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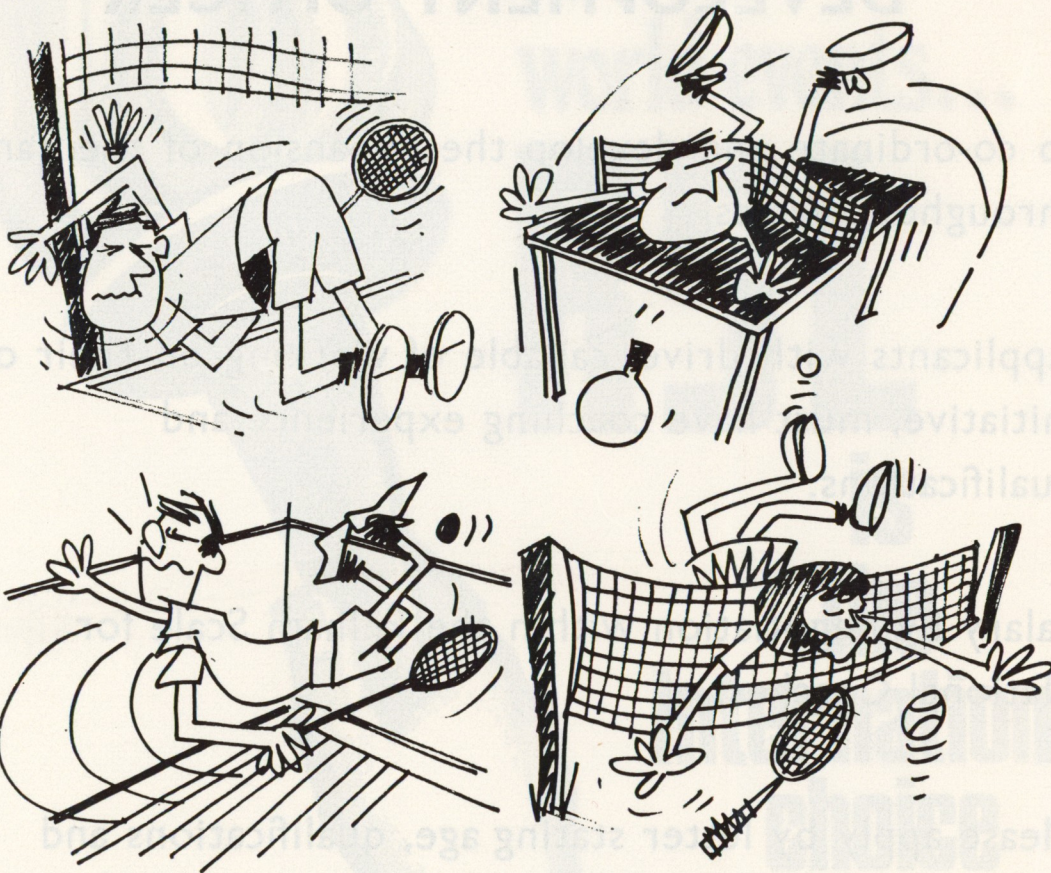
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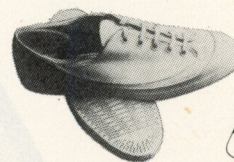
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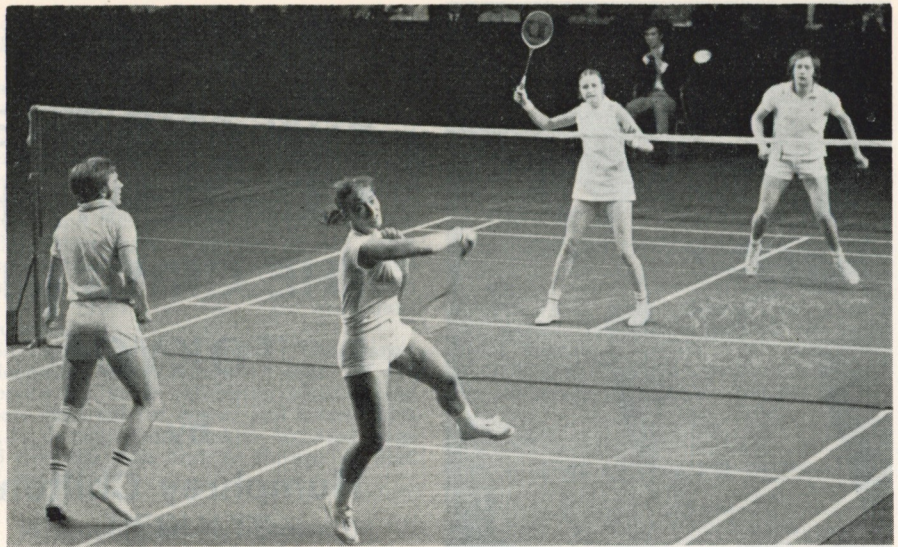
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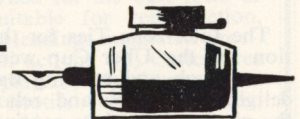
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EDITORIAL COMMENT



THE Editor is not sure whether his face should be very red indeed or whether he should give himself a modest congratulatory pat on the back. Last November, Editorial Comment pointed out that apart from the Granwood there was much too little Badminton sponsorship, and that younger brother Squash was romping ahead in the Sponsorship Stakes.

Today he is delighted to report that things are very different—the Badminton till has been ringing merrily with offers of equipment and financial backing to the rousing tune of no less than £6,000.

How has this happy state of affairs been achieved? The B.A. of E. appointed a Sponsorship Liaison Officer, Surrey's Nick Budibent. A business man himself, he has brought a business approach to his task.

A first success is his addition of the well-known name of Churchman to our roll of sponsors. Not only are they fully supporting the England v. Scotland match at Felixstowe in December but they also plan to introduce, in August and September, 1973, the "Grandee Circuit". This will be a round robin tournament between five of our leading players at ten different venues round the country on a points basis. The prize? An M.G. Midget car! Here indeed is a break-through when Badminton can now promote an entirely new competition that rivals Tennis's Dewar Cup in sequent attraction!

In addition, Esso has undertaken not only to cover the heavy promotional costs of the tour in this country by the People's Republic of China team but also to give some help with the accommodation at their Motor Hotels in different parts of the country. When such a household name backs Badminton to the tune of over £3,000, another great step forward has been taken!

Generous sponsorship for demonstrations and tournaments is coming from Granwood's, the floor specialists, Carlton Sports, who need no introduction, and Supa Sports, the Surrey sports retailers. Equipment too has been most generously given by InterScan Sauna (rowing and cycling machines), En Tout Cas (a portable court), and Lillywhite Frowd (umpire's chair). And not too far in the future, it is hoped that other equipment will be offered to back up the work of the Chief Coach: car, video-tape recorder, ciné camera and projector.

All this helps the finances and efficiency of the B.A. of E. itself. At this stage, individual counties, often sorely pressed financially, can benefit only indirectly. It is so much easier and more effective to speak for a national organization than a county one.

Despite this success, it should not be imagined that overnight the B.A. of E. can become a fairy godfather to all. Much of the sponsorship is in the form of goods or backing for special events—events which could not otherwise be entertained. A regular income to cover all day to day bread and butter commitments is still the first need but sponsorship does provide the cream cake of better equipment and more exciting events to give Badminton a new impetus.

Now that sponsorship is snowballing it will be more necessary than ever to think out priorities, to decide what aspects of Badminton most need support, and to ensure that all sections of the Badminton world—junior, club, county and international—benefit fairly. It would be interesting to have readers' views on this point.

Badminton players should publicise these events and support those firms who see in Badminton a booming game to which they may hitch their advertising wagon. Players and sponsors have a common cause.

We offer our congratulations to Nick Budibent and his committee on a fine start. Here's more power to their arms—or should it be their persuasive tongues?



Mrs. N. Nakayama and Miss H. Yuki.
(Pat Davis)

The Inter-zone Ties for the 6th Competition for the Uber Cup were a mixture of some tough and exciting Badminton and a delightfully happy and relaxed meeting of the players from four continents at the "off-the-court" occasions.

For this, much praise is due to the Nippon B.A. for their hospitality and for their gathering-together of nearly all officials and players at one point — the newly opened Grand Palace Hotel.

As referee, I personally didn't have much chance of seeing a lot of Tokyo — let alone the rest of Japan — because on my arrival, 20 hours out of London via Moscow, I was involved in a series of consultations with the officials of the Nippon B.A., who were responsible for all the local arrangements.

Lighting Problems

One of the major difficulties to overcome was the lighting planned by the colour television camera people at the stadium, which involved a battery of eight huge arc lamps high up in the stadium at either side of the arena. All the visiting captains who came up and looked at this said it just wouldn't do as the players would be blinded.

So a great shuffle around of the positioning and angling etc. of the lights took place until at the fourth attempt we got a combination of lighting that satisfied the T/V Cameramen, The Team Captains, the Nippon B.A. and myself — and, incidentally ensured that the 10,000 spectators anticipated on Final's Day would not be blinded by arc lights shining in their faces. It must have been successful as not one complaint subsequently reached me about the lighting.

Song and Dance!

On the Saturday evening, the Nippon B.A. gave us all a welcoming party on the 39th Floor of the massive Tokyo World Trading Centre. As all the visitors filed in, our hosts lined the passage and, in Japanese custom, clapped us all through to meet their president, Mr. Hirotohi Honda. The very happy atmosphere at this initial get-together set the tone for the whole of the championships. After initial speeches of welcome, I was told that the four Japanese official umpires, resplendent in their red blazers and white trousers, had other talents

FUN AND THE GAMES WITH THE GIRLS IN TOKYO

by
Humphrey Chilton

(Chairman of the Council of the B.A. of E.)



Miss M. Aizawa and Miss E. Takenaka.
(Pat Davis)

than umpiring so I summoned them to the microphone where they rendered an excellent quartet!

