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*A happy England Uber Cup Squad take a break from training
Left to right: Jenny Horton, Judy Hashman, Bridget Cooper, Gillian Gilks, Margaret Beck, Julie Rickard*

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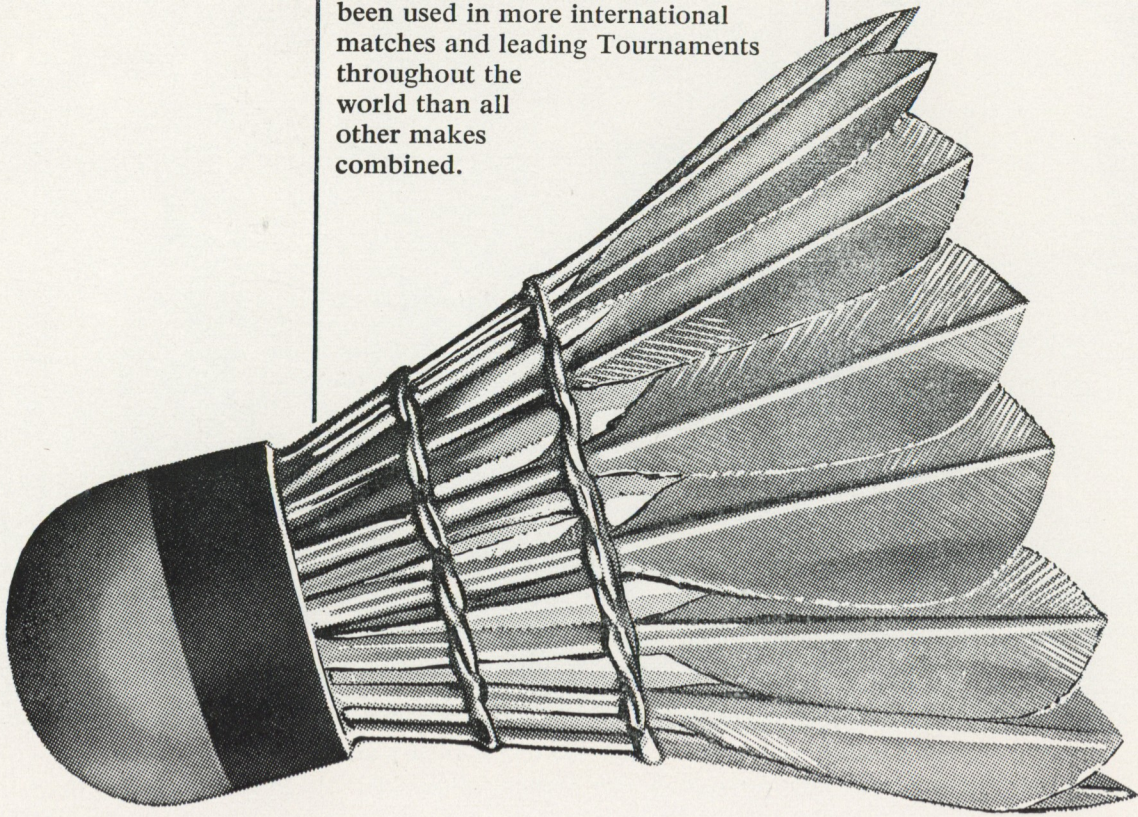
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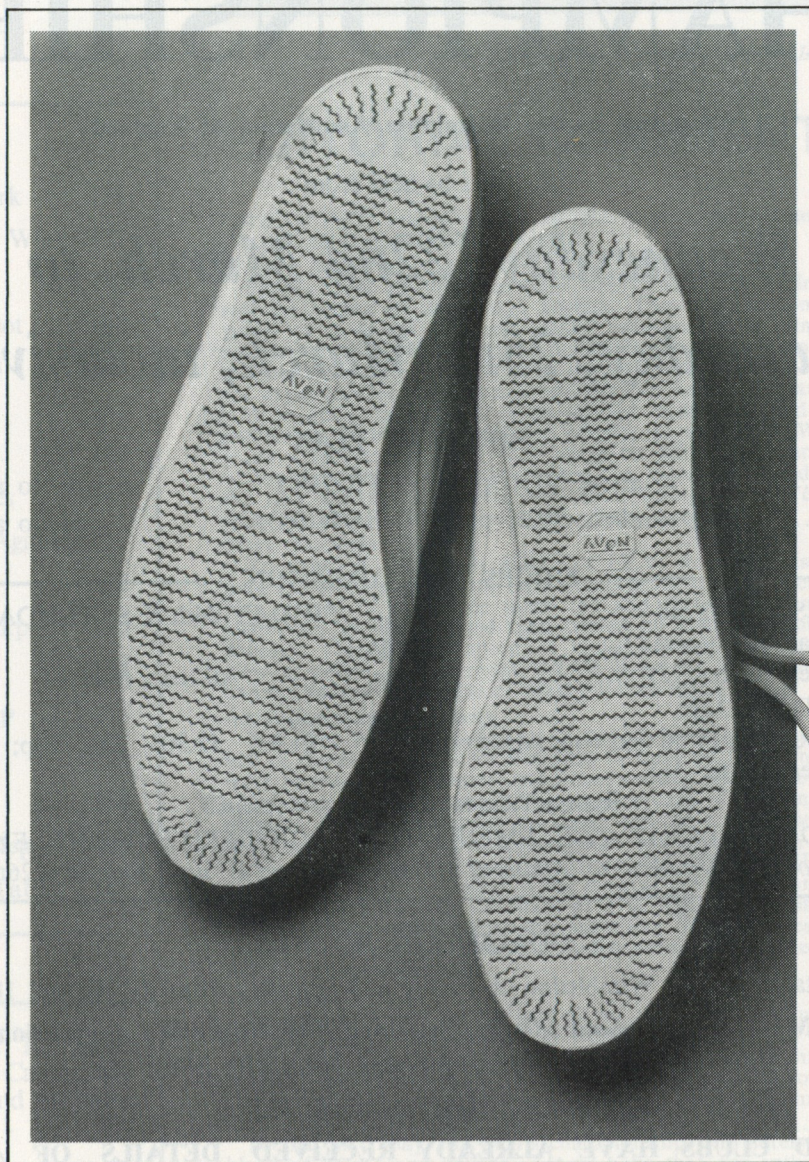
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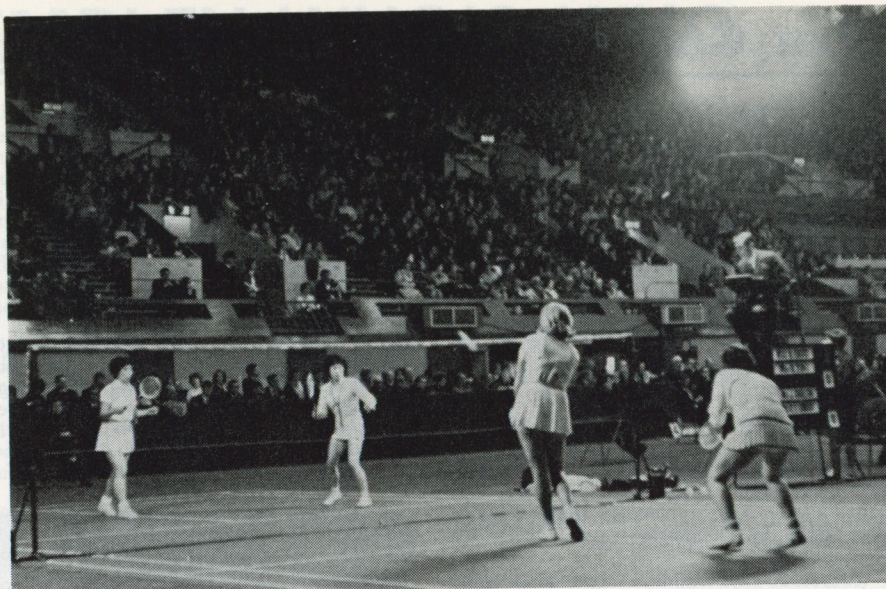
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(Pat Davis)

THE DRAMA OF WEMBLEY

EDITORIAL COMMENT



THE 1971/72 season strides on like a giant rejuvenated to the season's highlight—the All-England Championships.

World's Best Players on View

Players from all over the world will, as usual, be taking part for the All-England is still the Mecca of Badminton players. They do not come here to gain rich financial prizes as in tennis and golf. They come rather to win a title that shows they are masters of their craft, experts of their art, world champions. Just as highly trained and skilled as their counterparts in professional sports, they depart enriched only by the experience of the occasion and proudly bearing its laurels.

It is good to know that players of such skill and dedication will be seen by enthusiasts in other parts of the country as well as at Wembley. Blackpool, home of many a spectacular show, is to stage an exhibition; Carlisle is again to be the scene of top-class Badminton when a first-ever match is played between Japan and England; the new Kelvin Hall Arena will be a fitting modern centre for yet another of the long established World Invitation Tournaments.

More Television ?

To crown it all, if only B.B.C. or I.T.V. would televise at least a few hours of the long rallies of singles with their fluent grace of movement and their inexorable chess-like tactics; of the fierce sabre cut and thrust of men's and ladies' doubles where aggression is blunted and then turned by swift dextrous counter-attack; and of the delicacy, subtlety and speed of mixed. Surely this feast would tempt the public's viewing palate, now perhaps a little jaded by the short rallies, lengthy mopping-ups and too frequent tantrums of some big-time tennis.

Atmosphere and Efficiency

Nor does Wembley lack any of the efficiency or atmosphere of Wimbledon. Perhaps few of the eager spectators ever stop to think of the immense amount of administrative work necessary to transport and house visiting players, to provide shuttles and publicity alike on a generous scale, to marshal squads of efficient linesmen, service judges and umpires as well as players on court without a hitch so that the championships run to time as smoothly, comfortably and unobtrusively as inter-city expresses.

All however is not clinical, cold-blooded efficiency. Here too is warmth and atmosphere: on finals' day, there is the magical green oasis on which two lone figures battle for supremacy beneath the blaze of T.V. lights; roars of applause from tier upon tier of seats rising ever up into the encircling darkness; beam of spotlight and boom of loud speaker as the champion walks forward to collect the gleaming trophy to a roll of generous applause.

High Hopes

Perhaps this year an English player will take that unforgettable walk. Once again our main hopes undoubtedly lie with our ladies. Gill Gilks and Margaret Beck, if they can only back their brilliance of stroke with unshakeable consistency, need fear no one. And this year, English hopes are high that the former and her tough, tenacious, Geordie partner, Derek Talbot, will win the mixed title that last year so narrowly eluded them after a memorable game.

Be that as it may, this year's championships will surely produce again its own unique blend of drama and delight. Let us hope that our enthusiasts will fill the hall on the first two days as well as on the last two. Full houses give atmosphere—as well as filling the coffers. Besides, it is on these days that so often surprises are sprung, Davids overthrow Goliaths, and new stars flash meteorically onto the Badminton horizon. The All-England is an occasion not to be missed!

We welcome all our overseas visitors most warmly and trust that their stay in this country will be a memorable one.

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Uber Cup

GILLIAN Gilks served short and low. The reply was tight, accurate and way across court. Gillian assumed the dimensions of Jack the Beanstalk, hurtled sideways, proving that spines do have joints, and from a horrifyingly horizontal position hammered an interception between Joké van Beusekom and Marjan Luesken.

The best part of nine hundred voices bayed for more but they were too late. That was the final shot in the tie in which England all but whitewashed a useful, youthful Netherlands team.

World Class!

It was a fitting end to a memorable tie in which Gillian Gilks and Margaret Beck, in their very different ways, had looked the world class players they are. They had helped England to a place in the European Zone Final in Denmark of the Uber Cup Competition.

This single interception by Gillian was a classic example of her ability to take the shuttle earlier than anyone else who has ever graced Lincolnshire's courts. That wasn't the only department of the game in which she excelled, of course, but in it she was even more outstanding than in the rest.

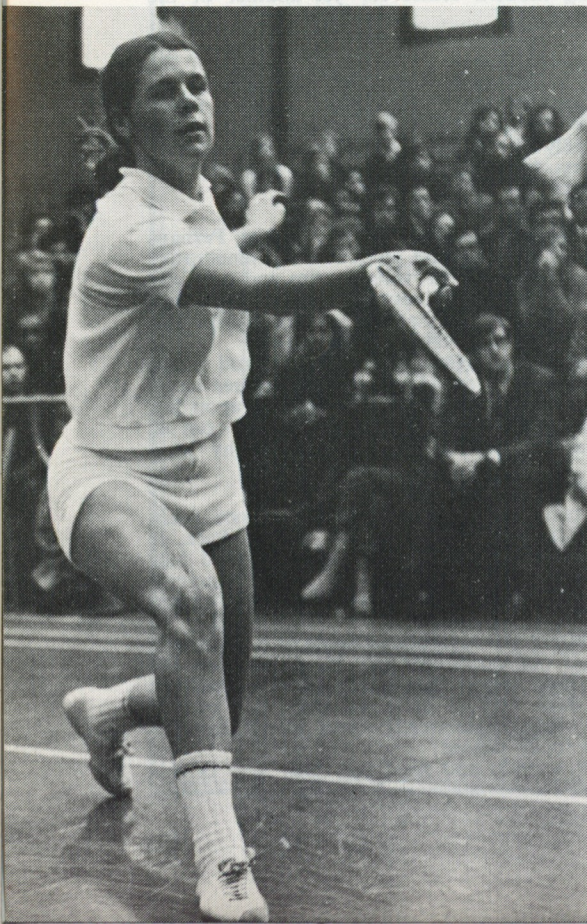
Margaret's fine play was in its way a yet greater achievement for she and Ron Lockwood had been carefully guarding the secret of an ankle injury she had sustained in practice two days before the tie. A local physiotherapist got her back on both feet in the nick of time!

Too Small a Court

The match started well enough for the Netherlands, with Agnes van de Meulen-Geene seeming to take more lift from the near capacity crowd than did Judy Hash-

Joké van Beusekom

(A. W. Taal)



England v Netherlands

AND NOW FOR DENMARK!

man. The experienced English girl just couldn't get used to the size of the court. By being careful, controlling her length, and running her legs down to her knees, Agnes collected a comparatively easy 11-4, 11-5 victory.

Shape of Things to Come?

It was to be the visitors' only success though their youthful twin spearhead of Joké van Beusekom and Marjan Luesken served notice of things to come.

Marjan gave an incredibly sharp Gillian Gilks a good run for her money in a match that was never anything but fast and furious. Gillian finally won 11-4, 11-8 after Marjan had been within a whisker of catching her in the second set.

By Roddy MacCrimmon

"Scunthorpe Star" and
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Seeing is Believing

Margaret Beck's encounter with Joké van Beusekom started with three rallies that those who didn't see will never believe. Had the game continued like this the whole audience would have given up playing but fortunately the girls rejoined the ranks of mortals for the remainder of their encounter.

Margaret provided a classic example of how to attack the deep forehand corner to win the first set 11-8 but displayed difficulty in reaching a number of finely disguised drops (a difficulty later explained by that injury) in losing the second, 7-11.

The third set provided the night's most gripping moments as the girls crept to 7 all. They stuck there for an age before Margaret swept in one hand to a victory she thoroughly deserved against an opponent who looked in danger of expiring. And had Joké done so, no one would have blamed her.

Plain Fare

After the caviare came the cottage cheese! The doubles was dull fare. The English quartette were always on top and there was never any issue in any of the four encounters.

It is difficult to tell just how good we were against opposition such as this but Judy Hashman and Gillian Gilks gave the impression that they could tickle and hammer a brick wall into submission no matter which one of them was at the net.

Margaret Beck completely dominated her two doubles with Jenny Horton who, after a slowish start, played extremely intelligently. She filled the court in such a way that Margaret's racket at times took on a magnetic attraction that spelt bruises for anyone fool enough to stand in the way. Lili

ter Metz and Agnes van de Meulen-Geene were made to look no more than a county pair whilst Joké and Marjan looked less like a doubles pair than the two effective singles players they are.

But they took eleven points from Gillian and Judy in a good final game to serve notice that when they have learned where to smash and how to maintain an attacking formation in the face of an aggressive defence they will start winning.

Spare Our Blushes!

The organisation, we would like to think, and are certainly saying, was superb! Certainly most of the visitors were too polite to grumble and many outside bodies did their best to help "Lincolnshire Welcome the World".

There were one or two clangers we sat on. We know we can do it better. Next time we shall. And in the meantime we shall get some practice in with the first Lincolnshire Open at the start of next season.

And Margaret's!

A concluding promise to Margaret Beck. The linesman who kept finding the delightful view of her legs obscuring his sight of the shuttle will in future be banished to the back of the hall.

It won't worry him—he's got a pair of binoculars on order!

RESULTS

Singles:

Mrs. J. Hashman lost to Mrs. A. van de Meulen-Geene 4-11, 5-11.

Mrs. G. Gilks beat Miss M. Luesken 11-4, 11-8.

Miss M. Beck beat Miss J. van Beusekom 11-8, 7-11, 11-7.

Doubles:

Mrs. Hashman and Mrs. Gilks beat Mrs. Meulen-Geene and Miss ter Metz 15-6, 15-3; beat Miss Beusekom and Miss Luesken 15-6, 15-11.

Mrs. Horton and Miss Beck beat Mrs. Meulen-Geene and Miss ter Metz 15-8, 15-8; beat Miss Beusekom and Miss Luesken 15-3, 15-11.

RESULT

ENGLAND 6, NETHERLANDS 1.

SAME AGAIN FOR UBER CUP

The following team has been selected to represent England against Denmark in the final of the European Zone of the Uber Cup, the ladies' team championship of the world:-

Miss M. (Margaret) BECK
(Middlesex) (Jt. 1).

Mrs. B. Bridget) COOPER
(Lancashire) (6).

Mrs. M. A. (Gillian) GILKS
(Surrey) (Jt. 1).

Mrs. G. C. K. (Judy) HASHMAN
(Berkshire) (-).

Mrs. H. J. (Jenny) HORTON
(Surrey) (-).

Mrs. W. R. (Julie) RICKARD
(Surrey) (3).

Mr. R. J. (Ron) LOCKWOOD will be the non-playing captain.

The match will be played at the Gentofte Hall, Copenhagen, on Saturday, 11th March, starting at 3.00 p.m. The winners will play in the inter-zone ties in Tokyo in early June.

YOUR WEMBLEY WHO'S WHO

Margaret Beck (England) Equal No. 1, Beat Gillian Gilks this year to become National Singles Champion. This slender girl from remote West Cumberland is a beautiful mover and fluent striker who could also have made a name for herself as a gymnast.

Ng Boon Bee (Malaysia). With Tan Yee Khan won the All-England Men's Doubles in 1965 and 1966. And in 1971, this barrel-chested, cheerful little man whose jumping smashes electrify the spectators, was again successful, this time with Per Gunalan.

Anni Berglund (Denmark). This lively 19 year old was a gallant runner-up last season to Eva Twedberg and for the last two seasons has suffered the same fate in the Danish Singles Championship. She has however a great future.

Joké van Beusekom and Marjan Luesken (Holland) are the 19 year old spearheads of the Netherlands challenge. Well-known and liked at English tournaments in which they frequently play.

Wolfgang Bochow (West Germany). Ranked No. 1 for his country, he has won his National Singles title six times and played 31 times for his country. He has one of the most powerful backhands in the game. Runner-up in the 1968 European Championships.



Svend Pri

Mary Bryan (Ireland) first played in the All-England as far back as 1948 and still charms the spectators. With her will be cheerful **Barbara Beckett**, (training over here with Maurice Robinson) who may well assume Mary's mantle.

Irmgard Gerlatzka (formerly Miss Latz) ranked No. 1 as West Germany's greatest player she has won the "Silver Laurel", the highest sports award. European Singles Champion in 1968 and Dutch Champion in 1972, she has been "capped" 35 times. She has won seven singles and five doubles national titles.

Gillian Gilks (England) Equal No. 1. Won the All-England Junior Singles title at the tender age of 14—and has never looked back. In 1969 she won the All-England Mixed with Roger Mills and in 1971 was runner-up with Derek Talbot. This tall, slender girl has a whip-like smash and her reflexes, especially at the net, are incredibly fast. Twenty-nine international appearances since her first at the age of 16!

Roy Diaz Gonzalez (Mexico). Although only 19 years old, he has been National Singles Champion from 1967-71. Playing in Europe, Asia and America he has defeated such players as Erland Kops, Jim Poole and Gunalan. Nominated to represent Mexico at Munich Olympics.



Anni Berglund

Rudy Hartono (Indonesia). This young airline pilot has won the title for the last four years—a feat equalled since the War only by the great Erland Kops. If his fleetness of foot, power of smash and delicacy of touch bring him a fifth victory, he will equal the all-time record of J. F. Devlin. He recently won the Asiatic Championship.

