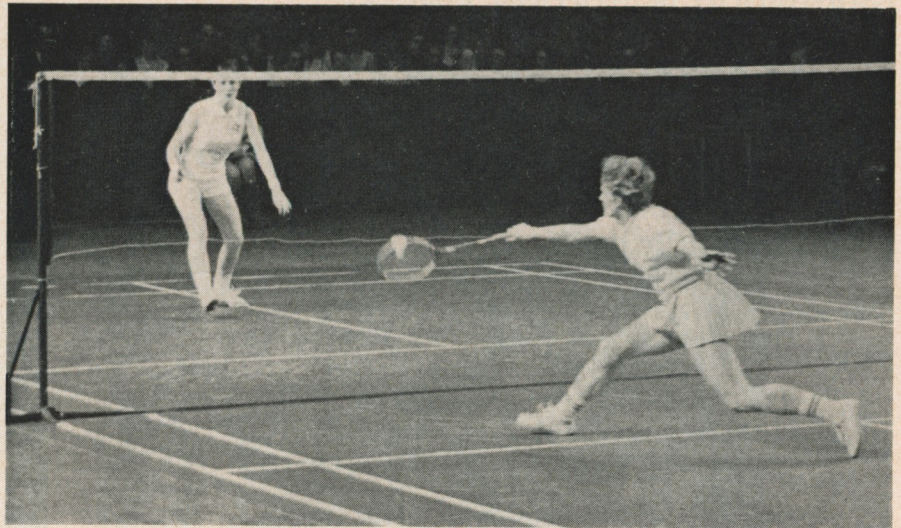
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Mrs. E. Twedberg winning last year's All-England Singles title (G. Habbin)

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THE Granwood Invitation Singles Tournament held last month was, from players' and selectors' points of view alike, highly successful. Was it perhaps more than that? Was it a jockeying for position before the final bend in the Sponsorship Stakes?

Are We Getting Our Share

This is a race in which Badminton has been uncharacteristically slow off the mark. Coca-Cola, Dextrosol, Brooke Bond and a few other firms have made their contributions—very welcome but comparatively small. Obviously Badminton as a strictly amateur sport cannot hope to attract the flood of prize money on which Golf and Tennis ride high as on some Golden Main.

Should not Badminton however be receiving at least as much financial buttressing as its kindred racket game, Squash? The two have much in common. And yet a Sunday paper recently announced that Benson & Hedges are offering £6,000 to sponsor the Squash Open and Amateur Championships. (Humphrey Chilton pointed out in his article on sponsorship last season that the All-England Championships are the one event in the Badminton calendar that does not need such help.) But apparently Harp Lager, Banbury Grandstands, Bio-Strath and Cutty Sark Whisky have found other less important squash events worth their support.

Many Uses

Badminton could put such money to many good uses. Invitations to foreign players would add competition and attractiveness to the tournament scene. More variety would be good for player and spectator alike. New names mean big gates—and greater publicity.

At the same time junior coaching could also be helped. The talented youngsters emerging as a result could be subsidized to play in more tournaments both at home and overseas. More could be done to assist our leading players with the expenses incurred in the long training necessary today for success in the cockpit of world competition.

Most firms—not unnaturally—are not entirely altruistic. Sponsorship is offered

by a business firm to bring a worthwhile return in publicity.

What can Squash offer in this respect that Badminton cannot? Even less T.V. coverage, if that is possible; little if any more columnage in the national dailies; and of necessity vastly smaller crowds at tournaments and international matches. Can their new 56-page colour monthly, "The Squash Player" (to which we send fraternal best wishes for success) really carry much more weight than the long-established "Badminton Gazette."

Cigarette Controversy

Controversy is sparking brightly as to whether or not sporting bodies should accept the sponsorship of tobacco firms. Some doubtless will see advocacy of smoking and sport as ill-assorted bedfellows. Others will feel that as long as tobacco is not officially outlawed and its advertising promotions can help sport then it would be folly to reject it.

The newly-formed Sports Council appears to be leaning against it but is well aware of the damage a sudden retraction of tobacco support could do to sport. They speak of "exploring alternative forms of sponsorship".

What Squash can achieve, so can Badminton. Let us wish strength and success to the Sponsorship Committee as they press our real claims for financial help to cement the advances already made by our own efforts.

What Can Be Done?

Fine words, however, butter no parsnips. What can the ordinary club player do that really helps? Few will know an Advertising Manager eager to seek a new publicity medium. But many can maintain a regular barrage of letters to the B.B.C., I.T.V., and the national dailies asking for greater coverage. They can help swell attendances at County Matches and Tournaments, add to Gazette sales, and urge the many still unaffiliated clubs to join the B.A. of E. They can fill the columns of local papers at least with the name BADMINTON.

All this will emphasize that Badminton is indeed a booming sport with a large and growing following, that it is the type of sport in which sponsors can well invest.

GRANWOOD INVITATION SINGLES

MARGARET BECK SUPERB

By Dorothy Hinchcliff

THE Granwood Trophy English Invitation Singles Tournament took place in the delightful surroundings of the Guildford Sports Centre on the 9th and 10th October.

In the "Letter from the President" in the beautifully produced glossy programme Stuart Wyatt welcomed the inauguration of this tournament, particularly as it was hoped it would help this weaker branch of our game on which such importance lies in international events.

SUPERB GRANWOOD TROPHIES

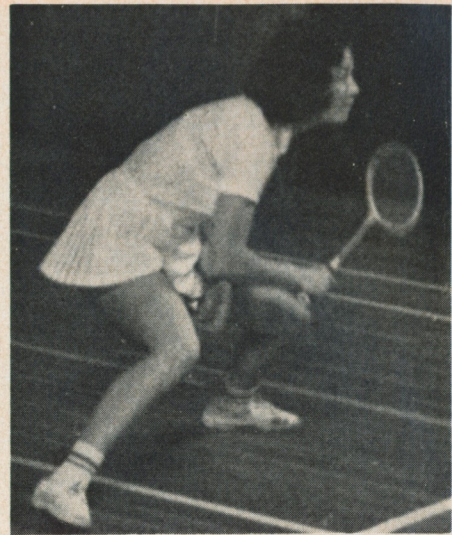
Granwood Flooring designed and presented two very fine trophies at, I understand, a cost of £250 each, and the solidity of the silver was borne out by the tremendous weight—surely among the heaviest for their size in the badminton world.

The Tournament was run on American lines on the Saturday in groups of four players with the winners of each section coming through to a knock-out event on Sunday — four girls and eight men out of the 16 and 32 respectively invited by the Selectors.

JOINT SEEDS GREAT FINAL

In the Ladies' Singles the jointly ranked No. 1's quite correctly came through, head and shoulders above the other players, and the only tensely close game in the groups was Martha Brewer's challenge to seeded Julie Rickard which Julie won by courageous steadiness at 9.11 12.10 12.9.

In the final Margaret Beck was in tremendous form, and it was not so much that Gillian played badly but that one could not imagine anyone finding a way of stemming the onslaught on this particular day. One hopes that both these talented players may find this winning form when we come to Uber Cup matches and Wembley because surely such form must secure a world class win.



MARGARET BECK

No. 8 SEED THRO' TO FINAL

However, in the Men's Singles the final was a numerically strange confrontation between the highest seed playing, Ray Stevens ranked No. 2 (England's No. 1 ranked player, Derek Talbot, did not accept the invitation to take part) and the eighth ranked player, Keith Arthur. That the No. 8 should have been able to reach the final is explained by various factors. One was that David Eddy ranked No. 3 was unfit after a bout of enteritis and the other top seed in that half, Brian White ranked No. 4 was badly off form after the summer season. Our No. 5 ranked player was, of course, missing as he is Roger Mills, the new Chief Coach and so unfortunately removed from all amateur competition. This left David Hunt, ranked No. 6, as the highest ranked player available to come through, but unfortunately for him he was in the top half of the draw and had to play Ray Stevens.

BEACOM'S FINE EFFORT

The players who benefited by the seeding weaknesses were John Gardner of Surrey who took advantage of Brian White's lack of form to win his group, and Colin Beacom who beat Clive Kirk, ranked No. 10, thereby demonstrating that experience can compensate the giving away of a good many years. Colin then lost to David Hunt in a match where honours were evenly divided until half way through the third game when David pulled away with some quickly won points. Although David Eddy managed to win his group with a struggle he then lost 3.15 12.15 to Keith Arthur in the knock-out. Ray Stevens won his section with ease although Tim Goode of Hertfordshire played some good rallies in one game in which he gained eleven points.

RING-SIDE BARRACKING

In the knock-out, Ray unexpectedly lost the first game to Mike Tredgett, partly because of Mike's keen play, but also because he allowed himself to be badly upset by some biased "ring-side" barracking. One knows that players should not be affected by this, and in this country there is fortunately very little of it in contrast to Asian countries where it is an all important feature of the set-up, but it is understandably irritating. However, having lost the first game 11.15 Ray then pulled himself together and won the second game 15.1 very quickly, and the third game was 15.8. Mike Tredgett certainly played very well, and it is rather a case of which came first, the chicken or the egg. Had he played less well, Ray might not have become so upset as he would have been able to win with less concentration.

In the final, Keith was no match for Ray and the result was 15.4 15.4, but all credit to Keith for his good play on the way to the final.

The trophies were presented by a celebrity from another sport, Jonah Barrington, who said he was not likely to take up badminton singles as it looked far too energetic!

A tremendous amount of work was put into staging this event. The two local men who bore the brunt of it were Nick Budibent, Hon. Secretary of Surrey and their representative on the B.A. Council, and Stan Marchmont, also a member of the Surrey County B.A.



GRANWOOD INVITATION SINGLES

The figures below show the matches won and lost by the players in each Group; seeded players are named first in each Group:

LADIES' SINGLES

Group A: Mrs. M. A. Gilks 3-0; Mrs. E. Cooper 2-1; Miss N. Gardner 1-2; Miss R. M. Hughes 0-3.

Group B: Miss L. Spencer 3-0; Mrs. P. Dawson 1-2; Miss P. Smiles 2-1; Miss J. Hall 0-3.

Group C: Mrs. W. R. Rickard 3-0; Miss M. Brewer 1-2; Miss B. Giles 2-1; Mrs. A. MarFarlane 0-3.

Group D: Miss M. Beck 3-0; Miss M. Gardner 2-1; Miss H. Marks 0-3; Miss G. White 1-2.

Semi-Final: Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Spencer 11-4, 11-2; Miss Beck beat Mrs. Rickard 11-5, 11-3.

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

MEN'S SINGLES

Group A: R. Stevens 3-0; I. Clark 0-3; T. Goode 2-1; P. Wood 1-2.

Group B: M. Tredgett 3-0; W. Kidd 1-2; S. Shaw 2-1; E. Sutton 0-3.

Group C: D. Hunt 3-0; D. Ball 0-3; C. Eddy 1-2; J. Stretch 2-1.

Group D: C. Kirk 2-1; C. Beacom 3-0; J. Croxton 0-3; P. Smith 1-2.

Group E: E. Stuart 3-0; C. Coates 1-2; I. Middleton 2-1; D. Pither 0-3.

Group F: B. White 2-1; J. Gardner 3-0; R. Northcott 0-3; J. Tank 1-2.

Group G: K. Arthur 3-0; D. Hutchinson 0-3; M. Nevzat 2-1; R. Westmorland 1-2.

Group H: J. Eddy 3-0; D. Hartley 2-1; R. Reed 0-3; W. Havers 1-2.

Quarter-Final: Stevens beat Tredgett 9-15, 15-11, 15-8; Hunt beat Beacom 15-5, 6-15, 15-7; Stuart beat Gardner 15-6, 15-5; Arthur beat Eddy 15-3, 15-12.

Semi-Final: Stevens beat Hunt 15-5, 15-6; Arthur beat Stuart 15-10, 15-3.

Final: Stevens beat Arthur 15-4, 15-4.

"TO PLAY OR NOT TO PLAY . . ."

CONJECTURE may be rife as to why Derek Talbot, England's No. 1, was not playing in the Granwood Invitation Singles. His absence must undoubtedly have disappointed spectators eager to see his brilliance in this new prestige event but the temporary eclipse of one star does not dim a whole galaxy.

Throughout the summer Derek regularly attended the week-end training sessions at R.A.F. Innsworth. In addition, in July, he undertook a strenuous tour in Canada and Mexico. He felt, therefore, that to continue with hard training for so important an event could, with today's long list of top-class events, lead to mid-season staleness.

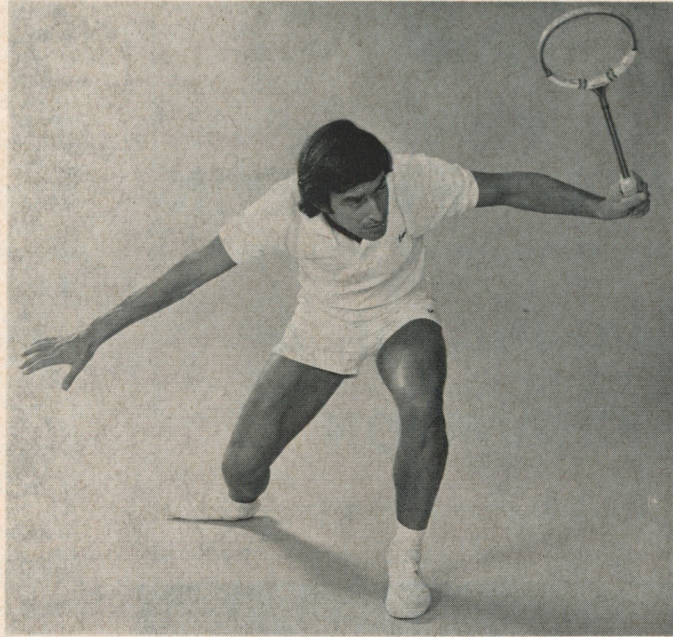
Like most of to-day's golfers, tennis players and athletes, he realises that training has to be paced up to a climax for the main objectives. Derek, knowing himself, felt that after twelve months' Badminton a break was essential if he was to come back fresh. He plans to work up to peak fitness in the New Year with his eyes then set on the European Championships and the All-England.

It was undoubtedly a difficult decision to make but one that can well redound not only to Derek's advantage but also to England's when he plays as their nominated representative.

SOME THOUGHTS ON BADMINTON

by JONAH BARRINGTON

(as told to Dorothy Hinchcliff)



THE magnificent trophies for the Granwood Tournament were presented by an exotic visitor from another sport, Jonah Barrington. For the record, he is the British Open, the Australian Professional and the World Professional Champion.

His only connection with Badminton has been this summer when he was asked by Maurice Robinson if he would like to join one or two of the England Squad training sessions organised by "Bomber" Harris of the R.A.F. and Roger Mills, the B.A. of E. new Chief Coach, at Innsworth.

His views on these sessions must warm the cockles of the heart of those responsible for them. He was greatly impressed not only by the "rather exhausting experience of a monumental training programme" but even more by the comradeship and "togetherness" of those in the group. This, he feels, will contribute greatly to their team spirit when they play tough matches later in the season.

Little or no group training is carried out by Squash players as yet, and it tends to be a rather lonely game, particularly at the top, although it is growing fast in

popularity for those in search of strenuous exercise in a short time.

From one as fit as Jonah Barrington, it was praise indeed to be so impressed with the energy and stamina required for Badminton singles, and the fitness of the players. We are most grateful for his interest in our game and we wish him all the luck in the world in his.

Editor's Note: Not everyone may know the Celtic saga of Jonah Barrington. Soon after leaving University, he determined to become a top player. With complete single-mindedness, he renounced his career as a schoolmaster in order to be able to do fitness training for a minimum of four hours a day. Realising that there was room at the top only for specialists, his dedication became almost obsessive. Jonah was soon a legend of fitness — for he knew that fitness meant that unforced errors could virtually be eliminated if risks did not have to be taken to end a rally quickly because of growing exhaustion. Through such dedication he has achieved his aim: he is the acknowledged World Squash No. 1.

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The selectors have made the following nominations for tournaments:—

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Mrs. D. Smith and Miss M. J. Winter.

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Miss M. Beck and Mrs. M. A. Gilks.
Miss N. Gardner and Miss M. J. Winter.
Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman and Miss B. Giles.
Mrs. D. Smith and Mrs. B. Cooper.

WARWICKSHIRE OPEN

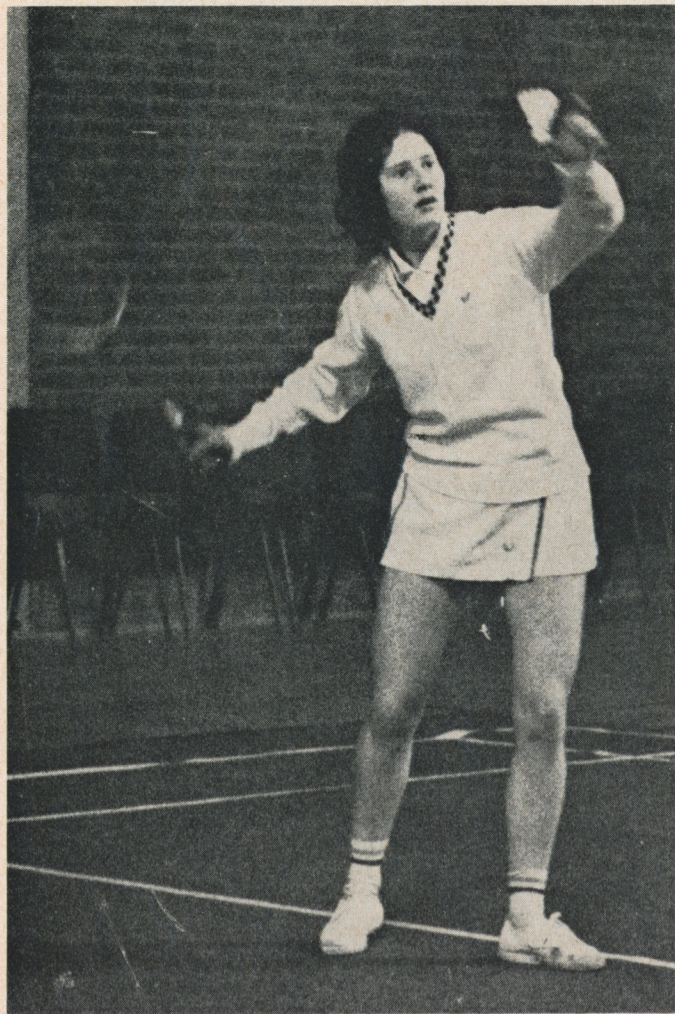
Miss M. Beck and Mrs. B. Cooper.
Miss B. Giles and Miss N. Gardner.
Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman.