Then, with the aid of a little persuasion from Mr. Suchil Ruia, (Vice-President of the I.B.F.) and Mr. Kelly Kurita, (the official translator) all the 5 teams gave us a "song and dance act", to the huge entertainment of our hosts. Finally, Mr. Honda himself was persuaded to do a "turn" and sang an old Japanese folk song.

Memorable Opening Ceremony

The colourful opening ceremony of the games — in the presence of the Patroness of the Nippon B.A., The Princess Chichibu — went off very smoothly, thanks to good rehearsal and clear briefing. The teams made a most pleasant colour picture; Canadians in red blazers, New Zealanders in dark blue, Danes in white track suits, Indonesians in deep red ones and the Japanese girls, led by Mrs. Noriko Nakayama carrying the Uber Trophy, in their brilliant striped black, orange and yellow blazers.

The cup was presented to Mr. Ferry Sonnevile, the President of the I.B.F., who handed it to Mr. Honda. During the days of the competition, it stood in the Royal Box flanked by two Japanese girl stewards in blue uniform.

As many expected, Japan proved too strong for the opposition from the four quarters of the globe gathered in Tokyo in early June. They retained the Uber Cup for the third time, so equalling the U.S.A.'s number of victories.

Canada and New Zealand strive in vain

In the earlier matches, neither Canada nor New Zealand — fight as they did — could match the Indonesians, particularly in the Singles matches, where the superiority of the Asian players was marked. Both Canada, who had just come from a highly successful three week tour of mainland China, and New Zealand, scored almost exactly the same number of points against the Indonesians. It was a pity that these two evidently equally matched teams did not come out in the draw against each other, especially as the distance they are apart effectively precludes their meeting save in this competition.

For New Zealand, Alison Branfield (née Glenie) stood out head and shoulders even above her very tall compatriots. She was very unlucky not to be rewarded by winning one or her two doubles matches with sister Robin, both of which went to Indonesia after three closely contested games. In the heat of Tokyo in June it was asking a lot of an individual to play 8 games, (2 Singles and 6 Doubles), in a period of less than 5 hours. This would seem a matter that the International Championships Committee of the I.B.F. might well think about before the next competition.

For Canada, Judi Rollick turned in easily the best results, scoring 8 and 8 against Intan of Indonesia which, in retrospect, was a highly successful performance. Then, in her doubles with Mimi Nilsson just failing to beat Retno Kustijah and Poppie Tumengkol when they had seemed to be psychologically on top.

Depleted Danes

The Danish team was robbed of its two youngest singles players, Lene Koppen and Anne Berglund, by examinations. However, it was most pleasant to see Imre Rietveld-Nielsen come back into the international field. In spite of her lack of competitive play in recent months, she gave the redoubtable Hiroe Yuki quite a shock when she took the first game to 5.

Mention must also be made of Annie Bog Jorgenson, who played really excellently against the irresistible Noriko Nakayama. It is a great loss to the Danish team that she is going to be away in South America for at least the next twelve months, since she has all the hall-marks (and the height) of a most promising singles player.

The Danes had another misfortune in the temporary indisposition of Ulla Strand, who seemed to have eaten something that disagreed with her 48 hours before the match and come out in a most painful rash. The doctors filled her full of drugs and she gallantly insisted on playing her first doubles, but the combined effect of the allergy, the drugs and lack of sleep resulted in her being a shadow of her usual self. She had to retire to hospital immediately after that game and spent a most unpleasant 24 hours but I am happy to record that by the time of the farewell party she had recovered her usual exuberance.

Hottest Day

And so to the final in the packed Olympic Gymnastics Stadium, on the hottest day of the year so far, Indonesia faced what was indubitably the strongest team Japan has yet produced. The start was electric as the two third ranking singles players were drawn to play first and Intan — surely one of the most improved young players Indonesia have produced — was well master of Kaoru Takasaka, Indonesia was in the lead 1-0.

But last March's All-England finalists soon turned the tables to give Japan a 2-1 lead and here a special tribute is due to Noriko Nakayama. Her play in that match was unsurpassable. Her opponent, Utami Dewi, is Indonesia's No. 1 Singles player and a very formidable opponent, but try as she would she could not cope with Noriko's faultless play. In the second set, Noriko Nakayama actually never made a single error in a series of long and remarkable rallies. It was an exhibition that left the many experts in that stadium quite speechless in their admiration.

Indonesians Undismayed

But even this did not daunt the Indonesians — in the first double, Intan and Regina Masli nearly pulled off the surprise of the week by running the All-England Ladies' Doubles winners, Machiko Aizawa and Etsuko Takenaka, to a close 3-game match, which set all the Japanese — players and officials alike — sitting nervously on the edges of their chairs. If the Indonesian pair had pulled off that match it would have squared the tie at 2-2 and anything could have happened! But Japan turned the scales as after crossing over in the third game at 8-6 they suddenly produced an inspired spell and ran out worthy winners at 15-7.

The only on-court casualty of the entire finals occurred in the 5th — and decisive — match when Poppie Tumengkol was unlucky enough to twist her ankle. Though it did not prevent her continuing, it undoubtedly marred her manoeuvrability.

Fine Organisation

So Japan came up as winners of the Uber Cup for the third time. The Nippon B.A. are to be congratulated on this as well as on the splendid and meticulous organisation which was honoured by visits from Royalty on two occasions.

A word of thanks must also be extended to the other visiting teams. When the Japanese were on court, they manned 6 of the 10 linemen's positions throughout the matches. This was in accordance with the principle laid down by the Council of the I.B.F. that, whenever practicable, in Inter-Zone Ties in the Thomas and Uber Cup Competitions, neutral court officials should be provided.

The standard of Umpiring of the Japanese Umpires was good, but their service judging tended to be a little too lenient. Only one service fault was called throughout the ties. As a spectator in a favourable position to judge service faults, I consider that there were a number of occasions in which two major faulting errors were committed — first in "walking - while - serving" and secondly in the racket not "pointing in a downwards direction".

At the conclusion of the final tie, the teams all paraded for the presentation of the Uber Cup by Mr. Sonnevile, to a tearfully-happy Mrs. Nakayama. In brief speeches, Mr. Sonnevile and Mr. Honda both paid tribute to the wonderful spirit in which the ties had been played, congratulated the winners and thanked all the

officials for their hard work in ensuring such a great success.

Grand Finale

Finally, the Nippon B.A. had arranged a farewell party that evening at the Grand Palace Hotel, which was graced by the presence of The Princess Chichibu, who was delighted at the high spirits of all the players and officials. A highlight of this buffet-supper-dance was the central table decoration: a huge Badminton racket and shuttlecock set at a 45° angle, carved from a solid block of ice. It was most spectacular.

So the competition closed. The Danes, Indonesians and Japanese went off to Sapporo for some exhibition matches; the others departed for home; and I boarded a J.A.L. Jumbo from Tokyo to Anchorage and over the Pole back to Europe — tired but happy.

RESULTS

FIRST ROUND

Indonesia 7, Canada 0

At Tokyo on June 6th. Scores (Indonesian names first):—

Singles—Miss Utami Dewi beat Miss N. McKinley, 11-2, 11-0. Miss Taty Sumirah beat Mrs. J. Youngberg, 11-7, 11-1. Miss Intan Nurtjahja beat Mrs. J. Rollick, 11-8, 11-8.

Doubles—Miss Intan Nurtjahja and Miss Regina Masli beat Miss M. Shedd and Mrs. B. Welch, 15-5, 12-15, 15-2; beat Mrs. J. Rollick and Mrs. M. Nilsson, 15-8, 15-4. Miss Retno Koestijah and Miss P. Tumengkol beat Mrs. Rollick and Mrs. Nilsson, 15-8, 14-17, 18-13; beat Mrs. Shedd and Mrs. Welch, 15-3, 15-9.

Mr. S. Gow (Indonesia) and Mr. J. Powell (Canada) captained the teams, and Mr. H. F. Chilton (I.B.F.) was honorary referee.

SECOND ROUND

Japan 7, Denmark 0

At Tokyo on June 7th. Scores (Japanese names first):—

Singles—Mrs. N. Nakayama beat Miss A. Bög Jørgensen, 11-4, 11-0. Miss H. Yuki beat Mrs. I. Rietveld Nielsen, 5-11, 11-0, 11-4. Miss K. Takasaka beat Mrs. P. Kaagaard, 11-3, 11-3.

Doubles—Mrs. N. Nakayama and Miss H. Yuki beat Mrs. K. Jørgensen and Mrs. U. Strand, 15-2, 15-3; beat Miss A. Flindt and Mrs. Kaagaard, 15-6, 15-8. Miss M. Aizawa and Miss E. Takenaka beat Miss Flindt and Mrs. Kaagaard, 15-10, 11-15, 15-5; beat Mrs. Jørgensen and Mrs. I. Rietveld Nielsen (sub), 15-1, 15-9.

Mr. E. Sakai (Japan) and Mr. T. Mølgaard Hansen (Denmark) captained the teams, and Mr. H. F. Chilton (I.B.F.) was honorary referee. Miss K. Shibayama was also nominated for Japan but did not eventually play.

Indonesia 7, New Zealand 0

At Tokyo on June 8th. Scores (Indonesian names first):—

Singles—Miss Utami Dewi beat Mrs. A. Branfield, 11-7, 11-5. Miss Taty Sumirah beat Miss R. Glenie, 11-3, 11-5. Miss Intan Nurtjahja beat Miss F. Walters, 11-2, 11-1.

Doubles—Miss Retno Koestijah and Miss P. Tumengkol beat Mrs. A. Branfield and Miss R. Glenie, 10-15, 15-11, 15-10; beat Miss F. Walters and Mrs. G. Waller, 15-4, 15-8. Miss Intan Nurtjahja and Miss Regina Masli beat Miss Walters and Mrs. Waller, 15-3, 15-5; beat Mrs. Branfield and Miss Glenie, 11-15, 18-15, 15-9.