Judy Hashman (England), daughter of the great Irishman, J. F. Devlin, and born in U.S.A., she has now taken English citizenship. Champion of Champions she won 17 All-England titles in all—and still looks for an eighteenth.

Kurt Johnsson (Sweden). Four years older than Sture, he is also a Gothenburg engineer. He has twice won the Swedish Singles—against brother Sture!

Sture Johnsson (Sweden), a 27 year old engineer living in Gothenburg. In seven years he has played 29 times for Sweden. He has won his country's Singles title seven times, on each occasion against his older brother, Kurt. Nordic Champion in 1969 and European Champion in 1968 and 1970.

Ippai Kojima (Japan). No. 1 in his country, this indiarubber man has had numerous fine results but none better than his narrow defeat 16-17, 14-17 by Hartono in the 1970 All-England Championships.

Lene Koppen (Denmark). Another 19 year old with a brilliant record. She has played in the Danish Uber Cup team and last February won the Danish Ladies' Singles title.

Victor Jaramillo Luque (Mexico). This 18 year old anthropology student ranks as Mexico's No. 2. He learnt much from Tan Joe Hok. Best performance: defeat of Wayne McDonell, Canada's No. 2, in three games which lasted 100 minutes.

Bob McCoig (Scotland). Doyen from North of the Border! His footwork and dashing opportunism are still a joy to watch.

Svend Pri (Denmark). Ranked as No. 1, this fine all-rounder won the All-England Mixed Championship last year and in 1967, and has also been runner-up in the Singles (1970). Five times Danish Singles Champion.

Noriko Takagi (Japan). This incredibly fit P.E. teacher who has moved to Tokyo to maintain her Badminton standard was runner-up in 1967 and 1969 and had to retire through injury in 1970. She and Miss H. Yuki hold the Doubles title.

Derek Talbot (England) No. 1, he became the first man ever, in 1971/72, to be the triple National Champion. He has won 17 caps since 1969. Runner-up with Gillian Gilks in the 1970 European Mixed Doubles and also at the 1971 All-England Championships. This slightly built but tough Geordie has a tenacious fighting spirit.



Per Walsöe

Eva Twedberg (Sweden). Aged 29, works as an office clerk in Malmo; since playing her first international match at the age of 16 she has made 37 appearances for Sweden and annexed 31 national titles. European Singles Champion in 1970, she is the current All-England and Nordic Champion.

Per Walsöe (Denmark). This big man won the All-England Mixed in 1970 after having been runner-up in 1966 and 1967.

The Editor expresses his thanks to the Associations of Denmark, W. Germany, Mexico and Sweden for kindly sending players' photos and details.

62nd All-England Championships

The Seeded Players in the Order of the Draw

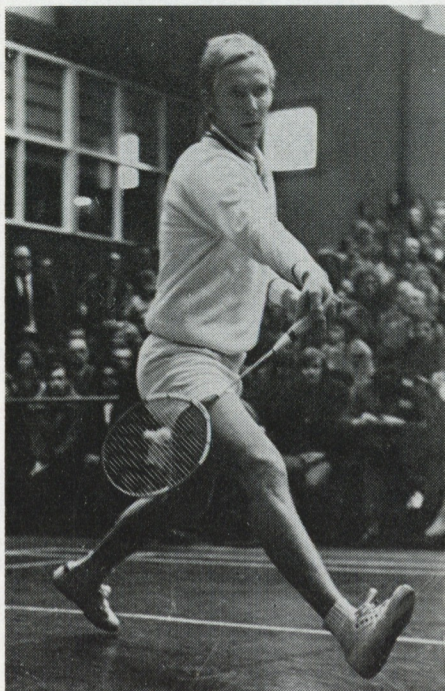
Men's Doubles

- S. Pri and E. Kops (Denmark)
- W. Braun and R. Maywald (West Germany)
- Nara Sudjana and Indra Gunawan (Indonesia)
- A. Rahman and Ng Tat Wai (Malaysia)
- Christian and Ade Chandra (Indonesia)
- P. Petersen and P. Walsøe (Denmark)
- E. C. Stuart and D. Talbot (England)
- Ng Boon-Bee and P. Gunalan (Malaysia)

Men's Singles

- S. Pri (Denmark)
- Tan Aik Huang (Malaysia)
- Muljadi (Indonesia)
- Tan Aik Mong (Malaysia)
- P. Gunalan (Malaysia)
- S. Johnsson (Sweden)
- W. Bochow (West Germany)
- R. Hartono (Indonesia)

S. Johnsson (Sweden)
(A. Taal)



Rudy Hartono (Indonesia)



Mixed Doubles

- D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England)
- G. Perneklo and Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden)
- P. Walsøe and Mrs. P. Kaagaard (Denmark)
- R. Maywald and Mrs. B. Steden (West Germany)
- R. S. McCoig and Miss M. Beck (Scotland—England)
- W. Bochow and Miss M. Wackerow (West Germany)
- F. D. Gow and Mrs. C. Stewart (Scotland)
- S. Pri and Mrs. U. Strand (Denmark)

Ladies' Doubles

- Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman (England)
- Mrs. K. Jørgensen and Mrs. Ulla Strand (Denmark)
- Miss M. Aizawa and Miss E. Takenaka (Japan)
- Miss R. Koestijah and Miss I. Nurtjahja (Indonesia)
- Miss M. Beck and Mrs. J. E. Rickard (England)
- Mrs. P. Kaagaard and Miss A. Flindt (Denmark)
- Mrs. I. Gerlatzka and Miss M. Wackerow (West Germany)
- Mrs. N. Nakayama and Miss H. Yuki (Japan)



(A. Taal)

Eva Twedberg (Sweden)

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- Mrs. I. Gerlatzka (West Germany)
- Miss L. Köppen (Denmark)
- Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands)
- Miss H. Yuki (Japan)
- Miss A. Berglund (Denmark)
- Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden)

THE LUCK OF THE DRAW

THE Men's Singles draw has not been kind to English players. D. Hunt if he beats Richard Purser (New Zealand) is likely to meet S. Toganoo (Japan). Ray Stevens plays Elo Hansen (Denmark) before probably encountering Muljadi (Indonesia), whilst Arthur and Nevzat straightaway encounter the seeded brothers Tan (Malaysia). Brian White and David Eddy fare little better, meeting I. Kojima (Japan) and S. Rattanusorn (Thailand). Our main hope, Derek Talbot, should however have little difficulty in reaching P. Gunalan then perhaps Sture Johnsson. What an attraction a Hartono v. Talbot semi-final would be!

In Ladies' Singles, Miss van Beusekom's recent victory over Gillian Gilks in the Dutch Championships is perhaps responsible for the former and not the latter being seeded. If Mrs. Gilks can overcome Miss H. Yuki, the two would meet, with the odds in favour of her making another great semi-final against reigning champion Eva Twedberg.

In the Men's Doubles, Stevens and Tredgett seem likely to have a chance of glory against Pri and Kops. Eddy and Sutton, however, have a hard row to hoe; first Kojima and Toganoo (Japan) and then Tan Aik Mong and Moo Foot Lian (Malaysia) must be accounted for before they face the redoubtable Chandras (Indonesia). Our only seeded pair, Stuart and Talbot, should beat K. Kaagaard and E. Hansen (Denmark) to have a chance of topping champions Ng Boon Bee and P. Gunalan.

With two seeded players in different halves, our chances are surely brighter in the Ladies' Doubles, though here again the opposition is stiff. Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Hashman will have to be at their best to beat Mrs. K. Jørgensen and Mrs. U. Strand before a probable semi-final meeting with Miss Aizawa and Miss Takenaka. In the other half, Miss Beck and Miss Rickard are also likely to have Danish opposition, Mrs. P. Kaagaard and Miss A. Flindt, which they must overcome before having to face the dogged defence and running of the champions, Mrs. Nakayama and Miss H. Yuki.

Scotland must be proud to have two seeds in the Mixed Doubles. Those two fluent movers, Bob McCoig and Margaret Beck could well upset pairs not used to their unorthodox tactics. Fraser Gow and Mrs. C. Stewart, helped perhaps by their fine fight against Bochow and Mrs. Steden in the recent international, have been seeded in preference to some well-known English and Danish pairs. Let us hope they will seize the opportunity by the scruff of its neck!

Stuart and Miss Giles are unfortunate to meet Pri and Mrs. Ulla Strand in the second round after both have had a bye in the first, whilst E. H. Sutton and Mrs. B. Cooper would have to meet Bochow and Miss Wackerow if they overcame P. Petersen and Miss A. Flindt in the first round. Tredgett and Mrs. Rickard could well upset seeded McCoig and Miss Beck whose play they must know. Similarly in the top half Eddy and Mrs. Ross could beat Maywald and Mrs. B. Steden. Talbot and Mrs. Gilks will not have an easy passage against either G. Perneklo and Mrs. E. Twedberg or against P. Walsoe and Mrs. P. Kaagaard. Nevertheless they should rejoice English hearts by again reaching the final.

CHALLENGERS FROM ABROAD



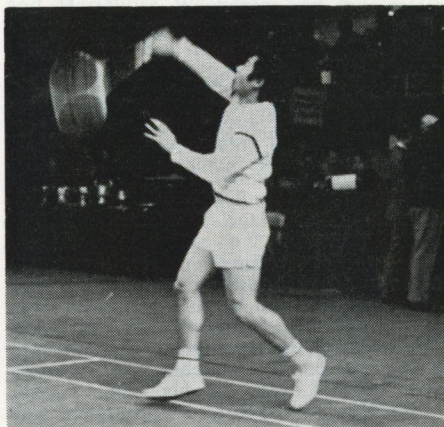
MALAYSIA

Tan Aik Huang



JAPAN

Hiroe Yuki and Noriko Nakayama



INDONESIA

Muljadi

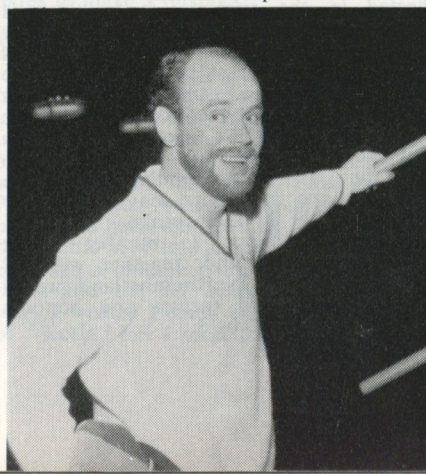
MEXICO

V. J. Luque and R. D. Gonzalez



DENMARK

Erland Kops





TALBOT — TRIPLE CHAMPION

I WAS delighted when asked to write a profile on Derek, our No. 1 pin-up of the Northumberland Badminton scene, as I, together with his many friends in the North-East, have followed his career with the greatest interest and pride.

Schoolboy Enthusiast

Derek's schoolmaster father and mother are well-known members of the Walkerville Residents Badminton Club, founder members of the Wallsend League, and Derek was always madly enthusiastic about the game, rushing on to the court for a "knock" between matches. It was obviously a great thrill for him when he was eventually selected to represent Walkerville himself.

While a student at Heaton Grammar School he joined one of the leading Newcastle clubs—Lloyds Bank. He came along with several other boys—all of whom were most promising young players and Derek, at that time, was by no means the best although I believe he was the youngest and certainly the smallest, being a very slightly built 16 year old.

Tireless Enthusiasm

However, anything he lacked in stature was more than compensated for by his unflinching enthusiasm and coverage of the court; one might well beat him in those days

but one never tired him! He loved challenging that elite body—the first team, and making them work very hard for victory. He was a great club member and very seldom missed a playing session and his efforts were deservedly rewarded when by 1965 he was representing his club and his county on the Colts team.

Local Domination

From this time, his ability went from strength to strength, his game improving to such an extent that he was promoted to both his county and club first teams without the usual testing periods on second teams. He won all the local tournaments and completed several seasons without dropping a single county game.

After Derek graduated in metallurgy from King's University, where he won the badminton championship, he moved to the south of England to improve his badminton through better competition. He turned in some impressive displays notably in the London Championships and his reward came in gaining seed status and eventually international recognition.

International Success

A tour of South Africa was highlighted when he won the South African Mixed Doubles Championship and four international caps. Games against Norway, West Germany, Denmark and Scotland followed, culminating in the Commonwealth

Ian Ferguson

(Match Secretary
Northumberland B.A.)

Games Gold Medal and the Dutch Championship in 1970. Derek's successes are too numerous to list; enough to say that he now reigns as a most worthy England No. 1—a fantastic achievement for any player.

County Loyalty

The success of Derek and his friend and England colleague, Elliott Stuart, has been a wonderful fillip to badminton in this area. This is clearly indicated by the capacity-filled halls when these two champions are playing in county matches and tournaments here. Loyalty to his home county is shown by his continued appearances for Northumberland in the County Championships, entailing quite hectic travel arrangements over and above his heavy international and scheduled tournament programme. However, he always reckons that the parties following the games more than compensate for the rush!

Derek and Elliott's support is certainly reflected in the successes and improved position of Northumberland in the County Championship tables. Whenever Derek is home in the north-east he comes along to his old club for a game and is always willing to help with the coaching of the Northumberland Colts squad which is a great thrill indeed for the youngsters whose one wish is to emulate him. One can only hope that there may be another budding Talbot in their ranks.

I am very happy to number Derek among my friends and, together with all his other friends in Northumberland, would wish him continued success and honours in the badminton world.



TALBOT IN TRAINING

IN order to bring them to peak fitness and to find the toughest possible opposition, four of Britain's leading Judoka have recently been to the Far East. There, in Japan, they have spent two valuable months practising with the world's best exponents of the art. Previous parties have had to pay their own expenses but the current group were sponsored by organisations as diverse as the British Olympic Association, the Champions' Fund, the Avon Rubber Sports Fund, British European Airways and the London Borough of Ealing!

In Badminton circles, no one has yet thought of making such a pilgrimage to Malaysia or Indonesia. Derek Talbot, however, in his own quiet way, has perhaps laid the foundation stone for some such future project.

After the recent Dutch Championships, he travelled at his own expense to Copenhagen and there he spent a week training and practising with the best Nordic players in order to raise his game to its peak for the All-England Championships.

His main opponent in the mornings was Sture Johnsson, the Swedish champion, who had come on the same quest himself. In Sweden, he had little other real opposition than his brother Kurt; they must have known each other's games inside out! Derek and Sture would play half a dozen all out singles, not in any sense of probing for each other's weaknesses for future reference, but rather to help each other overcome them. After play, they would freshen themselves for the evening session with a sauna bath.

In the evening they played at the Copenhagen Badminton Club with such top players as Elo Hansen, Sven Pri and Per Walsoe. These great names, perhaps because there are fewer tournaments on the Danish circuit than on the English one, generally played four or five evenings a week for an hour or two.

Derek is to be congratulated on his initiative in going in his own holiday time and at his own expense to a country from which he willingly admits he can still learn. Is he perhaps the first English player to have done so? He says that he owes much to Erland Kops for his very generous hospitality in putting him up at his new hotel and allowing him the use of the sauna bath and other training facilities.

This is the first stage of a carefully calculated programme to peak fitness. Next week, Derek will be playing in the West German Championships; this will be followed by the Danish Championships; and finally will come the match versus Japan at Carlisle. Derek certainly deserves every success in the All-England and our best wishes will be with him.



26e INTERNATIONALE BADMINTON KAMPINSCHAPPEN 1972 VAN NEDERLAND

(in other words, the Dutch Championships)

by

DOROTHY HINCHCLIFF

OVER a thousand spectators formed the audience at the above event and more remarkable still, a large outside queue failed to get in as every available inch was filled to capacity. Of the five finals expected, only three finished normally—the ladies singles was abandoned, and the mixed did not take place at all.

Take a Tumble

The two ladies in the singles final were the holder, All-England Champion Eva Twedberg, and West Germany's Irmgard Gerlitzka. The start was delayed by spots of condensation on the court, and the usual consultation and mopping up took place. Alas to no avail. Almost immediately, Eva had a bad fall and appeared to hurt her knee. However, they played this game as though on glass and Eva won 11-6. They then struggled with many more falls through the second game which Irmgard won 12-10.

A change from Court 1 to Court 2 proved to be no better. Hardly had they started the final game than, at 1-4 Eva again measured her length in an awkward fall and immediately both girls marched up to the net and shook hands.

Owing to the language barrier it was difficult to find out exactly what had happened, but later Irmgard told me that on the penultimate fall both players had decided they would play on until either one of them fell again and then they would abandon the game. The harrassed officials asked the players to toss for 1st and 2nd prizes; Irmgard won the first prize although of course there was no winner.

Irmgard Gerlitzka and Eva Twedberg
(A. W. Taal)



A New Floor?

The men's singles finalists, Sven Pri and Sture Johnsson, now took the floor. The floor might well have been a different one, for as far as one could see there was no slipping by either player. Did the condensation cease at this point? Or was it perhaps that the men were heavier and therefore kept a better grip on the ground? Who can say?

This was a peculiar match with a dour hard struggle for the first game which Johnsson won 18-15 and a very easy second one with Pri offering very little fight, 15-2. Sture Johnsson is a refreshing player to watch, always giving the impression that he has a limited time at his disposal and a train to catch at the end it, such is the speed with which he marches around the court. He plays an attractive and very sporting game and Sweden must be proud of him and of their All-England lady champion, Eva Twedberg.

English Finalists

The next final was the "Dames Dubbel-spell"! with England's Gillian Gilks and Judy Hashman beating Irmgard Gerlitzka and Marieluise Wackerow and thus retaining their title.

England had a stake in the men's doubles final too, with Talbot and Stuart playing Pri and Kops. This went to three games with the English pair playing well to win the middle game. Pri and Kops have such lethal smashes that anything in the air looked dangerous. However after an unfortunate spell in the final game when they were 1-11 down, the Englishmen could only manage to catch up to 7 before losing.

Alas there was no mixed final. Bochow and Miss Wackerow had beaten Stuart and Mrs. Hashman in the semi-final and then scratched, so the title went to another German pair, Maywald and Mrs. Steden (formerly Pothoff).

Fine Fare!

At the excellent dinner in the Lepenhove Hotel, Mr. Valken, the ex President, introduced all the speakers who included Herbert Scheele, Mrs. Benes of Czechoslovakia, Eva and Sture for the players, the President Mr. Hartemink, and Emile Ter Metz who was very funny in describing the official who dares to make a mistake.

Scots Do Well

To trace back a few events. One would be sorry not to mention Robert McCoig and Fraser Gow who had a marvellous run in the men's doubles. They beat, among others, Bochow and Kucki to reach the semi-final where they lost in three games to Pri and Kops. A large part of their success must have been due to their ability to keep the shuttle very low even in defence. When Bob had a lengthy pause to wipe his spectacles and Pri sat down on the court to wait, I wished I could emulate the pure wit of "Scotia" but I must content myself with

this comment, "Have you noticed how, since Robert has taken to wearing spectacles, his shoe laces never come undone"! I quote this in the happy knowledge that no-one will enjoy this more than Bob himself.

Proud Netherlands

Holland must have been proud of their ever improving young ladies—Joké van Beusekom who beat Gillian Gilks from being a game and 3-9 down after some concentration was lost by both players when a cameraman came and stood practically on the court. Also in the ladies' doubles event the home crowd had two pairs in the semi-final; Joké and Marjan Luesken who met Judy and Gillian, and Mr. Ter Metz's charming daughter Lily, partnered by Judy Hashman's conqueror in the Uber Cup match at Scunthorpe, Agnes v.d. Meulen who lost to Gerlitzka and Wackerow.

Singles Play

Of the English players in the men's singles Derek Talbot went furthest in reaching the semi-final but could make little impression on Pri whose net-shots clung to the tape.

And finally, well done Keith Andrews who won the qualifying singles.

GERMAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following players have been nominated by the international selectors to compete in the International Championships of Germany at Oberhausen on 4th-5th March.

- J. D. (David) Eddy (Staffs.) (3)
 - E. C. (Elliot) Stuart (Northumb.) (7)
 - E. H. (Eddie) Sutton (Staffs.) (-)
 - D. (Derek) Talbot (Northumb.) (1)
- (Numbers in brackets indicate the current England singles rankings).

David Eddy, Elliott Stuart and Derek Talbot, the current English champion, have played in many international matches and overseas championships, but this is the first occasion on which Eddie Sutton has been nominated for an overseas championship tournament.

Elliot Stuart

(A. W. Taal)



SOTHEBY'S OUTBID

by

Pat Davis



"Decorative and Interesting"

In our last issue, Eric Hinchcliff, leader of that valuable and indefatigable legion of chair-bound men and women in "high places", the umpires, had the temerity to suggest that Alan Jones, on the lookout for "small decorative and interesting antiques", might profitably visit Ebbisham on 5th February to further this end.