MARGARET BECK

MAKING OF A CHAMPION

(B. Littlechild)



I CAN'T remember when I saw Margaret first, but whenever it was she would be kicking a football, jumping over a box in the gym or hitting a badminton shuttle.

A Unique System

In those days I taught at a Secondary School; youngsters came to us at 10/11 years old, but some came and visited from the Junior School brought by elder brothers and sisters at night time, for like the 'Windmill' we never closed; there was always some activity going on until about 10.0 p.m. for the benefit of old pupils, present scholars and the pupils to be. Very likely Margaret would have followed brother Martin and his pal Allan Connor into school one night; they were two years older than she. They were very keen players and showing plenty of promise for 12 year olds. I don't think she was ever taught to hit a shuttle.

More than likely she would pick up a racquet and just join in a game, or go in to the corridor, outside the hall, and bully one of the lads into hitting up with her. Quite a lot of ten year olds learned to play that way. We had a system which worked quite well; you learned to play in the corridor, then graduated to the Gym (it had a low roof), and from there, when you could really play well you were invited to play with the good players in the Hall. There was no formal coaching to start with; the main idea was to get youngsters playing quickly.

A Fine Gymnast

It was Margaret's agility which first attracted my attention. At 11 years old was a very promising gymnast; her vaulting and floorwork were really good. At the same time, her badminton was making good progress; she was playing in the school team.

By this time she had had a little formal coaching along with her P.E. group, but she was so far ahead in ability that she was asked to stay behind at nights for special work.

Then she broke her collar-bone in the gym and that seemed to be the turning point. Badminton became the real interest! All the other games she was good at became incidental and just a means of keeping fit. Margaret still played badminton while the collar-bone was knitting together, with her left shoulder strapped up.

"Mad Keen"

As a twelve year old, she was a tiny lass, very shy, not very talkative, especially to strangers, but full of mischief and with a sense of humour guaranteed to drive school-caretakers mad and teachers into a very early grave.

To say she was keen on badminton was the understatement of all time. She played every minute possible; the problem was getting her off court. Her home was only a matter of yards from school and there was hardly time to have meals before she was back: dinner-times, break-times, P.E. lessons, even lessons she could be 'put out of' if she thought there was a hope of practice. She must have played three or four hours every night during the week, with sessions on Saturday and Sunday.

It was never work to her and she never seemed to tire of it—hours of hitting backhands, high serves, drops, clears, smashes, the lot—but always informal and always practice actually playing the game. To her, school holidays were a bore; they cut down the badminton playing time. I remember one Xmas Day she phoned to complain she hadn't played all day and asked if I would be going to school.

First Big Match

Margaret's first big match was for Cumberland Schools against Lancashire Schools at Farnworth; first time away from home and she was very nervous. She won after losing the first game, and, as the game progressed, lost her 'nerves' and appeared to enjoy playing more and more.

Then followed a period of really concentrated and planned coaching which she absorbed like blotting paper; the object in view was the U/15 Girls' Singles All-England. The idea was to play the first time to get tournament experience then go to London the following year and win. However plans went awry and Margaret won the title without dropping a game.

An International Scalp

Later that same season she played in the Cumberland Open for experience and to enjoy herself and get as many points as she could. I always found she played her best badminton when she was not expected to win and this tournament was a case in point. In the first round of the Ladies' Singles she eliminated a player who the previous evening had represented Ireland in a Uber Cup match against England. Margaret reached the semi-final, losing only to another Irish International, Miss Y. Kelly.

In April the same year, playing in her first Midland Counties Junior Championships she had her first encounter with Miss G. Perrin who beat her in the final.

A quote from an account of the game says: "Miss Beck played with great enthusiasm for the singles game and showed much promise for the future. Miss Perrin with greater experience proved a worthy winner but was greatly assisted by a spate of clears from Miss Beck hit out of the back of the court ('It was a noble fault!')." This was the first of many battles between the two girls at junior and senior level. Gillian has contributed quite a lot to Margaret's progress, probably more than she realises.

Constant Practice

Much could be written about the next couple of years of her career; constant practice, as much competition as possible, tournaments up and down the country, county matches both school and senior county, school international games, coaching . . . formal which she hated but she was always kind to those who coached . . . informal which she lapped up and thrived on, (maybe incidental might be a better word than informal). It was a difficult task to keep her enthusiasm and enjoyment for badminton, which apart from her skill, were the mainstay of her game, alive, and impound and inculcate the standards which top class play demands.

A word picture from a local newspaper correspondent is interesting . . . "Ask curly-haired Margaret Beck how it feels to be a national badminton champion at 15 and she'll just shrug her shoulders and look as if she wishes you weren't there. For to this slightly built school-girl from Kells, badminton is simply a game to be enjoyed and the fact that she happens to be especially good at it is just, as she puts it, 'one of those things'. Once on the court, Margaret is in her element.

Margaret is completely dedicated to the game—pop records, cinemas and dancing are nothing compared to badminton in her opinion. So whether she likes the limelight or not this school-girl from Whitehaven is likely to have to live with it for quite a while if she keeps up her present rate of progress".

The Stuff of Champions

It was obvious that Margaret had the stuff of which champions are made. It was now necessary to create the opportunity. A chance remark from an England selector to the effect that Margaret would never be an international while she lived in far off Whitehaven pointed the way.

Having passed her R.S.A. exams in commercial subjects, she left school in July and thanks to friends was working in London in August ready for the start of the 1968/69 season. Mr. and Mrs. Beck proved very unselfish parents and were happy in the knowledge that Mr. and Mrs. Johnson would be looking after their daughter. Mr. Ian Palmer offered to carry on the coaching side and help in any way he could. Another very interested well-wisher still left in the North but always anxious to help was Charles Cumpstey who had already done so much to forward her career.

Off to Japan

Within months of going south, Margaret was playing for England and the folks back home made sure that lack of funds would not prevent the B.A. of E. from sending her to Tokyo with the Uber Cup team. Now after two and a half years in the 'city' she has matured into a well-travelled, self-confident, likeable young lady, who through dedication, hard work and sheer guts has risen to the top: a wonderful example to all youngsters playing badminton.

"Nurse her well, England!"

How prophetic were the words from a 1966 Gazette ("Chatter from Dumfries") when writing about the South of Scotland Championships . . . "The character of this competition, however, was a slight figure that barely reached the height of the tape, Miss Beck, a fourteen year old from England, whose range of strokes in winning the singles drew admiration from seasoned campaigners twice and indeed three times her age. Nurse her well England, and she will do you proud some day." Four years later in Edinburgh she won the Commonwealth Games Gold Medal for the Ladies' Singles.

Editor's Note:—This article was written by Len Wright in 1970, a year ago. Not being completely clairvoyant he was unable to mention that "Maggie", as she is affectionately known, later in the season won the English, Irish and Scottish Ladies' Doubles Titles. She also made her 9th appearance for England. This season she has started in aggressive vein by defeating Gill Gilks in the final of the English Invitation Singles Tournament.

Len Wright also neglects to say just how much his tireless help and coaching did to help her reach peaks even higher than those of her native Cumbria. But then that is his way!

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THE START OF A BADMINTON ODYSSEY — IN THE MARITIMES

IF I were asked to guess the reason for a journey of about 12,000 miles visiting Montreal, Charlottetown, Halifax, St. Johns, Moncton, Quebec, Calgary, Vancouver, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto and Niagara Falls my answer would be that it is an expensive honeymoon tour. I should be wrong. With the added information that the journey lasted eighteen days and that travel was in thirteen aircraft, I should then guess that it was undertaken by a zealous export salesman. I am still wrong. Add ten special appearances—and I think of a movie or television star. Right this time? Once again, no! Add television appearances—and the gift of a genuine Calgary Stetson—and it must be the visit of an important Diplomat. No! No! No! These are the ingredients of a Badminton tour.

Was it a dream?

No, Keith Arthur and I took turns to pinch each other to make sure that we were awake. The arrangements in England were attended to by our own Badminton Association with their colleagues in Canada. The trip in its entirety was sponsored by Pepsi-Cola, C.P. Air and the B.V.D. Shirt Company. Both Keith and myself would like to write at great length to supplement the thanks we were able to stammer whilst in Canada, but we both realise and believe that an abundance of words adds nothing to sincerity. In consequence we ask that all the officials involved and the sponsors accept a simple but sincere 'thank you'.

Keith and myself left LAP, Heathrow, on the 30th March and, after changing at Amsterdam and a six hour or so flight, a pair of very excited English foreigners touched down on Canadian soil at Montreal Airport. The main idea of the tour was for Keith and myself, on behalf of English Junior Badminton, to play against a number of the leading Canadian Juniors on their home courts. A booklet programme had been prepared for use at all the ten centres where we were to play, with only the names of our opponents left blank to be completed appropriately for each tour date. This booklet is now a treasured possession because it also includes photographs and write-ups of some of our opponents.

The Canadian Championships

Before starting on the tour proper, Keith and I played in the 'Canadian Open' which was held in Montreal. Some measure of the international importance attached to these championships can be gained from the fact that they attracted such players as Hartono, Ng Boon Bee and Gunalan who won the singles and doubles respectively. Although we had not properly recovered from the journey we enjoyed a good battle in the Men's Doubles with C. Ratanaseangsuang and R. Kanchanaraphi, who went on to reach the final. We enjoyed the atmosphere of these championships and it was with a mixture of regret and anticipation that we missed seeing the finals but we had already started on our travels to fulfil our commitments.

From East to West

The first stop was Charlottetown, the capital of Prince Edward Island, where we played during the evening of the day of arrival.

This proved to be the pattern for the next few days; flying in the morning and playing in the evening. It was all rather hectic, particularly as some of the flights were rather early for us—on one occasion a six a.m. take off! During these days in the eastern part of Canada we were interviewed on local television twice and appeared in a feature documentary film on sport.

The next stage was to go west which we did in no uncertain terms. At Calgary and Vancouver, on successive nights, we lost the only two matches of the tour, both two to one. However, between ourselves, the honours were even because Keith lost his singles in Vancouver and I lost mine in Calgary and we lost the doubles at both places. We then went back eastwards to finish the tour in Toronto.

The pattern of the matches was for Keith and I each to play a singles, and then a doubles. Following this there was a further series of singles or doubles by way of exhibition, often against players who were not eligible for the tour matches because they were older than the age limit of nineteen years. We did not lose any of these exhibition matches, although, from a personal viewpoint, when Keith and I played against each other Keith always won. The final result of the tour proper was eight to us and two to 'them'.

Sporting Facilities

It is difficult to avoid becoming emotional after having experienced a tour of such magnitude with red-carpet treatment all the way. Nevertheless, both Keith and I are convinced that the provision of extremely good facilities for all types of sports receives a far greater priority in Canada than in England. In addition, there are several major sports centres operated on a club basis where there are facilities for as many as ten different sports, from tennis and swimming to curling, with badminton, of course, being a strong runner in between. They are of a standard that we had never seen before. Sponsorships for officially supported tournaments and championships would appear to be regular features with the sponsors becoming actively involved with the necessary but often overlooked organisation.

Sincere Thanks

In conclusion, we would like all our 'hosts' to know just how much we appreciated their hospitality. It was really remarkable the manner in which the little spare time that was available was taken up with sight-seeing and entertainment with never a wasted moment. All the attention shown us will never be forgotten but I am certain that we shall be forgiven for making one special mention out of all the sights we saw, Niagara Falls! It was far beyond our wildest imagination. This trip was arranged for us by Don Smythe, and I am sure that he will be remembered by many of you for his performance a few years ago in the All England Championships.

We made many new friends, enjoyed wonderful hospitality, played against sporting and enthusiastic opponents and, above all, were looked after by our very generous sponsors. Once again, a very sincere thank you to all concerned.



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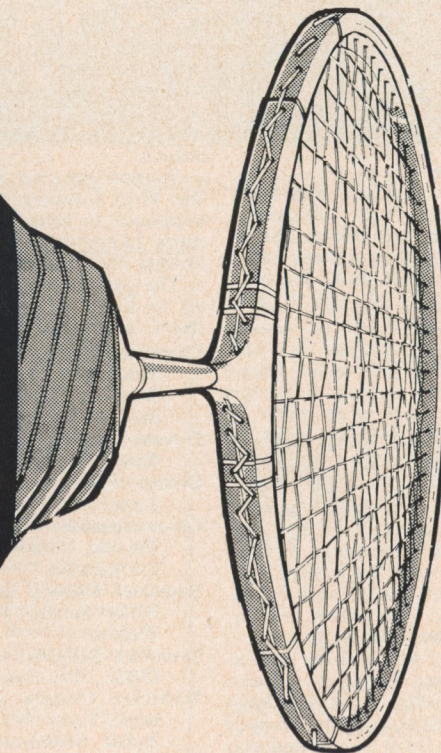
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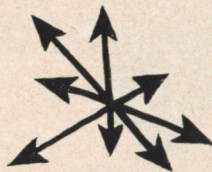


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NEWS FROM



THE COUNTIES

DERBYSHIRE

President Resigns

At the A.G.M. it was announced that Mr. Don West was retiring from the post of President of the Derbyshire B.A.

The Association expressed their appreciation of all the hard work that Don had done for Badminton and hoped that they would not lose his ability and experience altogether. Don was unanimously elected a Life Vice-President of the Association.

The vacated post was filled by Alec Witcomb, well known and respected for his enthusiasm for Badminton both as a player and a Coach.

League Interest

The season has commenced with increased interest in the two leagues run in the county.

The Derby and District League has expanded steadily and now consists of 108 doubles and ten singles teams entered by 32 affiliated clubs. This represents a three-fold increase over the last ten years.

The Singles League is an innovation which has been introduced to encourage this aspect of the game which has long been neglected locally. At present there are two divisions, the higher of which is open to players of all standards while the lower one is restricted to players who have not yet attained County 1st or 2nd team status. The teams consist of two men playing one game of 21 aces against each man of the opposing team, and one lady who plays a three-rubber game against her opponent.

The North Derbyshire League is also expanding. This season three new clubs have joined.

Tournament Programme

On 7th November the League organised a repeat of last season's very successful American Tournament at Lea Green. It is intended to hold a Junior Tournament early next year in addition to the Annual Tournament which will be held at Lea Green during March.

BERKSHIRE

IN an early season's men's match against the RAF on October 10th, Berkshire won a tight encounter 8-7. The six singles were nearly too great a drawback—especially with John Tate turning out for the opposition. Nick White managed a win. For the others, the less said the better! The doubles were a different matter and 7 out of 9 not a bad average. The RAF were a bit surprised. I think we were too!

The Schools' League, which Judy got a bee in her bonnet about late last season, has got off to a good start. Our standard is not high but this is essentially the reason behind the scheme. We have nominated six players for the Home Counties Trial.

We were pleased to welcome Jake Downey who gave a Schools' B.A. Coaching Course

on October 23rd at Reading, with a full complement of pupils, teachers and parents on hand. Regional Coaching Co-Ordinator Ian Horton also turned up to cast an appraising eye.

Coaching Secretary Ken Stewart arranged Berkshire's first under-18 fixture against Buckinghamshire on October 31st. Further matches have been arranged with Wiltshire and Hampshire.

Dick Hashman.

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES

MEBYON Kernow will never forgive! Cornwall has joined with Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire and the South West Counties Badminton Association has been born. The natal fee of £1 has been paid to the BA of E and the whole process was comparatively painless. Maybe a few eyebrows were raised and a few heads shaken when the suggestion was originally made and, maybe so far, not a great deal has happened. But, at least, two junior tournaments will be staged this season.

The first will be the South West Counties Restricted Tournament — advertised elsewhere in the Gazette. This will be held on 1st January for Under 18 events and 2nd January for the Under 15s at the Christie Miller Sports Centre, Melksham. All South West players are asked to note and to flock in with their entry forms.

The second will be an Open tournament, sanctioned, of course, by the BA of E, and will again be at Melksham on 7th and 8th April. This time the Under 15 events will be on the first day and the Under 18s on the Saturday. All juniors please note! It is hoped that this particular weekend — the 2nd in April — will be a permanent fixture in the badminton calendar.

Four of these S.W. Counties also have Schools Associations — it is hoped that Devon and Dorset too, will soon have their own — and they, too, have got together and hope to provide a fourth team in the so far tripartite North v South v Midlands match. To this end a schools tournament is being held at Taunton on 24 October when the SW Schools representative side will be selected. An Inter-County schools match will be held later in the season.

So you see, we are not standing still in the West Country even if the idle rich are supposed to retire here! We hope for even more happenings in the future, particularly among the juniors.

The juniors, and others, may be interested to know the County representatives on the Committees:

Chairman/Secretary (Cornwall Cty. and Schools): Larry Landrey, Greenacres, Midway Road, Bodmin, Cornwall. Bodmin 3383.