Mr. S. Gow (Indonesia) and Mrs. J. E. Robson (New Zealand) captained the teams, and Mr. H. F. Chilton (I.B.F.) was honorary referee. Mrs. J. E. Robson was also nominated for New Zealand but did not eventually play.

FINAL ROUND

Japan 6, Indonesia 1

At Tokyo on June 11th. Scores (Japanese names first):—

Singles—Mrs. N. Nakayama beat Miss Utami Dewi, 11-2, 11-0. Miss H. Yuki beat Miss Taty Sumirah, 11-4, 11-3. Miss K. Takasaka lost to Miss Intan Nurtjahja, 9-11, 11-7, 3-11.

Doubles—Miss M. Aizawa and Miss E. Takenaka beat Miss Intan Nurtjahja and Miss Regina Masli, 15-5, 11-15, 15-7; beat Miss Retno Koestijah and Miss P. Tumengkol, 15-8, 15-9. Mrs. N. Nakayama and Miss H. Yuki beat Miss Koestijah and Miss Tumengkol, 15-9, 15-11; beat Miss Nurtjahja and Miss Masli, 15-8, 15-8.

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OLYMPIC BADMINTON !

Gold for England

by

R. S. "TINY" LUCAS
(B.U.A.E.)

Badminton history was made at Munich when for the first time, it was included as a Demonstration Sport at the Olympic Games. The demonstration took the form of an Invitation Tournament organised by the German Badminton Association under the auspices of the International Badminton Federation.

Twenty-five players from eleven nations took part and both singles and men's and mixed doubles were held. Owing to the lack of available time, no ladies' doubles were included.

In the singles, Hartono again showed his pre-eminence and decisively defeated S. Pri in the final, but only after having been extended fully by J. Paulson of Canada, the Commonwealth Games champion, in the first two games of the first round.

Gill Gilks Great Fight

In the Ladies' Singles Mrs. Gilks, after starting nervously, beat Mrs. Steden of Germany in straight sets. In the second round she started by smashing at Mrs. Nakayama's backhand but could not find her touch, and the Japanese girl's defence led her into making errors, particularly by overhitting. In the second, she changed her tactics and, with some beautiful overhead dropshots combined with low drives to the forehand baseline, won 11-8. In the third, after being 1-6 and then 4-10 down, she pulled up dramatically to 9-10 before losing 9-11 in an exciting match. Her strokes and play were most impressive but she just lacked in accuracy at times, and her opponent went on to win the final 11-5, 11-3 against Miss Dewi of Indonesia.

In the doubles, Talbot and Stuart, after a convincing victory in the first round, held their own against Chandra and Christian until 7 all in the first game, but lost 8-15. In the second, after leading 6-1, they dropped to 8-9. At this stage they recovered to 12-9, largely as the result of some excellent serving by Stuart, but the Indonesians proved too strong and, winning 15-12, went on to beat Ng and Gunalan of Malaysia in an exciting final.

Talbot and Gilks Supreme

Talbot and Mrs. Gilks showed their undoubted superiority in the mixed event, winning without losing a game, although fully extended in the last game of the final by Pri and Mrs. Strand of Denmark. Both played extremely well and Mrs. Gilks' interceptions at the net were outstanding. They are worthy champions.



Rudi Hartono
(Pat Davis)

The scratch pair of Stuart and Miss van Beusekom played well but lost in an exciting match against Christian and Miss Dewi of Indonesia.

The tournament was an undoubted success and the play was much appreciated by the enthusiastic crowd which gave a particularly fine ovation to the finalists of the Men's Doubles. Winners and runners-up received gold and silver medals presented by the International Badminton Federation. The German Badminton Association, which staged the demonstration, should be congratulated on its success and on the hard work put in by its officials.

At last Badminton has appeared in connection with the Olympic Games. Now let us hope that it may be selected as part of the Games proper in Canada in 1976.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

1st Round: R. Hartono (Indonesia) beat J. Paulson (Canada) 15-12, 14-18, 15-3. S. Johnsson (Sweden) beat S. Goel (India) 15-5, 15-2. W. Bochow (W.Germany) beat Tan Aik Mong (Malaysia) 15-10, 15-5. S. Pri (Denmark) beat B. Jaiyen (Thailand) 15-11, 15-2.

Semi-finals: Hartono beat Johnsson 15-2, 15-4. Pri beat Bochow 9.15, 15-9, 15-8.

Final: Hartono beat Pri 15-6, 15-1.

LADIES' SINGLES

1st Round: Mrs. N. Nakayama (Japan) beat Mrs. U. Strand (Denmark) 11-5, 11-4. Mrs. G. Gilks (England) beat Miss B. Steden (W.Germany) 11-9, 11-6. Miss U. Dewi (Indonesia) beat Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden) 11-7, 11-8. Miss H. Yuki (Japan) beat Miss J. van Beusekom 11-3, 11-2.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Nakayama beat Mrs. Gilks 11-3, 8-11, 11-9. Miss Dewi beat Miss Yuki 11-5, 11-9.

Final: Mrs. Nakayama beat Miss Dewi 11-5, 11-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES

1st Round: Ade Chandra and H. Christian beat Tan Aik Mong and B. Jaiyen 15-7, 15-1. E. Stuart and D. Talbot beat W. Bochow and J. Paulson 15-3, 15-9. Ng Boon Bee and P. Gunalan beat I. Kojima (Japan) and S. Goel 15-8, 15-1.

Semi-final: Chandra and Christian beat Stuart and Talbot 15-8, 15-12. Ng Boon Bee and P. Gunalan beat W. Braun and R. Maywald (W. Germany) 12-15, 15-10, 15-11.

Final: Chandra and Christian beat Ng Boon Bee and Gunalan 15-4, 2-15, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

1st Round: Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat Kojima and Mrs. Nakayama 15-9, 15-4. Maywald and Miss B. Steden beat Johnsson and Mrs. E. Twedberg 15-7, 15-11. Christian and Miss Dewi beat Stuart and Miss van Beusekom (Holland) 15-9, 15-17, 15-12.

Semi-final: Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat Maywald and Miss Steden 15-10, 15-8. Pri and Mrs. U. Strand beat Christian and Dewi 15-12, 15-10.

Final: Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat Pri and Mrs. Strand 15-6, 18-16.

OLYMPIAMA '72

A large television set was set up in a hall of the Battersea Pleasure Gardens to screen the Olympic Games as they actually happened in Munich. The walls of this hall were lined with displays of all the sports involved and the B.A. and E. took up some of the space offered. Large numbers of the general public were present in the hall every day and it is hoped that all sports benefited from this venture.

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HIGH HOPES FOR ENGLAND !

The draw, printed below, for the European Zone of the 1972/73 Competition for the Thomas Cup may well please Chief Coach Roger Mills and his prospective team. Admittedly, the top half contains all three of the really powerful European countries; England, West Germany and Denmark. In the first round, England should be able to cruise to a comfortable victory at Melksham over the Netherlands whose men are not comparatively as strong as her ladies. In the second round, England will doubtless meet West Germany who should not have been unduly troubled by Ireland. Any side which boasts such players as "Iron-man" Bochow, the much improved Schnaase, and that very good men's doubles pair, W. Braun and R. Maywald, is not to be taken lightly. The England team should certainly win because of their strength in depth but only after they have been extended in a way that will bring them to concert pitch for a great semi-final clash with Denmark.

Cold figures tell us that in six Thomas Cup fixtures with Denmark we have yet to win, and that out of the fifty-four matches played, we have won but six. But as recent continental tournament results have shown, Danish men are not quite the invincibles of previous years.

England should take heart from the fact that in the last All-England Championships she had three of her players through to the third round of the singles, whilst Denmark had but two (though admittedly Sven Pri did go through to the final). And more impressive still, England had two pairs, Stevens and Tredgett (who went on into the final) and Stuart and Talbot in the semi-finals which contained no Danish names. Surely here is England's chance and the culmination of months hard training by Roger Mills and his squad.

Denmark and Sweden (in the bottom half) have been given byes because they were the European Zone Finalists in the 1969/70 contest. Scotland should meet Sweden in the semi-final. The odds seem

to be on the latter who scored a 7-2 victory in the last competition. But what a turn-up it would be for the books and what a highlight in Bob McCoig's career if he could crown it in a Finals clash with England!

England could then well go forward as European Zone winners to join the victors in the Asian, Australasian and American Zones who will meet in Djakarta from 25th May to 3rd June, 1973. There of course they will be joined by the present holders, Indonesia, who are exempt from preliminary zone play.

The winners of the Australasian and American Zones meet to decide who will play the European Zone winner in the semi-finals to be played at the end of May in Djakarta. Similarly the two Asian Zone sections meet for the right to play the holders, Indonesia, exempt until this stage.

Shape of Things to Come ?

As the first tie for the English team in the Men's team Championship of the World (Thomas Cup) looms closer, the selectors have again reduced the training squad, from 15 to 11. The remaining players now are:-

- Keith P. Arthur (Essex) (3)
 - J. David Eddy (Staffs.) (4)
 - Tim A. Goode (Herts.) (—)
 - David R. Hunt (Hampshire) (5)
 - Stephen J. Shaw (Cheshire) (—)
 - Philip J. Smith (Essex) (9)
 - Raymond P. Stevens (Essex) (2)
 - Elliot C. Stuart (Northumb.) (—)
 - Eddie H. Sutton (Staffs.) (—)
 - Derek Talbot (Northumb.) (1)
 - Michael G. Tredgett (Glos.) (6)
- * Numbers in brackets are current England Singles rankings.

The first tie is against The Netherlands on 18/19th October, 1972, at the Christie Miller Sports Centre, Melksham, Wiltshire.

Such a draw makes it probable that a European country will reach the final for the first time since 1963/4 when Indonesia beat Denmark 5-4 at Tokyo.

Could this be England's year? If careful planning, hard training and white hot enthusiasm are any criteria then we could be in with a real chance of a trip to Djakarta.