Had he done so, this would undoubtedly have been one of his best decisions for although "small" was flatteringly inaccurate, "decorative and interesting" were undoubtedly well chosen epithets (after all a dinosaur is "interesting").

Lumbago Lament

Chief auctioneer Brian Bisseker (in the unfortunate absence of Herbert Scheele, forced to bend the knee—or should it be the back—to lumbago) was calling his wares promptly at 11 o'clock. Large vehicles from a wide swathe of England had been steadily unloading goods that included a couple of almost mint specimens of Crown Derby (A. Witcombe and A. Ewles). Sad to relate, a well-tryed piece of Tunbridge Ware (R. J. Sargent) was in Malta, whilst lustrous Staffordshire china (Jack McColl) was unfortunately also not able to be on show.

Some Rare Pieces

Slowly, reluctantly, more items were unswathed layer by layer with an almost loving care to reveal legs and arms rich with the mellow patina of the true antique. Still life and dummy board figures were much in evidence, but by noon, with the opening of the bar, so realistic were some of the "trompe l'oeil" that the spectators (who included such valuable contemporary pieces as Gill Gilks, Julie Rickard and Margaret Beck) could have sworn some actually moved. Stump work was certainly being seen at its best!

After lunch, lots could be viewed more closely as they decorated the dining room waiting for a bid. Tall-boys Denton and Davis with creaking legs openly supported by elastic bandages towered above limited editions such as Madge Alcorn and Roy Radford whilst not a few bow fronted chests and Toby mugs were in evidence.

Old Soldiers Never Die—

In the men's doubles, P. R. Davis and C. Denton fought their way rather desperately to their 10th and 9th finals respectively to meet A. Witcomb and A. Ewles (Derbyshire) who had been hard pressed by the old Surrey combination of R. Radford and W. Rogers in the semi-final. Playing with Rolls Royce precision, the Derby pair were never in trouble; the old soldiers just faded away.

Top: A. Witcombe and A. Ewles.

Centre: W. Rogers and Miss M. Russell.

Bottom: Mrs. M. Bayley and Miss S. Ripley.

(Pat Davis)

Newcomers

Mrs. B. Brewer and Mrs. J. Kehoe did well to reach the ladies' doubles final defeating en route such pairs as Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Morsman, Mrs. Brock and Miss Grace (1960/63 winners) and Mrs. Alcorn and Miss Russell, last season's runners-up. It looked as though their winning vein might well continue when they were 14-10 up against the "Invincibles". But it was not to be, for Miss Ripley, with the cool, unhurried serenity of a Dresden shepherdess, and Mrs. M. Bayley strolled quietly but purposefully about the court with apparently all the time in the world, to win 17-14, 15-3. Their ninth successive win! Need more be said?

New Mixed Champions

In the mixed doubles, Peter and Madge Alcorn (Kent) took the holders, A. Witcomb and Mrs. P. M. Smith, by storm; it must be admitted that Mrs. Smith, who played so well last year, could never get the upper hand of her own capricious low service. In the final, however, Bill Rogers, lively as the Neapolitan sunshine he had just left, and Mona Russell, still as commanding at the net as she now is in the umpire's chair, proved rather too strong for them.

All in all, another happy occasion which ended in the usual cheerful Rowlandsonian scenes in the bar when battles of the past were replayed yet again—and lost nothing in the telling.

RESULTS

MEN'S DOUBLES

(14 pairs)

2nd round: P. R. Davis and C. Denton beat P. Alcorn and A. Fairhall 8-15, 15-10, 15-12. J. Hayes and M. Reidy beat P. Barlow and J. Rumble 1-15, 15-5, 18-13. R. Blakeley and J. Pidgley beat B. Davies and R. Paul 15-12, 15-11. A. E. Ewles and A. H. Witcomb beat R. Radford and W. Rogers 15-12, 15-13.

Semi-finals: Davis and Denton beat Hayes and Reidy 15-10, 15-10. Ewles and Witcomb beat Blakeley and Pidgley 15-0, 15-6.

Final: Ewles and Witcomb beat Davis and Denton 15-6, 15-2.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(10 pairs)

2nd round: Mrs. P. G. Alcorn and Miss M. B. Russell beat Mrs. M. J. Y. Green and Mrs. O. Stewart 15-7, 15-3. Mrs. B. Brewer and Mrs. J. Kehoe beat Mrs. S. K. Brock and Miss D. B. Grace 15-9, 15-7. Mrs. M. E. Arthur and Miss D. D. Huffer beat Mrs. E. Atkins and Mrs. P. Jarvis 15-11, 4-15, 15-9. Mrs. M. J. Bayley and Miss S. I. Ripley beat Mrs. O. M. Emberson and Mrs. R. A. Radford 15-4, 15-5.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Brewer and Mrs. Kehoe beat Mrs. Alcorn and Miss Russell 15-7, 18-16. Mrs. Bayley and Miss Ripley beat Mrs. Arthur and Miss Huffer 15-9, 15-10.

Final: Mrs. Bayley and Miss Ripley beat Mrs. Brewer and Mrs. Kehoe 17-16, 15-3.

MIXED DOUBLES

(19 pairs)

3rd round: A. Witcomb and Mrs. Smith beat A. Fairhall and Mrs. Haire 15-6, 15-2. P. Alcorn and Mrs. Alcorn beat C. Denton and Miss Ripley 10-15, 15-12, 15-11. M. Reidy and Mrs. Bayley beat J. Poulton and Mrs. Morseman 9-15, 15-8, 15-6. W. Rogers and Miss Russell beat R. Paul and Mrs. Morgan 15-5, 15-2.

Semi-finals: Alcorn and Mrs. Alcorn beat Witcomb and Mrs. Smith 15-11, 7-15, 15-4. Rogers and Miss Russell beat Reidy and Miss Bayley 15-9, 15-10.

Final: Rogers and Miss Russell beat Alcorn and Mrs. Alcorn 15-7, 4-15, 15-5.



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THOMAS CUP STARS ?

WITH the addition of the following seven names to the seventeen already announced (see December issue) the selectors appear to have completed the nomination of the Thomas Cup squad.

M. (Martin) Beck (Cumberland)
I. P. (Ian) Clark (Derbyshire)
G. A. (Alan) Connor (Cumberland)
T. A. (Tim) Goode (Hertfordshire)
D. R. M. (Dean) Pither (Essex)
S. J. (Steve) Shaw (Cheshire)
R. J. (Roger) Westmorland (Cheshire).

Its twenty-four members will be trained and coached by Roger Mills, the former English international and present Chief Coach.

Sights Set High

The squad began training unofficially last summer at R.A.F. Innsworth (see February issue) and presumably further use will be made of the excellent facilities there during next summer as the long training period slowly but surely builds up to its climax of peak fitness and ability early in the 1972/73 season for the first rounds of the Thomas Cup. As ever, Denmark is likely to be the stiffest obstacle our men will have to overcome if, for the first time, they are to be European Zone winners. But they and Roger Mills will have their sights set higher still.

Another Beck

Among the seven new nominees it is pleasing to see that five hail from the North (if Derbyshire and Peak District may be so labelled). Cumberland, small in number but great in heart, must be congratulated on supplying two players: Martin Beck and Alan Connor. "Beck" is a household name on Badminton lips; Martin is, of course, Margaret's brother. Still playing in their native Cumbria, he is a mainstay of the County side. Alan Connor grew up alongside this famous brother-sister combination and regularly and effectively partnered Martin, with whom he won the All-England Boys' Doubles in 1966/67. Living in London he is now finding his feet on the big tournament circuit. Cumbrian grit will not come amiss to the squad.

Balm for Cheshire

Cheshire, one of the great county names in English Badminton, receive some balm for their last season's wounds when they were relegated to Division II. If the mighty are fallen, if the names Jordan and Powell are but a whisper from a distant golden heroic age, Cheshire is now coming back into her own. Steve Shaw and Roger Westmorland have in recent years been regular first team choices and both have turned in good championship results in the Midlands and North.

Derbyshire perhaps is a less "fashionable" county but she has had her internationals in the very small person of Margaret Frost (still going strong) and the nimble footed, retiring Cecil Whittaker. Ian Clarke has for some years been a force to be reckoned with in the Midlands. His fluency of stroke play bears perhaps the stamp of that fine county player Alec Witcomb (still playing regularly for Derbyshire at the age of 46). Ian won the All-England boys' doubles with Clive Kirk in 1967/68 and the mixed with Gill Gilks in 1966/67 and 1967/68.

Like Father

From the South come two more young players of promise. Tim Goode, whose father was also a fine player, beat no less a player than David Eddy last week and might have also taken Keith Arthur's scalp at the Kent Championships had he been a little less volatile. Dean Pither is another thoroughbred from the Essex stable that has recently produced Ray Stevens, Keith Arthur and John Stretch to say nothing of Phil Smith and Tim Bowler. At the beginning of the season he toured Canada with Keith; a little overshadowed by the latter in singles he has nevertheless had some excellent men's doubles wins with Tim Bowler.

Strength in Depth

The regular assembling of twenty-four such talented players can do nothing but good in establishing strength in depth. To them all, we wish enjoyment, pride and success.



Tim Goode
(Pat Davis)

MILLS — AND SON !

We offer our belated but nonetheless sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mills on the arrival of one, Laurence Toby. As he is already blessed with twin sisters, only a little more effort is needed to ensure two fine mixed pairs for future England teams. No-one can say that our Chief Coach is not doing all he can to ensure the pre-eminence of English Badminton!

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

S. Pri beat S. Johnsson 15-12, 15-4.

LADIES' SINGLES

Mrs. E. Twedberg beat Miss M. L. Wackerow 7-11, 11-4, 11-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES

D. Talbot and E. Stuart beat S. Pri and E. Kops 15-12, 15-8.

LADIES' DOUBLES

A. Flindt and P. Kaagaard beat E. Twedberg and I. Rietveld Nielson 17-14, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES

W. Bochow and M. L. Wackerow beat P. Walsow and J. Poulsen 15-4, 18-13.

TEXACO CUP TITLE !

IT was a very pleasant surprise to receive for the first time an invitation, all expenses paid, to play in the Odense Badminton Championships sponsored by Texaco. We knew that this was a first-class European tournament with the best players from Denmark, Sweden and Germany competing. It was very unfortunate that this tournament clashed with one of our best English tournaments, namely the Kent, but the English Badminton Association considered this such a fine opportunity for some of our players to get essential top-class competitive play against Europe's best in Thomas Cup year.

Hospitality at Erlands—Again

We travelled to Copenhagen on Friday, 28th January and landed ourselves on the doorstep of Erland and Hannay Kops—as always the perfect hosts. We went to his recently opened hotel, "Erland's Pub". Although we could only drink cola we have on previous visits sampled the excellent beer and I would strongly recommend anyone visiting the Tria district in Copenhagen to call in—meals can also be ordered during the day.

Small but Strong Entry

In the Men's Singles, only Ray played to form. It was unfortunate that he had to play Sture Johnsson from Sweden after a series of hard games—he beat or rather trounced Fleming Delfs of Denmark who was seeded above Ray.

In the Men's Doubles both pairs played well and earned their semi-final places. Ray and Dave played exceptionally well and came through a tough quarter of the draw.

Derek and Elliot in Top Gear

Both semi-final games of the Men's Doubles were of a very high standard; Ray and Dave were very unlucky not to win the second set against Kops and Pri. After playing superbly to establish a good lead they frittered their lead and the match away with unforced errors. Derek and Elliot beat Delfs and Kaagaard comfortably—the Danes had lost some of the form which enabled them to beat Petersen and Walsow in the quarter-finals. After this win, the English pair maintained their form and beat Kops and Pri in the final in two sets.

The other events went according to the plans of the seeding committee. Pri and Johnsson showed us the best singles to be seen in Europe at the moment. Eva Twedberg had quite a close finish with Marie Louise Wackerow but once again proved the better player. (Incidentally, Nora Gardner recently beat Wackerow in the Netherland Championships in a three set match. Congratulations "Woodentop").

Look Forward to a Return Visit

We had an enjoyable night out with our hosts followed by a very short sleep before we were up at 6 a.m. to start the return trip.

Congratulations to the Odense Badminton Club on a successful championship and many thanks to all at Odense for their hospitality.

ELLIOT STUART

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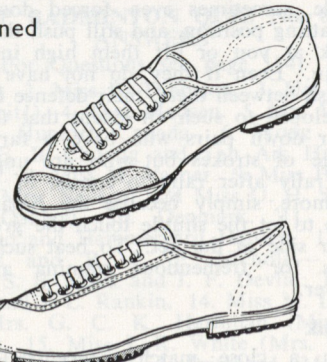
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HAVE you ever noticed how spectators tend to wander away from a court on which a ladies' doubles has just started? Surely, they think, there must be something better going on on another court.

Unfortunately, such visions of ladies' doubles are not without foundation in many cases. Too many games are won or lost before going on court by the mere attitude of the players, and such 'predestined' games are the duller to watch. A pair who take the initiative and try to impose their game upon the opponents immediately arouse interest amongst spectators, who look to see if the opponents will fight back.

Love all, play

It is a truism to say that if you cannot serve you cannot win and the serve is well covered in Jenny Horton's article in the previous issue. There are many possible replies to a short service, but some are more effective than others against particular pairs. For instance, can the server cut off a push or reach a half-court shot down the sidelines, and is her return one with which your partner can deal?

The most obvious point about doubles play, and the one most often disregarded, is that each pair is a partnership and therefore playing together. This is perhaps why many combinations of singles players fail, as each girl tends to play an individual game rather than playing for her partner. There is nothing more annoying for one's partner than to have your half-court cross court clear smashed down her throat when you should have smashed it yourself. But do not get angry either with yourself or her. A few quick words of advice are worth a lot more than black looks.

Positioning

The common formation for ladies' doubles was to play 'round the clock' in an anticlockwise direction. This meant that both players had to be equally strong from all parts of the court, and stopped anyone staying in at the net for long. It lost any advantage gained from each player's forte, so I would not recommend it. A good net player should always be ready to go in and attack from the front and leave the girl with the better smash to take the lifted shots that she forces. However, it must not be assumed that one player should always stay at the net, as the player at the back has to bear the brunt of the hard work.

Japanese defence

If you have ever played against a Japanese pair you will know what I mean, as these girls are quite happy, side by side, to defend for hour after hour, wearing the smasher out with a demoralising brick-wall defence. They can take smashes from any angle, sometimes even forced down to a squatting position, and still push them hard back at you or lift them high in the air again. Even if they do not have a good smash between them, their defence has been developed to such an extent that they will wear down pairs who have a far greater range of strokes but who are unprepared for rally after rally to consist of 30 shots or more, simply because the Japanese refuse to let the shuttle touch the ground on their side of the net. To beat such a pair calls for tremendous stamina and will power.

Think

In a close match, concentration and awareness can win the day. A pair that is not thinking become predictable, they do not play for each other and are therefore

THE ART OF LADIES' DOUBLES

by Gillian Gilks



psychologically in danger of collapsing. A net shot taken automatically can be 'murdered' by the incoming opponent, or a carelessly placed smash swept across court as an outright winner—another demoralising shot that is well worth perfecting.

Remember that the whole idea of the game is to get the shuttle onto the floor on your opponents' side, and that the best way to do this is to attack. If you find that it is they who are attacking, try to break up their pattern of play. Vary your service and replies until you find a weakness, then play on it—for example, some pairs are weak down the middle, with neither knowing who is taking the shot. Use more deception, going right back to basic stroke production and make all strokes in a category (e.g. overheads) look the same so that your opponents have to wait until the last moment before they can move to wherever you choose to hit the shuttle.

Play the 'probability game'

Anticipate your opponents' next shot. From a defensive side by side position, a 'hold and flick' shot lifted from the net can be followed in to attack the return, but if the shuttle does not go right to the back, you must not be afraid of cutting off the smash from the net position. A clear to the back of the court may be followed up to the net ready to finish off the drop, as long as the partner can cover the back. Difficulties may arise here (e.g. with Julie Rickard and myself) if both players rush in to the net to find the shuttle cleared over their heads as they both stand at the net and shout 'yours'!

Summary

A good pair will always play as a partnership with each player contributing to a combination which is stronger than the sum of the two individuals. This is achieved by a pair considering both their own and their opponents' strengths and weaknesses, and exploiting these to their advantage. In my opinion the secret of success in ladies' doubles is always to play for your partner. For example, in the front and back attacking formation between evenly matched pairs it is likely that the smash from the back will win a point outright. This shot is used by a player to prise open the defence and force a short return for her partner at the net to finish off.

So, to sum up, think, concentrate, don't be impatient and beware of playing that 'favourite shot' which comes off once a season. A winning pair always look good because they are imposing their game on the opponents: if their game can be disrupted many pairs will collapse. If you lose a game there will be plenty of reasons for it: analyse objectively what went on and you'll do better next time.

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KNOW YOUR UMPIRE 6

FLIGHT SERGEANT H. E. HALL,
R.A.F.

Flight Sergeant H. E. Hall, R.A.F. 1945-1972. After 27 years service, Eddie Hall, as he is better known, retires in April.

The R.A.F. has always been well known for its support of badminton. During National Service days all the best players seemed to be lucky enough to qualify for this service and several advanced to International status in due course. It is not easy to say how much of their successful development was due to advantages obtainable from a spell in the R.A.F. but all must have benefitted from the strict training received from the P.E. Branch.

Eddie Hall joined this branch of the R.A.F. in 1945 after being drafted as a Bevin Boy in the mines during the war, and must be proud of being associated with the training and development of so many top players. In 1956, he became the first member of the Service to join the B.U.A. of E. and eight years later was a founder member of the R.A.F. Badminton Umpires. He has been Secretary for several years and has been the chief instructor at the many umpires' training courses organised by the R.A.F.

Outside his service commitments he has officiated at many tournaments particularly in the Midlands each season and has done duty at several All England finals and International fixtures, and was one of the team at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. He is a very keen worker for the Association, is a member of the Committee and on retiring from the Service at 49 is obviously too young and active a person not to be taking up new work. It is hoped for the benefit of the game generally his new occupation will not restrict his availability for those important fixtures where a top class umpire and service judge is required.

We wish him every success in his new environment.

F.E.H.

TRIBUTE

Lance Ellwood

ONE of Yorkshire's most outstanding and colourful badminton personalities, and a former Yorkshire and England star, Lance Ellwood, has died at his home at Stanley, near Wakefield, aged 34.

After a playing career spanning 16 years he announced his retirement last November following a major operation at the end of last season, but still maintained his interest in the county side as a selector. He started his playing career with Headingley (Leeds) at 14, and a year later, under the guidance of Harold Marsland, of Collingham, a former Yorkshire champion and England captain, who also played for Headingley, gained a place in the Yorkshire 2nd team. At 18, he won the All-England Junior boys' doubles title, graduating shortly afterwards to the senior Yorkshire side.

A Noteworthy Record

During the next 16 years, he played 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, against Ireland at Hull, and altogether made two appearances for his country.

In 1957 he became Yorkshire singles champion—a title he held eight times, and between 1961 and 1964 achieved the triple crown three times.

During his 20 years association with Headingley he missed only three Yorkshire League matches, and helped them to 14 Division I title successes. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

A Partner's Tribute

Former Yorkshire singles and doubles champion, John Woolhouse (Saltburn), a National Coach, who was Lance's regular Yorkshire team and tournament partner before moving south, pays his tribute to Lance:

"I first met Lance in 1952, a fellow competitor in the Yorkshire Junior Championships. He was a lanky youngster with a smash like a mule's kick, a puckish sense of humour and even then that indefinable something called court personality, which remained with him throughout his badminton career. He was, in fact, the perfect partner and team-mate; without exception fair and gracious to opponents and partners alike—a tribute that cannot always be paid to players who fight their way single-mindedly to the top, as he did.

"It was off the court, however, that Lance, as a personality, was most impressive. He could always be relied upon to dissipate pre-match tensions or post-defeat depression—his fund of dressing-room anecdotes was inexhaustible.

"It is sometimes said that in sport the nice people always lose. To judge from the way the Game of Life treated Lance Ellwood, that is certainly true."

JAMES PARKER

The Yorkshire County Badminton Association have opened a testimonial fund for his family as a mark of appreciation for his services to badminton and sport in general. Anyone wishing to subscribe should forward donations made payable to Y.C.B.A. to D. L. Ball, 2 Blenheim Terrace, Leeds LS2 9JG.



(Yorks. Evng. Post)

Lance Ellwood

WHAT A SELL!

CUMBERLAND B.A. who are staging this first-ever match between England and Japan are certainly not letting the grass grow under their feet.

They have already made arrangements to hire extra tiered-seating so that the seating capacity has been increased to nearly 1,500. A thousand seats are available at £1 and 300 at £1.25; nearly all of these have already been eagerly snapped up by the eager Cumbrian fans! There are also seats available at 75p and 50p and there will probably be standing room for 150 people.

