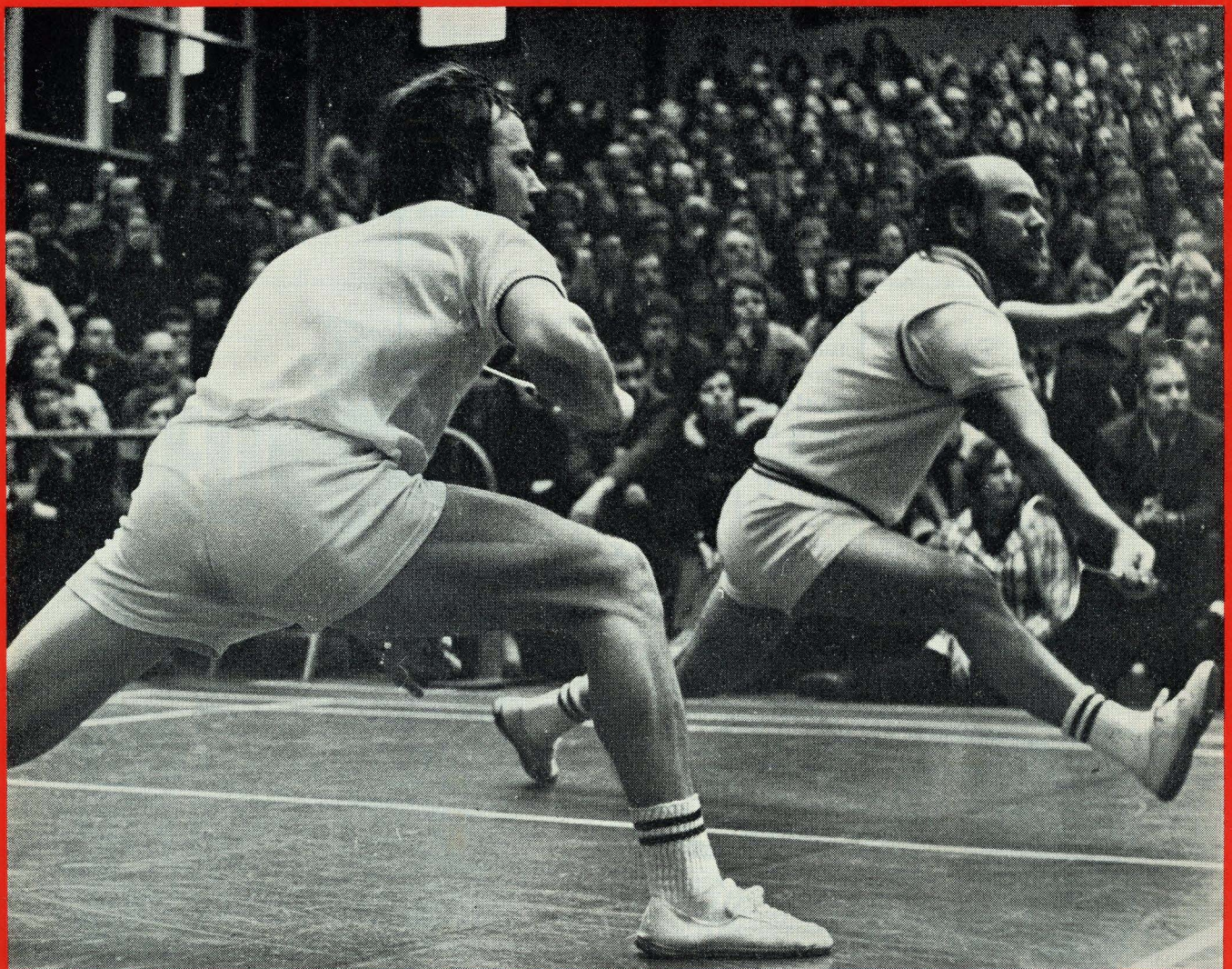


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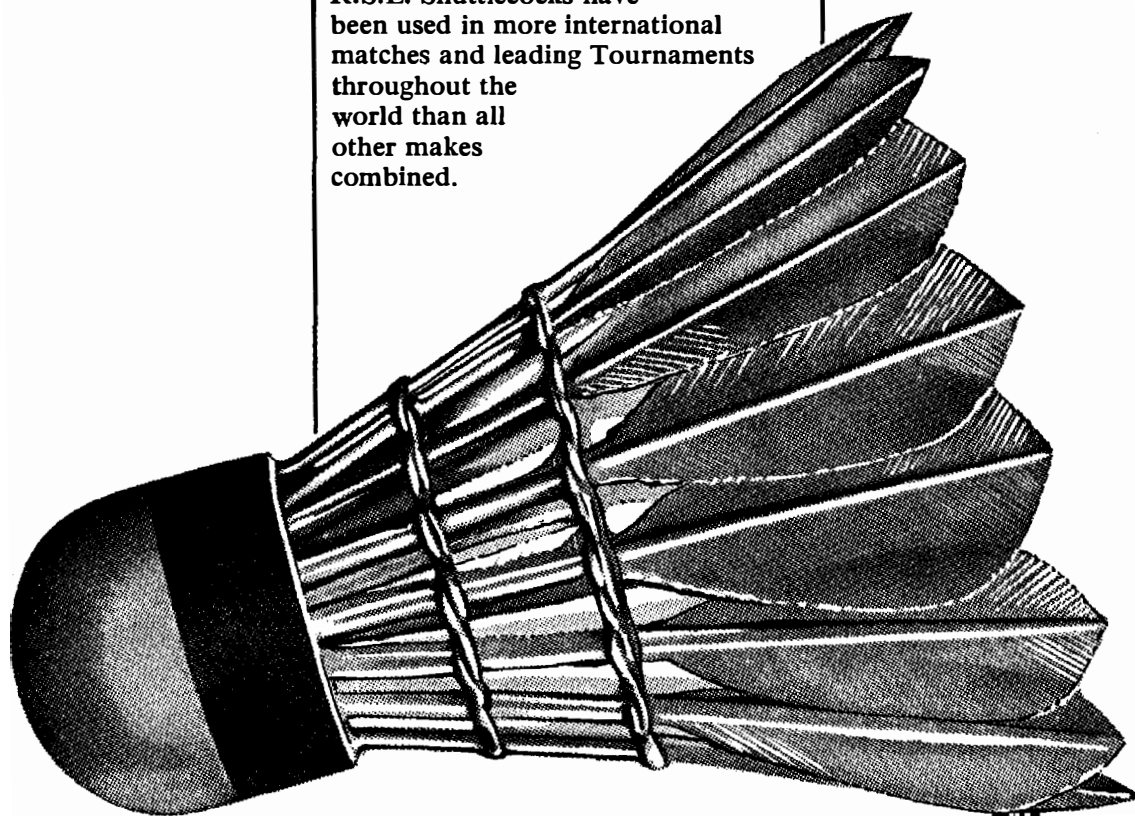
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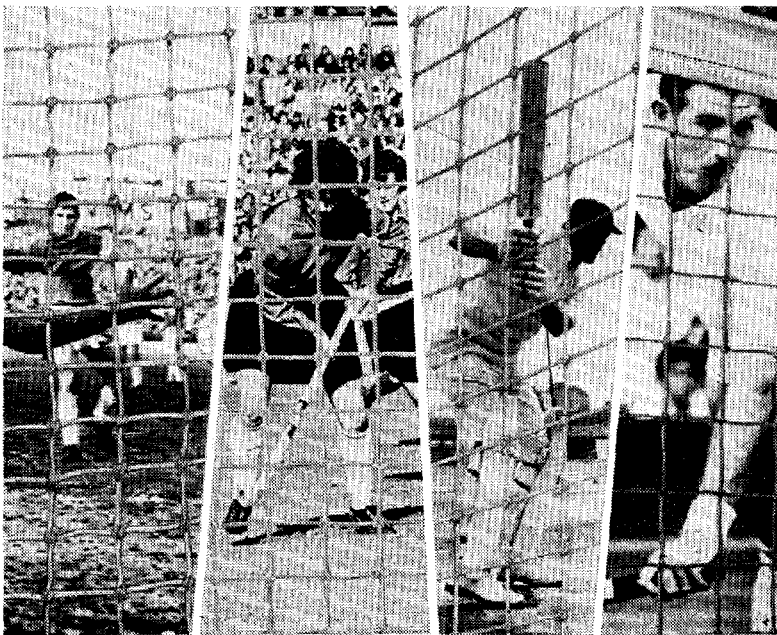
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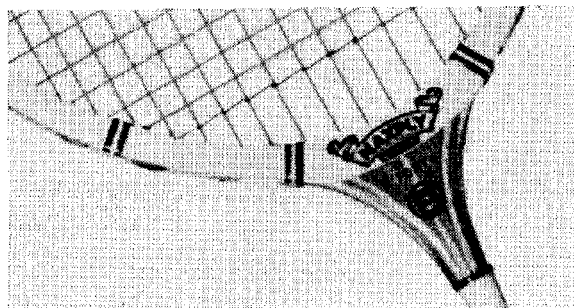
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EDITORIAL COMMENT



THE All-England week held a surprise even greater than the defeat of Erland Kops and Sven Pri by Surrey stalwarts Beacom and Andrews—the announcement that the five professionals had applied for re-instatement.

It was on 22nd October, 1970, that Paul and Sue Whetnall, Margaret Boxall and Ray Sharp, all members of the Kent County team and all English internationals, made Badminton history by announcing that they were to form a professional group under the management of John Beirne, a Southampton tennis professional. With them went Tyna Barrinaga, U.S.A. Singles Champion in 1968.

Objectives Not Obtained

Their aims were two-fold. They hoped to become a travelling "circus" that, like the professional tennis groups, would attract large crowds at home and abroad, and to reap financial rewards for their world-class talents. In addition, they undoubtedly hoped to stimulate Badminton generally and to improve its standards by holding local clinics and by coaching top players.

How far have they achieved their objectives? Only a handful of exhibitions have been played. Coaching has been done but too often at school or club level: surely using a sledge-hammer to crack a nut? It is easy to be wise after the event. Without men's and ladies' doubles, their programme was ill-balanced. Lack of worthwhile prize money and a temperamental extrovert on court meant lack of vital publicity.

New Aims

For this, the England and Kent teams have been disrupted, their high hopes dashed, and personal and national opportunities lost. However, if re-instatement is granted after twelve months, their return can surely help English Badminton. Should Sharp and Whetnall recapture their old fire they will be eligible for selection for the later stages of the Thomas Cup. With Margaret Boxall fully fit after her illness, she and Sue Whetnall could be invaluable in filling the gap until our new generation of ladies is fully experienced. Perhaps too they can regain that coveted Ladies' title for England at Wembley Pool. And Tyna Barrinaga, having resided here for two years without playing for America, would presumably be eligible for England. A tantalising prospect! Some sympathy, however, must be spared for those players the new amateurs may replace.

In addition they would give a real depth to English strength, be an added attraction at exhibitions, make for greater competition in tournaments and provide fine practice for our younger players. Perhaps too in years to come their names may be added to the list of now ageing National Coaches.

Face the Challenge

It is unrealistic to hide our heads ostrich-like in the sand and pretend that professionalism is just a bad dream. Some weeks ago, Peter Grove, Managing Director of Asset Promotions, was reported to be hoping to sign professionally, after the Olympic Games, top international stars for a globe-trotting Badminton circus that would nett each player £10,000! Nor would it be human nature if other talented young players, seeing the vast rewards of comparable skills in other sports were not envious and did not seek to capitalize their talents.

A New "Professionalism"

What is the answer? Lessons must be learnt and innovations made if Badminton is to progress. There is a place for professionalism but it must be the "professionalism" or "efficiency and dedication" in training, play, coaching and presentation preached and practised so vehemently by Chief Coach, Roger Mills. There must be a much more powerful drive for sponsorship. This money could be used, as with Green Shield and Nestle's and B.P. tennis sponsorship, not only to help the game at grass root and junior level but also to provide better conditions for Mr. and Mrs. Club Player, the backbone of the game, to encourage foreign stars to visit our tournaments, and to spur on our leading players by offers of better prizes. In this age of inflation and huge sporting rewards, Badminton's present £2 and £5 Vouchers are derisory.

Can our administrators be prepared with rules which will give dedicated players some financial reward without allowing a handful to reap disproportionately too much of the benefits, without a waste of the talent that we have just experienced, and without a deterioration of the friendly, sporting spirit that is Badminton.

62nd All-England Championships

THREE ENGLISH PAIRS REACH FINALS

THE 62nd All-England Badminton Championships held drama from the very outset. First came the news that in the throes of vital last-minute preparations, Secretary-Referee Herbert Scheele had had to be rushed into hospital with serious back trouble. His right hand "man", his wife, Betty, stepped nobly into the breach, and, together with Brian Bisseker, ensured that all ran as smoothly as ever. Deputy-Referee Stanley Bell, formerly of Surrey and now living in Northumberland, also did a fine job; as usual events ran to schedule.

Then came the customary quota of surprises. Outsiders Beacom and Andrews, of Surrey, decisively defeated the second favourites, the Danish thoroughbreds, S. Pri and E. Kops. In the first round, the two Essex pairs in the men's doubles, an event with 38 entries, met you guess whom. Why, each other, of course. The holder, Eva Twedberg, lost in the semi-final to Miss Yuki who had previously narrowly beaten Gillian Gilks. Three English pairs reached the quarter-finals of the men's doubles wherein Stuart and Talbot brought the house down with a great victory over the holders, Gunalan and Ng Boon Bee. And in the ladies' doubles semi-finals, an all-English final looked well on the cards at one stage.

On the Saturday, Herbert Scheele, shaky but invincible, was again present—to witness his 26th Finals Day! No less than three English pairs battled bravely but unavailingly. Mrs. Nakayama, apparently out on her feet, staged a story-book recovery finally to win the singles trophy at her third attempt. And the trophies were presented by the Association's most welcome and distinguished guests, Dr. Roger Bannister, first-ever four minute miler and now Chairman of the newly-formed Sports Council, and Walter Winterbottom, formerly England's football manager and now Secretary of the C.C.P.R.

In all, England had not shown so much strength and depth for some years. Let us hope it is the beginning of still greater deeds. And that next year, English pairs will have learnt the paradoxically difficult art of clinching a vital game from a winning position.

Men's Singles

SUFFERING SINGLES !

R. J. MILLS

(*ex-England; Chief Coach, B.A. of E.*)

UNFORTUNATELY, it could be that the spectators 'suffered' more than the players this year! As can be seen from the results, very few games provided the usual excitement for which there are a variety of reasons.

Not At Their Best

Starting from the early rounds, there were half-a-dozen direct entrants who would have considered themselves fortunate if they had managed to get through the qualifying event (in fact, two of the four qualifiers were members of the current English Thomas Cup squad and Kidd did extremely well to take a set off the talented Swede, Kihlstrom, who later almost beat Tan Aik Mong). Out of the nine Malaysians, only seven entered this event and one of them (despite being seeded again) yet again withdrew (for no apparent reason) five minutes before play commenced. Only the Tan brothers appeared to have the class, physical condition or mental attitude to justify a trip half-way round the world to play singles. The two Japs were obviously reacting from a long tour and a tough international against England only two days before. One of the Thailanders looked very tired. There was not the usual fit-looking, spirited resistance from the majority of the continentals, some of whom had injuries after a long season.

England Squad Do Well

So, despite the fact that many class players disappeared early on Wednesday, there were few games worthy of note and it was left to the evergreen (if ever-balding—sorry Erland!) iron man Kops to provide us with nostalgia and a wonderful display of controlled power badminton, narrowly losing to young Christian of Indonesia. The one light on the horizon was the results in depth of England's squad—Talbot, Stevens and Smith reaching the last 16 (the latter two at the expense of Denmark's No. 2 and Sweden's No. 4 respectively), Eddy defeating Thailand's No. 2,

Beacom quickly disposing of Malaysia's No. 4, while Arthur and Stretch extended Malaysia's and Sweden's No. 1.

Talbot had the sort of draw which could have seen him in the semi-final, but was undoubtedly reacting from his efforts against Japan earlier in the week—nevertheless, it is time he realised that while his game is world class, he has yet to attain the necessary fitness to match it. Similarly, Stevens gave yet another sign of what is to come and for the second year could have reached the semi-final; such were the length of the rallies against Muljadi that at 4-0 up in the second, having won the first, he began to wonder if he could still be on his feet if it went to three. I feel that he underestimated his own strength and courage and had he gone flat out for the second, the actual semi-final might have been a different story, because even the ultra-fit Indonesian had run himself almost comatose losing the third set to Tan Aik Mong. All in all, a very creditable performance by a much fitter, more determined and confident squad of English players and a step in the right direction towards Djhartarta next year.

A Class Of Their Own

The top seeds proved themselves in a class of their own: Pri strolled through and it was unbelievable to see the 1966 winner, Tan Aik Huang, apparently unable (or unwilling?) to play one really attacking shot throughout the whole game and still lose 9 and 2.

The other semi-final could have been interesting as Sture Johnsson had been in top form all season, but he found the shuttles too fast for him against the superior attack of the champion. (Could it be that some continental nations are still favouring slower shuttles than Law 4 prescribes?)

Hopes Of A Classic Match

So the stage was set. Hartono, obviously anxious to equal Devlin's record of five consecutive wins, was at his peak. Pri, playing with more concentration and determination than ever before, had spent the whole year applying himself for this one match and had deservedly beaten his rival only the weekend before.

I sat back and licked my lips in anticipation of a final to equal that of Wong v. Choong in 1955 or Kops v. Tan in 1965—but, alas, it was not to be.

At 1-7 down in the first, Hartono applied top speed and pressure, and Pri could not produce his previous concentration, accuracy and exciting brilliance. In their 1968 semi-final, Pri had found that if he could match the champion's wizardry round the net, he was on the way to victory (only tired raggedness, certainly not helped by the England-Denmark international on the Monday before, let him down at 9-9). So, he must now go away and spend another monk-like year to get a further chance.

A Badminton Cassius Clay

Frankly, I do not think he can do it, nor indeed do I feel that any singles players I have seen in the past 20 years (even the great Kops) is equal to Hartono, who, in all playing senses of the phrase, is the Cassius Clay of badminton. As with Clay, I do not believe there is a player in the world at present who can take the champion's mantle from his shoulders. He will merely remove it himself when there are more important things in life for him—and that will not be for a few years.

Emlyn Jones, Director of Crystal Palace N.R.C. and I.T.V. commentator, talks to Rudy Hartono and Christian before the finals.

(Pat Davis)



Men's Doubles

AN OUTSTANDING EVENT

W. G. A. Birtwistle

(*ex-Lancs. and England; Vice-President B.A. of E.*)

THIS year the Men's Doubles Championship was as outstanding as last year it was undistinguished. It had everything. Seeds fell as in a good harvest. There were many exciting and fluctuating matches, which kept the record crowd in a continuous tumult of noise.

And finally, although England did not win the event, English patriotism (or should it be nationalism?) saw more English success than in any Championships since the war,

Top Seeds Fall in First Round

The first upset was the surprising defeat of the joint top seeds, the eminent Danish pair of Erland Kops and Svend Pri, by Surrey's Keith Andrews and Colin Beacom. With nothing to lose, Andrews and Beacom went for their shots and harried their opponents, especially from the net; confusion and discussion spread among their opponents. By the time that the Danes realised that they might not win, the Surrey men had finally gained the two eminent scalps, who were still discussing what was happening to the end!

Success of New Staffordshire Pair

In the meantime David Eddy and Eddie Sutton from Staffordshire had started on their exciting trail. They beat, by 15-7, 15-10, the Japanese, Kojima and Toganoo, and the Malaysians, Tan Aik Mong and Moo Foot Lian, 15-12, 15-10. In their third match of Thursday evening they met the eventual winners in what was to prove one of the best matches in the Championships.

Christian and Chandra won a close first game at 15-12, and went to a lead of 11-7 in the second game. At this stage the Englishmen had a run of 5 points with some excellent serving, Sutton particularly being very quick indeed in to the net, where he made three brilliant winners direct off short returns of service. The English pair eventually squared the match at 15-12 after several excellent rallies, Sutton finishing with two more brilliant winners.

The final game was a real thriller with its fluctuations holding intensely the attention of the whole arena. The Indonesians led at 10-8, but, amid mounting excitement and cheering, the Englishmen caught and passed them to lead 12-10. At this stage the excitement transferred itself to Eddy who made three errors to allow the Indonesians to reach match points at 14-12. However, Eddy and Sutton came again to reach 14 all and then to lead 2-0 in the setting and to reach match point themselves. Hereabouts Sutton was quite brilliant, especially in his speed at the net, and it was therefore all the more disappointing that three more Eddy errors in the crisis helped the Indonesians to a very narrow but worthy victory.

Sutton "Comes of Age" Internationally

Nevertheless the English pair had played quite splendidly. David Eddy is now well established in the international scene, but Eddy Sutton, whose first season this is in the top flight, can he said to have won his spurs right worthily.

Talbot and Stuart beat Holders

The top English pair, Derek Talbot and Elliot Stuart, had their finest hour in the quarter-final when they beat the Malaysian holders and top seeds, Ng Boon Bee and Gunalan. The Englishmen went off like a bomb to take the first game at 15-3. In the second game, the Malaysians went ahead to 13-8 and then 14-9, with the Englishmen serving several faults hereabouts. The service went round twice with the holders holding 5 game points, but the home pair amid mounting excitement caught up to 12-14, before the Malaysians went out at last on their sixth game point.

In the final game, Talbot and Stuart went out at 15-8 amid an ovation from the record crowd lasting several minutes.

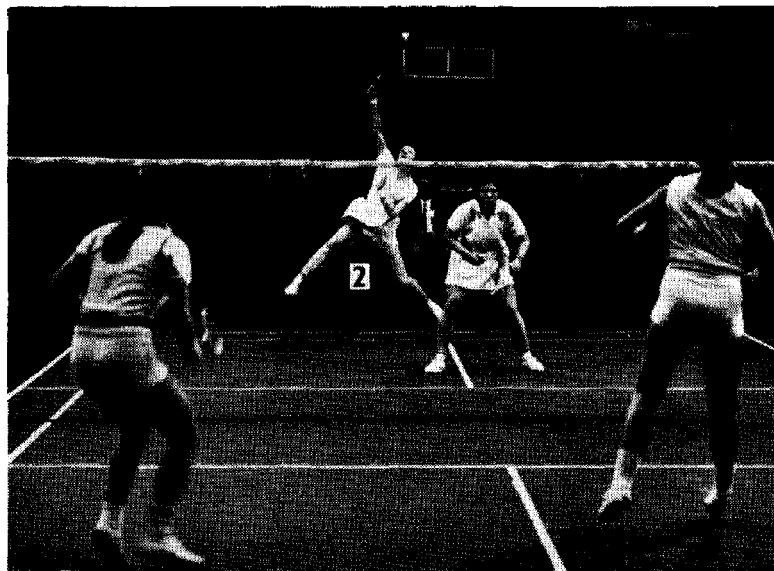
A feature of the match was that Stuart was faulted by the service judge on seven or eight occasions and Gunalan five or six times. It was good to see the service laws enforced in this way.

In the semi-final, the Indonesians changed at 8-5 with a quite brilliant drop by Chandra. The Englishmen played some top class badminton to catch up to 7-8 in spite of Stuart being twice faulted on his service. Here the Indonesians, aided by a few English errors, had a match winning run of four points in the crisis, before Talbot and Stuart stabilised the position at 8-12 and later at 9-13 for several services, before the Indonesians won an excellent match at 15-9.