KENT B.A.—50*

Kent B.A.—50 not out and still going strong—celebrated its anniversary in fine style at the end of last season at The Star Hotel, Maidstone. Over 300 members, together with a galaxy of well-known guests, had a most enjoyable evening.

Kentish Exploits

Stuart Wyatt, President of the B.A. of E., served first with all his usual cunning in proposing "The Kent County Badminton Association". He said that Maidstone had been an unhealthy place for Wyatts since 1542 when one of his forbears had been snatched from nearby Allington Castle straight to the Tower of London! He went on to congratulate Kent on winning the I.C.C. title in 1954 and 1960 and then to discourse in amusing vein on some of her great players ranging from dalliant Tom Wingfield to Crown Jester Warwick Shute and from Ursula Smith to Margaret Boxall (on temporary loan from Hampshire!).

Badminton Lore

Kent's great administrator, Herbert Scheele, drew on his immense fund of Badminton lore in response. He gave a fascinating potted history, mentioning the Association's 1921 income of £11.50; their first great president, Edward Hawthorn, and their six players (J. F. Devlin, J. Best, Mrs. F. G. Barrett, Ursula Smith, Margaret Boxall and Sue Whetnall) who between them had won 34 All-England titles; their happy matches against Jutland and North Holland; and the generosity of A. E. Reed & Co. and Britannic House for long use of their courts amongst a host of fascinating detail.

The Guests

H. L. K. Brock eloquently proposed "The Guests" despite being forced to delete his notes one by one as he listened to Herbert Scheele's wide-ranging speech. He welcomed Kurt Gloggenieser (Jutland), Mr. Ter Metz (North Holland), Stuart Wyatt, Brian Bisseker (B.A. of E.), Ray Kirkby (Surrey B.A.), H. D. Cowan (Essex B.A.), G. R. Dunning (Herts. B.A.), Bill Holwill (R.S.L.), and their wives.

Fluent response was made by Mr. Gloggenieser and Mr. Ter Metz, who respectively made presentations of a silver lighter and a salver, and by H. D. Cowan. Finally, a hi-fi record-player and a cut-glass decanter and glasses were given to Herbert and Betty Scheele by members of the K.C.B.A. as a token of their esteem and affection and of their gratitude for the vast amount of work they had both done for Kent.

Thereafter dancing continued into the small hours with a certain Mephistophelean Medway coach showing even more energetic and eccentric footwork on the dance floor than he does on the court. And that is saying something!

Draw for European Zone, 1972 - 73

The draw for the European Zone of the 1972-73 contest for the Thomas Cup was made on March 24th with the result shown:

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	Final
England*	}
Netherlands .....	.....	.....	.....
West Germany*... ..	.....	.....	.....
Ireland .....	.....	.....	.....
Exempt	Denmark	.....	.....
Finland* .....	.....*	.....*	.....
Scotland .....	.....*	.....*	.....
Bye	Austria	.....	.....
Exempt	Sweden	.....	.....

*This nation has choice of courts (see Regulations 8)

First round must be completed by November 30th.

Second round must be completed by December 31st.

Third round must be completed by February 15th.

Final tie must be played by March 31st.

Asian Zone—Western Section: Singapore* v. Thailand; Pakistan* v. Ceylon.

Eastern Section: Japan* v. Malaysia.

Australasian Zone—New Zealand* v. Australia; India a bye.

American Zone—Mexico* v. U.S.A.; Canada* v. Peru.

PICK OF THE PLAYERS

What promises to be a more than usually interesting season opens with a bang. On 7th and 8th October, at the Guildford Sports Centre, the 2nd English Invitation Singles Tournament is to be played.

Generous Sponsorship

This now outstanding event is sponsored by the generosity of Granwood, of Riddings, Derbyshire. They are of course the manufacturers of the floors laid in many of our modern sports halls.

Thanks to their financial backing, 32 of the best men's singles players and 16 of the best women's singles players will be brought together to play not only for the honour of this title but also for the superb silver trophies of unusual and distinctive design presented by Granwood. This event ensures the season getting off to a really brisk start and gives the selectors very welcome results on which to base later decisions.

The men and ladies are divided into 8 and 4 pools respectively of four players, each of whom plays against the other three. The pool winners then play off in knock-out competition. Last year's winners were Ray Stevens and Margaret Beck, to whom England's great squash player, Jonah Barrington, presented the trophies.

Welcome Newcomers

This year interest will be enhanced by the fact that Derek Talbot will be playing; last season he reluctantly declined because he had had a great deal of summer badminton including a tiring tour of Canada and Mexico. Newcomers to the event are the rapidly improving Cumbrians, Martin Beck and George Connor; Peter Gardner, the 1971/72 All-England Junior Champion; P. H. Goh from unfashionable but vastly enthusiastic Lincolnshire; Peter Bullivant of Lancashire; and T. Stewart of Middlesex.

To be congratulated on being chosen as reserves for the first time are Paul Bullivant, Roy Wallace and Michael Wilkes, all of whom are improving very rapidly.

A welcome new entrant in the Ladies' event is Mrs. H. Ward-Nielsen who only returned to this country from Australia towards the end of last season. Two other welcome additions are the extremely promising Hampshire ladies, Miss A. E. Forrest and Mrs. D. R. Hunt, (née Miss C. Hollands). Also in the tournament for the first time are Miss C. Lindsay, now recovered from last season's injuries, and her fellow county player, Miss Margot Winter.

Accent on Youth

Amongst the reserves, the accent again is very much on youth. It is good to see the North strongly represented with such promising youngsters as Miss S. Storey, Cumberland; Miss K. Fife, Westmorland; and Miss K. Redhead, Lancashire of whom much will undoubtedly be heard long before she is 18. Miss K. Whiting of Gloucestershire is also deservedly knocking at the door.

Here is a feast of good Badminton that should whet our appetite for the rest of the season. Let us hope a really worthwhile crowd turns up to do it full justice.

B.A. of E.'s

New Assistant Secretary

Mr. C. J. (Larry) Landrey has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Association and took up his appointment on the 3rd July.

Mr. Landrey is well known to many people in Badminton circles; he was a member of the Council of the B.A. of E. from 1965 to 1970 during which time he served on the Coaching Committee.

He was a founder member of the R.A.F. Badminton Association in 1948 and was its Honorary Secretary until going to Aden in 1962. On returning to England in 1964 he became the R.A.F. Match Secretary until retiring from the R.A.F. in 1970. He was also the Honorary Treasurer for a number of years.

He started the R.A.F. Coaching Scheme in 1956 and played for the the R.A.F. for several years from 1948.



Since retiring, he has lived in Cornwall where he has become very involved in Badminton affairs. There he was the Coaching Secretary of the Cornwall B.A., the South-West Region Co-ordinator and Honorary Secretary of the Bodmin Badminton Club.

Apparently quiet and reserved he is however a forceful Committee member. He has a passion for the game of Badminton which comes from his own long years of play. From this stems his particular encouragement of beginners, coaching and discussion with players.

His administrative experience as well as his knowledge of and enthusiasm for Badminton will undoubtedly be of great help to the Association and to the over-burdened Secretariat constantly fighting a desperate battle against the ever-growing number and complexity of Badminton events.

We wish him every success and happiness in this post to which he will certainly bring enthusiasm and administrative ability.

Granwood Invitees

MEN

K. P. Arthur (Essex); C. J. Beacom (Surrey); M. Beck (Cumberland); Peter Bullivant (Lancashire); I. P. Clark (Derbyshire); G. A. Connor (Cumberland); J. Croxton (Staffordshire); J. D. Eddy (Staffordshire); J. A. Gardner (Surrey) P. J. Gardner (Surrey); P. H. Goh (Lincolnshire); T. A. Goode (Hertfordshire); D. Hartley (Yorkshire); D. R. Hunt (Hampshire); D. J. Hutchinson (Yorkshire); W. Kidd (Northumberland); C. J. Kirk (Nottinghamshire); I. Middleton (Yorkshire); M. A. Nevzat (Surrey); D. R. M. Pither (Essex); P. J. Smith (Essex); S. J. Shaw (Cheshire); R. P. Stevens (Essex); T. Stewart (Middlesex); J. C. Stretch (Essex); E. C. Stuart (Northumberland); E. H. Sutton (Staffordshire); D. Talbot (Northumberland); M. G. Tredgett (Gloucestershire); R. J. Westmorland (Cheshire); B. H. White (Wiltshire); P. J. Wood (Lancashire).

LADIES

Miss M. Beck (Middlesex); Miss M. J. A. Brewer (Surrey); Mrs. B. Cooper (Lancashire); Mrs. P. Dawson (Surrey); Miss A. E. Forrest (Hampshire); Miss M. Gardner (Surrey); Miss N. Gardner (Essex); Miss B. Giles (Essex); Mrs. M. A. Gilks (Surrey); Miss R. Hughes (Surrey); Mrs. D. R. Hunt (née Hollands) (Hampshire) Miss C. E. Lindsay (Yorkshire); Mrs. W. R. Rickard (Surrey); Miss P. Smiles (Surrey); Mrs. H. Ward-Nielsen (Surrey); Miss M. J. Winter (Yorkshire).

RESERVES

MEN

C. P. H. J. Bacon (Middlesex); Paul Bullivant (Lancashire); S. Denner (Lancashire); P. H. Pennekett (Hampshire); R. Wallace (Warwickshire); B. Wallwork (Lancashire); M. Wilks (Kent); J. K. H. Woodgate (Essex).

LADIES

Miss S. Storey (Cumberland); Mrs. A. Darlington (Hampshire); Miss K. Fife (Westmorland); Miss K. Redhead (Lancashire); Miss G. M. White (Wiltshire); Miss K. Whiting (Gloucestershire).