Anyone who has not yet got his ticket is advised to apply now if he wishes to be one of this large crowd who should witness one of the most interesting international matches ever to be played in this country.

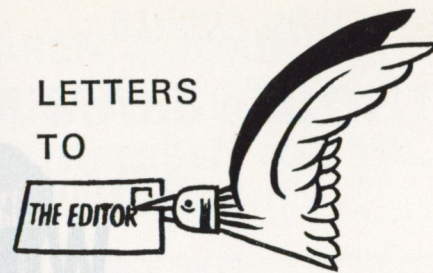
Doubtless by then the power crisis will be over but as Monday is a high risk day in Carlisle the organisers are taking no chances and are already seeking to borrow a generator from the Army, T.A., R.A.F. or City Corporation. If they are not successful, the time of the start will be put back to 8.30, after the peak power restrictions. Come what may the match will be played!

The Match Co-ordinator will be W. G. P. Birtwistle.

Cumberland B.A. are indeed to be congratulated on catering for what may well be a record crowd for an international match and for what appears to be a likely 100% sell out.

LETTERS TO

THE EDITOR



"Wycheholme",
Colwall,
Nr. Malvern,
Worcestershire.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for publishing my letter "Players on Loan" in your December issue, one result of which is that I am no longer Chairman of the Herefordshire B.A.

May I point out that my 'sin' was signing myself as Chairman when in fact, the contents of my letter were my own personal views and not those of the Herefordshire B.A.

Thank you also for H. A. E. Scheele's reply in your February issue. It may appear to many that he certainly "put me in my place", but I do not accept this.

I truly am "county conscious" inasmuch that I want Herefordshire to do well, providing Somerset do better! (My home county).

The current residential qualifications make a mockery of true county spirit and I am sure a census of county players playing in the competition at this time would show how few play for their "own" county (of birth, being truly "county players"). Herefordshire? Four.

Apply the simple rules of say, Yorkshire cricket, to Badminton and then, to quote H. A. E. Scheele "A county team will find its own level".

Unfortunately, this would deprive many of county play so let's drop this smug and cosy inward-looking attitude and embrace as many "county standard" players into the competition as possible.

I do not envisage a team of "foreigners" as H. A. E. Scheele rather unkindly refers to them, but in an emergency, for survival, to be able to call on one or two would be a help.

On two occasions this season, with fixtures on the Sunday, a certain selection committee were faced with three ladies only available on the day of and day before the fixture. The next best in the county? Can you expect players to attempt to carry such a person, or for that matter would they? The gap in standards could be too wide.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) KEN MORGAN.

15-UP BADMINTON QUIZ No. 8— ANSWERS

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1. 1900.
2. Miss E. Thomson.
3. Un lapin (A rabbit!).
4. Tage Madsen.
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6. Wong Peng Soon, E. B. Choong and Tan Aik Huang.
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THOSE EXAMINATIONS AGAIN

THE CASE FOR

Dear Sir,

As a regular reader who takes particular interest in Coaches I was very disappointed to see it descend to such a facetious level in the December issue. I object to the way such an obviously bogus letter was given credence by serious appraisal. I have no objection to humour being included but please let it be acknowledged as such instead of apparently attempting to mislead your readers.

In the other letter from Anon some valid points were raised and I agree with the comments at the end. However, it does not seem to have occurred to Anon that to coach efficiently at even the highest level one must have a thorough grasp of the fundamentals of the game, whatever the game.

Furthermore, how would your contributor suggest one proved one's coaching ability if not by gaining a BA of E award? Not all great players are natural coaches. It also seems obvious that as National Coaches are appointed somewhere along the line they must have impressed someone with their ability to coach to this level.

As far as the connection between County Coaches and training coaches further down the ladder is concerned, how can it be a bad thing to understand more about the problems of those further down the ladder whom Anon must require to feed him with potential championship material? Such an elitist and insular point of view will leave Anon's champions with a very warped sense of their superiority.

Where I do agree with Anon is that the Club Coach award is very basic and I feel it is mainly given as an incentive to encourage badminton at grass roots and for that reason I think it could better be called 'Teacher' rather than 'Coach'. It does seem unnecessarily time consuming for exceptional players to go through from the very beginning. I am sure it is not beyond the wit of the organisers to devise an exam whereby ability at coaching both beginners and more advanced players is examined so that the Advanced Club Coach award could be taken as a first step for those of obvious ability.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN WARDLE (Advanced Club Coach).

John Woolhouse comments:

Perhaps the editor should arrange for humorous comments to be written in red. (That was a joke). One has often heard it said that by definition a champion, and those associated with, him, IS elitist and insular and has a very warped sense of his superiority in many cases.

CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE

Dear Mr. Woolhouse,

The BA of E coaching scheme has for many years given invaluable service to badminton, indeed its very existence suggests amazing foresight so early in the game's development. Ironically, the fact that the BA of E 'Coaching Set-up' has been so successful and contributed so much to the change and development of badminton has brought about the partial obsolescence of the scheme itself. The organisation by the coaching secretaries past and present is nothing short of superb and quite rightly has been admired, studied and I believe copied by many other sporting bodies.

It is now a fact that the scheme can no longer fulfil the ever increasing and changing demands that it has helped to bring about. Let us therefore stop knocking a system which has involved a tremendous amount of work and recognise a changing need, identify the weaknesses and formulate a solution. The one court club, the old church hall is fading from the badminton scene and its place is being taken by the four court sports hall and growing schools associations. This is the root of badminton's future and the game must learn to compete with the increasing number of sporting activities available to the present

day youngster and be prepared to satisfy the demands young people make of their sport.

I have every confidence that the BA of E Coaching Committee can and will meet this challenge.

Yours etc,
IAN HORTON

John Woolhouse comments:

Ian Horton's touching faith in the BA of E Coaching Committee is most gratifying. As it happens, it is justified. A sub-committee of the Coaching Committee has just been set up to review the whole area of coaching and examinations. Contrary to popular belief, this sub-committee does not have a monopoly of ideas on coaching matters and it is terribly dependent upon Ian Horton and all other badminton enthusiasts for help to '... identify the weaknesses and formulate the solution...' Any constructive suggestions will be most gratefully received and acknowledged by John Woolhouse, 1 Rushmead Close, Croydon. CRO 5JG, and will be passed to the sub-committee for their consideration.

THE CASE AGAINST

Dear John,

I am writing to explain why, in my opinion, the right people are not getting to the position of National Coach through the existing coaching examination system. If I can quote an example, I think it shows how futile the club coaching award appears to be to many top players.

One of the North's top players, a county player and PE teacher for many years who has produced numerous junior, school and county champions failed his Club Coach examination. The reason given was that he didn't coach according to the 'Red Handbook'. He has developed his own methods of coaching plus injecting the all important desire to win in his students with marvellous results and yet he fails this examination when Joe Bloggs passes after regurgitating the 'Red Handbook'. Needless to say the person concerned has not bothered since.

My point is that surely there must be some way in which experienced people who have proved their worth could by-pass some of the examinations and join the system later on.

Regards,

JUDY LILLEY

John Woolhouse comments:

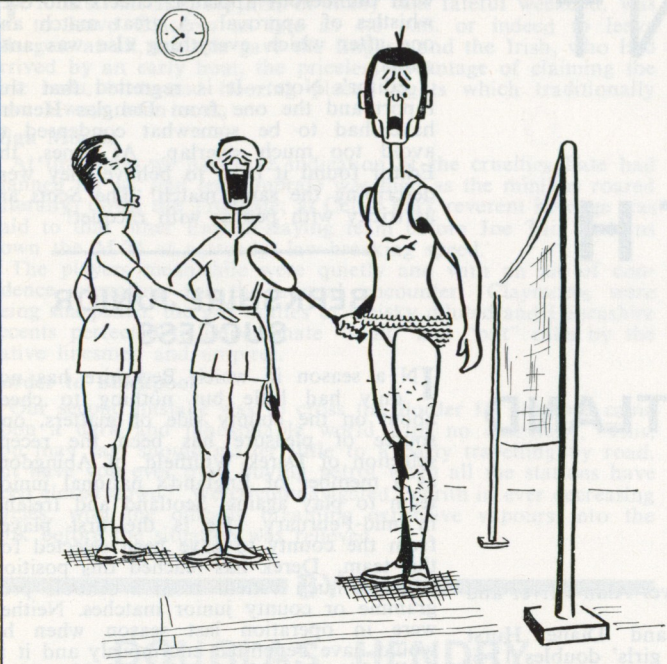
It is interesting that Judy Lilley who is a current Division 1 ICC player of some distinction and John Wardle, a current Advanced Club Coach, seem to be agreed that preferential treatment for top players is not unreasonable. The fate of the unknown failure, however, is worrying. It can be categorically stated that the examiners do not require candidates to coach according to the 'Red Handbook' and no candidate would ever be failed for not doing so. The syllabus, in fact, states that candidates should 'Know the way to coach beginners...' which one interprets as meaning getting across the simple, uncomplicated, indisputable basics of hitting badminton shuttles. I wonder if Judy Lilley's example was more worried about 'his own methods of coaching' which would quite obviously make him outstanding as, say, a County Coach instead of concerning himself with the rudiments.

Producing champions, as Anon stated in the December issue, is a key area of badminton coaching but interesting Master and Miss Average Child despite their probable lack of any championship potential is nevertheless vital. If Joe Bloggs can regurgitate the 'Red Handbook' and, in addition, can correct basic faults, he sounds like a very sound if somewhat unimaginative club coach. It is unlikely he would ever progress further whereas Judy Lilley's example sounds like a tragic loss to the coaching scheme. Examiners are only amateur badminton lovers who do their best as examiners once or twice a year and frequently make mistakes. Is Judy's example, despite his teaching experience and consequent frequent experience of examiners and their vagaries, too proud to admit this and too proud to write to the Coaching Secretary for a retest?

Incidentally, for the uninitiated, the 'Red Handbook' is a BA of E publication 'Notes for Badminton Coaches' describing itself as '... a summary of the essentials that require to be enlarged upon when teaching the game of badminton ... no more.'

Run by
JOHN WOOLHOUSE

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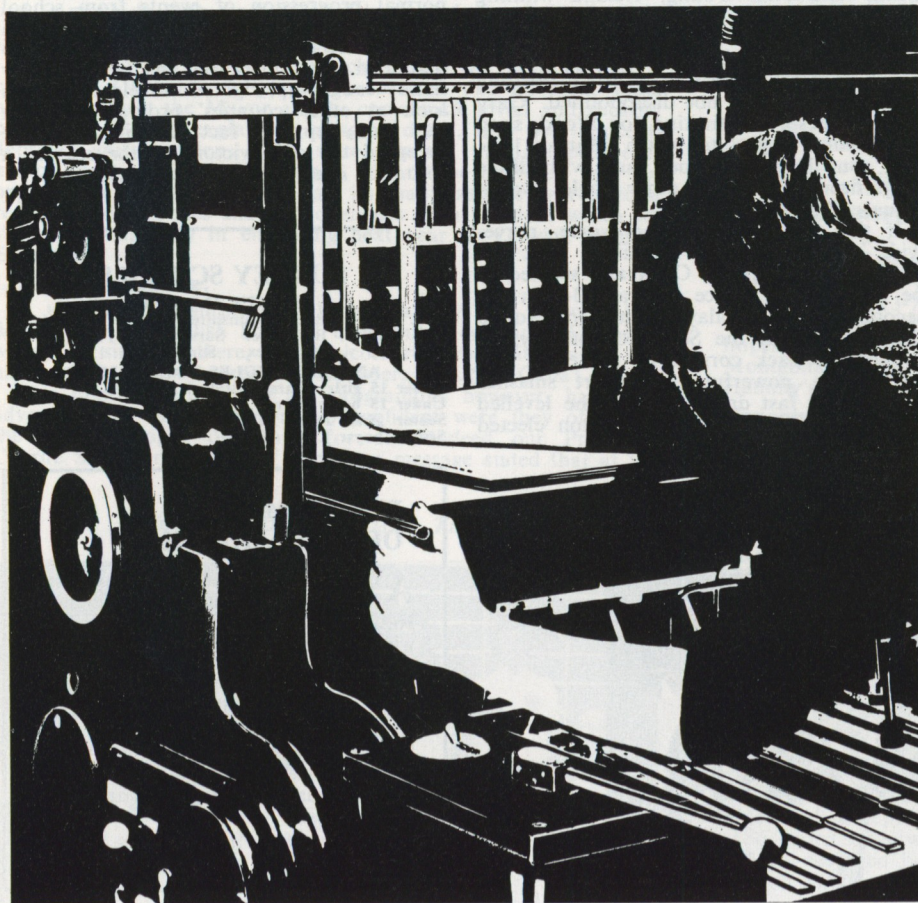
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ACCENT ON YOUTH

Schools' Triangular International

ANOTHER ENGLAND-SCOTLAND DRAW

by IAN GRAHAM

IN the second triangular school's international held at Montgomery School, Blackpool on February 12th, 1972, both England U.16's and Scotland U.18's defeated Ireland U.18's 6-4 and England drew 5-5 with Scotland for the third year in succession. The match was excellently organised by the Blackpool section of the Lancashire School's B.A. and a record attendance of over 400 inspired the youngsters to produce play to fit the occasion.

Flu Takes Its Toll

England versus Ireland was first on court and the English-Malaysian, Soo Cheng Chua, soon disposed of Frazer Evans 15-1, 15-4 in second boys' singles. England's top player, Paul Wood (Lancs.), although suffering from the after effects of flu, played brilliantly to lead John Scott 15-9, 9-5 in the top event, but fatigue took over and Scott levelled the tie at 15-10, 15-5.

Kathleen Redhead (Lancs.) had a comfortable 11-7, 11-5 win over Lynn Young in the top girls' singles and Suzanne Coates (Surrey) made an encouraging, albeit nail-biting debut with a 10-12, 11-1, 12-11 victory over Brenda Quinlan in the second singles.

Honours Even

England's top boys' doubles pair, Wood and Ray Rofe (Kent), failed to gel and were no match for the skill of Scott and the power of Evans as the Irishmen won 15-6, 15-10. In second boys' doubles, Chua, partnered by David Whitfield (Berks.), again

won easily, 15-1, 15-5 over Alan Oliver and David Balmer.

Kathleen Redhead and Diane Hurst (Cumberland) took top girls' doubles 15-6, 15-4 over Lynn Young and Grace Livingstone but Ann Gardner (Surrey) and Julie Reeve (Essex) were beaten 18-16, 15-10 by Ann Young and Valerie Adrian.

Rofe-Coates Decisive Win

Top mixed gave England a winning lead when Ray Rofe and Susanne Coates easily defeated Niall O'Kelly and Miss Adrian 15-5, 15-3 but Cumbrians Jimmy Kirkpatrick and Diane Hurst struggled against Evans and Ann Young, Ireland winning this 15-6, 15-3.

Exciting Finale

With England and Scotland level at 6 events each the stage was set for a thrilling finale and we were not disappointed. Gary Scott (Lancs.), substituting for Wood, soon lost second singles to Mitch Murray 15-6, 15-4, but England came back with three magnificent wins in the other singles events.

Chua's Fine Win

If this was exciting then worse, nerve-wise, was to follow. Hamilton took the first end 15-7 against Chua and seemed to be coasting to a nice win at 13-9 in the second. But the Malaysian suddenly found the way to beat the Scot. Relentlessly, he probed the back corners of the court and with some powerful cross-court smashes and perfect fast drops as allies he levelled the match at 15-13 when Hamilton elected not to set.

By now the Scot's spirit was almost broken and Chua was never headed in a 15-11 third game win which was greeted with thunderous applause, cheers and even whistles of approval. A great match and one after which everything else was anticlimax.

Editor's Note:—It is regretted that this report and the one from Douglas Hendry have had to be somewhat condensed to avoid too much overlap. At times, the Editor found it hard to believe they were describing the same match! The Scots are as tricky with pen as with racquet!

BERKSHIRE JUNIOR SUCCESS

IN a season in which Berkshire has not only had little but nothing to cheer about on the county side of matters, one source of pleasure has been the recent selection of Derek Whitfield, of Abingdon, as a member of England's national junior team to play against Scotland and Ireland in mid-February. He is the first player from the county to have been selected for this team. Derek has reached this position without much benefit from a schools programme or county junior matches. Neither were in operation last season when he would have benefitted enormously and it is really his proximity to the only first-class singles facilities in the county, the Old Gaol at Abingdon, that has enabled him to progress so fast. That, and the willingness of all the older players there to play singles with him at that most undigestive hour of 6-7 p.m., have brought him on with great speed.

The junior programme has begun also this season, as has the schools programme and at last the county has a regular and normal progression of events from school to international level. We have worked there backwards but a start is a start, no matter in which direction, and we have now finally caught up, righted ourselves and can look at other counties' programmes with our chins up. In fact, the juniors have recorded the only victory of the season, a solo win over Bucks. some weeks ago.

G.C.K.H.

SURREY SCHOOLS

COUNTY MATCHES

Dec. 18th v. Buckinghamshire. Surrey won 16-1.
Jan. 15th v. Berkshire. Surrey won 14-3.
Feb. 5th v. Middlesex. Surrey won 15-2.

ANNUAL SINGLES TOURNAMENT

Under 15 girls: Karen Bridge.
Under 15 boys: Simon Radley.
Senior girls: Janet Allen.
Senior boys: Colin Foley.

ENGLAND'S SCHOOLS' TEAM

G. Scott, P. Wood, R. Rofe, D. Whitfield, S. Chua, J. Kirkpatrick,
J. Reeve, S. Coates, K. Redhead, A. Gardner, D. Hurst.



PERFORMANCE OF THE MONTH

AT the Essex Championships Nora Gardner, present All-England Junior Championship Triple Title winner, won all three events. In the singles, she beat Barbara Beckett (Ireland) and Kay Nesbit (Australia). In the ladies' doubles, partnered by team-mate Barbara Giles, she beat the same players. In the mixed doubles, with Peter Smith, she beat international David Eddy and Barbara Giles.

A very fine performance for a junior!

BONNIE BANKS O' BLACKPOOL

OUR first mistake, the first of many that fateful weekend, was to leave Glasgow as late as 4.0 p.m. or indeed to leave Glasgow at all, for this gave the English and the Irish, who had arrived by an early boat, the priceless advantage of claiming the best beds, birds and boozing places, rights which traditionally have always been ours.

High Morale

At that time we had little indication of the cruelties Fate had planned for us, and team morale was high as the minibus roared (literally) down the Trongate; at Celtic Park reverent homage was paid to that other English-slaying team before Joe Tait took us down the M 74 at a steady, law-breaking speed.

The players meanwhile were quietly and with an air of confidence preparing for the annual encounter. Claymores were being sharpened, the gift bottles of whisky diluted and Lancashire accents perfected to impersonate "fault" and "out" calls by the native linesmen and umpires.

Border to Blackpool

Our second mistake was to cross the Border for then we came upon a dark and inhospitable world with no electricity. This, you may say, should matter little to a party travelling by road, but have you ever tried buying petrol when all the stations have been closed down? We circumnavigated Penrith in ever decreasing circles, with the officials breathing expensive vapours into the tank before the situation was relieved.

BY

DOUGLAS HENDRY

On then to sunny Blackpool, the star of the north, only to find everyone had become tired of waiting and had gone home, and us a mere two hours late! However, being men of the world we quickly homed in on the only place in Blackpool with lights, the Bellview Hotel, there to be welcomed by Len Wright's cheery, cherubic face. He was justified in feeling pleased for he had had his dinner, in fact he had eaten ours as well and we had to make do with sandwiches. Oh, the infamy of the English.

Out-manoevred!

On then to the day of the match and to the vagaries that it contained. Off went the players to practise and off went some officials to meet the Mayor and to come back jovial and sucking peardrops. Before explaining in some detail, how we innocent, deprived and credulous Scots were imposed upon, duped, out-manoevred and generally robbed, it must be admitted that the organisation of the event, in all its many aspects was beyond reproach. Alan Jones and his colleagues set a standard which we shall have difficulty in emulating next year in Lerwick or is it Edinburgh?

Let battle commence!

It was no real surprise to learn that our old enemies had fielded, not an English Schools' team but a combined England/Malaysian side, for there, in technicoloured tracksuit, bearing the name of his country across his shoulders, was Soo Chua!

This minor alteration to the programme, however, had little adverse effect on our players, so confident were they of laying the English bogey once and for all. Indeed our President, Charlie Smith, in his eve of departure message stated that at the

SCOTLAND SCHOOLS' TEAM

(C. Scott)



last decisive Scottish victory at Bannockburn near his native Stirling, the score had been 14-13 and he expected the battle of Blackpool to be 0-10 or even better.

Ireland's Calibre

The fact that in the triangular match the hosts would play first and last with a rest between, while we and the Irish played two running went almost unnoticed, and we sat back to watch the poor old Irish being chopped to bits by the England/Malaysia consortium. That this did not materialise should have sounded a warning bell, but we merely assumed that the home team were worse than we had anticipated.