Devon County: Fred Barter, 55 Southwell Road, Widey Court, Plymouth.

Dorset County: Doug Young, 15 Wyatts Lane, Wareham.

Gloucestershire Cty. and Schools: John Davies, Newark Farm, Hempsted, Gloucester.

Somerset County and Tournament referee: Mike Sertin, Wellington School, Wellington.

Somerset Schools: Joe Davis, 9 Southfield Close, Priorswood, Taunton.

Wiltshire County and Tournament Secretary: Tony Winslow, 29 Downs View Road, Swindon.

Wiltshire Schools: Percy Elvins, Cedarwood, Victoria Road, Trowbridge.

L. LANDREY

ESSEX

For the second season running, the County has received a severe setback by the news that the Chairman of the Selectors is leaving the County. Last season, D. R. (Ray) Johnston, the former County player and now a National Coach, announced his pending move to Berkshire. This season, his successor, former international and now international selector, John Havers, is moving to the Midlands but at least for this season hopes to maintain his position. Typically, John first ensured that his recently born son has an Essex birth qualification.

Redbridge Hold-Up

A further blow is the news that the five-court Redbridge Sports Centre, originally scheduled for completion in November, will not be ready before March, resulting in the re-arrangement of most County matches and several tournaments.

Long Service Medals?

Several popular first team ladies will probably not appear for the County again; this includes Ann Larman with 87 appearances since making her debut in 1957/58. Janet Brennan has decided to retire from County play after 68 first team appearances, commencing in 1959/60. She will be best remembered for reaching the All-England Ladies' Doubles final when partnering Judy Hashman. Fortunately, she will be taking an active part on the County committee and as a selector. Rita Laws also achieved 50 first team appearances but suffered a bad back injury just as she was reaching her peak and last season found even second team play too much. However, with husband John, she has taken up coaching very enthusiastically and is not completely lost.

Finding Fitness

Both Ann Craig (née Collins) and Jean Hodder, the latter also a former Leicestershire player, probably feel that after a season out for family reasons the strain of getting match fit for the continually improving First Division standard would be too much. Iris Rogers would doubtless be quoted as the model example for comebacks but neither Ann nor Jean, living outside Southend and Colchester respectively, have the convenience of Wimbledon facilities nearby.

The latest new name to appear in club matches is the newly married Billy the Kidd from Northumberland who is living in the London area.

R. D. Lee.

CHESHIRE

WITH three notable absentees from the county ranks this season, those friendless people, the selectors, are finding life harder than usual just now.

Internationals Tony Jordan and Bob Powell, together with Leslie Brown, a county regular for a long time, have said they are not available; this leaves a considerable gap in the senior ranks.

But there were some heartening performances from among the sixty players who took part in a marathon trial which produced high hopes of being able to mould three useful sides. The opening second team just announced, includes the names of four newcomers to the county scene, all from Stockport League which is virtually breaking new ground.

Back in the fold this year is a stalwart of many great county and championship battles who did much to bring honour to Cheshire in their better days. He is Walter Smith who has joined the selectors where his wide experience will be a great asset.

And marshalling the forces on court, physically, psychologically and encouraging, is Roger Westmorland who has been appointed to the new post of county captain to overlord the three teams. If personal determination is any guide success is just around the corner.

Frank Tomlinson.

HERTFORDSHIRE

ONE of the problems of being situated close to London is the attraction of the big city's clubs to the Herts. County Team players. Although countered by the advantage of good play for these few, it has tended to separate them from the rest of the County.

In an attempt to rectify this situation, a County club has been formed. Now the County Team players are able to meet once a week and also play against some up and coming club players and juniors. This coincides with the building of a new sports hall attached to a school in Kings Langley which, although not central in the County, has proved to be the only possible venue for the club. Four courts are available at the new hall and so some fifty members can be accommodated.

The new hall was also used for a course for prospective coaches held early in October. Some 24 people gathered together for a weekend as a preliminary to the National course to be held early next year. This is the first time such a course has been run in Hertfordshire for a few years and so the response was more than encouraging. Thanks are due to Eric Reynolds of Essex who provided the instruction.

Perhaps as a result of the County Club being formed, entries were larger this year in the restricted championships. Most trophies changed hands with only Tim Goods retaining his singles crown with considerable ease. The Andrews mantelpiece will seem a little empty this year as Brenda did not play owing to injury, and Bill was only able to capture the mixed doubles playing with Valerie Woods. Even this was in doubt for some time, being the only 3 set final, and very closely contested against Peter Seaford and Shiela Miller.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

T. Good beat E. James 15-2, 15-3.

LADIES' SINGLES

G. Caulkett beat V. Woods 11-5, 12-11.

MEN'S DOUBLES

A. Bell and P. Seaford beat K. Brandie and P. Wilmott 15-3, 15-1.

LADIES' DOUBLES

J. Brandie and S. Barrett beat D. Moffitt and S. Nutter 15-7, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES

W. Andrew and V. Woods beat P. Seaford and S. Miller 12-15 15-13 15-3.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

3rd November, 1971.

Following Maureen's tragic death in the recent explosion at Clarkston, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all in the badminton world for their cards and letters of sympathy. It is indeed most gratifying to realise that we have so many wonderful friends.

To my more immediate Scottish friends, I should just like them to know how much I appreciate their many acts of kindness since that dreadful day.

IAN.

Ian Hume,
51 Busby Road,
Clarkston,
Glasgow.

R.A.F. COACHES "GO SOLO"

The 15th RAF Badminton Association Coaches Course was held at RAF St. Athan.

Owing to the pressure of work Squadron Leader Gearing, the RAF Coaching Secretary, was unable to attend until the Thursday, so the course was organised by Flight Sergeant "Bill" Williams, RAF School of Physical Training. He was ably assisted by three other coaches — Flight-Sergeant Jim Cownie, Chief Technician "Taff" Parsonage and Sergeant Ken Cockerton.

There were twelve prospective coaches on the course, all bursting with enthusiasm and "raring to go": Chief Technician Gower from Wroughton came for the third time. The award they were all seeking was the Badminton Association of England Club Coach, the first standard in the coaching set-up.

Their coaching practice started Tuesday morning when the "Coaches" were divided into groups of 4 and took each other on

specific strokes using the coaching method they had been taught by the four coaches. This went reasonably well and all were feeling quite confident until Tuesday afternoon when "Bill" brought about 20 raw beginners on to the courts and then their problems began. Some of the beginners had great difficulty hitting a shuttle—never mind "The Backhand Drop Shot"!

All the hurdles were crossed successfully and the examination began in earnest on Thursday afternoon. The examiner, who travelled from Cornwall to put the "coaches" through their paces, was Ex-Squadron Leader Larry Landrey, who ran the RAF set up for about 15 years before his retirement.

To conclude 9 coaching awards resulted from a week's hard work. It is hoped that the unsuccessful candidates take a leaf from Roy Gowers' book and re-apply for the next course.



R.A.F. GROUP AT ST. ATHAN

COUNTY MAGAZINES AND HANDBOOKS

The Editor is most grateful for the receipt of excellently produced handbooks from Kent B.A. and Notts B.A. Both contain comprehensive records whilst the latter also includes pen-pictures of player Pat Mace, administrator J. A. Wadsworth and reporter W. H. Burden who has been playing 41 years! Interesting additional features are Spotlight on Clubs and an excellent article on Court Etiquette.

He was also most interested to receive the monthly news-letter of Somerset B.A. and Berkshire B.A. both of whom have full and interesting programmes ahead for their players.

He would be delighted to receive similar publications from other counties.

FULL HOUSE

The Editor is overwhelmed! Slowly coming to the surface, he would like to thank all those correspondents who have so kindly taken the trouble to send him reports and articles. Unfortunately, a number of these have had to be cut, held over, or even omitted because of the lack of space. With the best will in the world, it is impossible to get a quart into a pint bottle. Until we get many more subscribers it is uneconomic to increase the size of the Gazette.

RESTRICTED TOURNAMENTS

It is hoped to publish brief reports on these events in our next issue when details have been received from all Tournament Secretaries.

It is regretted that details of the Welsh Open also arrived too late for publication.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

THE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION OF ENGLAND

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

Treasurer: S. C. Saunders, 129 Victoria Road North, Portsmouth, Hants.

Despatch of Badminton Gazette: As the names and addresses of affiliated clubs in Leicestershire, Norfolk, Somerset and Westmorland had not been submitted by their county associations by the end of October, it is regretted that it has not yet been possible to despatch any issues of the Badminton Gazette to clubs within those counties.

Hon. Television Liaison Officer: The new address of Mr. W. F. Havers is 26 Clifton Way, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. (Tel.: Brentwood 8599).

County Association Officials: The following notifications of changes have been received since the publication of the handbook:-

Dorset. The Hon. Match Secretary is D. Young, 15 Wyatts Lane, Wareham. (Tel.: Wareham 2816).

Suffolk. The Hon. Secretary is Mrs. H. Graves, 103a Valley Road, Ipswich. The Hon. Match Secretary is S. A. Smith, 6 Sandringham Close, Ipswich. (Tel.: Ipswich 58150 (home); Ipswich 42431 (office)).

Affiliated Societies. The Royal Navy Badminton Association has affiliated as a Society. The Hon. Secretary is Lieut. J. Kendall, R.N., H.M.S. Mercury, Petersfield, Hants. (Tel.: Petersfield 2761, Ext 291).

District Associations Affiliated Direct. The Aldershot and Camberley District Badminton League has affiliated direct to the Association. The Hon. Secretary is Miss M. A. Bartlett, "Bermuda", Grasmere Road, Lightwater, Surrey. (Tel.: Bagshot 2791).

Forthcoming Meetings:

The Council. November 17th and January 26th at 3.00 p.m.

English National Championships Committee. November 24th at 6.00 p.m.

International Match Committee. November 30th at 4.00 p.m.

Halls and Playing Facilities Committee. December 1st at 4.00 p.m.

All-England Junior Championships Committee. December 15th at 5.00 p.m.

SANCTIONED OPEN TOURNAMENTS

Addition

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Northampton Open

Details of this tournament were not included in the list published in the October issue of the Gazette. It will be held on 3rd-4th March, 1972, at the T.A. Drill Hall, Clare Street, Northampton. The Tournament Secretary is J. T. Murphy, 12 Torrington Way, Wellingborough, Northants.

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Amendments

Staffordshire Championships. The dates have been altered from 12th-15th January to 19th-22nd January, 1972.

Kent Championships will commence on 26th January.

Essex Championships will be held at the Leyton Baths from 3rd-5th February, 1972.

BADMINTON IN XXth OLYMPIAD

Badminton having been accepted as one of the two demonstration sports in the XXth Olympiad to be held next summer in Munich, the Council of the International Badminton Federation held a series of meetings in Munich over the week-end October 1st-4th 1971 to inspect the planned badminton facilities, to discuss and agree all relevant problems with the German Olympic Committee and to make plans for the Badminton demonstration which will be held in the Volleyball Hall, Munich on Monday, 4th September, 1972.

The Council has decided that the format of the Badminton demonstration will be a knock-out competition in four events, Men's Singles, Ladies' Singles, Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles.

In view of the limitations imposed by a one-day event and to accord with the facilities offered by the German Olympic Committee, the number of players to participate in these four events was agreed at a maximum of 24, divided approximately into 16 men and 8 ladies.

In order to ensure that the maximum number of nations should be able to participate in this first appearance of badminton in the Olympic Games, the Federation is writing to seventeen affiliated National Badminton Associations asking them whether, should one, two or at the most three players from their country be selected for this demonstration, their National Associations would be able to fund the entire cost of the selected player(s), since being a demonstration sport there will be no grant available from Olympic sources.

The seventeen nations to whom this request has been sent are:-

Continent	Country
America	Canada and Mexico
Asia	Burma, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand
Australasia	Australia and New Zealand
Europe	Denmark, East Germany, Great Britain, Netherlands, Sweden and West Germany

BADMINTON—"FIRST" AT NEW WELSH NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE

Badminton has been accorded the honour of staging the first major competition at the new Welsh National Sports Centre, Cardiff, when the Welsh Badminton Union presents its "Open" Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, 4th and 5th December next.

Following up the highly successful European Championships at the Afan Lido, Port Talbot, the W.B.U. is going all out for a repeat performance, and invitations are being extended to all U.K. countries to send their top players. Replies are also being awaited from W. Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark and Sweden.

The facilities and accommodation at this ultra modern centre will compare with anything in the country at present. It is anticipated that the W.B.U. will move its headquarters to a suite of offices within the centre in the near future.

Full use will be made by badminton of this new amenity in the Principality. Already the progressive coaching committee has organised a comprehensive system of graded coaching at all levels, from promising juniors, to county and international players.

It is hoped that with these improved facilities, the players of the future will emerge—and who knows Wales may yet produce a Barry John of the Badminton World!!

UBER CUP SQUAD

The Uber Cup competition for the Ladies' team championship of the World, which is held every third year, will take place during the 1971-72 season.

In the European Zone for the Uber Cup, England, having won the zone final in the previous contest, is exempt until the semi-final round, in which she will oppose the winners of the Scotland v. Netherlands tie, which will be played on 3rd December. The semi-final will be played on 1st February, 1972, at Scunthorpe.

The England selectors have nominated the following players for the Uber Cup Squad:—

- Miss M. (Margaret) BECK (Middlesex)
- Miss M. J. A. (Martha) BREWER (Surrey)
- Mrs. B. (Bridget) COOPER (Lancashire)
- Miss M. (Margaret) GARDNER (Surrey)
- Miss N. (Nora) GARDNER (Essex)
- Miss B. (Barbara) GILES (Essex)
- Mrs. M. A. (Gillian) GILKS (Surrey)
- Mrs. G. C. K. (Judy) HASHMAN (Berkshire)
- Mrs. W. R. (Julie) RICKARD (Surrey)
- Miss P. (Pat) SMILES (Surrey)
- Mrs. D. (Doris) SMITH (Lancashire)
- Miss L. A. (Linda) SPENCER (Essex)
- Miss M. (Margo) WINTER (Yorkshire)

Miss C. E. (Charlotte) LINDSAY (Yorkshire) was also nominated but has been forced to withdraw due to injury.

Mrs. Judy Hashman has been appointed captain of the Uber Cup squad.

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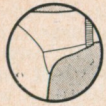
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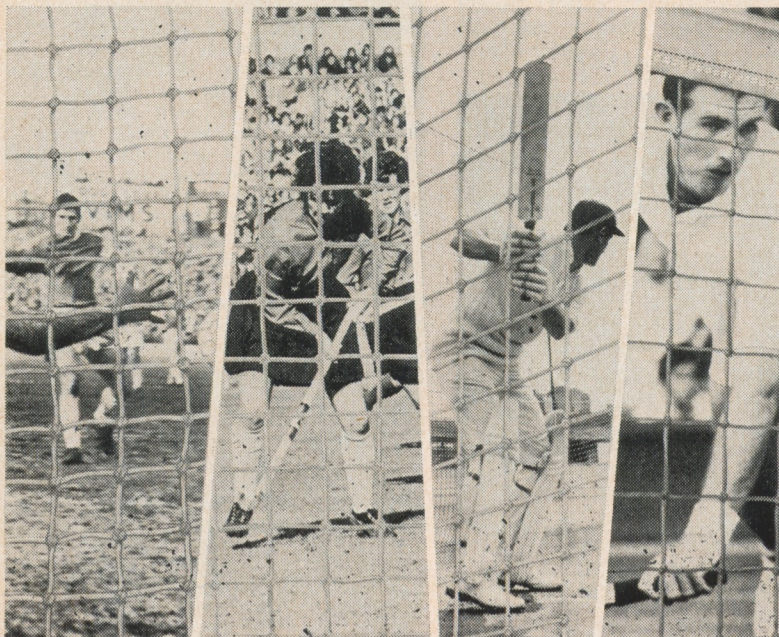
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AUSTRIAN TEAM IN MALTA

A party of ten Austrians (6 men, 2 lady players and 2 supporters) from the Press-baurb Club of Lower Austria arrived in Malta on August 11th 1971 for an eight day stay and were accommodated in the homes of three or four local players. The Austrians had been warned of the extreme heat in the summer months but were adamant as to the date. On August 12th, when they played their first match in a temperature in the Hall of over 90 degrees F., they realized what they were up against!

The first match was against a team named "ASTRA" which virtually was a RAF (Malta) team plus the veteran R. J. Sargent resident in Malta for three years and who up to 1967 had played for "Invicta" in the Kent 1st Division League and latterly in the All-England Veteran Championships. It is interesting to note, in fact, that back in 1935 he made his debut for Kent II in the same match in which H. A. E. Scheele was making his debut and also that he is the uncle of Peter Waddell who was England's No. 1 Singles player in the early 1960's.

The second match was against Exiles, a team which included, amongst others J. Zammit-Lewis, the President of the Badminton Association of Malta. Once again the match was extremely close and the win by the Austrians by 5-4 depended on a 3rd game win of 17-16 in one event.

The third match was against a select Malta League team and apart from the fact that V. Curmi was unable to play, was the strongest team that Malta could produce. The result was a win for the League team by 5-4. Ken Wain, Malta's No. 1 player, had travelled overnight from England, where he attended the CCPR Coaches Course at Lilleshall; won his opening Men's Doubles but the sudden change of temperature became too much for him and in the Singles he had to leave the court and eventually retired from the match.

Monday 16th saw the Austrians taking on a Maltese team made up of men only. This match was supposed to be played on the Thomas Cup basis but because of the intense heat the number of set were reduced to five, with Malta winning 4-1.

The last match was against Olympians, one of the oldest clubs in Malta. The many spectators saw one of the most exciting matches to be played in Malta. The Olympians won the match by 5-4.