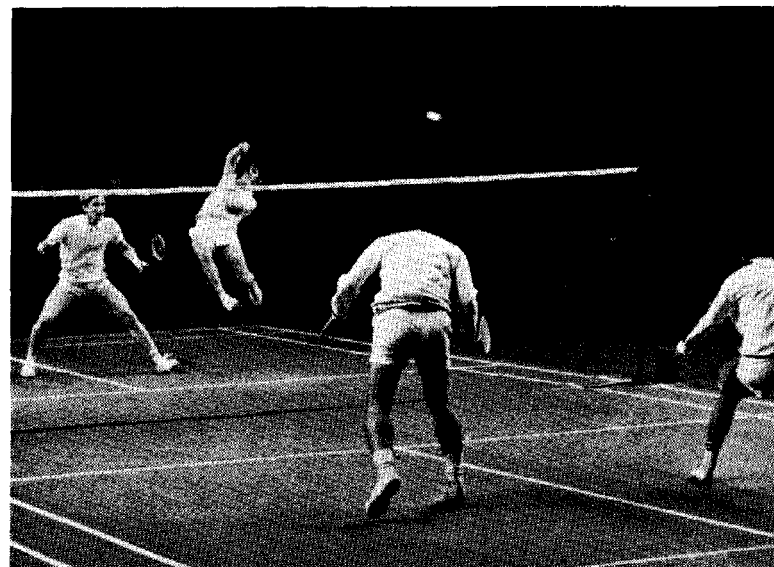
Stevens and Tredgett, Unseeded, Reach Final

Meanwhile Stevens and Tredgett reached the quarter-final to meet the seeded Germans, Braun and Maywald, who had such a

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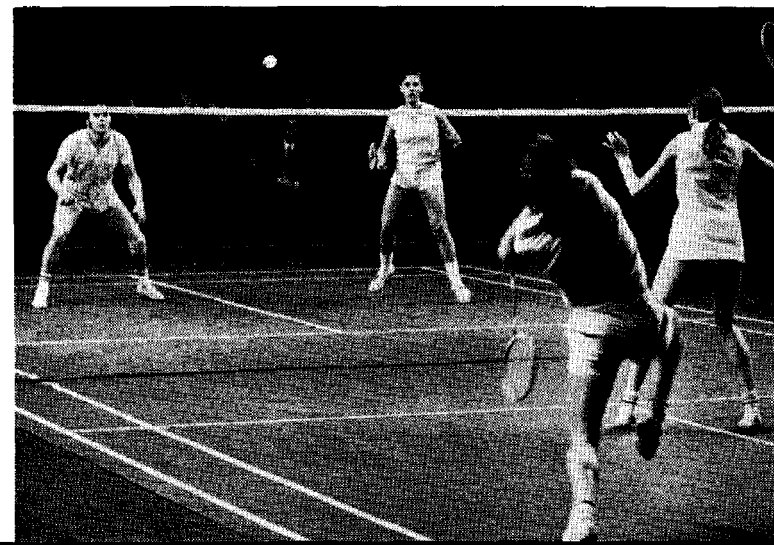


Gillian Gilks at full stretch in beating Mrs. K. Jørgensen and Mrs. U. Strand.



Ray Stevens, with Mike Tredgett, in full flight against Chandra (left) and Christian.

Derek Talbot goes all out for the gap between Svend Pri and Ulla Strand.



good run last year, in a tremendous match. In the final game, the English boys attacked furiously to lead 10-1. Here the Germans came back strongly to reach 4-11, where the Englishmen stuck for seven sides in while the Germans, amid mounting tension both on and off the court, gradually caught them to level the match at 11 all. The English pair then went to 14, where they lost three match points before winning 15-13.

In the semi-final, Stevens and Tredgett won the first game comfortably at 15-6 against the unseeded German pair of Kucki and the formidable Wolfgang Bochow. In the second game, the Germans reversed the result to win to 7. In the final game, the English pair again went off like an express train to reach 7-1, where again they faltered for the Germans to catch up to 5-7. We all had expectations of another nail-biting repeat of their quarter-final, but the Essex-Gloucestershire combination recovered their equanimity, if a game punctuated by such weird cries could be said to contain such an element at all, and won 15-8—a great achievement for such a young and untried pair.

Indonesians Win Final

In the final, Stevens and Tredgett were not the favourites, and did not initially recapture, perhaps understandably, their previous night's form. They soon lost the first game to 5. In the second they trailed 9-11. Here the service went round twice, with Tredgett making two bad errors. However, amid much vocal support they levelled again at 11 all, but the Indonesians forged ahead to 13-11.

Then one of the most memorable rallies of the whole championship occurred. With the Indonesians attacking hard, both English boys, scuttering and diving all over and round the court, in turn made incredible "gets" off the floor, in one case while prone on the floor, before Stevens finally won the rally with a breath-taking backhand cross-court drop which brought the crowd to its feet. But this was their last fling before Christian and Chandra ran out at 15-12 to become the first and very worthy men's doubles champions from Indonesia.

Ladies' Singles

NAKAYAMA NEVER SAYS DIE

Mrs. A. M. Horner

(*ex-Scotland; Vice-President B.A. of E.*)

THERE is always a tendency to view with a little less than the customary anticipation a final in which the protagonists are from the same country. This was how many of the spectators must have approached the 1972 All-England Ladies' Singles Final, where top-seeded Mrs. Noriko Nakayama (née Takagi), of Japan, met her fellow-countrywoman, Miss Hiroe Yuki, the winner in 1969.

It is true that a certain similarity of style was apparent—the usual Japanese fleetness of foot, amazing recovery and consistency of stroke made, as expected, for some long and desperate rallies—but the fighting qualities displayed more than compensated for the lack of variety.

Fighting Spirit

The first game went to Mrs. Nakayama at 11-5, with Miss Yuki unable at any stage to get ahead of her frailer-looking opponent. Matters changed at the beginning of the second, where, after a tremendous opening rally, Miss Yuki steadily pulled away to win, conceding only 3 points.

At the start of the third game, a drop shot from Miss Yuki which left Mrs. Nakayama standing (a very unusual occurrence for her) made it look as if Miss Yuki would win on superior fitness, and certainly for some time she dictated the game.

However, tenacity of spirit kept Mrs. Nakayama going at this stage, and, starting with a clever flick service, she made a desperate effort at 5-7, which gradually gave her the edge and took her to 8-7. Now it was Miss Yuki who looked hard-pressed, and she continued to do so right to the end. Nevertheless, it was a very relieved Mrs. Nakayama, who left a shot that was just out, to win the game and the match at 11-7. This, her first All-England Singles title, must compensate for past disappointments since she originally came to the Championships in 1967.

Efficient Champion

The holder, Mrs. Eva Twedberg, of Sweden, was the joint-top seed, and certainly in the earlier rounds until her semi-final match against Miss Yuki she looked very much a champion, as she smashed her way with her usual efficiency through all-comers. Even Miss Intan Nurtjahja, of Indonesia, who had disposed rather convincingly of last year's finalist, the young Miss Anne Berglund, of Denmark, was able to collect only 9 points in two games from her.

Against Miss Yuki, Mrs. Twedberg fought magnificently, but the Japanese was the more consistent player, particularly in the first game, which she won 11-7. In the second, Mrs. Twedberg made a better start, and was leading at 8-4, but she gradually relaxed her hold, and it was Miss Yuki who scored the vital last point to take the game at 12-11.

Lene Köppen's Promise

Of the other competitors, Miss Utami Dewi (Indonesia), who surprisingly beat the seeded Mrs. Irmgaard Gerlitzka (West Germany) 11-5, 11-8, Miss Lene Köppen (Denmark), Miss Joké van Beusekom (Netherlands) who in the quarter-final lost to Miss Yuki by the creditable score of 9-12, 5-11, and Miss Intan Nurtjahja (already mentioned) gave good accounts of themselves.

The Dewi/Köppen quarter-final match was one of the hardest fought and most interesting of the whole tournament. A dramatic stage was reached in the third game when Miss Köppen missed a match-point "sitter" at 10-5, and, for a time, allowed this to upset her, though she did finally struggle home at 11-9.

Miss Köppen also gave a fighting display in the semi-final against Mrs. Nakayama, where, although she lost the first game 11-4, it was level-pegging in the second, and for some time the score remained at 8-8. Indeed, if she had been more able to cope adequately with her opponent's drop shots she might have won this game.

England Stars Disappoint

It would have been pleasant to report an improvement since last year in the fortunes of the top English players, but once more the home crowd were doomed to disappointment. It is true that the seeded Miss Margaret Beck beat Miss Marieluise Wackerow (West Germany) and Mrs. Bostofte (Denmark) to reach her appointed place in the quarter-final, but here she raised hopes by taking the lead in the first game against Mrs. Nakayama, only to throw it all away by mistakes. Having lost the first game by the close margin of 9-11, how could such a fine player lose the second, mostly by unforced errors, without gaining a single point?

Mrs. Gillian Gilks started her second match against Miss Yuki in fine style. In the course of three games, where she took the lead at the beginning of each 3-1, 4-1 and 3-1, she showed that she is at times the best player on view, but oh the sadness of the fact that it is only "at times"!

The Lighter Side — the B.A. of E. Reception

Danish Conquest? Ted Jarret, Mrs. B. Sørensen, Humphrey Chilton, Murray Maxted, Miss A. Flindt and Mrs. P. Kaagaard.

(Pat Davis)



"Uncle" Bill Holwill, always smiling, enjoys a joke with Eva Twedberg.

(Pat Davis)



Mixed Doubles

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

ARTHUR SALWAY

(*ex-Essex; B.A. of E. Council*)

FOR the last 18 years the Mixed has been dominated by Danish and English pairs, but this year there was another country with a stirring challenge, namely West Germany, who had two seeded pairs in the draw. On the Wednesday, both pairs justified their seeding by getting to the quarter-finals.

In fact, the only seeded casualty was the Scottish/English combination of Bob McCoig and Margaret Beck who were just ousted by that fine Danish pair, Kaagaard and Berglund, who also reached the quarter-finals.

Not Enough Steam

From the English point of view there were two other "might have beens". Tredgett and Rickard made Kaagaard and Berglund go all the way before losing 15-12 in the third game, and the Staffordshire pair, Eddy and Ross, got even closer against the Germans, Maywald and Steden, having set in the third game. David Eddy just had not quite enough steam in his match, for this Wednesday he had already played two rounds of singles (one against Hartono) and also nine games of mixed doubles, four of which went to setting. Poor David—he played extremely well throughout the tournament, and on top of this mixed defeat he had the frustrating experience of losing to the eventual winners of the men's doubles by one solitary point.

The Wednesday night had one curiosity. Pauline Chitty, one of the qualifiers in her first event, arrived at match point and then served into the net. She was then surprised to hear the umpire call game and match—her opponent had moved before the shuttle was struck! A tricky decision for the umpire at match point!

Spectator Reaction

The semi-finals on the Friday suffered spectator reaction following some extraordinary men's doubles. In the Pri-Bochow match, Bochow was obviously very wary of Pri's powerful overhead shots and he did not really get into the match until the second game, and only twice was the famous lethal Bochow backhand smash in operation. The German pair managed to hold the Danes to 7-all in the second game but the match never reached great heights and was marred by some poor serving by both pairs.

The other semi-final, Talbot v. Walsoe, was of interest at the start as an object lesson in serving by Gilks and the English pair raced to a 7-0 lead. At this stage, Walsoe began to use his powerful smash to a greater extent, but he could not make up the leeway. In the second game, he managed to hold Talbot to 7-all but this was the extent of the Walsoe revival.

Walsoe seldom seems to realise his potential against Talbot. It is certainly true that one only plays as well as one's opponent allows, but, if they will pardon the expression, there seems to be something of the stoat and rabbit relationship between Talbot and Walsoe.

Up To Expectations

And so to the final, a repeat of last year's. We all awaited, though with some trepidation, a similar thrilling match. Should we be lucky enough to witness such a climax as last year's? Could Talbot and Gilks retain their unbeaten record of this season?

In the event, the match quite lived up to expectations. The English pair got off to a flying start, flick serving by both Gilks and Talbot being highly effective against Pri, and with Gilks' brilliant net interceptions, the English pair arrived at 13-4. Pri then started to get into the match and with careful, practically error-free play got up to 12-13. At this stage Gilks played two accurate short returns, and took the first game 15-12.

The second game was full of brilliant badminton, and with never more than 2 or 3 points difference in the score when 9-all was reached, a lengthy rally ended in Pri's favour to give him an important lead at 10-9. At 11-10 Talbot, receiving, was faulted for moving before the shuttle was struck to give Pri another valuable point, but Talbot and Gilks came back to lead 13-12. At this point two errors by the English pair, a smash out of court by Gilks followed by a serve into the net by Talbot let the Danes off the hook and they quickly arrived at 13-all. In the 5 point setting a total of no fewer than 13 serves was necessary to get the Danes home 18-14.

Worthy Winners

In the deciding game, Pri, now in full cry and Strand withstanding, with impeccable defence, all the severe smashing directed at her by Talbot, very quickly established a commanding lead. Errors flowed from the English rackets. So the Danes retained their championship with a score of 15-2 in the final game.

A magnificent match, but it must be stated that in the tension of the occasion, all players, even Gillian Gilks, were called either for faulty service action or for moving before the shuttle was struck. This tended to upset the rhythm of the play of both sides, and it seems a pity that such minor faults, although definitely breaches of the law, are so severely punished. However, Pri and Strand by their excellent play were worthy winners, and this gained Pri some consolation for his defeat in the singles final.

Ladies' Doubles

SECOND STRINGS PLAY SWEETER

BETTY GRACE

(*ex-Essex and England; England Selector*)

AT the start of the Championships, few would have predicted that neither of the top seeds in this event would reach the final, and, furthermore, that the two second-ranked pairs of the same two countries would do so in their stead, both, on their play at Wembley, fully deserving to reach this stage.

There was only one upset to the seeding up to the last eight, the young Danish pair Miss Köppen and Miss Berglund accounting for Miss Koestijah and Miss Nurtjahja quite easily. In their quarter-final, against Misses Aizawa and Takenaka, they held the eventual champions to a very close first game, but they played as individuals, and the better team-work of the Japanese enabled them to gain the ascendancy.

Anglo-Danish Duels

In two of the quarter-finals there were English-Danish duels. In one Miss Beck and Mrs. Richard disposed of the top pair, Mrs. Kaagaard and Miss Flindt, quite comfortably. The first game of the match between Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Hashman and Mrs. Strand and Mrs. Jorgensen produced some superb rallies — ladies' doubles at its most interesting — but the Danish sisters could not maintain the pace.

Holders Demoralised

The remaining quarter-final produced the first real surprise, when Mrs. Gerlatszka and Miss Wackerow, after losing the first game to Mrs. Nakayama and Miss Yuki, kept up the attack to such purpose that the holders were completely demoralised and lost easily. In the semi-final, Miss Beck and Mrs. Rickard, who had won all their matches very impressively, with Miss Beck playing beautifully round the back of the court and Mrs. Rickard serving well and dealing most efficiently with the net shots, carried on in the same fashion and never allowed the Germans to get on the attack.

England's High Hopes

At one stage, with them leading 13-4 on one court and with Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Hashman 13-3 on another against Miss Takenaka and Miss Aizawa, there were high hopes of an English final, but it was not to be. The Japanese girls kept fighting, and eventually only lost the first game to 8. By this time they were playing very well and it was soon obvious that the long rallies were having their effect on Mrs. Hashman, who was doing the major part of the work. There were flashes of the old brilliance, but she made a series of uncharacteristic errors, and, with Mrs. Gilks unable to take over and maintain the attack, they lost the second game to 4 and really never looked like taking the third, although they did fight back.

Too Good to Last

In the final, Miss Beck and Mrs. Rickard won the first game and started off the second in the same devastating form they had shown throughout the Championships, playing a strict front and back formation, but it was too good to last — Miss Beck produced a string of errors, and the advantage slipped away. She seemed unable to distinguish between the two Japanese girls and not to realise that Miss Aizawa was the more vulnerable to attack and that it was suicidal to serve 'flicks' to Miss Takenaka — particularly in the forehand court. Nevertheless, the English pair were still in with a chance at 12-13 in the third game, but the strain was too great for Mrs. Rickard and her serve found the net.

In both the final and semi-final, the more flexible formation of the young Japanese pair, their speed about the court and their fighting spirit proved decisive factors and made them worthy winners.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Agenda for the A.G.M. of the Badminton Association of England

The 69th Annual General Meeting of the Badminton Association of England will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 20th May, in the Parliament Room, Church House, College Green, Gloucester.

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

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

AGENDA

1. **To approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.**
(The minutes were published in the Badminton Gazette of October 1971).
2. **To receive and, if thought fit, adopt the Annual Report of the Council for the year ended 31st May, 1971.**
(The report was published in The Badminton Gazette of March 1972).
3. **To receive and, if thought fit, to adopt the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st May, 1971.**
4. **To consider and, if thought fit, to adopt the following proposals by the Council to alter Rules of the Association:**
Rule 6 (f). It is proposed that the words "and of 'The Badminton Gazette' or other official organ of the Association, as issued" be deleted at the end of the first sentence in Rule 6 (f).
Rule 7 (d). It is proposed that in Rule 7 (d) the following words be added at the end of the first sentence: "but it shall not be permissible for any professional player or any person engaged in the manufacture or supply of badminton goods or equipment, or any person employed by a firm so engaged, or any person financially interested therein to be present at a General Meeting, except by special invitation of the Council and then only for the sole purpose of answering questions".
Rule 7 (i). It is proposed that in Rule 7 (i) after the words "one representative each" there be added the words "subject to the conditions quoted in paragraph (d) above".

5. **To consider and, if thought fit, to adopt the following proposals by the Nottinghamshire Badminton Association:**
that Regulation 12, Qualification of Players, for the Inter-County Championship should be amended as follows:
 - (i) After item (e), the following item should be added: "(f) in the case of a student, for the county in which he or she is residing for the purpose of attending a full time course at a university or school, provided that the course is for a period of not less than three years".
 - (ii) The sentence "Attendance at a school or university shall not be regarded as a residential qualification unless the player's permanent residence is in the same county" should be deleted.
6. **To consider and to decide how the Association's delegates shall cast England's votes on any matters relating to the Laws of Badminton which may feature on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the International Badminton Federation.**
NOTE.—The agenda for the meeting of the International Badminton Federation has not yet been received, but copies of any proposals concerned will be circulated later to all county associations.
7. **To elect the officers for 1972-73:-**
President: Mr. S. Wyatt has been proposed by the Council for re-election.
Vice-Presidents: Messrs. S. E. Andrew, S. G. Bell, W. G. P. Birtwistle, H. F. Chilton, G. R. Dunning, Mrs. A. M. Horner, Messrs. P. A. Johnson, F. W. Kirkby and H. Morland have been proposed by the Council for re-election.
Honorary Treasurer: Mr. S. C. Saunders has been proposed by the Council for re-election.
Honorary Assistant Treasurer: No nomination has been received.
8. **To report the names of nominees of County Associations (and their alternates) to sit on the Council for 1972-73 (see Rule 8).**
9. **To appoint the Auditors for 1972-73.**
Messrs. Simpson, Wreford & Co. retire and offer themselves for re-election.
10. **Any other business.**

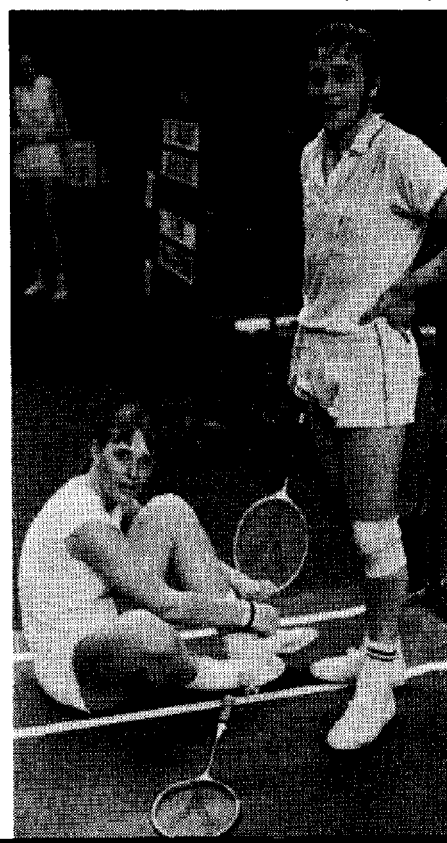
CHAMPIONS ALL!

First Indonesian champions: Ade Chandra and Christian with their Men's trophies.

The Champion's Way: Noriko Nakayama.

Footsore but triumphant: Ulla Strand and Svend Pri.

(Pat Davis)



AS will have been seen from the Stop Press in last month's edition, where the individual scores were fully set out, England very disappointingly came to the end of the road in their quest to win the Uber Cup this year, by losing to Denmark by the score of 5-2.

Slow Shuttles

The match was played in the magnificent setting of the Gentofte Badminton Club on the outskirts of Copenhagen, but from England's point of view it was marred by the fact that in the opinion of the English contingent the shuttles available for play were of insufficient speed to conform with the Regulations of the International Badminton Federation. In fact, as non-playing Captain of the English team, I only agreed to play the match under protest, having made my feelings on the subject known to the Honorary Referee and to the opposing side before the match commenced.

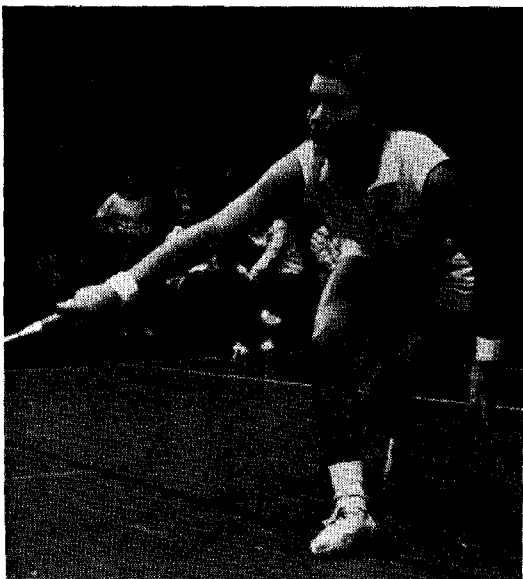
No shuttles of a faster speed than 78 could be found; this in the opinion of the writer is a ridiculous state of affairs, even for a friendly International match, let alone the final of the European Zone of the Uber Cup. In fairness to the Danes, it should be mentioned that coincident with the arrival of the English team in Copenhagen on the Thursday before the match on the Saturday, the weather had turned considerably colder, and it is understood that this had an effect on the shuttle speed; in addition to this the widespread scarcity of shuttles must be born in mind.

Nevertheless, it is to be hoped that the I.B.F., to whom England's protest has been referred, will, at the very least, issue instructions for the future that a sufficiently wide range of shuttle speeds must be available at each International fixture so as to ensure that compliance with the rules of the game can be achieved.

England Unsettled

The lengthy discussions and negotiations on the subject of the shuttle speed that delayed the start of the match appeared to have an unsettling effect on the English team. Both Margaret Beck and Gillian Gilks found themselves 8 love down in their games; they both pulled up to 8 all but whereas Margaret found the effort too much and lost the game without getting any further points, Gillian went on to win her opening game 11-8. In the second game of her match with Lene Koppen, Margaret in fact, led 10-8 only to lose it 12-11 and, of course, the match; she had not played at all badly, but in the event it was Lene Koppen who got the breaks in the form of unreturnable net cords at the vital moments. If the match had gone to a

Lene Koppen who beat Margaret Beck.
(A. W. Taal)



DANES DASH UBER CUP HOPES

third game, it was felt by the English that Margaret would have triumphed. Gillian suffered a reversal in her second set, but playing very authoritatively in the third, seemed in no danger of losing the game to Anne Berglund; Gillian was assisted by mistakes flowing from the racket of her opponent, unlike the play of Lene Koppen in the preceding match, which was very largely error free.

