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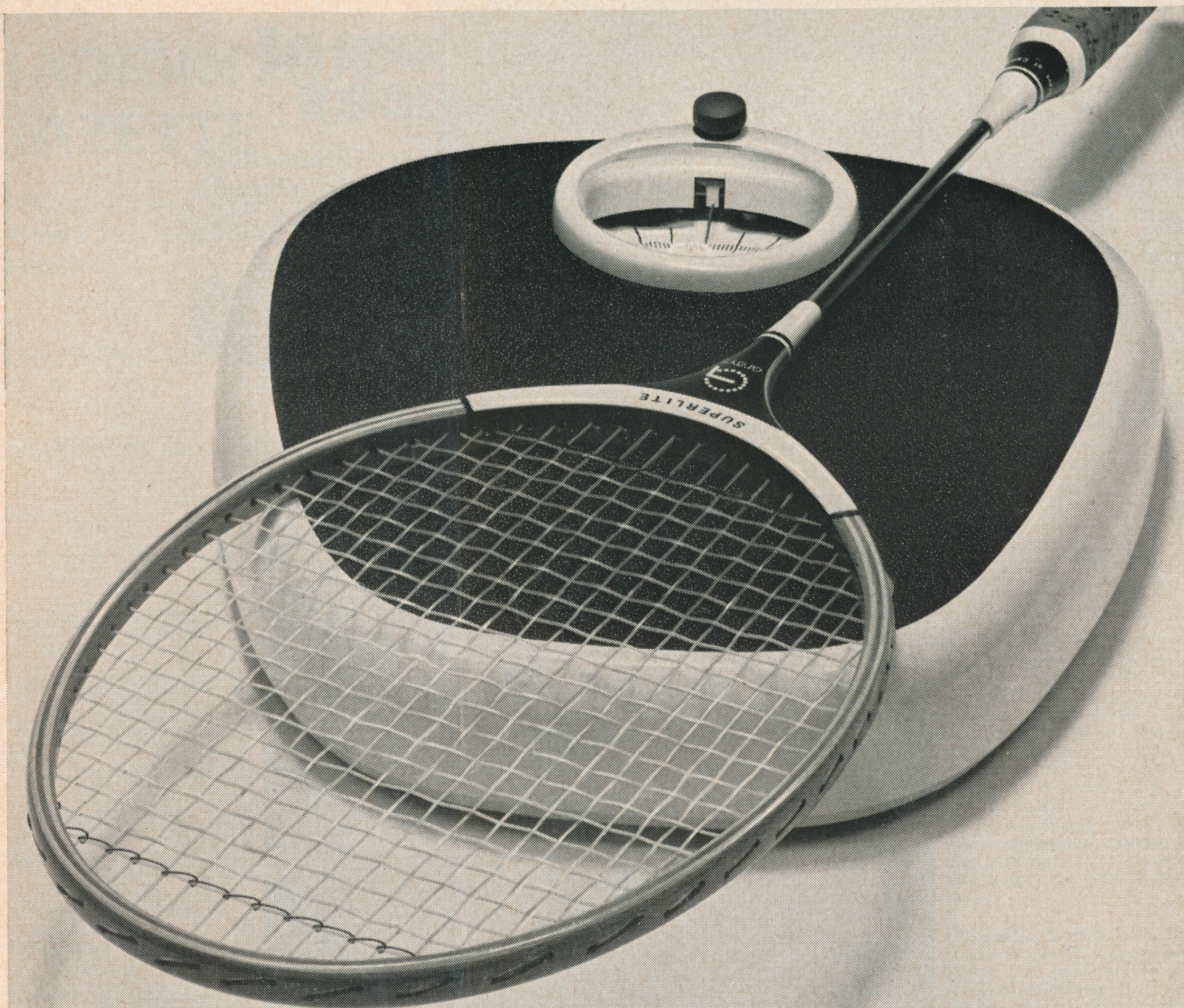
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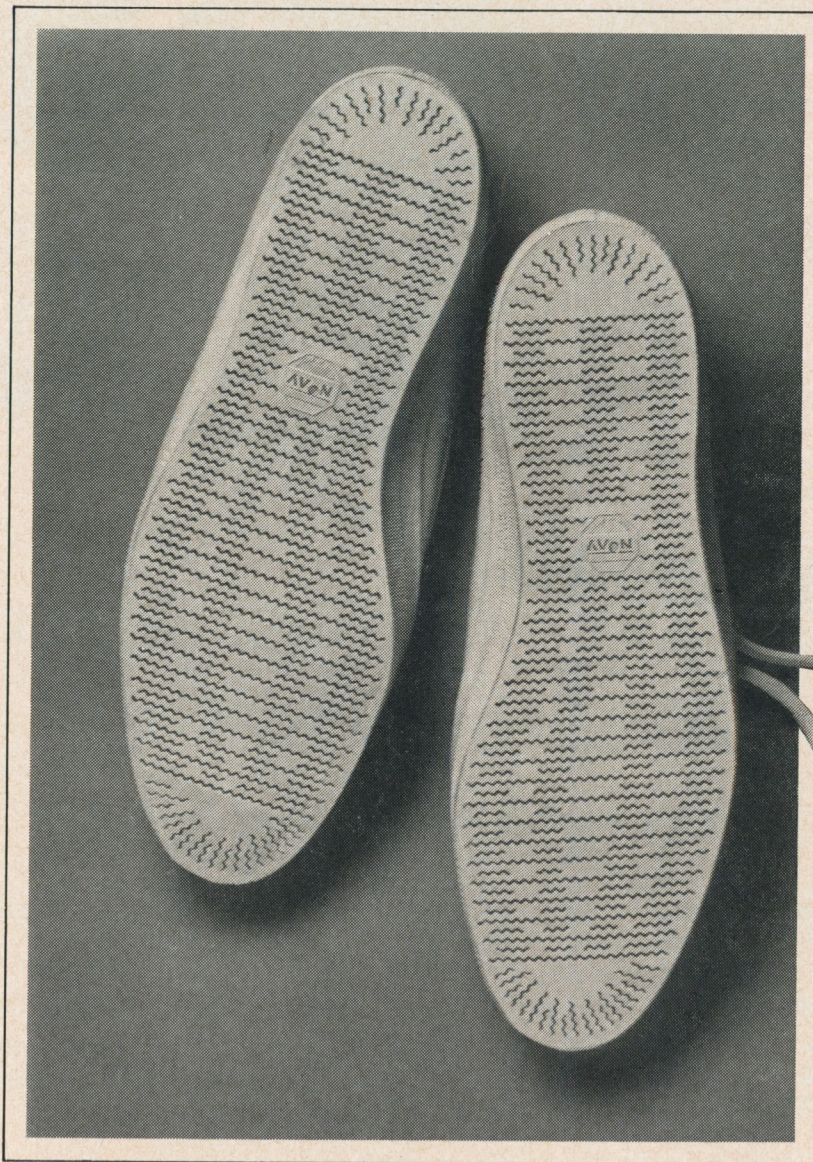
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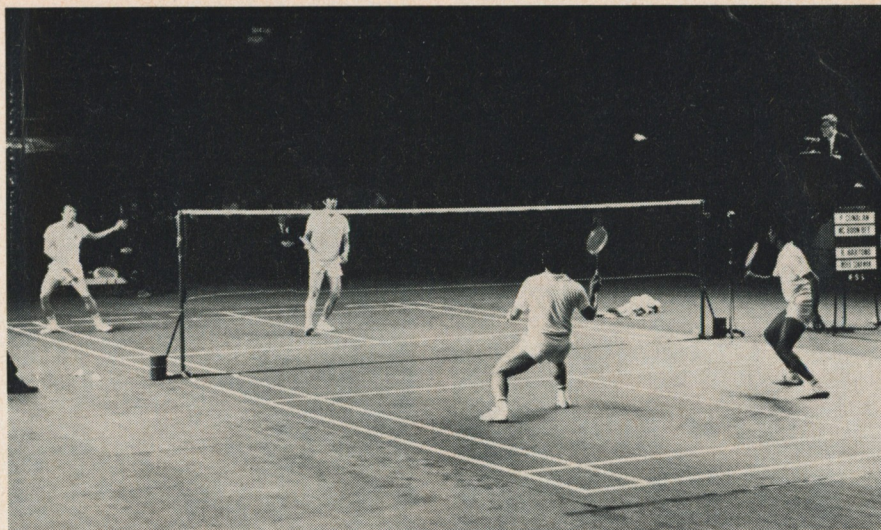
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Boon Bee and Gunalan defending in the 1971 All-England Men's Doubles final

EDITORIAL COMMENT

OVER 800 spectators at an Inter-County Championship match! This indeed is heartening news which reflects the greatest credit on Berkshire B.A. who attracted this fine crowd to Basingstoke to see their first ever Division I match.

Double Effect

Its effect must be twofold: at local and national level. Berkshire will surely reap a rich harvest of benefits from the crop they have sown with such imagination and good organization. Their 1st team, though, not surprisingly, losing heavily to the County Champions, Surrey, must have been inspired and cheered by such wholehearted local support. Club players and youthful enthusiasts alike could not fail to learn, even if subconsciously, much that will improve their own play and make it more enjoyable. Expenses are undoubtedly heavy but the Berkshire Treasurer can surely look a little less harassed than do most of his brave counterparts.

Nationally too, it can do nothing but good. Potential England players are given a valuable lesson on how to play before a large and partisan crowd without being overawed by the occasion or losing vital concentration. A new competitive edge is given to the whole occasion. Such outstanding public interest must encourage editors, both local and national, to be less niggardly with their column allocation. Sponsors and Television, as we said last month, are interested in the big event, the one where the name of their product is seen by a couple of thousand eyes.

Move to New Halls

It is to be hoped that other counties will be equally successful. Sometimes a break with tradition is necessary—but even if slightly painful it is a rewarding operation. With the construction of more and more new Sports Halls, full use must be made of their facilities and spectator accommodation. Teams must be prepared to travel round the County to whet the Badminton appetite of all areas, not to titillate just one that has been jaded by surfeit over too many years. The hall near at hand and with a good bar must be passed over for the one that accommodates most spectators—and comfortably.

Spectator and Sponsor

The spectator pays the piper so he is entitled to call the tune. Comfortable seating with a good view in a warm hall is what he demands not another Polar epic in a draughty old Drill Hall where he has to stand on tip-toe to see even one side of the court. A punctual start and a finish at a reasonable hour are as essential as good refreshment facilities. And if he is to be fully involved he must have a programme with photos and lively biographies as well as scoreboards and umpires so that he can easily follow the fluctuations of both the individual games and the match as a whole. A touch of ceremony with teams introduced to a local or Badminton notability give a sense of occasion.

All this involves expense—and Badminton finances are all too often as erratic as a shuttle in a high wind. Here again counties might do well to follow Berkshire's example. Until big firms realise Badminton's potential, let the counties seek the help of local firms as Berkshire did.

Late Tournament Finals

What has been said of County matches applies equally to tournaments. Much has already been done by zealous committees. But the biggest bugbear is undoubtedly failure to start the all-important (to the spectators) finals at a scheduled time. And as a result, four jaded leg-weary competitors go apathetically through ghostly motions in the small hours before an exhausted referee and an icily impatient caretaker. Disappointed spectators have long since melted away and the printing presses have rumbled onto paper the final scores of every game—except Badminton, which alone plays to such godly hours.

No one denies the hard work of volunteer referees and of players. Hard work, however, is not always enough. What are the remedies? Earlier starts and stricter enforcement of scratching for the habitual laggards, the effects of whose sins snowball disproportionately? Smaller entries to be accepted and compensated for by extra "moderates" tournament?

NO LUCK FOR THE IRISH

ENGLAND'S CLEAN SWEEP

By

Dorothy Hinchcliff

THE 58th encounter between England and Ireland took place on the 2nd December at Wells Cathedral School in the beautiful City of Wells where the many picturesque sights include the Cathedral, the Bishop's Palace and the famous bell-ringing swans. Both teams were presented to the Mayor of Wells, Mrs. G. R. Stiles, the Deputy Chairman of the B.A. Council, Mr. A. E. Jones, and the President of the Somerset C.B.A., Mr. A. K. Quilter

One had to admire the fighting spirit of the Irish as they really had little chance, but they nevertheless fought for every point and provided the appreciative audience with an enjoyable evening. The Englishmen looked as though one court was simply not big enough, and they would have liked to run about on three, in other words, the training is still noticeable.

England Take the Singles

In the first men's singles, Derek Talbot played Peter Moore who has been capped 10 times for Ireland. Poor Peter, after having been 1-9 down in the first game, began to get the feel of the game and played several good rallies to reach 4-9 and seemingly some confidence when, alas, the Gremlins took a hand. First one of his shots was faulted and then almost immediately he was service faulted; that was really the end as he gained only one more point before losing the game. In the second, he was literally against the wind and most of his serves were not deep enough to give him a good start to the rallies; Derek was incredibly fast and fit, and made few unforced errors. The scores to England were 15-5, 15-6.

Gillian Gilks then played Mary Bryan and this was a much closer affair. Irish hearts were beating fast when Mary crept up to 9-10 in the first game with steady play, but she could not equalise and Gillian won this 11-9. By the second game, Gillian was in full command and won 11-4.

In the second men's singles, Ray Stevens happily looking rather more himself than of late after his bout of 'flu, opposed Michael Morrow, an enterprising player. Here again England had too many big guns and the scores were 15-5, 15-9 to England.

An Exciting Ladies' Doubles

Both men's doubles were punishing victories for England. First Stuart and Eddy fought each other for the shuttle and attacked remorselessly to beat Blair and Wilkinson 15-2, 15-2. Then Stevens and Tredgett dealt out a similar fate to Reddick and Moore with two games of 15-6, 15-7. Unusually, it was left to the ladies' doubles to lift the audience to great excitement. This was that familiar pair, always a delight to watch, of Mary Bryan and Yvonne Kelly, playing a very unfamiliar pair of Judy Hashman with Margaret Beck. Margaret was suffering one of her very rare injuries which affected a leg and made getting up to the net painful. However, it hardly mattered as Judy was in wonderfully flowing and energetic mood and dashed happily up to all the "middle of the net" drops and then appeared by magic to direct the game from the back of the court as well. There were some really super if unusual rallies with many squeaks from Mary and much encouraging from Judy to her young partner of "Go On" varied with "Mine" (Not for the same shot I hasten to add).

Again, Ireland so nearly had a game, they set at 14 all in the first and after a series of hands reached 2 all, but they did not have the luck to get that last point. England got in again at 2 all and clinched it. This by the way after Ireland had been (1.10) down earlier on. In the second game England kept well on top and won 15-6.

Shot of the Match

The last game of the evening watched by a full audience gradually growing colder but staunchly sitting it out with apparent enjoyment was another win for England (making 7 in all) by Derek Talbot and Gillian Gilks over Ron Reddick and Yvonne Kelly. Alas for Ireland their opponents played as befitted All England Mixed finalists and the score was 15-10, 15-3. The shot which caused the biggest gasp of the evening, followed by a burst of spontaneous applause was a gigantic drive by Gillian which appeared to travel at around 100 miles per hour, and fortunately did not hit anyone!

A Happy Finale

At the buffet, following the match in the charming Star Hotel, the night was not yet over. We are used to witty speeches from England's non-playing captain, Jack McColl, but this time he had a rival in Ireland's Captain, Winston Wilkinson, better known as Wilkie. In that fascinating accent, he explained it all—before leaving Ireland's shores they had strict instructions that on no account must they aggravate the English or Ireland would never get into the Commonwealth! He, Wilkie, felt they had done a good job and carried out their instructions to the letter! A most wondrous ditty was then rendered to the tune of goodness knows what, and composed impromptu by Mary Bryan cunningly incorporating various happenings in the match and during the evening. We all enjoyed it and it rounded off the evening in hilarious fashion.

To stage this event, the Somerset officials, under the Chairmanship of Mr. G. H. Rowdon, put in a great deal of work. In addition to umpires, linesmen and stewards, one would like to thank Mike Sertin who dealt with matters generally, Mr. and Mrs. Walters, R. J. Cake, D. Whale, R. Hill and, of course, Gordon Webb, who was Referee and Match Co-ordinator.

Uber Cup

ENGLAND TO PLAY HOLLAND



Judy Hashman — England's Captain.

We wish her and her team every success.

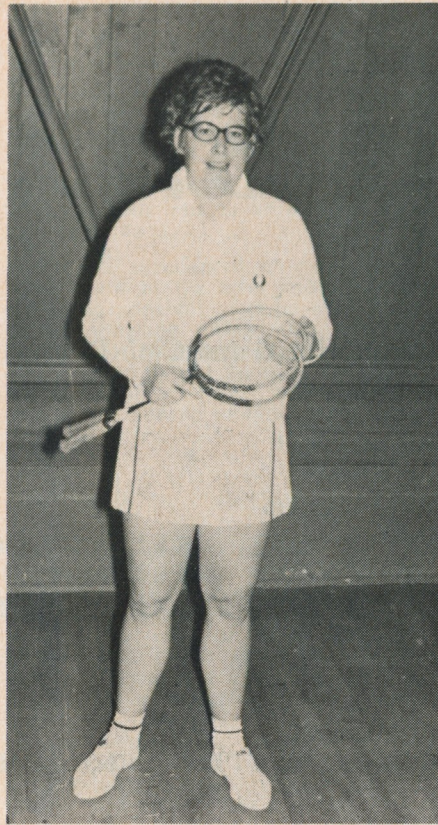
THE Dutch girls, who made their presence felt so strongly at the Wimbledon Open, had little difficulty in beating the sadly disrupted Scottish ladies 6-1 in Holland.

England will now meet them in the semi-final to be held at Scunthorpe on 1st February. The England team has not yet been announced but will doubtless be picked from the nominated squad whose names we printed last month. The Dutch are a young, strong and enthusiastic team whose defeat England can by no means afford to take for granted. A most interesting encounter is assured in this battle to reach the final of the European Zone where it is very likely that Denmark will be the opponents.

Those livewire "Imps", G. K. Dawson John Hudson and Roddy MacCrimmon, are determined to do this match proud. It is the first ever played in the East Midlands; it will be played in a fine new hall attached to the High Ridge Comprehensive School. Tiered seating for 1,000 spectators is being erected and every detail (including the orange juice) has been attended to, to make the occasion a great success.



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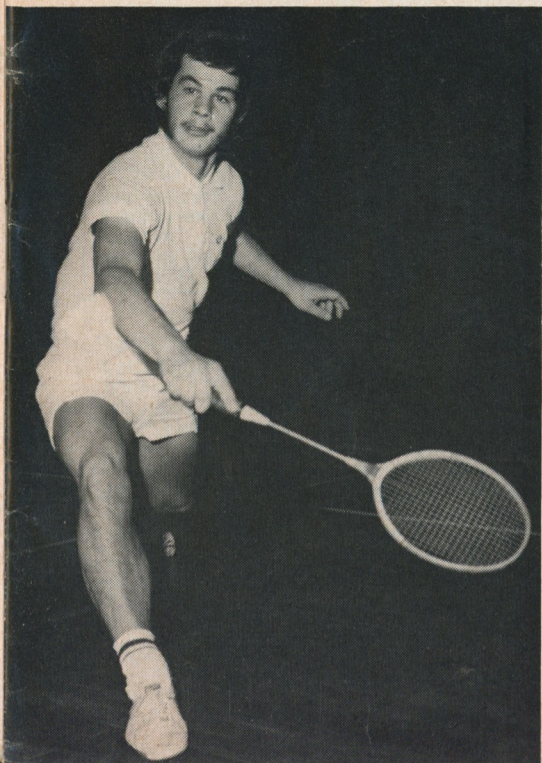
AT the beginning of the season, Badminton interest was fanned by news of Roger Mills's appointment as Chief Coach. Now comes further news to stimulate national interest: names of the 17 men chosen to work with Mills to see if, for the first time ever, England can win the European Zone Final of the Thomas Cup, due to be played in 1972/3.

- K. P. (Keith) ARTHUR (Essex) (8).
- J. D. (David) EDDY (Staffordshire) (3).
- J. A. (John) GARDNER (Surrey).
- P. J. (Peter) GARDNER (Surrey).
- D. R. (David) HUNT (Hampshire) (6).
- D. J. (David) HUTCHINSON (Yorkshire).
- W. (Billy) KIDD (Northumberland).
- C. J. (Clive) KIRK (Nottinghamshire) (10).
- M. A. (Mehmet) NEVZAT (Surrey).
- P. J. (Philip) SMITH (Essex)
- R. P. (Ray) STEVENS (Essex) (2).
- J. C. (John) STRETCH (Essex).
- E. C. (Elliot) STUART (Northumberland) (7).
- E. H. (Eddy) SUTTON (Staffordshire)
- D. (Derek) TALBOT (Northumberland) (1).
- M. G. (Mike) TREDGETT (Gloucestershire) (9).
- B. H. (Brian) WHITE (Wiltshire) (4).

(Numbers in brackets are current England rankings)

Mehmet Nevzat

(S. Gould)



On five occasions England have reached the final, each time to be heavily defeated by Denmark.

With so experienced a campaigner as Roger Mills at the helm and with a new dedication apparent amongst our top players can England reverse this sorry situation? Since their triumphs over the Rest of Europe at World Sportacular, Mills and his squad will say "Yes" with a new-found confidence. Nor do ambitions end there...