CHIEF COACH'S DIARY

We print below some of the Chief Coach's main engagements for the next few months:

October

- (30) - 1 Thomas Cup Trials (Surrey University).
- 2 - 6 London and S.E. Region Tour.
- 7 - 8 Granwood Trophy Tournament.
- 14 - 15 Thomas Cup Practice (Redbridge).
- 21 - 22 North-East and Yorkshire Regional Squad (Stockton Y.M.C.A.).
- 23 - 27 Yorkshire Regional Tour.

November

- 9 Carlton and Supa Sports Exhibition at Guildford (Surrey University).
- 10 - 12 Midland Region Squad. Lilleshall.
- 19 E.S.B.A. Inter-Region Match (Birmingham).
- 20 - 24 North-West Region Tour.
- 25 - 26 North-West Region Squad.

December

- 4 - 7 BANC Conference.
- 31 U.15 National Squad (Surrey University).

He will, of course, be at all major tournaments and matches.

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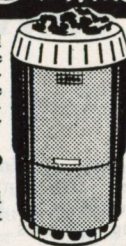
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ENGLISH SWEEP BOARD

by
"Chirpy" and "Woodentop"

Last May, an English team were invited to the 9th International Badminton Championships of Portugal at Lisbon. The following players were chosen by the selectors:-

- Barbara Giles (Essex)
- Nora Gardner (Essex)
- Dave Hutchinson (Yorkshire)
- Eddy Sutton (Staffordshire)
- Bill Kidd (Northumberland)
- Phil Smith (Essex)

After some confusion over meeting arrangements, we finally found our Team Captain (Dave) waiting at the airport (5 minutes before take-off) already through the ticket barrier without an Air Ticket, calmly wondering where we had got to. (Time 10.55 a.m.)

Soon we were whisked away to sunny, yes, sunny Lisbon, to be met by the President of the Portuguese Badminton Association, Mr. George Cruz, the Referee of the tournament Mr. K. G. Livingstone, who had played for England back in 1928/33, and many other officials and relatives of the Cruz family. After a short car journey, we were settled in our Hotel at Estoril, noted for its tourist attraction.

Later that evening we were surprised to find that our first round matches were to be played very late. In fact Eddy was the first one on court,—at 10.45 p.m! All of us being successful, our first evening ended, and we were driven back to our Hotel to bed by an early 1.30 a.m.

No-one made breakfast in the morning, but luncheon took place at one of the finest restaurants along the coast, set back on a ridge with a panoramic view overlooking a bay, that was quite breathtaking. To say the least our meal with so many courses was luxurious. A close eye had to be kept on Barb and Nora, as after the first two glasses (5 in all) laughter was beginning to fill the room!

Following this, speeches were given by Mr. Cruz and Mr. Livingstone, and small gifts were presented to the English Team, and a plaque for the Badminton Association of England, which was quite something. Dave just about thanked everyone, (it must have been the wine) and we all retired peacefully!

Although the play was not very good, the Portuguese were very keen to learn all

they could from us. We all reached the semi-finals of our events, and yet again we found ourselves crawling into bed at an unearthly hour of the morning.

On Sunday, we lazed around. The semi-finals were held that much earlier than usual in the evening. These were played at the Main Assembly Hall due to the final stages of the tournament being televised. Barb and Nora scrambled to the final of the singles and doubles; Capt. Dave succumbed to Big Ed's powerful smashing and quickness, and Phil's fitness and mobility gave him a 3 set win over Bill. A late-night cocktail party for all overseas players rounded off the evening.

Finals night was treated as quite an occasion; television cameras and cameramen were at the Hall when we arrived.

Nora scraped through the Ladies' Singles, beating Barb in two straight, and together won the Ladies' Doubles. Eddy and Bill played well to beat Dave and Phil, after a shaky start, 15-11, 15-9.

THE PORTUGUESE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FINAL RESULTS:

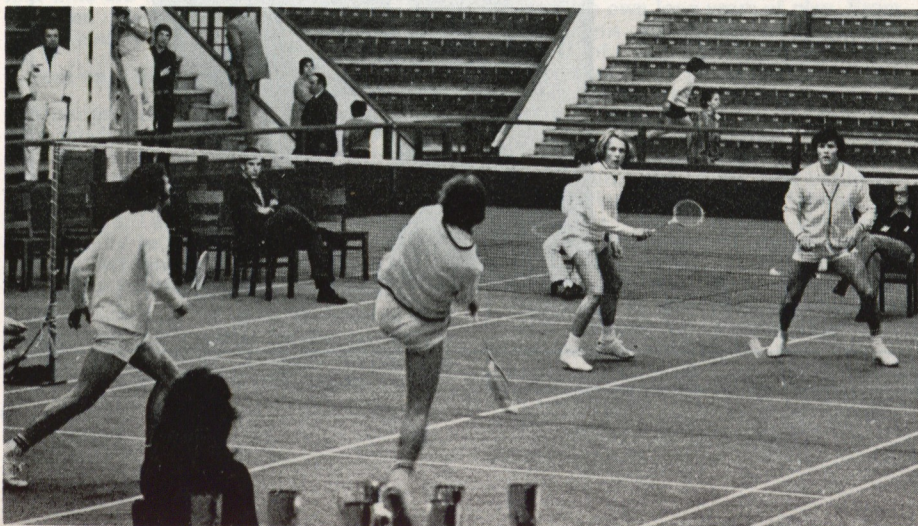
- Men's Singles** — P. Smith (England) beat E. H. Sutton (England), 15-6, 15-11.
- Ladies' Singles** — Miss N. C. Gardner (England) beat Miss B. Giles (England), 11-3, 11-9.
- Men's Doubles** — E. H. Sutton and W. Kidd (England) beat D. J. Hutchinson and P. Smith (England), 15-11, 15-9.
- Ladies' Doubles** — Miss N. C. Gardner and Miss B. Giles (England) beat Miss P. Brixhe and Miss I. Rocha (Portugal), 15-5, 15-1.
- Mixed Doubles** — W. Kidd and Miss B. Giles (England) beat P. Smith and Miss N. C. Gardner (England), 15-4, 11-15, 15-10.

The mixed final was without any doubt the climax of the evening; certainly the crowd were kept on their toes, Barb and Bill clinched the match close in the third. The last final, the Men's Singles, was full of action!

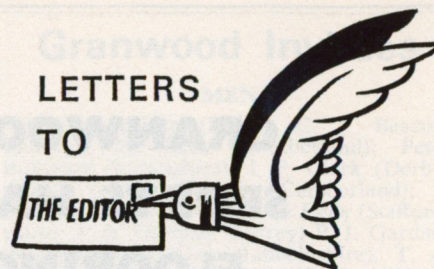
Mention must be made of the beautiful trophies and medals presented by the President of Portugal himself; they were truly magnificent. That evening we were treated to a wonderful meal to conclude the tournament, after which we had to say good-bye to many new friends.

On behalf of the team, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the many friends we made in Portugal, and to all those who made this trip possible.

Phil Smith tests the Kidd-Sutton defence in Final.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Apartado 78, Fuengirola, Malaga, Spain.

13th September, 1972.

Sir,

To my surprise—and gratification—I was recalled last May from the badminton graveyard by a kind invitation from the Portuguese Badminton Federation to referee their eighth International Championships in Lisbon. To these they attached great importance, because for the first time they were to be televised for 1½ hours on Finals Day.

In the result, they were very successful and attracted a bigger entry and more spectators than ever before.

Although disappointed that more top players from other countries had not entered, the Federation were delighted that England had sent a team of six of their best young players.

The Federation, headed by their President, Jorge Cruz, could not have been kinder in looking after, feasting, and entertaining their overseas visitors—including the "ole gennelman" himself!

I am happy to pay tribute to the English players, who made themselves very popular with their hosts.

The Federation are going to do everything in their power to attract an even bigger and stronger entry next year. This is certainly a tournament I can recommend as being a very happy one.

In conclusion, may I say how grateful I am to Jorge Cruz and all the others concerned for their great kindness to me. And also to my old friend, Albert Fernandes, who was my host at his very pleasant flat. Not only did he make the 1½-hour commentary, but he virtually did all my refereeing work for me!

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH LIVINGSTONE.

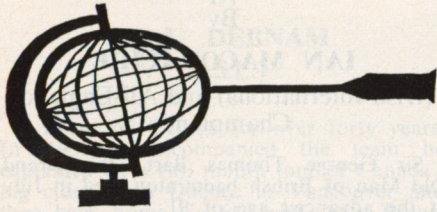
Editor's Note: It is indeed a pleasure to hear from so distinguished a player and former manager of the "Gazette".

SCOTTISH RANKING LIST MEN

1. R. S. McCoig
2. N. H. McCloy
3. J. Barrie
4. G. T. Forbes
5. R. Conway
6. F. D. Gow
7. A. J. Dawson
8. J. Ansari

WOMEN

1. Mrs. J. Flockhart
2. Miss H. T. Kelly
3. Mrs. C. Stewart
4. Mrs. M. Odell
5. Miss A. Johnstone
6. Miss A. Blyth
7. Miss F. McEwan
8. Miss C. Heatly



U.S.S.R. Enters The Lists!

Russia has invited England, Sweden and Austria each to send 4 players to Moscow for a tournament on 21st and 22nd October 1972. The tournament will be on "American" lines with each country playing the other three

The England party will be headed by the Chairman of the Badminton Association of England's Council, Mr. Humphrey Chilton, and the players invited to accompany him are Margaret Beck, Gillian Gilks, Ray Stevens and Derek Talbot.

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Chinese Players to Tour England

To a season bristling with interesting matches can now be added a further treat. The B.A. of E., have now completed arrangements for a tour by players from the People's Republic of China next January. This will be the first visit of Chinese players to England.

As China is not affiliated to the I.B.F. the matches played cannot be given official international status but undoubtedly England will field her

Readers will remember that Tang Shien Hu and Hou Chia Chang made strongest possible team.

a great impression when they toured Canada last November. In May of this year, a mixed Canadian team visited the People's Republic of China. They lost to the Chinese National Team 1-4 and 2-6; in Provincial matches they won three of the six matches played largely on their men's and ladies' doubles strength (no mixed were played).