Coming at a crucial stage of the contest, Gillian's fine victory was much appreciated by the English party which was strengthened by the very welcome support and assistance provided by Peter Birtwistle, and rather belatedly due to travelling difficulties, by Eric and Dorothy Hinchliff.

Dane's Fine Play

At the end of the three singles, England found herself 2-1 down instead of the anticipated 2-1 up position. The slow shuttles did not seem materially to affect the performance of Margaret or Gillian in the same way as they did that of Julie Rickard in the opening singles; in fact, Gillian went as far as to say, after the game, that she felt the slow shuttles had helped her to dictate the terms.

by RON LOCKWOOD

(*ex-Middlesex and England*)

It was in the doubles however, that the shuttle speed appeared to be felt most by the English players, particularly the older members of the respective partnerships, Judy Hashman and Jenny Horton. This, in view of the extra effort needed to put the shuttle away, was hardly surprising.

I would not wish to say anything that would detract from the performance of the Danish girls in the doubles events as they all played very well; in fact, the partnership of Pernille Kaagaard and Anne Flindt was very decisive. They probably played better than they have ever done. Pernille admitted to me after the match, she would be surprised, but very pleased, if they ever played as well again.

Jake Downey's Great Effort

So ended England's efforts in the current Uber Cup contest — efforts which had started very many months earlier when the Uber Cup squad had been formed. A great deal of hard work had been put in by the squad members and a lot of sacrifices made during the preparations that had preceded the matches in which England had participated. It must not be thought that all the effort has been in vain, and the experience gained will, it is hoped, stand us in good stead for the future.

Mention must be made of the sterling work put in by Jake Downey, the Uber Cup Squad Coach. He is to be congratulated on the rapport he managed to build up with the members of the Squad; it is impossible adequately to describe all the hard work undertaken for and thought given by him to the Squad. I would merely like to express the sincere thanks of the selectors and, indeed, of the whole of the Inter-

national Match Committee of the Badminton Association of England, to him and also to all the girls in the Squad for everything that has been achieved.

UBER CUP PROGRESS

Denmark as winners of the European zone go forward to meet Japan in one semi-final. Canada, who beat U.S.A. 6-1, will fight for a place in the other semi-final against Indonesia who had walkovers against Hong Kong and Thailand and beat Malaysia 6-1. The winner of this tie will meet New Zealand, 4-3 conquerors of Australia, in the other semi-final.

These ties will all take place in the Municipal Gymnasium in Tokyo on 6th, 7th and 8th June. The final will be played on 11th June.

Mr. H. A. E. Scheele had been appointed Honorary Referee but owing to his recent severe back injury has had to relinquish the position. Mr. H. F. Chilton, Chairman of the B.A. of E., has been appointed in his place.

OLYMPIC GAMES

A fully representative international entry is now assured. Play will be held in the Volleyball Hall on 4th September in three sessions starting at 10 a.m., 3 p.m., and 8 p.m. (finals only).

Some three thousand seats will be available at D.M.5 (£0.60). It is understood the booking office will be open in Munich on 1st June and that tickets will be obtainable through the B.A. of E. and other national Badminton organisations.

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ENGLAND WIN CHAMPIONSHIP and TEN MEDALS

IN Kalskrona, a naval port in Southern Sweden, the third Individual European Senior Championship and, for the first time, the European Team Championship were played over four days from April 12th to the 16th. All the players, officials, umpires and guests were housed at the truly luxurious Ronneby Brunn Hotel situated some twenty miles from the playing arena. An efficient transport system conveyed passengers to and from Kalskrona throughout the day.

Our Swedish hosts were unbelievably attentive and many a new friendship was struck. To them all we owe a great debt of gratitude for a most pleasant stay in their country. It might perhaps be unfair to mention anyone by name but it would be uncharitable to let this occasion pass without a special word of thanks to Stellan Mohlin, Rolf Lind and his family and Bengt Nilsson.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

A Fine Start

On the first two days England took part with Denmark, West Germany, Scotland and Sweden in the European Team Championship League for the Rosenblom Cup and at 10.0 a.m. Wednesday morning in the superb five court Kalskrona Badminton Club, England opened their programme against Scotland, and England came through without dropping a match to win 5-0.

In the afternoon, Denmark beat Germany 3-2 in a desperately close fight and Sweden beat Scotland 4-1 after losing the ladies' doubles. At 7.0 p.m. Sweden met Germany in another thriller. Young Michael Schnaase took the first set from Sture Johnsson but lost. With the score 2-2 Wolfgang Bochow and Marie Louise Wackerow won their mixed against Gert Perneklo and Eva Twedberg 18-14 in the third to give Germany a 3-2 victory.

The vital England v. Denmark match was also played at 7.0 p.m. Margaret Beck gave us the lead but only after Karin Jorgensen had posed some real problems. Fleming Delfs, the elegant Dane, and the workman-like Ray Stevens then played one of the memorable matches of the Championships. Ray fought his way back into the first set after being well down but then missed a set point to lose 17-16. Undaunted, he continued to press Fleming whose fine cutting-edge was eventually blunted by Ray's strength, courage and defensive ability.

Margaret Beck and Judy Hashman were then well beaten by Pernille Kaagaard and Anne Flindt but Elliot Stuart and Derek Talbot played well to beat a determined Erland Kops and Klaus Kaagaard in three good sets to give England a winning lead. The ability of the English pair to raise the pace at vital stages was the critical difference in this game. Derek and Gill were too good for Delfs and Pernille to give England an impressive 4-1 margin.

Vital Matches

England were to play Sweden first at 1.0 p.m. and on entering the hall heard that the powerful Danes had beaten Scotland 5-0 during the morning session. With their

two fine singles players, Sweden posed a real threat and in the vital first event Talbot and Stuart had to play well to beat Gert Perneklo and Thomas Kihlstrom. England went behind 2-1 after losing both singles David Eddy to Johnsson and Gill Gilks to Eva Twedberg, but came back to win the remaining doubles to take the tie 3-2. If we had our sums right Germany had to win 4-1 or 5-0 to prevent us winning the Championship.

The first event was the mixed double and Gill and Derek were faced by Bochow and Wackerow — formidable opponents. With Gill in confident mood in the forecourt, Wolfgang and Marie Louise found themselves under some pressure. The errors in length and direction which followed were efficiently dealt with by Derek to give England the lead 1-0.

In the second match, Ray Stevens faced the newcomer to the German side, Michael Schnaase, a very fit and fast 19 year old. Young Schnaase was called for hitting the shuttle above waist high and this appeared to affect his play. Nevertheless Ray won another important match for us and the 2-0 lead in fact gave us the Championship.

The ladies' single was another tough match when the promising Brigitte Steden

by **JOHN HAVERS**
(ex-Essex and England)

lost only 12-9 in the third set to Margaret Beck. With the tie won 3-0, Elliot and Derek found it difficult to get the adrenalin flowing against Roland Maywald and Willi Braun.

Judy and Gill had no such problems in their ladies against Brigitte Steden and Gudrin Ziebold and won very impressively to give England a 4-1 victory and therefore clear winners of the European Team Championships. England won because they had the best all-round team in the Championships. It was well balanced, experienced and above all determined to win.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

And so to the individual championships. Drama immediately. The Danes had substituted Erland Kops in Svend Pri's place at the top of the draw and the rule book said it could not be done! There were also substitutions in the ladies' singles.

The time table was such that Derek Talbot decided in the interest of his partners to scratch from the men's singles. David Eddy was surprisingly beaten in the first round by an improved Ginneken (Holland) in three sets—perhaps the catching of the 8.20 a.m. bus had something to do with his below par performance. Ray Stevens (now sole survivor) came through to the quarter-final without being pressed too hard, although the improving Kihlstrom (Sweden) gave him a good workout.

Elsewhere in the draw Schnaase (Germany) had been too quick for Robert McCoig and Ginneken was awarded his match against Elo Hansen (Denmark). Poor Elo was very definitely under the weather and milk became an important part of his diet after this disquieting exit.

Stevens Fine Win

The quarter-finals produced two very exciting matches in Kops v. Stevens and Kaagaard v. Johnsson. Ray found very quickly that Erland was very definitely trying and his angled smashes soon had him in serious trouble. Ray's erratic length was making matters worse and the Dane won the first set comfortably. Ray won the second and the stage was set for the decider. Erland kept pace with his younger opponent and it was level pegging until 13-13 setting to five. 4-3 down Ray served short—a Danish error 4-4. A very short high serve for match point and Erland nearly decapitated Ray with a howitzer like smash. With a human animal's instinct to avoid certain death, Ray moved his head a fraction to one side—and the shuttle was two inches out at the back! (Kaagaard out-hit Johnsson to win 18-15 in the third.)

Bochow Triumphant

The quarters had been played on Saturday and the semis were played on Sunday morning. Ray was again troubled being unable to hit to a consistent length and Wolfgang Bochow in majestic form won comfortably in two sets. Kaagaard had another hard game against Delfs and after dropping the middle set (as he did against Johnsson in the quarters) came back strongly after the five minute interval to win a place in the final.

Bochow again played explosively and the Dane was always under pressure from the big man's accurate smash and delicate touch. Kaagaard never extended the German who ecstatically threw his arms high in the air with the match won. He had every reason to be pleased with a magnificent performance.

All English Final

The ladies single looked a very open event particularly as Eva Twedberg was not at her impressive best during the team championship. Gill Gilks was playing Lene Koppen and Margaret Beck, Pernille Kaagaard. Gill in good form beat her Danish opponent in two sets but Margaret came through only after a tough fight 11-8 in the third set. In this final set, Pernille had been foot faulted at 8-9 a critical stage, and then made two more errors to give Margaret the match.

In the semi-final, Gillian took the fight to Eva in tremendous style which had even the home crowd cheering. Her smashing and delicate cross court drops to Eva's forehead were her main weapons but perhaps more impressive was her lack of errors. There was a slight hint of nervousness before Gill ran out a worthy winner in two sets to the delight of the vociferous British contingent.

Margaret was also in compelling form in her match against Beusekom. The fleet-footed Cumberland girl was in absolutely superb form in the final. Even quicker

about the court than in the semi-final. Margaret dominated the proceedings much as Bochow had done in the men's final. Gill certainly did not play badly. It was a case of Margaret playing superbly well. If she has played better it would be surprising.

Deserved W.German Victory

There were few surprises in the men's doubles. Kops and Hansen lost to Braun and Maywald (Germany) in one semi-final, being rather more decisive round the net. Stuart and Talbot were given a walkover in their semi-final by the other German pair, Bochow and Kucki. Although a disappointment, it was expected with Bochow in all three semi-finals.

England Dominant Again

In the final, Derek and Elliot were slow to start. Down in the second, they gave a typically gritty performance to fight back into a 13-10 lead. A vital point or two missed and the Germans were home — a very good and fully deserved win for two very pleasant gentlemen.

The Ladies' Doubles produced some very good play. Flindt and Kaagaard had to fight desperately hard to gain a semi-final place against Gilks and Hashman. In the other half, Beck and Rickard had been playing splendidly and won well against the Germans, Kucki and Wackerow. Their opponents in the semi were Koppen and Jorgensen, from Denmark, and they again played impressively to reach the final.

Gill and Judy had a psychological as well as a physical problem to overcome against the Danish pair who had beaten them recently in the Uber Cup. They overcame both problems superbly with Judy in sound form at the back of the court and Gill her usual impressive self at the net.

Both English pairs in the final and this time Gill with Judy reversed the single result and beat Margaret and Julie in two sets. They were the better pair and fully deserved the gold medal but the second best pair in the tournament was rewarded with the silver.

Talbot-Gilks Grand Finale

The four English pairs were well to the fore in the mixed doubles, three of them reaching the quarter-finals. Perneklo and Twedberg had played well to prevent Hashman and Stuart from making up the quartet. Stevens and Beck upset the seedings by beating Frazer Gow and Christine Stewart, from Scotland, but failed in their bid to reach a place in the semi-finals by losing to Maywald and Brigitte Steden. Derek and Gill demolished Kops and Kaagaard but David Eddy and Julie Rickard after a splendid fight were beaten by Bochow and Wackerow in three sets.

Perneklo and Twedberg were the other semi-finalists but they made little headway against Bochow to lose in two sets. Gill and Derek continued in commanding fashion to defeat Maywald and Steden with Gill now causing gasps of astonishment at her powerful interceptions and smashes.

Bochow and Wackerow were never able to contain a rampant English pair in the final who gave a superb exhibition of mixed doubles play to the delight of the responsive audience.

The Team Championship and 10 of the 16 medals won by the England "Eight"—Number Nine was so pleased!

SALVE ATQUE VALE

After his unfortunate accident (see page 183) Court Jester will be recuperating all next season. By 1973-4 we hope he will be back with us again. **Thank you, Whimp!**

Meanwhile, look out for Smallman!

COMPETITIONS

To keep our readers Badminton-minded throughout the summer we invite them to send in entries for the following Competitions to the Editor, 60 St. Martins Hill, Canterbury (whose decision is final). They should be sent in as soon as possible but the Competitions will be kept open until 1st August.

1. **Humour** A Yoneyama racket, kindly presented by **Ascot Sports**, will be awarded to the sender of the best humorous article, or series of articles, true or fictional, on Badminton.
2. **Puzzles** A tube of Tourney Shuttles, kindly presented by **R.S.L.**, will be awarded to the sender of the best Crossword, or other puzzle, or series of puzzles, on Badminton.

COMPETITION PRIZE WINNERS

Photographic

A **Superlite** racket, kindly presented by **Gray's of Cambridge**, has been awarded to **Graham Habbin**, Surrey, for an originally presented folio of 20 fine action photos of the All-England Championships.

Thanks to the generosity of **Ascot Sports**, a **Yoneyama** racket can also be awarded to **L. C. H. Ross**, Southampton, for two imaginatively produced folios on a Junior Coaching Session and the All-England.

Highly commended: **David Pegg**, Staines; **R. W. Bigg**, Padgate; **M. Renney**, Stockfield. (The Gazette is also much indebted to **A. W. Green**, Essex; **A. W. Taal**, Holland and **P. Aslett**, Worthing, for fine non-competition contributions).

New Subscribers

A **3.7 racket**, kindly presented by **Carlton**, has been awarded to **Miss P. Hogarth**, Kent who obtained a record number of 15 new subscribers. A fine effort!

Cartoons and Drawings

A **3.7 racket**, kindly presented by **Carlton**, has been awarded to **David Blanch**, Cleethorpes, whose "Small man" cartoons will appear regularly in next season's Gazettes.

Highly commended: **B. O'Reilly**, Edgbaston, and **Bill Hillash**, Manitoba, Canada.

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England v Japan

RISING SUN ECLIPSED

A HUSH descended on the record 1,600 crowd in Carlisle Market Hall. The introductions and the anthems were over and play was about to begin the first ever, full international between England and Japan. The feeling that something special was about to happen hung heavily in the air.

Cumbria's Own

England had chosen Margaret Beck to open the tie against Hiroe Yuki, the All-England champion of '69, a testing ordeal for the young Cumbrian in her second international on her home soil. Miss Yuki's opening serve lacked depth and was confidently punished by Miss Beck—a promising start. The athletic Cumbrian girl then played singles of the highest class, whiplashing clears to the extremities of the court and finishing with a rare delicacy of touch at the net, as Miss Yuki struggled to find both length and line.

Miss Beck reached 10-4, employing the low serve to good effect, but then a combination of her own unforced errors and some brilliant forehand cross-court drops from the Japanese gradually whittled away this lead. Miss Yuki advanced from 6-10 to 9-10 on one hand as two thousand Cumbrian fists clenched and a thousand Cumbrian hearts willed their champion to score that elusive final point. One could sense the relief, both of the crowd and the player, when, with Miss Beck once more in hand, Miss Yuki hit her favourite drop into the net to give England the first game at 11-9.

Spate of Errors

Errors abounded in the second game which Miss Yuki took at 11-4 and she was soon at 3-0 in the decider. More low serving saw Miss Beck equalise at 3-3; two hands took Japan to 7-3 but drop shots of sheer perfection from Miss Beck levelled at 7-all. At this point, the most breathtaking of the scores of brilliant rallies in the match ended with Miss Beck leaving her opponent stranded in mid-court with a devastating, disguised clear—but, agonisingly, it was just out.

Elated by her good fortune, Miss Yuki quickly reached match point and appropriately ended the match at 11-7 with the drop which had served her so well throughout. Margaret had lost, but how we Cumbrians were proud of her, and both girls left the court to a thunderous ovation!

A Splendid Recovery

Hardly had the applause died away than Derek Talbot was at 6-0 in the first game against Ippei Kojima. The Englishman's explosive smash pierced the Japanese defence time after time and some very early net shots kept up the pressure. Talbot reached 14-3 with scarcely a clear and the game ended at 15-3 when a harassed Kojima hit out.

What a transformation then took place! The diminutive Kojima took complete control at the start of the second game. Now it was he who took the early shuttles at the net and blunted Talbot's smash with deep searching clears. He levelled the

match at 15-2 and was a popular and deserving winner at 15-8 in the decider.

A Touch of Arrogance

2-0 down, enter the majestic Gillian Gilks. A stroke of luck for England: Noriko Nakayama, top seeded in the imminent All-England Championships, was nursing an injured ankle and had withdrawn from the singles. Her replacement, Machiko Aizawa, was not in the same class, and Mrs. Gilks, with that touch of arrogance which characterises her play, swept to a straight games victory.

Rockets Galore

Ray Stevens, who made such an impression on his international debut here last season, squared the tie by defeating Shoichi Toganoo 15-8, 15-5 in the fourth match. Stevens was on top throughout but worthy of mention was the way he countered a Japanese revival from 5-10 to 8-10 in the first game. His answer was simple but effective. The Essex lad rocketed his services in the highest parabolas yet seen in the Market Hall, even managing two or three 'lets' on a beam some 40 feet high! This so upset the Japanese rhythm that Stevens ran out at 15-8.

The Immortal Hashman

There then followed two doubles matches which mere words could not describe. First the immortal Judy Hashman partnered

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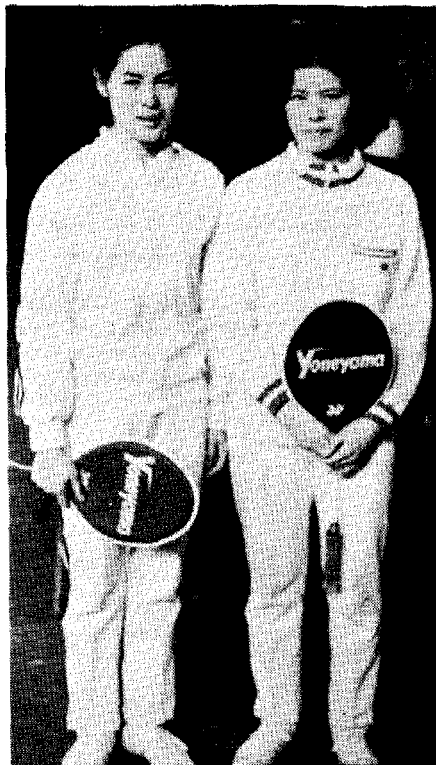
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Margaret Beck against the Misses Takenaka and Aizawa—and if you think ladies doubles is dull stuff you should have seen this one.

Both pairs won a game, and in a wildly fluctuating third end, the score reached 14-all. The atmosphere was electric, but Mrs. Hashman was the coolest person in the Hall and she proceeded to show us just why she is regarded as the greatest lady

Miss E. Takenaka and Miss M. Aizawa, who later won the All-England Ladies' Doubles

(Pat Davis)



player of all time. A brilliant, tight, back-hand cross-court winner at the net was sheer vintage Hashman and her calm and steely determination inspired her young partner. Some swift counter attacks against the Japanese smashes—and the match was England's at 17-15. The crowd went wild with delight, and cheered the four girls to the echo.

Indiarubber Man

Amazingly, more—and better—was to follow! England's men, Talbot and Elliot Stuart, began in frenzied style and were soon 5-0 in arrears. Thereafter, the Northumbrians settled down and we were treated to the finest men's doubles match ever seen in Carlisle.

All four men were brilliant in their different ways: Stuart generalling the English partnership, Talbot supplying the fire-power, and the two Japanese retrieving impossible shots from all parts of the court. Indeed, on one occasion, Kojima picked up a net shot near the sideline, vanished momentarily under the umpire's chair and then miraculously reappeared in the nick of time to launch himself full length again to save yet another English 'winner'! The crowd were quite ecstatic as England took the first game 18-16. They were delirious (when the Japanese elected not to set in the second) and Talbot produced two thunderbolts to give England the match at 15-13, a winning 4-2 lead in the tie.

With the spectators in a state of nervous exhaustion the final ladies' doubles was a mere formality. Gillian Gilks and Julie Rickard needed three games to defeat Hiroe Yuki and Noriko Nakayama, but one felt that Japanese thoughts were now more on the forthcoming All-England.

"Sayonara"

A magnificent tie, five hours of the greatest badminton ever seen in Cumberland. It was a privilege and a pleasure to play host to our charming and delightful visitors from the Far East. We can only hope our hospitality matched the standard of their play, and as we say 'Sayonara' we sincerely hope that their brilliant play and delightful personalities will grace the courts of Cumberland again in the not too distant future.

Best Ever

The organisation was quite superb, thanks mainly to Tommy Marrs, the indefatigable Secretary of the Cumberland B.A. and Match Co-ordinator Peter Birtwistle, of Lancashire. But let the last word be with England's captain, the normally reserved and oft pessimistic, Jack McColl. In his post match speech, before he opened the champagne, Jack remarked: "This is the best international I have ever seen: an England team has never played better!" All Cumberland agrees with that!

Results

Miss M. Beck lost to Miss H. Yuki 11-9, 4-11, 7-11.

D. Talbot lost to I. Kojima 15-3, 2-15, 8-15.

Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss M. Aizawa 11-1, 11-6.

R. P. Stevens beat S. Toganoo 15-8, 15-5.

Miss M. Beck and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman beat Miss E. Takenaka and Miss M. Aizawa 15-13, 7-15, 17-15.

D. Talbot and E. C. Stuart beat I. Kojima and S. Toganoo 18-16, 15-13.

Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Mrs. W. R. Rickard beat Mrs. N. Nakayama and Miss H. Yuki 18-13, 11-15, 15-7.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

20 Sandleigh Road,
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April 5th, 1972

Dear Editor,

After the recent festive occasions naturally associated with the German, Danish, World Invitation, Britannic House and All-England Championships, it brings one right down to earth to receive a letter such as I did last week from India's Uber Cup player and thrice national champion Damayanti Subedar Tambay.

She wrote of the war there, about which we in England have seen so much on television, "For India as a whole it was indeed a great success in every way, but for the families which have lost their dear ones it was the biggest misfortune of their lifetime".

Damayanti first represented India in 1968 and played in the All-England in 1965 with Meena Shah. For those of us fortunate enough—and there are quite a few—to have been invited to India to play badminton, she was a permanent fixture and a constant source of amusement, with a fantastic quick and dry wit. She got married about a year ago.

Her husband, Fl.-Lt. V. V. Tambay (No. 7662), a bomber pilot with the Indian Air Force, was reported missing in action last December 5th, shot down over Shorkot airfield, flying a Russian-made SU-7. Her appeal is passionate and simple — the two official Pakistan lists, as released to India, include only a total of 630 names, and not his. She just wants to know whether he is alive or dead.

I ask any of you reading this, if you have any connections with your own or Pakistan embassy officials, then maybe badminton can provide the necessary link. If you have any success in obtaining information, or even if you have just made an abortive effort, please write to her at 8/B Elgin Road, Allahabad (U.P.), India.