Strong Basis

England's present nucleus of Talbot, Stevens, Eddy, Stuart and Tredgett must have been automatic choices. Not far behind come Brian White, the first Wiltshire player ever to achieve such high honour, and David Hunt of Hampshire. Both are capable of extending our best at singles. David Hutchinson is perhaps the only other fully seasoned player selected. At the moment, he seems to be going through a lean spell but could well make a come-back. Keith Arthur, a Granwood finalist, undoubtedly has potential if it can be harnessed; Clive Kirk is ranked England's No. 10.

"The Field"

Amongst the field, an obvious choice must have been E. H. Sutton, like David Eddy, a Staffordshire player. He has shown remarkable improvement this season in men's doubles (though in the Granwood he lost all his singles in a pool which included Tredgett, Kidd and Shaw). In the same event, P. J. Smith fared little better, his only success being against J. Croxton, who was a little out of his depth in such company.

The other players have little chance of inclusion in the England team but will benefit enormously from the experience. Their choice will help to give a healthy depth to our men's playing strength.

Billy the Kidd moves in the wake of his distinguished Northumbrian colleagues; John Gardner and Mehmet Nevzat are both strong, robust players; the latter, a Turkish Cypriot, was born in Nicosia but has lived in this country since he was twelve. Peter Gardner was a very worthy Junior Champion last year; John Stretch won the European Junior Boys' Doubles with Peter and narrowly lost to him in the mixed final.

Omissions?

Roger Mills of course as Chief Coach is ineligible; there is however little doubt that in that capacity he can do as much as by continuing to play in the Indian Summer of a great career. His Surrey team mate, Colin Beacom, displayed fine form at the beginning of the season and only failed narrowly to reach the Granwood semi-final. With twenty-eight caps to his credit,



(Pat Davis)

Eddy Sutton

he is probably content to call it a day and to give his wide experience to the younger players.

Other possibles who must have been given much thought were S. J. Shaw (Cheshire), who beat Kidd and Sutton in the Granwood, I. Middleton (Yorkshire) and D. Hartley (Yorkshire) who only just failed to win his group from J. D. Eddy.

"Badminton Drain"

It will be noticed that all three come from the North. Of the seventeen players selected none plays regularly further north than Stafford. Kidd, Talbot, Stuart and Hutchinson, though sportingly going back to the North to represent their counties, play in London where their promise has so rapidly come to full fruition. It is indeed a great pity that there is a "Badminton Drain" to the south.

In the 30's and 40's, both Lancashire and Cheshire were super powers in the I.C.C.; several of their players were indeed the very backbone of English Badminton. Each player who feels he must leave his northern heath to come south to reach his Badminton peak detracts a little more from the possibility of a renewal of those halcyon northern days.

Might it not have been a shot in the arm for northern — and therefore for English — Badminton, if the squad could have been stretched to twenty? Even so, cannot the great conurbations of East Lancashire and Cheshire and of West Yorkshire get together and pool their talent, resources and native grit to form a group that will rival that in the Metropolis. Surrey would be the first to admit that a northern name on the I.C.C. Division I Trophy would do the game infinite good!

TOURNAMENT ROUND-UP

WELSH NATIONAL

JENNINGS DOMINANT

THE 23rd, Welsh National 'Closed' Championships were held at the North Wales Badminton Centre, Deganwy on Saturday, the 23rd October.

Once again a large contingent from South Wales 'invaded' the holiday tourist area of the north, now peacefully sleeping its way through its annual 'hibernation' period.

This Summer was somewhat disturbed when the southern hordes booked into one of Rhyl's popular hostelrys, and after a few refreshing drinks on the Friday evening, returned on Saturday and formed an impromptu choir and under its 'Conductor' (?) Geof Stockden, the evening—and early morning air—was rent with a number of the more well-known and famous rugby songs.

Saturday morning saw the serious side of the proceedings get under way.

The Men's Singles Final saw the now annual battle between the holder, Howard Jennings, and veteran Ken Hopkins. Once again, a not so fit Hopkins had to give way to a fitter and stronger Jennings by 15-11, 15-4.

The Ladies' Singles title was retained by Mrs. Angela Dickson when she defeated Miss Beatty Fisher in three games by 11-4, 9-11, 11-1.

The Men's Doubles title went to the holders, Alan Fisher and Howard Jennings, when they proved much too good for David Colmer and Gary Owen, and won convincingly 15-5, 15-7.

The Ladies' Doubles almost caused the first upset of the day when Mrs. Julie Stockden and Mrs. Sue Brimble got away to a good start in the first game against Mrs. Angela Dickson and Miss Pam Jeremiah, but lost their rhythm and dropped this set 15-18; they then won the next easily 15-6; another lapse in the third, saw Dickson and Jeremiah take the final game 15-11.

Alan Fisher and Miss Beatty Fisher combined in the Mixed Doubles and in the final met David Colmer and Miss Pam Jeremiah. After winning the first game convincingly 15-10; they surprisingly dropped the second 5-15; the third game saw them pull themselves together and took the title winning this one 15-9.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: H. Jennings beat A. Morgan 15-7, 15-5; K. Hopkins beat D. Coleman 15-2, 11-15, 15-10.

Final: H. Jennings beat K. Hopkins 15-11, 15-4.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. A. Dickson beat Miss S. Morrow 11-0, 11-5; Miss B. Fisher beat Mrs. J. Stockden 11-4, 11-8.

Final: Mrs. A. Dickson beat Miss B. Fisher 11-4, 9-11, 11-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: A. Fisher and H. Jennings beat J. Brimble and J. Cormack 15-10, 15-11; D. Colman and G. Owen beat K. Hopkins and A. Morgan

Final: A. Fisher and H. Jennings beat D. Colman and G. Owen 15-5, 15-7.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. A. Dickson and Miss P. Jeremiah beat Miss L. Pritchard and Miss L. Morrow 15-8, 15-3; Mrs. J. Stockden and Mrs. S. Brimble beat Mrs. S. Hosking and Mrs. W. Robinson 15-7, 1-15, 15-3.

Final: Mrs. A. Dickson and Miss P. Jeremiah beat Mrs. J. Stockden and Mrs. S. Brimble 18-15, 6-15, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: A. Fisher and Miss B. Fisher beat G. Owens and Mrs. A. Dickson 15-9, 15-10; D. Colman and Miss P. Jeremiah beat J. Brimble and Mrs. J. Brimble 15-7, 7-15, 15-5.

Final: A. Fisher and Miss B. Fisher beat D. Colman and Miss P. Jeremiah 15-10, 5-15, 15-9.

PORTSMOUTH OPEN

HUNT'S HAT-TRICK

THE 40th Annual Championships were played at Portsmouth on the 26th - 28th November, the entry in the level events being slightly down on last year, but that for the handicap events was increased.

David Hunt (Hants) had little difficulty in retaining the men's singles title, beating J. Stretch (Essex) in the final after a fairly close first game, but Hunt's greater experience told. Martha Brewer won the ladies' singles after setting in the first game against Anne Forrest, Hampshire's greatly improved junior, who led 7-1 at one stage, but could get only one point in the second game.

Hampshire's county pair, D. Hunt and D. Curtis, deprived N. J. White and R. Reed (Berkshire) from winning the title for the third year in a very exciting final which was anybody's match until the final point was played. Another Berkshire pair, Mrs. A. Smith and Miss H. Marks, retained their ladies' doubles title, but had a struggle against the Hampshire pair, Mrs. A. Friend and Miss C. Holland, before winning in a very close three-game match.

David Hunt completed the hat trick when he and Miss C. Holland beat D. Clarke and Miss J. Carter (Essex) in another close three-game match. The latter pair did well to eliminate second seeds, N. White and Mrs. A. Smith, in the semi-final.

The handicap events, played on Sunday, attracted a large entry with many players coming from a long distance; it was nearly midnight before the last shuttle was hit.

An enjoyable tournament ably refereed by D. Crossfield and J. Slater. The Portsmouth and District Association's late Treasurer, Mr. George Sweeting, who had served in that capacity for nearly 20 years before his death on the 3rd November, was very much missed. He had always been at tournaments from first to last and had given great service to this Association.

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MEN'S SINGLES

(20 players)

Semi-finals: D. R. Hunt beat M. Statt 15-8, 15-5; J. C. Stretch beat J. Woodgate 15-1, 15-1.

Final: Hunt beat Stretch 15-9, 15-3.

LADIES' SINGLES

(7 players)

Final: Miss M. Brewer beat Miss A. Forrest 12-9, 11-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(18 pairs)

Semi-finals: N. J. White and R. G. Reed beat J. Stubbs and P. Pennekett 15-11, 9-15, 15-8; D. R. Hunt and D. Curtis beat J. Stretch and J. Woodgate 15-4, 15-3.

Final: Hunt and Curtis beat White and Reed 15-6, 10-15, 15-13.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(13 pairs)

Semi-finals: Mrs. A. Smith and Miss H. Marks beat Mrs. P. Savage and Miss A. Forrest 15-7, 10-15, 15-4; Miss C. Holland and Mrs. A. Friend beat Miss M. Brewer and Mrs. P. Dawson 18-14, 15-9.

Final: Mrs. Smith and Miss Marks beat Miss Holland and Mrs. Friend 15-7, 10-15, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

(26 pairs)

Quarter-finals: D. R. Hunt and Miss C. Holland beat P. Matthews and Miss A. Norris 15-6, 15-7; R. G. Reed and Miss R. Cooper beat P. Pennekett and Miss A. Forrest 15-5, 15-5; D. Clarke and Miss J. Carter beat M. Thompson and Miss M. Brewer 15-12, 15-9; N. J. White and Mrs. A. Smith beat J. Stubbs and Mrs. A. Friend 15-6, 15-5.

Semi-finals: Hunt and Miss Holland beat Reed and Miss Cooper 15-8, 15-10; Clarke and Miss Carter beat White and Mrs. Smith 17-16, 15-10.

Final: Hunt and Miss Holland beat Clarke and Miss Carter 16-17, 15-11, 15-5.

NORFOLK OPEN

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

The entries for this seasons Open Tournament were far in excess of the number of places available. An average of 12 entries for each event had to be refused, a thankless task for the tournament committee. Not one of the cup holders was defending his title this year.

Contrasting Styles

There were 19 men contesting for the Ralph Watling Silver Challenge Cup for Singles. Top seed, P. H. Goh (Lincs.), and second seed, T. Goode (Herts.), duly met in the final. This was a game where the style of play was quite different. T. Goode was full of vigour and power whilst Goh appeared to play very calmly and delicately. Eventually Goh ran out the winner but only after three games played really well by both men.

The Ladies' Singles cup-holder, Charlotte Lindsay of Yorkshire, was unable to play because of injury. Miss Protheroe who was to have taken her place also had to call off through illness as did Miss Morgan. Mrs. P. H. Goh was seeded and reached the final but only after being given a hard match by Miss H. Herrick (Leics.). Miss P. Hogarth had an easier passage and had the superior power in the final.

Power Play

21 pairs for the Men's Doubles Trophies provided spectators with many exhilarating matches. Seeded pairs were W. Andrew and D. Langslow (Mdx.) and F. Harwood and E. J. Usher (Yorks). Andrew and Langslow succumbed to D. Hartley and B. Keefe after a dour battle in one semi-final. Harwood and Usher also had a very good match against G. Kawalko and D. Hume (Cambs.). Hartley and Keefe ran out the winners in the final though the second game was much closer than the score suggests. The power smashing and the amazingly quick reflex actions were a rare delight for all to see.

Mrs. J. Hammond (Norfolk) paired up with Miss J. Charlton (Yorks.) to replace Miss Protheroe, but the new pairing retained their seeding together with Mrs. Ker and Mrs. Fraser (Cambs.). The new partnership soon settled down and made fairly easy progress to the final. Mrs. Ker and Mrs. Fraser had to fight hard to beat Miss Herrick and Mrs. Wheatstone (Essex) and then Miss Stranks and Miss Carter (Essex) but in the final, with Mrs. Hammond and Miss Charlton not combining so well as previously, won comfortably.

Good Impressions

The Mixed Doubles had an entry of 31 pairs. Number two seeds, P. Goh and Mrs. Goh, were overwhelmed by G. Kawalko and Mrs. Fraser in the second round. Several pairs made good impressions amongst them D. Clarke and Miss Carter (Essex) and M. Wilks and Miss Boulind (Kent). The final between B. Keefe and Miss Charlton and G. Kawalko and Mrs. Fraser was a very well fought match, the latter pair having made an early start to the day must have been feeling a bit of strain by this time but Kawalko continued to play his hard driving game with much vigour but the Yorkshire pair won the Bridgewater Silver Cup for this event.

Friday evenings American Mixed Doubles Handicap attracted 25 pairs. B. Buswell and Mrs. Wood (Northants) had an easy win over M. Bishop and Mrs. Rossi (Norfolk) in the final.

R.S.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: P. Goh (Lincs.) beat G. Kawalko (Cambs.) 15-5, 15-4. T. Goode (Herts.) beat P. Cox (Essex) 15-4, 15-3.

Final: Goh beat Goode 15-6, 15-17, 15-12.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. P. A. Goh (Lincs.) beat Miss J. Webster (Suffolk) 11-6, 11-8. Miss P. Hogarth (Kent) beat Mrs. G. Holman (Norfolk) 11-0, 11-6.

Final: Miss Hogarth beat Mrs. Goh 11-4, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: D. Hartley and B. Keefe (Yorks.) beat W. E. Andrew and D. Langslow (Middlesex) 7-15, 18-13, 18-14. F. Harwood and E. J. Usher (Yorks.) beat G. Kawalko and D. Hume (Cambs.) 15-12, 15-18, 15-7.

Final: Hartley and Keefe beat Harwood and Usher 18-16, 15-5.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. Hammond and Miss J. Charlton beat Miss P. Hogarth and Miss S. Boulind 4-15, 15-7, 15-7. Mrs. Ker and Mrs. Fraser beat Mrs. Holman and Mrs. Rossi 15-9, 15-5.

Final: Mrs. Ker and Mrs. Fraser beat Mrs. Hammond and Miss Charlton 15-4, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: B. Keefe and Miss Charlton (Yorks.) beat M. Wilks and Miss Boulind (Kent) 15-4, 15-9. G. Kawalko and Mrs. Fraser (Cambs.) beat W. E. Andrew and Mrs. Holman (Middlesex) 15-8, 15-5.

Final: Keefe and Miss Charlton beat Kawalko and Mrs. Fraser 15-17, 15-7, 15-8.

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R. Boswell and Mrs. Ward (Northants) beat M. J. Bishop and Mrs. B. Rossi (Norfolk) in the final.

NORTHERN COUNTIES OPEN

ANOTHER TALBOT TRIUMPH

HELD at the Castle Ward Sports Centre, Ponteland, on Friday and Saturday the 26th and 27th November, before a very large audience. It proved to be yet another personal triumph for Derek Talbot, who won the Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. The entry was extremely large this year with players from Cumberland, Durham, London and Yorkshire competing.

Margo Winter Dominates

The outstanding lady was undoubtedly Margo Winters, who was in a class of her own in the singles, and playing with Judy Charlton also of Yorkshire, won the ladies' doubles without ever being in danger. The two Northumberland ladies pairs met in the quarter-finals and for the first time, youth triumphed; this augurs well for the future.

Horton Withdraws

The Men's Doubles, won by Derek and Billy Kidd, was marred by the withdrawal of David Horton through injury and Brian Keefe who, having had travel problems, got to the meeting only to find he had been scratched. Probably the best match in this event was between Chris Baxter and Charlton Lamb and Dave Hutchinson and Dave Hartley. The first two games were real crackers with the third going easily to Hutch and Hartley who maintained an all-out attack.

In the mixed semi-finals, Brian Keefe and Judy Charlton against Elliot Stuart and Norma Charlton proved to be the highlight of the event; at game all, it looked as if it could go either way. However it turned out to be a complete anti-climax, Elliot and Norma winning very easily, not that they raised their game but because Brian and Judy suddenly couldn't do a thing right.

Willing Helpers

Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves; the catering facilities were first class thanks to Walter and Gladys Boyd, who run the Sports Centre, and the hall and equipment, etc., under the supervision of Peter Hyman was excellent. We were also pleased to welcome Stewart Debham from R.S.L. who helped enormously with the shuttles. Our thanks must also go to those kind hearted local people who extended hospitality to our visitors; it was very much appreciated. A great tournament, we promise it will be even better next year.

C.R.C.

MEN'S SINGLES

(39 players)

Quarter-finals: D. Talbot beat C. Lilley 15-5, 15-7. M. Beck beat B. Jobling 15-4, 18-16. W. Kidd beat D. Hutchinson 15-1, 15-6. E. C. Stuart beat C. Baxter 15-6, 15-2.

Semi-finals: Talbot beat Beck 15-2, 15-5. Stuart beat Kidd 15-7, 15-10.

Final: Talbot beat Stuart 15-9, 15-0.

LADIES' SINGLES

(10 players)

Semi-finals: Miss M. J. Winter beat Miss C. Martin 11-1, 11-2. Miss M. Drake beat Miss N. Charlton 11-4, 11-3.

Final: Miss Winter beat Miss Drake 11-8, 11-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(29 pairs)

Quarter-finals: D. Talbot and W. Kidd beat C. Lilley and H. Robertson 15-5, 15-8. M. Beck and I. Graham beat T. Hurst and T. Elves 15-6, 15-7. D. Hutchinson and D. Hartley beat G. C. Lamb and C. Baxter 15-17, 15-11, 15-1. E. C. Stuart and I. Middleton beat G. Fidler and B. Jobling 15-5, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Talbot and Kidd beat Beck and Graham 15-8, 15-8. Stuart and Middleton beat Hutchinson and Hartley 15-3, 15-7.

Final: Talbot and Kidd beat Stuart and Middleton 15-4, 18-17.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(14 pairs)

Semi-finals: Mrs. J. Charlton and Miss M. J. Winter beat Miss S. Storey and Mrs. B. Smith 15-4, 15-6. Miss N. Charlton and Miss C. Martin beat Miss S. Jobling and Mrs. J. E. R. Horton 17-15, 15-4.

Final: Mrs. Charlton and Miss Winter beat Miss Charlton and Miss Martin 15-6, 15-2.

MIXED DOUBLES

(35 pairs)

Quarter-finals: D. Talbot and Mrs. L. M. Lacey beat B. Jobling and Miss K. Pollard 15-10, 15-8. I. Middleton and Mrs. J. E. R. Horton beat D. Hartley and Miss M. J. Winter 15-4, 15-7. B. Keefe and Mrs. J. Charlton beat W. Kidd and Mrs. D. Watson 15-12, 15-12. E. C. Stuart and Miss N. Charlton beat M. Beck and Miss S. Storey 15-10, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Talbot and Miss Lacey beat Middleton and Mrs. Horton 15-2, 15-11. Stuart and Miss Charlton beat Keefe and Mrs. Charlton 15-13, 11-15, 15-0.

Final: Talbot and Miss Lacey beat Stuart and Miss Charlton 15-10, 15-11.



Derek Talbot and Elliott Stuart; Rival friends who met in all three Northern Counties' Finals.

Wimbledon Open

DUTCH INVASION STEMMED

Dorothy Hinchcliff

LOOKING, as usual, for a particular theme or feature of each Wimbledon Tournament possibly the thing which interested most people in this Uber Cup year was the welcome visit of six girls from Holland. That the Dutch ladies have improved was borne out by the fact that they featured in both the ladies' singles and doubles finals. It gives one a slightly cold shiver to consider our Uber Cup match with them; the "edge" may be a little thinner than many people imagined before watching this tournament. I am sure Scotland will forgive me if I assume that they will not this year be able to beat Holland in their first round match.

In the Ladies' Singles, Marjan Luesken confirmed her tremendous improvement. In her semi-final match, with Gillian Gilks, she went from strength to strength as the three games proceeded and finally won 7-11, 11-5, 11-3. Margaret Beck was able to keep ahead of her in the final, but one felt that at any time, had Margaret lost concentration or had a bad patch, Marjan would have been willing to grasp the opportunity. However, Margaret played hard, concentrated badminton and won 11-6, 11-6.

Interesting New English Partnership

In the Ladies' Doubles event, Marjan and Joke Van Beusekom were able to beat our English National champions, Julie Rickard and Margaret Beck, but the experience and know-how of the new pairing of Judy Hashman and Jennifer Horton beat them fairly easily, though, after being a game and many points up, there was a little loss of form, enabling the Dutch girls to creep up to 12, making the final score 15-2, 15-12.

Margaret Beck — Victory Smile!

(Pat Davis)



A Trio for Talbot

The Men's Singles contained a predictable final between Talbot and Stephens which looked at first like an easy win for Stevens when he won the first game 15-1. The second was a dour struggle, won 15-12 by Talbot. By the third, positions were reversed and Talbot won this 15-2. As so often it was the Men's Doubles which roused the audience to enthusiasm with some stirring, hard-hitting actions, finally won by Talbot and Stuart over Eddy and Sutton by 15-11, 12-15, 15-10. In the Mixed, Gillian, very unusually for her in only one final, made quite sure that she would win it, she hardly put a foot (or racquet) wrong, whether serving, playing net or quite often rendering devastating smashes from the back of the court. With Derek, in his third final of the evening, she beat Tredgett and Julie Rickard 15-12, 15-6, who, in turn, had played well to eliminate Judy Hashman and Ray Stevens in a previous round.