Gleefully we watched a worried, hirsute Neville Macfarlane as England/Malaysia limped to a 6-4 victory, a result that flattered to deceive when one remembers that Suzanne Coates only beat Brenda Quinlan 12-11 in the third game. Early in our match with Ireland the horrible truth revealed itself. England/Malaysia were not that bad, the Irish were much better than we had imagined.

How paradoxical it is that a country labouring under enormous handicaps and difficulties can field a team of this calibre. Mention must be made of John Scott who carried his personal banner through two matches undefeated.

Hammy Two Down!

We started well against Ireland winning both girls' singles and the second boys' singles. Then disaster struck. Gordon Hamilton, alias Hammy or more recently the Ham, our pin-up and hero, was seen off the court unceremoniously by John Scott, a player whom he had defeated handsomely in an earlier International this season.

Worse was to follow when John and Frazer Evans put down Hammy and Alan Gilliland, while the other boys' doubles and the second girls' doubles were inexpicably lost. We needed and won the two mixed for a 6-4 win, but our performance did not augur well for the English/Malaysian match.

Singles Epics

The encounter with England/Malaysia began before the Irish game finished, due to time being short and courts becoming available (or so we were told!) This meant that the ties we played were somewhat out of order and, dare it be mentioned, always in England/Malaysia's favour? Such is the luck of the draw.

Both girls' singles were epics. Possibly the finest game of the match was between Cathie Redhead and Anne Johnstone. Never more than two points separated the players and Anne, leading 10-8 then 2-0 in the final game, had the better chance of winning, but no-one (except us) could complain of Cathie's victory.

In the other singles however, Chris nearly inexcusably lost after leading 8-0 in the third, but again for sheer determination, guts and a refusal to give in, Suzanne Coates could not be faulted.

We won, without much trouble, the second boys' singles and the first girls' doubles and lost equally easily the second boys' doubles and second girls' doubles, the latter being, with due respect to the contestants, one of those games which, had it become much slower, one felt they would have fallen asleep.

Gallons of Sweat

The score was 4-2 with four to play. Enter Hammy and the Malaysian half of the Commonwealth team. Our lad, minus much of his confidence but more determined, swept through the first game and led 13-7 in the second. What happened then is not quite clear, but, to cut a long story short, Hammy lost and our hopes of another Bannockburn lay in pieces on the floor of Montgomery Street School Sports Hall floating on gallons of Hammy's sweat.

Honours Equal

Dormie, three down with three to go. The remaining two mixed and the first boys' doubles we won without excitement thus salvaging our honour but ending in a disappointing draw. This left us to reflect on the "ifs" and "buts" of what might have been, but mostly to mutter, often loudly, of the Luck of the English!

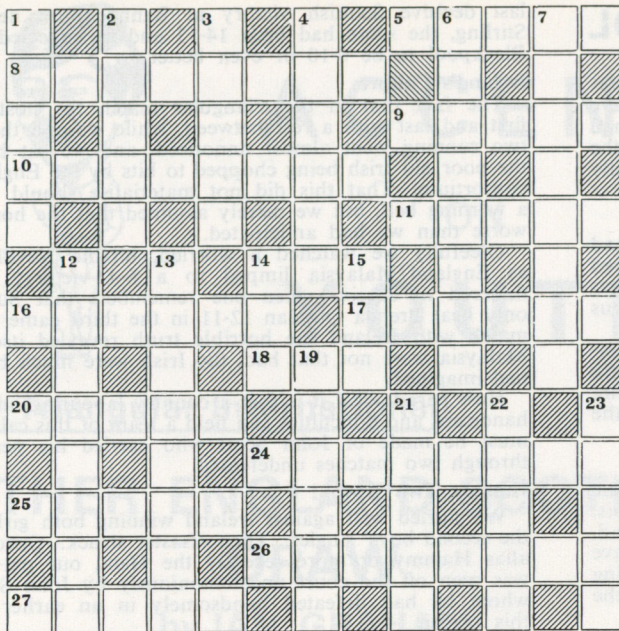
Convivial Evening!

The matches over, the proceedings progressed in convivial mood starting with dinner in the company of the Depute Mayor and his wife. After sage advice from team bosses Neville Macfarlane and Jim Gauld, the dancing commenced with considerable fraternising between the teams.

For example Hammy at some length explained to Cathie how unlucky he had been and Cathie saw that this continued, while young Gardner acted as look-out and decoy for Cathie's parents. The Scots officials, depending on their individual hangovers next morning, either were indebted to or bore a grudge for Norman, who had kindly conducted them on a tour of the bright lights of Blackpool, except that there was a power cut.

So ended what was going to be the Scottish Schools' big year and we returned home licking our wounds and looking forward to next year and Edinburgh.

B A D M I N T O N



C R O S S W O R D

No. 8 by Mrs. H. STAPLETON (of Daw Vale B.C.)
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ACROSS

5. Dusts around but not under our badminton shoes (5).
8. This charity performance lasted 267 hours (8).
9. It can be shot in dark narrow streets (5).
10. An extra job? (8).
11. We need more of these simpletons (5).
14. Initially a good shuttle (3).
16. Join two together (6).
17. P. R. Davis is ours (6).
18. All sportsmen should keep this (3).
20. You might lose a point if you make one (5).
24. Financial helpers for many championships (8).
25. A good one is not angered by defeat (5).
26. Twenty sheets of paper joined together (5, 3).
27. Whisks to victory? (5).

DOWN

1. Power play when shams disintegrate (5).
2. The degree of quality put Edgar out (5).
3. You can't help lame dogs over it this way (5).
4. Sharp tips (6).
6. Add a dozen to this for a love game (5, 3).
7. Cease to hold ammunition? (4, 4).
12. More of us (anagram) (8).
13. He's on the other side (8).
14. Or umpire, shortly (3).
15. Play it again (3).
19. Moment of collision (6).
21. You must have this sort of form to compete in most tournaments (5).
22. Rings for a croquet player (5).
23. Little Sidney in awe without a compass point (5).

Answers: See page 158

15-UP BADMINTON QUIZ No. 8

(For answers see page 147)

With the All-England Championships due to be held on 22nd to 25th March here is a chance to test your knowledge of some of those names inseparably connected with it.

1. In what year were the Championships first held?
2. Who first won the Ladies' Singles?
3. Under what entirely inappropriate pseudonym did G. A. Sautter once enter the All-England?
4. Who was the first of the Danes to win the Men's Singles?
5. Who was the first lady from overseas to win the Ladies' Singles?
6. Which three Malaysians have won the Men's Singles?
7. How many times has Rudi Hartono won the Men's Singles?
8. What American lady, other than Judy Hashman, won the Ladies' Singles?
9. Which two English ladies have won the Singles since the war?
10. Which nation provided seven consecutive winners of the Ladies' Singles between 1947 and 1953?
11. Which Danish pair won the Men's Doubles six times in all?
12. Who were the last English pair to win the Men's Doubles and when?
13. Which two Irish pairs won the Men's Doubles?
14. Which two ladies have won the Ladies' Singles no less than ten times each?
15. With which three ladies did Tony Jordan win the Mixed Doubles?

COMPETITIONS

1. **Photographic:** A Superlite racquet, kindly presented by **Grays of Cambridge**, will be awarded to the reader who submits the best portfolio of Badminton photos taken by himself.
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FROM THE UMPIRE'S CHAIR

Question. I understand that as long as my feet are on the floor when I strike the shuttle during service it is not a fault. True or false?

Answer. This is strictly a misunderstanding of the requirements of Law 16. It is a fact that when the shuttle is struck during service some part of both feet of the server must be in contact with the surface of the court in a stationary position. But there is a very important omission. Law 16 clearly stated the above conditions must apply **until** the service is delivered — not just when the shuttle is struck. **Until** is the operative word and as the condition has to apply until the service is delivered this means it must apply from the start of the service right up to the shuttle being struck, i.e. being delivered. We now have to define "when does the service start". This is normally regarded as the start of the swing of the racket to hit the shuttle. In more precise terms this could be defined as follows:

When the server and receiver have taken up their respective positions to serve and receive the first movement by the server's racket constitutes the start of the service. Thus if a server takes a step forward after he has taken up his position to serve it would be a fault if during the step forward his racket were to move into the swing to strike the shuttle.

COMPETITION RESULTS

A tube of a dozen "Tourney" Shuttles, kindly presented by **R.S.L.**, will be sent to each of the following who won the competition announced in our December issue.
Photographic: John L. Carter, 116 Eldred Avenue, Brighton, BN1 5EH.
Literary: No entries received.
New Subscribers: Mrs. M. Devine, 23 Duke's Brow, Blackburn. (Six).
Cross-word (February): No correct solutions received.

WORLD RECORD

NON-STOP BADMINTON

THE Chief Coach, Roger Mills, hopes to organise an attempt on the record of 11 days 3 hours, set up by Anglian TV, players as reported in our October issue. It will be held at Redbridge Sports Centre in order to raise money to help with future training for the England Squads. It is hoped to get TV and Press interest and perhaps to find a sponsor.

Roger Mills himself with five others will attempt to play 1,000 games of singles in 12 days. All offers of help in any form from London and Essex enthusiasts should be sent to the Chief Coach, R. J. Mills, 12 Coney Hill Road, West Wickham, Kent.

WORLD BADMINTON

IN its eye-catching red and pink livery, World Badminton made a dashing debut in the Badminton scene. Such a magazine, giving details of news and results from all corners of the Badminton playing world, has long been needed. And who better to undertake the task of editorship than Mr. H. A. E. Scheele, Honorary Secretary of the I.B.F. and for twenty-five years editor of The Badminton Gazette.

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KENT OPEN

SERENADE FOR SECOND STRINGS

IT was disappointing that the top English players did not play in the Kent Open Badminton Championships, held at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre from the 26th to 29th January, but the entry was again very large and the Tournament gave the opportunity for England's second string to compete for a major title with a fair chance of success.

Goode Does Well

And it was Keith Arthur of Essex and Tim Goode (Herts) who grasped the opportunity by reaching the final of the Men's Singles, Goode from an unseeded position. Arthur won all his matches in two straight games, and Tim Goode's improvement in recent times was evident in his beating Bill Kidd, the top seeded Brian White, and the Dutchman, Piet Ridder. The final itself was perhaps a little disappointing with Keith Arthur generally in command and winning by the comfortable margin of 15-7, 15-6.

A Dark Horse

Nora Gardner of Essex was undoubtedly the dark horse of the Ladies' Singles and came through from an unseeded position to meet the joint top seed Barbara Beckett of Ireland in the Final. In the final Barbara Beckett was in full control in the first game, but with Nora Gardner making full use of her beautiful drop-shot the second game and the first half of the third went to the young Essex girl, and it was only in the later stages that Barbara Beckett's greater experience carried her through to win 11-4, 6-11, 11-6.

Fine Matches

The Men's Doubles provided several fine matches with Bill Kidd and Eddie Sutton, Colin Beacom and Keith Andrews featuring in most of them. Although Kidd and Sutton lost a close first game, they began to click in the second which was easily won, but it was the better control of Colin Beacom and Keith Andrews that took the final game 15-11. Barbara Giles and Nora Gardner foiled an all-Dutch final by beating Lilli ter Metz and Agnes van der Meulen by the narrowest of margins in the semi-finals. However Joke van Beusekom and Marjan Luesken made no mistake in the final and won by the comfortable margin of 15-6, 15-4.

United Nations

Two scratch pairs battled out the Mixed Doubles final, with four different countries being represented. Bob McCoig and Miss van Beusekom won the first game in the final comfortably, but Tredgett and Miss Beckett caught up to level the match setting in the second; the final game was always in the control of the venerable Scot, and it was Bob McCoig and Joke van Beusekom who took the title 15-6, 14-17, 15-6.

COLIN WILSON (Condensed).

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES (limited to 32 players)

Quarter-finals: D. R. Hunt beat P. J. Smith 15-6, 15-5. K. P. Arthur beat R. S. McCoig 15-0, 15-7. P. Ridder beat E. H. Sutton 15-5, 15-9. T. A. Goode beat B. H. White 15-10, 0-15, 17-15.

Semi-finals: Arthur beat Hunt 15-11, 15-4. Goode beat Ridder 10-15, 15-11, 15-4.

Final: Arthur beat Goode 15-7, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES

(limited to 16 players)

Quarter-finals: Miss B. Beckett beat Miss M. Gardner 11-7, 11-4. Miss B. Giles beat Miss F. de Nooyer 11-4, 11-2. Miss A. van der Meulen beat Miss M. Ridder 11-3, 11-0. Miss N. Gardner beat Miss K. Nesbit 11-1, 12-10.

Semi-finals: Miss Beckett beat Miss Giles 11-9, 11-4. Miss Gardner beat Miss van der Meulen 11-4, 6-11, 11-9.

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

MEN'S DOUBLES

(limited to 26 pairs)

Quarter-finals: B. H. White and R. S. McCoig beat A. C. Finch and R. G. Reed 17-15, 15-13. W. Kidd and E. H. Sutton beat G. A. Connor and T. A. Goode 15-12, 15-17, 17-15. D. J. Hutchinson and P. J. Smith beat R. van Ginneken and R. Ridder 15-8, 15-8. C. J. Beacom and K. M. Andrews beat D. Curtis and D. R. Hunt 15-10, 13-15, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Kidd and Sutton beat White and McCoig 15-10, 17-14. Beacom and Andrews beat Hutchinson and Smith 15-5, 15-6.

Final: Beacom and Andrews beat Kidd and Sutton 15-10, 4-15, 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(limited to 14 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss J. van Beusekom and Miss M. Luesken beat Miss F. de Nooyer and Miss M. Ridder 15-12, 15-3. Miss B. Giles and Miss N. Gardner beat Miss L. ter Metz and Mrs. A. van der Meulen 15-4, 15-18, 18-17.

Final: Miss van Beusekom and Miss Luesken beat Miss Giles and Miss Gardner 15-6, 15-4.

MIXED DOUBLES

(limited to 32 pairs)

Quarter-finals: M. G. Tredgett and Miss B. Beckett beat C. Goodman and Miss P. F. Chitty 15-8, 15-10. P. Ridder and Miss L. ter Metz beat R. van Ginneken and Miss M. Ridder 15-9, 13-15, 18-16. B. H. White and Miss B. Giles beat P. J. Smith and Miss K. Nesbit 15-6, 15-7. R. S. McCoig and Miss J. van Beusekom beat R. Ridder and Miss M. Luesken 15-6, 18-14.

Semi-finals: Tredgett and Miss Beckett beat Ridder and Miss ter Metz 15-12, 15-7. McCoig and Miss van Beusekom beat White and Miss Giles 15-4, 15-11.

Final: McCoig and Miss van Beusekom beat Tredgett and Miss Beckett 15-6, 14-17, 15-6.

"INVICTA" FINALS (Qualifying)

Men's Singles: P. J. Pennekett beat E. Ong 10-15, 15-3, 15-9.

Ladies' Singles: Miss R. M. Hughes beat Miss S. E. Boulind 11-5, 11-4.

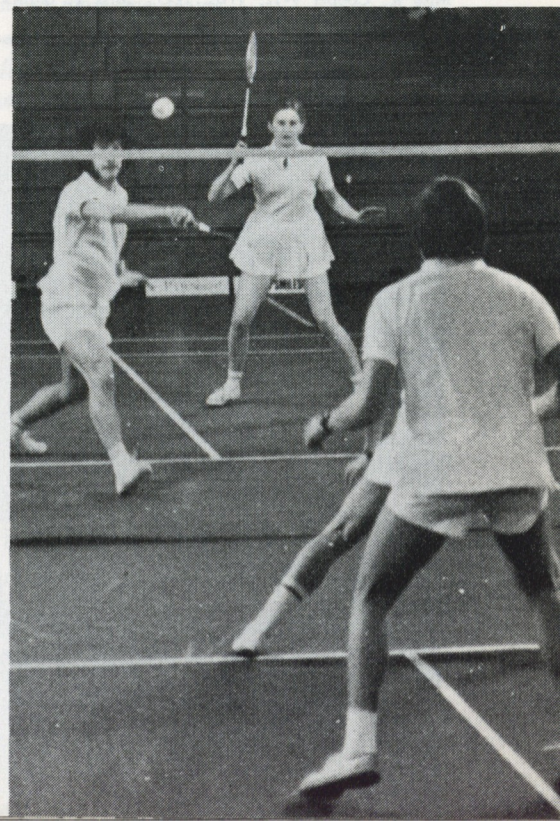
Men's Doubles: R. W. Vincent and D. Cheese beat P. Hill and J. Pugh 17-15, 15-13.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss J. Carter and Miss V. Bull beat Mrs. P. Fenwick and Miss S. M. Uttridge 15-6, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles: R. W. Vincent and Mrs. P. Bridge beat G. Williams and Miss P. Hogarth 15-10, 15-8.

Mehmet Nevzat and Pat Smiles in action.

(P. Aslett)



ALL SMILES!

THE Hampshire Open Championships were held in the badminton hall of the new Lawn Tennis Centre in Alverstoke, Gosport, on Friday and Saturday, 21st and 22nd January, followed by an Open Handicap Mixed Doubles American Tournament on Sunday, 23rd January.

The tournament attracted a very good entry although a few players were forced to withdraw through 'flu.

D. Hunt, the Hampshire player, succeeded in two of his three finals, winning the Men's Singles and Mixed Doubles.

A newcomer to the Hampshire Open Tournament, D. Pither, of Essex, can be well pleased with his first visit; like Hunt he reached three finals, winning the Men's Doubles with T. Bowler, also of Essex.

Miss P. Smiles, the young Surrey player, also on her first visit to this tournament, dominated the ladies' events, winning the Singles and Ladies' Doubles with Miss M. Brewer, also of Surrey.

The ever popular American tournament on the Sunday concluded one of the best Hampshire tournaments for many years.

CYRIL SMITH

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES (30 players)

Third round: D. Hunt beat A. Kirk 15-4, 15-11. P. Pennekett beat S. J. Marriott 15-3, 15-9. T. B. Bowler beat M. Wilks 15-10, 15-11. D. Pither beat B. Keeling 15-8, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Hunt beat Pennekett 15-5, 15-10. Pither beat Bowler 15-5, 15-9.

Final: Hunt beat Pither 15-5, 15-7.

LADIES' SINGLES (21 players)

Third round: Mrs. P. Dawson beat Mrs. E. Luffingham 11-1, 11-3. Mrs. A. Darlington beat Mrs. C. Catterall 11-3, 11-1. Miss A. Forrest beat Miss R. Cooper 9-12, 11-6, 11-5. Miss P. Smiles beat Miss L. Wadsworth 11-1, 11-2.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Darlington beat Mrs. Dawson 12-10, 11-8. Miss Smiles beat Miss Forrest 11-4, 11-6.

Final: Miss Smiles beat Mrs. Darlington 12-9, 11-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES (23 pairs)

Third round: D. Pither and T. G. Bowler beat A. Kirk and J. Ganner 18-17, 16-17, 15-8. B. N. Nilson and P. Seaford beat J. B. Stubbs and P. Pennekett 15-3, 16-18, 15-10. C. Taylor and R. G. Reed beat P. J. Robinson and M. Thompson 15-11, 15-4. D. R. Hunt and D. Curtis beat J. Winter and J. R. Beal 15-7, 15-5.

Semi-finals: Pither and Bowler beat Nilson and Seaford 17-15, 15-8. Hunt and Curtis beat Taylor and Reed 15-11, 15-4.