The most incredible thing about the Austrian's visit was the fact that the matches could not have been more evenly matched and this added to the keenness and enjoyment of everyone.

Apart from Badminton a full social programme was laid on by the B.A.M. consisting of tours in members' cars to the North of the Island, to the South and West of the Island, by fishing boat to the Island of Comino and the Blue Lagoon, and to the Island of Gozo, and of course plenty of swimming in the Blue Mediterranean with a water temperature of 80 degrees F. Evening entertainment on the two non-match nights consisted of a Dinner-dance at the Phoenicia Hotel and a farewell banquet at the Salina Bay Hotel attended by over eighty people.

Excellent press, radio and TV coverage was given to the visit and the Austrians gave the Maltese to understand that they had never before been so hospitably treated and enjoyed themselves so much.

AUSTRALIA TOUR NEW ZEALAND

By R. O. FYFE

Whyte Trophy Returns to Australia —

The 1971 season saw the return of the Whyte Trophy to Australia after an absence of 10 years in the homeland of its donor, Mr. D. O. Whyte. A team of eight players (Joan Harwood, Joan Kennington, Joan Jones, Judy Nyirati, Peter Cooper, David Hoppen, captain, Ross Livingston and Doug Wylie) and a Manager (Rob Fyfe) had the wonderful experience of a four weeks tour of New Zealand during July. The team played in two halves and toured the two Islands before joining up in Auckland to play the Test for the Trophy.

South Island Tour

The South Island half, playing the weaker area of New Zealand badminton, reached this point having lost only one rubber in its Provincial matches. This playing edge allowed the players reasonable relaxation to enjoy the warmth of the hospitality and the cold beauty of the Southern Alps, which were almost always in view throughout the trip. Playing in excellent halls, many of which were operated only for badminton, matches were enjoyed in Nelson, Grey-mouth, Christchurch, Timaru, Dunedin and Invercargill. Once this southernmost tip had

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been reached, the team turned north, flew to Wellington for a hard match and then on to Auckland.

North Island Tour

Meanwhile, the "Northern" half was enjoying equally warm hospitality as it worked its way around its smaller Island. With most of the strong Kiwi players scattered in the various Provinces, its passage was more strongly contested and two matches were lost during the tour. These were against Taranaki and Auckland from which areas many of the New Zealand team were to be drawn.

Other matches were played at Hastings, Palmerston North, Wanganui, Rotorua and Tokoroa. The exciting thermal springs area of Rotorua proved to be the main talking point of this part of the tour with the wonderful displays of Maori culture.

During the tour, the players were billeted in the homes of badminton lovers and so were provided with the unique opportunity of talking quietly with many people by their firesides. These people were kindness itself and their company added immeasurably to the enjoyment of the tour.

A Thrilling Test Match

The Test Match in Auckland was a tense affair with rubbers being won almost alternately. Both teams suffered a loss due to injury—Gaynor Weatherley suffered a leg injury at a late practice and we lost Joan Jones when she badly sprained an ankle during her singles in the Test. The match was won for Australia when a straight-sets doubles win gave us our 8th rubber with one extra set in hand to ensure we could not be caught. We split the final rubbers to finish with a 9 rubbers to 7 win. A most exciting victory.

Probably the major factor in the win was the five rubbers won by our men. Our only loss was that of Richard Purser's singles and Ross Livingston took this to three sets. As only two years had passed since N.Z. thrashed us by 8 rubbers to 1 in a Thomas Cup tie, this was a remarkable effort.

Uber Cup Play-Off

Only three nights later, our ladies faced up again to their N.Z. opponents in a Uber Cup tie which would decide which team journeyed to Tokyo. Having been surprisingly outmatched in our rubbers in the Whyte Trophy, and with Joan Jones on crutches, we faced an uphill battle. We managed to 2 to 1 lead after the singles, but the N.Z. pairs then took control and the next 3 rubbers. We salvaged a hard final doubles to go down 3 rubbers to 4.

Congratulations must go to the N.Z. girls, particularly the Glenie sisters, for a fine win and our best wishes go to them for their battles next year.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The senior Interstate Carnival was held in Perth, very welcome guests being Betty and Herbert Scheele on their way home from Indonesia. In some close fought games, West Australia retained the Ede-Clendinnen Shield when they defeated Victoria. This match was in doubt almost to the end of the last rubber as Victoria had taken an early lead but then succumbed to the greater experience and fitness of the local team. South Australia filled third berth and Queensland edged out New South Wales in a very tight tussle for the wooden spoon.

Unexpected Results

The Australian Championships were then held with, once again, many fine matches being played. Entries were good and quite a number of unexpected results occurred. Ross Livingstone was not present to defend his singles title as he had remained in New Zealand to play in the tournament circuit there.

Men's Singles: Chris Hardwick (WA) beat J. Clancy (V) 15-12, 17-16.

Ladies' Singles: Mrs. Judy Nyirati (V) beat Mrs. Joan Jones (SA) 11-1, 11-8.

Men's Doubles: C. Hardwick and P. Cooper (WA) beat L. Blackburn and C. Criddle (WA) 17-15, 15-7.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. J. Stone and Mrs. J. Walker (WA) beat Mrs. J. Nyirati and Mrs. G. Cutt (V) 15-6, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles: P. Cooper and Miss J. Kennington (WA) beat C. Hardwick and Mrs. J. Harwood (WA) 15-7, 15-12.

NEW ZEALAND BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

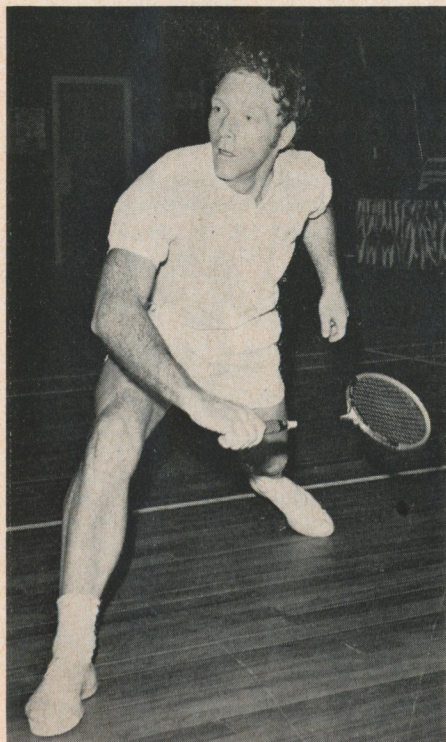
THESE, supported by Rothman's, were held in Christchurch from 7th to 13th September.

In the men's singles, R. H. Purser won the title for the fifth successive time when narrowly beating the burly Australian R. Livingstone 12-15, 15-7, 18-14. Together with Miss G. Tomkins, he won the mixed for the eighth time, bringing his tally of national titles to nineteen. In the final they overcame his brother, B. R. Purser and Miss R. Glenie 13-15, 15-3, 15-12.

The latter lost to her sister Mrs. A. Branfield in the ladies' singles 11-12, 1-11. The two sisters teamed up successfully in the ladies' doubles when the combination of a left-hander and a right-hander enabled them to beat Mrs. P. Stevens and Miss F. Walters 17-14, 15-10.

The big surprise came in the men's doubles when the legendary invincibility of the Purser brothers was shattered by W. B. Johns and M. H. Stossel who, not having played together since junior days, combined so well that they won 15-11, 15-11.

RICHARD PURSER



BADMINTON ON THE "BOX"

BADMINTON ON A.T.V.

Many readers may have seen Badminton featured early in October in the A.T.V. series "Rules of the Game." These are introduced by Billy Wright, the former England and Wolves Soccer star; the technical advice for Badminton was given by Malcolm Guest, of Worcestershire B.A., whose article we are pleased to print below.

A B.A. of E. County Coach, Mr. Guest is also a member of the Examining Panel for Potential Coaches and a member of the B.U.A.E.

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Some twelve months ago, the Education Department of A.T.V. Midlands felt that a better insight into the rules of various sports would appeal to a wide audience. For Badminton, they approached Nev MacFarlane (Warwickshire County Coach) through the C.C.P.R. Together we agreed we would do all we could to seize this Heaven-sent chance of publicity.

Initial Difficulties

The early problems were those of administration: arranging for international players to take part; keeping the B.A. of E. informed; and liaising with the Publicity Committee. And finally it was Nev who put my name forward as the one to be actually interviewed.

In arriving at the final programme outline, no less than four scripts were written, edited and returned for further comment. When the basis was finally agreed, camera work was pencilled in (angle shots, long shots, close ups, etc.). Then in April, with the co-operation of some of my own club colleagues, we staged a rehearsal to see that all would go smoothly on the day.

Filming

On 27th May, electricians, cameramen, make-up artists (and how necessary they were!), floor managers and producer all assembled at Birmingham University with last but not least the five players; Bob Powell, Derek Talbot, Gill Gilks, Judy Hashman, myself, and, of course, Billy Wright himself.

Camera rehearsals started at 8.15 a.m. and continued until 10.30 a.m. when we broke for coffee. Each small sequence was repeated several times, corrections made where necessary, cameras changed or strokes altered.

Returning from coffee, we had to report to the make-up room for "major operations": more attention being necessary for colour than for black and white. There was even talk of having our legs "powdered";



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mine in particular came out white on the screen. Fortunately, they had a change of heart!

Then back into the Sports Hall and very soon we were off in earnest to the familiar cries of "Scene One . . . Take one . . . etc." In all, we were filming for about an hour and all seemed to go very smoothly. There were a lot of favourable comments at the end from official sources but I for one wondered whether they were saying that just to keep us happy. I felt very apprehensive when it was all over. Five months preparation and now it was all irremediably in a can waiting to be edited.

Showing a Flag

A further five months' wait was necessary until 11th October. Inevitably, there could be one or two minor criticisms of the end result but over-all I think Badminton came out of it very well.

For the future, I would like to feel that there will be further opportunities for waving our Badminton "flag". Our sport gets all too little publicity so we should now be aiming to get Open Tournaments featured on local News programmes. And as personalities attract news let us build them up as well.

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Editor's Note: In this context, readers will be interested to know that National Coach Warwick Shute was interviewed about his long and successful Badminton career on Radio Medway whilst Ron Tottman, the Medway B.A. Secretary, talked of the local League and the facilities it offered to the citizens of the "Three Towns", Chatham, Gillingham and Rochester.

ALL JAMAICA CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held at Kingston in September with the following results:

MEN'S SINGLES

K. Palmer beat R. Roberts 15-4, 15-4.

LADIES' SINGLES

M. Parslow beat J. Haddad 11-8, 11-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES

R. Roberts and A. Garcia beat K. Palmer and R. Wong 15-4, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES

J. Haddad and J. Lyn beat M. Parslow and H. DaCosta 15-10, 12-15, 18-16.

MIXED DOUBLES

A. Garcia and Mrs. N. Haddad beat R. Roberts and Miss J. Haddad 8-15, 15-10, 18-13.

MARRIED DOUBLES

Mr. and Mrs. A. Petts beat Mr. and Mrs. E. Lyn 15-10, 15-6.

Jamaica has also received an invitation to send a team to Trinidad from 21-28th November, and Jamaica's team will consist of five men and two women, namely — R. Roberts (Captain), K. Palmer, A. Garcia, G. Haddad, R. Wong, Mrs. M. Parslow and Miss J. Haddad.

It is also proposed to inaugurate the Caribbean Badminton Association at the same time.

WEST SUSSEX OPEN

JULIE RICKARD IN THREE FINALS

The West Sussex Badminton Open events were held at the Littlehampton Badminton Club, Clifton Road, Littlehampton, on Friday and Saturday, the 15th and 16th October, followed by the Handicap events on the 17th October.

The Men's Singles, held on the Friday evening was a well fought contest, ending with a final on the Saturday between David Hunt, last year's finalist, and the ultimate winner, Colin Beacom. The Ladies' Singles also showed a lot of good, hard play, and was eventually won by Julie Rickard.

Possibly, the final of the Mixed doubles which was a Surrey and a family contest, aroused most excitement. In this contest, J. A. Gardner and Miss M. Gardner (brother and sister) played P. Gardner (brother) and Mrs. Julie Rickard. Gardner and Gardner won the first game 15-12, and were winning the second 14-11 but eventually Gardner and Rickard drew level at 14-14, to win the game 18-15, amid much excitement. The final game, and the match, was won by Gardner and Gardner, 17-15. This was a first class game to watch, and aroused much interest and excitement. Surrey, with Beacom and Andrews, won the Men's Doubles. All the contests were hard fought, and they maintained a lot of interest and excitement for the onlookers.

In the Handicap events, it was again the Mixed which aroused a lot of interest. The fight put up by Hugh Savage and Yvonne Palmer was most encouraging to watch as Hugh is only 17 and Yvonne just 18. They went on to lose in the final 10-15, 14-15 against P. Massey and Mrs. P. Lefevre. It was pleasing to see two such young contestants, pitting their wits against such experienced players.

MEN'S SINGLES

(27 players)

Third round: D. R. Hunt beat B. L. Keeling 15-5, 15-0. P. J. Pennekett beat J. A. Gardner 15-9, 15-7. T. A. Goode beat M. S. D. Cunha 15-9, 15-11. C. J. Beacom beat B. Hooper 15-7, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Hunt beat Pennekett 15-10, 15-10. Beacom beat Goode 15-11, 15-4.

Final: Beacom beat Hunt 6-15, 15-8, 15-2.

LADIES' SINGLES

(15 players)

Semi-finals: Mrs. W. R. Rickard beat Miss P. Smiles 12-10, 2-11, 11-6. Miss M. Gardner beat Mrs. P. Dawson 11-8, 11-1.

Final: Mrs. Rickard beat Miss Gardner 12-9, 11-8.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(18 pairs)

Semi-finals: C. J. Beacom and K. Andrews beat P. J. Gardner and J. A. Gardner 9-15, 15-1, 15-8. D. R. Hunt and D. Curtis beat G. Taylor and R. G. Reed 15-10, 15-7.

Final: Beacom and Andrews beat Hunt and Curtis 15-10, 15-7.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(9 pairs)

Semi-finals: Mrs. W. R. Rickard and Miss M. Gardner beat Mrs. P. Savage and Miss A. Forrest 15-3, 15-1. Miss P. Smiles and Miss R. Hughes beat Mrs. P. Dawson and Mrs. S. Jones 4-15, 15-10, 15-4.

Final: Mrs. Rickard and Miss Gardner beat Miss Smiles and Miss Hughes 15-4, 8-15, 15-12.

MIXED DOUBLES

(17 pairs)

Semi-finals: J. A. Gardner and Miss M. Gardner beat A. Brightman and Miss S. E. Boulind 15-7, 15-7. P. Gardner and Mrs. W. R. Rickard beat R. G. Reed and Miss R. R. Cooper 15-8, 15-8.

Final: Gardner and Miss Gardner beat Gardner and Mrs. Rickard 15-12, 15-18, 17-15.

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WEST HANTS. CHAMPIONSHIPS

BEACOM IN FINE FORM

The West Hants Badminton Championships were held on the 23rd and 24th October, 1971, at the Poole Sports Centre, Poole, Dorset. There was the usual large entry for the Men's Singles event but the two top seeds, C. Beacom and J. A. Gardner, both of Surrey, came through, Beacom as anticipated winning in three games after badly losing the first. An interesting match was J. Gardner's against the young George Campbell of Cumberland, now living in Dorset. Campbell winning the first game, setting the second and again setting the third, losing 17-15. In the Ladies' Singles, another Dorset player, Mrs. C. Pike, played well to reach the final. After having three hard games against Miss S. Roberts in the semi-final, she lost to the top seed Miss G. M. White of Wiltshire again in three games in the final, the last game being 12-10.

The young Anne Forrest playing with Mrs. P. Savage, a Hampshire couple, did well in the Ladies' Doubles to reach the final but were rather out-played by the Cornish pair, Miss A. Richards and Mrs. E. Swadling, who won very easily. As expected, we had an all-Surrey final in the Men's Doubles, the more experienced C. Beacom and K. Andrews beating the Gardner brother in three games.

Despite using eight courts most of the day, we had the usual hold-up with the Mixed, players being involved in other events and so many of the Mixed games going to three games. R. Reed and Miss R. Cooper of Berkshire finally beat A. Finch and Mrs. J. Addinell.

The American Tournament on Sunday was the usual success and won by R. Bannister and Mrs. M. Mills of the Isle of Wight.

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MEN'S SINGLES

(39 players)

Fourth round: C. J. Beacom beat R. A. Kent 15-13, 15-0. J. C. Stretch beat P. A. Seaford 15-11, 15-6. T. E. Stewart beat R. T. Northcott 18-13, 17-14. J. A. Gardner beat W. A. Thorne 15-11, 15-1.

Semi-finals: Beacom beat Stretch 18-14, 17-14. Gardner beat Stewart 15-7, 15-9.

Final: Beacom beat Gardner 15-11, 15-9.

LADIES' SINGLES

(11 players)

Semi-finals: Miss G. M. White beat Miss C. Holland 11-0, 11-9. Mrs. C. Pike beat Miss S. Roberts 11-7, 4-11, 12-11.

Final: Miss White beat Mrs. Pike 7-11, 11-8, 12-10.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(26 pairs)

Third round: C. J. Beacom and K. Andrews beat B. Dominey and G. Campbell 15-9, 15-12. R. T. Northcott and A. Finch beat G. J. A. Taylor and R. G. Reed 15-11, 15-6. J. C. Stretch and J. K. Woodgate beat K. Paul and D. Catterall 10-15, 15-11, 15-13. J. A. Gardner and P. Gardner beat P. Pennekett and J. Stubbs 15-6, 16-17, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Beacom and Andrews beat Northcott and Finch 18-13, 15-5. Gardner and Gardner beat Stretch and Woodgate 15-8, 15-6.