Nevzat Confirms his Improvement

Looking through events up to the finals, credit should be given to David Hunt who advanced to the semi-final, beating, among others, David Eddy in an exhausting match. Credit, too, to Surrey's Nevzat who had a good win over Elliott Stuart by 15-18, 15-12, 15-8, but was so mentally flat-out by the effort that he could not raise a gallop against David Hunt in the next round. In the Men's Doubles, a scratch pairing, caused through injury to Mike Thompson, of Robert McCoig and Surrey 2nd team player Peter Robinson, had a wonderful run. They beat a seeded pair and then went on to three games with Tredgett and Stevens before losing. The latter in turn lost only to the finalists, Eddy and Sutton, by 9-15, 15-14, 17-14, another of the very fine Men's Doubles games enjoyed by spectators. The Men's Qualifying Singles was won by G. A. Connor, another fugitive from the North, and perhaps still best known to Southerners as the other half of the Beck/Connor doubles partnership.

In addition to the usual thank you's to umpires, linesmen and tournament officials one would like to thank Tony Hunt and the entire Wimbledon catering and office staff who gave much willing and cheerful service at all times, including several very late nights.

MEN'S SINGLES

(22 players)

Fourth round: D. Talbot beat R. S. McCoig 15-11, 15-6. D. R. Hunt beat J. D. Eddy 15-8, 15-5. K. P. Arthur beat J. C. Stretch 15-7, 18-14. R. P. Stevens beat D. J. Hutchinson 15-11, 15-7.

Semi-finals: Talbot beat Hunt 15-11, 15-6. Stevens beat Arthur 15-9, 15-7.

Final: Talbot beat Stevens 1-15, 15-12, 15-2.

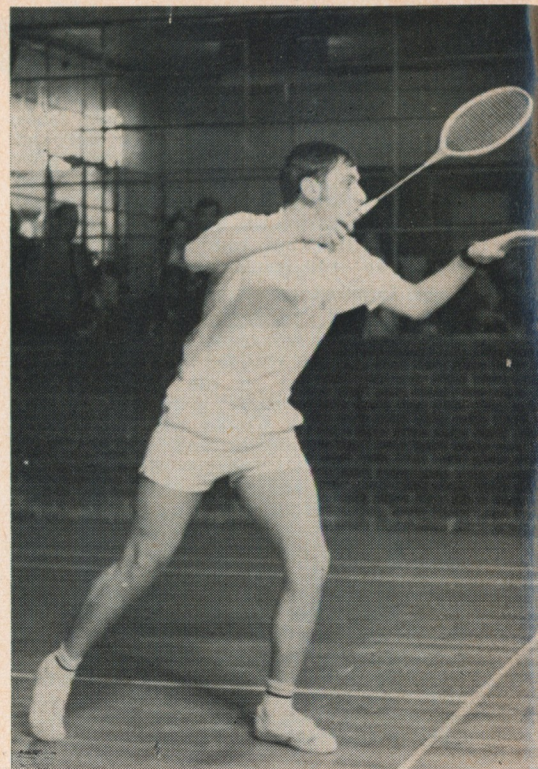
LADIES' SINGLES

(28 players)

Third round: Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss B. Beckett 11-3, 11-7. Miss M. Luesken beat Mrs. W. R. Rickard 11-7, 11-4. Miss J. van Beusekom beat Miss B. Giles, 11-8, 11-3. Miss M. Beck beat Miss L. A. Spencer 11-3, 11-1.

Semi-finals: Miss Luesken beat Mrs. Gilks 7-11, 11-5, 11-3. Miss Beck beat Miss van Beusekom 11-6, 11-4.

Final: Miss Beck beat Miss Luesken 11-6, 11-6.



(Pat Davis)

Peter Gardner on His Home Court

MEN'S DOUBLES

(38 pairs)

Fourth round: R. P. Stevens and M. G. Tredgett beat R. S. McCoig and P. Robinson 15-8, 12-15, 15-2. J. D. Eddy and E. H. Sutton beat J. A. Gardner and P. J. Gardner 15-9, 15-11. P. J. Smith and W. Kidd beat C. T. Coates and K. M. Andrews 15-8, 15-13. D. Talbot and E. C. Stuart beat D. Curtis and D. R. Hunt 15-10, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Eddy and Sutton beat Stevens and Tredgett 9-15, 15-14, 17-14. Talbot and Stuart beat Smith and Kidd 15-8, 15-11.

Final: Talbot and Stuart beat Eddy and Sutton 15-11, 12-15, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(16 pairs)

Second round: Mrs. W. R. Rickard and Miss M. Beck beat Mrs. D. Smith and Miss M. J. Winter 15-5, 15-12. Miss J. van Beusekom and Miss M. Luesken beat Mrs. B. Cooper and Miss B. Giles 15-9, 11-15, 15-7. Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Miss N. Gardner beat Miss H. Westorp and Miss T. Pannemans 15-5, 15-10. Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman and Mrs. H. J. Horton beat Miss M. Ridder and Miss F. de Nooyer 15-2, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Miss van Beusekom and Miss Luesken beat Mrs. Rickard and Miss Beck 15-7, 18-17. Mrs. Hashman and Mrs. Horton beat Mrs. Gilks and Miss Gardner 16-17, 15-3, 15-6.

Final: Mrs. Hashman and Mrs. Horton beat Miss van Beusekom and Miss Luesken 15-2, 15-12.

MIXED DOUBLES

(38 pairs)

Fourth round: D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat E. C. Stuart and Miss B. Giles 15-6, 15-6. R. S. McCoig and Mrs. B. Cooper beat K. M. Andrews and Mrs. D. Smith 15-8, 15-3. M. G. Tredgett and Mrs. W. R. Rickard beat E. H. Sutton and Miss J. van Beusekom 13-18, 15-12, 15-12. R. P. Stevens and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman beat K. P. Arthur and Miss M. J. A. Brewer 15-6, 15-4.

Semi-finals: Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat McCoig and Mrs. Cooper 15-10 15-7. Tredgett and Mrs. Rickard beat Stevens and Mrs. Hashman 15-9, 15-8.

Final: Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat Tredgett and Mrs. Rickard 15-12, 15-6.

QUALIFYING FINALS

MEN'S SINGLES

G. A. Connor beat T. E. Stewart 15-10, 1-15, 15-12.

HANDICAP FINALS

MEN'S DOUBLES

P. A. Toler and T. John (scr.) beat D. Case and A. Gombaut (plus 3) 15-12, 15-13.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Mrs. K. Crossley and Miss J. Green (owe 4) beat Mrs. P. Dawson and Miss A. Gardner (owe 8) 15-14, 8-15, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

W. A. Campbell and Miss M. Habgood (plus 8) beat P. Emptage and Mrs. E. J. Matthews (scr.) 15-9, 15-10.

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MEN'S SINGLES
J. D. Eddy beat R. P. Stevens 8-15, 15-11, 15-11.

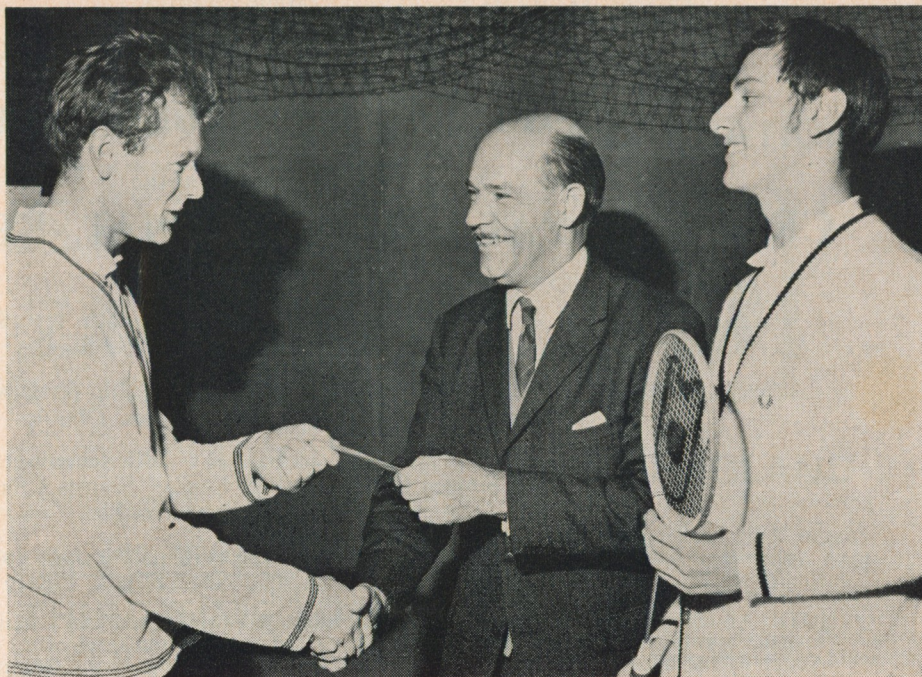
LADIES' SINGLES
Miss M. Beck beat Mrs. M. A. Gilks 11-2, 9-11, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES
M. Tredgett and J. D. Eddy beat R. P. Stevens and P. J. Smith 15-1, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES
Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman and Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss N. Gardner and Miss B. Giles 17-14, 15-4.

MIXED DOUBLES
J. D. Eddy and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman beat R. P. Stevens and Mrs. M. A. Gilks 5-15, 15-11, 18-17.

(Full details not yet received).



A HAPPY OCCASION

David Eddy receives Voucher from Mr. A. D. Edwards, General Manager of sponsors, Accles and Pollock, Ltd.

DORSET OPEN

ANN YET ANOTHER GARDNER!

The Dorset Open Tournament was held on the 20th and 21st November, 1971 at the Sports Centre, Poole. Eight courts were used.

Gardners to the Fore

The biggest surprise of the Tournament was the Ladies' Singles. Young Ann Forrest of Hampshire put out Mrs. J. Rickard, the No. 1 Seed, in the first round with an easy win 11-7, 11-2. Ann then won her next round easily before playing Mrs. C. Pike (Dorset) in the semi-finals, having a tough game and winning 12-11, 12-11. In the other half, Miss G. M. White of Wiltshire who really does so well at Poole was easily beaten by Miss R. Cooper of Berkshire in the quarter finals and Miss Cooper then went on to lose to Miss M. Gardner in the semi-final in three sets. Ann Forrest put up a good fight in the final but lost to the superior and more experienced player, Miss Margaret Gardner.

Although there were close games in all rounds of the Men's Singles, the top seeds, David Hunt and John Gardner, had easy wins through to the final and as expected David Hunt showed his good singles play and won in two sets. There were also close games in the Ladies' Doubles; and we were pleased to see young Ann Gardner playing with Mrs. J. Rickard win in three sets against Miss White and Mrs. Alfieri. The new partnership of D. Hunt and D. Curtis of Hampshire had little difficulty in reaching the Men's Final and comfortably won.

Late Finish

The most exciting and best final of the day was the Mixed Doubles. It was a pity

that at only 11.00 p.m. there were so few players and spectators left to watch such a good match between J. Gardner and Mrs. J. Boutle of Surrey and R. Reed and Miss R. Cooper of Berkshire, Gardner and Mrs. Boutle won in three games having lost the first.

MEN'S SINGLES

(40 players)

Fourth round: D. Hunt beat D. Westwood 15-11, 15-8. P. Seaford beat G. Campbell 15-7, 12-15, 15-3. R. Moore beat R. L. Kiernan 15-11, 18-14. J. A. Gardner beat B. Reeve 15-1, 15-5.

Semi-finals: Hunt beat Seaford 15-4, 15-0. Gardner beat Moore 15-11, 15-12.

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

LADIES' SINGLES

(19 players)

Semi-finals: Miss A. Forrest beat Mrs. C. Pike 12-11, 12-11. Miss M. Gardner beat Miss R. R. Cooper 11-5, 5-11, 11-5.

Final: Miss Gardner beat Miss Forrest 11-7, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(24 pairs)

Third round: D. Hunt and D. Curtis beat T. Stewart and W. Thorne 15-5, 15-4. R. L. Flood and B. Nilsen beat B. D. Stanner and P. Marshall 15-9, 18-14. M. Savage and R. Banister beat A. Hardy and R. Carder 15-8, 15-5. A. C. Finch and R. Reed beat J. C. Dawes and R. Moore 15-1, 15-5.

Semi-finals: Hunt and Curtis beat Flood and Nilsen 15-5, 15-4. Finch and Reed beat Savage and Bannister 15-5, 15-11.

Final: Hunt and Curtis beat Finch and Reed 15-11, 15-8.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(16 pairs)

Semi-finals: Mrs. W. R. Rickard and Miss A. Gardner beat Mrs. H. Crossley and Miss A. Norrie 15-7, 15-8. Miss G. M. White and Mrs. S. Alfieri beat Mrs. J. Wing and Miss P. Timbers 14-17, 15-11, 17-16.

Final: Mrs. Rickard and Miss Gardner beat Miss White and Mrs. Alfieri 14-18, 15-8, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES

(28 pairs)

Third round: R. Reed and Miss R. Cooper beat P. Marshall and Mrs. J. Wing 15-4, 15-2. R. Deasley and Miss A. Norrie beat A. Massey and Mrs. P. Lelievre 18-13, 15-8. A. C. Finch and Mrs. J. Addinell beat B. D. Stanner and Miss P. Timbers 15-11, 11-15, 15-11. J. A. Gardner and Mrs. J. Boutle beat H. E. Mitchell and Miss L. Button 15-8, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Reed and Miss Cooper beat Deasley and Miss Norrie 15-8, 15-12. Gardner and Mrs. Boutle beat Finch and Mrs. Addinell 10-15, 15-7, 15-13.

Final: Gardner and Mrs. Boutle beat Reed and Miss Cooper 11-15, 18-15, 15-11.

POLYTECHNICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

A NEW VENTURE

THESE were the first Badminton championships staged by this new Association whose function is to sponsor sports competitions within the Polytechnics. They were held at the Plymouth Polytechnic Sports Centre on Saturday, 20th November, and Sunday, 21st November, 1971.

Teams from the following Polytechnics competed: Plymouth, North Staffordshire, Bristol, North London, Newcastle, Kingston-on-Thames, Sheffield, Oxford, Liverpool, Middlesex, Leeds, Trent and Portsmouth. Tees-side unfortunately had to withdraw.

Owing to a large entry, singles were not included.

Play was of a high standard with many closely contested matches. The standard of the Plymouth team was such that it produced the winner of the Ladies' Doubles, the runner-up in the Mixed Doubles, and their men's team reached the semi-final of the Men's Doubles.

Trophies were presented by Mr. B. M. Mawe, Lecturer in charge of the Physical Education and Recreation Department, Plymouth Polytechnic.

RESULTS

MEN'S DOUBLES

North London Polytechnic (Thong and Francis). Runners-up: Middlesex Polytechnic (C. Brett and G. Lever).

LADIES' DOUBLES

Plymouth Polytechnic (L. Odd and C. Lloyd). Runners-up: Sheffield Polytechnic (N. Higgs and Y. Birch).

MIXED DOUBLES

Newcastle Polytechnic (Miss P. Weddell and R. Sheedy).

Runners-up: Plymouth Polytechnic (Miss C. Lloyd and R. Chadwick).

B.M.M.

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NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUTTON — AN ENGLAND PROSPECT?

THE 53rd Northern Championships, honoured by the presence of the President of the Badminton Association of England, were held on 19th and 20th November, at Birkenhead.

A strong entry from English and Irish players was unfortunately weakened by the withdrawal of Ray Stevens and Keith Arthur. Nevertheless a large and appreciative crowd enjoyed vigorous competition, confirming Gillian Gilks and Derek Talbot in their Number 1 ratings, when each won three events.

Gillian won Margaret Beck's Singles title, conceding only twenty points in four matches. Playing together in the Ladies' Doubles final, they were too accurate in the first game for Barbara Giles and Judy Hashman. In spite of Mrs. Hashman's dogged support for her young partner in the second, Mrs. Gilks and Miss Beck were comfortable winners.

Cheshire's Steve Shaw and Roger Westmorland delighted the home crowd by reaching the semi-finals of the Singles. Shaw's defeat of David Eddy by 17-16 in the third game, when his opponent failed with a 'sitter' was a cliff-hanger.

The fireworks were reserved for the finals. Brian White, fast and durable, won the first game in the singles and Talbot needed all his power to punish anything short of a length in order to level the match. Level at 12-all in the third, Derek did well to beat a very gallant fighter.

The steadiness of Elliott Stuart helped a somewhat tired Talbot to defeat David Eddy and Eddie Sutton in a superb men's doubles final. Trading on a rather erratic Eddy, the eventual winners took the first game; but, in the second, the Staffordshire pair really 'came on song' for a convincing win, only to succumb, at setting in the final game. A repeat of the Wimbledon final, it confirms that, in Eddie Sutton, England have a very fine doubles prospect. A fast, aggressive player, quick to counter attack, he made few unforced errors.

Bill Ewing and Leslie Moore, Joint Secretaries for the first time, certainly maintained the tournament's proud traditions.

L.O.M.

MEN'S SINGLES

(42 players)

Third round: R. Westmorland beat A. Connor 15-10, 15-5. B. H. White beat M. Morrow 15-6, 15-10. S. J. Shaw beat J. D. Eddy 16-17, 15-8, 17-16. D. Talbot beat C. J. Kirk 15-2, 15-9.

Semi-finals: White beat Westmordand 15-2, 15-1. Talbot beat Shaw 15-8, 15-5.

Final: Talbot beat White 10-15, 15-10, 15-12.

LADIES' SINGLES

(18 players)

Second round: Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss M. Gardner 11-1, 11-0. Miss H. Young beat Miss B. Giles 11-0, 11-7. Miss B. Beckett beat Miss K. Nesbit 4-11, 12-10, 11-7. Miss M. Beck beat Miss C. Walsh 11-1, 11-1.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Young 11-2, 11-2. Miss Beck beat Miss Beckett 11-8, 11-1.

Final: Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Beck 11-8, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(27 pairs)

Third round: E. C. Stuart and D. Talbot beat J. Croxton and E. Allen 15-4, 15-8. D. J. Hutchinson and P. J. Smith beat S. J. Shaw and P. Wood 15-10, 15-11. J. D. Eddy and E. H. Sutton beat M. Beck and A. Connor 15-3, 15-18, 15-5. R. A. Powell and M. G. Tredgett beat T. Bowler and D. Pither 15-8, 15-9.

Semi-finals: Stuart and Talbot beat Hutchinson and Smith 11-15, 15-7, 15-11. Eddy and Sutton beat Powell and Tredgett 15-12, 15-10.

Final: Stuart and Talbot beat Eddy and Sutton 15-8, 3-15, 17-14.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(17 pairs)

Second round: Miss M. Beck and Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss Burden and Miss M. Ewing 15-3, 15-0. Miss N. Gardner and Miss M. Winter beat Miss L. Spencer and Miss K. Whiting 15-12, 15-12. Mrs. B. Cooper and Mrs. D. Smith beat Mrs. M. Dinah and Miss H. Young 15-1, 15-4. Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman and Miss B. Giles beat Miss B. Walsh and Miss C. Walsh 15-12, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Miss Beck and Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Gardner and Miss Winter 15-11, 15-5. Mrs. Hashman and Miss Giles beat Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Smith 15-11, 5-15, 15-9.

Final: Miss Beck and Mrs. Gilks beat Mrs. Hashman and Miss Giles 15-3, 18-13.

MIXED DOUBLES

(32 pairs)

Third round: D. Talbot and Ms. M. A. Gilks beat B. E. Jones and Mrs. B. Cooper 15-3, 15-10. R. Westmorland and Mrs. J. Stephens beat C. J. Kirk and Mrs. S. Jones 9-15, 15-7, 15-5. W. Kidd and Miss K. Nesbit beat M. Beck and Miss M. Beck 17-16, 15-5. E. C. Stuart and Miss B. Giles beat M. G. Tredgett and Miss K. Whiting 18-17, 12-15, 15-9.

Semi-final: Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat Westmorland and Mrs. Stephens 15-4, 15-8. Stuart and Miss Giles beat Kidd and Mrs. Nesbit 15-8, 15-2.

Final: Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat Stuart and Miss Giles 15-11, 15-1.

R.A.F. CHAMPIONSHIPS

THIRD TIME LUCKY!

MORE than 120 players took part in the R.A.F. and W.R.A.F. individual badminton championships held at R.A.F. Newton from the 8th to the 12th November.

Top Seed Loses

It was a case of third time lucky for J/T Charles Donnison (Suffolk) who overcame Cpl. Paul Ruthven in a fairly one-sided final. Donnison seized his opportunity of winning for the first time after a close match with Ft. Lt. John Tate (Berkshire) in the semi-final. It is possible that Ruthven was reacting from his splendid win in the semi-final against Cpl./Tech. Gordon Young (Oxfordshire), the top seed. Both players had four match points before Ruthven scored a 17-16 win in the third game.

Youth to the Fore

It was particularly gratifying to see youth coming to the fore in the ladies' events. S.A.C.W. Diane Duffin had a relatively easy win against L.A.C.W. Carole Beer (Essex) in the ladies' singles final but their combination failed to upset the skills of Cpl. Sue Gibbins and L.A.C.W. Marion Coupe (Lancashire) in the ladies' doubles final.

It is interesting to note that Misses Duffin, Beer and Coupe are all still teenagers and have experience at Junior County level. It is the first time for many years that four such young competitors have contested a final. The shame is that two of these competitors, through no fault of their own, are barred from appearing in county badminton until they have served their year's qualification period. By that time, of course, they may well be moved again. In this way it is possible that some Service players, although of the required standard, never have the opportunity of playing in I.C.I. matches.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

J/T. Charles Donnison (Wattisham) beat Cpl. Paul Ruthven (Manby) 15-10, 15-7.