A striking feature of the Tour was that in Peking the matches were watched by 18,000 spectators! In the provinces, gates ranged between 3,000 and 6,000. This clearly demonstrates not only a great enthusiasm for the game but also a multiplicity of large halls throughout the country. English players and authorities please note!

(We are indebted to "World Badminton" for these interesting details)

An England team will play the visitors at each of the four following centres:

Tuesday, 16th January - Crystal Palace N.S.C.

Friday, 19th January - Whitchurch, Nr. Bristol.

Monday, 22nd January - Market Hall, Carlisle.

Wednesday, 24th January - Central Hall, Birmingham.

Details of addresses from which tickets can be obtained will be published in the November Gazette.

I.C.C. Division II Final

DERBYSHIRE ALL THE WAY!

A "Peak" Performance

Derbyshire, as Division II North winners, entertained Glamorgan, the Southern section representatives, in the Championship play-off at the Markeaton Park courts, Derby, on Saturday 22nd, of April. The match as a whole was rather disappointing as the home side dominated the proceedings from the start but there was some very good badminton played by both teams.

In the singles section, the Derbyshire champion, Ian Clark, showed, in flashes, why he is in the Thomas Cup training squad. He was always in the driving seat against Howard Jennings but seemed too eager to finish the job, therefore making several unforced errors. In the remaining singles, Barry Helliwell and Barry Campion both had good wins but Helliwell had to fight hard early on against Ken Hopkins before winning in three sets. For the ladies, Joy Naylor played her best singles of the season to beat Betty Fisher but Jenny Hall's well-known fighting spirit was not good enough to see her through against Angela Dickson.

With a 4-1 lead at the end of the singles, things looked good for the home side, and so it turned out with Derbyshire only losing one more match. The men's team achieved a clean sweep in the doubles with the Clark/Helliwell combination showing that their Leicester Open title was no fluke and playing some of the best badminton of the afternoon. The second pair of Campion and Army Gaskin had greater problems in their matches but after tight first sets, completely dominated the second. In the ladies' doubles, Joy Naylor, partnered by Margaret Frost, won both their matches and in the process gave a lesson in doubles play to the Glamorgan 2nd pair of Muriel Withers and Pam Jeremiah. Derbyshire's second pair of Jenny Hall and Phyllis Kirkwood were beaten by the top opposition pair of Angela Dickson and Betty Fisher to give the visitors their second, and last, success of the afternoon.

At the beginning of the mixed section the match score stood at 11-2, an unassailable position. Whether it was Glamorgan's despondency or Derby's high spirits I'm not sure but Derby scooped the lot, much to the delight of the home supporters, leaving the final score at 15-2.

The trophy was presented by Sid Andrew of the B.A. of E., a proud moment for the team and for player/team boss Alec Witcomb who has worked hard this year along with his loyal committee. In appreciation of the team's success, the Derbyshire selection committee presented all team members with a memento of the season's efforts, a salver for the ladies and a tankard (of course!) for the men.

After the game, the Glamorgan team were wined and dined at a near-by hotel and faced the long journey home in a much happier frame of mind.

RESULTS

(Derbyshire names first)

- I. P. Clark beat H. R. Jennings 8-15, 15-10, 15-13.
- B. Helliwell beat D. K. Hopkins 8-15, 15-5, 15-6.
- B. Campion beat D. Colmer 15-10, 15-4.
- Miss J. Hall lost to Mrs. A. Dickson 7-11, 11-12.
- Miss J. Naylor beat Mrs. B. A. Fisher 11-4, 11-6.
- I. P. Clark and B. Helliwell beat Jennings and Hopkins 15-6, 15-8; beat Colmer and G. Owen 15-5, 15-6.
- A. Gaskin and B. Campion beat Colmer and G. Owen 15-13, 15-6; beat Jennings and Hopkins 15-10, 15-6.
- Miss M. Frost and Miss J. Naylor beat Mrs. Dickson and Miss Fisher 15-11, 12-15, 15-8; beat Mrs. M. Withers and Miss P. Jeremiah 15-3, 15-2.
- Miss J. Hall and Mrs. P. Kirkwood beat Mrs. M. Withers and Miss P. Jeremiah 15-6, 11-15, 15-9; lost to Mrs. Dickson and Miss Fisher 6-15, 16-17.
- I. P. Clark and Miss J. Naylor beat H. R. Jennings and Miss Dickson 17-16, 15/9.
- B. Campion and Mrs. M. Ewles beat D. Colmer and Miss P. Jeremiah 15-8, 18-13.
- A. Gaskin and Miss M. Frost beat G. Owen and Miss Fisher 15-7, 15-7.
- A. Witcomb and Mrs. O. Wright beat D. Hopkins and Mrs. Withers 15-7, 17-15.

Derbyshire 15, Glamorgan 2.

*Life partnership: Ian Clark marries his partner, Joy Naylor, at Derby.
And what a champion guard of honour!*



TRIBUTE

SIR GEORGE THOMAS, BARONET

With the death of Sir George Thomas, Badminton loses its greatest figure. He died on 23rd July. The service at the West London Crematorium was attended by Mr. S. Wyatt (President of the B.A. of E.), Mr. H. Chilton (Chairman of the Council of the B.A. of E.) and Mr. H. A. E. Scheele (Hon. Secretary I.B.F.).

Sir George was not only a fine player but also a man of impeccable sportsmanship, courtesy and modest helpfulness. When his playing days were over, after representing his country for a record period of 27 years (1902/29), he put much back into the game as an administrator, both nationally and internationally. In addition, he was Editor of The Badminton Gazette for a number of years and author of one of the earliest and best books on the game—"The Art of Badminton". The very title surely reflects his whole approach to the game.

To salute him, we are glad to print three tributes by contributors who knew him as administrator, player and man. May their words and his name on the illustrious cup which he presented to further world-wide competition and friendship in Badminton, keep his name evergreen as an inspiration to this and future generations.

"He was Badminton . . ."

By

STUART WYATT, O.B.E.
(President of B.A. of E.)

Few people become a myth in their own lifetime, but such a one was Sir George Thomas, who died on the 23rd July at the grand old age of 91.

He was Badminton . . .

To all those who started playing after World War II, he was only a name, a famous name engraved on the Cup for the foremost Badminton Competition in the world, but to those of us who played in the Twenties and early Thirties, he was Badminton, the ever-youthful, slim, quiet figure on the courts.

Just for a moment let us consider his career. Born in 1881 he first played for England in 1902/3 at the age of 21. He last played for the 29th time in 1928/9, then aged 47, and in the meanwhile he won the All-England Singles four times in a row in the early 1920s, the Men's Doubles nine times and the Mixed Doubles eight times, the first in 1903, the last 19 years later.

Supreme Accuracy

As could be expected from one who was simultaneously one of the best Chess players in Britain, his style of play was based on tactics, fitness and great accuracy. Helped by the hand-made, fully matured Ayres shuttle of the day, length play and accurate side line play was a winning tactic and, at this, Sir George was supreme.

Sense of Duty

During the first World War he served as a subaltern in the Hampshire Regiment in Mesopotamia in the campaign against the Turkish Armies. At one time he was attached to the Regiment commanded by my late father, Lt. Col. A. Wyatt, O.B.E. I well remember the story told to me as a schoolboy as to his great sense of duty and his refusal to take any advantage to which he did not think he was entitled.

In 1918, at the age of 37, when the Regiment was faced with a 120 mile desert march to a small outpost of civilisation which had rebelled against the British rule, he was offered as the senior subaltern in charge of the baggage train a horse. He charmingly refused, saying that a subaltern marched with his men and this he did - 120 miles there and back, 240 miles altogether in 14 days, across a completely uncharted desert on a compass bearing.



A Far Sighted Administrator

If, as a player, he is now remembered by very few, as an administrator he truly laid the foundations of the modern game as organized today. Largely at his instigation, in 1934, England gave up control of the world game and, with the leaders of eight other nations, formed the International Badminton Federation. He was the first President and remained so for 21 years, during which time the principal competition among badminton nations, "The Thomas Cup", was conceived in 1939 and first played for in 1948/49.

Like all great Chess players, he perceived and worked for what was to happen in the future. His vision of 1939 has now been fully realised and all of us who play badminton are richer for it. We remember with affection the father of world badminton and we mourn the passing of a true gentleman.

"A True Sportsman . . ."

By

IAN MACONACHIE

(Irish International and All-England Champion)

Sir George Thomas Bart., the Grand Old Man of British badminton died in July at the advanced age of 91.

Sir George, the player, probably did more than anyone to promote the game from a Saturday afternoon pastime to the skilful world wide game, which it is to-day. By any standard he was a great player. Four times All-England singles champion, nine times doubles champion and eight times sharing the mixed doubles is a wonderful record!

Uncanny Deception

As befitted a chess Master, his badminton game was accurate, thoughtful and deceptive. His tactics on the court were worked out with the same skill he exercised on the chess board and were backed up by immaculate stroke play. He was master of all the shots, but it was probably his ability to play a really deceptive shot at a critical stage of the game that put him above his fellow players. His opponents were kept in a state of uncertainty because he could despatch the shuttle with a last minute flick of the wrist to an entirely different part of the court that at first looked obvious.

Moreover, he would mask the swing of his racket in such a convincing manner that an apparent smash even to an experienced player became a close drop, or a drop which looked to be aimed at one end of the net finished up at the other. As one would expect he was a fine mover on the court and a very graceful player. A match for the connoisseur was a single between Sir George and G. S. B. Mack, because they had so much of the beauty of badminton in common.

A True Sportsman

Sir George was the most courteous of players, quite incapable of any unsporting action, but always playing hard to win. It was a pleasure to play either with or against him. One of his most endearing traits was his readiness to help any promising young player. When he was at the height of his fame he would willingly travel many miles to partner a youngster in an Open tournament to give him experience of first class doubles play.