Final: Beacom and Andrews beat Gardner and Gardner 4-15, 15-4, 15-12.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(13 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss A. Richards and Mrs. E. Swadling beat Miss R. Cooper and Mrs. J. McCairns 17-14, 11-15, 15-3. Mrs. P. Savage and Miss A. Forrest beat Miss G. M. White and Miss S. Roberts 15-12, 17-16.

Final: Miss Richards and Mrs. Swadling beat Mrs. Savage and Miss Forrest 15-10, 15-0.

MIXED DOUBLES

(24 pairs)

Third round: R. Reed and Miss R. Cooper beat D. Catterall and Mrs. Catterall 15-11, 16-18, 15-4. M. J. Butler and Miss S. Cuerdon beat P. Pearce and Mrs. E. Swadling 17-15, 5-15, 15-12. A Finch and Mrs. J. Addinell beat M. Savage and Mrs. P. Savage 15-7, 15-11. R. T. Northcott and Miss A. Richards beat B. Nilson and Miss V. Bull 15-6, 9-15, 18-13.

Semi-finals: Reed and Miss Cooper beat Butler and Miss Cuerdon 15-5, 15-6. Finch and Mrs. Addinell beat Northcott and Miss Richards 15-8, 15-7.

Final: Reed and Miss Cooper beat Finch and Mrs. Addinell 15-7, 15-8.

WORCESTERSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

GILL GILKS

GAINS REVENGE

MEN'S SINGLES

(limited to 16 players)

Second round: R. P. Stevens beat I. Middleton 15-9, 15-11. M. G. Tredgett beat B. H. White 15-5, 15-8. D. R. Hunt beat C. J. Kirk 11-15, 15-8, 15-5. J. D. Eddy beat P. Smith 15-12, 8-15, 17-14.

Semi-finals: Stevens beat Tredgett 15-4, 15-10. Eddy beat Hunt 17-18, 15-12, 15-5.

Final: Stevens beat Eddy 15-6, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES

(limited to 16 players)

Second round: Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss B. Giles 11-1, 11-2. Miss N. Gardner beat Mrs. A. MacFarlane 11-1, 11-5. Miss K. Nesbit beat Miss B. Walsh 11-4, 11-0. Miss M. Beck beat Miss B. Beckett 11-4, 11-4.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Gardner 11-1, 11-3. Miss Beck beat Miss Nesbit 5-11, 11-1, 11-4.

Final: Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Beck 11-1, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(limited to 16 pairs)

Second round: J. D. Eddy and E. H. Sutton beat P. E. Bullivant and C. J. Kirk 15-9, 9-15, 15-9. D. Talbot and W. Kidd beat D. R. Hunt and D. Curtis 17-14, 17-14. E. C. Stuart and D. J. Hutchinson beat D. R. M. Pither and T. Bowler 15-10, 15-11. R. P. Stevens and M. F. Tredgett beat M. Nevzat and P. Smith 15-3, 15-9.

Semi-finals: Eddy and Sutton beat Talbot and Kidd 9-15, 15-13, 15-7. Stevens and Tredgett beat Stuart and Hutchinson 15-5, 15-6.

Final: Stevens and Tredgett beat Eddy and Sutton 15-7, 15-4.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(16 pairs)

Second round: Mrs. W. R. Rickard and Miss N. Gardner beat Mrs. P. Hunt and Mrs. D. Ciniglio 15-3, 15-9. Miss B. Giles and Miss M. Winter beat Miss L. Veasey and Mrs. M. Eddy 15-6, 12-15, 15-9. Mrs. D. Smith and Mrs. B. Cooper beat Miss K. Nesbit and Miss B. Beckett 15-6, 15-3. Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Miss M. Beck beat Mrs. A. MacFarlane and Miss K. Clarke 15-0, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Rickard and Miss Gardner beat Miss Giles and Miss Winter 15-10, 11-15, 15-11. Mrs. Gilks and Miss Beck beat Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Cooper 15-10, 15-7.

Final: Mrs. Gilks and Miss Beck beat Mrs. Rickard and Miss Gardner 15-4, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES

(limited to 24 pairs)

Third round: D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat M. Beck and Miss M. Beck 15-5, 15-10. P. Wood and Mrs. B. Cooper beat B. Meager and Mrs. D. Smith, 15-12, 1-15, 18-16. R. P. Stevens and Miss B. Giles beat R. Reddick and Miss B. Beckett 15-6, 17-14. M. G. Tredgett and Mrs. W. R. Rickard beat P. E. Bullivant and Miss C. Walsh, 15-10, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat Wood and Mrs. Cooper 15-5, 15-4. Stevens and Miss Giles beat Tredgett and Mrs. Rickard 15-6, 15-7.

Final: Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat Stevens and Miss Giles 15-5, 15-5.

MARRIED COUPLES

THE HAVERS TRIUMPHANT

WITH the departure of the Whetnalls from the amateur ranks, the 1971 Married Couples Tournament was a very open affair, and 12 couples assembled at Epsom on October 17th to compete for the beautiful Stone Trophy. One pair, the Barbour, came all the way down from Motherwell to play and intend to return next year to play in this pleasant social event. Another new entry, the Kellar-Blands, did well to beat the Morsmans and to take the Havers to a close second game, while the Wings nearly forced the McCoigs to a third game.

The latter were prevented from taking their usual place in the final by the Boutles,

who won by the narrow margin of 18-16, 17-15 in a very entertaining semi-final, in which Martin showed that he can play mixed and Jane provided excellent support at the net. In the other semi-final, the Havers had a ding-dong battle with the Beacoms for 2 games, but won the third comfortably. In the final, the Havers were just too strong for the younger pair, Bill playing brilliantly and Pat doing all that was required of her.

In the Consolation Event, the Rickards put out the regular finalists, but could not quite pull it off against the Wings in an interesting final.

First Round: M. J. Boutle and Mrs. Boutle beat L. King and Mrs. King 17-16, 15-6. R. Barbour and Mrs. Barbour beat K. E. Rew and Mrs. Rew 15-8, 15-6. M. Kellar-Bland and Mrs. Kellar-Bland beat H. J. Morsman and Mrs. Morsman 6-15, 15-6, 15-7. W. F. Havers and Mrs. Havers beat P. N. Veasey and Mrs. Veasey 15-4, 15-4.

Second Round: R. S. McCoig and Mrs. McCoig beat R. Wing and Mrs. Wing 15-7, 18-7. Boutle and Mrs. Boutle beat Barbour and Mrs. Barbour 15-5, 15-8. Havers and Mrs. Havers beat Kellar-Bland and Mrs. Kellar-Bland 15-7, 18-13. C. J. Beacom and Mrs. Beacom beat W. R. Rickard and Mrs. Rickard 15-6, 15-12.

Semi-finals: Boutle and Mrs. Boutle beat McCoig and Mrs. McCoig 18-16, 17-15. Havers and Mrs. Havers beat Beacom and Mrs. Beacom 15-8, 14-18, 15-3.

Final: Havers and Mrs. Havers beat Boutle and Mrs. Boutle 15-10, 15-11.

CONSOLATION EVENT

First Round: K. E. Rew and Mrs. Rew beat L. King and Mrs. King 15-6, 15-6. H. J. Morsman and Mrs. Morsman beat P. N. Veasey and Mrs. Veasey 15-7, 15-5.

Semi-finals: R. Wing and Mrs. Wing beat Rew and Mrs. Rew 15-1, 15-3. W. R. Rickard and Mrs. Rickard beat Morsman and Mrs. Morsman 15-6, 15-18, 15-1.

Final: Wing and Mrs. Wing beat Rickard and Mrs. Rickard 11-15, 15-3, 15-10.

Miss D. B. GRACE

THE IRISH SCENE

"TROUBLES" CURTAIL PLAY

Badminton in Ireland has got off to a fairly slow start this season. The 'troubles' in our island have rather curtailed travelling for Badminton and have caused minor problems in regard to the game. The main badminton casualty has been the Senior Inter-Provincial between Ulster and Leinster due to be held last month in Larne, Co. Antrim. But with the Leinster Branch unwilling to cross the Border and the Ulster Branch unwilling to stage it outside their boundaries, the fixture has unfortunately been postponed indefinitely.

Open Championships

Entries for tournaments have been down but it was good to see a representative, if small entry for the Autumn Open Championships in Dublin last month. Eight players came from Ulster and the ever-welcome Daltons travelled from Munster to do battle.

Michael Morrow (Belfast) was the favourite for the Singles but succumbed to Colin Bell (Belfast) in the final. Morrow had been continuously on court in reaching three finals and perhaps did not do himself justice against a fresher opponent, who, nonetheless, seized his chance and played sharply to take the title. Morrow however was on the winning side in the Men's Doubles when he and John McCloy defeated the Bell brothers in a lively final.

Mrs. Bryan took the Ladies' Singles with little trouble and then joined with Miss J. Montgomery to try to wrest the title from Mrs. Peard and Miss Kelly, the holders for the past two years. That they came close to doing so was due to the fine play of Miss Montgomery who rose to the occasion and played extremely well. Mrs. Bryan and John McCloy took their second titles when they beat Morrow and Miss J. Barton who had struggled hard and well to reach the final, but could not make the last hurdle.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: M. Morrow beat J. McArdle 15-9, 15-6. C. Bell w.o., A Bell scratched.

Final: C. Bell beat M. Morrow 15-7, 10-15, 15/3.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. Bryan beat Miss G. Livingston 11-5, 11-1. Miss E. Galbraith beat Miss H. Moody 11-8, 11-5.

Final: Mrs. Bryan beat Miss Galbraith 11-2, 11-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: M. Morrow and D. J. McCloy beat R. O. Rafferty and J. Dolan 15-7, 15-3. C. Bell and A. Bell beat J. McArdle and J. Taylor 15-6, 15-6.

Final: Morrow and McCloy beat C. and A. Bell 8-15, 15-5, 15-6.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. S. Peard and Miss Y. Kelly beat Miss Allison and Mrs. Hood 15-13, 15-12. Mrs. Bryan and Miss Montgomery beat Miss Barton and Miss Tweedie 15-4, 15-11.

Final: Peard and Kelly beat Bryan and Montgomery 18-13, 10-15, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: M. Morrow and Miss Barton beat C. Bell and Miss Galbraith 7-15, 15-8, 15-4. McCloy and Miss Bryan beat McArdle and Miss Kelly 15-8, 15-4.

Final: McCloy and Mrs. Bryan beat Morrow and Miss Barton 15-3, 15-12.

Irish Under 21 Championships

The finals were marred by the injury sustained by triple finalist David Doherty in the first rally of his singles final against John Taylor. It is impossible to judge what the outcome might have been, Doherty was favourite but Taylor seemed fit and sharp. As it was, Taylor kept his concentration and played well to take the title. Doherty and C. McElwaine then just got home in the Doubles against Taylor and the up and coming J. Wright.

The only surprises of the day were provided by 16-year-old Lyn Young in the Ladies' Singles. In the semi-final, she defeated the No. 2 seed, Belfast's Louise Cusdin in two close games and then ran her nervous elder sister, 18-year-old Heather, to a very close third game in the final. Lyn is a very strong, determined young player and it will be interesting to see how both sisters develop.

Uber Cup Prospects

Ireland play Denmark in December in the Uber Cup and there should be great battling for places as several are wide open due to the absence of some players for various reasons: Miss Haslem is not playing owing to studies, Mrs. Mockford and Mrs. McCloy are not back to form yet after the recent birth of their respective babies. Mrs. Bryan and Miss Kelly are available and it will be interesting, to see Miss Barbara Beckett's form when she returns from England.

"MUB"

THE BIG OCCASION

by

JUDY HASHMAN

(Many Times All-England Champion)

Badminton's leading post-war lady player obviously has all the qualities required of a champion. However, Judy Hashman's record of consistency and her ability to rise to the big occasion are outstanding among those qualities. Here she gives some insight into how she achieves this. Although her comments are directed mainly at county or international players they are, in my view, of vital importance at all levels. The article was written at the end of last season.

Next month a selection of readers' views on coaching, training and badminton playing generally will be published. Any contributions gratefully received at 1 Rushmead Close, Croydon, CRO 5JG.

WHAT is a big occasion? When has it existed for you? How did you prepare for it? Did those preparations differ from your normal ones? Did you know the big occasion had come or were you only aware of it after the play was over? What is your most imminent big occasion? How many such occasions are you preparing for during the course of this season and which is of ultimate importance?

These are some of the questions that each county player whose game is steadily improving or who is now holding on to a high level of performance must ask himself and, the crux of the matter, must be able to answer to himself and within himself and also, and very important, all by himself.

A Variety of Events

A big occasion can be a variety of occasions from vital county matches to All-England finals. They vary according to a player's skill, the date of the event (early or late season), whether playing individually or as part of a team, whether playing solo or in doubles. There are other variations too, according to each player's individual incentives—a chance for an upset win, a chance to prove one's worth, a chance to judge one's improvement.

Big occasions exist throughout the season but I feel that the top players should take a careful look at their schedules in order to make sure that they are prepared for each anticipated big occasion. A peak of performance cannot be maintained over an unlimited number of days, weeks, even, as some try to attain, months. Yet by the very nature of their endless commitments in tournaments, exhibitions, league, county and international matches, with heavy practice sessions sandwiched in between, the top players are, I suspect, actually attempting a peak period in terms of the latter length of time, i.e. months. This may be fine physically but cannot be successfully maintained mentally.

Gradual Build Up

Preparations must differ both physically and mentally. Normal occasions require normal preparations—physical fitness, hours of routine practice, some practice games and a mind which is keen, alert and active. But the big occasion requires more than this. Its presence rises above and beyond the normal schedule of events so that two or three weeks of practice and tournaments are aimed towards one big occasion. Normal occasions occur in between, almost "en passant", and are part and parcel of the build-up. But it should be a build-up so that each match is played with the big occasion in mind.

And, most vital to my way of thinking, no badminton at all should be played on the two days preceding that special occasion. No fitness will be lost, no shots forgotten or improved upon, and at that close stage nothing new should be learned. What is more, when the time comes to play—whether it be a one, two, three or four day occasion—the body will be rested and ready, the mind bubbling with ideas and incentives.

Experience Must Be Gained

International appearances and European tournament participation do not in themselves give experience of big occasions. The honour of being chosen for either is not enough. The knowledge of further foreign invitations is also detrimental. But it is necessary somehow to gain experience of the big occasion and this must become the responsibility of the individual himself, by making events become especially important and vital, working himself into an extra-strong state of anxiety in order to see how he reacts when on court, imagining various tournaments as miniature "English Nationals."

It is important to be aware of the big occasion approaching. It does not occur after a good result has been obtained nor does it emanate from someone else's results during the same tournament. The incentives should be controlled ones, existent for some weeks beforehand and unaffected throughout the event. Having chosen the occasion yourself you can therefore control it.

Planning A Schedule

And now to the coming season, an especially big one for the ladies and an important one for the men. It seems obvious that the first important occasion for all the players should be the Northern. What tournaments you choose to play in, or leave out, is a personal matter but the knowledge of the date of the Northern should be with you throughout the month before. After that, is it the Warwickshire, the English National, Essex v. Surrey, or what? And why.

A Personal Scheme

Last September (1970), when Gillian Gilks and I decided to play in four major tournaments leading up to the All-England, the Warwickshire, the London, the Kent and the Surrey were the obvious stepping-stones. Why? One big event per month. The Warwickshire held the incentive of a last meeting with Sue Whetnall and Margaret Boxall, the Kent would be our third successive after two previous years of beating Sue and Margaret, the Surrey would involve an all-out assault in every round as a final sharpener.

In fact, we were also given the opportunity of playing in the Dutch and it was in the final of that tournament in mid-February that I knew the All-England was more than just a strong possibility. We played a variety of good continental pairs and gained in confidence and flexibility so that the last three games we played, half the semi and the final, were good enough to beat any pair.

The final against Ulla Strand and Karin Jorgensen was a most tense moment for me tinged with strong memories of past battles. From their form in the previous rounds I knew that if we were going to win the All-England we had to be able to beat them strongly and convincingly and with the loss of only a minimum of points.

The majority of our matches in previous tournaments had been over far too soon which was satisfactory but also disappointing in that the time of sustained high-calibre play and concentration was far too short and therefore this aspect of our partnership was not thoroughly tested.

After Gillian had played an extremely long and somewhat heartbreaking singles final, we did indeed outplay the Danes in all respects and I felt absolutely exhausted mentally for about an hour afterwards. In fact we played as well again in the All-England semi-finals so that I have no doubt that it was all quite possible. The big occasion had been successfully worked up to since the previous November. That it never materialized was a quirk of fate.

For this reason I have already asked myself these questions. And I have answered them, quietly, privately, and by myself. Have you?

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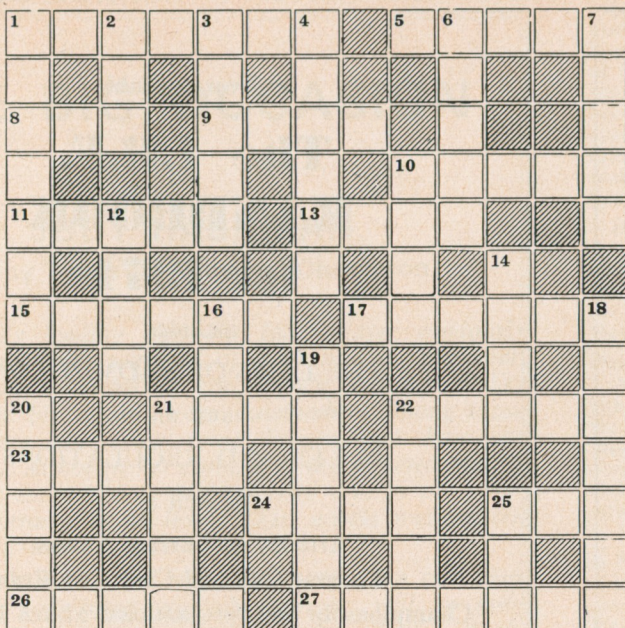
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C R O S S W O R D

No. 5: By Miss B. Still.