LADIES' SINGLES

S.A.C.W. Diane Duffin (Abingdon) beat L.A.C.W. Carole Beer (Hereford) 11-6, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Ft. Lt. Tate (Brize Norton) and Sgt. Vincent (Conningsby) beat Ft. Lt. Warwick (North Luffenham) and Ft. Lt. Maidman (Partington) 15-7, 15-3.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Cpl. Gibbins (Lyneham) and L.A.C.W. Coupe (Lyneham) beat S.A.C.W. Duffin (Abingdon) and L.A.C.W. Beer (Hereford) 15-7, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES

J/T. Donnison (Wattisham) and W.O. Davies (Benson) beat Ft. Lt. Kelly (Lyneham) and S.A.C.W. Duffin (Abingdon) 15-9, 10-15, 18-14.

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Uber Cup: England will play the Netherlands in the semi-final round of the European Zone at the High Ridge Sports Hall, Scunthorpe on 1st February.

International Fixtures 1971-72: Forthcoming international fixtures will be played as follows:-

England v. Denmark at Greve Strand, near Copenhagen on 4th January.

England v. Sweden at Umea on 6th January.

England v. Scotland at Edinburgh on 13th January.

Overseas Championships: England will be officially represented in the Swedish International Championships on 7th-9th January; the International Championships of the Netherlands on 12th-13th February and the Danish Open Championships on 13th-16th March.

Thomas Cup: England has filed a challenge for the Thomas Cup in the European Zone of the 1972-73 contest.

Annual General Meeting: The 1972 Annual General Meeting will be held in the Parliament Room, Church House, College Green, Gloucester on Saturday, 20th May, at 2.30 p.m. Notice of any proposals to be placed on the agenda must be received by the Secretary of the Association by 15th February.

Council Meeting: The next meeting of the Council will be held on 25th January at 4.30 p.m. at the National Liberal Club, Whitehall Place, London, S.W.1.

BADMINTON X-WORD ANSWERS

(See page 85)

ACROSS

6. Badminton. 8. Tenon. 9. A wild shot. 10. Usage. 11. Aces. 14. Song. 15. A safe. 17. Last prize. 18 Lines. 19. Double hit.

DOWN

1. Warwickshire. 2. Smiles. 3. Unused. 4. Not out. 5. To organize it. 7. Nets. 12. Season. 13. Gets by. 14. Surrey. 16. Fled.

COUNTY RESTRICTED TOURNAMENTS

CHESHIRE

FRIENDLY RIVALRY

THERE'S always been plenty of friendly rivalry between Cheshire's two top singles players, Roger Westmorland and Steve Shaw. And there it was again in the final of the Cheshire Restricted Championships.

Once again they met, this time to contest Shaw's title, but it was Westmorland who came away with the trophy from the plush £400,000 Deeside Sports Centre at Queensferry after the usual three-set ding-dong tussle.

But Westmorland wasn't so fortunate in his men's doubles which he and Don Bennion defended for they were beaten by —yes Steve Shaw and, no relation, George Shaw, and it was just about a case of summary dismissal.

Then Westmorland was there again in the mixed final with his county partner Mrs. Jean Stephens with whom he has won so many events since they were the all-England junior champions. This time, they retained the title to add another to their long list of successes.

The Ladies' Singles found a new star in Miss Barbara Wadsworth of Stockport who sprang one or two surprises in winning the title for the first time. But in the doubles, the reigning champions, Mrs. June Hitchell and Miss Wenda Wilson were able to take the trophies home for another year.

RESULTS

Finals

MEN'S SINGLES

R. Westmorland beat S. J. Shaw 12-15, 15-9, 15-8.

LADIES' SINGLES

Miss B. Wadsworth beat Miss V. Guest 11-1, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

S. Shaw and G. Shaw beat R. Westmorland and D. Bennion 15-1, 15-3.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Mrs. J. Hitchell and Miss Wilson beat Mrs. J. Stephens and Mrs. Smith 15-6, 15-12.

MIXED DOUBLES

R. Westmorland and Mrs. Stephens beat G. Shaw and Miss Wilson 15-8, 15-5.

DERBYSHIRE

WHAT A FROST!

THE Derbyshire Restricted Tournament was played at the new Rolls Royce Sports Hall from 28th-30th October with a good entry in all eight events.

Ian Clark easily retained his men's singles title with a fine win over Barry Helliwell. Jennefer Hall was not so fortunate and surrendered her ladies' singles title to Margaret Frost, who last won this event ten years ago.

Ian Clark and Barry Campion beat Arnold Gaskin and Barry Helliwell in the final of the men's doubles event, whilst in the ladies' doubles final, Olive Wright with Jennefer Hall recorded her first win in the past seven finals with a victory over Margaret Ewles and Margaret Frost, after being 10-1 down in the first set! The mixed doubles final provided the best play of the day and resulted in a narrow victory for Joy Upton and Ian Clark over Margaret Frost and Barry Campion.

The three handicap events provided plenty of exciting play for the good number of spectators. The young players were to the fore in all three finals, and the intensive coaching schemes are now paying dividends.

M.B.

RESULTS

Finals

MEN'S SINGLES

(18 players)

I. Clark beat B. Helliwell 15-5, 15-5.

LADIES' SINGLES

(6 players)

Miss M. Frost beat Miss J. Hall 11-7, 11-8.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(16 pairs)

I. Clark and B. Campion beat A. Gaskin and B. Helliwell 15-8, 15-13.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(7 pairs)

Mrs. O. Wright and Miss K. Hall beat Mrs. M. Ewles and Miss M. Frost 17-15, 15-13.

MIXED DOUBLES

(13 pairs)

Mrs. J. Upton and I. Clark beat Miss M. Frost and B. Campion 15-7, 5-15, 15-11.

MEN'S DOUBLES HANDICAP

(19 pairs)

B. Campion and C. Bayliss (- 10) beat J. Bagshaw and T. Bishop (- 8) 15-11, 9-15, 15-5.

LADIES DOUBLES HANDICAP

(8 pairs)

Miss S. Wilcox and Miss K. Hall beat Mrs. M. Pateman and Mrs. E. West 15-6, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP

(23 pairs)

Miss S. Wilcox and P. Brandt beat Miss K. Hall and P. Hanlon 15-14, 15-11.

CUMBERLAND

A "TALL STOREY"?

Miss S. Storey beat Miss J. Atkinson 11-2, 11-1.

Miss S. Storey and Miss B. Smith beat Miss J. Atkinson and Miss P. Dodd 15-7, 15-10.

M. Beck and Miss S. Storey beat H. Shadwick and Miss A. Brett (no result given).

M. Beck beat H. Shadwick 18-17, 10-15, 15-11.

M. Beck and I. Graham beat H. Shadwick and G. Bowyer 15-11, 16-17, 15-12.

KENT

ROOM AT THE TOP?

IF the 1971/72 Kent Restricted Tournament, held on the courts of the Reed Aylesford Badminton Club at Larkfield, on the week-end of the 5th to 7th November, lacked the names of the big internationals, it certainly did not suffer from lack of enthusiasm and closely fought matches, particularly those of the finals.

It was gratifying to see the progress made by some of the members of last season's third team, for it is at this level that the ultimate strength of the first team will have to come.

It is always difficult to single out individuals on these occasions, but three names are well worthy of mention. They are Bob Thompson, for his tremendous battle in the Singles' final against the experienced John Tank, and David Grafton and John Pugh for their spirited and fighting win in the Men's Doubles, and then John Pugh again for his "near miss" in the Mixed Doubles (very ably partnered by Mona Russell). Pauline Lucas and Alan Brightman deserve great credit in this final for hanging on when nothing seemed to be going right. This is the fighting spirit we need to get the County back where it belongs—the First Division!

J.S.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

J. Tank beat R. J. Thompson 15-12, 8-15, 15-11.

LADIES' SINGLES

Miss S. E. Boulind beat Miss S. E. Lewis 11-5, 11-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES

J. Pugh and D. Grafton beat A. J. Brightman and L. W. Steeden 10-15, 15-9, 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Miss S. E. Boulind and Mrs. C. F. R. Wilson beat Miss M. Tilbury and Mrs. E. J. West 15-10, 14-17, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

A. J. Brightman and Mrs. P. Lucas beat J. Pugh and Miss M. B. Russell 2-15, 15-10, 15-8.

PLATE FINALS

MEN'S DOUBLES

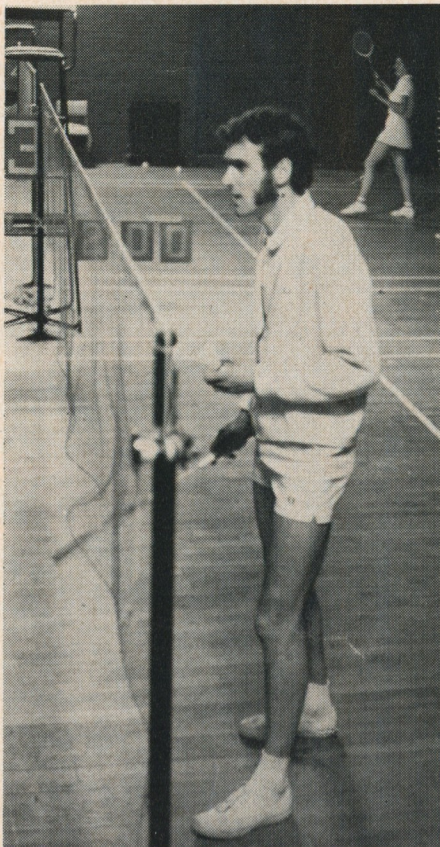
R. P. Lechford and T. Diggins beat T. J. Bush and G. King 15-9, 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Miss R. Toogood and Miss S. H. Utteridge beat Miss D. J. Kirby and Miss J. P. Jurischka 15-9, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

L. W. Steeden and Miss S. E. Lewis beat R. Forrest and Mrs. E. Smith 15-7, 15-3.



(Pat Davis)

Absentee George Connor of Cumberland —now playing so well in the south

SUSSEX

KAREN WINS TITLE!

HELD at the King Alfred Sports Centre, Hove, on 14th, 15th, 17th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd November, with the finals on Friday, 26th November, 1971.

The tournament attracted 230 competitors and was played over seven days at Hove. The busiest and most successful of the finalists was 21-year-old Heather Connington, who won her four finals, one of them with the youngest ever to enter the tournament, 12-year-old Karen Puttick, of Littlehampton. Karen has nine more seasons to enter the under 22 events! The best and most surprising of the Open finals was the Men's Doubles when the King Alfred pair, White and Jones, unseeded, beat their 4th County pair in the tournament, each in straight games.

Tournament Secretaries were John Sparks and Shelagh Heath.

J.S.

RESULTS

Open Events

MEN'S SINGLES

A. Buckle beat J. Penniket 15-11, 15-12.

LADIES' SINGLES

Miss H. Connington beat Miss L. Wadsworth 11-7, 12-11.

MEN'S DOUBLES

B. White and W. Jones beat B. Street and J. Penniket 15-13, 15-5.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Mrs. E. Swain and Mrs. S. Street beat Miss L. Wadsworth and Mrs. M. Kent 15-3, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

B. Street and Mrs. E. Swain beat R. Knowles and Mrs. E. Luffingham 15-2, 17-14.

Restricted Events

MEN'S DOUBLES

D. Millam and D. Moncrieff beat V. Browne and C. Khoo 15-7, 15-6.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Mrs. G. Ryder and Mrs. L. Ball beat Miss R. Taylor and Mrs. B. Foster 3-15, 17-16, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

M. Shaw and Mrs. G. Ryder beat D. Millam and Mrs. H. Knowles 18-15, 14-17, 15-2.

Under 22 Events

MEN'S SINGLES

A. Nicholson beat C. Taylor 15-2, 15-8.

LADIES' SINGLES

Miss H. Connington beat Miss P. Goodheart 11-4, 11-12, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES

V. Kotenko and A. Nicholson beat S. Francis and C. Taylor 15-2, 15-3.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Miss H. Connington and Miss K. Puttick beat Miss G. Andrews and Miss E. Randall 15-7, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

A. Neville and Miss H. Connington beat J. Penniket and Miss G. Andrews 17-18, 15-9, 15-7.

HAMPSHIRE

HUNT LOSES ONE

MEN'S SINGLES

D. R. Hunt beat P. Pennekett 15-4, 15-2.

LADIES' SINGLES

Mrs. A. Darlington beat Miss A. Forrest 12-10, 11-0.

MEN'S DOUBLES

D. Curtis and K. Paul beat D. Hunt and E. Udall 11-15, 15-8, 15-0.

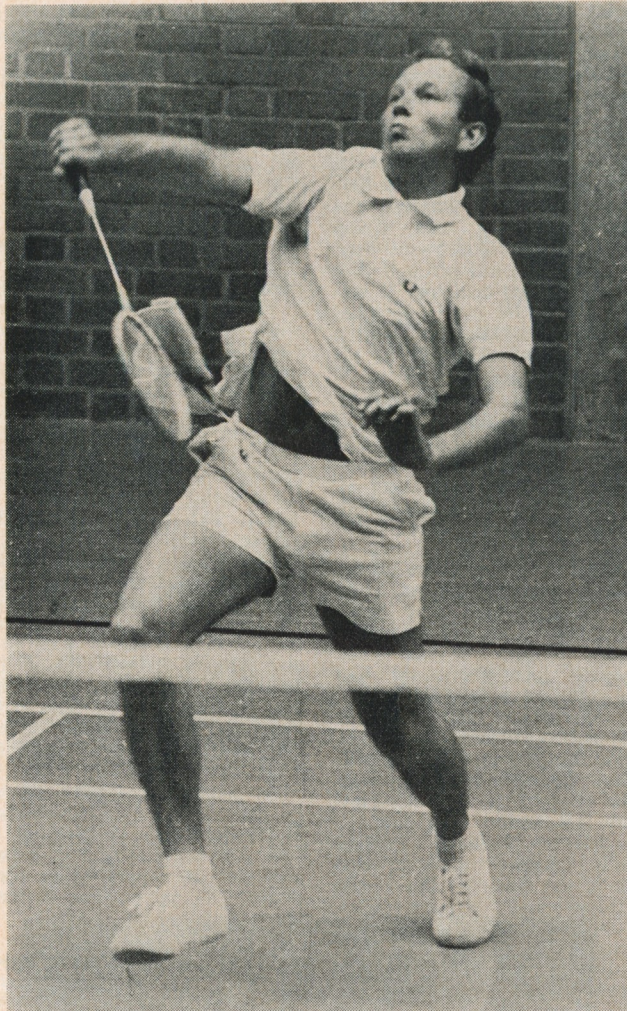
LADIES' DOUBLES

Mrs. A. Friends and Miss C. Holland beat Miss J. Roebuck and Mrs. A. Darlington 9-15, 15-9, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES

D. Hunt and Miss C. Holland beat D. Curtis and Mrs. R. Spencer 18-17, 12-15, 15-5.

PRIZE WINNING PHOTO OF MONTH



This fine action photo of Surrey's Colin Beacom taken at the Granwood Tournament won P. J. Aslett a racquet.

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ONLY ONE TITLE HELD

HELD on 30th and 31st October, 1971 on the 5 courts at Little Ilford Sports Centre, the tournament showed an overall increased entry and only Ray Stevens retained his title in the singles; Linda Spencer unfortunately not entering the tournament this season.

The early rounds of the men's singles saw several good matches, Stevens lost the middle game of his semi-final against Roy Flood although comfortably winning the other two. The other top seed, Keith Arthur, was beaten in the other semi-final by Phil Smith after a good struggle but Smith's extra fitness proved decisive. It was not enough to hold Ray Stevens in the final although Smith, a left-hander, often smashed as hard and as effectively as his nationally ranked opponent.

The ladies' final was a big disappointment, Nora Gardner was far too dominant to let a very tense Barbara Giles settle down. The surprise of the event was the defeat of the far more experienced Vivienne Bull by sixteen year old Judy Reeve, although both the second and third games were very close.

The men's doubles saw the defeat of the holders, Ray Stevens and Roy Flood, quite comfortably by Tim Bowler and Dean Pither who then went on to beat Bill Havers and Keith Arthur in the final. Havers and Arthur had previously had two hard three-game matches against R. Beach and C. Goodman and then P. Smith and J. Stretch, the joint top seeds. This took its toll but nevertheless it was another impressive performance by Bowler and Pither who apparently greatly impressed the Scots last season as a pair.

The ladies' doubles holders, Pauline Chitty and Ruth Illingworth, were also beaten, this time in the final, by the young pair, Nora Gardner and Barbara Giles. After a disastrous first game, the holders fought back gamely to take the second but never really looked like winners against the youngsters. The latter at present are well ahead of the other ladies in the county at ladies' doubles.

The mixed, despite the absence of several of the bigger names, as usual produced the closest matches, although no real surprises. Ray Stevens, partnered by Barbara Giles, proved too strong for Phil Smith and Nora Gardner. One of the most interesting matches was an earlier one between David Clarke and Janet Cart who beat Colin Goodman and Pauline Chitty in a tense three-game battle.

It must be rare, however, for a County Restricted Tournament to be honoured by the presence of two National Selectors at one time, although both Betty Grace and John Havers are former Essex players.

LADIES' SINGLES

(10 entries)

Miss N. Gardner beat Miss B. Giles 11-0, 11-2.

MEN'S SINGLES

(31 entries)

R. Stevens beat P. Smith 15-8, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(13 pairs)

Miss Gardner and Miss Giles beat Miss Chitty and Mrs. Illingworth 15-3, 12-15, 15-9.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(22 pairs)

T. Bowler and D. Pither beat K. Arthur and W. Havers 15-7, 15-10.

MIXED DOUBLES

(32 pairs)

R. Stevens and Miss Giles beat P. Smith and Miss Gardner 15-10, 15-11.

BEACOM TAKES OVER

THE 22nd Surrey Restricted was remarkable in that it was the first for many years which did not contain Roger Mills and a regular singles final between Mills and Beacom. However, there was a very good final between Beacom and John Gardner which Colin won by 15-17, 15-10, 15-11. Even more remarkable, John Gardner had reached this final after a perilous encounter with Surrey Junior, Colin Foley, who pulled a muscle and had to retire when standing at 14 all in the third game against John! Colin Foley won the qualifying men's singles, a new venture much needed with 42 entries in the main event.

The Ladies' Singles final, was yet another win for Gillian Gilks who carved up her opponents in no uncertain fashion and in the final beat Julie Rickard 11-2, 11-2. Mrs. Peggy Dawson, a gay and enthusiastic player, had a close singles against Margaret Gardner which she lost 12-11, 7-11, 6-11, and an even closer mixed doubles quarter-final when, with Tony Underwood, she ran Rodney Southwell and Angela Palmer to 18-17 in the third game before losing.

The Ladies' Doubles final was one of the many games uncompleted because of injury. This time it was Iris Rogers who pulled a muscle and had to retire with the score standing at 15-5 to Gillian Gilks and Angela Palmer. Mike Thompson and Suzanne Coates were two others who were injured during play. The mixed final gave the fifth win for Keith Andrews and Gillian Gilks, this time over Colin Beacom and Jennifer Horton.

An immense volume of work was put in as usual by Tournament Secretary Harry Jennings. A pleasant feature of the final moments was the presentation of a gold pen to Roger Mills for having completed 98 games for Surrey during his career.

DEE JAY

MEN'S SINGLES "OPEN"

(limited to 16 players)

C. J. Beacom beat J. A. Gardner 15-17, 15-10, 15-11.

LADIES' SINGLES

(20 players)

Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Mrs. W. R. Rickard 11-2, 11-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(37 pairs)

C. J. Beacom and K. M. Andrews beat J. A. Gardner and P. J. Gardner 15-11, 15-6.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(20 pairs)

Mrs. A. M. Palmer and Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Mrs. W. C. E. Rogers and Mrs. H. J. Horton 15-5 (retired).

MIXED DOUBLES "OPEN"

(limited to 18 pairs)

K. M. Andrews and Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat C. J. Beacom and Mrs. H. J. Horton 15-6, 18-15.

COUNTY HANDBOOKS

The Editor gratefully acknowledges receipt of excellent handbooks from the Surrey B.A. and the Swindon and District B.A. He was also most interested to receive a copy of the Birmingham Schools' B.A. news-sheet which shows the tremendous amount of work being put in by this enthusiastic body. Any other County publications will be gladly received by him.



(G. Habbin)

Roger Mills presents Julie Rickard's voucher. In turn he was presented with a gold pencil to commemorate his 98 appearances for Surrey.

DURHAM

LILLEY DOES WELL

THERE were one or two surprises, particularly in the Men's Singles where the holder, Brian Jobling, made his exit in the second round. The Ladies' Singles was poorly supported.

In the Men's Singles final Lilley proved much too good for Barnes who was never given a chance to produce the form he had shown the previous evening in beating Jobling. For Colin Lilley, this title must have been an unexpected bonus as he last won it in 1966 when the tournament was held at its old venue in Hartlepool.

The first game of the Ladies' Singles final was an even contest with Norma Charlton just getting home 12-11 after setting. The next two games, however, were Margaret Drake's and so she took the title for the fourth successive year.