Yours most sincerely,

JUDY HASHMAN

The Cottage,
Clarks Green,
Studley,
Warwickshire.
20th March, 1972.

Dear Sir,

Your article seems to make too much of a mystery out of "Tennis Elbow." If any of your readers are interested in the subject all that is required is to ask their wives to buy a leg or shoulder of lamb and before it is thrown away on the third day, to inspect what is left, viz. bone and gristle.

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5 Bye	*W. Braun & R. Maywald (G)	Braun & Maywald	Hutchinson & Smith	Hutchinson & Smith	Stevens & Tredgett	Stevens & Tredgett
6 Bye	Lee Kok Pheng & Lim Shook Kong (M)	15/3, 15/6				
7 Bye	S. Rattanusorn & B. Jaiyen (I)	Rattanusorn & Jaiyen	Nielsen & Purser	Hutchinson & Smith	Stevens & Tredgett	Stevens & Tredgett
8 Bye	S. Johnson & G. Perneklo (Sw)	15/9, 18/14				
9 Bye	*Nara Sudjana & Indra Gunawan (In)	Hutchinson & Smith	Nielsen & Purser	Hutchinson & Smith	Stevens & Tredgett	Stevens & Tredgett
10 Bye	D. Hutchinson & P. J. Smith	w/o				
11 Bye	T. Nielsen (D) & R. H. Purser (NZ)	Nielsen & Purser	Rahman & Ng Tat Wai	Bochow & Kucki	Stevens & Tredgett	Stevens & Tredgett
12 Bye	C. J. Kirk & B. H. White	4/15, 15/12, 15/11				
13 Bye	*A. Rahman & Ng Tat Wai (M)	Rahman & Ng Tat Wai	Bochow & Kucki	Bochow & Kucki	Stevens & Tredgett	Stevens & Tredgett
14 T. J. Bowler & D. R. M. Pither	Bowler & Pither	15/5, 15/8				
15 †D. Clarke & M. H. Parratt	6/15, 15/3, 15/8		Bochow & Kucki	Bochow & Kucki	Stevens & Tredgett	Stevens & Tredgett
16 T. Kihlström & B. Frömann (Sw)	Bochow & Kucki	12/15, 15/7, 15/7				
17 W. Bochow & G. Kucki (G)	Bochow & Kucki	12/15, 15/7, 15/7	Taylor & White	Christian & Ade Chandra	Christian & Ade Chandra	Christian & Ade Chandra
18 †G. J. G. Taylor & N. J. White	Taylor & White	15/9, 15/8				
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20 I. Kojima & S. Toganoo (J)	Eddy & Sutton	15/7, 15/10				
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37 Bye	†P. J. Robinson & M. G. Thompson	Gunalan & Ng Boon Bee	Gunalan & Ng Boon Bee	Gunalan & Ng Boon Bee	Christian & Ade Chandra	Christian & Ade Chandra
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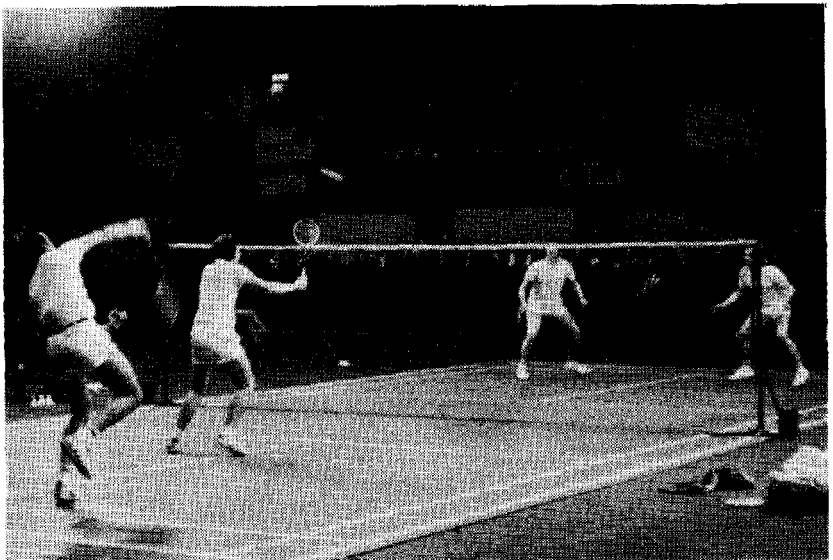
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2 Ng Tat Wai (M)	15/5, 15/6	Pri				
3 Lee Kin Tat (Si)	Lee Kin Tat	15/5, 15/9				
4 J. McKee (C)	12/15, 15/12, 15/8					
5 M. Schnaase (G)	Schnaase					
6 S. Togano (J)	15/10, 12/15, 15/11	Purser				
7 D. R. Hunt	Purser	15/8, 15/4				
8 R. H. Purser (N.Z.)	15/12, 12/15, 15/4					
9 *Tan Aik Huang (M)	Tan Aik Huang					
10 K. P. Arthur	15/11, 15/10	Tan Aik Huang				
11 K. Johnsson (Sw)	Johnsson	15/2, 15/1				
12 R. Ridder (N)	15/6, 15/11					
13 TD. J. Hutchinson	Shaw					
14 S. J. Shaw	15/13, 8/15, 15/11	Jaiyen				
15 F. Sanudo (M)	Jaiyen	15/4, 15/2				
16 B. Jaiyen (T)	15/0, 15/0					
17 *Muljadi (In)	Muljadi					
18 Moo Foot Lian (M)	15/0, 15/2	Muljadi				
19 W. Braun (G)	Braun	15/8, 15/11				
20 H. C. Middleton	15/5, 15/3					
21 N. H. McCloy (Sc)	McCloy					
22 A. M. Morrow (Ir)	15/7, 15/7	Stevens				
23 R. P. Stevens	Stevens	15/2, 15/5				
24 E. Hansen (D)	15/1, 15/3					
25 *Tan Aik Mong (M)	Tan Aik Mong					
26 M. A. Nezzat	15/10, 15/3	Tan Aik Mong				
27 T. Kihlström (Sw)	Kihlström	15/7, 16/17, 15/13				
28 IW. Kidd	5/15, 15/9, 15/4					
29 H. Fröhlich (A)	Goh					
30 P. H. Goh	15/4, 15/2	Nielsen				
31 T. Nielsen (D)	Nielsen	15/7, 15/1				
32 T. A. Goode	15/10, 15/4					
33 W. Lund (Sw)	Lund					
34 R. van Ginneken (N)	15/7, 15/3	Talbot				
35 D. Talbot	15/2, 15/2	15/3, 15/9				
36 M. Epstein (C)						
37 E. Kops (D)	Christian					
38 Christian (In)	14/17, 18/14, 15/6	Christian				
39 C. J. Kirk	Kirk	15/7, 15/6				
40 P. Gunalan (M)	w/o					
41 Lim Shook Kong (M)	Maywald					
42 R. Maywald (G)	15/9, 3/15, 15/12	Hales				
43 P. Peterson (D)	Hales	15/3, 15/5				
44 R. S. Hales (U.S.)	15/8, 15/2					
45 B. H. White	Kojima					
46 I. Kojima (J)	15/8, 15/9	Johnsson				
47 J. C. Stretch	Johnsson	15/11, 15/8				
48 *S. Johnsson (Sw)	18/13, 15/9					
49 C. J. Beacom	Beacom					
50 A. Rahman (M)	15/7, 15/5	Smith				
51 G. Perneklo (Sw)	Smith	15/13, 10/15, 15/11				
52 P. J. Smith	15/12, 15/10					
53 J. A. Gardner	McCoig					
54 R. S. McCoig (Sc)	15/8, 15/6	Bochow				
55 K. Kaagaard (D)	Bochow	15/0, 15/3				
56 *W. Bochow (G)	15/7, 15/5					
57 P. Moore (Ir)	Lee Kok Pheng					
58 Lee Kok Pheng (M)	15/2, 12/15, 15/9	Lee Kok Pheng				
59 K. T. Winter (G)	Winter	17/18, 15/10, 15/12				
60 A. Hofer (A)	15/12, 15/2					
61 J. D. Eddy	Eddy					
62 S. Rattanusorn (T)	15/11, 15/13	Hartono				
63 R. Diaz Gonzalez (Mex)	Hartono	15/3, 15/4				
64 *R. Hartono (In)	15/4, 15/3					

R. HARTONO 15/9, 15/4



Wolfgang Bochow, with G. Kucki (W. Germany), unavailingly attacks Stevens and Tredgett (England).

(Pat Davis)

*Seeded player. †Won through Qualifying Rounds. (A) Austria. (Aus) Australia. (C) Canada. (D) Denmark. (G) Germany (West). (In) Indonesia. (Ir) Ireland. (J) Japan. (M) Malaysia. (Mex) Mexico. (N) Netherlands. (NZ) New Zealand. (Sc) Scotland. (Si) Singapore. (Sw) Sweden. (T) Thailand. (US) United States.

LADIES' SINGLES

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	4th Round	Semi-Final	Final	Winner
1	Bye	*Mrs. N. Nakayama (J)	Mrs. Nakayama	Mrs. Nakayama	Mrs. Nakayama 11/9, 11/10	Mrs. Nakayama 11/4, 11/8	Mrs. N. NAKAYAMA 11/5, 3/11, 11/7
2	Bye	Miss P. A. Smiles	11/0, 11/0	11/5, 11/2			
3	Bye	Mrs. P. Kaagaard (D)	Miss Sumirah	Mrs. Nakayama 11/9, 11/10			
4	Bye	Miss Taty Sumirah (In)	4/11, 11/2, 11/7				
5	Bye	*Miss M. Beck	Miss Beck	Miss Beck 11/3, 11/1			
6	Bye	Miss M. Wackerow (G)	11/1, 11/5				
7	Bye	Miss A. Börjesson (Sw)	Miss Börjesson	w/o			
8	Bye	Mrs. L. Bostofte (D)					
9	*Mrs. I. Gerlatzka (G)	Mrs. Gerlatzka	Mrs. Gerlatzka	Miss Utami Dewi 11/5, 11/8	Miss Köppen 11/8, 4/11, 11/9	Mrs. N. NAKAYAMA 11/5, 3/11, 11/7	
10	Mrs. K. Jørgensen (D)	12/11, 11/2	11/8, 11/8				
11	Mrs. U. Strand (D)	Mrs. Strand	Miss Utami Dewi 11/9, 11/1				
12	Miss M. Luesken (N)	4/11, 11/5, 11/4					
13	Miss B. Giles	Miss Utami Dewi	Miss Köppen 11/0, 11/4	Miss Köppen 7/11, 11/7, 11/3			
14	Miss Utami Dewi (In)	11/2, 11/2					
15	Miss H. J. Young (Ir)	Miss Flindt	Miss Köppen 11/6, 11/0	Miss Köppen 11/7, 11/6			
16	Miss A. Flindt (D)	11/6, 11/0					
17	*Miss L. Köppen (D)	Miss Köppen	Miss Köppen 11/0, 11/4	Miss Köppen 7/11, 11/7, 11/3			
18	Mrs. D. Hales (US)	12/9, 11/5					
19	†Miss R. M. Hughes	Miss Forrest	Miss Köppen 11/7, 11/6	Miss van Beusekom 11/3, 11/1			
20	Miss A. E. Forrest						
21	Miss K. Lindqvist (Sw)	Miss Nesbit	w/o	Miss van Beusekom 11/6, 12/9			
22	Miss K. Neke (Aus)						
23	Miss B. O'Brien (C)	Miss O'Brien	Miss Nesbit 11/12, 11/4, 11/4	Miss Yuki 12/9, 11/5			
24	Mrs. J. E. Rickard	11/7, 10/12, 11/6					
25	†Miss M. J. A. Brewer	Miss Spencer	Mrs. Sørensen 11/4, 11/1	Miss van Beusekom 11/3, 11/1			
26	Miss L. A. Spencer	11/1, 2/11, 11/7					
27	†Miss L. Harris (C)	Mrs. Sørensen	Miss van Beusekom 11/6, 12/9	Miss Yuki 11/5, 11/1			
28	Mrs. B. F. Sørensen (D)	11/4, 8/11, 12/9					
29	Miss A. Bög Jørgensen (D)	Miss Bög Jørgensen	Miss van Beusekom w/o	Miss Yuki 11/7, 12/11			
30	Miss G. Ziebold (G)	11/3, 11/8					
31	Miss Theodora (In)	Miss van	Miss van Beusekom w/o	Miss Yuki 11/7, 12/11			
32	*Miss J. van Beusekom (N)	Beusekom					
33	Miss J. Dakin (C)	Miss Dakin	Miss Beckett 11/3, 11/4	Miss Yuki 11/5, 11/1			
34	Mrs. B. Cooper	11/8, 11/4					
35	Miss B. Beckett (Ir)	Miss Beckett	Miss Yuki 11/5, 11/1	Miss Yuki 11/7, 12/11			
36	Mrs. P. E. Dawson	11/5, 11/5					
37	Mrs. M. A. Gilks	Mrs. Gilks	Miss Yuki 11/7, 5/11, 11/6	Miss Yuki 11/7, 12/11			
38	Miss M. Gardner	11/1, 11/1					
39	Miss H. T. Kelly (Sc)	Miss Yuki	Miss Yuki 11/1, 11/8	Miss Yuki 11/7, 12/11			
40	*Miss H. Yuki (J)						
41	Bye	Miss Intan Nurtjahja (In)	Miss Nurtjahja	Miss Intan Nurtjahja 11/5, 11/8	Mrs. Twedberg 11/7, 11/2	Mrs. N. NAKAYAMA 11/5, 3/11, 11/7	
42	Bye	Miss N. C. Gardner	11/1, 11/3				
43	Bye	Miss H. Schumacher (G)	Miss Berglund	Miss Intan Nurtjahja 11/5, 11/8			
44	Bye	*Miss A. Berglund (D)	11/1, 11/0				
45	Bye	Mrs. B. Steden (G)	Mrs. Steden	Mrs. Twedberg 11/3, 11/2			
46	Bye	Miss M. Aizawa (J)	11/7, 11/6				
47	Bye	Miss E. Carlsen (D)	Mrs. Twedberg	11/1, 11/4			
48	Bye	*Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sw)					

LADIES' DOUBLES

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	Semi-Final	Final	Winner
1	*Mrs. M. A. Gilks & Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman	Mrs. Gilks & Mrs. Hashman	Mrs. Gilks & Mrs. Hashman	Mrs. Gilks & Mrs. Hashman 15/0, 15/12	Mrs. Gilks & Mrs. Hashman 15/8, 15/0	Miss Aizawa & Miss Takenaka 9/15, 15/4, 15/9
2	†Mrs. A. M. Friend & Miss C. A. Holland	15/0, 15/7	15/0, 15/12			
3	Miss H. J. Young (Ir) & Mrs. D. Hales (US)	Miss Timbers & Miss Veasey	Mrs. Jørgensen & Mrs. Strand 18/13, 13/15, 15/5	Miss Aizawa & Miss Takenaka 15/5, 15/9		
4	Miss P. H. Timbers & Miss L. M. Veasey	15/9, 15/4				
5	*Mrs. K. Jørgensen & Mrs. U. Strand (D)	Mrs. Jørgensen & Mrs. Strand	Mrs. Jørgensen & Mrs. Strand 18/13, 13/15, 15/5	Miss Aizawa & Miss Takenaka 17/15, 15/3		
6	Miss G. Ziebold & Mrs. B. Steden (G)	15/7, 15/8				
7	Miss K. Nesbit (Aus) & Miss B. Beckett (Ir)	Miss Shedd & Mrs. Welch	Miss Aizawa & Miss Takenaka 15/5, 15/9	Miss Aizawa & Miss Takenaka 17/15, 15/3		
8	Miss M. Shedd & Mrs. B. Welch (C)	9/15, 15/10, 15/10				
9	*Miss M. Aizawa & Miss E. Takenaka (J)	Miss Aizawa & Miss Takenaka	Miss Aizawa & Miss Takenaka 15/5, 15/3	Miss Aizawa & Miss Takenaka 17/15, 15/3		
10	†Miss P. F. Chitty & Mrs. D. K. Illingworth	15/5, 15/3				
11	Miss H. Schumacher (G) & Miss A. Bög Jørgensen (D)	Mrs. Cooper & Mrs. Smith	Miss Aizawa & Miss Takenaka 15/5, 15/9	Miss Aizawa & Miss Takenaka 17/15, 15/3		
12	Mrs. B. Cooper & Mrs. D. G. Smith	15/9, 15/9				
13	*Miss R. Koestijah & Miss Intan Nurtjahja (In)	Miss Koestijah & Miss Nurtjahja	Miss Köppen & Miss Berglund 15/6, 15/7	Miss Beck & Mrs. Rickard 15/5, 15/10		
14	Miss H. R. Marks & Mrs. A. Smith	15/5, 15/11				
15	†Mrs. P. E. Dawson & Mrs. S. M. Jones	Miss Köppen & Miss Berglund	Miss Beck & Mrs. Rickard 15/7, 15/11	Miss Beck & Mrs. Rickard 15/5, 15/10		
16	Miss L. Köppen & Miss A. Berglund (D)	17/15, 15/2				
17	Miss P. Tumengkol & Miss R. Masli (In)	Miss Tumengkol & Miss Masli	Miss Beck & Mrs. Rickard 15/7, 15/11	Miss Beck & Mrs. Rickard 15/5, 15/10		
18	Miss B. Walsh & Miss C. Walsh	15/7, 15/8				
19	Miss H. T. Kelly & Mrs. C. Stewart (Sc)	Miss Beck & Mrs. Rickard	Miss Beck & Mrs. Rickard 15/7, 15/11	Miss Beck & Mrs. Rickard 15/5, 15/10		
20	*Miss M. Beck & Mrs. J. E. Rickard	15/12, 15/1				
21	Miss R. M. Hughes & Miss P. A. Smiles	Miss Dakin & Miss O'Brien	Mrs. Kaagaard & Miss Flindt 15/3, 15/8	Miss Beck & Mrs. Rickard 15/5, 15/10		
22	Miss J. Dakin & Miss B. O'Brien (C)	15/12, 15/12				
23	Miss J. van Beusekom & Miss M. Luesken (N)	Mrs. Kaagaard & Miss Flindt	Mrs. Gerlatzka & Miss Wackerow 15/6, 15/3	Mrs. Gerlatzka & Miss Wackerow 15/6, 15/3		
24	*Mrs. P. Kaagaard & Miss A. Flindt (D)	15/2, 15/8				
25	Mrs. J. M. Charlton & Miss C. E. Lindsay	Mrs. Charlton & Miss Lindsay	Mrs. Gerlatzka & Miss Wackerow 15/6, 15/3	Mrs. Gerlatzka & Miss Wackerow 15/6, 15/3		
26	Mrs. B. F. Sørensen & Miss E. Carlsen (D)	15/9, 17/14				
27	Miss M. Gardner & Mrs. H. J. Horton	Miss Gerlatzka & Miss Wackerow	Mrs. Gerlatzka & Miss Wackerow 15/6, 15/3	Mrs. Gerlatzka & Miss Wackerow 15/6, 15/3		
28	*Mrs I. Gerlatzka & Miss M. Wackerow (G)	15/3, 15/3				
29	Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sw) & Miss Taty Sumirah (In)	Miss Gardner & Miss Giles	Mrs. Nakayama & Miss Yuki 15/7, 15/4	Mrs. Gerlatzka & Miss Wackerow 9/15, 15/5, 15/1		
30	Miss N. C. Gardner & Miss B. Giles	15/5, 15/12				
31	Miss A. Börjesson & Miss K. Lindqvist (Sw)	Mrs. Nakayama & Miss Yuki	Mrs. Nakayama & Miss Yuki 15/7, 15/4	Mrs. Gerlatzka & Miss Wackerow 9/15, 15/5, 15/1		
32	*Mrs. N. Nakayama & Miss H. Yuki (J)					

Miss M. AIZAWA & Miss E. TAKENAKA 9/15, 15/8, 15/12

KELVIN HALL '72

IN the luxuriously rebuilt Kelvin Hall arena, the Scottish Badminton public was entertained to a feast of play which will be talked about for many years. We are confident in hoping that the competition will be remembered for two years at least, if for no better reason than to attract the spectators back for Kelvin Hall '74.

A Flying Start

With exhibition tournaments of this type, a good start is essential — and a good start we had! What better for a curtain raiser than the immense Bochow against the diminutive Gonzalez, and what better result than the wee fellow winning and winning well, to the delight of the crowd! After that it was easy. We watched Pri out-gun Muljadi and Eva Twedberg, looking a trifle jaded to begin with, but none the less attractive, produce a fine win over Yuki.

Then, sometimes to a stunned silence, Hartono took Hansen to the proverbial cleaners. The Dane eventually resorted to his famous trick shots, but even this gambit found the Indonesian machine totally unimpressed. Hartono's subsequent steam-rolling of Kojima left no-one in doubt as to the result in the men's singles.

Foul Service?

Then the shock results began to arrive. Van Beusekom and Luesken, wearing the shortest and tightest of shorts, quietly saw off the fancied Nakayama and Yuki and then crushed Berglund and Kaagaard. Another shock was not the defeat of McCoig and Van Beusekom by Walsoe and Kaagaard, but more Walsoe's terrible top-spin service delivered from the region of his right armpit. Incidentally, less lethal but equally foul, was Hartono's low service in his singles.

Partisan Applause

After the initial set-back in the mixed, and, after all everyone knew that Van Beusekom and not Robert was to blame, the Scottish victories began to pour in. A pleasant draw put McCoig and Gow through against Kojima and Toganoo and

in the mixed Gow and Christine Stewart nearly brought the roof in by beating Bochow and Twedberg, the last mentioned showed some displeasure at the beautifully biased and partisan applause which increased proportionally as her annoyance increased, while Bochow just laughed.

Then our lads went and beat Pri and Walsoe although Pri appeared lethargic and Walsoe positively pedestrian. However, how pleasant it was to see Scottish players really in contention and not just along to make up the numbers as has happened sometimes in the past! There were two English chaps in the draw, Elliott Stuart and Derek Talbot, but they lost early on to two Indonesians after appearing to have the game well in hand. Elliot in particular looked a bit worn out, perhaps it was the travelling that was the cause.

Three-game Finals

Then came the finals. Apart from the women's doubles, every match was three games. Few will forget Pri losing the first game without a murmur to Hartono then hurrying the Indonesian off the court with a display of power Badminton, working to the plan that if the shuttle is above the net, hammer it. Hartono has yet to win at the Kelvin Hall!

Chandra went off like a pair of greyhounds then slumped, only to come back in the third game and lead 14-8 but fail to make the match point. In the mixed, Fraser and Christine came so close to beating Walsoe and Kaagaard, and, despite being cheered on by the capacity crowd, just failed at the last fence.

Altogether Kelvin Hall '72 was a memorable experience.

Results

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-Finals: R. Hartono beat I. Kojima 6 & 5; S. Pri beat R. Gonzalez 5-15, 11 & 4.
Final: Pri beat Hartono 1-15, 9 & 5.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-Finals: E. Twedberg beat H. Yuki 12-11 & 7; N. Nakayama beat A. Berglund 5-11, 3 & 1.
Final: Nakayama beat Twedberg 12-11, 3-11, 12-11.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: C. Handimoto & A. Chandra beat D. Talbot & E. Stuart 8-15, 17-14 & 4; R. McCoig & F. Gow beat S. Pri & P. Walsoe 9, 7-15 & 7.
Final: Handimoto & Chandra beat McCoig & Gow 12, 17-18, 17-15.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: J. van Beusekom & M. Luesken beat N. Nakayama & H. Yuki 18-17 & 3.
Final: van Beusekom & Luesken beat A. Berglund & P. Kaagaard 4 & 1.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: P. Walsoe & P. Kaagaard beat R. McCoig & J. van Beusekom 12 & 11; F. Gow & C. Stewart beat W. Bochow & E. Twedberg 11, 12-15, 18-13.
Final: Walsoe & Kaagaard beat Gow & Stewart 13-18, 9 & 12.