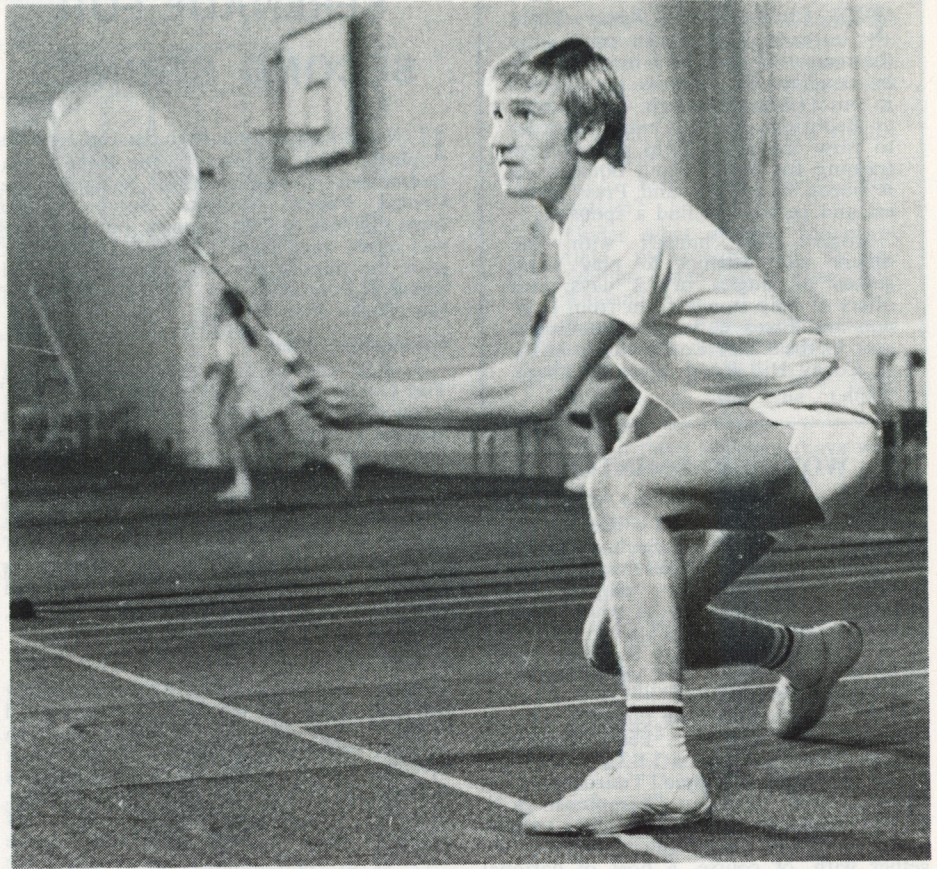
Final: Pither and Bowler beat Hunt and Curtis 15-10, 15-9.

LADIES' DOUBLES (16 pairs)

Second round: Miss A. Forrest and Mrs. A. Smith beat Mrs. M. Mills and Miss P. Hogarth 15-1, 15-2. Mrs. P. Dawson and Miss Cooper beat Mrs. E. Luffingham and Miss L. Wadsworth 15-5, 10-15, 15-7. Mrs. A. Darlington and Miss J. Roebuck beat Mrs. J. Cuff and Mrs. R. Spencer 15-18, 15-12, 15-12. Miss P. Smiles and Miss M. Brewer beat Mrs. P. Savage and Mrs. S. Kirk 15-6, 15-12.

Semi-finals: Miss Forrest and Mrs. Smith beat Mrs. Dawson and Miss Cooper 15-10, 11-15, 15-13. Miss Smiles and Miss Brewer beat Mrs. Darlington and Miss Roebuck 10-15, 15-10, 15-10.

Final: Miss Smiles and Miss Brewer beat Miss Forrest and Mrs. Smith 15-9, 15-6.



A fine action photo of Mike Tredgett (Gloucestershire and England).
From John L. Carter's prize-winning portfolio.

MIXED DOUBLES (33 pairs)

Fourth round: D. Pither and Miss A. Forrest w.o. D. Curtis and Mrs. R. Spencer. M. Thompson and Miss P. Smiles beat P. J. Robinson and Mrs. P. Savage 15-4, 18-15. M. J. Pugh and Miss S. Uttridge beat B. N. Nilson and Miss V. Hay 15-12, 15-4. D. R. Hunt and Mrs. A. Darlington beat J. B. Stubbs and Mrs. A. Smith 15-4, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Pither and Miss Forrest beat Thompson and Miss Smiles 9-15, 15-10, 18-15. Hunt and Mrs. Darlington beat Pugh and Miss Uttridge 9-15, 15-5, 15-5.

Final: Hunt and Mrs. Darlington beat Pither and Miss Forrest 12-15, 15-4, 15-9.

AMERICAN MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP RESULT

D. Case and Miss J. Roebuck (plus 6) beat B. Pratt and Mrs. J. Bevis (plus 4) 15-10.

WILTSHIRE CLOSED

WHAT A WHITE-WASH!

THE 7th Wiltshire Closed Championships were played at the Christie Miller Sports Centre, Melksham, on Sunday, 23rd January, 1972.

Brian and Gillian White each completed a "hat-trick" of successes by winning the Singles events, the Doubles with their respective county team partners, Randy Burden and Sue Roberts, and then together in the Mixed Doubles.

The only cup to change hands was the Men's Doubles trophy; last season's shock winners, Robin Crockett and Trevor Embling, went out in the semi-final to Swindon rivals, Randy Roze and Geoff Hinder.

The most closely contested final of the day was the Ladies' Doubles, where scratch pairing of Margaret Lewington and Pat Robertson extended the holders to three sets—at one stage being a set up and leading 3-0 in setting in the second.

Local players took full advantage of the Plate events to have some closely contested extra games and get their "money's worth" from the day . . .

A.J.W.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

B. White beat R. Crockett 15-4, 15-0.

LADIES' SINGLES

Miss G. White beat Miss S. Roberts 11-0, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

B. White and R. Burden beat R. Roze and G. Hinder 15-6, 15-6.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Miss G. White and Miss S. Roberts beat Mrs. P. Robertson and Mrs. M. Lewington 2-15, 18-16, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES

B. White and Miss G. White beat R. Burden and Mrs. P. Robertson 15-5, 15-4.

PLATE EVENT WINNERS

MEN'S SINGLES

M. Fiddes.

MEN'S DOUBLES

H. Panchaud and J. Waterman.

MIXED DOUBLES

H. Panchard and Mrs. A. Laver.

STAFFORDSHIRE OPEN

EDDY IN THREE

THE fifth Staffordshire Open held at Associated Electrical Industries Ltd. and Keele University was well supported, approximately 400 spectators witnessing the finals.

Slow Starter

In the Ladies' Singles, the top seeds were in a class of their own—neither being extended until the final. Here they made up for this in a very closely contested match. Barbara Beckett just edged out Kay Nesbitt after starting very slowly and losing the first game 11-1.

There were also some fine matches in the Men's Singles, Mehmet Nevzat impressing. He played well to beat Woo Fay Meng in the third round and better in the semi-final against Ray Stevens where he took the first game before losing 15-9 in the third game. In the bottom half of the draw, Brian White beat Clive Kirk surprisingly easily to reach the semi-final where he lost to David Eddy in three long games.

Local Boy Shines

However, the best individual performance was undoubtedly that of the local Staffs. young third team player, Richard Whitehouse, who beat Derbyshire's second string in two games before being brought down to earth by Brian White. Peter Wood's defeat of Keith Arthur was also noteworthy. The final produced some good play; Ray Stevens' fitness and severity overhead being the decisive factors.

Hard-fought Ladies' Final

All the top seeds reached the finals relatively comfortably in the Doubles although Lynn Veasey and Pauline Timbers were taken to three games by Kay Clarke and Ann MacFarlane who had previously beaten the local seeded pair of Eileen Ross and Pam Young. In the final, Kay Nesbitt and Barbara Beckett seemed to be having trouble in forgetting their long singles match, never getting started in the first game. However, the remaining two games were keenly contested, Lynn and Pauline playing well to win the third game 15-11.

The men's final was a fast, hard hitting game. David Eddy and Eddy Sutton, a regular pair this season, had the edge over Ray Stevens and Phil Smith.

Kay Nesbitt and Bill Kidd won the Mixed Doubles with something to spare; although David Eddy's two hard singles and a full day's men's and mixed doubles play no doubt helped.

C. I. EDDY

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

(limited to 22 players)

Quarter-finals: R. P. Stevens beat E. Allen 15-7, 15-8. M. A. Nevzat beat P. Wood 15-9, 15-11. B. H. White beat C. J. Kirk 15-10, 15-1. J. D. Eddy beat W. Kidd 10-15, 15-9, 15-5.

Semi-finals: Stevens beat Nevzat 7-15, 15-8, 15-9. Eddy beat White 3-15, 15-8, 15-8.

Final: Stevens beat Eddy 15-11, 15-8.

LADIES' SINGLES

(14 players)

Semi-finals: Miss B. Beckett beat Miss P. Young 11-0, 11-7. Miss K. Nesbitt beat Mrs. P. H. Goh 11-1, 11-0.

Final: Miss Beckett beat Miss Nesbitt 1-11, 11-5, 12-9.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(limited to 24 pairs)

Quarter-finals: J. D. Eddy and E. H. Sutton beat M. A. Nevzat and R. L. Flood 15-4, 15-8. G. A. Connor and W. Kidd beat P. H. Goh and R. MacCrimmon 12-15, 15-12, 15-11. C. J. Kirk and B. H. White beat P. Wood and K. P. Arthur 15-10,

15-4. R. P. Stevens and P. J. Smith beat K. Hawthorne and J. Croxton 10-15, 15-1, 15-9.

Semi-finals: Eddy and Sutton beat Connor and Kidd 15-2, 15-5. Stevens and Smith beat Kirk and White 15-12, 15-9.

Final: Eddy and Sutton beat Stevens and Smith 15-10, 15-13.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(19 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss B. Beckett and Miss K. Nesbitt beat Mrs. K. N. Brindle and Mrs. M. Eddy 15-7, 15-9. Miss P. Timbers and Miss L. M. Veasey beat Miss K. Clarke and Mrs. A. MacFarlane 10-15, 15-6, 15-11.

Final: Miss Veasey and Miss Timbers beat Miss Beckett and Miss Nesbitt 15-4, 12-15, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

(limited to 24 pairs)

Quarter-finals: W. Kidd and Miss K. Nesbitt beat G. Hamilton and Mrs. A. Banks 15-0, 15-8. C. J. Kirk and Miss H. Marshall beat B. Helliwell and Miss K. Clarke 12-15, 15-7. B. Campion and Miss S. Cave beat P. H. Goh and Mrs. P. H. Goh 15-12, 12-15, 18-17. J. D. Eddy and Mrs. E. Ross beat P. J. Smith and Mrs. K. Brindle 18-14, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Kidd and Miss Nesbitt beat Kirk and Miss Marshall 15-8, 15-12. Eddy and Mrs. Ross beat Campion and Miss Cave 15-2, 15-2.

Final: Kidd and Miss Nesbitt beat Eddy and Mrs. Ross 15-7, 15-6.

ESSEX OPEN

NORA'S GRAND SLAM

THE outstanding feature of the Essex Open Championship held at Leyton Baths on February 4th and 5th was that all the events were won by Essex competitors except the men's doubles.

Goode's Fine Play

The men's singles proper must belong to unseeded Tim Goode of Herts, for he beat 3 seeded players to reach the final. In the 1st round he put out Bob McCoig fairly comfortably, in the 2nd round qualifier Roy Flood, but in the 3rd round Tim looked a loser against David Eddy for after the loss of the first game 15-18 was well down in the second; Eddy seemed to relax and let his opponent off the hook.

Some miraculous reflex returns by Goode off successive smashes were a feature of this game which ended the reverse score of the first. The third game continued in the same vein — with Eddy smashing and coming into the net and Goode quite often beating the advancing playing with amazing returns over his opponent's head.

A Second Nero?

In the other half of the draw, Ray

Stevens cruised through his first three rounds quite comfortably. Stevens is a good enough player now to relax in the earlier rounds, despite the criticism of a spectator who said "I wish he would stop fiddling around".

In the final, Stevens never looked in trouble against Goode and is probably the most exciting player to watch in Britain today. He has the facility to bring off the unusual and get out of tight situations which creates spectator interest and no doubt disheartens his opponent.

There were some notable performances in this event. Dean Pither played very well to take a game off Brian White and literally crawled off court on all fours after losing 15-4 in the third; Bill Kidd lost a great 1st round match against David Eddy 17-14, 15-10 after leading in both games.

It's Been a Long Time!

In contrast the ladies' singles was not so exciting; Nora Gardner nearly went out to Kay Nesbitt in the semi-final, losing the first game to love! and was 2-7 down in the second, then Nora began to put some shots together and won 12-9, 11-3. In the final, Barbara Beckett was unable to contain the now confident Essex player in the later stages of each game and lost 7-11, 6-11. Nora Gardner became the first Essex player for 14 years to win the singles.

The men's doubles went very much according to seedings. R. Stevens and D. Eddy went into the final without dropping a game. Ray Stevens played in a determined fashion in the final to compensate for some of Dave Eddy's lapses and they won 15-9, 15-12 without too much trouble.

Ciné-film needed

Nora and Barbara met the Irish/Australian partnership of Barbara Beckett and Kay Nesbitt in the final. After a well contested first game which the talented Essex pair won 15-10. Kay Nesbitt was faulted twice on her short service early in the next game and lost confidence, resorting to high serves. From this point onwards they were never in the match and the Gardner/Giles combination romped to an easy 15-2 win. Probably some slow-motion ciné film of all the leading players' short service in match play would be a sound investment for them, because this faulty serving occurs with more than one player.

Dave Eddy, Ray Stevens, Derek Talbot, Elliot Stuart in Happy Mood on return from the Texaco Cup. (See p. 144)



Nora Makes it Three

The mixed doubles event had its share of surprises. Unseeded Dave Clark and Janet Carter beat two seeds, M. Tredgett and B. Beckett also M. Nevzat and P. Smiles in the 2nd and 3rd rounds respectively. The final was an expected confrontation between Phil Smith and Nora Gardner versus Dave Eddy and Barbara Giles. The friendly rivalry between the two girls affected Barbara's game for she had a series of tense, snatched shots before she played more normally and the score was pulled back to 13 all, but all to no avail.

Naturally Essex competitors are pleased by their results, and one hopes that all the country's top players will enter next year.

A. W. GREEN

MEN'S SINGLES OPEN

(Limited to 32 players)

Third round: R. P. Stevens beat B. H. White 15-9, 15-11. K. P. Arthur lost to D. R. Hunt 13-18, 1-15. P. A. Seaford lost to M. A. Nevzat 7-15, 6-15. T. A. Goode beat J. D. Eddy 15-18, 18-15, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Stevens beat Hunt 15-11, 15-9. Nevzat lost to Goode 8-15, 8-15.

Final: Stevens beat Goode 15-7, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES OPEN

(19 players)

Third round: Miss K. Nesbit beat Miss M. Brewer 11-3, 11-4. Miss N. Gardner beat Miss B. Giles 11-1, 6-11, 11-2. Miss R. Hughes beat Miss L. Spencer 12-10, 11-8. Miss K. Redhead lost to Miss B. Beckett 7-11, 2-11.

Semi-finals: Nesbit lost to Gardner 11-0, 9-12, 3-11. Hughes lost to Beckett 3-11, 3-11.

Final: Gardner beat Beckett 11-7, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES OPEN

(32 pairs)

Third round: J. D. Eddy and R. P. Stevens beat W. E. Andrew and T. A. Goode 15-4, 15-8. D. J. Hutchinson and P. J. Smith beat J. A. Gardner and M. A. Nevzat 13-15, 15-11, 15-12. P. Seaford and J. Woodgate lost to C. J. Kirk and B. H. White 3-15, 3-15. D. Curtis and D. R. Hunt lost to W. A. Kidd and E. H. Sutton 15-18, 15-11, 2-15.

Semi-finals: Eddy and Stevens beat Hutchinson and Smith 15-8, 15-11. Kirk and White lost to Kidd and Sutton 11-15, 12-15.

Final: Eddy and Stevens beat Kidd and Sutton 15-9, 15-12.

LADIES' DOUBLES OPEN

(20 pairs)

Third round: Miss N. Gardner and Miss B. Giles beat Mrs. A. Friend and Miss C. A. Holland 15-4, 15-4. Miss R. Hughes and Miss P. Smiles beat Miss A. Forrest and Miss K. Redhead 9-15, 15-11, 15-8. Miss J. Brennan and Miss K. Stranks lost to Miss M. Brewer and Mrs. P. Dawson 15-12, 12-15, 8-15. Miss P. Chitty and Mrs. D. K. Illingworth lost to Miss B. Beckett and Miss K. Nesbit 16-18, 15-8, 4-15.

Semi-finals: Gardner and Giles beat Hughes and Smiles 15-7, 15-5. Brewer and Dawson lost to Beckett and Nesbit 8-15, 15-12, 12-15.

Final: Gardner and Giles beat Beckett and Nesbit 15-10, 15-2.

MIXED DOUBLES OPEN

(35 pairs)

Semi-finals: Smith and Gardner beat Clarke and Carter 15-10, 15-11. Hunt and Darlington lost to Eddy and Giles 11-15, 3-15.

Final: Smith and Gardner beat Eddy and Giles 15-4, 18-14.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORDS 7 and 8

ACROSS—1, Hinchliff. 9, Pier. 10, Hitting out. 11, No-ones. 12, A defeat. 15, Psychic. 16, Lines. 17, Acre. 18, Frau. 19, Boors. 21, Russell. 22, L. Kin Tat. 24, No-odds. 27, The Umpires. 28, Obre. 29, Third Round.
DOWN—1, Iris. 2, Cut off. 4, Central. 5, Idol. 6, Fitness. 7, Diane Hurst. 8, Cross-court. 12, Alan Renton. 13, Earl's Court. 14, Tirol. 15, Peard. 19, Blast it. 20, Skimmed. 23, Noriko. 25, Yeti. 26, Bean.

ACROSS—5, Studs. 8, Marathon. 9, Arrow. 10, Sideline. 11, Geese. 14, R.S.L. 16, Couple. 17, Editor. 18, Fit. 20, Error. 24, Sponsors. 25, Loser. 26, Scorepad. 27, Beats.

DOWN—1, Smash. 2, Grade. 3, Style. 4, Points. 6, Three-nil. 7, Drop-shot. 12, Foursome. 13, Opponent. 15, Ref. 15, Let. 19, Impact. 21, Entry. 22, Hoops. 23, Aside.

RESEARCH INTO "TENNIS ELBOW"

THE condition usually referred to as "tennis elbow" has handicapped many badminton players over the years. Various treatments are put forward, as a rule involving yards of sticky plaster or elastic bandages. Such treatment can only be regarded in the nature of first aid and cannot hope to effect a lasting cure. Unless one is fortunate enough to meet a physician who specialises in injuries of this nature and who can administer the appropriate treatment to alleviate the condition, the keen player simply has to suffer throughout the season and then lay off completely during the summer.

Just as there are numerous homely remedies propounded so there are as many reasons suggested for the cause of the injury. High ranking amongst these is the overhead backhand clear, whereas, in fact, it is almost certainly the powerful forehand range of shots which cause the trouble.

Be that as it may, no one as yet has put forward a satisfactory solution for the effective, lasting treatment of the complaint nor, above all, the means of preventing tennis elbow.

Now, however, the medical profession is to devote extensive study into the various forms of "tennis elbow" found amongst players of badminton, tennis, golf, etc. A team, headed by leading specialists in sports injuries, is being set up in the South Bucks area to carry out this research project.

If there are any badminton-playing readers of this Gazette who would like to participate in this valuable work and who suffer from "tennis elbow" or other injuries to the upper arm or shoulder, they should get in touch with the undermentioned initially who will provide any further information:

Ken Crossley, 121 Jasmine Road, West Ewell, Surrey.

A thorough investigation and diagnosis of the condition will be made and the injury treated. In return, the player may be asked to participate in certain research projects relating to the investigation (at no discomfort or inconvenience to the guinea-pig).

K.C.

ALL-ENGLAND NOMINATIONS

The Selectors have made the following nominations for the All-England Championships at the Empire Pool, Wembley on 22nd-25th March:

Men's Singles:

D. (Derek) TALBOT (Northumberland) (1)

R. P. (Ray) STEVENS (Essex) (2)

Ladies' Singles:

Miss M. (Margaret) BECK ((Middlesex) (Jt. 1)

Mrs. M. A. (Gillian) GILKS (Surrey) (Jt. 1)

Men's Doubles:

D. TALBOT and E. C. (Elliot) STUART (Northumberland)

R. P. STEVENS and M. G. (Mike) TREDGETT (Gloucestershire)

J. D. (David) EDDY (Staffordshire) and E. H. (Eddie) SUTTON (Staffordshire)

Ladies' Doubles:

Mrs. M. A. GILKS and Mrs. G. C. K. HASHMAN

Miss M. BECK and Mrs. W. R. RICKARD

Mixed Doubles:

D. TALBOT and Mrs. M. A. GILKS

M. G. TREDGETT and Mrs. W. R. RICKARD.

STOP PRESS

UBER CUP

DENMARK BEAT ENGLAND

Denmark beat England 5-2 in the European Zone final of the Uber Cup in Copenhagen.

P. Kaagaard beat J. Rickard 11-5, 11-4. L. Koppen beat M. Beck 11-8, 12-11.

A. Berglund lost to G. Gilks 8-11, 11-4, 4-11.

K. Jorgenson and U. Strand beat M. Beck and J. Horton 15-10, 15-6; lost to J. Hashman and G. Gilks 9-15, 11-15.

A. Flindt and P. Kaagaard beat J. Hashman and G. Gilks 15-9, 18-14; beat M. Beck and J. Horton 15-6, 15-6.

I.C.C. RESULTS

DIVISION I SEMI-FINALS

Surrey 10, Lancashire 7.

Yorkshire 5, Essex 12.