Sir George was most punctilious about being ready to play at the appointed time. So, when he failed to appear on time for the final of the Men's Singles in a Scottish Championship many, many years ago, there was considerable alarm, particularly when it was known to the referee that he was playing 30 simultaneous chess boards with some of the inmates of Glasgow's tough Duke Street prison.

When he did arrive at the badminton hall, it transpired that he had defeated 29 of his opponents in double quick time, but the skill of a confidence trickster, serving 7 years for plying his trade in Scotland, had caused him unexpected trouble. In spite of this the transition from chess to badminton was effected smoothly and Sir George duly won another of his many Singles championships.

A very likeable man, respected and admired by all who knew him.

"What a Charming Man"

By

H. L. DEBNAM

(R.S.L.)

I knew Sir George for over forty years. In 1930, I accompanied the team he captained on a two month tour of Canada's big cities from Quebec to Vancouver and then back home via St. John, New Brunswick—the St. Lawrence being by then frozen over.

One memory among many still stands out. When crossing the Atlantic in November it was none too comfortable fighting one's way against gales and spray along the promenade deck. One day, under such conditions, Sir George suggested we retired to the warm lounge and have a game of chess!



(D. Constanduros)

Knowing him for the champion he was (at Hastings, in 1934, he had been equal first with Euwe and Flohr above Capablanca and Botvinnic!) I thought how impossible it was to give him, of all people, a game. By way of handicap, he said it would be a game for him if he gave me back my Queen every time I lost it. You can well imagine how often that happened! Despite all I could do, right from the outset, the Queen gathered up her skirts and fled for her life but was always soon caught, only to be resurrected time and again.

It is nice to boast that I did once play Sir George the Chess Champion at Chess. What a charming man he was. And what a good sport!

DOUGLAS HENDRY

Scottish Badminton received another hammer blow on 8th June with the accidental death of Douglas Hendry while leading a climbing expedition in Glencoe.

John Douglas Hendry was originally a Fifer and first played badminton in Dunfermline, the town which has produced so many International players over the years. He was most unlucky not to win a full Scottish "cap" in season 1966/67 when a serious leg injury kept him out of action at a vital part of the season.

A regular winner of Open Tournaments, Douglas then turned his interests to administration and was elected first Honorary Secretary of the newly-formed Scottish Schools Badminton Union. His worth was recognised nationally and he was co-opted to the Committee of the Scottish Badminton Union and in 1970 he became Convener of the International Selection Committee.

Douglas was one of the prime movers in the establishment of a Training Squad prior to the 1970 British Commonwealth Games and was Coach to the Scottish team. The squad system was retained after 1970 under his direction. As a Scottish selector he captained many Scottish teams at home and in Europe and also contributed in his own particular style to the "Gazette".

Douglas was a teacher of chemistry and after an appointment at Hutcheson's Boys' Grammar School in Glasgow he became Head of the Chemistry Department and Deputy Headmaster for Leisure at Hermitage Academy in Helensburgh. He was a most popular and conscientious teacher and became totally involved in almost every aspect of school life from the Choir to the Badminton Club. It was while leading a party of school pupils on an expedition that he met with the tragic accident.

It is difficult to put into words what he did for badminton in Scotland and what he meant to the game; his boundless enthusiasm has carried young player and doubting official alike to results neither thought possible; his great common sense and ability to speak his mind was of great value to every Committee on which he served; his brilliance as a coach benefited hundreds of youngsters; his willingness to do anything to help anyone charmed and delighted everyone with whom he came in contact; and his infectious sense of fun made him welcome everywhere.

The game in Scotland will miss him terribly and all our sympathies are with his wife, Ann, and two young children.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Doug had long been a valued contributor to the Gazette. In my early days as Editor, he came to my rescue most unselfishly on several occasions by writing articles on Scottish events at my belated request despite all his other manifold commitments.

To his writing, he brought the same liveliness, drive and originality that he did to his coaching. His neat turn of phrase and his bubbling sense of humour will be sorely missed on this side of the Border. It was indeed a happy start to the day to receive an article in his meticulous hand!

In his life—as in his death—he put the needs of others before his own.

GEOFFREY HARROWER

It was with a sense both of shock and regret that Geoffrey Harrower's many friends and legion of readers heard of his sudden death at a meeting on the 4th July.

Geoffrey Harrower had done yeoman work for the B.A. of E. as its Press Officer for many years. In this capacity he did much to publicise Badminton and his knowledgeable reports were a feature in The Daily Telegraph.

He was well known at tournaments which he attended regularly in the London area and Home Counties. And he always made a point of attending the All-England Junior Championships in which he was particularly interested.

County Match Secretaries in particular will remember him because it was he who received their Match Results at all hours late on Saturday night in order to make them available for the weekend and Monday morning papers. In addition he played a major part in the writing and layout of the All-England Championships programme.

In his younger days, he had represented England at Table Tennis.

Geoffrey Harrower will be sadly missed both as an administrator who worked extremely hard to get Badminton into the headlines and as a knowledgeable and stylish writer.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his widow.

Mrs. J. R. WHEATING

We are sorry to report the death of yet another very well known player—Mrs. June Wheatling (née June Goodall) of Bedfordshire.

Before the war, by extensive tournament play, she had fast been coming to the fore. However, her skill and enthusiasm were lost to England when she married and went to live in Johannesburg.

There she achieved considerable success. In 1952, she won the South African ladies' and mixed doubles, whilst in 1953 she won the ladies' singles and mixed doubles. Although dogged by injury, she made six appearances for South Africa in "test matches" against England. Such was the calibre of her play that she twice defeated Queenie Allen and very nearly overcame the almost legendary Betty Uber.

In later years, she acted both as manager of the South African Uber Cup team and as the South African representative at I.B.F. meetings.

She will be sadly missed by her many friends. To her husband and family, we extend our sincere sympathy.

ARTHUR BARRON

It was with great regret that just before going to Press we learnt of the death of another well known and liked Badminton player and administrator — Arthur Barron. He played for Essex for many years, was long Hon. Treasurer of the B.A. of E., and at the time of his death was one of the four Hon. Vice Presidents of that body. It is hoped to publish a fuller appreciation of Arthur Barron in our next issue.

GEORGE ("Bunny") BAYLEY



Players in Sussex and the South of England will be sad to learn of the death of "Bunny" Bayley. He died on 11th June whilst playing tennis with his wife and friends.

A man of energy and fine physique, he shrugged off the encroaching years and was still playing the games he loved, Badminton and Tennis, at the time of his death.

He served Bognor Tennis Club in various capacities for over forty years. In 1957 he played his twenty-first County Week for Sussex—and won fourteen out of fifteen matches to put Sussex into Group I. His finest achievement was in the big Eastbourne Tennis Tournament in 1938 when he and A. D. Russell of Argentina won the Men's Doubles with a wonderful final victory over J. S. Olliff and R. K. Tinkler, at that time two of Britain's leading players.

As far as Badminton was concerned, he joined the Littlehampton Club in 1952 when he married. He afterwards played for Sussex for several years. He was a well known and admired competitor for a number of years in the All-England Veteran's Tournament. He partnered his wife Margaret (who has the distinguished record of winning the Ladies' Doubles nine successive times with Miss Sylvia Ripley) in the Mixed until 1971 when he retired.

His enthusiasm will be sadly missed by all who knew him and in knowing him, liked and admired him. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife.

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ISLE OF WIGHT OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

(held at Isle of Wight Sports Club on 30th March to 3rd April).

MEN'S SINGLES

(25 players)

Semi-finals: D. Hunt beat J. Stubbs 15-8, 15-4. P. Pennekett beat C. Pushong 15-17, 15-12, 15-4.

Final: Hunt beat Pennekett 15-2, 14-18, 15-1.

LADIES' SINGLES

(18 players)

Semi-finals: Miss Brewer beat Miss Smiles 11-6, 11-7. Miss Forrest beat Miss Holland 11-1, 11-4.

Final: Miss Brewer beat Miss Forrest 12-11, 11-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(18 pairs)

Semi-finals: M. Statt and J. Stubbs beat P. Robinson and M. Thompson 15-4, 1-15, 18-15. M. Savage and D. Hunt beat P. Pennekett and B. Keeling 15-13, 18-16.

Final: Savage and Hunt beat Statt and Stubbs 15-10, 15-6.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(14 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss Brewer and Miss Smiles beat Miss Forrest and Miss Roebuck 15-7, 15-6. Mrs. Cuff and Mrs. Savage beat Miss Holland and Mrs. Kirk 18-15, 15-12.

Final: Miss Brewer and Miss Smiles beat Mrs. Cuff and Mrs. Savage 15-0, 18-14.

MIXED DOUBLES

(27 pairs)

Semi-finals: J. Stubbs and Miss Forrest beat M. Statt and Miss Roebuck 15-9, 6-15, 17-15. P. Robinson and Mrs. Savage beat M. Thompson and Miss Smiles 15-8, 15-2.

Final: Robinson and Mrs. Savage beat Stubbs and Miss Forrest 18-16, 15-10.

HANDICAP FINALS

Mixed Doubles: R. J. Thompson and Miss S. Utteridge (owe 3) beat Q. Shaikh and Miss J. Wadey (scr.) 15-5, 15-12.

GUERNSEY OPEN TOURNAMENT

(held on 16th-19th April, 1972, at St. Peter Port, Guernsey, C.I.).

MEN'S SINGLES

(17 players)

Semi-finals: P. Pennekett beat P. Matthews 15-0, 15-3. D. Hunt beat M. Statt 15-3, 15-2.

Final: Hunt beat Pennekett 15-5, 15-10.

LADIES' SINGLES

(9 players)

Semi-finals: Miss Brewer beat Miss Marsh 11-3, 11-4. Miss Martin beat Miss Holland 12-11, 11-8.

Final: Miss Brewer beat Miss Martin 11-5, 11-9.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(16 pairs)

Semi-finals: E. Udal and D. Hunt beat M. Le Poidevin and J. Podger 15-17, 15-5, 15-7. M. Statt and P. Pennekett beat A. Carey and J. Farmer 15-6, 15-4.