ACROSS

1. Fifty in mixed cheese for ex-secretary (7)
5. Badminton for example (5)
8. Consume (3)
9. Winners exploit these in opponents' defence (4)
10. I.C.C. zone (5)
11. Could be part of a tournament (5)
13. It is usually a fault to hit this (4)
15. Mrs. Jorgensen's sister and partner (6)
17. Nationality of 15 across (6)
21. See 4 down
22. Promoted county in I.C.C. Div. II (5)
23. Alternative to natural gut (5)
24. Asset for a badminton hall to be this (4)
25. Malayan player — but sounds to be only a part of him (3)
26. Confidential remark — but not about the B team (5)
27. See 20 down

DOWN

1. International found in a most even set (7)

2. Shuttle contains this small building! (3)
3. Change-over score for leaders in the third game (5)
4. and 21 across. Famous badminton venue (2 words) (6, 4)
6. Quiet 13 across gives attested evidence (5)
7. Many players prefer their rackets strung thus (5)
10. Miss Gardner of Essex (4)
12. —s Court, predecessor of 4 and 21 (4)
14. Don't believe him
16. Midday (4)
18. Mr. and Mrs. of 22 across (7)
19. Describe the shuttlecock in play (6)
- 20 and 27 across. Indonesian star forms an unawarding change (5, 7) (2 words)
21. Cost of Sue's maiden name? (5)
22. British Rail alters any for Irish player (5)
25. What a short service should be (3)

Answers: See Page 62

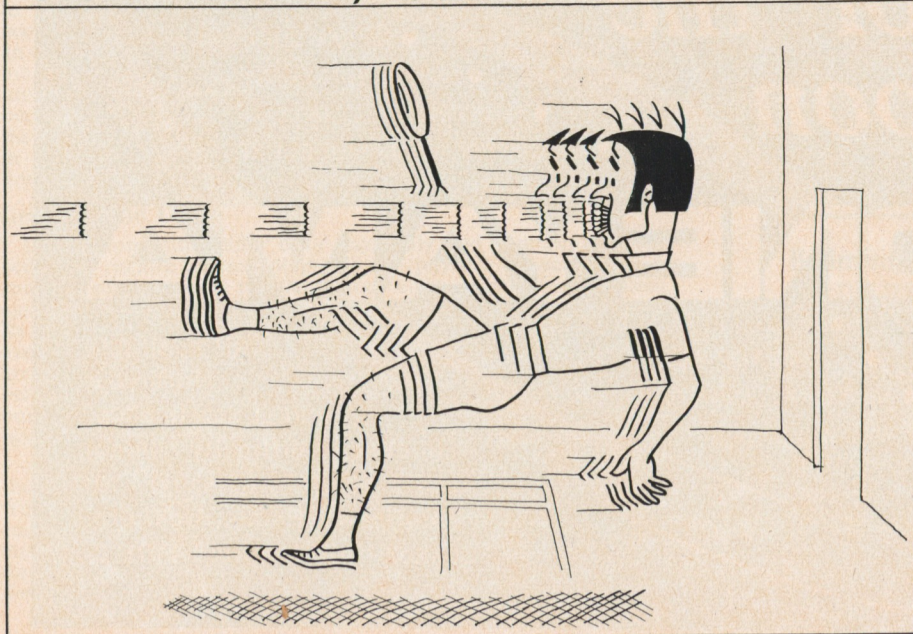
15 UP BADMINTON QUIZ No. 5

All these events occurred last season — do you remember them?

1. Which County celebrated its 50th Anniversary?
2. Which England lady badminton player finished 17th in the Sports Writers' Poll?
3. Who won the English National singles titles?
4. Who resigned as Chief Coach after a hard three years' stint?
5. Who were the All-England Junior singles champions?
6. What coaching innovation was announced in February?
7. Who was the originator of our popular "Court Jester"?
8. How did the England players travel to the Scottish Championships?
9. Who was the "chauffer"?
10. Who won the All-England Ladies' Veterans Doubles for the 8th year in succession? For what counties did they formerly play?
11. Who were the former Swedish internationals who were runners-up in the Men's Veterans Doubles?
12. Who won the All-England Ladies' Singles?
13. What was the age and name of the runner-up?
14. Who were the English youngsters who won titles at the European Junior Championships?
15. How many times have Surrey won the I.C.C.?

For answers see Page 62

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ACCENT ON YOUTH

WENNING'S WINNING WAYS

By R. W. Edwards

IN last season's All-England Under-15 Championships the winners of the girls' singles, the girls' and boys' doubles, and the losing finalist in the boys' singles all came from one club. When it is realised that this club has only one court and its members come from a scattered group of little more than villages, the feat becomes truly remarkable.

Used to Publicity

Taking its name from the river which winds its way through the dales where North-East Lancashire rubs shoulders with North-West Yorkshire, the Wenning Club at Bentham is well used to publicity. Stories of the 'Winning Ways of Wenning' and the 'Badminton Babes of Bentham' have often appeared in the northern press and following a feature article in the 'Lancashire Evening Post' the club was made the subject of a special programme on T.V.

Secret of Success

What is it then that produces such results and makes parents for miles around want their children to become enrolled among the 50 or so who eagerly await their few minutes on court on the one night a week—Saturday—reserved for them?

The answer is dedication and discipline. The dedication of club captain Bob Capstick and of Des Redhead, who apart from his badminton interests finds time to run a coal merchant's business, breed and train his own racehorses, and become a national judge of cavies (guinea-pigs in case you didn't know!) and a discipline which bans smoking, drinking and 'petting' on junior club nights and insists on regular attendances; the supreme punishment for offenders is the return of their subscription and expulsion from the club!

The catchment area for members covers the Lancashire-Yorkshire border. As a result many of the players have dual qualifications through being born in one county but living in the other.

Long List of Titles

Though the three All-England titles remain the outstanding achievement, the long list of successes by the club's juniors include a clean sweep of all five titles in the 1970 Lancashire 'Under 15' Championships. Though, owing to two of their starlets being away on international duty for the English Schools, they fared less prominently when the Championships were held this year, they made amends by winning five of the eight titles in the Yorkshire 'Under 16' and 'Under 18' events.

The club tradition is against the over-publicising of individuals but it would be churlish not to give acclaim to those whose successes have done most to bring fame to the club. They centre mainly round three families.

The Redheads

Kathleen won her first title at the age of ten when coming in as a substitute partner, she won the Lancashire 'Under 18' mixed doubles with Alan Harkness. In addition to being 'capped' for the English Schools she also won three titles in the 1970 Lancashire 'Under 15' Championships and the singles and doubles in this year's Yorkshire 'Under 16' events. Her supreme achievement naturally was the winning of last season's All-England 'Under 15' singles and also the doubles partnered by another 'Wenningite', Susan Parker.

Elder brother Hugh, though less outstanding, is a former Lancashire 'Under 15' singles champion and the current holder of the Yorkshire 'Under 18' doubles title.

The Woods

There are five of them, all enthusiasts, the eldest Ian being the holder with Hugh Redhead of the Yorkshire 'Under 18' doubles.

YORKSHIRE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the York Railway Institute, some 250 boys and girls took part. The standard was much improved since last year when the first tournament took place; the Under-16 boys in particular were outstanding. Philip Kidger of Sheffield who won both events last year was in a class by himself but 8 other strong players will be fighting hard for a County Schools' team place.

RESULTS

Under-14 Events

Boys' Singles: J. Machin beat J. Rollerson 15-9, 9-15, 15-7. Boys' Doubles: J. Machin and G. Hadley beat J. Rollerson and A. Hopwood 17-15, 3-15, 15-11.

Girls' Singles: L. Footman beat S. Richards 12-11, 11-6. Girls' Doubles: S. Richards and D. Warville beat H. Beesley and A. Bluff 15-10, 15-7.

Under-16 Events

Boys' Singles: P. Kidger beat J. Unwin 15-12, 15-8. Boys' Doubles: P. Kidger and M. Johnson beat J. Unwin and M. Eaton 15-12, 15-4.

Girls' Singles: P. Kilvington beat D. Mosby 11-2, 11-8. Girls' Doubles: P. Kilvington and L. Williamson beat J. Trown and L. Footman 15-7, 15-4.

Second in line Paul was the loser in last season's All-England 'Under 15' final but won the doubles with Gary Scott and claimed the singles and doubles in last season's Yorkshire 'Under 16' championships and all three titles in the 1970 Lancashire 'Under 15' meeting.

Sister Catherine is the current holder of the Lancashire 'Under 15' doubles with club mate Linda Russell and the youngest—seven-year-old Carl—has fought his way well up the club's junior singles ladder.

The Scotts

Gary was only eleven when he won the All-England 'Under 15' doubles with Paul Wood last season, the two having reached the final the previous year. Hazel, his sister, has twice won the Lancashire 'Under 15' doubles and is the current holder of the 'Under 18' doubles title.

The problem is whether next? With exams ahead and no major club or even a county player for miles around how can the progress be maintained? Margaret Beck, Derek Talbot, Elliott Stuart and Bill Kidd all uprooted themselves from their northern homes and moved to London. Is there no other way?

COACHING CONCENTRATION

(Lancashire Evening Post)



BADMINTON SPORTING AWARDS WINNERS



BARBARA GILES

(Pat Davis)

The high standard of our up-and-coming generation of Badminton players was clearly illustrated in the recently held Robinson's Barley Water Sporting Awards Scheme. From a host of other top juniors in a wide range of sports, Barbara Giles (Essex) and Peter Gardner (Surrey) emerged as joint Area Winners for Greater London North and South respectively.

To safeguard their amateur status, their prize money of £25 each is administered by the B.A. of E. It is used on their behalf primarily to buy special equipment and to help cover coaching costs, etc.

Both went forward to the National Final held at the Crystal Palace and both ended as close runners-up. We are delighted to congratulate them on a great success which redounds not only to their credit but also to that of Badminton in general. Both on and off court, they are fine representatives of Badminton at its best — skilful, whole-hearted, sporting and friendly.

Let us hope it is not long before a current junior puts Badminton in the headlines by winning the National Award — and £500.



PETER GARDNER

(Pat Davis)

WELSH JUNIOR "OPEN"

The first of this season's Welsh Badminton Tournaments was held at the Afan Sports Centre, Port Talbot on Saturday, the 25th, September when the increasingly popular Welsh Junior "Open" drew a large entry, particularly the boys' singles in which 40 entrants participated.

With five of the the eight seeds of the All-England Junior Championships taking part in the boys' singles there were many hard matches before Tony Wing (Notts) overcame P. A. Pearce (Cornwall).

The boys' doubles final provided the match of the tournament. Top seeds, P. Pearce and R. Wallace, met Lancashire's C. Harkness and D. Jackson, and in a point for point battle in the first game the Lancashire pair took this set 17-14. Full of confidence, they raced away to what seemed a winning lead of 13-8 in the second. With the title within their grasp a series of service errors and some courageous badminton by Wallace and Pearce, saw their lead now whittled away. The score was levelled at one all when they lost this game 14-17. This sudden reversal seemed to upset the Lancashire lads' concentration. Sensing this, Wallace and Pearce, playing with great determination, executed the coup-de-grace with a decisive 15-8 last game to take the title.

In the mixed doubles, P. Pearce and Miss K. Whiting had a comfortable victory over M. Wilks and Miss A. Gardner.

RESULTS

BOYS' SINGLES

Semi-finals: P. A. Pearce beat R. Wallace 18-6, 15-5. A. Wing beat A. Nicholson 15-8, 15-10.
Final: A. Wing beat P. A. Pearce 15-7, 15-7.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Miss A. Forrest beat Miss S. Wilcox 0-11, 11-2, 11-3. Miss K. Whiting beat Miss A. Gardner 12-9, 11-3.
Final: Miss A. Forrest beat Miss K. Whiting 12-11, 11-4.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: R. Wallace and R. A. Pearce beat T. John and P. Toler 16-18, 15-9, 15-1. C. Harkness and D. Jackson beat P. Ormrod and E. James 12-15, 17-16, 15-13.

Final: R. Wallace and P. Pearce beat C. Harkness and D. Jackson 14-17, 17-14, 15-8.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Miss A. Forrest and Miss A. Gardner beat Miss K. Whiting and Miss C. Davies 15-7, 15-5. Miss S. Wilcox and Miss K. Hall beat Miss L. Penno and Miss C. Thomas 15-4, 15-6.

Final:

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: M. Wilks and Miss A. Gardner beat A. Wing and Miss K. Hall 8-15 15-12, 15-3. P. A. Pearce and Miss K. Whiting beat C. Folley and Miss K. Gardner 15-9, 15-4.

Final: P. A. Pearce and Miss K. Whiting beat N. Wilks and Miss A. Gardner 15-8, 15-6.

EAST OF SCOTLAND JUNIOR

Leading young Scottish players showed good early season form in the East of Scotland Junior Open tournament at Meadowbank at the week-end in which no less than 371 matches were played.

Jocelyn Piriou (Guernsey), a student at St. Andrews University, was, however, too good for the Scottish junior champion, Annabelle Blyth, just as Martha Brewer (Surrey) overwhelmed her Edinburgh opponent, Christine Heatly.

Under 21: Men's singles—R. Conway (West) beat A. Dawson (North East) 15-9, 15-10. Ladies' singles—Miss J. Piriou (Guernsey) beat Miss A. Blyth (West) 11-3, 12-10. Men's doubles—I. Sharp and I. Cummings (Glasgow) beat K. Anderson (South West) and R. Ross (East) 15-13, 15-8. Ladies' doubles—Miss E. McGregor (South West) and Miss A. Campbell (West) beat Miss A. Reid (East) and Miss Blyth 15-13, 11-15, 15-12. Mixed doubles—Cummings and Miss Campbell beat G. Ferguson (Glasgow) and Miss J. Blackstock (South West) 15-8, 5-15, 15-12.

Under 18: Boys' singles—G. R. Hamilton (West) beat J. Cameron (West) 15-11, 15-8. Girls' singles—Miss M. Brewer (Surrey) beat Miss C. Heatly (East) 11-2, 11-0. Boys' Doubles—D. Campbell (North) and Cameron beat Hamilton and A. Gilliland (West) 15-5, 15-9. Girls' doubles—Miss S. Stuart and Miss S. Storey (Cumberland) beat Miss Heatly and Miss G. Wilson (East) 15-3, 15-4. Mixed doubles—Hamilton and Miss Heatly beat Gilliland and Miss Wilson 15-12, 15-6.

Under 16: Boys' singles—J. Kirkpatrick beat T. Jack (Cumberland) 16-18, 15-7, 18-17. Girls' singles—Miss D. Hurst (Cumberland) beat Miss S. Wilson (East) 11-4, 11-0. Boys' doubles—Jack and N. Birkett (Cumberland) beat M. Reid and B. Kidd (East) 15-5, 15-5. Girls' doubles—Miss B. Cowan (West) and Miss Crozier (South West) beat Miss A. McManus and Miss J. Darke (Cumberland) 15-11, 15-5. Mixed doubles—Kirkpatrick and Miss Hurst beat Birkett and Miss Darke 18-13, 11-15, 15-10.

SURREY SCHOOLS' B.A. UNDER 16 TOURNAMENT

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Miss S. Coates and Miss L. Maine beat Miss A. Gardner and Miss K. Gardner, 15-1.

BOYS' DOUBLES

C. Grylls and C. Paul beat S. Jordan and M. Lines, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

Section Winners: S. Jordan and Miss S. Coates. M. Lines and Miss L. Maine. C. Grylls and Miss A. Gardner.

Winners of "American" Play-off: C. Grylls and Miss A. Gardner.

E. V. Pattison.

HERTS. JUNIOR RESTRICTED

BOYS' SINGLES

P. Brooks beat B. Chinnery 2-15, 7-6 retd.

GIRLS' SINGLES

S. Centa beat G. Davis 11-7, 11-2.

BOYS' DOUBLES

A. Chartres and I. Mulligan beat E. Collins and G. Kemp 17-14, 15-8.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

S. Centa and G. Davis beat V. Ellis and P. Johnson 15-7, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

A. Chartres and G. Davis beat I. Mulligan and S. Centa 15-5, 15-13.

M. M. Fraser.

EXCITING SEASON AHEAD FOR SCHOOLS

LEN WRIGHT
(Hon. Sec. E.S.B.A.)

EACH season we do try to start off a new idea which will create a fresh interest in Schools' badminton and maintain the old interests too.

Champion School of England?

This coming season will be no exception. We have inaugurated a new competition: the National Schools Badminton Competition open to all our member counties. From it we hope to find the champion school of England.

The competition will start at county level, then county champions will meet other county champions to find Regional Champions. Lastly, the four champion schools from the North, Midlands, Home Counties and West will meet in the finals to be played at Nottingham University 28th—30th March, 1972.

Each County Secretary will be responsible for organising the competition in his own county. The programme will be the usual Schools' programme of two boys' singles, two girls' singles, two boys' and girls' doubles, and two mixed doubles. The rules allow boys and girls schools to combine to make up a mixed team, i.e. schools from the same town.

The competition this year will be for the under 16's only, but next year we have plans in mind to run separate boys and girls competitions, and at two age levels U/16 and Open Age. After a couple of years we shall be very willing to pass on information on experience gained. And then, who knows what the chances are of the B.A. of E. organising a national club competition!