BADMINTON ON TELEVISION

Part of the All-England Championships will be shown on ITV's World of Sport on the Saturday afternoon.

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ANNUAL REPORT 1970-71

Membership

At the close of the year under review the affiliations through County Associations totalled 3,278 consisting of 2,969 clubs, 189 schools and youth clubs, 90 district associations and 30 schools' associations and youth associations. In addition, 40 county associations, 14 societies and 5 district associations were directly affiliated. A total of 3,337 organisations were therefore directly or indirectly affiliated.

Officers of the Association

At the Annual General Meeting held on 22nd May, 1971, Mr. S. Wyatt was re-elected President of the Association. Messrs. S. E. Andrew, S. G. Bell, W. G. P. Birtwistle, H. F. Chilton, G. R. Dunning, P. A. Johnson, F. W. Kirkby, H. Morland, and Mrs. A. M. Horner were re-elected as Vice-Presidents. Mr. S. C. Saunders was re-elected as Honorary Treasurer.

Council

Mr. H. F. Chilton was re-elected as Chairman of the Council and Mr. A. E. Jones as Deputy Chairman. The Council again co-opted a number of additional members in accordance with the provisions of the Rules. It kept in close touch with the Sports Council and the Department of the Environment, from both of which considerable assistance was received. The Minister for Sport received a delegation at the House of Commons on 15th March, at which a useful exchange of information and views took place.

Secretariat

Mr. H. A. E. Scheele, having reached retirement age, resigned as Secretary of the Association at the end of August, 1970. The President made presentations of a clock to Mr. Scheele and jewellery to Mrs. Scheele at the All-England Championships in March and a cheque for the balance of the appeal fund, to which individuals and organisations had contributed, was presented to him at the Annual General Meeting. When making the presentations, the President paid tribute to Mr. Scheele's outstanding work for the Association over a period of 25 years and to his reputation throughout the world. As he had been appointed Honorary Adviser to the Council, his services would continue to be of great value.

He was succeeded as Secretary of the Association by Mr. J. B. H. Bisseker on 1st September.

Annual General Meeting

The 68th Annual General Meeting was held in London on 22nd May, 1971, when 29 county associations were represented.

Annual Dinner

The 25th annual dinner and dance of the Association was held on the final day of the All-England Championships. Competitors and officials from all overseas countries represented at the Championships were again the guests of the Association and the function was very successful.

Finance

The Accounts for the year ended 31st May, 1971, show that there was a deficit, before taking into consideration any Government grants received, of £7,841 compared with £6,463 for the previous year. Government grants received in respect of the year were £5,397 for general administration and £1,940 towards the cost of overseas fixtures and Championships, making a total of £7,337.

In spite of affiliation fees showing an increase of £407, the overall income of the Association was decreased by £185 mainly due to the smaller surplus on the All-England Championships and the fact that there was no surplus on the Gazette during this current year. The surplus on the previous year was £611 and was mainly accounted for by the fact that in that year there were only five issues, whilst in the current year the normal

six were issued.

The financial position of the Association at the 31st May, 1971, was that the total funds, including provision for coaching equipment of £1,000, amounted to £13,252 compared with £13,259 for the previous year.

International Fixtures

The results of international matches during the year were as follows:—

England beat West Germany at Bonn, 5-2
England beat Scotland at Carlisle, 7-0
England beat Ireland at Dublin, 7-0
England lost to Denmark at Bristol, 3-4
England beat Sweden at Torquay, 5-2

The following took part in one or more of these fixtures:— J. D. Eddy (Staffordshire), R. J. Mills (Surrey), *R. P. Stevens (Essex), E. C. Stuart (Northumberland), D. Talbot (Northumberland), *M. G. Tredgett (Gloucestershire), P. E. Whetnall (Kent), Miss M. Beck (Middlesex), Miss M. B. Boxall (Kent), Mrs. M. A. Gilks (Surrey), *Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman (Berkshire), Mrs. W. R. Rickard (Surrey) and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (Kent). (* denotes players who made their first appearances for England in 1970-71).

In December, 1970, four of England's top players turned professional, resulting in a serious loss in playing strength, but, as the above results show, their successors filled the vacancies very effectively.

During the year, a Uber Cup squad and a men's squad were formed and carried out intensive training. This training costs a considerable amount of money but is considered essential and worthwhile if England is to make a meaningful challenge in the international sphere in general and in the Thomas and Uber Cup competitions in particular.

British Commonwealth Games

In July, 1970, all ten players who represented England in the British Commonwealth Games held in Edinburgh, won at least one medal. Ten out of a possible thirteen medals were won, including 3 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze. The gold medal winners were Miss M. Beck in the ladies' singles, Miss M. B. Boxall and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall in the ladies' doubles and D. Talbot and Miss M. B. Boxall in the mixed doubles.

European Junior Championships

In April, 1971, four players represented England in the European Junior Championships held at Gottwaldov, Czechoslovakia. P. J. Gardner and J. C. Stretch won the boys' doubles and P. J. Gardner and Miss B. Giles won the mixed doubles with J. C. Stretch and Miss N. Gardner as runners-up. In addition, Miss M. Gardner and Miss B. Giles were runners-up in the girls' doubles.

Overseas Championships

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

Swedish International Championships—D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks (mixed doubles)

International Championships of the Netherlands—Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman (ladies' doubles) and D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks (mixed doubles)

International Championships of Germany—D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks (mixed doubles)

Irish Open Championships—D. Talbot (men's singles); Miss M. Beck (ladies' singles); E. C. Stuart and D. Talbot (men's doubles); Miss M. Beck and Mrs. W. R. Rickard (ladies' doubles) and D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks (mixed doubles).

Ranking Lists

The following ranking lists were issued, covering the 1970-71 season:—

MEN'S SINGLES

1. D. Talbot (Northumb.)
2. R. P. Stevens (Essex)
3. J. D. Eddy (Staffs.)
4. B. H. White (Wiltshire)
5. R. J. Mills (Surrey)
6. D. R. Hunt (Hampshire)
7. E. C. Stuart (Northumb.)
8. K. P. Arthur (Essex)
9. M. G. Tredgett (Gloucs.)
10. C. J. Kirk (Notts.)

LADIES' SINGLES

- 1.= Miss M. Beck (Middlesex)
- 1.= Mrs. M. A. Gilks (Surrey)
3. Mrs. W. R. Rickard (Sy.)
4. Miss L. A. Spencer (Essex)
5. Miss C. E. Lindsay (Yorks.)
6. Mrs. B. Cooper (Lancs.)
7. Miss N. Gardner (Essex)
8. Miss B. Giles (Essex)
9. Miss M. Gardner (Surrey)
10. Miss M. J. Winter (Yorks)

All-England Championships

The 61st All-England Championships were held at the Empire Pool, Wembley, from the 24th to 27th March with the usual representative entry of players from all over the world. Qualifying rounds were again held at the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club on the preceding weekend. The Championship titles were won as follows:

Men's Singles—R. Hartono (Indonesia)

Ladies' Singles—Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden)

Men's Doubles—Ng Boon Bee and P. Gunalan (Malaysia)

Ladies' Doubles—Miss N. Takagi and Miss H. Yuki (Japan)

Mixed Doubles—S. Pri and Mrs. U. Strand (Denmark).

R. Hartono won the men's singles championship for the fourth year in succession. English players were not as successful as in the previous year, but Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman were runners-up in the ladies' doubles and D. Talbot and Mrs. Gilks in the mixed doubles.

Mr. Scheele is to be congratulated on having been the secretary and referee of the Championships for the 25th successive time.

English National Championships

The 8th English National Championships were held at the new Sports Hall at Nottingham University in December when the titles were won by the following players:—

Men's Singles—D. Talbot

Ladies' Singles—Mrs. M. A. Gilks

Men's Doubles—E. C. Stuart and D. Talbot

Ladies' Doubles—Miss M. Beck and Mrs. W. R. Rickard

Mixed Doubles—R. J. Mills and Mrs. M. A. Gilks

All-England Veterans' Championships

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

Men's Doubles—J. D. McColl and W. C. E. Rogers

Ladies' Doubles—Mrs. M. J. Bayley and Miss S. I. Ripley

Mixed Doubles—A. Witcomb and Mrs. P. M. Smith.

Married Couples Tournament

The 6th Married Couples Tournament was held at the Ebbisham Badminton Club and was won by Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall for the third successive year.

All-England Junior Championships

The 22nd All-England Junior Championships were held at Wimbledon and the successful competitors were as follows:—

U.18

Boys' Singles—P. J. Gardner

Girls' Singles—Miss N. Gardner

Boys' Doubles—J. C. Stretch and

J. K. H. Woodgate

Girls' Doubles—Miss B. Giles and

Miss N. Gardner

Mixed Doubles—P. J. Gardner and

Miss B. Giles

U.15

P. G. Kidger

Miss K. Redhead

G. J. Scott and P. H. Wood

Miss S. Parker and Miss K.

Redhead.

Entries for all events were again so large that a number had to be refused owing to the time factor.

Inter-County Championship

101 teams from 45 counties participated in the five divisions of the Inter-County Championship, including three Scottish and three Welsh groups. Surrey won the Championship for the seventh year in succession and for the fifteenth time in the last seventeen seasons when she defeated West of Scotland 14-3, in the final at Guildford. The Division II champion team was Northumberland, who defeated Berkshire 10-7, in the final at Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

A fifth division was instituted for 1970-71, when through Division I being restricted to eight teams and Division II to four sections instead of five, numerous teams became classified in a lower division than had hitherto been the case.

Tournaments

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

Publicity

Progress was made in disseminating information to the widest possible number of Press outlets, but the amount of publicity for badminton in most national newspapers continued to be disappointing. Appreciation for his work is extended to Mr. G. R. Harrower, the Association's press officer, and to officials and county associations for their assistance. The All-England Championships again featured on television.

Publications

On the resignation of Mr. Scheele as editor of the Badminton Gazette after 25 years in that capacity, Mr. P. R. Davis was appointed editor in September, 1970. Six issues of the Gazette were published during the season and an Annual Handbook was printed. All these were supplied without cost to affiliated clubs and organisations.

Shuttles

The shortage of feathered shuttles continued to create considerable concern and further meetings were held with representatives of the manufacturers to discuss and try to resolve this problem. A questionnaire was sent to all county associations to find out the supply situation throughout the country.

Coaching

The usual programme of national courses and examinations was undertaken. It is noteworthy that the number of candidates presenting themselves for coaching examinations continued to increase.

A Regional Coaching Scheme was inaugurated with the object of developing the talent of young players on a regional basis and thus forming and training a national squad of young players who would be prospective internationals.

R. P. Stevens and R. Whitehouse were area winners in the Robinsons Award Scheme and the Association received sums of £25 and £50 respectively to be used to assist in improving their playing standard.

The Chief Coach, Mr. K. G. Crossley, resigned in January, 1971, and later the vacancy was advertised with a view to his successor taking up the appointment in July.

The activities of the Coaching Committee continued to be assisted by the C.C.P.R. both at national and regional level. The Association is mindful of the value of this support. It is also very grateful for the financial assistance given by way of grant-aid by Her Majesty's Government which enables the scope of coaching activities to be broadened.

Halls and Playing Facilities

A great number of enquiries requesting information of all kinds about halls, lighting, hire charges and kindred matters continued to be answered in detail.

Members, in one or more capacities, of seven of the nine regional sports councils are also members of the Halls and Playing Facilities Committee. This enables good and direct liaison with these regional sports councils and greatly facilitates the presentation of views from the regions. These and national views can be put forward direct to the Sports Council and to the Ministry, as well as through the B.A. of E. representative on the Games and Sports Committee of the C.C.P.R.

Schools and Youth Organisations

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

International Badminton Federation

The Association maintained its close co-operation as a member of the International Badminton Federation. In July, 1970, Mr. H. F. Chilton was re-elected President and Mr. S. Wyatt one of the six Vice-Presidents.

Umpires

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

Representation on Other Bodies

The Association continued to be directly represented on the British Commonwealth Games Council for England, the European Badminton Union and the Central Council for Physical Recreation.

Exhibitions

The Regulations for Exhibition Matches were reviewed and amended to safeguard amateur players and affiliated organisations who might be affected by professional exhibitions.

On behalf of the Council,

January, 1972.

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

INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Results & Tables

(Up to 9th February)

ESSEX BEAT SURREY!

ESSEX gained a fine win over Surrey at Ilford. Their men showed an unexpected dominance in winning all seven events whilst their ladies did all that could be asked of them when both pairs beat Mrs. Horton and Miss Hughes to clinch the match. Together they were much less formidable—and lost all four mixed!

The semi-finals should again be full of interest with North pitted against South. The latter teams with their wealth of Uber and Thomas Cup squad talent should gain the day. If they do, Essex, buoyed up by their defeat of the champions, will hope to end Surrey's long run of successes in what could be one of the best I.C.C. Finals seen for a long time. Let us hope it can be arranged at a hall which can seat a crowd that should be worthy of the occasion.

DIVISION I

NORTH ZONE

YORKSHIRE 12; WEST OF SCOTLAND 5

At Hull on January 22nd. Scores (Yorkshire names first):-

I. Middleton lost to N. McCloy 5-15, 7-15. D. J. Hutchinson beat G. Forbes 15-7, 15-5. D. Ball beat R. Conway 18-16, 11-15, 15-8.

Miss C. Lindsay beat Mrs. C. Weir 11-6, 6-11, 11-4. Miss M. Winter beat Miss J. Smillie 12-10, 11-4.

D. O. Horton and B. Keefe lost to I. Hume and J. Ansari 10-15, 4-15; beat McCloy and J. Marshall 15-7, 15-10. Hutchinson and D. Hartley beat Hume and Ansari 15-3, 15-4; beat McCloy and Marshall 15-3, 15-9.

Miss Lindsay and Miss Winter beat Mrs. M. Gibson and Mrs. Weir 15-4, 15-13; beat Miss A. Galbraith and Miss Smillie 15-11, 15-4. Mrs. J. Charlton and Miss P. Protheroe lost to Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Weir 15-5, 11-15 9-15; beat Miss Galbraith and Miss Smillie 15-4, 12-15, 15-2.

Horton and Miss Lindsay beat McCloy and Mrs. Weir 15-6, 15-12. Keefe and Mrs. Charlton beat Ansari and Miss Galbraith 15-8, 6-15, 15-10. Middleton and Miss Winter lost to Hume and Mrs. Gibson 10-15, 0-15. Ball and Miss Protheroe lost to Marshall and Miss Smillie 14-18, 8-15.

LANCASHIRE 7; NORTHUMBERLAND 10

At Southport on January 23rd. Scores (Northumberland names first):-

D. Talbot beat P. J. Wood 15-5, 15-4. E. C. Stuart beat P. Bullivant 15-4, 15-3. W. Kidd beat P. E. Bullivant 15-13, 15-11.

Mrs. P. Brown lost to Mrs. B. Cooper 2-11, 0-11. Miss N. Charlton lost to Mrs. J. B. Pearson 5-11, 3-11.

Talbot and W. Kidd beat B. E. Jones and P. E. Bullivant 15-10, 15-10; beat E. J. Usher and A. C. King 15-6, 15-13. Stuart and G. C. Lamb beat Jones and P. E. Bullivant 15-4, 7-15, 15-8; beat Usher and King 6-15, 15-11, 15-9.

Mrs. L. Lacey and Mrs. D. Watson lost to Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. D. G. Smith 2-15, 15-18; lost to Mrs. D. M. Hargreaves and Miss C. Walsh 2-15; 8-15. Miss Charlton and Miss C. Martin lost to Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Smith 7-15, 9-15; lost to Mrs. Hargreaves and Miss Walsh 15-11, 8-15, 0-15. Talbot and Mrs. Lacey beat Jones and Mrs. Cooper 15-10, 15-2. Stuart and Miss Charlton beat Wood and Mrs. Hargreaves 15-12, 15-12. Kidd and Mrs. Watson beat P. Bullivant and Mrs. E. Hornby 15-11, 15-10. Lamb and Mrs. P. Brown lost to King and Mrs. Smith 3-15, 8-15.

WEST OF SCOTLAND 6; LANCASHIRE 11

At Larkhill on January 29th. Scores (Lancashire names first):-

P. J. Wood lost to N. McCloy 6-15, 8-15. P. E. Bullivant lost to G. Forbes 15-6, 4-15, 14-17. P. Bullivant beat S. Cairns 15-2, 15-1.

Mrs. B. Cooper beat Miss J. Smillie 11-2, 11-7. Mrs. J. B. Pearson beat Mrs. C. Weir 2-11, 12-10, 11-8.

B. E. Jones and P. E. Bullivant beat I. Hume and J. Marshall 15-10, 15-6; beat McCloy and Forbes 15-5, 15-9. A. C. King and E. J. Usher lost to Hume and Marshall 15-10, 11-15, 5-15; lost to McCloy and Forbes 10-15, 8-15.

Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Smith beat Mrs. M. Gibson and Mrs. Weir 12-15, 17-15, 15-7; beat Miss A. Galbraith and Mrs. F. McEwan 15-9, 15-7. Miss B. Walsh and Miss C. Walsh lost to Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Weir 15-17, 15-6, 6-15; beat Miss Galbraith and Mrs. McEwan 15-8, 15-1.

Wood and Mrs. Cooper beat Hume and Mrs. Gibson 15-6, 16-18, 18-14. Jones and Mrs. E. T. Hornby lost to McCloy and Mrs. McEwan 15-7, 10-15, 16-18. King and Mrs. Smith beat Marshall and Miss Galbraith 15-2, 15-2. P. Bullivant and Miss C. Walsh beat Forbes and Miss Smillie 15-12, 15-11.

FINAL TABLE:

Yorkshire 2-1 (29-22); Lancashire 2-1 (28-23); Northumberland 2-1 (26-25); West of Scotland 0-3.

SOUTH ZONE

MIDDLESEX 3; SURREY 14

At Stamford Hill on January 23rd. (Scores Surrey names first):-

C. J. Beacom lost to R. S. McCoig 6-15, 15-4, 10-15. J. A. Gardner beat T. Stewart 15-12, 15-10. M. A. Nevzat beat R. Reddick 15-0, 15-4.

Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss M. Beck 11-1, 11-4. Mrs. W. R. Rickard beat Miss P. Timbers 8-11, 11-5, 11-1.

Beacom and K. M. Andrews beat McCoig and G. Mannall 15-8, 15-10; beat M. Nurmohamed and D. Langslow 15-2, 15-4. M. J. Boutle and C. T. Coates lost to McCoig and Mannall 12-15, 6-15; lost to Nurmohamed and Langslow 15-6, 14-17, 9-15.

Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Rickard beat Miss Beck and Mrs. J. Dulieu 15-5, 15-3; beat Miss Timbers and Miss L. Veasey 15-13, 15-9. Mrs. J. Horton and Miss R. Hughes beat Miss Beck and Mrs. Dulieu 17-18, 15-7, 15-5; beat Miss Timbers and Miss Veasey 15-8 15-10.

Andrews and Mrs. Gilks beat McCoig and Miss Beck 15-11, 15-8. Beacom and Mrs. Horton beat Mannall and Miss Timbers 18-16, 15-3. Coates and Mrs. Rickard beat Reddick and Miss Veasey 15-6, 7-15, 15-7. Gardner and Miss M. Gardner beat Langslow and Mrs. Dulieu 15-11, 15-8.

ESSEX 13; BERKSHIRE 4

At Ilford on January 23rd. Scores (Essex names first):-

R. P. Stevens beat J. Tate 15-1, 15-11. K. P. Arthur beat G. Taylor 15-6, 15-7. P. Smith beat N. J. White 11-15, 15-3, 15-6.

Miss N. Gardner beat Miss H. Marks 11-1, 11-7. Miss L. Spencer beat Miss R. Cooper 11-4, 11-2.

Stevens and Smith beat Tate and R. Lucas 15-5, 18-13; beat White and Taylor 13-15, 15-7, 15-5. D. Pither and Arthur lost to Tate and Lucas 15-8, 6-15, 3-15; lost to White and Taylor 13-18, 15-8, 12-15.

Miss Gardner and Miss B. Giles beat Mrs. A. Smith and Miss Marks 15-1, 15-4; beat Mrs. J. McCairns and Miss Cooper 15-1, 15-6. Mrs. R. Illingworth and Miss Spencer lost to Mrs. Smith and Miss Marks 15-3, 4-15, 10-15; beat Mrs. McCairns and Miss Cooper 11-15, 15-10, 15-11. Stevens and Miss Giles beat White and Mrs. Smith 15-5, 15-7. W. F. Havers and Miss Gardner beat Lucas and Miss Marks 15-6, 15-6. Pither and Mrs. W. F. Havers beat Tate and Mrs. McCairns 7-15, 15-8, 17-14. Smith and Mrs. Illingworth lost to Taylor and Miss Cooper 11-15, 15-18.