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COCK O' THE NORTH

Then our lads went and beat Pri, and Twedberg, down 10-1 in the third game to Nakayama, produced one of her famous fight backs only to lose setting, to the great disappointment of the spectators.

That left the two matches involving our own players and what a performance they gave, magnificent even in defeat. Robert and Fraser against Handimoto and

SCOTLAND BEAT IRELAND

SCORES (Scottish names first)

Miss H. T. Kelly lost to Miss B. Beckett 9-11, 11-6, 11-5.
R. S. McCoig beat P. Moore 15-4, 15-11.
N. H. McCloy beat C. Bell 15-12, 15-2.
Mrs. M. Odell and Miss H. T. Kelly lost to Mrs. M. Bryan and Miss Y. Kelly 18-16, 18-15.
J. Ansari and F. D. Gow beat P. Moore and A. Bell 15-4, 15-7.
R. S. McCoig and R. Conway beat M. Morrow and J. McCloy 11-15, 15-10, 15-12.
F. D. Gow and Mrs. C. Stewart beat A. Bell and Mrs. M. Bryan 15-1, 15-2.

Match Result: Scotland 5, Ireland 2.

THEY COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD :

BACK ROW (l. to r.): S. Toganoo, Muljadi, D. Talbot, R. Hartono, P. Walsoe, E. Hansen, W. Bochow, E. Stuart, F. Gow.
MIDDLE ROW: A. Chandra, R. Gonzalez, I. Kojima, Miss C. Stewart, Mrs. E. Twedberg, Mrs. P. Kaagaard, Miss J. van Beusekom, S. Pri, Christian, R. McCoig. FRONT ROW: Miss H. Yuki, Mrs. N. Nakayama, C. C. Reddie, A. P. Urquhart, F. Sonnevile, J. J. McCarry, Miss A. Berglund, Miss M. Luesken.



COACHING THE UBER CUP SQUAD

A Conversation with Jake Downey

John Woolhouse: You were a most successful county and tournament player in the early 1960's and have since become a successful P.E. lecturer as well as a National Coach. How did you become Coach to the Uber Cup Squad?

Jake Downey: I was approached in December 1970 by Nancy Horner, then Director of Coaching for the B.A. of E., who asked if I would be prepared to help with England team training. I readily agreed. I began to train the girls in February 1971 and I carried on throughout the summer and following winter until the end of the campaign in March 1972 when we lost in Denmark.

JTW: I'm sure that what you've tried to do and where and how you've done it would be of interest to readers of this column. Could you describe a typical session?

JCD: A normal session would be in three parts. We would have one 2 hour period and two 1½ hour periods. The first two hours would be based on exercises, normal circuit training, press-ups and such like as well as some flexibility exercises, some ballet training and techniques and some skipping. Then we would go on to stroke practice where we would spend the time grooving strokes — a set number of these because we would increase them each time — the sort of training I specify in my book* — what I call stroke sequence work. One, two or more shot sequences that had to be repeated 25 or whatever times. Then we would play different types of singles, 2 v. 1 and various other games we devised. The second period would be a learning period — we would consider some new aspect of the game maybe tactics, positional play, how to analyse play — to get them thinking more. The final period would be competitive games.

JTW: You mentioned learning periods. Did you find that there were plenty of things that people of this calibre had to learn and did you find that they were eager to learn?

JCD: The established players were very familiar with the learning situations and I must say that these players worked very hard at everything that I did. The younger players had a lot of learning to do and they would go through it but not with the same determination to master things. They often couldn't see the point of what we were doing. In many cases what they wanted to do was to get on and play badminton. There was a difference in the attitude of the two groups. During the season we got down to the application of skills — tactics, match play and the analysis of games — relationships in partnership etc. I had to go round the tournaments but with family commitments this was not always as often as I would have liked. I tried to plan the sessions on what I had seen at the tournaments.

JTW: So you did do a certain amount of work on how players could beat future opponents?

JCD: This came after Christmas 1971 when we were working towards the Dutch match. We would use men players, who were very keen to help, and the girls would play against the men who would try to play particular shots and patterns in the way that future opponents were likely to play. We developed a questionnaire which gave an analysis of an opponent's play — and a number of these analyses gave a total picture which we would then consider and plan for. Thinking was 95% of the work..

JTW: You had been developing this important relationship with the players. When the Uber Cup matches came along you were invited by the selectors to accompany the team; this was, I believe, the first time this has happened. Was this the selectors recognising that you had developed an important relationship with the players?

JCD: Yes, I think so. It becomes important that you are there to advise. The players have to do the final preparation on the court and it means that this is organised. When they go for the final session before the match the coach can make sure that they play just as much as is necessary to get them to a mental and physical peak and only the coach can do this because of his long period of work with the players. I think that the selectors realise that the coach is important and I know that the players appreciate it and respond to it.

JTW: So you went to the match against Holland and then to Denmark with the team. What happened in Denmark?

JCD: I suppose all I can say is that we lost. There were some unfortunate events prior to the match which affected the girls

and upset the conditions for which we had been training. Basically it was speed of shuttles — they didn't satisfy international regulations. In the discussion that went on and in the waiting around, the girls lost this important edge prior to the match and by the time they got on court I think that they were fighting the problem of shuttle speed as well as fighting for the European Championship. The Danish girls played brilliant badminton. I think we could have played just as brilliantly. Unfortunately, the slower speed of shuttle and different technique and adaptation required to a different type of game raised problems we didn't have time to meet. So Denmark played exceedingly well and deserved to win.

JTW: I have only one question now — what happens next?

JCD: Badminton or me?

JTW: Let's take them one at a time — what's going to happen to English squad activity in the future?

JCD: I can see only a rosy future. I think it is now a part of English badminton. I think there will be a progression right through from local level up to the National Squad with players fighting for a place all the way up. We have a Chief Coach who is tremendously experienced as a player, tremendously enthusiastic and prepared to put in all the hours God sends to do his bit for badminton. I think that with adequate support from selectors, coaching committee and especially the ESBA and the regional coaching co-ordinators, English badminton will become tougher and tougher and the whole standard will rise. The squads will produce teams that will do very well.

JTW: What about you?

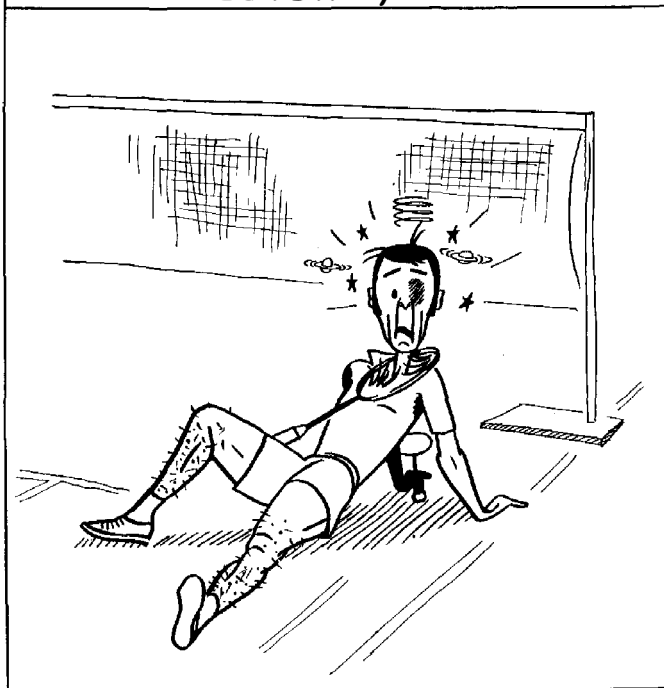
JCD: In a way my job for the moment is concluded with the defeat in Denmark. I've gained tremendous satisfaction from coaching at international level and would hate to be away from it for too long but I can't see at the moment how I can fit in on the international scene with the Chief Coach. The main thing is that I will give full support to the Chief Coach with any training plans he has and just hope that I can be slotted in somewhere to do my bit.

JTW: Unfortunately, Jake, that is all we have time for now. I know you have strong views on the importance of squad training, the differences between coaching men and women, and the qualities players must possess to meet the demands of international play. Perhaps we could discuss these some other time. Thank you for talking to me.

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If during the summer months any readers of The Gazette wish to comment on any of this season's coaching articles or raise any other coaching matters their contributions will be gratefully received at 1 Rushmead Close, Croydon, CRO 5JG.

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I REALLY MUST STOP PARTNERING THE WIFE!

MILLS AT WORK



IN our October issue we published the news that Roger Mills, the then longest serving international, had been appointed Chief Coach in succession to Ken Crossley. We also published a Profile which gave some idea of Mills the player and Mills the man.

Many readers may well be interested to know just what duties a Chief Coach undertakes and just what work Roger Mills has done in the last six months. The list is a long and impressive one.

A Trip to Dartmoor!

His first achievement was to get some of England's best men together at R.A.F. Innsworth (see February issue) every week-end until the beginning of the season except for one occasion when he was taking a Young Players' Course at Lilleshall. This good work was followed by a great deal more when he did much to put Badminton on the map at the World Sportacular Exhibition held in August at Earl's Court. This major exhibition was but the first of a dozen successful ones held all over the country—and indeed he has another ten arranged at places differing as widely as the East Grinstead Parish Hall and Dartmoor Prison! The full list is appended at the end of this article.

More routine work has been a week's tour of each of the nine C.C.P.R. regions. On these occasions he coaches counties, Schools' Associations and District Leagues as well as visiting educational establishments such as Colleges of Further Education.

The England Squads

Attendance at a dozen or so major tournaments as well as international matches enables him to advise the selectors when requested. He has, of course, played a major part in coaching the players chosen for the Thomas Cup Squad as well as helping Jake Downey, particularly with regard to facilities, with his Uber Cup Squad preparations. Intensive Thomas Cup practices are to be held throughout the summer at R.A.F. Northolt, Ruislip, Middlesex, and at Surrey University, Guildford.

A Place for Youth

Obviously his duties and interests do not lie solely with players who have "arrived". His long-term plans necessitate a great deal

of work with young players. In connection with the Regional Coaching Scheme he has spent two days in each region. As a result, two National Squads have been selected for separate week's training at Lilleshall in August. In addition he is, of course, present at the major Open Junior Tournaments and E.S.B.A. trials and matches to ensure that not a single player of potential is allowed to slip through the fine mesh of his net.

Time for Research

Despite this intensive coverage of the country, he is finding time to do research on the following lines:

- (a) Specific training for Badminton.
- (b) Psychology of sporting performance.
- (c) Scientific fitness training (it is now obvious that exactly what happens to the human body during a game of Badminton must be formulated).
- (d) Blood sugar tests in conjunction with Beecham's.
- (e) Discussions with shoe manufacturers.

Non-Stop Badminton

And just to show that this mammoth routine has taken little steam out of him, he is organising, as we announced in last month's issue, an attempt on the World Record for Non-Stop Badminton (11 days, 3 hours). This will be held at Redbridge Sports Centre in order to raise some money to help with future training of international squads. To this end he is trying to find a sponsor and to get both Television and Press interested. This will not just be an organisational job for Roger Mills—he takes it for granted that he will be one of the six players who will play on a rota system for twelve days to complete 1,000 games of singles.

A Full Diary

Despite having achieved so much, Roger Mills is certainly not going to be content to rest on his laurels. Already his diary shows a large number of entries which entirely disprove the old idea that Badminton is purely a winter sport.

Throughout the summer, with the exception of a break in May to prevent staleness, he will be coaching the Thomas Cup Squad almost every weekend. These sessions will be held at R.A.F. Northolt and at the Sports Hall of Surrey University in Guildford. In addition certain members of the Squad will be able to practise and train at Orion Hall on Tuesdays and at R.A.F. Northolt on Wednesdays.

The Chief Coach obviously cannot concern himself only with coaching the best couple of dozen players in England. He is therefore very much involved with the Regional Coaching Scheme. The country has now been divided into the following seven regions: Home Counties (North), Home Counties (South), Midlands, Eastern, Yorkshire and North-East, North-West, and South-West. Each one of these is responsible for finding and coaching its own most promising youngsters; but in addition Roger Mills will hold a week-end course for each region during the 1972-73 season. Leading juniors will also receive coaching in 1973 after the All-England Junior Championships. All these preparations will, he hopes, culminate in success at the European Junior Championships which are to be held at Meadowbank, Edinburgh, on the 13th, 14th and 15th April, 1973.

A Fine Start

This is indeed an impressive stint but knowing Roger Mills it is clear that for him these are but the first steps to producing a winning Thomas Cup Team and later, an equally successful Uber Cup Team. He is assured of a warm welcome wherever his services are required in England and we wish him the best of luck in his endeavours to put England back in the proud place she once held—the leading Badminton nation of the world.

Forthcoming Exhibitions

1. Saturday, 22nd April, at East Grinstead (Parish Hall), Sussex.
2. Wednesday, 3rd May, at Hayes, Middlesex (Youth Sports Centre).
3. Wednesday, 10th May, at Reading (Town Hall).
4. Saturday, 24th June, at Plymouth (New Sports Centre).
5. Sunday, 25th June, at Dartmoor (Prison).
6. Friday, 8th September, at Keele (University).
7. Saturday, 9th September, at Chalkwell (Sports Centre), Southend.
8. Friday, 22nd September, at Carlton (Forum), Nottingham.
9. Friday, 29th September, at Birmingham (Central Hall).
10. Saturday, 28th October, at Newcastle (Lightfoot Sports Centre).
Saturday, 14th July, 1973, at Wallasey (Town Hall).

KEEN COMPETITION!

The Gazette competitions which have been running throughout the season have evoked quite a lot of interest and entries. It is hoped, however, that still more readers will try their luck in the future.

If they need any spurring on, they might be encouraged by the fact that entries have been received from as far as away as Canada. Bill Hilash, of 369 Royal Road, Winnipeg 20, Manitoba, sent in two amusing drawings. Although he didn't win a prize, we hope Bill will try again, perhaps with better fortune.

Meantime we hope we shall get even more and more and better and better entries, not only from all over Great Britain but also from all over the world, wherever the Gazette is circulated. Only in that way shall we get a better Gazette.

For this month's competition turn to page 175.

"It's Your Line!"

BANNISTER ON BADMINTON



Dr. Roger Bannister sympathises with a still-smiling runner-up, Julie Rickard, at the All-England Championships.

ON 11th April Badminton received a bit of all-too-rare publicity on the air. Noticing in "The Radio Times" that Dr. Roger Bannister, Chairman of the newly-formed Sports Council, who recently presented the trophies at the All-England Championships, was to answer listeners' questions, I dialled 01-580 4411 promptly at six o'clock and dictated the following question:

A Pertinent Question

"Sponsors pour money into Lawn Tennis; Badminton, a strictly amateur and equally booming racket game, with players among the world's best, is virtually sponsorless and subsists on a shoe-string budget. Where does Badminton stand in the Sport Council's list of priorities? Can you give any further aid to help those England players you saw do so well at Wembley Pool win the Thomas and Uber Cups from their Asiatic holders, Indonesia and Japan, as I'm sure they can."

That I feared would be the end of it as no less than sixteen lines are allocated for the receipt of questions on every aspect of the whole vast field of sport. But the games he saw at Wembley and the explanations given by his charming mentor, Mrs. Nancy Horner, must have made an impact. Badminton's question was chosen.

Impressed by Coaching

Dr. Bannister, who had batted confidently throughout the preceding questions, started by saying that he had thoroughly enjoyed the Finals. He felt that one of Badminton's great merits was that it was a game in which the whole family could participate and therefore warranted what-

ever help could be given. He had recently watched the coaching of juniors at Bolton and had been very impressed by the way in which this had resulted in youngsters picking up the game quickly and to a high standard.

I replied that I was delighted he had been impressed by what he had seen at Bolton but that it was only one facet of the nation-wide Regional Coaching Scheme which is the foundation of all England's future Thomas and Uber Cup hopes.

Travelling Express

It was in this latter connection that I asked if more help might not be forthcoming. I pointed out that the B.A. of E. had recently been invited by the Canadian and American Badminton Associations to send a representative squad of four men to take part in their National Championships. The B.A. of E. had most regretfully had to decline because in fairness to Badminton in general it felt it could not afford another international venture much though it would have liked to do so. As a result, the players themselves had to find the quite considerable amount over and above the air fares offered by the host nations.

Minority Sport . . . ?

Dr. Bannister started his reply by pointing out that Badminton was after all a minority sport.

"You don't mind my calling it a minority sport, do you, Mr. Davis?"

"No, not for the moment . . ."

He explained that the Sports Council last year had allocated over a quarter of a million pounds to various sports to cover the cost of sending teams to compete abroad. These funds had been allocated according to need and the standard of competition. Before I could suggest that in this case, where England's teams are playing at world-class level, we should come high in the list of priorities, Mr. Day's urbane voice cut short Badminton's all too brief and rare appearance on the air.

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The fact that Badminton has considerable growth potential, a sound coaching scheme, and top flight players should be good ammunition when Brian Bisseker and Humphrey Chilton next discuss grants with the Sports Council. We are most grateful for the latter's help but feel that they can be assured that any extra allocation they can give our sport will be most rewardingly spent.

PAT DAVIS.

Canadian Open Championships

TREDGETT - STEVENS TRIUMPH

The English team won two events at the Rothman's Canadian Open held on 30th March - 1st April at the Montreal University Sports Centre.

Unfortunately full details are not available but we understand that both English pairs reached the finals of the men's doubles. There it was the turn of England's second pair and All-England finalists, Ray Stevens and Mike Tredgett, to beat Derek Talbot and Elliott Stuart. Derek Talbot asserted his supremacy as our No. 1 singles player by a fine win over the European champion, Sture Johnsson.

Elliott Stuart, partnered with Eva Twedberg, did well to reach the final of the mixed where they lost to the brilliant young Dane, Fleming Delfs and his experienced partner, Pernille Kaagaard.

MAKE A DATE

With the Granwood

PLAYERS and spectators alike will be delighted to know that the Granwood Invitation Singles Tournament is again to be held next season. As the Gazette's first edition of the 1972/73 season will not have been published by then, we take this opportunity of reminding our readers about an event which should not be missed. It will be held on Saturday, 7th and Sunday, 8th October at the Guildford Sports Centre.

Welcome Sponsorship

This Tournament, the first of its kind to be held in England, was inaugurated last season by the B.A. of E. with the very welcome backing of Granwood Floorings. This firm which specialises in making floors for sports halls and similar buildings does much to help sport. In this instance, it not only presented two fine silver trophies of unique and pleasing design but was also instrumental in meeting many of the expenses including that of the players' travelling. It is anticipated that next season they will be equally or even more helpful.

In its first season, it attracted a fine entry of virtually all the country's leading tournament players. (Only Derek Talbot was unable to play). Thirty-two men and sixteen ladies were put into pools of four players so ensuring that each had at least three matches. From the play-offs between pool winners, Margaret Beck beat Gillian Gilks 11-4, 11-4, whilst Ray Stevens beat Keith Arthur 15-4, 15-4.

Fine Facilities and Organization

This event is again being played at Guildford (though in future years the venue will undoubtedly be changed). The reasons for this are two-fold. Guildford Sports Centre, centrally situated for a majority of players, provides fine playing facilities. Furthermore the organisation by Nick Budibent and his Surrey committee were quite first-class.

The only snag was that a comparatively small audience saw the excellent play and the presentation of the fine trophies by Jonah Barrington. So make a note in your diaries now of one of the outstanding events of the Badminton season. In this way only will it get the full publicity that is its due.

The Editor Regrets . . .

. . . that once again he has had to condense or omit material kindly sent to him. He can only hope that contributors will be understanding and will not be deterred from sending him further material next season. It is the same old cry: that every reader must seek new subscribers if more (costly) pages are to be printed.

A SUMMER RESOLUTION! One new subscriber from each reader before next season.

INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

AGAIN SURREY!

DIVISION I

Semi-finals

Yorkshire 5; Essex 12.
Surrey 10; Lancashire 7.

Final

Essex 8; Surrey 9.

DIVISION II

Semi-finals

Durham 6; Derbyshire 11.
Glamorgan 9; Hampshire 8.

Final

(being played April 22nd)

DIVISION III

Inter-sectional ties

Lancashire 2nd w.o.
Gloucestershire 16; Northampton 1.
Middlesex 2nd 9; Lincs. & Rutland 7.

CHALLENGE TIES

Between Division I and II

West of Scotland beat Derbyshire, 12-5.
Berkshire beat Glamorgan, 15-2.

Between Divisions II and III

Cumberland beat Northumberland 2nd 12-5
Nottinghamshire beat Lancashire 2nd, 10-7.
Oxfordshire lost to Gloucestershire, 7-10.
Kent beat Middlesex 2nd, 9-8.

Between Divisions III and IV

Cheshire 2nd w.o.
Derbyshire 2nd w.o., North Wales retired.
Glamorgan 2nd w.o.
Dorset beat Gloucestershire 2nd, 9-8.
Hampshire 2nd lost to Kent 2nd, 8-9.
Bedfordshire beat Hunts and Peterborough, 13-4.

Between Divisions IV and V

Shropshire lost to Staffordshire 3rd, 8-9.
Monmouthshire 2nd lost to Glamorgan 3rd, 7-10.
Dorset 2nd beat Cornwall 2nd, 11-6.
Berkshire 2nd lost to Sussex 2nd, 7-10.
Cambridgeshire 2nd, Bedfordshire 2nd—no news.

Promoted

Relegated

To Division I

To Division II

Gloucestershire

To Division III

Kent 2nd

Oxfordshire

To Division IV

Staffordshire 3rd

Hampshire 2nd

Glamorgan 3rd

Sussex 2nd

To Division V

Shropshire

Monmouthshire 2nd

Berkshire 2nd

HOW NEAR CAN YOU GET

TAKE a brand new Sports Hall (Redbridge) with five spacious courts, the two finest county teams in the country, seven current or ex-internationals and heaven knows how many potential ones. Mix with 400 knowledgeable spectators. Add a sprinkling of personalities: sunburnt globe-trotter Stuart Wyatt; genial Humphrey Chilton: B.A. of E.'s Brian Bisseker, taking a busman's holiday; Herbert Scheele of I.B.F., a disc the less but unbowed; Arthur Jones, retiring after twenty years of service for Essex; the Hinchcliff Brigade of



(Pat Davis)

Stuart Wyatt, President of the B.A. of E., presents the I.C.C. Trophy (Div. I) yet again to a delighted Dorothy Hinchcliff.

Umpires; shuttle overlord "Uncle Bill" Holwill; Gazette photographers, Peter Aslett and Alan Green; coaches Eric Reynolds and Ian Palmer; and too many others to mention.

Spice with sparkling play and flavour with essence of Badminton sportsmanship. Keep on the boil for six anxious hours. And there you have the Division I Inter-County Championship match between Surrey, holders and winners for fifteen of the last seventeen years, and Essex. A dish for the connoisseur.

Essex Sympathies

Odds slightly on experience and much be-capped Surrey; sympathies with the youthful up and coming underdogs, Essex. And all, except Surrey, agree it is time to break their monotonous run of easy successes to bring back renewed zest to the competition.

Surrey's strength seemed to be in their international ladies. As anticipated, Gillian Gilks and Judy Rickard soon put them two up. But Mehmet Nevzat, promoted to the No.1 spot, had even his ebullient spirits soused by a powerful and inflexible Stevens. At the same time, Smith made equally short work of Robinson. The key game saw Surrey's usual No. 1, Colin Beacom, too experienced for Essex No. 2, Keith Arthur. (Surrey 3; Essex 2).