In the Men's Doubles final, Lilley and Robertson took the first game fairly easily but then to everyone's surprise lost the second. Fidler and Jobling were at their peak in this game and several long and exciting rallies took place. With the spectators waiting for a repeat performance in the decider they were disappointed. Lilley and Robertson so tightened their game that their opponents were forced on the defensive for the major part of the game before being beaten to 2.

Miss Drake and Mrs. P. Lilley, fancied favourites, took the first game in the Ladies' Doubles final to 6. Kathleen and

Marjorie Pollard, however, had other ideas when they won the second game by the same score. The decider then became a very keen contest with lengthy rallies that forced all four players to cover a great deal of court. Miss Drake and Mrs. Lilley managed to raise their game that vital little bit extra in the final stages to squeeze home 15-10.

In the Mixed Doubles final, Jobling and Miss K. Pollard took the first game easily to 3 with Lilley and Mrs. Pennington struggling to get into the match at all. The second game was more evenly contested before Jobling and Miss Pollard took it at 15-11.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

C. Lilley beat M. Barnes 15-6, 15-3.

LADIES' SINGLES

Miss M. Drake beat Miss N. Charlton 11-12, 11-4, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

C. Lilley and H. Robertson beat G. Fidler and B. Jobling 15-9, 11-15, 15-2.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Miss M. Drake and Mrs. P. Lilley beat Miss K. Pollard and Miss M. Pollard 15-6, 6-15, 15-10.

MIXED DOUBLES

B. Jobling and Miss K. Pollard beat C. Lilley and Mrs. Pennington 15-3, 15-11.

I.K.

SUFFOLK

DONNISON'S DOUBLE

DESPITE the fact that not one of last season's champions was defending his title, the Suffolk badminton championships held at the Y.M.C.A. sports centre, Norwich Road, Ipswich, at the weekend produced some excellent games (writes Ken Rice).

R.A.F. Double

Charles Donnison, currently stationed at R.A.F. Wattisham, completed a double by winning the singles and later partnering Brenda Mills to victory in the mixed doubles.

In both finals he was opposed by the young Bury Abbeygate player Malcolm Knights who although still in his early 20's is almost a veteran as far as these championships are concerned.

Standing well over six feet, Knights was described by one opponent as being like an octopus and certainly the way in which he retrieves from seemingly impossible positions must make him appear like that from the other side of the net.

Comeback

In the singles final he gave Donnison a far tougher passage than the final score might indicate, whilst in the last event of the programme, the mixed final, Knights and Greta Barclay staged a spirited comeback in the second set to level at one-all. They led at the change in the final set but finally went down 15-12 after several times looking likely to triumph.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

C. Donnison (R.A.F. Wattisham) beat M. Knights (Abbeygate) 15-7, 15-8.

LADIES' SINGLES

Miss J. Webster (Abbeygate) beat Miss G. Barclay (Abbeygate) 10-12, 11-3, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES

P. Ambrose and J. Bloomfield (Wolsey) beat D. Allan and C. Grimwade (Wolsey) 15-8, 15-7.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Miss M. Robinson and Miss B. Mills (Bury Constitutional) beat Mrs. D. Sutton and Mrs. H. Graves (Wolsey) 13-15, 15-3, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

C. Donnison and Mrs. B. Mills beat M. Knights and Miss G. Barclay 15-8, 16-17, 15-12.

(By courtesy of the "East Anglian Times")

LANCASHIRE

WALSH TWINS WIN

PLAYED at Bolton using three courts at the Technical College and four at the Institute of Technology, the Restricted Championships for once, were completed at a reasonable hour.

The feature of the handicap doubles events held on October 23rd was the success of Mrs. Long and M. Connolly in owing a hand and 13 and giving a beating to the holder of the county "under 18" doubles; this illustrated the wide gap between a highly efficient pair and a promising young couple.

The level events, played October 29th and 30th, saw Peter Wood win the men's singles for the fourth successive year. The standard in Lancashire is not high but the performance of young Brian Wallwork in reaching the final and pressing Wood very hard for two games was most encouraging. Both players are models of dedication and fitness and only Wood's superior stamina brought him comfortably home in the third.

Troubled all day by cramp Mrs. Hargreaves had to retire following another attack in her singles final against Mrs. Cooper but the men's and ladies' doubles each produced surprise new winners.

The untried pairing of Brian Jones and John Cocker came impressively through to the final of the men's where they defeated the holders Usher and King 15-8, 14-17, 15-11. A few enforced errors by Jones cost them the second game after leading 14-10 but they made no mistake in the third.

Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Smith, holders and favourites for the women's doubles, surprisingly lost in the semi-final to Mrs. Long and Mrs. Connolly but the latter had no answer to a new found confidence and power of the twins, Barbara and Cecilia Walsh.

The closest final saw Wood and Mrs. Cooper win the Mixed 15-10, 10-15, 18-14 after losing leads of 11-2 and 13-7 in the third against Paul Bullivant and Cecilia Walsh, who had put out the holders, Marshall and Mrs. Gardner, in the semi-final.

R.W.E.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

P. J. Wood beat B. A. Wallwork 18-15, 14-17, 15-5.

LADIES' SINGLES

Mrs. B. Cooper beat Mrs. D. Hargreaves 8-2, retd.

MEN'S DOUBLES

B. E. Jones and J. Cocker beat A. C. King and E. J. Usher 15-8, 14-17, 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Miss B. Walsh and Miss C. Walsh beat Mrs. D. Long and Mrs. M. Connolly 15-12, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

P. J. Wood and Mrs. B. Cooper beat P. E. Bullivant and Miss C. Walsh 15-10, 10-15, 18-14.

HANDICAP FINALS

MEN'S DOUBLES

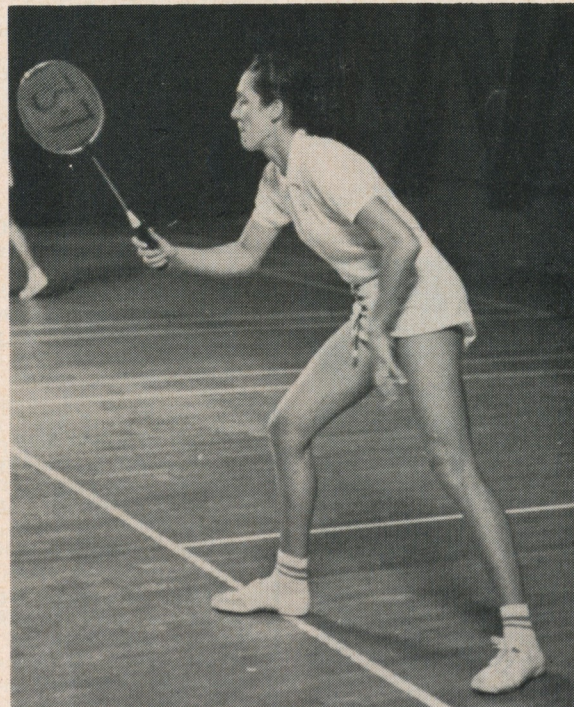
R. A. Jackson and M. Burns (owe 2) beat J. C. Baines and F. P. Barton (owe 6) 15-5, 15-12.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Mrs. D. Long and Mrs. M. Connolly (owe 13, 1 hand) beat Miss H. Scott and Miss C. Mattison (rec. 3) 3-15, 15-6, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

A. G. Stedman and Mrs. K. N. Parsons (rec. 4) beat E. R. Bennett and Mrs. A. Bromfield (owe 4) 15-9, 15-13.



(Pat Davis)

Mrs. B. Cooper — Lancashire's Leading Lady



HAMPSHIRE JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

The entry for this Tournament was very good, and it was encouraging to find young players coming from all over the county to play, the standard of play in the Under 16 events was very good, also the enthusiasm of many of these young players who also played in the under 18 events and did extremely well.

Special mention and congratulations to young Popsy Pennekett (Portsmouth) and Jim Evans (Gosport) who won all their events in the under 16 section and did very well in the under 18 section. In the under 18 section Ann Forrest (Southampton) won all her events and Andrew Britland (Portsmouth) won two events and was a finalist in the mixed doubles. It was most encouraging to see the Tournament played with such great enthusiasm and a very good spirit.

UNDER 16 EVENTS

BOYS' SINGLES

J. Evans beat N. Tier 15-11, 15-6.

GIRLS' SINGLES

G. Pennekett beat S. Barnes 11-11, 11-3, 11-0.

BOYS' DOUBLES

J. Evans and G. Anderson beat N. Tier and A. Cook 15-4, 15-11.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

P. Cook and G. Pennekett beat J. and S. Bevis 15-6, 15-4.

MIXED DOUBLES

J. Evans and G. Pennekett beat G. Anderson and D. Walker 15-8, 15-9.

UNDER 18 EVENTS

BOYS' SINGLES

A. Britland beat G. Anderson 15-2, 15-5.

GIRLS' SINGLES

A. Forrest beat G. Pennekett 11-1, 11-1.

BOYS' DOUBLES

A. Britland and D. Darr beat P. Anchor and J. Jaffer 15-5, 15-9.

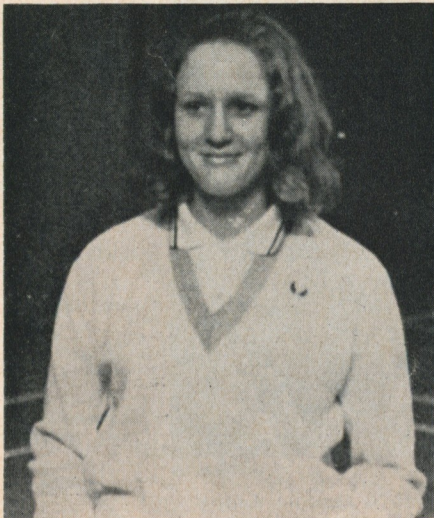
GIRLS' DOUBLES

A. Forrest and J. Oldman beat J. Ellis and J. Garrod 15-6, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES

J. Evans and A. Forrest beat A. Britland and G. Pennekett 15-8, 15-3.

Nora Gardner (Pat Davis)



ACCENT ON YOUTH

ALL-ENGLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

A record entry of 234 juniors was received for the All-England Junior Championships, which will be held at the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club. The Under-15 events will be played on 31st December and 1st January and the Under-18 events on 6th - 8th January. It is encouraging that 28 countries are represented amongst the entries. In view of the size of the entry, the committee for the championships was unable to accept all those who wished to play.

In the Under-18 boys' singles John Stretch (Essex), who was runner-up last year, will be the favourite to win the title this time. Nora Gardner (Essex) will be defending her title in the girls' singles and her most formidable opponent may be Martha Brewer (Surrey), a much improved player. The progress of several promising younger girls, including Anne Forrest (Hampshire) and Kathleen Redhead (Lancashire), will be followed with interest.

PERFORMANCES OF THE MONTH

Fifteen year old County Junior **Jane Webster** became the youngest ever Suffolk Champion when she beat her club colleague and Suffolk Senior player, Greta Barclay, in the Ladies' Singles final of the Suffolk Restricted Tournament.

Jane, who has been receiving regular coaching from Peter Roper of the Eastern Region, is also the Suffolk Junior Lawn Tennis Champion. It is suspected — and hoped — that Badminton is her first and best love.

★ ★ ★ ★

15-year-old **Ann Gardner**, the fourth of the Gardner tribe, has shown that she is not going to be outshone by older brothers John and Peter and sister Margaret. Partnered by Mrs. J. Rickard, she won the Ladies' Open Doubles at the Dorset Championships after a three-set battle.

★ ★ ★ ★

Karen Puttick, aged 12, of Littlehampton (partnered by 21-year-old Heather Connington) won the Ladies' Under 22 Doubles at the Sussex Restricted. She has nine more seasons in which to enter this event!

★ ★ ★ ★

Shirley Storey of Kells, is to be congratulated on a double hat trick. Though still under 18 she won all three events in the Cumberland Restricted Tournament. A fortnight later, not surprisingly perhaps, she won all three events in the Cumberland Junior Restricted Tournament.

JOHN STRETCH

ESSEX are delighted with the progress of John Stretch, who at only 17, was invited to the Thomas Cup England team trial in September following intensive training sessions at R.A.F. Innsworth since May. In May, John won the European Junior Doubles in Prague with Peter Gardner (Surrey) and was runner-up in the Mixed.

No one who has known John since he started playing at Thomas Lethaby School, East Ham will be surprised at his progress. He was fortunate to come under the influence of coach Ian Horton who has done so much for School and Junior Badminton in Essex. Ian found him to have tremendous dedication and can be rightly proud of his success. He displayed single-minded determination to improve and gave up other games at which he was good to concentrate on his Badminton.

Fortunately the very successful Essex Schools' B.A. provided him with plenty of competition and he was a member of their Inter-County Tournament winning teams in 1968 and 1969. He won the U.15 All-England Junior Singles in 1969 and represented English Schools U.16 and Scotland in Singles and Doubles with John Woodgate, his talented schoolmate. He was a member of the talented Essex Junior Team and appeared in three All-England U.18 Junior Finals in 1971, winning the Boys' Doubles. At Senior level, John has been a regular member of the Amico B.C. men's team and has been awarded Essex 2nd Team Colours.

He carries out a schedule of stroke practice for consistency and accuracy and conditioned games and pressure training on court against weaker opponents, with circuit training, skipping, running and squash to build up stamina with competitive games against much senior players. He possesses that indefinable quality described as good temperament and is also acquiring the ability to relax. His skills are superb and he reads the game well. With continued dedication and concentration on stamina building, this talented boy, who is an example on and off the court, can reach his ambition to represent England.

A. NAPIER.

John Stretch (Pat Davis)



DURHAM COUNTY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

There was a good entry in this season's Junior, but a spate of injuries off-court caused several walkovers and affected both seeded pairs in the boys' doubles. Jean Auton celebrated her birthday on the Saturday by becoming triple champion. Jeff Lambert missed this distinction when his partner in the boys' doubles had to withdraw.

RESULTS

GIRLS' SINGLES

Miss J. Auton beat Miss L. Barker 11-4, 7-11, 11-5.

BOYS' SINGLES

J. Lambert beat S. Turner 15-3, 15-5.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Miss Auton and Miss B. Foley beat Miss J. Fowle and Miss Stothard 15-8, 15-6.

BOYS' DOUBLES

S. Turner and M. McAdam (Gateshead) beat L. Gibson and A. Chapman (Shields) 15-8, 18-17.

MIXED DOUBLES

J. Lambert and Miss J. Auton beat L. Gibson and Miss M. Wilson 15-1, 17-16.

PLATE EVENT

S. Lavender and Miss D. Stothard beat C. Jeffrey and Miss P. Stedman 15-7, 15-7.

UNDER 16 SCHOOLS' RESULTS

Yorkshire 13; Derbyshire 7.
Lancashire 8; Cumberland 3.
Lancashire 10; Yorkshire 1.
Cumberland 8; Yorkshire 3.
Yorkshire 14; Cheshire 6.
Nottinghamshire 7; Yorkshire 13.
Essex 10; Surrey 7.

CHARLES CUMPSTEY MEMORIAL FUND

IT is regretted that details of the use to which the contributions to this fund are going to be put have not yet been published.

The position is this: the decision to start the fund was taken privately but naturally the backing and approval of the B.A. of E. is wanted.

Two suggestions were put to them:

1. To organise inter-regional competitions for players under-21 with whom Charles Cumpstey was so much concerned. This was approved in principle by the General Purposes Committee but is still being considered by the Coaching Committee.
2. To present a cup as an annual award "to the player in this country who is adjudged to have contributed the most to Badminton and whose sportsmanship, attitude and achievement best exemplify the spirit of Badminton that Charles held in such high esteem himself". This idea was not felt to be practicable by the B.A. of E.

It has therefore been decided to give a suitable trophy to the English Schools' Badminton Association for their new competition, to find the champion Badminton school in England. This trophy will be known, with fitting Northern brevity, as the "Cumpstey Cup".

It is a real pleasure to announce that the cup will be presented to the winning team by Mrs. Mary Cumpstey.

As further plans are made for the use of the Fund, details will be printed in the Gazette.

PAT DAVIS
KEN HOULDCROFT
LEN WRIGHT

IPSWICH CLUB VISITS DENMARK



On Friday, September 17th 1971, 12 members of Ipswich YMCA Badminton Club made (we believe) their own little piece of history as they boarded "M.S. England" en route for a short tour of Denmark during which 2 matches were to be played against Denmark YMCA's in Holstead and Kolding.

After an 18 hour boat journey, we arrived at Esbjerg at 12 noon, on Saturday, where we were met by members of KFUM, the Danish YMCA.

During the next 30 hours, the tour party covered about 120 miles, 7 meals, 2 matches — of 17 rubbers each which were both won by Ipswich 14-3 and 13-4, a shopping trip, a tour of Legslund, 2 sightseeing tours, a party at Erling Poulsen's (National Council YMCA Sports Secretary) home and

a night's sleep in the Danish club members homes.

The matches were played in a most sporting and enjoyable atmosphere and lots of friends were made. The sports halls where the matches were played were excellent. In fact they left the tourists a little breathless as the first had 5 courts, the second 8 courts, and neither was in a town of more than 10,000 inhabitants.

The tour was the end result of an exploratory letter from the Ipswich secretary, Alastair Harris, about 18 months before.

After the success of this trip, more seem in the offing, certainly to Denmark. But first the return visit from the Danes has to be organised, as they are due in England during January 1972.

CHINESE JUMP TO IT

THE splintering of the Bamboo Curtain will perhaps have even more revolutionary effects in Sport than at the United Nations. Badminton, in particular, is a game that may well take a beneficial leap forward as a result of Red China's emergence into the world's sporting arenas.

China is not a member of the International Badminton Federation. So its teams and players have never matched themselves in official world competition.

However in 1966, they made an appearance, fleeting and devastating as forked lightning. Touring Denmark, they "acupuncture" the European Champion's invincibility and returned home without defeat. Their success lay in superlative fitness rather than in the development of new tactics and

strokes. Playing with tennis rackets strengthen their wrists and ballet routines enabled them to leap ceaselessly and tirelessly as jumping beans. As a result, the unhappy Danes (and this in the era of iron-man Kops and artist Finn Kobbero) were annihilated, striving fruitlessly to gain a chance to attack.

The Canadian Badminton Association has beaten the U.N.O. gun. Shortly after Canada had established diplomatic relations with China, in February, it invited the Chinese to send a team to tour Canada. From news filtering in from that country it appears that Hou Chia-chang and Tang Hsien-hu are living up to past Chinese reputation; that repeated smashing has replaced the defensive clear in singles.

COACHING CRITICS

AS promised last month, here are two letters from readers on the subjects of the coaching exams and producing champions—neither is very complimentary to the existing organization.

Dear Mr. Coaching Corner,

I think the B.A. of E. coaching examinations are a load of old codswallop! You'll never catch me taking another examination. I recently took the Club Coach examination for the second time and for reasons quite beyond me failed again.

The examiners asked me to coach a group of beginners in any backhand stroke, not knowing, obviously, that I am by way of being a bit of an expert with the backhand smash in my local Sunday School League 2nd Division. Of course I concentrated on this shot with my group and while they weren't able to play the shot at the end of the session, I know that they benefitted from the advice of an expert.

I had it made in the tactics section, too, where I was asked to coach mixed. For some years I have had great success with lady beginners—in the badminton sense of course—by encouraging them to serve and then to hide under the net out of the way. The proof of my success is that I always get the beginners to play with at my club. My theories went down well with the group I was coaching in the examination—especially the men—and yet I still failed.

That was not all. The last straw was when an 18-year-old whipper-snapper of a female college student who lives down the road passed the examination. She has never done more than play a few games of badminton in her school gym, and that, I suspect, has been when her boy-friend of the moment was interested in badminton, and yet the B.A. of E. examiners have made her a Club Coach at the same time as failing me with my 19 years and 3 months of serious badminton experience. What a farce!

Yours etc.,

Coaching Critic (Name and Address supplied).

John Woolhouse comments:

The first part of the letter should enable any reader of Coaching Corner to guess at the reasons for Mr. Critic's failure. In any event, he would be given reasons for his failure by the B.A. of E. Coaching Secretary so there is no reason why he should not understand.

The fourth paragraph raises a more interesting point. The young college student may very well not have played much badminton and to understand why she has passed we must examine the purpose of the Club Coach examination. Candidates taking the examination should be able to teach the fundamentals of badminton to beginners and players with just a little experience. That is all.

Anyone who understands the basics of the strokes, tactics and rules and who allies this to some elementary teaching ability should make a perfectly acceptable Club Coach. This student could do a tremendous amount of good for the game when she becomes a school teacher providing she is working at the beginner level. Whether she has ever played much or whether she is old or young seems to me to be immaterial.

Dear Mr. Woolhouse,

I appreciated the invitation in a recent Coaching Corner to send you views on coaching and badminton training generally because I believe the B.A. of E. Coaching set-up to be hopelessly misguided and by now a bit of a 'white elephant'.

As any good player will tell you, the way to the top involves a lot of hard work, training and self-sacrifice and also requires the young player to watch, mix with and above all play against the very best players. Indeed, it is not just a matter of playing against the very best players but a matter of getting increasingly

better results against them and then finally learning to beat them. Any aspiring champion should be helped and encouraged to do all these things. How does the B.A. of E. Coaching Set-up address the problem?

(1) It stipulates that before a coach can work with county players he must pass an examination which includes a test on training coaches. What possible connection has training coaches got with producing county players and internationals?

(2) Before a coach can take this county examination he must have passed an examination which involves coaching good club players and is called the Advanced Club Coach Examination. Before this, however, he must have passed an examination concerned with coaching beginners known as the Club Coach Examination. What possible connection is there between and examination on introducing the fundamentals of badminton to beginners and producing champions?