New Form Inter-Regional Match

By the time this goes to press, the inter-regional match played annually at Birmingham will be history. It will, however, have a new form this year with four Regions competing—North, Midlands and the old South being divided into Home Counties and West. This is a very welcome change and brings a new interest to the competition through extra counties taking part.

The idea of the split came from a meeting of the senior counties concerned (Gloucester, Wiltshire, Devon, Cornwall, Somerset and Dorset). The split was an amicable one engineered by Regional Co-ordinator Larry Landrey aided by Percy Elvins. It should work out to benefit Schools' Association and Senior Counties.

A Trip to Ceylon?

The biggest bombshell ever to hit E.S.B.A. landed late August when a letter arrived inviting us to send a team out to play against the Schools' Badminton Association of Ceylon. After years of fruitless searching for other schools organisations in Europe, it was a bit of a shock to learn that schools badminton was so well organised on the other side of the world.

In his letter Mr. Ariyadasa Silva mentions having hosted the 3rd International Schoolboys' Championships in which eight Asian Countries played—Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Phillipines, Burma, Indonesia, Thailand and Ceylon. The invitation was for a month's tour, play 3 Test Matches and a number of friendly games; the players, boys and girls to be under 16. They would like us to include two boys and two girls of the under 19 age group—"to meet in a series of friendly exchanges. This would help our players taking part in the Asian Schools Championship Meets to gain experience." Apparently the Ceylon Schools Badminton Association age group extends to the U/20's.

The Executive Committee are enamoured of the idea and enquiries re fares, grants, etc., are under way. The tour programme includes "a trip to Trincomalee to lodge you for one night at one of our Wild Life Sanctuaries in the jungle!"

Scottish Dancing

After that, the other international events for the season seem rather tame, but this year's triangular England v. Scotland v. Ireland will be organised by Lancashire Schools and played at the Sports Hall, Montgomery School, Bispham, Blackpool, on Saturday, 12th February, 1972. Perhaps we can organise some Scottish Dancing at the Tower Ballroom for players and officials after the match; it was a great attraction at Dumfries last year!

New Coaching Ideas

On December 19th, E.S.B.A. will be running its own coaching course for selected players. The idea is to have a weekend for eight boys and eight girls when we can select and coach at the same time, without having to worry about early trains or cars leaving in 30 minutes time. I have always felt the U/16 international team have had rather poor treatment (Nobody's fault really, except time's) in having to play matches without real preparation. Often youngsters have played together with only one hurried game as partners. This season we should manage to field a strong, and well organised team, after a weekend in

Birmingham. A number of our teacher coaches are very willing to help and are very anxious to try out some original coaching ideas.

Danish Team to Visit Cumberland

We had hoped to have our first international match against a Norwegian team this season. Unfortunately, lack of funds and the difficulty of finding a strong U/16 team has led to the cancellation of the trip by Norway. Essex Schools had put in a lot of hard work trying to arrange this tour. However, a team from Denmark will be playing in Cumberland around Xmas time.

Huge Inter-Counties Programme

The Inter-Counties Tournament will be played at Nottingham from 28th—30th March and promises to be a very busy time with the Individual Tournament, and the final of the National Schools' Competition to be played off as well as the Inter-County tournament. After three days there should be some very tired U/16's around and can foresee the final of the boys' 5-a-side soccer being played about 5 a.m. one morning. We are expecting a record entry for the Inter-county this season including new counties from the South West and London Region. Berkshire, where Judy Hashman is working hard as secretary, could be one new competitor. Counties playing at Nottingham will not have such a heavy financial burden this season; thanks to a grant from the B.A. of E. through the Schools' and Youth Committee we shall be more generous with help towards travelling and accommodation expenses.

E.S.B.A.'s Essential Role

The Association had three representatives at the recent Coaching Conference at Lilleshall. Liaison between the Schools and Regional Coaching Scheme was discussed at great length and it was generally agreed that E.S.B.A. had a very essential role in the coaching scheme. I think we can be a great help to Roger Mills. In fact, looking at the new National Ranking List, seven of the twenty players mentioned have, to say the least, taken part in Schools' badminton activities.

We'll keep you posted, Roger

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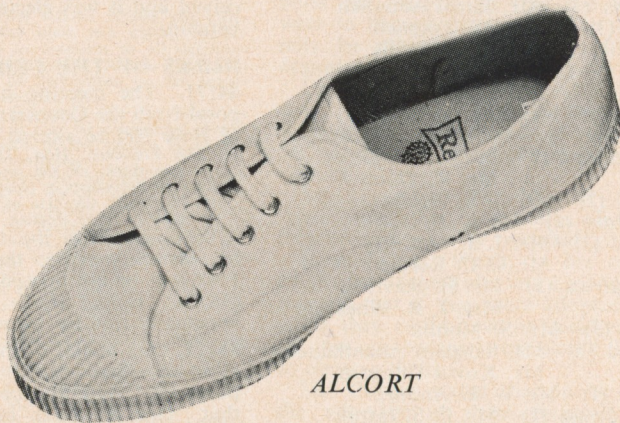
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The International Badminton Federation

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1971

Extract from the minutes of the thirty-third Annual General Meeting of the International Badminton Federation held at the Bloomsbury Centre Hotel, Coram Street, London, W.C.1, England, at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 29th June, 1971.

PRESENT (with voting powers in brackets):

President—Mr. H. F. Chilton
Vice-Presidents—Mr. R. Balasubramaniam
Mr. E. S. Jarrett
Mr. S. Mohlin
Mr. S. R. Ruia
Mr. F. A. Sonnevile
Mr. S. Wyatt

Hon. Life Vice-President—Mr. D. L. Bloomer

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. H. Valken

Hon. Secretary—Mr. H. A. E. Scheele

Delegates from National Organisations

Australia (3)—Mr. F. W. Kirkby
Mr. A. L. Saeway
Austria (1)—Mr. H. Kullnig
Mr. J. G. Pearson
Belgium (1)—Mr. A. Verstoep
Canada (3)—Mr. C. B. Ball
Mr. R. S. Lucas
China (1)—Mr. C. C. S. Wang
Czechoslovakia (1)—Mrs. L. Müller
Denmark (3)—Mr. O. Mertz
England (3)—Mr. H. F. Chilton
Mr. A. E. Jones
Finland (1)—Mr. A. Segercrantz
Mr. J. G. Sergercrantz
France (1)—Mr. D. M. Maxton
German Dem. Rep. (2)—Mr. W. Seufzer
Germany (West) (3)—Mr. H. Hoffman
Mr. P. Küsters
Hong Kong (1)—Mr. J. A. B. Brown
India (3)—Mr. S. R. Ruia
Indonesia (3)—Mr. Samsi Abdullah
Ireland (3)—Mr. A. G. Trapnell
Japan (3)—Mr. F. A. Sonnevile
Korea (1)—Mr. In Hyuk Kwon
Malaysia (3)—Mr. S. R. Chadha
Mexico (2)—Mr. H. A. E. Scheele
Netherlands (3)—Mr. H. L. Hartemink
New Zealand (3)—Mr. H. I. Palmer
Mr. R. Dunn
Norway (2)—Mr. G. S. Webb
Philippines (1)—Mr. K. B. Oon
Scotland (3)—Mr. J. J. McCarry
Mr. C. C. Reddie
South Africa (3)—Mr. H. Stavridis
Mrs. J. R. Wheating
Sweden (3)—Mr. S. Mohlin
Thailand (3)—Mr. Sangan Ananthanone
Mr. Kovid Uyanin
Uganda (1)—Mr. W. E. Andrew
United States (2)—Mr. E. S. Jarrett

Delegates from International Organisations

Asian Badminton Confederation—
Mr. S. R. Chadha
European Badminton Union—
Mr. S. Mohlin

ATTENDANCE

35/71. The Honorary Secretary reported that the attendance indicated that 30 national organisations were represented, and that the total votes eligible to be cast were 66 out of a possible 90.

The minutes of the thirty-second Annual General Meeting held on the 30th June, 1970, the Annual Report of the Council and the accounts and balance sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1970, were adopted.

Thomas Cup Reserve Fund.—Mr. Wyatt drew attention to the Thomas Cup Reserve Fund, presently standing in the balance sheet at £4,765, which he stated was unattainable in accordance with the balance sheet. He felt that this situation must be remedied at an early date as it was apparent that part of this reserve fund was being used for the general administration of the Federation for which it was clear that greater income was required.

MEMBERSHIP

41/71. The Honorary Secretary reported that there had been no new elections to membership since the date of the Annual Report.

42/71. **Malta Badminton Association**—The meeting was asked to consider whether the Malta Badminton Association should retain its membership in view of it having paid no subscriptions since 1969. The Honorary Secretary reported that since the despatch of the agenda he had been advised by the President of the Association concerned that it had ceased activities. Accordingly, it was agreed that the Malta Badminton Association should cease to be a member of the Federation.

43/71. **New Affiliations**—The Federacion Venezolana de Badminton (Venezuelan Badminton Federation) having settled its arrears of subscription, non-payment of which had caused its membership to be terminated in 1966, was elected to associate membership, its playing membership not yet qualifying it for election as a national organisation.

An application from the newly-formed Badminton Association of Malta was received and it was elected to associate membership.

RULES OF THE FEDERATION

44/71. The meeting had before it a proposal from the Council that the first sentence of **Rule 5(c)** be altered to read:-

The President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and one-third, or the nearest number thereto) of the Vice-Presidents in rotation, shall retire annually, but, except in the case of the President, they shall be eligible for re-election.

Proposed from the Chair, and seconded by Mr. Sonnevile, the intention that the President be not immediately eligible for re-election caused much discussion and was eventually lost by 12 votes to 40.

46/71. On behalf of the Badminton Association of Thailand Mr. Ananthanone proposed that **Rule 8(c)** be altered to the effect that "One national organisation shall be entitled to only one vote". This was seconded by Mr. Sonnevile, on behalf of the Nippon Badminton Association. The Honorary Secretary read a cable from the Badminton Association of Thailand to explain its purpose in making the proposal. This was that "It would serve to put an end to any single national organisation or group of national organisations with several votes in their favour from combining such votes so as to obtain a multiple count to further their own ends whatever such ends may purport to be."

The motion was lost by 24 votes to 38.

47/71. On behalf of the Federation Belge de Badminton, Mr. Verstoep proposed that **Rule 9(a)** be altered in its entirety to read as follows:-

Each national organisation shall pay the following annual subscriptions:-

- (i) on affiliation—£12.
- (ii) having an affiliated membership, to the satisfaction of the Council, of at least 10,000 active players—an additional £18.
- (iii) after having completed and fulfilled all obligation, in two of the three most recently concluded contests for the International Badminton Championship, or similarly in two of the three most recently concluded contests for the Ladies' International Championship—an additional £18.

This was seconded by Mr. Andrew on behalf of the Uganda Badminton Association.

The meeting had before it a circulated amendment from the Scottish Badminton Union, which was formally put by Mr. Reddie, that the rates of subscription detailed in the Belgian proposal be altered to £15, £21 and £21 respectively. The purpose was to prevent the subscription income now payable by national organisations from being diminished. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Kirkby on behalf of the Australian Badminton Association. In his capacity as Chairman of the Finance Committee during the past year Mr. Wyatt addressed the meeting on the subject of the Federation's annual income, and deprecated any intention to reduce that income. The amendment was then carried by 56 votes to nil.

The original motion with the subscription rates duly amended was then adopted by 57 votes to 2.

LAWS OF BADMINTON

48/71. The meeting had before it a proposal by the Council that the second paragraph of **Law 12** be altered in its entirety to read:-

If a player of the "Out" side standing in the wrong service court is prepared to receive the service when it is delivered, and his side wins the rally, it shall be a "Let", provided that such "Let" be claimed and allowed, or ordered by the umpire, before the next succeeding service is delivered.

and that in the first paragraph the words "claimed or allowed" be similarly altered to the words "claimed and allowed, or ordered by the umpire".

The Honorary Secretary explained the reasons for the proposal. Mr. Palmer, on behalf of the New Zealand Badminton Federation, spoke against the motion and asked that it be again referred back to the Council for further consideration. This was seconded by Mr. Verstoep, on behalf of the Federation Belge de Badminton, but this was lost by 10 votes to 47.

Put to the meeting as a substantive proposition the motion was carried by 49 votes to nil.

49/71. The meeting also had before it a proposal from the Council that in the same **Law 12** the words "during the remainder of that game" be deleted from both the third and fourth paragraphs. This was also explained by the Honorary Secretary and was carried nem con.

50/71. On behalf of the Badminton Association of England Mr. Jones proposed that **Law 14** be altered by the addition to paragraph (d) of the following words:-

"or if any player deliberately delays serving the shuttle or in getting ready to receive it so as to obtain an unfair advantage."

He explained that as the Laws of Badminton now stood the only penalty which an umpire could invoke against a player was disqualification as provided in Law 22, but this could be too harsh in the majority of cases which his proposal was intended to cover. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mertz on behalf of the Dansk Badminton Forbund and after some discussion was carried by 55 votes to 1.

REGULATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOR THE LADIES' INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP

51/71. The meeting had before it several proposals from the Council that the Regulations for both the International Badminton Championship and the Ladies' International Badminton Championship be altered. They were all proposed by Mr. Mohlin who had been Chairman of the International Championship Committee during the past year, and were variously seconded.

52/71. It was proposed that the last paragraph of Regulation 5 be deleted and that the following be substituted:-

The Committee of Management shall have the power to reject the entry of any nation:-

- (i) which is in arrears of one year or more with any financial obligation concerning any previous contest for the Thomas Cup or Uber Cup;
- (ii) which is in arrears of one year or more in payment of the annual subscription or of any other indebtedness to the Federation;
- (iii) the entry of which is considered undesirable in the interests of the contest concerned or of the game.

Sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) were carried nem con and sub-paragraph (iii) by 47 votes to 10 after the representatives of Belgium and New Zealand had indicated that they felt the intention too strong.

53/71. It was proposed that the first paragraph of Regulation 13 be altered to read as follows:-

- (a) At least ten days before the date for the commencement of play in any tie, or on the day following the completion of a preceding tie affecting either nation, whichever date shall be the later, a referee, from whose decision there shall be no appeal, except as provided in paragraph (b) below, shall be appointed. Such appointment shall be made in the case of ties within a zone by common consent of the national organisations of the nations opposing each other, subject always to the appointment meeting with the approval of the national organisation of the country where the tie is due to be played, and unless otherwise mutually agreed the referee shall be neutral to both teams. Failing any such appointment the Committee of Management shall forthwith be notified and shall then appoint the referee. In the case of every inter-zone tie the appointment of teams. Failing any such appointment the Competing nations, shall be made by the Committee of Management.
- (b) Any protest as to the conduct of, or occurrences connected with, a tie shall be submitted within one week of the event to the Committee of Management whose decision on the matter shall be absolutely final. Such protest shall not be considered by the Committee until a deposit of £50 has been paid by the protesting party to the International Badminton Federation. The Committee shall have the right to summon to any meeting called to settle the matter anyone whose evidence may be considered necessary. The party whose action shall have been protested against shall have the right to give evidence at his or its own expense, but no national of any of the national organisations in dispute who shall be a member of the Committee of Management shall otherwise attend the hearing, and he shall not attend the discussions in settling the protest. The costs of hearing and settling any protest (which shall not include those of voluntary witnesses) shall be met by the protesting national organisation, except that if the protest shall be upheld they shall be met in equal shares by the national organisations in dispute, but in exceptional circumstances, and following a recommendation from the Committee of Management, the Council of the International Badminton Federation shall have power to defray, in whole or in part, the costs falling on any of the national organisations concerned.

and that the existing second and third main paragraphs of the Regulation be prefixed (c) and (d) respectively.

This was carried by 57 votes to nil.

54/71. It was proposed that the following sentence be added at the end of Regulation 15:-

As soon as appointed the name of the captain shall be notified to both the referee and the opposing nation, and, from the time of his arrival at the venue selected for the tie, the captain shall assume all administrative and other responsibilities on behalf of his national organisation and his team in connection with the conduct of the tie. He shall also carry out all the duties stipulated in the appendix to these regulations.

This was carried with only 2 votes against.

55/71. It was proposed that the following sentence be added to paragraph (b) of Regulation 17:-

Should any protest concerning the ranking be made by the opposing captain the referee shall, if he is not satisfied that it represents a correct evaluation of the current standard of play of those selected, have power to request and insist on alterations being made before the draw is done.

This was carried by 59 votes to nil.

56/71. It was proposed that the following new Regulation be adopted:-

DISQUALIFICATION

19—The Committee of Management shall have the power to disqualify at any stage of the contest any nation:-

- (i) which has failed to make arrangements for the playing of a tie in reasonable time;
- (ii) which has failed to fulfil the playing of a tie for which arrangements had been agreed upon;
- (iii) which fails to carry out the arrangements required for the playing of a tie in accordance with the adopted regulations.

and that the existing Regulation 19 be re-numbered 20.

This was carried nem con.

57/71. The meeting considered the Council's proposal to adopt the following Appendix to the Regulations:-

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CAPTAIN OF TEAM (see Regulation 15)

Qualification—The captain may be either one of the players nominated to represent the nation (as described in Regulation 16(a)) or may be some other person to whom the Qualifications of Players (as described in Regulation 14) need not apply.