One out of the Bag

Essex gained heart when Nora Gardner's speed and power allied with Barbara Giles' deft net interceptions put paid to Jenny Horton and Heather Ward-Nielsen (the latter still showing a glorious Australian tan). So Essex gained a valuable and perhaps unexpected win. (Surrey 6; Essex 3).

The point that clinched the match: Ray Stevens turns and falls.

(Pat Davis)



In the men's, both Essex pairs proved too strong and too fast for Surrey's Coates and Boutle (Surrey 6; Essex 5). With Pither and Bowler losing to Beacom and Andrews, the latter's match with Stevens and Smith was indeed a crucial one (Surrey 7; Essex 5). Not merely crucial but cliff-hanging, nail-biting, heart-stopping, earth-shaking, call it what you will—and you won't be far wrong.

A Single Point!

After a poor start, the Surrey pair narrowly took the second game and raced to a 7-0 lead in the third, only to be pulled back to 7-8 by a faultless Smith-Stevens revival, and then be menaced by 11-13. The score sea-sawed precariously at 0-1 for fully ten minutes before the Surrey pair were faced with 1-4. Unflurried, Beacom and Andrews garnered a point here and there. Then, at 4-4, Andrews flicked—Stevens moving in, turned desperately, tripped and sprawled full length. The game—and surely now the match—was Surrey's. And a single point had turned the scale! (Surrey 8; Essex 5).

Nil Desperandum

Refusing to admit defeat, Essex set about the Herculean task of winning all four mixed. An incredibly mature performance by Nora Gardner; an almost vicious last game blaze of fireworks by Dean Pither; Essex were still in the hunt. (Surrey 8; Essex 7).

Bill Havers, celebrating his 88th county appearance to equal Ann Larman's record, played with evergreen craft to make another Essex victory look as likely as an April Shower. Could Ray Stevens, not renowned for his mixed play, and Mrs. Illingworth, who generally plays No. 4, achieve the miraculous—to defeat the undefeated, Keith Andrews and Gillian Gilks. How hard they tried but it was unavailing! A weary Colin Beacom looked grateful that his lion-heart would not have to battle for the final decision.

The Narrowest Margin

It was over. Surrey had won yet again but by the narrowest margin, 9-8. And Essex, graceful in defeat, had given them the run of their lives and after all, there is always another year.

Stu Wyatt said a few apt words before presenting a beaming Dorothy Hinchcliff with the cup; tireless Ron Lee rounded off his fine job of organisation; photos were taken; and a slightly dazed and delighted crowd dispersed, almost regretfully, after a battle of the Badminton gods.

PAT DAVIS

ESSEX 8, SURREY 9

At Redbridge on April 9th (Essex names first):

MEN'S SINGLES

R. Stevens beat M. Nevzat 15-3, 15-4. K. Arthur lost to C. Beacom 9-15, 13-15. P. Smith beat P. Robinson 15-5, 15-7.

LADIES' SINGLES

Miss N. Gardner lost Mrs. G. Gilks 6-11, 5-11. Mrs. L. Cory lost to Mrs. J. Rickard 7-11, 6-11.

MEN'S DOUBLES

R. Stevens and P. Smith lost to C. Beacom and K. Andrews 15-7, 13-15, 17-18; beat M. Boutle and T. Coates. D. Pither and T. Bowler beat Boutle and Coates 15-8, 15-7; lost to Beacom and Andrews 6-15, 9-15.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Miss B. Giles and Miss N. Gardner lost to Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Rickard 12-15, 8-15; beat Mrs. J. Horton and Mrs. H. Ward-Nielsen 15-12, 18-15. Mrs. Cory and Mrs. Illingworth lost to Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Rickard 2-15, 6-15; lost to Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Ward-Nielsen 3-15, 7-15.

MIXED DOUBLES

Stevens and Mrs. Illingworth lost to Andrews and Mrs. Gilks 8-15, 3-15. Havers and Miss Giles beat Beacom and Mrs. Horton 15-12, 11-15, 15-2. Smith and Miss Gardner beat Cootes and Mrs. Rickard 15-11, 18-14. Pither and Mrs. Havers beat Robinson and Miss M. Gardner 15-13, 7-15, 15-6.

FROM THE UMPIRE'S CHAIR

A player asked "does the shuttle have to pass over the net after delivery of the service in order to reach the receiver's court?"

THIS apparently simple question did not immediately disclose the problems that it involved.

"Around the Corner"

What had happened was that the local champion at the club who held a reputation for his ability to play trick shots had been demonstrating that it was possible, with a perfectly legal service action, to deliver a service round the net post, into the correct court, rather than in the accepted style over the net.

He was quite successful in his efforts, and if a receiver had been attempting to return the shuttle, the trajectory and the height of the shuttle on arrival made a good return a very difficult proposition. So the next question was: "Is this the near perfect ace? And is it legal?"

Not Specifically Forbidden

It may come as a surprise to many players to know that although the laws are precise on many aspects of serving it is not specifically stated that the shuttle must actually pass *over* the net as a prerequisite to the serve being valid.

It may be claimed, with some justification, that it has always been the intention of the game that the shuttle has to pass over the net after the delivery of the service. This is implied by the restrictions of the service laws to ensure that the service is an underhand one. However, it can be argued that Law 17(a) which states that it is a good return if the shuttle, having passed outside either post, drops on or within the boundary lines of the opposite court, allows a service delivered round the post to be legal.

It is considered that the operative words in Law 17(a) are: "It is a good return..." which must refer to a rally; in other words, to the second shot rather than the first.

In summary, my view is that as an umpire I would call such a service a fault. In these circumstances, the player concerned may claim to refer such a point of law to the referee.

What do referees think about it and what would their decision be?

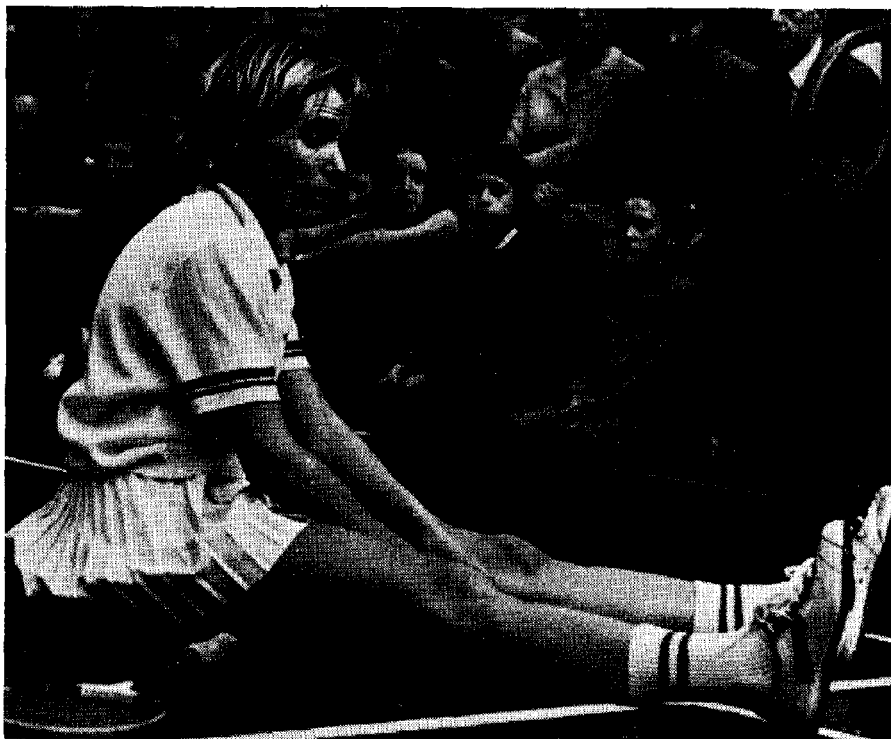
A New Breed of Rackets?

If the official view is that there is nothing illegal about it, will this encourage growth in the length of the racket shaft? Or perhaps we may see one racket (Service Type Mark V) being used for service and a more orthodox one being used for rallies. After all the laws do not define the shape or size of the racket or say how many may be used by a player at one time!

Will arm-stretching exercises become the most important ones for a good service?

For Essex and Surrey names please turn to page 175.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Every picture tells a story: Eva Twedberg sits disconsolately after yet another tumble on the slippery floor at the Dutch Championships. And A. W. Taal's ever-ready camera records a champion's downfall!

Inter-County Championships Finalists, Essex and Surrey

ESSEX



SURREY



MALAYSIANS GET REVENGE

by David Eddy
(Staffs and England)

ENGLAND were represented in the Internationale Deutsche Badminton-Meisterschaften at Oberhausen by four men—Derek Talbot, Elliot Stuart, David Eddy and Eddie Sutton, whose first representative honour for England this was. Eddie obviously had a burning desire to make the occasion a lasting memory for he promptly lost, not only his cheque book, but his return air-ticket as well!

The Tournament was international in flavour with a large contingent of Malayan men, in Europe for the All-England, and the usual sprinkling of Danish, Swedish and Dutch players. The entry was enormous and play went on from 9 a.m. till midnight on the Saturday. Those in all three events needed stamina just to stay awake, let alone play decent badminton!

Talbot Cracks

Derek Talbot reached the quarter-finals of the singles where he met Wolfgang Bochow. He has played the German No. 1 several times but was especially keen to win on this occasion, as victory would have meant a chance to play Tan Aik Huang. Wolfgang, however, is a lot fitter this season. His class has never been in doubt but, being such a big man, he tires easily and at the end of a hard match often makes a lot of mistakes. For this reason we thought Derek, having won a fairly close second game after losing the first easily, might pull through in the third. Following the five-minute break, he held his man to 13 all and then took a 4-1 lead in the setting to 5. Unfortunately, with the match in his pocket, Derek cracked, serving first into the net and then out at the back. Finally, on his third match point, he hit an easy smash wide of the side line and to the delight of the home crowd lost by the closest possible margin.

In his second round match with the young Dane, Fleming Delfs, Eddy found the ends different. The light and background were much better at one side of the court. Having lost the first game easily, he attacked more to take the next and at 7-8 in the third changed round with a good chance of winning at the good end. Fleming, however, won to 11 scoring a lot of points with some very tight net shots. He went on to reach the semi-final accounting for Tan Aik Mong on the way but was well beaten by Sture Johnsson after running him very close in the first game.

Super-fit Swede

In the other semi-final, Tan Aik Huang proved too steady for Bochow who this time did make too many mistakes at the end. The final was absorbing if a little dull to watch. Sture was on court simply to wear his opponent down and for all his beautiful shots the former All-England champion lacked that vital extra bit of penetration to hit a way through Johnsson's suspect defence. Rallies of thirty shots or more were common and in the end the super-fit Swede literally over-ran the exhausted Malayan, who at the finish was suffering badly from cramp.

Malaysians Get Revenge

The doubles proved more successful for us with Derek and Elliott reaching the final via three-set matches with Abdul Rahman/Ng Tat Wai and Braun/Maywald. Eddy and Sutton lost a close match with the other top Germans, Bochow and Kucki. The score was 15-12 in the third after the English pair had frittered away a commanding lead of 9-4 up in the second, having won the first. Play was very scrappy and Dave and Eddie made far too many unforced errors, mostly when in attacking positions.

In the final, Stuart and Talbot played very well at times but too often the Malaysians were allowed to gain the attack, when Gunalan dominated the net. He kills anything loose at the front with a beautiful wristy action and is equally lethal down both wings, as he is able to use his forehand even when the shuttle is wide of his left hand.

Elliott opted out of the singles in order to put up a good showing with Eva Twedberg in the mixed doubles. Eva demonstrated her usual efficiency to take the ladies' singles without dropping a game but is unable to apply her undeniable talents to the doubles game. The English/Swedish combination was eliminated at the semi-final stage.

A Bacardi-Bout!

The party was a very friendly affair and, despite many of the overseas visitors leaving straight after the finals on Sunday afternoon, proved a great success. It was notable for a Bacardi-drinking competition between the two shortest men in the Tournament—Ng Boon Bee and Eddie Allen from South Africa. As Eddie is currently in London staying at the "Palace" we naturally supported him during the contest . . . and afterwards.

We are very grateful to the Deutscher Badminton Verband for organising the Championships in their typically efficient manner and our special thanks are due to Horst Boldt for looking after us all so well. We look forward to returning to Oberhausen for the next Tournament.

Results

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-Finals: E. Twedberg beat J. van Beusekom 2 & 0; I. Gerlatzka beat M. Wackerow 1 & 3.

Final: Twedberg beat Gerlatzka 6 & 4.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-Finals: S. Johnsson beat F. Delfs 18-15 & 1; Tan Aik Huang beat W. Bochow 11-15, 5 & 8.

Final: Johnsson beat Tan Aik Huang 14-18, 5 & 7.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: A. Flindt & P. Kaagaard beat A. Betz & L. Hawig 18-15 2; M. Luesken and J. van Beusekom beat I. Gerlatzka & M. Wackerow 10 & 2.

Final: Flindt & Kaagaard beat Luesken & van Beusekom 14-17, 10 & 9.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: Ng Boon Bee & P. Gunalan beat R. McCoig & F. Gow 7 & 2; D. Talbot & E. Stuart beat W. Braun & R. Maywald 5, 7-15, 10.

Final: Ng Boon Bee & Gunalan beat Talbot & Stuart 9 & 2.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-Finals: S. Skovgaard & P. Kaagaard beat E. Stuart & E. Twedberg 12 & 9; W. Bochow & M. Wackerow beat K. Kaagaard & A. Flindt 4 & 5.

Final: Bochow & Wackerow beat Skovgaard & Kaagaard 6 & 4.



(Pat Davis)

P. Gunalan and Ng Boon Bee: a photo taken after they had won the All-England Men's Doubles last year.

U.S.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

A NEW STAR SHINES

THESE were completed on 5th April at the Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, home of H.Q. Strategic Air Command.

English Finalists

In the Men's Singles, Stuart lost 8 and 5 to S. Johnsson (Sweden) whilst Tredgett lost to T. Nielsen (Denmark) 16-18, 6-15, and Stevens to America's Mike Walker after three close games. Talbot defeated Togano (Japan) in the semi-final but lost to S. Johnsson (3-15, 15-13, 8-15) in the final.

In the Men's Doubles, Stevens and Tredgett lost to Carmichael and Adams (U.S.A.) 12-15, 15-10, 15-2. but Stuart and Talbot avenged them in the final with a 15-9, 5-15, 15-3 triumph.

Stuart was thwarted in a second title bid when, in the Mixed, he and Eva Twedberg were overwhelmed by Fleming Delfs and Pernille Kaagaard, 5 and 1.

Pam Stockton—and Polly—to the Fore

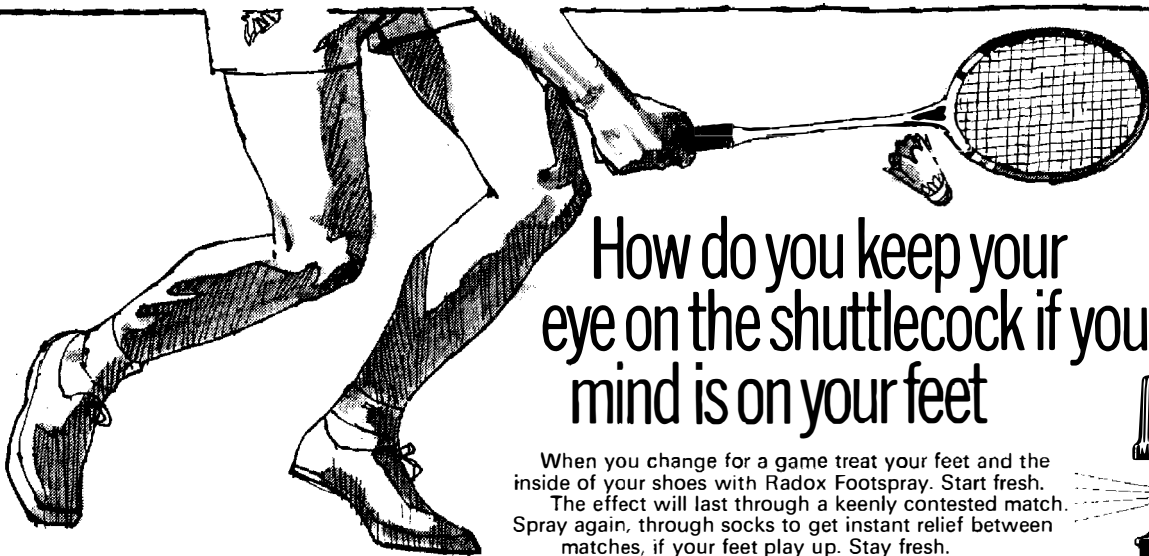
Eighteen-year-old Pam Stockton (U.S.A.) played finely to beat Anne Berglund (Denmark) 8-11, 12-10, 11-6, in the semi-final and to gather 8 and 7 points from the eventual winner, Eva Twedberg. Pam again showed her potential in the Ladies' Doubles when she and sister Polly Bretzke, having defeated Eva Twedberg and Canada's Barbara O'Brien, lost only narrowly in the final to Anne Berglund and Pernille Kaagaard 10-15, 15-10, 9-15.

Pam won the U.S. National Junior Singles and Doubles and then won all three events in the U.S. Closed Championships: Polly partnered her in the doubles and Tom Carmichael in the mixed. Has any other junior champion also won the senior title? No mean feat!

Ken Davidson Award

This went to Stan Hales whom we were delighted to see at the All-England. This made him the first person ever to win both Junior and Senior Davidson Awards.

As usual we are indebted for these details to busy Jack van Praag, the never failing fount of U.S. Badminton news.



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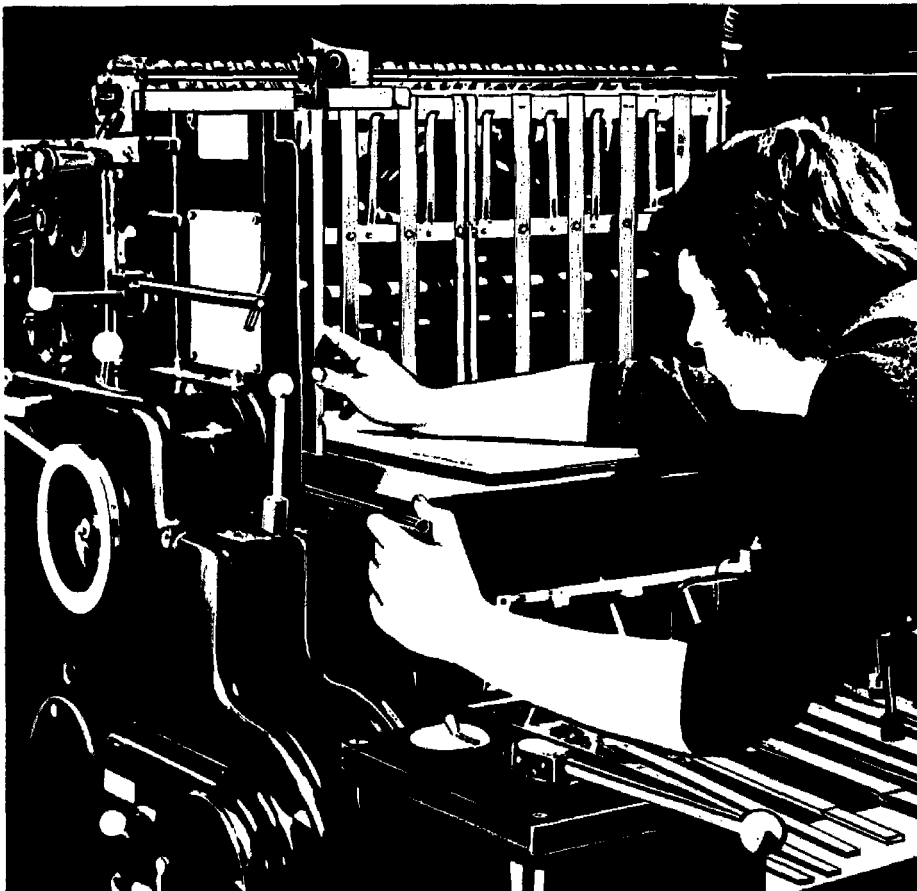
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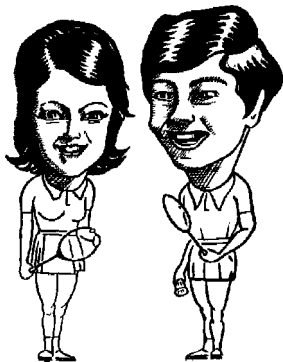
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WILTSHIRE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNDER 18 FINALS

Boys' Singles: A. Pulham beat J. Pugh 15-5, 15-8.
Girls' Singles: K. Hedge beat S. Nash 11-5, 11-7.
Boys' Doubles: A. Pulham and J. Pugh beat G. Butler and Yoon Fook Lee 15-4, 15-11.
Girls' Doubles: M. Bracewell and S. Nash beat K. Hedge and C. Moss 15-5, 15-3.
Mixed Doubles: A. Pulham and M. Bracewell beat J. Pugh and K. Hedge 15-11, 15-10.

UNDER 15 FINALS

Boys' Singles: G. Goodwin beat A. Bridle 12-15, 15-9, 15-4.
Girls' Singles: J. Eagle beat G. Holway 11-4, 11-6.

MIDDLESEX JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

GIRLS' SINGLES

Final: Miss M. Brewer beat Miss S. Coates 11-1, 11-5.

BOYS' SINGLES

Final: J. Stretch beat J. Woodgate 15-7, 15-9.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Final: Miss M. Brewer and Miss S. Coates beat Miss A. Reynolds and Miss J. Webster 15-10, 15-8.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Final: J. Woodgate and J. Stretch beat T. John and P. Toler 15-11, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES

Final: J. Stetch and Miss Brewer beat J. Woodgate and Miss Coates 15-4, 15-6.

EASTERN REGION JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boys' Singles (28 entries): D. Cooke (Suffolk) beat G. Howe (Suffolk) 21-17.

Girls' Singles (28 entries): Miss J. Webster (Suffolk) beat Miss A. Reynolds (Suffolk) 21-4.

Boys' Doubles (14 pairs): Howe and Cooke (Suffolk) beat Coddington and Grinnell (Lincs. and Rutland) 23-22.

Girls' Doubles (14 pairs): Miss Webster and Miss Reynolds (Suffolk) beat Miss Tuckett and Miss Arthur (Essex) 21-7.

Mixed Doubles (28 pairs): Cooke and Miss Childs (Suffolk) beat Kantaria and Miss Scott (Norfolk) 21-18.

HAMPSHIRE U.21 TOURNAMENT

BOYS' SINGLES

U.18: A. Britland beat D. Darr 15-5, 15-12.

U.21: D. Darr beat A. Britland 15-5, 15-9.

GIRLS' SINGLES

U.18: J. Oldman beat J. Garrod 2-11, 11-3, 11-5.

U.21: G. Marsh beat C. Catterall 12-10, 11-5.

BOYS' DOUBLES

U.18: A. Britland and D. Darr beat J. Jaffer and P. Anchor 15-5, 15-5.

U.21: M. Statt and J. Evans beat J. Mott and J. Ganner 15-10, 7-15, 15-8.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

U.18: J. Ellis and J. Garrod beat J. Oldman and G. Pennekett 15-9, 15-11.

U.21: G. Marsh and J. Oldman beat C. Catterall and K. Webb 11-15, 15-1, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

U.18: J. Evans and J. Oldman beat A. Britland and S. Barnes 15-8, 15-10.