(3) This elaborate examination system restricts itself to a knowledge of:

- (a) stroke production
- (b) tactics
- (c) rules

It does not address the problems of:

- (a) training
- (b) pressure training
- (c) mental training
- (d) competitive play, or, above all
- (e) winning

Having worked through the B.A. of E. examination system, the vast majority of B.A. of E. coaches know, in my view, no more about producing winners or champions than they did before they started.

I should be grateful if you would agree not to publish my name and address—I do not want to give any personal offence to my many good friends who are extremely hard-working and conscientious B.A. of E. coaches.

Yours sincerely,

Anon. (Name and address supplied).

John Woolhouse comments:

Our new Chief Coach made reference in the first issue this season to our Coaching Set-up being the envy of other countries. I suspect that he meant that the organization and administration are envied rather than the results because he went on to talk about the new image that was required for top players. This letter raises a number of very good points about our Coaching Scheme.

As, Pat Davis has pointed out only two ex-English Internationals are currently National Coaches. Perhaps there is something that can be improved in the examination award system; perhaps there is a reason why we are not getting the people we need? What do other people, players and coaches, administrators and officials think about the system? Any comments will be gratefully acknowledged and published if appropriate. Please send them to John Woolhouse, 1 Rushmead Close, Croydon, CRO 5JG.

Editor's Note: Anon. raises an interesting and controversial general point as to whether or not top players are discouraged by having to take each of the Coaching Awards. However, in fairness, to the Coaching Committee, it should be pointed out that Advanced Club Coaches "must understand how to put their pupils under pressure while practising strokes and to have some knowledge of fitness training."

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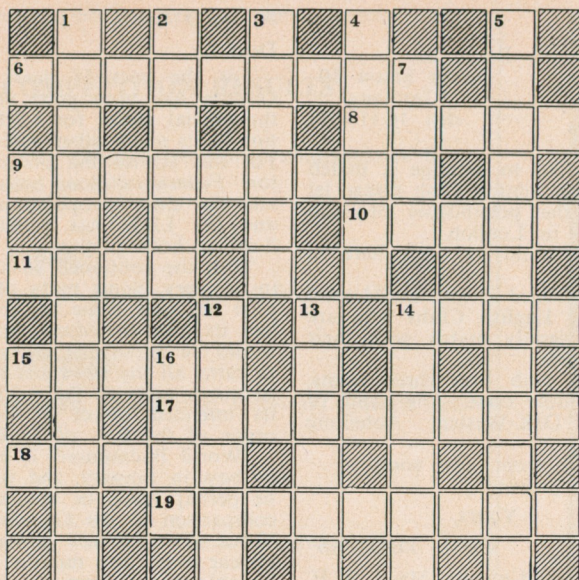
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C R O S S W O R D

This month's prize-winning crossword was submitted by Mr. T. Philip Waterfall, of Sidmouth, Devon. He wins a Slazenger Plus racquet.

For solution : see Page 77

ACROSS

6. Seat of the Duke of Beaufort (9)
8. Used in carpentry to turn net on ? (5)
9. Not usually made by a steady player (1, 4, 4)
10. This custom will make you wise (5)
11. Points (4)
14. So this young lady from Malaysia makes music (4)
15. In which all treasurers should keep their money (1, 4)
17. Sometimes presented after midnight! (4, 5)
18. Usually white though sometimes hard (5)
19. Not a great success under Badminton laws (6, 3)

DOWN

1. Paul Whetnall and Maurice Robinson

2. A distance between two points should make this Surrey and All-England competitor happy (6)
3. Not accustomed to a new tube of shuttlecocks? (6)
4. An unobtrusive salesman at home? (3, 3)
5. The Tournament Committee's responsibility (2, 8, 2)
7. No play is possible without one of these (4)
12. From 1st October until 31st March — it's just the ticket! (6)
13. Sounds as though he is in Round 2 (4, 2)
14. Champion County (6)
16. Many took nourishment and ran away (4)

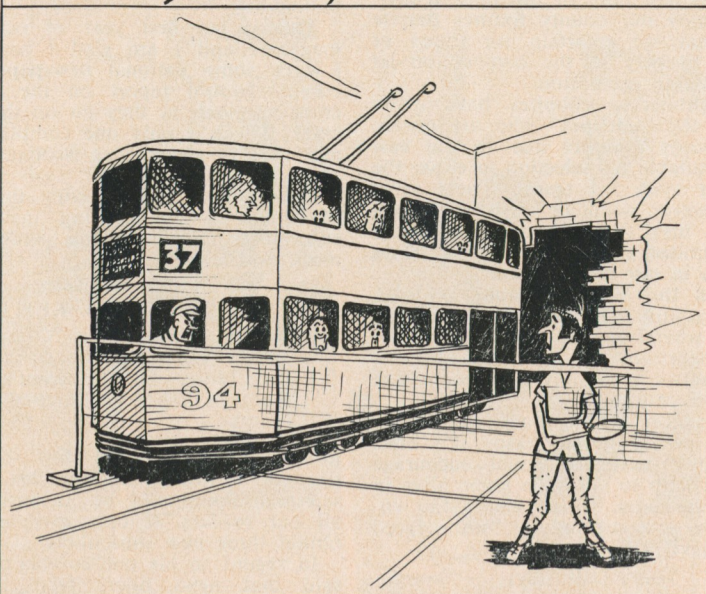
15 UP BADMINTON QUIZ No. 6

For answers see Page 89

Players often hit the headlines; coaches, seldom. How much do you know of the men and women behind the scenes?

1. How many categories of coach are there?
2. Who was the first B.A. of E. Chief Coach?
3. Who is the present Chief Coach?
4. Who is the present Coaching Secretary?
5. Who was the charming Scot who long directed England's coaching scheme?
6. Who is the editor of "Coaching Corner"; for what county did he formerly play?
7. Who is the National Coach who in recent years has coached many of England's leading ladies from Iris Cooley to Gill Gilks?
8. Who are the three female National Coaches?
9. What body gives the B.A. of E. much help with Coaching Courses?
10. At which two of its National Centres are many courses held?
11. The film of what famous game is available for hire from the Coaching Secretary?
12. What is the name of the Canadian Chief Coach who has just resigned? Can you spell his name?
13. Which National Coach has recently been to Holland and S.Africa?
14. Who wrote "Winning Badminton"?
15. Which National Coach is helping our Uber Cup squad to fitness?

COURT JESTER by WHIMP



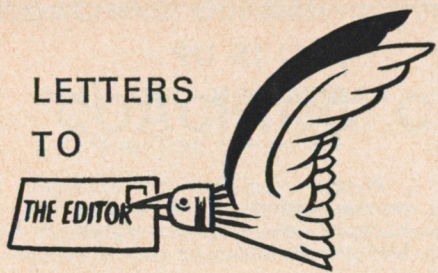
OI — DO YOU MIND MOVING THIS RUDDY NET ?

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

THE Gazette still needs more individual subscribers if we are to make it bigger and better. To this end will every reader, Club Secretary and Gazette Sales Officer make a real effort to obtain at least one new subscriber in this first month of the year.

Fifteen year old D. Keith of Glasgow obtained three! Here is a target for everyone.

PLEASE HELP THE GAZETTE'S CIRCULATION IN THE BITTER MONTH OF JANUARY!



LETTERS
TO

Single Made Easy

73 Scholes Park Road,
Scarborough.
1st December, 1971.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to ask you if you would kindly convey our thanks to the Chief Coach of England, Roger Mills, for his visit to Scarborough on Friday, 26th November. He was very informative, and I am sure that all of us benefited from his advice on tactics. His demonstration of singles was a joy to watch; he made the game look so easy.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) N. Rogers,
p.p. Scarborough High Schools.

Smashing Technique!

Dear Sir,

I am a student at a College of Education studying for my Teacher's Certificate in Physical Education. As part of my final year course I have to write a study on any selected topic concerned with P.E.; I have chosen to base mine upon "The Badminton Smash and Its Return".

I have already made a film on this and hope to include in the study; chapters both on the technique of the stroke and that of its return; on the tactics of the stroke in the various games; on the coaching of the stroke both at school and at international level; and on the mechanics of the stroke, concerning myself mainly with the centre of gravity and the build-up of momentum and force in the body.

I am hoping that you can suggest articles or literature which might be of use to me in this study.

Thanking you in anticipation,
Yours sincerely,
(signed) JENNIFER SANDERS

Westmount Hostel,
City of Birmingham College,
Westbourne Road,
Edgbaston,
Birmingham, 15.

EDITOR'S NOTE: A reply has been sent to Miss Sanders as requested. If any readers, particularly leading players and coaches, like to write and help her with this praiseworthy project, Miss Sanders no doubt will be delighted.

The famous illustrator of "The Sunday Times", "Beaver" Trevillion, (who has produced so revolutionary a new concept of golf putting that he has felt confident in challenging Tony Jacklin to a putting match for £25,000 a side!) is presently at work on a new tennis serve — played backhanded, it is scheduled to bounce 40 feet high!

Miss Sanders may not be seeking quite such revolutionary ideas! Nevertheless, surely nothing but good can come from a pooling of ideas, research and a definite attempt to improve one facet of stroke play. Badminton techniques have changed all too little in the last twenty-five years.

German Challenge

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Sylter Strasse 10
(Germany)
den 16.11.1971

Inge Thomas

Dear Friends,

As we would like to arrange a match with an English Badminton Club please let us know about the possibilities of such a match, perhaps in London.

The play back could be done here in Berlin.

We would be obliged if you could send us a list of some English Clubs who are interested in a friendly match with their German counterparts.

We comprise a club with three teams, playing in the middle class. The name of our Club is: DJK-Westen, Abteilung Badminton.

Hoping to hear from you soon.
With friendly greetings,

Yours,
INGE THOMAS

Clubs interested should contact Mr. J. B. H. Bissek, 81a High St., Bromley, Kent.

Players On Loan

29th October, 1971.

Dear Sir,

It must be very heartening to all connected with Badminton to sense the growing popularity of the game.

However, the need for continual encouragement is still very great and I feel that this could be an opportune time to consider the rules governing the eligibility of players selected to represent their county.

The present rules deny and discourage many players from advancing their game and eventually, they give up completely. Situations such as these should not be allowed to happen as the game cannot afford to lose a single player of any standard.

May I be allowed to state the case of Herefordshire? It is a very sparsely populated county of some twelve active clubs with at the most approximately 400 players only of all standards.

For many years there has been a continual struggle to raise a county team. Although we are only in the bottom division, we enjoy our county fixtures despite the fact that we entertain no hopes of continuing to play in the competition let alone of gaining promotion.

Our neighbouring counties have many players on the "sidelines" who are unable to gain county honours due to the vast numbers available for selection to either the 1st, 2nd or even 3rd teams. These same players, however, could be valuable to such as we and they themselves would benefit from the limited experience that we could afford them in our county team.

Surely, in the lower divisions at least, a little flexibility of the rules could be introduced whereby these players could be given an opportunity to improve their game and, who knows, eventually gain recognition by their own county.

I would suggest an "on loan" clause for a minimum period of one season at a time. It is obvious that this would encourage players and help to keep the game alive in areas such as ours, where badminton enthusiasts are outnumbered by "white faced cattle" by several hundreds to one.

Yours faithfully,
K. MORGAN,
(Chairman, Herefordshire B.A.)

A Happy Event

Dear Sir,

For the past 18 years the Badminton Gazette has been good enough to act as the official outlet for I.B.F. news in addition to its many other objects and activities. For this service the International Badminton Federation has been most grateful, and the close co-operation of the Gazette and the I.B.F. has probably been beneficial to both parties.

With the continued advance of the game in so very many parts of the world, the time has now come for the I.B.F. to publish its own periodical, notably because it would be impossible to expect the Gazette to carry all the news and information from so many parts of the world in addition to its intended object of being the official organ of the B.A. of England.

"World Badminton" is expected to make its bow in January, and will, to start with, be perhaps only of modest proportions in comparison to the Gazette, but it may be hoped that the new periodical, which will appear every two months of the year, will be able to continue the close relationship which the I.B.F. has always had with the Gazette. Both have the same objectives, the furtherance of the game of Badminton.

With best wishes to the Gazette,
I am,
on behalf of
The International Badminton Federation,
H. A. E. SCHEELE
(Hon. Secretary)

Editor's Note: The Gazette wishes "World Badminton" every success, a success that seems assured with Herbert Scheele's practised hand on the Editorial typewriter.

With Badminton's rocketing world-wide growth there is surely a welcome place for it. As hitherto, the Gazette will still report important foreign matches and tournaments.

We look forward to a long and pleasant association with the young and lusty babe, "World Badminton."

Super Salesman!

Dear Sir,

Can I order an annual subscription for "The Badminton Gazette" for my coach, Mr. Frank Shannon, a Scottish internationalist.

This is my first year of reading your magazine and I am glad I have read it. I wish some national newspapers in this country would report on the Badminton craze as much as they do on the Football craze. There is only one complaint I have and that is please give Scotland a larger place in your magazine.

I obtained my own copy through Mr. B. Quay. I am sending in two more subscribers' names along with the one mentioned earlier.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) D. KEITH (age 15).

(Paisley County Team, Glasgow Youth Service Team, 2nd Cardowan Badminton Team, St. Margaret's Langside Team, Glasgow Churches' Kenmure Team).

Editor's Note: Young Mr. Keith's enthusiasm is most refreshing; his powers of salesmanship should be an inspiration to all our readers. If only everybody would obtain three new subscribers . . . !

In regard to his one complaint let it be said that news filters from across the Border to Canterbury all too seldom. Whenever we have space it is most welcome.

COMPETITION RESULTS

PRIZES for our October/November competitions have been awarded as follows:—

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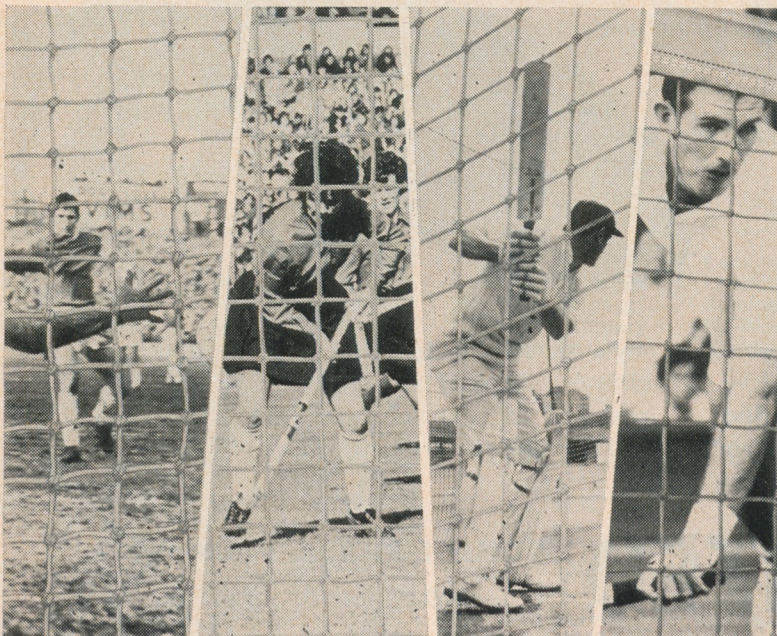
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50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

THE special Dinner and Dance held at the Baronial Hall, King Alfred, Hove, on the 27th November, marked two important occasions for the Brighton, Hove and District Badminton Association. Not only did the Dinner celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the Association, but also provided a glittering setting for the presentation of a cheque and a splendid set of crystal wine glasses to Mr. Lionel Lewis who for the past eighteen years has given such dedicated service to Sussex Badminton as Hon. Secretary of the Brighton, Hove and District B.A. The presentation was made to Mr. Lewis by the President of the Badminton Association of England, Mr. Stuart Wyatt, B.E.M., to the accompaniment of cheers and prolonged applause from the 180 Association members and friends thronging the Hall.

Distinguished Guests

The President and Mrs. Wyatt were the principal guests amongst a distinguished gathering of County administrators, Sports and Press representatives and friends, including Mr. Arthur Jolly, Founder Secretary of the Association, who have helped to foster the growth of the Association from five competing teams to fourteen divisions.

The toast to the Association was proposed by Mr. Jack Mitchell, President of the Sussex County B.A., in a witty speech to which the President of the Brighton, Hove and District B.A., Mr. Tom Bowker, responded. He outlined the early history of the Association and referred to the several members who went on to international honours, amongst them the late Nigel Sharp who brought honour to the Association as a Vice-President of the Badminton Association of England and of the International Badminton Federation.

The President and Mrs. Wyatt



"Happy and Durable"

With several amusing anecdotes Mr. Stuart Wyatt responded on behalf of the guests and aptly asserted that the "H & D" on the Association's badge stood for "Happy and Durable". He heartily congratulated the Association, which he described as "the grass roots of the international game", and wished it well for the next 50 years.

County Coaching Secretary and Association Chairman, Mr. Laurie Moore, read a congratulatory telegram from the Badminton Association of England and performed his somewhat unaccustomed role of toastmaster with the efficiency he brings to his other duties. The Association's Honorary Secretary, Mr. Don Elphick, effectively coordinated the efforts of the committee members and many friends who helped to make the evening a truly enjoyable and memorable occasion.

D.E.

ENGLAND TOURS SCANDINAVIA

The following players have been invited by the English selectors to tour Scandinavia early next month:-

- Miss M. (Margaret) BECK (Middlesex) (Jt. 1).
- Mrs. M. A. (Gillian) GILKS (Surrey) (Jt. 1).
- J. D. (David) EDDY (Staffordshire) (3).
- R. P. (Ray) STEVENS (Essex) (2).
- E. C. (Elliot) STUART (Northumberland) (7).
- D. (Derek) TALBOT (Northumberland) (1).
- M. G. (Michael) TREDGETT (Gloucestershire) (9).

Another lady will be selected shortly to complete the team. The non-playing captain will be R. J. (Ron) LOCKWOOD.

International matches will be played against DENMARK on Tuesday, 4th January at Greve Strand and against SWEDEN on Thursday, 6th January at Umea. All the players will take part in the Swedish International Championships, which will be held at Boras on 7th-9th January.

Numbers in brackets are current England rankings.

ALL-ENGLAND REDUCED PRICES

WITH this issue is enclosed to all affiliated clubs and organisations of the Badminton Association of England full details with regard to the reduced price booking of seats for the All-England Championships at Wembley, March 22nd to 25th.

These are important documents, and they should be brought to the attention of club members who may wish to avail themselves of the advantages of early booking. These enclosures cannot be replaced.

In the past they have been separately circulated, but postage rates being now what they are, a considerable saving is obtained by their enclosure in the Badminton Gazette.

It is to be noted that, in contrast to past practice, applications through the enclosed medium should be sent to the Badminton Association of England. One of the conditions of granting reduced prices is that the club's current subscription to its county association has been paid and the required proportion passed on by the latter to the B.A. of England. Therefore, please make sure that your club has remitted its fee to its county association. If this has not been done the application for tickets cannot be attended to.

15 UP! ANSWERS

(See page 85).

1. Four: National; County; Advanced Club; Club.
2. Ken Crossley.
3. Rogers Mills.
4. Mrs. Olive Johnson.
5. Mrs. Nancy Horner.
6. John Woolhouse (Yorkshire).
7. Ian Palmer (Surrey).
8. Miss D. B. Grace, Mrs. A. M. Horner, and Mrs. J. R. Wheating.
9. Central Council of Physical Recreation.
10. Lilleshall Hall and Crystal Palace.
11. 1967 All-England Ladies' Singles Final when Mrs. J. Hashman won the title for the 10th time.
12. Channarong Ratanaseangsuang.
13. Ken Brock (Kent).
14. Ken Davidson.
15. J. Downey (Middlesex).

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

Date	C.C.P.R. Region	Type of Course	Venue
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.

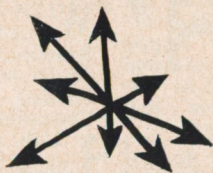
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EXAMINATIONS

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

Examination application forms are available at all Courses.

NEWS FROM



THE COUNTIES

YORKSHIRE

TWO of Yorkshire's regular first teamers will be missing from this season's campaign. Mrs. Judith Lilley (Collingham) is expecting a child, and Lance Ellwood (Headingley) has decided to call it a day at the early age of 34, following a major operation in the summer.

Mrs. Flockhart Returns

The women fortunately, have obtained a valuable replacement in Mrs. Johanna Flockhart (24), (formerly Miss Liddle) of Harrogate, a former 2nd teamer before she moved to Fife, Scotland after her marriage to Andrew, an ex-Scottish international. Mrs. Flockhart should prove a big asset to Yorkshire, both in singles and doubles, as two years ago she won three Yorkshire Open titles at Hull, the singles, ladies' and mixed doubles.

Lance Ellwood's Great Record

Ellwood, who lives in Stanley, Wakefield will be badly missed in county match and tournament circles, where he was always a popular figure. He started his playing career with Headingley (Leeds) at 14 and a year later was in the county 2nd team. At 18, after winning the All-England Junior boys' doubles title he graduated to the senior side, and for the next 16 years was the county's outstanding man in both county matches and tournaments.

During this period he created a Yorkshire record by appearing in nearly 100 county and representative matches with only one break, when he was picked for England against Scotland in 1962.