Duties—It shall be the duty and responsibility of the captain:-

- (i) to give notice to the referee of the playing composition of his team as required by Regulation 16(b);
- (ii) to consult with the referee before the commencement of play upon any matter requiring decision and to conform to all decisions made by the referee which do not contradict either the Laws of Badminton or the regulations for the competition;
- (iii) to be the sole spokesman for his team on any matter which it may be considered should require the attention of the referee or of the local organising committee;
- (iv) to advise his players of all decisions which may concern any or all of them, and to be responsible for his players adhering thereto and to the Laws of Badminton and the regulations for the competition in every respect;
- (v) to be the recipient of all administrative and playing information of which his team should be notified, either by the referee of the local or the local organising committee;
- (vi) to see that neither he nor any of his players, nor any other person associated with his team, give advice or instruction to any player of his team during the course of a match, except during the prescribed five-minute interval after the second game;
- (vii) to co-operate fully in all reasonable matters before and during the tie, and to see that his players do likewise;
- (viii) to notify the referee at once should anything occur to prevent his carrying out his duties as captain, and at the same time to nominate his deputy who shall forthwith take over the captaincy for the remainder of the day or of the tie, whichever shall be appropriate.
- (ix) to settle all accounts covering items of expenditure incurred by his team, or to make arrangements satisfactory to the local organising committee for their being settled;
- (x) to present, if possible, to the local organising committee his nation's claim for travelling expenses as defined in Regulation 11(f).

This was explained by the Honorary Secretary and carried nem con.

58/71. The meeting then considered a proposal from the Badminton Association of England that sub-paragraph (v) of Regulation 11(b) be altered in its entirety to read as follows:-

"If the sum totally available under clauses (i) and (iii) above is insufficient to meet the travelling expenses they shall be paid in proportion, provided that, in the case of a nation playing a tie in the country of its opponents it shall be guaranteed a sum of £250 or its equivalent, or such smaller sum which shall cover the amount chargeable under paragraph (f), in settlement or part settlement of its travelling claim."

This was proposed by Mr. Jones on behalf of the Badminton Association of England, and seconded by Mr. Trapnell on behalf of the Badminton Union of Ireland.

The meeting had before it an amendment from the Scottish Badminton Union that the figure of £250 quoted in the proposal be altered to £100 in the case of the International Badminton Championship, and £50 in the case of the Ladies' International Badminton Championship. The amendment was put by Mr. Reddie on behalf of the Scottish Badminton Union, and was seconded by Mr. Hartemink on behalf of the Nederlandse Badminton Bond.

Both the proposal and the amendment caused very much discussion. Eventually the amendment was lost by 15 votes to 24. The original motion was then put to the meeting and was lost, after a recount, by 26 votes to 29.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING AMATEURISM

59/71. The meeting had before it a report from the Council on Amateurism together with the Council's proposals for a set of "Regulations Governing Amateurism". On behalf of the Council Mr. Wyatt explained them to the meeting and the Chairman stressed that it was not the intention of the Council to seek a vote on the matter at this meeting, but merely to obtain views of national organisations prior to the matter being brought forward as a formal proposition in a year's time.

Amongst the comments made, Mr. Ball stated that in Canada a "Club Professional" was only considered as acting part-time on behalf of Badminton, and he was not therefore classed as a professional.

On behalf of the Dansk Badminton Forbund Mr. Mertz felt that the Regulations were to be welcomed, but that they should only be regarded as a guide for national organisations.

On behalf of the South African Badminton Union, Mr. Stavridis stated that the Regulations seemed only a bare minimum for purposes of participation in the Olympic Games.

Speaking for the Nippon Badminton Association, Mr. Sonnevill also felt that they should only be regarded as a guide.

In reply Mr. Wyatt, in his capacity as Chairman of the Rules and Laws Committee, stressed that if they were adopted only as a guide they could have no juridical value at all, for no organisation would be obliged to observe them.

Mr. Palmer stated that in New Zealand the adoption of these Regulations would create no difficulty at all.

Consideration of the Regulations was deferred until the next Annual General Meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

60/71. President—It was proposed by the retiring President, seconded, and carried unanimously that Mr. F. A. Sonnevill be elected President for 1971-72. Mr. Sonnevill replied and thanked the meeting for the honour bestowed upon him, and at the same time he expressed his appreciation to Mr. Chilton who had been President for the past two years for all he had done for the game. Mr. Sonnevill also spoke on the present status of Badminton and stressed his high hopes of its inclusion in future Olympic Games.

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61/71. Vice-Presidents—Messrs. R. Balasubramaniam and S. Wyatt, who retired by rotation, and had been proposed by the Council, were re-elected nem con.

62/71. Honorary Treasurer—It was proposed by the Council, duly seconded, and carried nem. con. that Mr. H. Valken be re-elected Honorary Treasurer.

63/71. Honorary Secretary—It was proposed from the Chair, duly seconded, and carried nem. con. that Mr. H. A. E. Scheele be re-elected Honorary Secretary.

64/71. Continental Representative—The meeting had before it a nomination from the Asian Badminton Confederation that Mr. S. R. Chadha be elected to the Council as a continental representative. He was elected nem. con.

65/71. Council—The Chairman asked for nominations for the Council for which there were five vacancies. Seven representatives of national organisations were proposed and seconded, and after a secret ballot for which Messrs. Andrew and Balasubramaniam were appointed scrutineers, the Chairman announced the election for two years of Messrs. H. F. Chilton (England), R. C. M. Dunn (New Zealand), O. Mertz (Denmark), C. C. Reedie (Scotland) and M. Takakura (Japan). The unsuccessful candidates were Messrs. J. J. McCarry (Scotland) and Kovid Ulyanin (Thailand).

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

66/71. It was proposed, seconded and carried nem. con. that Messrs. Klynveld Kraayenhof and Co. be appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

67/71. Some discussion occurred as to the date of the 1972 Annual General Meeting, and it was eventually agreed by 30 votes to 28 that it be held on July 4th in London, which was the date corresponding to past custom in relation to the Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon. It was further agreed that the meeting commence at 10.30 a.m.

OTHER MATTERS

68/71. British Commonwealth Games—On behalf of the New Zealand Badminton Federation Mr. Palmer sought the assistance of the Federation in causing the Badminton Tournament at the British Commonwealth Games of the future to be held on a pools system. He explained the reasons for the request and asked that it be placed on the agenda of the 1972 meeting. The Chairman advised him that this was a matter for the British Commonwealth Games Federation which, if it desired to adopt such a procedure, should apply to the International Badminton Federation for approval. It was not a matter for the International Badminton Federation to stipulate.

UBER CUP DRAW

69/71. The President then conducted the draw for the remaining sections for the current contest for the Uber Cup which resulted as follows:-

American Zone—Canada v. U.S.A.

Inter-Zone Ties—Australasian Zone a bye; American Zone v. Asian Zone; Japan (holders) and European Zone byes.

BADMINTON BRIEFS

77—Still Going Strong

Mr. Alfred Glass of Sidmouth celebrated his golden wedding recently. At the ripe young age of 77 he still enjoys a game of Badminton! Indeed he is looking forward to another strenuous season with All-Saints B.C. Devon obviously keeps you fit. Can any coun'ty boast an octogenarian player?

Wedding Bells

THE wedding took place at Christ Church, Cloughton, Birkenhead, on 27th July of the Cheshire umpire Ron Pritchard to Miss Betty Wallace, Hon. Secretary of St. Michael's B.C. The latter is also a member of the Birkenhead League Executive and well-known for her great work as Accommodation Officer to the Junior Northern Championships. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. R. G. Wallace, an old stalwart of the now extinct Glenmore B.C.

Medal of Merit

Alan Parsons recently flew down to Cape Town to receive the above order from the State President. This is a similar honour to our O.B.E. in England. We offer him sincere congratulations on this distinction. He has played thirty-one times for South Africa and won the South African Singles Championships for the seven years, 1964/70, successively. He would have had the same record in Men's Doubles had not his brother won the title in 1969!

Tennis Stars

Ann Smith and Judy Hashman were both members of the Berkshire Tennis Team that during the summer was promoted to its highest ever position, Group II.

Long Service

Cyril Denton, many times winner of All-England Veteran titles, and Sid Church completed twenty-five years playing membership recently of Thames B.C., Berkshire. In recognition of such long service, each was presented with a tankard at the club's A.G.M. when nearly every member attended to do them honour.

Margaret Boxall

Friends, and they are legion, of Margaret Boxall will be sorry to learn that she has not been fully fit for some time. She has therefore had a spell in hospital for observation. We hope that pertinacious "bug" has now been scotched.

Chief Coach Baffled

At the Reading Festival no less than 600 people watched an exhibition by the "Innsworth Squad". In the coaching session that followed, one boy substituted himself at the halfway stage for his identical twin. No one was the wiser until the end. The mind boggles at the possibilities of things to come!

PROVISIONAL LIST OF DATES OF NATIONAL COURSES AND EXAMINATIONS SEASON 1971-72

Date	C.C.P.R. Region	Type of Course	Venue
27th/28th November	London & South East	N.	Crystal Palace
4th/5th December	N. East	R.	Gateshead
15th/16th January	London & South East	R.	University of Sussex
29th/30th January	London & South East	N.	Orion Hall, N.16
5th/6th February	London & South East	R.	Crystal Palace
12th/13th February	N. West	R.	Lancaster
18th/19th March	Yorks.	N & R.	York University

N.=National Course.

R.=Refresher Course for Club Coaches wishing to train for the Advanced Award.

Application forms may be had from the appropriate C.C.P.R. Regional Office.

EXAMINATIONS

5th December	Whitchurch, Basingstoke	26th/27th February	Birmingham
4th/5th December	Orion Hall, London	4th/5th March	Lancaster
12th December	Nottingham	9th April	Sussex University
15th/16th January	Gateshead	15th/16th April	Orion Hall, London
22nd/23rd January	Taunton	22nd/23rd April	Leeds
		23rd April	Bicester, Oxon.

Examination application forms are available at all Courses.

Badges: Qualified coaches should apply for coaching badges to the Coaching Secretary—priced 25p each (stamped addressed envelopes please).

Publications: The official coaching booklet entitled "Notes for Badminton Coaches" (price 15p post free) and "The Laws of Badminton" (price 10p post free) are obtainable from the Coaching Secretary. A book list of recent publications can also be had, a stamped addressed envelope again being appreciated.

Films: Application should also be made to the Coaching Secretary for the hire of 13

film loops—16mm. and silent—which illustrate the basic strokes. The hiring charge, which should accompany the application, is £1 for 14 days, plus 25p per week thereafter. It should be clearly stated the date on which the films are required and the length of time they will be retained. The hirer is responsible for returning the loops in good order to the agency which handles them. A film of the 1967 Ladies' All-England Singles final between Mrs. Judy Hashman and Norika Takagi is also available at a hiring charge of £5. (Cheques and P.O.s are payable to the B.A. of E.)

OBITUARY

MRS. MAUREEN HUME

ON 21st October, Mrs. Maureen Hume, who was Scotland's longest serving lady International player, was a victim of the tragic accident in Glasgow when an explosion caused offices and shops to collapse near her home resulting in the death of twenty people.

Maureen was born in Edinburgh but moved to Glasgow, where she first played badminton. Initially her choice of International sport was in doubt owing to her prowess as a hockey player, in which sport she represented the West of Scotland. Badminton became her first love after playing for the Scottish Junior Team and she played her first senior match against England in 1966, going on to win 15 'caps'. She was a member of the Uber Cup team in 1968 which recorded Scotland's first victory in the competition and a leading member of Scotland's Commonwealth Games Team in 1970. During her career she won almost every Open Event in Scotland including four National Championships.

Both Maureen and her husband, Ian, were well known and popular members of the Scottish International and West of Scotland teams. They were welcome guests wherever they played and kind and considerate hosts to many players visiting Scotland.

Badminton has lost one of its most attractive, exciting and vivacious personalities who was well known for these qualities all over Britain and latterly in many European countries. That someone with so much zest for life should lose it is always sad: to lose it in such a tragic manner, is heartbreaking.

Everyone in Scotland and in badminton must extend their sympathy to her husband, Ian, and to her daughter, Karen.

C.R.

MRS. MARGERY BRYCE-SMITH

CHESHIRE badminton has lost one of its most devoted workers in the sudden death on October 14th of Mrs. Margery Bryce-Smith of Lache, Chester.

Her association with the game goes back more than twenty years and her name had become a household word throughout the county.

A county first and second team player of note in the fifties when Cheshire were in their heyday, she had been a member of both Chester and Birkenhead Leagues for a very considerable period.

Off court, if there was a job to do, Margery Bryce-Smith would always find time to do it — and quite immaculately. She had served on the Cheshire Council and held many official positions and currently was a county selector and tournament secretary.

She had helped to run many tournaments, particularly in Chester and was especially interested in the progress of young players.

An all-round sportswoman, she added tennis, golf and swimming to her interests and had been coaching some young swimmers in Chester during her lunchtime shortly before her death at work.

The large gathering at her funeral was testimony to the esteem in which she was held.

F.E.T.

R. A. FORSTER

THE death occurred at Coverack, Cornwall, on October 14th of Ronald A. Forster after a short illness.

R. A. Forster was a very prominent competitor in open tournaments in the Home Counties for several seasons before the war, and though not a frequent championship winner, largely because he confined his attentions to tournaments which always attracted the very best players of the day, he was invariably able fully to extend the most prominent players of the country. Forster's reputation was such that when a fixture between the Champion County and the Rest of England was organised during the South of England Championships at the old Crystal Palace B. C. he was selected as first reserve for the combined team.

A Shrewd Tactician

No one would claim for Forster that he was a stylish player, but he possessed a most shrewd mind for the game and his tactics on the court were of a very high standard, though he was inclined to defensive tactics, rather than offensive, more than he need have been. He did not indulge much in singles, but he was a very fine foil for an aggressive partner in men's doubles. In mixed, he always partnered his wife, and to say that they formed a formidable pair is to say the least. Indeed, they enjoyed several decidedly meritorious victories over internationally reputable pairs, notably in county and London League matches.

From the foregoing it can be inferred that Ronald Forster was very much of a team player, and the writer can recall seeing victories which he and Mrs. Forster enjoyed in county and league matches over such renowned exponents as both Nichols brothers and many another with their regular partners. As first pair for the now defunct Sundridge Park B. C. (Kent) the Forsters were able to assist that club in twice being runner-up in the top division of the London League at a time when these league fixtures were fully on a par with inter-county ones.

Leading Kent Player and Administrator

Ronald Forster played for Kent regularly, without missing a fixture, from 1929 to the outbreak of the last war in 1939, and for the greater part of that time he was distinctly No. 1 man, though he never had the satisfaction of leading his team to victory over the formidable, and almost fully international, team which Middlesex always mustered.

If Ronald Foster was enthusiastic on the court, he was perhaps even more so off it, for he certainly did his bit in promoting it in his county. He was for five years (from 1929 to 1934) Honorary Secretary, Treasurer and Match Secretary of the Kent County B. A., and during that period he was also Secretary of the Kent Championships which were then held at Folkestone. For many years afterwards he continued his keen administrative association with the game in Kent, and upon the death of Mr. Hawthorn, the only previous President, Forster was his obvious successor in 1952. He remained in office for seven years during a period when many changes occurred in the game.

Other Sporting Loves

Badminton was by no means Ronald Forster's only sporting activity. In his younger days he gained his cricket colours at Malvern College and then was a fast bowler for the strong Bickley Park C. C. He also played Rugby Football for Becken-

ham, and after his marriage took up Lawn Tennis. In his later years he became very keen on fishing which no doubt promoted his removal to Cornwall some years ago when he had retired from the family's diamond business.

He leaves a widow to whom sincere sympathies from his former Badminton colleagues will be extended.

H.A.E.S.

BOOK REVIEWS

"BADMINTON"

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In the light of modern coaching methods it is doubtful if this re-print will have the same impact today.

Many pages of illustrations on stroke play, each with its advising comment, may be of interest to the beginner but the sophisticated present day coach will find little to cause him to revise his ideas.

A lively cartoon section is devoted to the explanation of the scoring system and could hardly be bettered, although the same section in making reference to the laws needed some pre-editing to bring it up to date.

The Publishers obviously feel this example of Kenneth Davidson's work to be worthy of re-print but one feels that a better case could have been made for the re-printing of his best known and more informative book "Winning Badminton". Perhaps we may have that pleasure to come?

M.H.

SPORTS INJURIES

David S. Muckle
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All Coaches are, on occasions, forced to deal with injury. No treatment, or wrong treatment, can cause unwelcome repercussions: pain, unnecessary inactivity or even permanent damage. (A little knowledge can indeed be a dangerous thing, but no knowledge at all can, at times, be even more dangerous.)

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Stoutly bound and of handy pocket size, this lavishly illustrated book will prove both interesting and useful to coaches.

P.D.

Inter-County Championships NOMINATIONS OF PLAYERS

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 14 the following players have been nominated as first team players, or as second team players (where indicated) if necessary to name them.

Further lists not due by the time of having to submit information to the Badminton Gazette for this issue will be published later.

BEDFORDSHIRE—R. Pullar, C. Ashwell, G. Elliott, J. Stamford, Mrs. C. Dicks, Miss W. Cooper, Miss B. Lincoln and Mrs. L. Kay.

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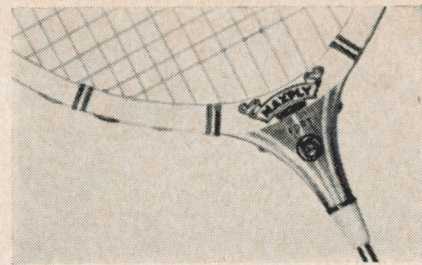
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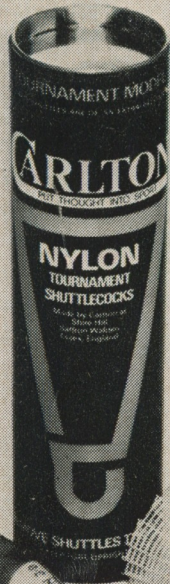
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