U.21: M. Statt and C. Catterall beat J. Ganner and K. Webb 15-6, 15-11.

BERKSHIRE JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Results

BOYS' SINGLES

U 16: A. Luto beat R. Rixon 11-2, 11-7.
U 18: D. Whitfield beat P. Wilson 11-15, 15-5, 15-7.

GIRLS' SINGLES

U 16: R. Preedy beat J. Stewart 11-5, 11-4.
U 18: P. Hendry beat J. Chandler 11-12, 11-6, 12-10.

BOYS' DOUBLES

U 16: J. Richardson and A. Luto beat R. Rixon and K. Johnson 11-3, 11-3.

U 18: P. Wilson and D. Whitfield beat D. Rawlings and R. Preedy 15-7, 15-9.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

U 16: S. Smith and J. Stewart beat S. Ryan and J. Walker 11-6, 11-8.

U 18: C. Pearce and E. Crisp beat J. Chandler and R. Preedy 15-2, 5-15, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

U 16: J. Richardson and C. Williams beat N. Fried and S. Ryan 11-6, 12-10.

U 18: R. Preedy and R. Preedy beat D. Whitfield and J. Stewart 5-15, 15-0, 15-12.

OXON & BUCKS JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

BOYS' SINGLES

Final: S. Marriott beat N. Belcher 15-9, 15-6.

BOYS' SINGLES (Under 15)

Final: M. Cliffe beat S. Burgess 15-6, 15-2.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Final: Miss K. Burgess beat Miss D. P. White 11-3, 11-1.

GIRLS' SINGLES (Under 15)

Final: Miss C. Whitehead beat Miss K. Grimsdell 11-4, 11-0.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

Final: Miss K. Burgess and Miss D. White beat Miss M. Jovanic and Miss C. Whitehead 15-7, 15-10.

BOYS' DOUBLES

Final: A. Grice and W. Belcher beat S. Thompson and S. Marriott 15-10, 8-15, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

Final: S. Thompson and Miss Burgess beat N. Belcher and Miss White 10-15, 18-13, 5-2.

GUINNESS IS GOOD FOR YOU

So run the advertisements. Now it is doubly true for all manner of young sportsmen and women, including Badminton players. This nationally known firm is holding a Guinness School of Sport at Crystal Palace N.R.C. from 26th August to 1st September. It will be run by the C.C.P.R.

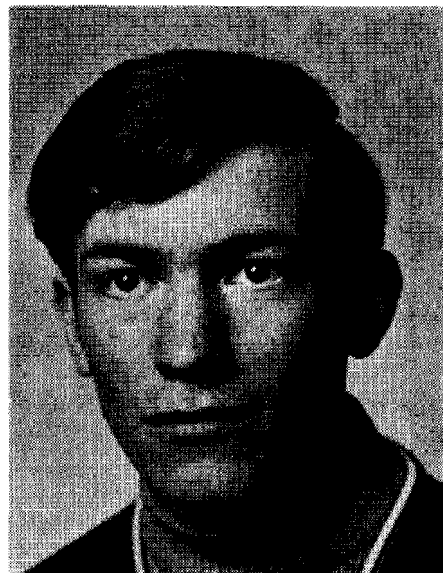
The School aims to provide top-level coaching for 100 selected applicants to be nominated by the appropriate governing body of sport as having already achieved a high standard of performance in their chosen activity.

All those chosen will also receive an introduction to another sport. Coaches for all activities will be specially appointed by the governing body concerned. With the exception of travelling expenses to and from Crystal Palace, the course, including full tuition and accommodation, will be entirely free to the selected applicants.

Badminton figures both as a main and a subsidiary sport.

PLAYERS OF PROMISE 5 ROY WALLACE

THE phrase "An iron hand in a velvet glove" well sums up the personality of this promising Warwickshire youngster. There are so many similarities with his illustrious predecessor, Paul Whetnall: both came through the Warwickshire junior stable, both through Schools' Badminton, both in the County 1st team at sixteen, both with All-England junior titles, both with an on- and off-court unassuming, quiet manner that masks a rugged determination and an intense will to win.



Roy is a likeable, intelligent youth with quite a few honours to his credit already—E.S.B.A. International, E.S.B.A. individual National Boys' Doubles winner, E.S.B.A. Gold Award, All-England U.15 Singles winner (1970), and losing semi-finalist (to John Stretch) in this season's U.18 event. With still another season to go in the junior ranks, it is possible that further wins could come his way.

Roy would be the first to admit that he is a very privileged lad. Born into a badminton playing family, he has been helped and encouraged by his parents from an early age. He was caught quite early on by the coaching net, and has taken full advantage of all the coaching opportunities offered him.

Like Paul before him, Roy proved to be very coachable. He has so many qualities that are essential to progress: he listens, he thinks, he applies, and, above all, he learns by playing.

Behind the image of a fine junior badminton player lie other less obvious attributes: he is a first-class cross-country runner and, perhaps most important of all, he is a highly realistic lad who knows just where he wants to go. He intends to make a career in farming and to this end has set himself quite a formidable target of 'O' and 'A' levels. To this academic study he adds much practical work on a farm and this, of course, plus his cross-country running, helps to maintain his high degree of fitness.

His priorities are firmly established: first his career and then a place in the international team. (A point worth noting is that Roy in fact holds dual qualification— for England and Scotland!).

N. R. J. MacFARLANE.

LANCASHIRE SUPREME

PIONEERS in the field of schools badminton, the efficiency of the organisation and coaching provided by the Lancashire Schools Association reaped its richest reward in the English Schools Championships at Nottingham on April 1st.

Their players won everything! Such a record is worthy of special mention:

- (i) They won the County Championships for the third time.
 - (ii) Their players won all the individual titles.
 - (iii) They had the Champion School team.
- To win the County title they defeated Warwickshire 10-0, Berkshire 10-0, Kent 9-1; Surrey 10-0 in the semi-final; and Ulster 8-2 in the final.

The winners of the individual titles were:

- Boys' Singles: Paul Wood
- Girls' Singles: Kathleen Redhead
- Boys' Doubles: Paul Wood and Gary Scott

Paul Wood and Gary Scott (shown below).



Girls' Doubles: Gilian Scholey and Christine Kelly
Mixed Doubles: Paul Littlewood and Pamela Mason

In addition to the above Eric Roberts, Ken Hurst and Janet Mawdsley were members of the winning team.

The champion school was Glenburn School, Skelmersdale. Only area finalists took part and they won the title with victories over schools from Cornwall and Essex each by the same score—10-0. (Full report in next issue).

PERFORMANCE OF THE MONTH

Miss Martha Brewer (Surrey) celebrated the last month by winning the Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles events in the Middlesex Junior Championships, the singles and doubles events at the Isle of Wight Open Championships, and the singles and doubles events at the new South-West of England Junior Championships. Her partners were John Stretch (Essex), Pat Smiles and Susan Coates (Surrey). A very commendable performance.

TEAM EVENTS

LEEDS UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONS

READERS may be interested to know just how the University Athletic Union Badminton Team Championships are run.

England and Wales are split into regions with approximately six teams in each; teams comprise three men's doubles couples. The winners of each region are challenged by the runners-up in the nearest region, the winning teams going on to the quarter-finals. The semi-finals and finals are held on the same weekend, this year on the 19th February at Warwick University. The whole tournament involves approximately nine matches spread over two terms so consistent play is all-important.

The two semi-finals between Birmingham (holders) and Bradford and Leeds and Exeter were disappointingly one-sided, Birmingham winning 9-0 and Leeds 8-1 but the final more than compensated for this. The match stood at 4-4 (five of these, three-setters) with the last match to play. This resulted in a win for Leeds, 18-14 in the third game with the spectators in raptures! A tense and exciting match.

The Leeds team: D. Wilson (captain), M. Barnes (Northumberland II), P. Bullivant (Lancashire I), C. Hockey, D. Nichols, I. Wood and R. Murphy (reserve).

I think it is worth noting the players that the Universities have produced recently: D. Talbot, E. Stuart and D. Eddy—English Internationals, and Fraser Gow—Scotland, and perhaps ask for a bit more coverage of University tournaments by the Gazette.

Thanks must go to all the U.A.U. officials for organisation involved, Maurice Robinson for invaluable coaching, and Irmgard Gerlatzka for presenting the trophies.

P. BULLIVANT

EDITOR'S NOTE: Hitherto the Universities have been too modest, but now that Mr. Bullivant has kindly broken the ice, it is to be hoped that more news of their main events will be received. Subject to perennial considerations of space they will be gladly printed.

R.A.F. BLAST ARMY AND NAVY

THE Royal Air Force once again proved too strong for the Navy and Army. The R.A.F. lost only two rubbers in the whole contest, beating the Navy 13-0 and the Army 11-2.

In the singles events the R.A.F., represented by Chf. Tech. Young and JT Donnison, drew 2-2 with the Army and beat the Navy 4-0. The outstanding game of the championship was the singles between Donnison and Salem, of the Army. The game contained everything; contrasting styles, atmosphere, and outstanding performances by both players. Donnison took the first game 18-17 after a long hard battle, with Donnison going for winning shots and Salem content to defend. Salem now realised that he would have to produce his very best if he was to retain his undefeated record and took the second game 15-8. The stage was set for the final game and both players were now beginning to show the first signs of strain. Donnison had match point at 14-12 but Salem fought back to level the score and then win 17-15.

The R.A.F. completely dominated the doubles events and defeated both the Navy and Army 9-0. The most impressive display

in the doubles came from the R.A.F. No. 1 pair of Flt. Lt. Tate and Sgt. Vincent; playing superb controlled badminton, they completely demoralised their opponents.

The results must have been disappointing for both the Navy and Army, for their teams were stronger than of previous years. The experience and strength in depth of the R.A.F. team is a credit to the players who have travelled far and wide in search of top class competition during the season.

G. SILCOCK.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE

THE 36th Annual Varsity match resulted in yet another victory for Cambridge, their tenth successive win. Though the badminton was not always outstanding, the closeness of the match and its competitive spirit maintained interest throughout.

Crucial Singles

Cambridge effectively achieved their success by winning four out of the six singles. Here the closely contested third singles between the two captains, decided in the third game, and the fourth singles won by a tiring Keir Carroll 18-17 in the second set, were crucial in Cambridge's victory.

Although Oxford, spurred on by the success of their first pair, Boote and Butler, against their opposite numbers, Hird and Carroll, in perhaps the best game of the match, fought back to square the match at 5 all, Cambridge were able to emerge winners largely due to the efforts of Parker and Cope who won all their three doubles matches.

Oxford Ladies Make Amends

Oxford, however, gained some revenge by winning the ladies' match for the third year running mainly because of the strength in depth of their team which overcame the individual dominance of Sheila Third who was responsible for all the four Cambridge successes. The total score reached 2-2 with Cambridge winning the second team men's match and Oxford taking the mixed.

Though the defeat of their men's first team was particularly disappointing from Oxford's point of view, they must have a good chance of ending Cambridge's run of successes next year when they play at home.

Men's 1st teams: Cambridge 9, Oxford 6.
Men's 2nd teams: Cambridge 9, Oxford 6.
Ladies' 1st teams: Cambridge 4, Oxford 7.
Mixed teams: Cambridge 4, Oxford 5.

T. BOOTE.

GRAND YOUNG MAN

THE Gazette extends its congratulations to Harry Maughan, of Hampshire, who won the Veterans' Men's Doubles at the recent Portsmouth Restricted Tournament at the tender age of 70. In the Final, partnered by J. Beal, he overcame such well-known Hampshire names as W. White and P. H. Pennekett 14-15, 15-10, 15-2. Stamina obviously told!

Mr. Maughan won the All-England Veterans Men's Doubles title as far back as 1952 and apparently is far from content to rest on his laurels.

If he and other stalwarts make a habit of this kind of thing the Editor will feel forced to start a "Performance of the Month" spot for veterans as well as youngsters.

TOURNAMENT SCORE BOARD

THE 5th CAMBRIDGESHIRE OPEN TOURNAMENT

(held at the Corn Exchange, Cambridge, on 18th and 19th February, 1972)

MEN'S SINGLES

(30 players)

Semi-finals: R. Stevens beat D. Hunt 15-11, 15-12. K. Arthur beat R. Purser 5-15, 15-12, 15-12.

Final: Stevens beat Arthur 15-3, 15-12.

LADIES' SINGLES

(21 players)

Semi-finals: Miss Smiles beat Miss Gardner 11-7, 12-10. Miss Nesbit beat Miss Beckett 11-3, 12-11.

Final: Miss Nesbit beat Miss Smiles 11-3, 11-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(28 pairs)

Semi-finals: P. Smith and W. Kidd beat R. Stevens and J. Stretch 15-5, 15-14. D. Hunt and K. Curtis beat W. Andrew and T. Goode 15-12, 16-18, 15-9.

Final: Smith and Kidd beat Hunt and Curtis 15-7, 11-15, 18-15.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(26 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss Beckett and Miss Nesbit beat Miss Holland and Mrs. Friend 18-13, 18-14. Mrs. Ker and Mrs. Fraser beat Miss Harper and Miss Smiles 15-11, 15-8.

Final: Miss Beckett and Miss Nesbit beat Mrs. Ker and Mrs. Fraser 11-15, 15-4, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES

(35 pairs)

Semi-finals: P. Smith and Miss Gardner beat D. Hunt and Miss Forrest 10-15, 18-13, 15-6. M. Parratt and Mrs. Friend beat W. Andrew and Mrs. Ker 15-7, 14-18, 15-7.

Final: Smith and Miss Gardner beat Parratt and Mrs. Friend 15-7, 15-6.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

(held at Bingham Sports Centre, Nottingham, on 11th and 12th February, 1972)

MEN'S SINGLES

(20 players)

Not played due to power cuts.

LADIES' SINGLES

(17 players)

Not played due to power cuts.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(32 pairs)

Semi-finals: D. Eddy and E. Sutton beat K. Hawthorne and J. Croxton 15-8, 15-13. B. White and C. Kirk beat S. Shaw and A. Harkness 15-11, 15-3.

Final: White and Kirk beat Eddy and Sutton 15-12, 15-9.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(25 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss Hughes and Miss Smiles beat Mrs. Eddy and Miss Veasey 15-5, 15-11. Mrs. MacFarlane and Miss Clark beat Miss Brewer and Miss White 11-15, 15-4, 17-14.

Final: Miss Hughes and Miss Smiles beat Mrs. MacFarlane and Miss Clark 15-8, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

(45 pairs)

Semi-finals: C. Kirk and Miss Marshall beat Hawthorne and Mrs. MacFarlane 15-9, 15-17, 15-9. M. Nevzat and Miss Smiles beat Goh and Mrs. Goh 10-15, 15-6, 15-12.

Final: M. Nevzat and Miss Smiles beat Kirk and Miss Marshall 15-1, 15-2.

ESSEX OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

(held at Leyton Super Baths on 3rd, 4th and 5th February, 1972)

MEN'S SINGLES

(limited to 32 players)

Semi-finals: R. Stevens beat D. Hunt 15-11, 15-9. T. Goode beat M. Nevzat 15-8, 15-8.

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

LADIES' SINGLES

(19 players)

Semi-finals: Miss Gardner beat Miss Nesbit 0-11, 12-9, 11-3. Miss Beckett beat Miss Hughes 11-3, 11-3.

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

MEN'S DOUBLES

(32 pairs)

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

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

LADIES' DOUBLES

(20 pairs)

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

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

MIXED DOUBLES

(35 pairs)

Semi-finals: P. Smith and Miss Gardner beat D. Clarke and Miss Carter 15-10, 15-11. D. Eddy and Miss Giles beat D. Hunt and Mrs. Darlington 15-11, 15-3.

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

YORKSHIRE RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT

(held at York, 10th and 12th March)

Men's Singles: D. Hutchinson.

Ladies' Singles: Miss C. Lindsay.

Men's Doubles: D. Hutchinson and D. Hartley.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss C. Lindsay and Mrs. J. Charlton.

Mixed Doubles: G. Ceeley and Miss C. Lindsay.

DEVON RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT

(held at Torquay, 25th and 26th February, and 3rd and 4th March)

Men's Singles: R. T. Northcott.

Ladies' Singles: Mrs. M. E. Hayes.

Men's Doubles: S. Burt and R. T. Northcott.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. M. A. Banyard and Mrs. M. A. Tozer.

Mixed Doubles: Cancelled owing to power cut.

YOU CAN'T GET A QUART . . .

The Editor spent sleepless hours trying to resolve the problem of how to find space for the reports and results of 13 Open Championships, 3 Restricted Tournaments and 4 Junior Tournaments! If they had been printed as received they would have taken up 10 pages—just half of an issue having to cover not only the All-England but also international matches and national tournaments!

The only equitable—but far from satisfactory—solution seemed to be to print the semi-final and final results of the major tournaments and the final results only of the minor ones. He apologises to all those helpful Secretaries who sent him reports and regrets their wasted time as much as they do themselves. He hopes they will not be deterred next season when major events may not crowd so thickly.

As he has said ad nauseam—only a bigger Gazette will solve the problem. And for that there must be more subscribers.

OXON. & BUCKS. RESTRICTED TOURNAMENT

(held at Slough Community Centre on the 4th and 5th March, 1972)

MEN'S SINGLES

(16 entries)

Final: J. Bridgen beat W. Thorne 15-6, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES

(9 entries)

Final: Mrs. M. Cook beat Mrs. D. Weatherill 11-8, 11-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(14 entries)

Final: I. Jelfs and D. Barrett beat J. Dann and A. MacFarlane 15-8, 4-15, 15-4.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(9 entries)

Final: Mrs. Peaker and Mrs. Reed beat Mrs. Ciniglio and Mrs. Hunt 15-6, 8-15, 15-10.

MIXED DOUBLES

(19 entries)

Final: N. Torgersen and Mrs. Hunt beat J. Dann and Mrs. Peaker 15-12, 15-5.

CUMBERLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

(held in the Market Assembly Hall, Carlisle, on Saturday, 5th February)

MEN'S SINGLES

(46 players)

Semi-finals: P. Wood beat G. Connor 15-4, 10-15, 5-15. M. Beck beat J. Cocker 15-6, 18-17.

Final: Beck beat Wood 15-4, 15-5.

LADIES' SINGLES

(23 players)

Semi-finals: Miss Drake beat Miss Storey 12-10, 10-12, 11-5. Miss Winter beat Miss Magson 11-4, 3-11, 11-6.

Final: Miss Winter beat Miss Drake 12-9, 11-9.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(27 pairs)

Semi-finals: M. Beck and G. Connor beat B. Jobling and G. Fidler 15-11, 15-4. C. Lilley and H. Robertson beat P. Wood and B. Wallwork 14-13, 15-11, 15-9.

Final: Beck and Connor beat Lilley and Robertson 13-15, 15-3, 17-15.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(22 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss Walsh and Miss Walsh beat Miss Gardner and Miss Heath 15-8, 15-11. Miss Charlton and Miss Winter beat Miss Drake and Mrs. Lilley 15-7, 8-15, 15-5.

Final: Miss Walsh and Miss Walsh beat Miss Charlton and Miss Winter 15-4, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

(43 pairs)

Semi-finals: P. Wood and Miss Collins beat J. Cocker and Miss Walsh 10-15, 15-8, 15-10. P. Lilley and Miss Winter beat R. Barbour and Mrs. Barbour 15-6, 15-8.

Final: Lilley and Miss Winter beat Wood and Miss Collins 15-12, 8-15, 15-6.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE OPEN TOURNAMENT

(held on 3rd and 4th March at Northampton)

MEN'S SINGLES

(27 players)

Semi-finals: C. Kirk beat P. Pearson 15-8, 15-2. I. Clarke beat D. Valentine 15-3, 15-4.

Final: Kirk beat Clarke 13-18, 15-8, 15-11.

LADIES' SINGLES

(12 players)

Semi-finals: Miss Naylor beat Miss Pickering 11-5, 11-3. Miss Beddoes beat Mrs. Jelfs 11-9, 11-4.

Final: Miss Naylor beat Miss Beddoes 12-9, 11-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(23 pairs)

Semi-finals: I. Clarke and C. Kirk beat J. Cochran and B. Abel 15-5, 15-1. K. Hawthorne and J. Croxton beat I. Keene and T. Wood 15-5, 15-3.

Final: Clarke and Kirk beat Hawthorne and Croxton 15-5, 10-15, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(20 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss Clarke and Mrs. MacFarlane beat Miss Jones and Miss Herrick 15-0, 15-11. Miss Pickering and Mrs. Robbins beat Miss Robinson and Miss Morgan 17-14, 15-12.

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

MIXED DOUBLES

(35 pairs)

Semi-finals: K. Hawthorne and Mrs. MacFarlane beat T. Wood and Miss Beddoes 15-9, 15-7. I. Clarke and Miss Naylor beat C. Kirk and Miss Clarke 15-4, 12-15, 15-3.

Final: Hawthorne and Mrs. MacFarlane beat Clarke and Miss Naylor 9-15, 15-9, 15-11.

WEST OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

(held on 9th and 11th March at Bristol)

MEN'S SINGLES

(20 players)

Semi-finals: M. Tredgett beat J. Dovey 15-10, 15-5. D. Hunt beat R. Purser 15-11, 13-15, 15-9.

Final: Tredgett beat Hunt 15-12, 15-11.

LADIES' SINGLES

(9 players)

Final: Miss K. Nesbitt beat Miss B. Beckett 7-11, 11-4, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(15 pairs)

Semi-finals: M. Tredgett and A. Finch beat M. Powell and I. Gordon 7-15, 15-7, 15-5. D. Hunt and P. Pennekett beat M. Wilks and K. Stott 15-11, 15-13.

Final: Tredgett and Finch beat Hunt and Pennekett 15-8, 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES (15 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss R. Cooper and Miss J. McCairns beat Miss H. Marks and Mrs. A. Smith 15-11, 16-18, 15-11. Miss K. Nesbitt and Miss B. Beckett beat Mrs. N. Jones and Mrs. A. Dickson 15-6, 15-8.
Final: Miss Nesbitt and Miss Beckett beat Miss Cooper and Miss McCairns 15-7, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES (20 pairs)

Semi-finals: M. Tredgett and Mrs. Deas beat H. Jennings and Mrs. Dickson 15-7, 15-2. R. Purser and Miss Nesbitt beat J. Dovey and Miss Whiting 15-2, 15-5.
Final: Purser and Miss Nesbitt beat Tredgett and Mrs. Deas 15-12, 15-6.

BRITANNIC HOUSE INVITATION TOURNAMENT

(held at Britannic House, Sydenham, on 18th and 19th March, 1972)

MEN'S SINGLES (24 players)

Semi-finals: S. Johnsson beat B. White 15-3, 15-8. K. Johnsson beat D. Hunt 15-1, 15-6.
Final: S. Johnsson beat K. Johnsson 15-6, 15-7.

LADIES' SINGLES (10 players)

Semi-finals: Miss Nesbit beat Miss Dakin 11-2, 11-1. Miss O'Brien beat Mrs. Welch 11-4, 11-0.
Final: Miss O'Brien beat Miss Nesbit 11-4, 11-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES (14 pairs)

Semi-finals: D. Eddy and E. Sutton beat J. Stretch and D. Hunt 15-8, 8-15, 15-9. M. Tredgett and T. Goode beat S. Johnsson and K. Johnsson 15-6, 15-4.
Final: Tredgett and Goode beat Eddy and Sutton 15-11, 12-15, 18-17.

LADIES' DOUBLES (7 pairs)

Final: Miss Gardner and Miss Giles beat Miss Nesbit and Mrs. Welch 15-9, 17-14.