In the same year he earned his first England cap, at Hull against Ireland, and made two appearances altogether for England. He helped Yorkshire to two county championship finals—in 1967 and 1968—and twice won the county's "Player of the Year" trophy.

Fine Tournament Record

His tournament record is equally impressive. In 1957 he became Yorkshire singles champion, and altogether won the title 8 times. His reign as mixed doubles champion, apart from one year lasted for a decade, and included a sequence of seven consecutive years from 1960. He also won the open mixed doubles twice and the men's once. His best achievements were between 1961 and 1964 when three times he gained all three titles. During the 20 years he played for his club Headingley he missed only three Yorkshire League matches, and had a hand in all the club's 14 Division 1 title successes.

Ellwood should prove equally effective on the administrative side of the game which he has now decided to embark upon, and his experience should prove invaluable to the selectors who have co-opted his services.

J.P.

CHESHIRE

In the past, Cheshire have often picked up the match points on their mixed doubles successes, but so far this season, that fortune has eluded them.

Their opening Division II match against Derbyshire at Derby was a case in point. Wanting all four mixed to win, they collected only three and lost the tie 9-8. Then at Keele University, they were in just the same position at the turn, but this time won only one and recorded their second defeat to the tune of 11-6.

In both matches, there were results which wouldn't have done the punters any good. But there were redeeming features too in that the county are at last winning some women's events. So it could be that there are better days ahead—especially as the second half of the season brings the first team's three home matches.

For the second team, however, this is obviously just not their season. With only one event won against Yorkshire II and none at all against Lancashire II, there's nothing to spark even the slightest glimmer of optimism.

F.E.T.

ESSEX

Seldom can two successive Division One Inter-County Championship matches have been marred by injuries to players.

In the home match against Middlesex, at Ilford on 14th November, the Middlesex player, Alison Morgan, tore her Achilles tendon. We understand she had her operation two day later and will now be out for the rest of the season. Everybody in Essex wishes her a complete and speedy recovery from her unfortunate accident.

Then at Wimbledon against Surrey, on 28th November, young Barbara Giles left the court in the middle of her second Ladies' Doubles in considerable pain after injuring her ankle and again a substitute was required. It is believed the injury is not as bad as appeared and considerable thanks are due to the wives of two Surrey players, Mrs. Beacom and Mrs. Boutle, for all the help they gave Barbara.

Considerable interest is being aroused about the forthcoming Exhibition match at Redbridge Baths, Ilford, on 20th January, between Essex and a team styled Rest of England. Most of the organising is being undertaken by Ray Stevens. It is good to see a young player prepared to undertake so much work for the good of the game.

In the Inter-District League, Dagenham look like being the favourites in the top Division but in the County League one of the strongest clubs, Parkside, are encountering considerable difficulties in playing their matches as a result of losing their hall but are doing their best to play all their matches away.

R.L.

BERKSHIRE

BERKSHIRE opened their first ever season in Division 1, with what turned out to be an historic occasion for the county and also for the County Championship. The match was played at the magnificent Basingstoke Sports Centre on November 14th and attracted the largest crowd ever to be recorded in the history of the County Championship which commenced in 1930. Over eight hundred spectators packed the hall for the visit of the County Champions, Surrey, who were packed with all their usual international talent.

Before the match commenced, the teams were presented on court to His Worship the Mayor of Basingstoke, Councillor J. Eddie and the President of The Badminton Association, Stuart Wyatt. Also in attendance was Mr. S. Mitchell, Chairman of Berkshire County Badminton Association.

Surrey ruthlessly demolished the home side by 16 events to 1, although Berkshire might with a little luck have snatched another rubber. In fact Berkshire's only success came in the final rubber, with J. S. Tate and Mrs. Judy Hashman defeating C. T. Coates and Mrs. Julie Rickard 12-15, 17-16, 15-2. The England Joint No. 1, Mrs. Gillian Gilkes, was the day's outstanding player; her net interceptions particularly caught the eye.

After the match the two teams and officials were entertained in the committee rooms at the Centre with a magnificent fork Buffet prepared by the ladies of the Association.

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INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

NORTHUMBERLAND made a good start to their Division I career when they narrowly beat West of Scotland at Larkhall. However, despite the continued presence of Talbot, Kidd and Stuart, they tumbled 7-10 to Yorkshire, a side sound in both men and ladies. In the South Zone, Surrey have asserted their usual superiority with a clearcut victory over Essex who in turn beat Middlesex. Berkshire, with losses of 2-15 and 1-16, are finding life at the top very hard indeed.

Commendable performances have been D. Ball's (Yorkshire) win over W. Kidd (Northumberland) in both singles and mixed; J. Barrie's (West of Scotland) defeat of E. C. Stuart (Northumberland) and I. Hume and J. Ansari's (West of Scotland) convincing men's doubles victory over E. Stuart and C. Lamb.

In the South, Colin Beacom has maintained his fine all-round form; Nora Gardner established herself still further by defeating Mrs. Rickard and, with Barbara Giles, taking a game from Gill Gilks and Julie Rickard (Surrey). Miss L. Veasey and Miss P. Timbers did very well to win both their doubles against the Essex girls, three of whom are England-ranked, on the latter's courts.

In Division II, North Zone, Cheshire, now without their stars Bob Powell and Tony Jordan, lost to both Derbyshire and Staffordshire; the latter's victory over the former gives them a flying start. In the South Zone, Cornwall have started busily defeating Warwickshire twice and also Oxfordshire but losing by the odd match to Glamorgan.

Mrs. Flockhart and Miss Winter beat Mrs. L. M. Lacey and Mrs. D. Watson 15-8, 15-2; beat Miss Charlton and Miss Martin 15-2, 15-9. Miss P. Protheroe and Mrs. J. Charlton beat Mrs. Lacey and Mrs. Watson 15-12, 15-4; beat Miss Charlton and Miss Martin 15-7, 15-1.

Keefe and Miss Protheroe lost to Talbot and Mrs. Lacey 9-15, 11-15. Middleton and Miss Winter lost to Stuart and Miss Charlton 9-15, 12-15. Ball and Mrs. Charlton beat Kidd and Mrs. Watson 17-16, 15-7. Hartley and Mrs. Flockhart beat Lamb and Mrs. V. Bradley 15-5, 15-7.

SOUTH ZONE

BERKSHIRE 1; SURREY 16

At Basingstoke on November 14th. Scores (Surrey names first):—

C. J. Beacom beat J. S. Tate 15-2, 15-4. J. A. Gardner beat N. White 9-15, 15-2, 15-5. P. J. Gardner beat M. Wooderson 15-3, 15-11.

Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss H. Marks 11-0, 11-0. Mrs. J. E. Rickard beat Mrs. J. McCairns 11-3, 11-3.

Beacom and K. M. Andrews beat R. Lucas and R. Reed 15-5, 15-6; beat White and G. Taylor 11-11, 15-4. C. T. Coates and M. J. Boutle beat Lucas and Reed 16-17, 15-12, 17-16; beat White and Taylor 18-17, 15-7.

Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Rickard beat Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman and Mrs. McCairns 15-0, 15-2; beat Mrs. A. Smith and Miss Marks 15-8, 15-5. Mrs. H. J. Horton and Miss M. Gardner beat Mrs. Hashman and Mrs. McCairns 15-11, 15-11; beat Mrs. Smith and Miss Marks 15-6, 15-9.

Andrews and Mrs. Gilks beat White and Mrs. Smith 15-5, 15-5. Beacom and Mrs. Horton beat Reed and Miss R. Cooper 15-10, 15-11. Coates and Mrs. Rickard lost to Tate and Mrs. Hashman 15-9, 16-17, 2-15. J. Gardner and Miss M. Gardner beat Lucas and Miss Marks 15-4, 15-9.

ESSEX 10; MIDDLESEX 7

At Ilford on November 14th. Scores (Essex names first):—

K. P. Arthur beat T. Stewart 15-7, 15-5. W. F. Havers beat R. Reddick 18-16, 15-9. D. Pither beat G. A. Mannall 15-6, 18-15.

Miss L. Spencer lost to Miss M. Beck 8-11, 1-11. Miss B. Giles beat Miss A. Morgan 11-5, 11-8.

T. Bowler and Pither lost to M. Nurmohamed and P. Gaudoin 15-12, 13-15, 9-15; beat R. S. McCoig and Reddick 15-8, 11-15, 15-12. Arthur and Havers lost to Nurmohamed and Gaudoin 12-15, 14-17; beat McCoig and Reddick 15-7, 17-15.

Miss Giles and Miss N. Gardner beat Miss Beck and Miss Morgan 15-6, 10-7 retired; lost to Miss L. Veasey and Miss P. Timbers 11-15, 15-6, 12-15. Miss Spencer and Miss P. Chitty lost to Miss Beck and Mrs. K. Veasey (sub.) 2-15, 6-15; lost to Miss Veasey and Miss Timbers 3-15, 7-15.

Havers and Miss Gardner lost to McCoig and Miss Beck 12-15, 11-15. Bowler and Miss Giles beat Gaudoin and Miss Veasey 17-14, 15-6. Pither and Mrs. W. F. Havers beat Mannall and Miss Timbers 15-12, 15-9. D. Clarke and Miss J. Carter beat Reddick and Mrs. Veasey (sub.) 14-15, 15-9, 15-10.

SURREY 12; ESSEX 5

At Wimbledon on November 28th. Scores (Surrey names first):—

C. J. Beacom lost to R. P. Stevens 15-5, 10-15, 8-15. J. A. Gardner lost to K. P. Arthur 11-15, 11-15. M. A. Nevzat beat P. J. Smith 15-8, 15-12.

Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss L. Spencer 11-0, 11-2. Mrs. W. R. Rickard lost to Miss N. Gardner 9-12, 11-3, 3-11.

Beacom and K. M. Andrews beat Stevens and T. J. Bowler 15-12, 4-15, 15-11; beat W. F. Havers and Arthur 18-14, 15-12. C. T. Coates and M. J. Boutle lost to Stevens and Bowler 12-15, 13-15; beat Havers and Arthur 15-13, 15-11.

Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Rickard beat Miss B. Giles and Miss N. Gardner 15-3, 16-17, 15-5; beat Miss Spencer and Mrs. R. Illingworth 15-5, 15-7. Mrs. H. J. Horton and Miss M. Gardner beat Miss Giles and Miss Gardner 17-14, 4-15, 0-4 retired; beat Miss Spencer and Mrs. Illingworth 15-12, 15-11.

Andrews and Mrs. Gilks beat Stevens and Miss J. Brennan 15-13, 15-11. Beacom and Mrs. Horton beat Havers and Miss Gardner 15-11, 9-15, 15-8. Coates and Mrs. Rickard beat Smith and Mrs. W. F. Havers 12-15, 15-8, 15-4. J. A. Gardner and Miss Gardner lost to Bowler and Mrs. Illingworth 14-17, 15-10, 15-17.

MIDDLESEX 15; BERKSHIRE 2

At Stamford Hill on November 28th. Scores (Middlesex names first):—

R. S. McCoig beat N. J. White 15-1, 15-8. T. Stewart beat J. Lord 9-15, 15-9, 15-3. G. Mannall beat G. Taylor 15-1, 15-2.

Miss M. Beck beat Miss R. Cooper 11-1, 11-2. Miss P. Timbers beat Mrs. J. McCairns 7-11, 11-5, 11-7.

McCoig and Miss Beck beat White and Mrs. Smith 15-5, 15-8. Gaudoin and Miss Veasey lost to Reed and Miss Cooper 11-15, 15-10, 15-17. Mannall and Miss Timbers beat Lucas and Miss Marks 15-17, 15-10, 15-12. Reddick and Mrs. Dulieu beat Taylor and Mrs. McCairns 15-12, 15-4.

M. Nurmohamed and P. Gaudoin beat R. Reed and R. Lucas 18-13, 4-15, 15-6; lost to White and Taylor 9-15, 9-15. McCoig and R. Reddick beat Reed and Lucas 18-16, 15-10; beat White and Taylor 11-15, 15-10, 18-13.

Miss Beck and Mrs. J. Dulieu beat Mrs. A. Smith and Miss H. Marks 15-3, 15-8; beat Mrs. McCairns and Miss Cooper 15-3, 15-4. Miss Timbers and Miss Veasey beat Mrs. Smith and Miss Marks 15-5, 15-6; beat Mrs. McCairns and Miss Cooper 15-10, 15-4.

DIVISION II

SOUTH ZONE

HAMPSHIRE 14; HERTFORDSHIRE 3

At Portsmouth on November 14th.

Hampshire: D. R. Hunt, P. Pennekett, B. Keeling, D. Curtis, K. Paul, Miss C. Holland, Mrs. A. Darlington, Mrs. A. Friend, Mrs. V. Tyler and Mrs. P. Savage.

Hertfordshire: W. E. Andrew, A. Bell, P. A. Seaford, R. Rogers, P. McCrimmon, Miss S. Miller, Mrs. S. Nutter, Miss G. Caulkett and Miss D. Church.

SURREY 2nd 14; KENT 3

At Epsom on November 21st.

Surrey 2nd: M. Nevzat, P. J. Gardner, R. Mead, P. Robinson, M. Thompson, R. J. Southwell, Miss M. Gardner, Miss P. Smiles, Miss R. Hughes and Miss M. Brewer.

Kent: J. Tank, R. Thompson, C. Tucker, L. W. Steeden, A. J. Brightman, L. Pugh, Miss S. Boulind, Miss S. E. Lewis, Mrs. A. J. Wilson, Miss N. Varnfield and Mrs. P. Lucas.

CORNWALL 12; WARWICKSHIRE 5

At Camborne on November 7th.

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

Warwickshire: J. B. Gibson, F. R. Wilson, T. E. Wood, M. A. Butterfield, B. Meager, Mrs. A. MacFarlane, Miss J. Smith, Miss K. D. Clarke and Mrs. J. Jones.

CORNWALL 8; GLAMORGAN 9

At Camborne on November 14th.

Glamorgan: H. R. Jennings, D. K. Hopkins, D. Colmer, A. Fisher, D. Turner, A. Morgan, Mrs. A. Dickson, Miss B. Fisher, Mrs. M. Withers and Miss P. Jeremiah.

Cornwall: R. J. Northcott, P. Pearce, A. Drew, B. Swadling, Miss M. Govett, Mrs. V. Chadwick, Mrs. B. Swadling and Miss A. Richards.

HERTFORDSHIRE 1; ESSEX 2nd 16

At Harlow on November 7th.

Essex 2nd: J. C. Stretch, D. R. M. Pither, B. Nilsen, T. J. Bowler, D. Clarke, C. Goodman, Miss V. Bull, Miss K. Stranks, Mrs. K. Castro, Miss P. Chitty and Miss J. Carter.

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WARWICKSHIRE 8; CORNWALL 9

At Birmingham on November 20th.

Cornwall: R. Northcott, P. Pearce, A. Drew, B. Swadling, Miss M. Govett, Mrs. V. Chadwick, Mrs. E. Swadling and Miss A. Richards.

Warwickshire: G. Deakin, T. Jones, T. Wood, B. Gibson, Mrs. A. MacFarlane, Miss P. Robinson, Miss K. Clarke, Miss J. Smith and Mrs. J. Jones.

OXFORDSHIRE 7; CORNWALL 10

At Abingdon on November 21st.

Cornwall: R. Northcott, P. Pearce, A. Drew, B. Swadling, Miss M. Govett, Mrs. V. Chadwick, Mrs. E. Swadling and Miss A. Richards.

Oxfordshire: G. Young, B. Hooper, I. Jelfs, C. F. Ciniglio, D. R. Barrett, N. Jorgensen, Mrs. S. Jelfs, Mrs. M. Cook, Mrs. P. Hunt, Mrs. D. Ciniglio and Mrs. S. Pears.

P.R.D.

DIVISION I

NORTH ZONE

WEST OF SCOTLAND 8; NORTHUMBERLAND 9

At Larkhall on November 14th. Scores (Northumberland names first):—

D. Talbot beat J. Ansari 15-2, 12-15, 15-2. E. C. Stuart lost to J. Barrie 15-13, 11-15, 2-15. W. Kidd beat G. Forbes 18-17, 15-12.

Miss N. Charlton lost to Mrs. G. Stewart 7-11, 4-11. Miss C. Martin lost to Mrs. F. McEwan 2-11, 4-11.

Talbot and Kidd beat I. Hume and Ansari 15-7, 15-11; beat J. Thompson and J. Marshall 15-5, 15-3. Stuart and G. C. Lamb lost to Hume and Ansari 4-15, 8-15; beat Thompson and Marshall 15-4, 15-3.

Mrs. L. M. Lacey and Mrs. D. Watson lost to Mrs. W. Reid and Mrs. M. Gibson 10-15, 10-15; beat Mrs. Stewart and Miss A. Galbraith 15-12, 17-14. Miss Charlton and Miss Martin lost to Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Gibson 2-15, 0-15; lost to Mrs. Stewart and Miss Galbraith 15-12, 14-18, 0-15.

Talbot and Mrs. Lacey beat Thompson and Miss Galbraith 15-5, 15-11. Stuart and Miss Charlton beat Ansari and Mrs. Reid 15-13, 15-9. Kidd and Mrs. Watson beat Hume and Mrs. Gibson 17-14, 12-15, 15-9. Lamb and Miss Martin lost to Marshall and Mrs. Stewart 8-15, 8-15.

NORTHUMBERLAND 7; YORKSHIRE 10

At Newcastle-on-Tyne on November 28th. Scores (Yorkshire names first):—

I. Middleton lost to D. Talbot 7-15, 9-15. D. J. Hutchinson lost to E. C. Stuart 7-15, 7-15. D. L. Ball beat W. Kidd 15-12, 7-15, 15-11.

Mrs. J. Flockhart beat Miss N. Charlton 11-4, 11-0. Miss M. Winter beat Miss C. Martin 0-11, 6-11.

F. Harwood and B. Keefe lost to Talbot and Kidd 9-15, 13-15; beat Stuart and G. C. Lamb 15-10, 15-11. Hutchinson and D. J. Hartley lost to Talbot and Kidd 15-12, 4-15, 4-15; lost to Stuart and Lamb 0-15, 12-15.

NORTH ZONE

DERBYSHIRE 9; CHESHIRE 8

At Derby on November 13th.

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

Cheshire: S. J. Shaw, R. J. Westmorland, G. Shaw, A. Harkness, P. Dawson, Miss W. J. Wilson, Mrs. P. Smith, Mrs. P. Stephens and Mrs. L. Hough.

STAFFORDSHIRE 11; CHESHIRE 6

At Keele on November 28th.

Staffordshire: J. D. Eddy, E. H. Sutton, C. I. Eddy, K. Hawthorne, Miss P. Young, Mrs. E. Ross, Mrs. V. Steadman and Mrs. B. Colclough.

Cheshire: S. Shaw, R. Westmorland, G. Shaw, A. Harkness, P. Dawson, Miss W. Wilson, Miss P. Smith, Mrs. L. Hough and Mrs. J. Stephens.

STAFFORDSHIRE 11; DERBYSHIRE 6

At Stone on November 21st.

Staffordshire: J. D. Eddy, E. H. Sutton, J. Croxton, C. I. Eddy, Miss P. Young, Miss P. Duncombe, Mrs. E. Reed, Mrs. V. Steadman and Mrs. E. Ross.

Derbyshire: I. P. Clark, B. Campion, B. Helliwell, A. G. Gaskin, Miss J. Hall, Mrs. J. Upton, Mrs. M. Eddy, and Miss M. Frost.

DIVISION III

NORTH ZONE

East of Scotland 2nd 17; Scottish Border Counties 0
Northumberland 2nd 13; Cumberland 2nd 4
Cheshire 2nd 2; Yorkshire 2nd 15
Lancashire 2nd 17; Cheshire 2nd 0
Leicestershire 9; Staffordshire 2nd 8
Derbyshire 2nd 14; Leicestershire 3
Nottinghamshire 2nd 8; Leicestershire 9

SOUTH ZONE

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

DIVISION IV

NORTH ZONE

Westmorland 4; Lancashire 3rd 13
Isle of Man 12; Westmorland 5
Isle of Man w.o.; Yorkshire 3rd retired
Nottinghamshire 3rd 10; North Wales 7
Nottinghamshire 3rd 13; Leicestershire 2nd 4
Shropshire 5; Leicestershire 2nd 12

SOUTH ZONE

Oxfordshire 2nd 10; Monmouthshire 2nd 7
Worcestershire 2nd 7; Northamptonshire 2nd 10
Worcestershire 2nd 12; Warwickshire 3rd 5
Northamptonshire 2nd 10; Monmouthshire 2nd 7
Oxfordshire 2nd 6; Worcesterhire 2nd 11
Gloucestershire 2nd 15; Dorset 2nd 2
Wiltshire 2nd 12; Devon 2nd 5
Dorset 2nd 8; Devon 2nd 9
Gloucestershire 2nd 9; Wiltshire 2nd 8
Somerset 2nd 7; Gloucestershire 2nd 10
Wiltshire 2nd 15; Somerset 2nd 2
Essex 3rd 8; Middlesex 3rd 9
Lincs. & Rutland 2nd 16; Norfolk 2nd 1
Norfolk 2nd 10; Cambridgeshire 2nd 7
Lincs. & Rutland 2nd 7; Hunts. & Peterborough 10
Hunts. & Peterborough 16; Cambridgeshire 2nd 1

DIVISION V

NORTH ZONE

Leicestershire 3rd 2; Staffordshire 3rd 15
Staffordshire 3rd 15; Derbyshire 3rd 2
Shropshire 2nd 4; Leicestershire 3rd 13

SOUTH ZONE

Pembrokeshire 1; Worcestershire 3rd 16
Pembrokeshire 1; Herefordshire 16
Herefordshire 6; Glamorgan 3rd 11
Gloucestershire 3rd 15; Dorset 3rd 2
Cornwall 2nd 7; Wiltshire 3rd 10
Cornwall 2nd 13; Dorset 3rd 4
Gloucestershire 3rd 11; Wiltshire 3rd 6
Wiltshire 3rd 14; Somerset 3rd 3
Kent 3rd 11; Hampshire 3rd 6
Buckinghamshire 2nd 8; Sussex 2nd 9
Buckinghamshire 2nd 4; Kent 3rd 13
Hertfordshire 2nd 12; Hampshire 3rd 5
Sussex 2nd 12; Hertfordshire 2nd 5
Norfolk 3rd 3; Bedfordshire 2nd 14
Lincs. & Rutland 3rd 5; Bedfordshire 2nd 12
Norfolk 3rd 5; Lincs. & Rutland 3rd 12
Suffolk 2nd 7; Bedfordshire 2nd 10
Suffolk 2nd 12; Norfolk 3rd 5

INTER-COUNTY

CHAMPIONSHIP NOMINATIONS

The following nominations of teams in the Inter-County Championship have been received since the last issue of the Badminton Gazette went to press:-

Berkshire: A. R. Lucas, R. G. Reed, J. Tate, N. J. White, Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman, Miss H. Marks, Mrs. J. McCairns and Mrs. A. Smith.