BERKSHIRE 4; MIDDLESEX 13

At Abingdon on February 6th. Scores (Middlesex names first):-

R. S. McCoig beat J. Tate 15-10, 15-11. T. Stewart lost to N. J. White 15-3, 15-18, 15-18. D. Langslow beat G. Taylor 15-10, 15-7.

Miss M. Beck beat Miss H. Marks 11-1 11-2. Miss P. Timbers beat Miss R. Cooper 11-4, 11-9. M. Nurmohamed and P. Gaudoin beat White and Taylor 15-7, 9-15, 15-11; beat R. Lucas and Tate

15-3, 15-10. McCoig and G. Mannall lost to White and Taylor 15-10, 11-15, 12-15; lost to Lucas and Tate 15-17, 15-2, 9-15.

Miss Beck and Mrs. J. Dulieu beat Miss Marks and Mrs. A. Smith 17-15, 15-12; beat Miss Cooper and Mrs. J. McCairns 15-5, 15-6. Miss L. Veasey and Miss Timbers beat Miss Marks and Mrs. Smith 15-5, 18-13; lost to Miss Cooper and Mrs. McCairns 15-6, 10-15, 13-15.

McCoig and Miss Beck beat White and Mrs. Smith 15-6, 15-7. Gaudoin and Miss Veasey beat Lucas and Miss Marks 18-15, 15-13. Mannall and Miss Timbers beat Tate and Mrs. McCairns 15-7, 15-11. Langslow and Mrs. Dulieu beat Taylor and Miss Cooper 17-16, 0-15, 15-1.

ESSEX 9; SURREY 8

At Ilford on February 6th. Scores (Essex names first):-

R. P. Stevens beat C. J. Beacom 15-7, 15-3. P. Smith beat J. A. Gardner 15-8, 15-12. K. P. Arthur beat M. A. Nevzat 15-1, 15-11.

Miss N. Gardner lost to Mrs. M. A. Gilks 0-11, 2-11. Miss L. Spencer lost to Mrs. W. R. Rickard 9-12, 8-11.

Stevens and Smith beat Beacom and K. M. Andrews 15-2, 5-15, 15-13; beat C. T. Coates and M. J. Boutle 15-8, 8-15, 15-8. D. Pither and T. Bowler beat Beacom and Andrews 15-8, 6-15, 15-9; beat Coates and Boutle 15-2, 15-6.

Miss Gardner and Miss B. Giles lost to Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Rickard 10-15, 8-15; beat Mrs. J. Horton and Miss R. Hughes 15-8, 15-12. Miss Spencer and Mrs. R. Illingworth lost to Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Rickard 0-15, 0-15; beat Mrs. Horton and Miss Hughes 18-15, 6-15 15-6.

Stevens and Mrs. W. F. Havers lost to Andrews and Mrs. Gilks 16-18, 6-15. W. F. Havers and Miss Giles lost to Beacom and Mrs. Horton 15-8, 8-15, 11-15. Smith and Miss Gardner lost to Coates and Mrs. Rickard 15-2, 8-15, 16-18. Bowler and Mrs. Illingworth lost to Gardner and Miss M. Gardner 7-15, 5-15.

FINAL TABLE:

Surrey 5-1 (79-23); Essex 5-1 (62-40); Middlesex 2-4; Berkshire 0-6.

DIVISION II

NORTH ZONE

Durham 13; East of Scotland 4
Cumberland 2; East of Scotland 15
East of Scotland 8; Durham 9

TABLE:

Durham 3-0; East of Scotland 1-2; Cumberland 0-2.

Nottinghamshire 8; Cheshire 9
Cheshire 6; Derbyshire 11
Nottinghamshire 5; Staffordshire 12
Cheshire 9; Nottinghamshire 8
Staffordshire 10; Nottinghamshire 7

TABLE:

Derbyshire 4-1 (45-40); Staffordshire 4-1 (52-33); Cheshire 2-3; Nottinghamshire 0-5.

SOUTH ZONE

Warwickshire 12; Oxfordshire 5
Glamorgan 8; Cornwall 9
Cornwall 13; Oxfordshire 4
Warwickshire 8; Glamorgan 9

TABLE:

Cornwall 5-1 (61-41); Glamorgan 4-1 (50-35); Warwickshire 1-3; Oxfordshire 0-5.

Essex 2nd 8; Hertfordshire 9
Surrey 2nd 6; Hampshire 11
Essex 2nd 15; Kent 2
Hertfordshire 9; Surrey 2nd 8
Kent 8; Surrey 2nd 9
Surrey 2nd 10; Hertfordshire 7

Essex 2nd 6; Hampshire 11
Kent 4; Hampshire 13

Corrected scores:

Hampshire 10; Hertfordshire 7
Hampshire 10; Surrey 2nd 7

TABLE:

Hampshire 6-0; Essex 2nd 4-2; Hertfordshire 3-3; Surrey 2nd 3-4; Kent 0-7.

DIVISION III

NORTH ZONE

Durham 2nd 12; East of Scotland 2nd 5
Scottish Borders 0; Durham 2nd 17
Cumberland 2nd 5; East of Scotland 2nd 12
Scottish Borders 3; Cumberland 2nd 14
Scottish Borders 4; Northumberland 2nd 13

TABLE:

Durham 2nd 3-0; Northumberland 2nd 3-0;
East of Scotland 2nd 2-2; Cumberland 2nd 1-3; Scottish Borders 0-4.

Cheshire 2nd 2; Lancashire 2nd 15
Lancashire 2nd 12; Yorkshire 2nd 5
Yorkshire 2nd v. Cheshire 2nd unreported

FINAL TABLE:

Lancashire 2nd 3-1 (52-16); Yorkshire 2nd 2-1 (29-22); Cheshire 2nd 0-3.

Leicestershire 7; Nottinghamshire 2nd 10
Derbyshire 2nd 9; Nottinghamshire 2nd 8
Nottinghamshire 2nd 10; Staffordshire 2nd 7
Staffordshire 2nd 11; Nottinghamshire 2nd 6

TABLE:

Staffordshire 2nd 4-2; Leicestershire 3-3 (45-57); Derbyshire 2nd 2-3 (42-43); Nottinghamshire 2nd 2-3 (42-43).

SOUTH ZONE

Warwickshire 2nd 13; Glamorgan 2nd 4
Worcestershire 7; Monmouthshire 10
Glamorgan 2nd 7; Worcestershire 10
Monmouthshire 8; Northamptonshire 9
Northamptonshire 4; Warwickshire 2nd 13
Northamptonshire v. Worcestershire unreported.

TABLE:

Warwickshire 2nd 6-0; Northamptonshire 4-2;
Worcestershire 2-4; Monmouthshire 2-4;
Glamorgan 2nd 1-5.

Dorset 2; Gloucestershire 15
Devon 8; Wiltshire 9
Devon 3; Gloucestershire 14
Devon 14; Dorset 3
Gloucestershire 13; Somerset 4
Devon 7; Somerset 10
Dorset 3; Wiltshire 14

TABLE:

Gloucestershire 7-0; Wiltshire 6-1; Somerset 3-4; Devon 2-6; Dorset 0-7.

Buckinghamshire 9; Middlesex 2nd 8
Sussex 6; Buckinghamshire 11
Hampshire 2nd 7; Middlesex 2nd 10
Sussex 9; Hampshire 2nd 8

TABLE:

Middlesex 2nd 4-1 (51-34); Buckinghamshire 4-1 (46-39); Sussex 2-3; Hampshire 2nd 0-5.

Norfolk 12; Suffolk 5
Cambridgeshire 7; Lincolnshire and Rutland 10
Lincolnshire and Rutland 15; Suffolk 2
Bedfordshire 4; Cambridgeshire 13
Cambridgeshire 12; Suffolk 5
Bedfordshire 4; Lincolnshire and Rutland 13
Norfolk 4; Cambridgeshire 13
Suffolk 11; Bedfordshire 6

TABLE:

Lincolnshire and Rutland 7-0; Cambridgeshire 5-2; Norfolk 2-4; Bedfordshire 2-5; Suffolk 1-6.

DIVISION IV

NORTH ZONE

Cheshire 3rd 5; Isle of Man 12
Lancashire 3rd 13; Yorkshire 3rd 4
Westmorland 6; Cheshire 3rd 11
Cheshire 3rd v. Lancashire 3rd unreported.

TABLE:

Lancashire 3rd 3-0; Isle of Man 3-1; Cheshire 3rd 1-2; Yorkshire 3rd 1-2; Westmorland 0-3.

North Wales 9; Nottinghamshire 3rd 8
North Wales 11; Shropshire 6
North Wales 13; Leicestershire 2nd 4

TABLE:

Leicestershire 2nd 3-2; Nottinghamshire 3rd 3-2; North Wales 3-2; Shropshire 0-3.

SOUTH ZONE

Warwickshire 3rd 6; Worcestershire 2nd 11
Monmouthshire 2nd 9; Northamptonshire 2nd 8
Warwickshire 3rd 7; Oxfordshire 2nd 10
Northamptonshire 2nd 7; Worcestershire 2nd 10
Warwickshire 3rd 15; Monmouthshire 2nd 2
Monmouthshire 2nd 7; Oxfordshire 2nd 10
Northamptonshire 2nd 5; Warwickshire 3rd 12

TABLE:

Oxfordshire 2nd 5-2; Worcestershire 2nd 4-2; Northamptonshire 2nd 3-4; Warwickshire 3rd 2-4; Monmouthshire 2nd 2-4.

Dorset 2nd 2; Gloucestershire 2nd 15
Devon 2nd 6; Wiltshire 2nd 11
Somerset 2nd 10; Dorset 2nd 7
Devon 2nd 9; Gloucestershire 2nd 8
Devon 2nd 10; Dorset 2nd 7
Gloucestershire 2nd 6; Somerset 2nd 11
Devon 2nd 9; Somerset 2nd 8
Dorset 2nd 3; Wiltshire 2nd 14

TABLE:

Devon 2nd 6-2; Wiltshire 2nd 6-1; Gloucestershire 2nd 4-3; Somerset 2nd 2-5; Dorset 2nd 0-7.

Berkshire 2nd 6; Essex 3rd 11
Essex 3rd 3; Kent 2nd 14
Berkshire 2nd 4; Kent 2nd 13
Middlesex 3rd 11; Berkshire 2nd 6

TABLE:

Kent 2nd 4-0; Middlesex 3rd 4-1; Essex 3rd 1-3; Berkshire 2nd 0-5.

Norfolk 2nd 3; Lincolnshire and Rutland 2nd 14
Norfolk 2nd 2; Huntingdonshire & Peterborough 15
Cambridgeshire 2nd 2; Huntingdonshire and Peterborough 15
Cambridgeshire 2nd v. Norfolk 2nd unreported
Huntingdonshire and Peterborough v. Lincolnshire and Rutland 2nd unreported.

TABLE:

Huntingdonshire and Peterborough 5-0; Lincolnshire and Rutland 2nd 3-1; Norfolk 2nd 1-4; Cambridgeshire 2nd 0-4.

DIVISION V

NORTH ZONE

Staffordshire 3rd 16; Leicestershire 3rd 1
Staffordshire 3rd 16; Leicestershire 3rd 1
Shropshire 2nd 5; Derbyshire 3rd 12
Derbyshire 3rd 7; Staffordshire 3rd 10

TABLE:

Staffordshire 3rd 6-0; Derbyshire 3rd 2-2; Leicestershire 3rd 1-3; Shropshire 2nd 0-4.

SOUTH ZONE

Herefordshire 16; Pembrokeshire 1
Worcestershire 3rd 6; Glamorgan 3rd 11
Herefordshire 11; Worcestershire 3rd 6
Pembrokeshire v. Glamorgan 3rd unreported
Glamorgan 3rd 12; Herefordshire 5
Worcestershire 3rd v. Pembrokeshire unreported

TABLE:

Herefordshire 4-2; Glamorgan 3rd 3-0; Worcestershire 3rd 1-3; Pembrokeshire 0-3.

Dorset 3rd 5; Gloucestershire 3rd 12
Wiltshire 3rd 10; Cornwall 2nd 7
Somerset 3rd 13; Dorset 3rd 4
Cornwall 2nd 17; Somerset 3rd 0
Dorset 3rd 4; Cornwall 2nd 13
Gloucestershire 3rd 16; Somerset 3rd 1
Cornwall 2nd 9; Gloucestershire 3rd 8
Dorset 3rd 3; Wiltshire 3rd 14

TABLE:

Cornwall 2nd 6-2; Wiltshire 3rd 6-1; Gloucestershire 3rd 5-2; Somerset 3rd 1-6; Dorset 3rd 0-7.

Hampshire 3rd 5; Sussex 2nd 12
Kent 3rd 12; Buckinghamshire 2nd 5
Hampshire 3rd 10; Hertfordshire 2nd 7
Buckinghamshire 2nd 5; Hampshire 3rd 12
Buckinghamshire 2nd 8; Hertfordshire 2nd 9
Sussex 2nd 13; Kent 3rd 4

TABLE:

Kent 3rd 5-2; Sussex 2nd 5-0; Hertfordshire 2nd 3-3; Hampshire 3rd 3-4; Buckinghamshire 2nd 0-7.

Bedfordshire 2nd 14; Norfolk 3rd 3
Bedfordshire 2nd 14; Suffolk 2nd 3
Suffolk 2nd v. Lincolnshire and Rutland 3rd unreported

TABLE:

Bedfordshire 2nd 6-0; Lincolnshire and Rutland 3rd 2-2; Suffolk 2nd 1-3; Norfolk 3rd 0-4.

I.C.C. KNOCK-OUT AND CHALLENGE TIES

DIVISION I—Semi-finals

Yorkshire* v. Essex, Surrey* v. Lancashire (to be played on March 4th).

DIVISION II—Semi-finals

Durham* v. Derbyshire, Glamorgan v. Hampshire* (to be played on March 11th).

DIVISION III—Inter-Sectional Ties

Lancashire 2nd w.o., Northamptonshire or Worcestershire v. Gloucestershire* (to be played on March 4th).

Middlesex 2nd* v. Lincolnshire and Rutland (to be played on March 11th).

CHALLENGE TIES

Between Divisions I and II

West of Scotland v. Durham or Derbyshire*, Berkshire* v. Glamorgan or Hampshire (to be played on April 8th).

Between Divisions II and III

Cumberland* v. Durham 2nd (if eligible) or Northumberland 2nd, Nottinghamshire* v. Lancashire 2nd, Oxfordshire* v. Northamptonshire, Worcestershire or Gloucestershire, Kent* v. Middlesex 2nd or Lincolnshire and Rutland (to be played on April 8th).

Between Divisions III and IV

Cheshire 2nd* v. Lancashire 3rd (if eligible) or Isle of Man, Derbyshire 2nd* v. North Wales (if eligible), Glamorgan 2nd or Monmouthshire v. Oxfordshire 2nd or Worcestershire 2nd* ((if and which ever eligible), Dorset* v. Gloucestershire 2nd (if eligible), Hampshire 2nd* v. Kent 2nd (if eligible) or, failing which, Middlesex 3rd (if eligible) (all to be played on April 15th).

Bedfordshire* v. Huntingdonshire and Peterborough (to be played on April 8th).

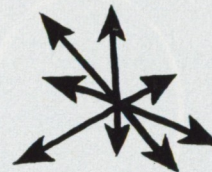
Between Divisions IV and V

Shropshire* v. Staffordshire 3rd, South Midlands identities are quite uncertain Dorset 2nd* v. Gloucestershire 3rd (if eligible) or Cornwall 2nd, Berkshire 2nd or Essex 3rd* v. quite uncertain challenger, Cambridgeshire 2nd* v. Bedfordshire 2nd (if eligible) all to be played on April 15th).

* denotes choice of courts.

N.B.—The Sunday following the Saturday stipulated will be in order if mutually preferable.

NEWS FROM



THE COUNTIES

ESSEX

TWO large crowds watched some fine Badminton at Redbridge Baths when firstly a successful Exhibition match took place on 20th January between an Essex team and an all International Rest of England squad, and on 6th February when Essex played Surrey in the Inter-County championship.

As a result of the Exhibition, it is hoped more than £50 will be paid to the Uber Cup/Thomas Cup training squad funds. Thanks are due to not only Ray Stevens for his hard work but to Chief Coach Roger Mills and all the other players.

The format of the under 21 match against Scotland on March 20th is now being altered because news has come through that the Scots are sending two ladies and five men instead of the originally suggested six men. The match will take place at Chalkwell Sports Centre, Leigh-on-Sea, and a reasonable crowd is anticipated.

The Essex Knock-Out Club competition will be between Parkside, who must be favourites, and AMICO, but the latter will have the benefit of their own hall which they kindly made available for the final before the first round had been played.

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CHESHIRE

SO Cheshire must stay in the second division for another season, despite a change of fortune which brought them six points in the second half of the season.

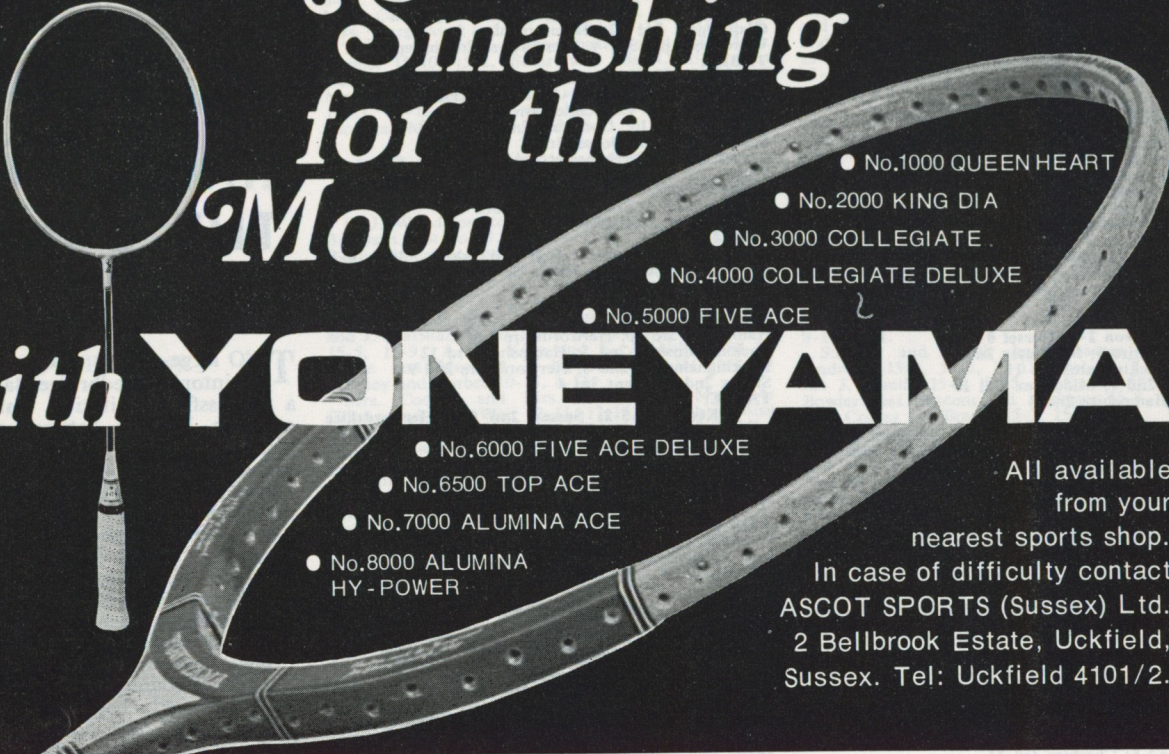
It was a heartening revival and just the thing to boost flagging morale. And best of all, it was left to the last match—not to mention the last event and the last game of it—to produce a 9-8 win over Staffordshire at Birkenhead, thus robbing the visitors of the group title and claiming revenge for their earlier defeat.

The only pity was that this was the last match for the team showed much of the determined spirit which has taken them to greater things in the past.

No doubt the two splendid sessions under the expert eye of Chief Coach Roger Mills at the Birkenhead Sports Centre had a great deal to do with the new look. A lot more than the county sides must have benefitted, too, and the general hope is that Roger's return visits to Cheshire will not be long delayed.

In the meantime, the county's two top men, Steve Shaw and Roger Westmorland, who have collected a number of trophies between them this season, have carried Cheshire's name into the England arena once more with their selection to join the Thomas Cup training squad. It is an honour for themselves and for the county upon which they are to be congratulated.

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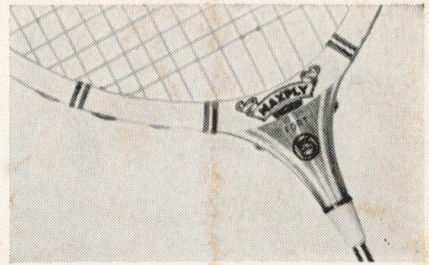
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