MIXED DOUBLES (18 pairs)

Semi-finals: P. Smith and Miss Gardner beat R. Purser and Miss Nesbit 15-4, 4-15, 15-10. M. Tredgett and Miss Giles beat B. White and Mrs. Wilson 18-14, 7-15, 15-4.
Final: Tredgett and Miss Giles beat Smith and Miss Gardner 9-15, 15-5, 15-8.

DURHAM OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

(held at Stockton Y.M.C.A., Bath Lane, Tøesside, on 19th and 20th February)

MEN'S SINGLES (30 players)

Semi-finals: D. Hartley beat D. Horton 15-2, 12-15, 15-12. D. Hutchinson beat N. Holcroft 15-12, 15-5.
Final: Hutchinson beat Hartley 15-5, 15-9.

LADIES' SINGLES (8 players)

Semi-finals: Miss N. Charlton beat Miss M. Williams 11-4, 11-4. Miss M. Drake beat Miss E. Jones 11-8, 11-1.
Final: Miss Drake beat Miss Charlton 11-8, 11-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES (24 pairs)

Semi-finals: C. Lilley and H. Robertson beat D. Hartley and D. Hutchinson 12-15, 15-8, 15-5. F. Harwood and B. Keefe beat D. Horton and J. Leng 15-13, 15-5.
Final: Lilley and Robertson beat Harwood and Keefe 15-2, 15-2.

LADIES' DOUBLES (17 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss M. Drake and Mrs. P. Lilley beat Miss H. Burnett and Miss L. Turner 15-3, 15-5. Mrs. J. E. R. Horton and Miss S. Jobling beat Miss N. Charlton and Miss C. Martin 12-15, 17-14, 15-10.
Final: Miss Drake and Mrs. Lilley beat Mrs. Horton and Miss Jobling 18-14, 10-15, 18-13.

MIXED DOUBLES (24 pairs)

Semi-finals: H. Robertson and Mrs. Lilley beat J. Ellis and Mrs. Jamieson 15-12, 15-6. B. Jobling and Miss Pollard beat B. Keefe and Mrs. Horton 10-15, 15-7, 15-8.
Final: Jobling and Miss Pollard beat Robertson and Mrs. Lilley 15-4, 10-15, 18-13.

SURREY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

(held at the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club, Cranbrook Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19, on 21st to 26th February, 1972)

MEN'S SINGLES (limited to 22 players)

Semi-finals: R. Stevens beat D. Eddy 14-15, 15-8, 17-15. D. Talbot beat D. Hunt 18-15, 17-16.
Final: Talbot beat Stevens 15-11, 15-2.

LADIES' SINGLES (22 players)

Semi-finals: Mrs. G. Gilks beat Mrs. J. Rickard 11-2, 11-3. Miss M. Beck beat Miss N. Gardner 11-2, 11-8.

Final: Miss Beck beat Mrs. Gilks 5-11, 11-1, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES (31 pairs)

Semi-finals: E. Stuart and D. Talbot beat R. Purser and R. McCoig 15-11, 15-10. D. Eddy and E. Sutton beat R. Stevens and M. Tredgett 15-13, 15-6.
Final: Stuart and Talbot beat Eddy and Sutton 12-15, 15-6, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES (20 pairs)

Semi-finals: Mrs. Hashman and Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Giles and Miss Gardner 15-5, 15-4. Miss Beck and Mrs. Rickard beat Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Smith 15-11, 17-14.
Final: Mrs. Hashman and Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Beck and Mrs. Rickard 15-11, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES

Not played owing to power cuts.

THE 38th BERKSHIRE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

(held at the Bracknell Sports Centre, Bagshot Road, Bracknell, Berkshire, on 11th to 13th February, 1972)

MEN'S SINGLES (33 players)

Semi-finals: D. Hunt beat P. Pennekett 15-7, 15-10. T. Stewart beat J. Tate 15-3, 15-1.
Final: Hunt beat Stewart 15-3, 15-1.

LADIES' SINGLES (10 players)

Semi-finals: Miss H. Marks beat Mrs. P. Dawson 11-8, 3-11, 11-6. Miss A. Forrest beat Mrs. S. Jones 11-7, 6-11, 11-3.
Final: Miss Forrest beat Miss Marks 11-7, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES (29 pairs)

Semi-finals: D. Hunt and D. Curtis beat R. Lewis and G. Cartwright 15-11, 15-12. B. Nilsen and D. Pither beat K. Paul and P. Pennekett 15-12, 10-15, 15-9.
Final: Nilsen and Pither beat Hunt and Curtis 15-9, 13-18, 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES (22 pairs)

Semi-finals: Mrs. Darlington and Miss Brennan beat Miss Cooper and Mrs. McCairns 15-7, 15-9. Miss Holland and Mrs. Friend beat Miss Marks and Mrs. Smith 15-10, 15-8.
Final: Mrs. Darlington and Miss Brennan beat Miss Holland and Mrs. Friend 15-3, 7-15, 15-12.

MIXED DOUBLES (41 pairs)

Semi-finals: D. Hunt and Miss Holland beat A. Finch and Mrs. Addinell 14-18, 15-7, 15-9. T. Bowler and Mrs. Illingworth beat W. Andrew and Miss Andrew 15-8, 13-15, 15-11.
Final: Bowler and Mrs. Illingworth beat Hunt and Miss Holland 15-7, 15-6.

NORTH OF SCOTLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

(held at County Sports Centre, Aberdeen)

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: R. S. McCoig (London) beat A. J. Dawson (Aberdeen) 15-17, 15-9, 15-10. N. H. McCloy (Greenock) beat B. Ridder (Netherlands) 15-6, 15-3.
Final: McCoig beat McCloy 15-3, 9-15, 15-11.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands) beat Miss A. Johnstone (Whitburn) 11-2, 11-5. Miss M. Luesken (Netherlands) beat Miss H. T. Kelly (Edinburgh) 11-3, 11-4.
Final: Miss Luesken beat Miss van Beusekom 11-8, 3-11, 11-8.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: F. D. Gow and J. Ansari beat M. Henderson and A. J. Britton 15-8, 7-15, 15-5. N. H. McCloy and J. Marshall beat R. S. McCoig and I. D. Hume 18-15, 8-15, 15-11.
Final: Gow and Ansari beat McCloy and Marshall 15-5, 15-5.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. M. Odell and Mrs. C. Stewart beat Miss C. A. Dyga and Mrs. R. C. Glegg 15-5, 15-2. Miss van Beusekom and Miss Luesken beat Miss Kelly and Miss Johnstone 15-10, 15-9.
Final: Miss van Beusekom and Miss Luesken beat Mrs. Odell and Mrs. Stewart 11-15, 15-6, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: I. D. Hume and Mrs. Odell beat J. Ansari and Miss M. Luesken 15-8, 5-15, 15-11. F. D. Gow and Mrs. Stewart beat J. Marshall and Miss Kelly 15-7, 18-15.
Final: Gow and Mrs. Stewart beat Hume and Mrs. Odell 15-3, 15-9.

MIDDLESEX CHAMPIONSHIPS

(held at Orion Hall on 4th and 5th March)

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: D. Hunt beat M. S. D'Cunha 15-6, 15-5. B. H. White beat J. Woodgate 15-3, 15-9.
Final: Hunt beat White 15-10, 17-16.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Miss A. E. Forrest beat Miss M. Brewer 11-8, 11-5. Mrs. P. Dawson beat Miss G. Edwards 11-6, 11-3.
Final: Miss Forrest beat Mrs. Dawson 12-10, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: T. A. Goode and D. Hunt beat C. Goodman and B. Nielson 15-13, 17-16. W. Kidd and B. White beat B. C. Keeling and P. Pennekett 15-5, 15-9.
Final: Goode and Hunt beat Kidd and White 13-15, 18-15, 15-8.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Miss P. Timbers and Miss L. Veasey beat Mrs. J. Dulieu and Mrs. R. Cavilla 15-9, 11-15, 15-12. Mrs. P. Dawson and Miss A. Forrest beat Miss G. White and Miss M. Brewer 15-7, 15-10.
Final: Miss Timbers and Miss Veasey beat Mrs. Dawson and Miss Forrest 15-6, 15-1.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: W. E. Andrew and Miss L. M. Veasey beat C. Goodman and Miss P. Chitty 18-15, 15-7. G. Mannall and Miss P. Timbers beat D. Clarke and Miss C. Holland 15-13, 15-10.
Final: Andrew and Miss Veasey beat Mannall and Miss Timbers 11-15, 15-5, 15-10.

DERBYSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

MEN'S SINGLES (24 entries)

Semi-finals: P. J. Wood beat R. J. Westmorland 17-18, 8 and 11; C. J. Kirk beat B. Campion 6 and 2.
Final: Kirk beat Wood 8 and 6.

LADIES' SINGLES (14 entries)

Semi-finals: Miss H. Herrick beat Mrs. E. Fraser 6-11, 5 and 6; Miss C. Lindsay beat Mrs. J. Upton 6 and 5.
Finals: Miss Lindsay beat Miss Herrick 6 and 4.

MEN'S DOUBLES (32 pairs)

Semi-finals: S. J. Shaw and P. J. Wood beat C. Kirk and I. Clark 16-18, 8 and 10; J. Cocker and P. Bullivant beat A. Harkness and R. Westmorland 1, 6-15, and 12.
Finals: Wood and Shaw beat Cocker and Bullivant 13-14, 16-18 and 11.

LADIES' DOUBLES (22 pairs)

Semi-finals: Mrs. A. MacFarlane and Miss K. Clarke beat Mrs. J. Dulieu and Miss P. Timbers 7 and 12; Mrs. J. Charlton and Miss C. Lindsay beat Mrs. P. Mace and Mrs. K. Brindle 9 and 8.
Final: Charlton and Lindsay beat MacFarlane and Clarke 5 and 8.

MIXED DOUBLES (32 pairs)

Semi-finals: P. Goh and Mrs. M. Goh beat B. Keefe and Mrs. J. Charlton 8, 8-15 and 5; R. J. Westmorland and Mrs. J. Stephens beat P. Bullivant and Miss H. Herrick 10, and 17-14.
Final: Westmorland and Stephens beat Goh and Goh 9 and 11.

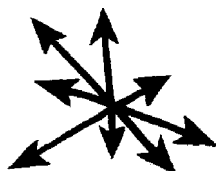
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF B.U.A.E.

Notice is hereby given that the A.G.M. of the Association will be held on Saturday, July 1st 1972 at the Civil Service Recreation Centre, Monk St., London S.W.1., at 11.30.

All items to be placed on the Agenda shall be sent in writing to the Hon. Secretary to reach him before 31st May, 1972.

F. E. HINCHCLIFF,
Hon. Secretary

NEWS FROM



THE COUNTIES

OXON. & BUCKS.

First Ever Dinner Dance

THE Little Abbey Hotel, Great Missenden, Bucks., was the venue for the first ever dinner dance held by the Association and on the 26th February 99 members and friends enjoyed a first class meal which was followed by dancing until 12.30.

Mr. Humphrey Chilton, who was accompanied by his wife, presided over the gathering and the official guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Scheele, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Holwill and Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCoig who kindly substituted at short notice for Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Armitage, who were prevented from attending due to illness.

After dinner, the toast to the Association was proposed by Mr. Scheele and after responding, Mr. Chilton toasted the guests, on whose behalf Mr. McCoig replied. The occasion was also taken to make presentations to both Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Yarde-Frost and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Brown in recognition of their long service to the Association.

With the evening being voted such a great success, joint organisers Ciro Ciniglio and Derek Barrett are already being asked to make plans for a repeat function in 1973.

D. R. BARRETT.

ESSEX

Under 21's beat Scotland U.21

A LARGE crowd attended the Essex Under 21 match against Scotland Under 21 at Chalkwell on the 20th March; a very enjoyable match was won by the former, 6-1. The Scots made friends with everyone and brought such fine weather with them that the Essex lady providing hospitality was able to entertain them in her garden—a most unusual occurrence in England in March.

The Scots captain, Ronnie Conway, was the star of the side but the whole team raised their game on the arrival of a certain Bob McCoig. Three Essex umpires also gained useful practice for Wembley during the match.

Results

MEN'S SINGLES

K. Arthur beat R. Conway 15-1, 17-18, 18-14.
J. Stretch beat T. Dawson 15-7, 15-12.

LADIES' SINGLES

Miss B. Giles beat Miss A. Blyth 11-3, 11-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES

P. Smith and D. Pither lost to R. Conway and D. Ferguson 15-17, 15-5, 13-15; J. Stretch and J. Woodgate beat K. Anderson and I. Sharpe 15-7, 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Miss B. Giles and Miss N. Gardner beat Miss A. Blyth and Miss A. Johnstone 15-8, 15-4.

MIXED DOUBLES

P. Smith and Miss N. Gardner beat R. Conway and Miss A. Johnstone 21-5.

On 1st April, Linda Spencer, nationally seeded No. 4 in Singles, married Australian, Don Cory. They hope to leave for Australia in the very near future. It is intended to present Linda with her County 1st Team Colours at the dinner after the I.C.C. Final against Surrey. Badminton followers will wish the couple every happiness.

As anticipated, Parkside proved too strong for Amico in the Essex Clubs' Cup Final, winning 6-1. The latter's only victory was recorded by Janet Brennan and Mike Parratt over Nora Gardner and Phil Smith. The three Division I County League titles (Men's, Ladies' and Mixed) all go to Grove who have proved the most consistent club during the season.

LANCASHIRE

Blackpool Exhibition

THOUGH the three teams in the County Championship all had an interest in the play-offs there was no final glory for any. The seniors did well to run Surrey to 7-10 at Wimbledon and the 2nd team were not disgraced in losing by the same score to Notts. 1st at Nottingham in the 'Challenge' match which could have earned them promotion to Div. II. Of the team that started the season no fewer than four—the Bullivant brothers and the Walsh sisters—having earned promotion to the Div. I. team were ineligible which illustrates that though Lancashire have few real stars they have considerable strength in depth.

The defeat unfortunately deprived the young 3rd team of the right to challenge Cheshire II for promotion to Div. III.

The 750 spectators at the Winter Gardens on March 28th were treated to a feast of fine badminton and the Blackpool and District and the County Associations jointly, deservedly earned a satisfactory surplus.

The final "cast" was Mrs. Eva Twedberg and Sture Johnsson of Sweden, Miss Joké van Beusekom of Holland and our own Mrs. Gilks, Miss Beck, Ray Stevens, Elliott Stuart and Eddy Sutton (a welcome substitute for Kurt Johnsson who pulled out through injury).

Though nothing was at stake little mercy was shown. Mrs. Gilks despite a heavy cold did well to defeat Mrs. Twedberg, and Sutton followed up his good form in the All-England by winning both his matches.

One small point. All good feasts should leave folk wanting a little more. Six "courses" including two ladies' singles gave them a little too much.

RESULTS

Singles: Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Twedberg 12-10, 11-5. Miss Beusekom beat Miss Beck 12-10, 9-11, 11-9. Johnsson beat Stevens 15-5, 10-15, 15-4.

Doubles: Stevens and Sutton beat Johnsson and Stuart 8-15, 15-8, 18-13. Mrs. Gilks and Miss Beck beat Miss Twedberg and Miss Beusekom 15-6, 15-7.

Mixed: Sutton and Mrs. Gilks beat Stuart and Miss Twedberg 15-11, 17-14.

NORTHERN COUNTIES

Change of Title

The Northern Counties Badminton Association has decided to change its name to the Northumberland Badminton Association with effect from 1st July, 1972.

KNOW YOUR UMPIRE 6

ARTHUR JONES

SOMEONE asked at Wembley whether the umpire for the ladies' doubles final, Arthur Jones, was the same Arthur Jones who is Deputy Chairman of the Council of the B.A. of E. and is also Chairman of Essex County B.A. An affirmative answer quickly made one realise that here is a man who is very deeply involved in Badminton in many aspects.

He started his Badminton career 30 years ago while under training as a radio mechanic in the Royal Navy at Newcastle-on-Tyne. He subsequently served on Arctic convoys and then in submarines in the Pacific. (It may be interesting to note here that two of our best umpires were engaged in very different but equally dangerous aspects of the war: Nev MacFarlane as a parachutist and Arthur Jones as a submariner). Perhaps there is a link—the desire to continue to live dangerously even



in later life because who can deny that in these days of steel shafts, umpiring can be a hazardous occupation!

Arthur Jones has served on six standing committees of the B.A. of E. during 1971-72, being chairman in two cases. He has also been one of England's representatives on the I.B.F. In addition, he is one of the B.A. of E. representatives on the committee of the B.U.A.E. and has been chairman of that committee for the last two years.

For the record, apart from his appearances at All-England finals he has also umpired in international matches and went to Edinburgh as one of the team of English umpires for the Commonwealth Games in 1970.

As regards Essex affairs—incidentally he was born and bred there, and lives and works in the family business in that county—he has been chairman of the County Association for the past five years. Previously, he had been County Secretary and Treasurer. Furthermore, he plays Badminton, although not as much now, and is a keen golfer.

It is difficult to appreciate how he can find the time to accomplish so much because he is no mere figurehead; wherever he is involved, he fully plays his part. The game in England is greatly indebted to this hard worker in so many different fields.

ERIC HINCHCLIFF

THE 4th WARWICKSHIRE OPEN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

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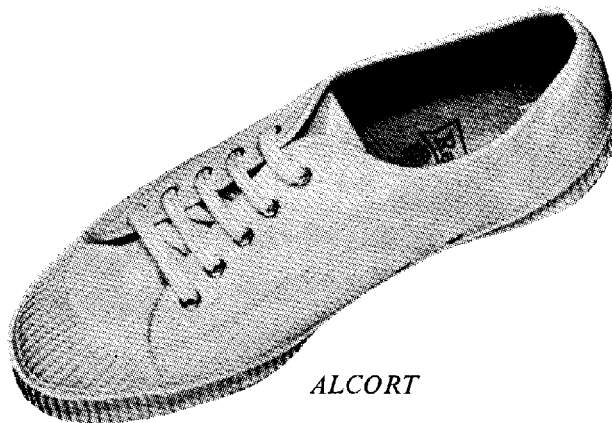
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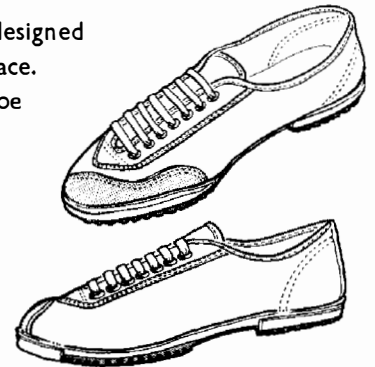
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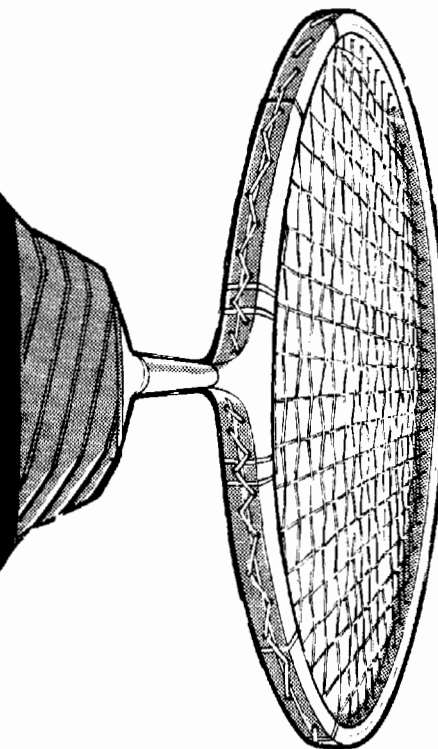
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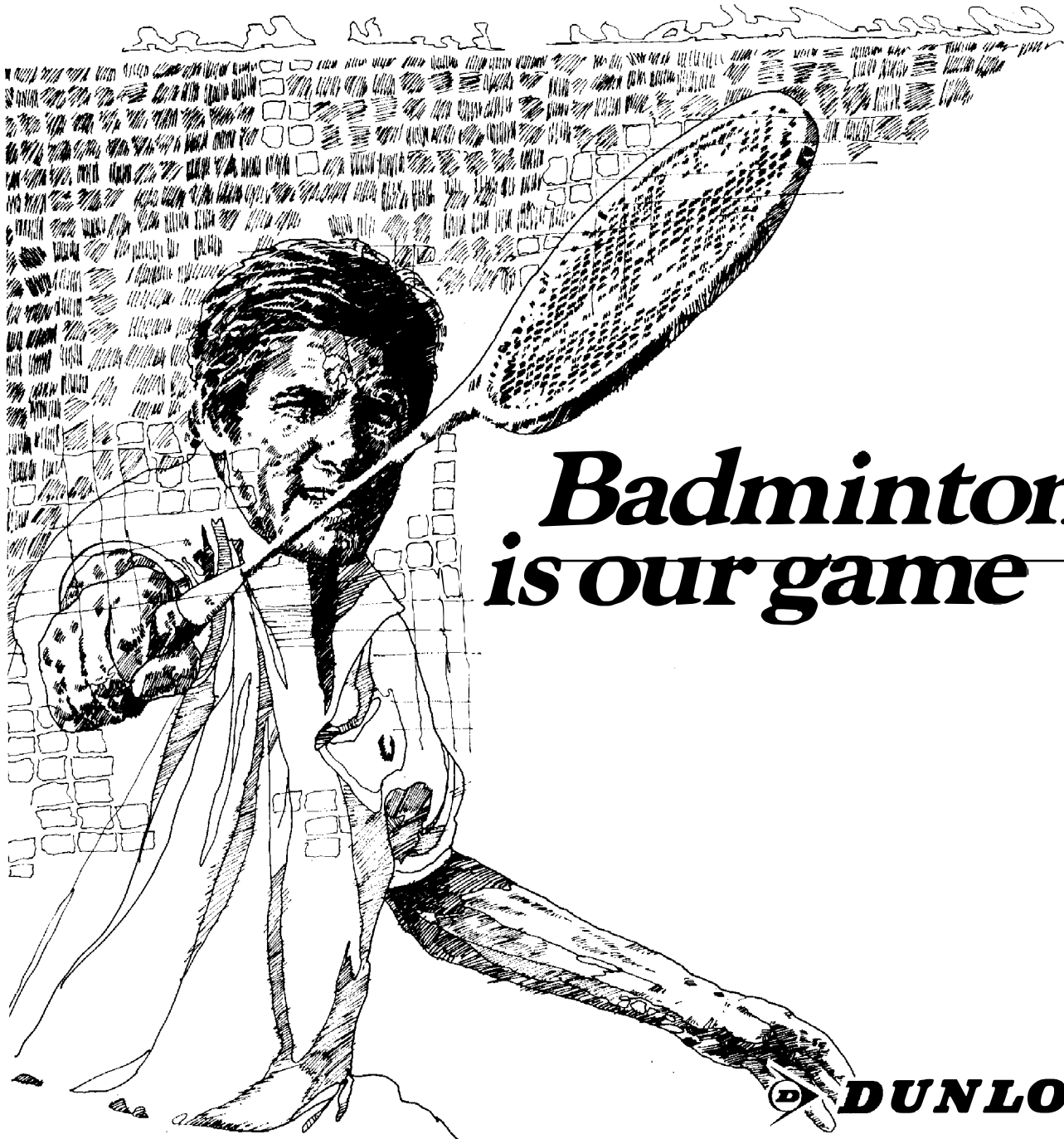
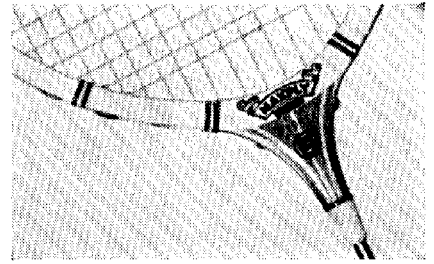
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