Cumberland: Not received.

Derbyshire: A. H. Witcomb, I. P. Clark, B. Helliwell, B. Campion, Miss M. Frost, Mrs. M. Eddy (née Bridge), Miss J. Hall and Mrs. J. Upton.

Derbyshire 2nd: A. E. Ewles, A. Tolman, G. C. Bishop, M. J. Clark, Mrs. M. Ewles, Mrs. O. Wright, Miss S. Cave and Miss S. Wilcox.

Durham: H. Robertson, C. Lilley, B. Jobling, A. O. Coates, G. Fidler, N. Jamieson, Mrs. P. Lilley, Miss M. Drake, Miss M. Pollard, Miss S. Joblin and Miss K. Pollard.

Kent: J. Tank, L. Steeden, A. Brightman, R. Thompson, Mrs. C. F. R. Wilson, Miss S. Lewis, Miss N. Varnfield and Mrs. P. Lucas.

Kent 2nd: G. Hubbard, M. D' Cunha, P. Partridge, J. Pugh, D. Grafton, M. Wilks, Miss M. Tilbury, Mrs. E. West, Mrs. M. Gayler and Mrs. B. Shaw.

Lancashire: E. J. Usher, A. C. King, B. E. Jones, P. J. Wood, Mrs. B. Cooper, Mrs. D. Smith, Mrs. J. Pearson and Mrs. D. Hargreaves.

Lancashire 2nd: P. E. Bullivant, P. Bullivant, R. J. Wilson, B. Wallwork, Miss B. Walsh, Miss C. Walsh, Miss M. Collins and Mrs. M. Gardner.

Leicestershire: D. Clayton, A. Chambers, R. Sheffield, T. Cairns, Miss M. Wells, Miss H. Herrick, Mrs. M. Carr and Mrs. S. Cheyney.

Leicestershire 2nd: K. Pickering, M. Lord, D. Tuckerman, L. Thornton, Miss E. Welch, Miss P. Holt, Miss J. Grudgings and Mrs. E. Cairns.

Nottinghamshire: C. Abbott, M. Bredbury, C. Kirk, R. Kirk, Mrs. B. Bancroft, Mrs. K. Brindle, Mrs. P. Mace and Miss H. Marshall.

Nottinghamshire 2nd: P. Frymann, R. Green, I. Wilson, A. Wing, Mrs. J. Abbott, Mrs. A. Hill, Mrs. A. Muncaster and Miss C. Salmon.

Oxfordshire: C. F. Ciniglio, D. R. Barrett, I. Jelfs, F. Hooper, Mrs. D. Ciniglio, Mrs. M. Cooke, Mrs. P. Hunt and Mrs. S. Pears.

Somerset: J. C. Daines, J. Lanning, R. H. Moore, K. G. Stott, Mrs. M. Hanney, Miss S. Page, Mrs. C. Jones and Miss M. Thomas.

Somerset 2nd: A. Daws, R. Hill, A. May, M. C. Sertin, Miss L. Castleton, Miss H. Collins, Mrs. S. Hares and Mrs. G. Wuerzer.

Staffordshire: J. Croxton, C. I. Eddy, J. D. Eddy, K. Hawthorne, E. H. Sutton, Miss P. Duncombe, Mrs. E. Ross, Mrs. V. Steadman and Miss P. Young.

Staffordshire 2nd: R. W. Burton, G. F. B. Hamilton, J. D. McColl, J. N. Marriott, Mrs. A. J. Banks, Mrs. B. Blake, Mrs. B. Colcough and Mrs. G. Gibbons.

Suffolk: C. Donnison, P. Ambrose, M. Knight, D. Driver, Miss G. Barclay, Miss M. Robinson, Mrs. S. Sutton and Mrs. H. Graves.

Sussex: P. Matthews, A. Buckle, J. Penneket, B. Street, Mrs. H. Petre, Mrs. M. Kent, Mrs. S. Street and Mrs. E. Swain.

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

CORRECTION

BERKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETING

The Open Events for this meeting will be held on the 11th and 12th February, 1972 and *not* on the 11th and 12th September, 1972, as erroneously shown on Page 63 of last month's issue.

The error is very much regretted but in fairness it must be pointed out that the incorrect proof submitted to the Berkshire B.A. was returned to the printers as correct.

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ENGLISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TALBOT FIRST EVER TRIPLE CHAMPION

MEN'S SINGLES

D. Talbot beat R. Stevens, 15-11, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES

Miss M. Beck beat Mrs. M. Gilks, 12-10, 11-8.

MEN'S DOUBLES

E. C. Stuart and D. Talbot beat R. Stevens and M. Tredgett 15-8, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman and Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss M. Beck and Mrs. W. Rickard 15-8, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

D. Talbot and Mrs. M. Gilks beat J. D. Eddy and Miss M. Beck 15-6, 15-8.

(Full details in next issue).

DIVISION II

Hertfordshire 9; Kent 8.
Glamorgan 14; Oxfordshire 3.
Surrey II 10; Essex II 7.
Kent 7; Essex II 10.

DIVISION III

Gloucestershire 15; Devon 2.
Leicestershire 11; Derbyshire II 6.
Worcestershire 8; Northamptonshire 9.
Wiltshire 16; Dorset 1.
Somerset 13; Devonshire 4.
Sussex 8; Middlesex II 9.
Bedfordshire 9; Norfolk 8.
Bedfordshire 10; Suffolk 7.
Suffolk 4; Norfolk 13.
Monmouthshire 6; Worcesterhire 11.
Middlesex II 11; Buckinghamshire 6.

DIVISION IV

Shropshire 7; Nottinghamshire III 10.
Gloucestershire II 8; Devonshire II 9.
Cambridgeshire II 4; Lincolnshire & Rutland II 13.
Wiltshire II 16; Dorset II 1.
Monmouthshire II 11; Worcesterhire II 6.
Northamptonshire II 9; Oxfordshire II 8.
Somerset II 6; Devonshire II 11.
Berkshire II 6; Middlesex III 11.
Kent II 14; Middlesex III 3.
Leicestershire II 9; North Wales 8.
Somerset II 4; Wiltshire II 13.

DIVISION V

Lincolnshire & Rutland III 10; Suffolk II 7.
Shropshire II 3; Staffordshire III 14.
Gloucestershire III 8; Cornwall II 9.
Somerset III 6; Cornwall II 11.
Wiltshire III 13; Dorset III 4.
Somerset III 6; Wiltshire III 11.
Hampshire III 14; Buckinghamshire II 3.
Hampshire III 4; Kent III 13.

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DIVISION III

January

- 1 Somerset v Wiltshire at Ashton Court
- 2 Dorset v Gloucestershire at Poole
Norfolk v Suffolk at Norwich
Staffordshire 2nd v Leicestershire at Newcastle-under-Lyme
Warwickshire 2nd v Northamptonshire at Birmingham
- 8 Derbyshire 2nd v Nottinghamshire 2nd at Derby
Devon v Wiltshire at Torquay
- 9 Buckinghamshire v Middlesex 2nd at Slough
Cambridgeshire v Lincs and Rutland at Cambridge
Durham 2nd v East of Scotland 2nd at Billingham
Warwickshire 2nd v Glamorgan 2nd at Birmingham
Worcestershire v Monmouthshire at Barnt Green
- 15 Bedfordshire v Cambridgeshire at Bedford
Cheshire 2nd v Lancashire 2nd at Ellesmere Port
Lincs and Rutland v Suffolk at Lincoln
Scottish Border Counties v Durham 2nd at
- 16 Glamorgan 2nd v Worcestershire at St. Athan
Hampshire 2nd v Middlesex 2nd at Portsmouth
Sussex v Buckinghamshire at Littlehampton
- 22 Cumberland 2nd v East of Scotland 2nd at Carlisle
Devon v Gloucestershire at Torquay
- 23 Cambridgeshire v Suffolk at Cambridge
Monmouthshire v Northamptonshire at Newport
Nottinghamshire 2nd v Staffordshire 2nd at Nottingham
- 29 Bedfordshire v Lincs and Rutland at Bedford
Devon v Dorset at Torquay
Scottish Border Counties v Cumberland 2nd at Galashiels
- 30 Gloucestershire v Somerset at Gloucester
Norfolk v Cambridgeshire at Yarmouth
Northamptonshire v Warwickshire 2nd at Northampton
Sussex v Hampshire 2nd at Littlehampton

February

- 5 Devon v Somerset at Torquay
Scottish Border Counties v Northumberland 2nd at Galashiels
Yorkshire 2nd v Cheshire 2nd at
- 6 Dorset v Wiltshire at Poole
Northamptonshire v Worcestershire at Northampton
Staffordshire 2nd v Nottinghamshire 2nd at Newcastle-under-Lyme
Suffolk v Bedfordshire at Ipswich
- 12 Durham 2nd v Northumberland 2nd at Billingham
- 13 Dorset v Somerset at Poole
Glamorgan 2nd v Northamptonshire at St. Athan
Monmouthshire v Warwickshire 2nd at Newport
Norfolk v Bedfordshire at Norwich
Suffolk v Cambridgeshire at Ipswich
- 19 Nottinghamshire 2nd v Derbyshire 2nd at Nottingham
- 20 Buckinghamshire v Hampshire 2nd at Slough
Glamorgan 2nd v Monmouthshire at St. Athan
Middlesex 2nd v Sussex at Stamford Hill
Norfolk v Lincs and Rutland at Norwich
Warwickshire 2nd v Worcestershire at Birmingham
Wiltshire v Gloucestershire at Melksham

March

- 4 South Zone Inter-sectional tie (South Midlands v Western)
- 11 North Zone Inter-sectional tie (Northern v North Midlands)
South Zone Inter-sectional tie (Central v Eastern)

April

- 8 and 15 Challenge ties for promotion and against relegation, the earlier date to apply if neither county has a team participating in a higher challenge tie.

DIVISION IV

January

- 2 Dorset 2nd v Gloucestershire 2nd at Poole
Kent 2nd v Berkshire 2nd at Sydenham
- 8 Devon 2nd v Wiltshire 2nd at Torquay
- 9 Berkshire 2nd v Essex 3rd at Abingdon
Monmouthshire 2nd v Northamptonshire 2nd at Newport
Norfolk 2nd v Lincs and Rutland 2nd at Norwich
Somerset 2nd v Dorset 2nd at Wells
North Wales v Nottinghamshire 3rd at Deganwy
Warwickshire 3rd v Worcestershire 2nd at Coventry
- 16 Essex 3rd v Kent 2nd at Leyton
Norfolk 2nd v Hunts and Peterborough at Norwich
Warwickshire 3rd v Oxfordshire 2nd at Coventry
- 22 Devon 2nd v Gloucestershire 2nd at Torquay
- 23 Berkshire 2nd v Kent 2nd at Abingdon
Northamptonshire 2nd v Worcestershire 2nd at Northampton

- North Wales v Shropshire at Deganwy
Warwickshire 3rd v Monmouthshire 2nd at Coventry
- 29 Devon 2nd v Dorset 2nd at Torquay
Westmorland v Cheshire 3rd at Kendal
- 30 Cambridgeshire 2nd v Hunts and Peterborough at Cambridge
Gloucestershire 2nd v Somerset 2nd at Gloucester
Middlesex 3rd v Berkshire 2nd at Stamford Hill
Monmouthshire 2nd v Oxfordshire 2nd at Newport
Northamptonshire 2nd v Warwickshire 3rd at Northampton

February

- 5 Cheshire 3rd v Lancashire 3rd at Birkenhead
Devon 2nd v Somerset 2nd at Torquay
- 6 Cambridgeshire 2nd v Norfolk 2nd at Cambridge
Dorset 2nd v Wiltshire 2nd at Poole
Hunts and Peterborough v Lincs and Rutland 2nd at Ramsey
North Wales v Leicestershire 2nd at Deganwy
- 13 Dorset 2nd v Somerset 2nd at Poole
Middlesex 3rd v Kent 2nd at Stamford Hill
Worcestershire 2nd v Monmouthshire 2nd at Barnt Green
- 19 Leicestershire 2nd v Shropshire at Leicester
- 20 Kent 2nd v Essex 3rd at Sydenham
Warwickshire 3rd v Northamptonshire 2nd at Coventry
Wiltshire 2nd v Gloucestershire 2nd at Melksham
- 27 Essex 3rd v Berkshire 2nd at Southend-on-Sea
Lincs and Rutland 2nd v Cambridgeshire 2nd at Lincoln
Monmouthshire 2nd v Warwickshire 3rd at Newport
Worcestershire 2nd v Oxfordshire 2nd at Barnt Green

March

- 5 Shropshire v North Wales at Whitchurch

April

- 8 and 15 Challenge ties for promotion, the earlier date to apply if neither county has a team participating in a higher challenge tie
- 15 Challenge ties against relegation

DIVISION V

January

- 2 Dorset 3rd v Gloucestershire 3rd at Poole
Hampshire 3rd v Sussex 2nd at Southampton
Staffordshire 3rd v Leicestershire 3rd at Newcastle-under-Lyme
- 8 Bedfordshire 2nd v Norfolk 3rd at Bedford
Kent 3rd v Buckinghamshire 2nd at Sydenham
- 9 Hampshire 3rd v Hertfordshire 2nd at Basingstoke
Somerset 3rd v Dorset 3rd at Wells
Staffordshire 3rd v Shropshire 2nd at Newcastle-under-Lyme
Wiltshire 3rd v Cornwall 2nd at Melksham
- 16 Cornwall 2nd v Somerset 3rd at Camborne
Herefordshire v Pembrokeshire at Hereford
Shropshire 2nd v Derbyshire 3rd at Lilleshall
- 22 Bedfordshire 2nd v Suffolk 2nd at Bedford
- 23 Buckinghamshire 2nd v Hampshire 3rd at Slough
Worcestershire 3rd v Glamorgan 3rd at Barnt Green
- 29 Buckinghamshire 2nd v Hertfordshire 2nd at Aylesbury
Derbyshire 3rd v Staffordshire 3rd at Derby
Dorset 3rd v Cornwall 2nd at Poole
- 30 Gloucestershire 3rd v Somerset 3rd at Gloucester
Herefordshire v Worcestershire 3rd at Hereford
Pembrokeshire v Glamorgan at Aberdare
Suffolk 2nd v Lincs and Rutland 3rd at Ipswich

February

- 6 Cornwall 2nd v Gloucestershire 3rd at Camborne
Dorset 3rd v Wiltshire 3rd at Poole
Glamorgan 3rd v Herefordshire at St. Athan
Sussex 2nd v Kent 3rd at Littlehampton
Worcestershire 3rd v Pembrokeshire at Barnt Green
- 12 Derbyshire 3rd v Leicestershire 3rd at Derby
- 13 Dorset 3rd v Somerset 3rd at Poole
Sussex 2nd v Hampshire 3rd at Littlehampton
- 19 Leicestershire 3rd v Shropshire 2nd at Leicester
- 20 Lincs and Rutland 3rd v Norfolk 3rd at Lincoln
Wiltshire 3rd v Gloucestershire 3rd at Melksham
- 26 Kent 3rd v Hertfordshire 2nd at Sydenham
- 27 Glamorgan 3rd v Worcestershire 3rd at St. Athan
Norfolk 3rd v Suffolk 2nd at Yarmouth
Sussex 2nd v Buckinghamshire 2nd at Littlehampton

March

- 4 Derbyshire 3rd v Shropshire 2nd at Derby
- 5 Glamorgan 3rd v Pembrokeshire at St. Athan
Hertfordshire 2nd v Sussex 2nd at Harlow

April

- 15 Challenge ties for promotion

The Thirty-Fifth

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FIVE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Friday, 10th, and Saturday, 11th March, 1972
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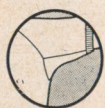
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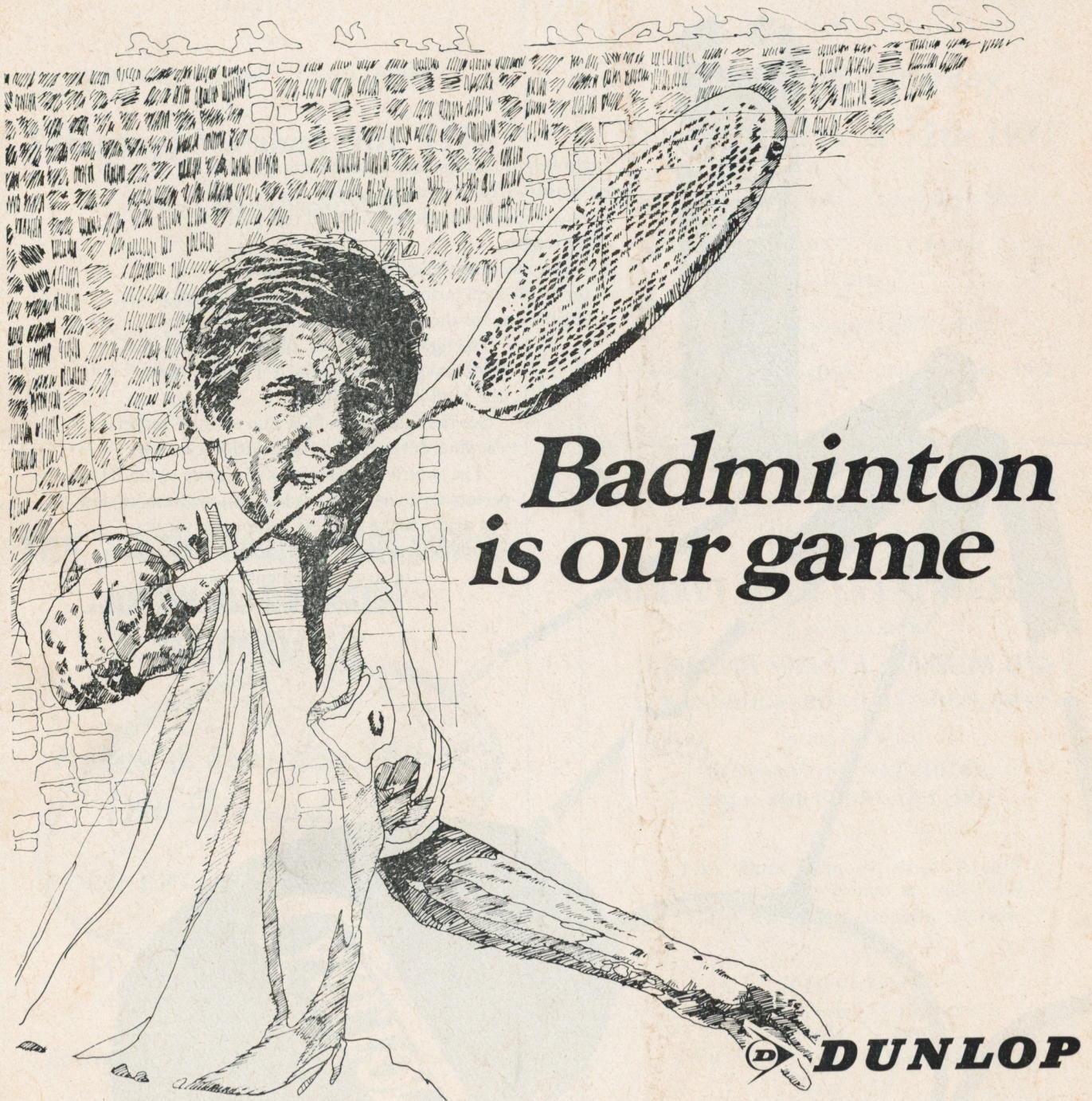
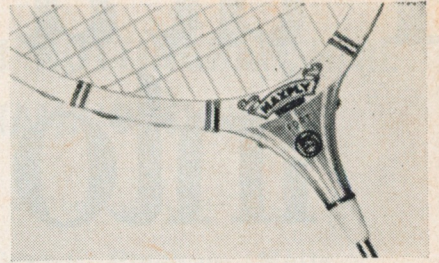
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