Final: Udal and Hunt beat Statt and Pennekett 15-5, 17-18, 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(10 pairs)

Semi-final: Miss Brewer and Miss Holland beat Miss Martin and Miss Druce 17-18, 17-14, 15-12. Mrs. Leadbeater and Miss Lovell beat Miss Marsh and Miss Oldman 15-11, 17-14.

Final: Miss Brewer and Miss Holland beat Mrs. Leadbeater and Miss Lovell 17-15, 15-3.

MIXED DOUBLES

(24 pairs)

Semi-finals: P. Matthews and Miss Brewer beat J. Podger and Mrs. Blampied 15-7, 15-4. D. Hunt and Mrs. Hinchcliff beat P. Pennekett and Miss Oldman 18-14, 15-2.

Final: Matthews and Miss Brewer beat Hunt and Mrs. Hinchcliff 18-17, 12-15, 15-9.

UNITED BANKS

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

(held on 23rd April 1972 at Ebbisham Sports Club).

Men's Singles: B. H. White beat J. D. Eddy 8-15, 15-6, 15-11.

Ladies' Singles: Miss N. Gardner beat Mrs. C. Hunt 6-11, 11-2, 11-1.

Men's Doubles: C. I. Eddy and E. Stewart beat C. P. Baxter and J. D. Eddy 17-15, 15-5.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss G. White and Mrs. A. Darlington beat Mrs. P. Dawson and Miss N. Gardner 15-10, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles: E. Stewart and Mrs. P. Dawson beat B. H. White and Miss G. White 15-8, 15-11.

HULL OPEN TOURNAMENT

(held on 7th-8th April)

MEN'S SINGLES

(22 players)

Third round: K. P. Arthur beat I. C. Middleton 8-15, 15-10, 15-0. D. Hutchinson beat D. Hartley 12-15, 15-5, 15-9. T. Goode beat G. Ceely 12-15, 18-17, 15-5. S. J. Shaw beat H. Hewitt 15-5, 15-8.

Semi-finals: K. Arthur beat D. Hutchinson 15-10, 15-5. S. Shaw beat T. Goode 7-15, 15-0, 15-8.

Final: Arthur beat Shaw 15-8, 15-12.

LADIES' SINGLES

(10 players)

Second round: Miss B. Wadsworth w/o. Miss R. Hughes beat Mrs. J. C. Hewitt 11-1, 11-3. Miss P. Protheroe beat Miss P. Kilvington 11-0, 11-3. Miss M. Winter w/o.

Semi-finals: Miss Hughes beat Miss Wadsworth 11-3, 11-3. Miss Winter beat Miss Protheroe 11-3, 11-3.

Final: Miss Winter beat Miss Hughes 11-7, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(21 pairs)

Third round: D. Hutchinson and S. J. Shaw beat G. H. Scrine and B. Tasker 15-6, 15-1. G. Ceely and C. Somek beat M. McHale and H. Hewitt 15-7, 12-15, 15-12. C. Lilley and H. Robertson beat B. Nicholls and C. Underhill 15-3, 15-10. B. Keefe and F. Harwood beat J. Robinson and K. P. Arthur 15-10, 15-5.

Semi-finals: C. Ceely and C. Somek beat D. Hutchinson and S. Shaw 15-12, 8-15, 15-9. B. Keefe and F. Harwood beat C. Lilley and H. Robertson 15-11, 17-14.

Final: Keefe and Harwood beat Ceely and Somek 15-11, 15-8.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(13 pairs)

Second round: Mrs. B. Cooper and Mrs. D. G. Smith beat Miss S. M. Robinson and Miss B. Wadsworth 15-5, 15-9. Mrs. J. M. Charlton and Miss S. Jobling beat Miss S. Whitfield and Miss M. Coe 15-12, 15-2. Miss P. Protheroe and Miss G. Taylor beat Mrs. N. Pilcher and Mrs. M. Burden 15-4, 15-17, 15-9. Miss R. Hughes and Miss M. Winter beat Miss H. Herrick and Miss J. Smith 15-6, 12-15, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Smith beat Mrs. Charlton and Miss Jobling 15-4, 5-15, 15-5. Miss Hughes and Miss Winter beat Miss Protheroe and Miss Taylor 15-3, 15-10.

Final: Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Smith beat Miss Hughes and Miss Winter 14-17, 15-12, 15-1.

MIXED DOUBLES

(31 pairs)

Fourth round: P. Wood and Mrs. B. Cooper beat G. Ceely and Miss P. Protheroe 15-6, 15-5. P. Goh and Mrs. Goh beat J. H. Pell and Miss H. Herrick 15-5, 15-1. C. Somek and Miss G. Taylor beat D. Hutchinson and Miss R. M. Hughes 15-11, 15-8. B. Meager and Mrs. D. Smith beat D. Hartley and Miss S. Jobling 14-17, 15-10, 15-12.

Semi-finals: P. Wood and Mrs. Cooper beat P. Goh and Mrs. Goh 15-5, 15-9. B. Meager and Mrs. Smith beat C. Somek and Miss Taylor 15-8, 15-8.

Final: Wood and Mrs. Cooper beat Meager and Mrs. Smith 15-4, 10-15, 15-12.

JERSEY OPEN TOURNAMENT

(held on 11-15 April at Gilson Hall, Rousell Street, St. Helier, Jersey, C.I.).

MEN'S SINGLES

(24 players)

Semi-finals: J. Tate beat G. Young 15-4, 15-2. R. Major beat G. Donaldson 15-9, 15-3.

Final: Tate beat Major 11-15, 15-5, 15-10.

LADIES' SINGLES

(8 players)

Semi-finals: Miss J. Shiels beat Miss D. Bush 11-0, 11-0. Miss M. Picot beat Mrs. J. Mariette 12-10, 6-11, 11-4.

Final: Miss Shiels beat Miss Picot 11-4, 11-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(19 pairs)

Semi-finals: R. Major and G. Young beat P. Dawson and J. Warwick 15-11, 15-8. J. Tate and P. Ruthven beat C. d'Souza and J. Peters 15-2, 18-14.

Final: Tate and Ruthven beat Major and Young 15-10, 15-7.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(10 pairs)

Semi-final: Mrs. Mariette and Mrs. Farley beat Miss Timson and Mrs. MacFadyean 17-15, 15-9. Mrs. Belhomme and Miss Shiels beat Mrs. Poole and Mrs. Humpleby 15-3, 15-11.

Final: Mrs. Belhomme and Miss Shiels beat Mrs. Mariette and Mrs. Farley 15-4, 15-10.

MIXED DOUBLES

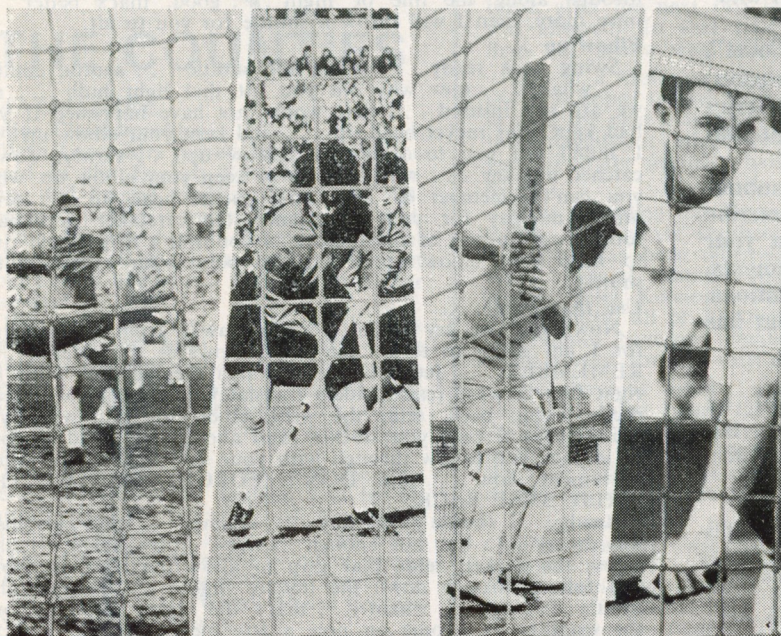
(24 pairs)

Semi-finals: P. Poles and Miss Shiels beat P. Ruthven and Mrs. Warren 17-14, 15-8. J. Tate and Miss Le Cuirot beat C. d'Souza and Miss Renouf 15-5, 15-5.

Final: Poles and Miss Shiels beat Tate and Miss Le Cuirot 15-3, 6-15, 15-7.



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Tom Bowker, Sussex and B.A. of E. National Coach, deals with that bugbear, the backhand, in a novel and lively way.

IT is hoped to publish each month, under "Club Court", items of particular interest to the bulk of our readers, the average club player and beginners. Already a series of "How to play" articles by six of our leading National Coaches has been commissioned.

In addition it is hoped that Club Secretaries will submit short articles (300-500 words). These should describe any new ideas that have been used successfully at your club no matter whether they deal with tournaments, coaching, social activities, playing rotas, hall conditions, shuttles, subscriptions. In short, anything novel that has made your club nights more enjoyable.

Share the fun; make a name for your club.

A dozen R.S.L. TOURNEY SHUTTLES will be awarded to the club sending in the best idea to the Editor before December 1st. DO IT NOW AND MAKE "CLUB COURT" A SUCCESS!

RANDOM summer thoughts on why backhand shots in this game of Badminton. Why not better be the player to eliminate them with placement of shot, fleetness of hoof, stamina, speed of reaction, anticipation, killer instincts. Why not...? Could it be done? Or is it that we lesser mortals are too cumbersome in all ways of the game to rid ourselves of the backhand dilemma.

Backhand... backhand, connotation could be interesting... to deceive one wonders... indirect attack. How good to see Hartono play to eliminate so many backhands! How galling for us to be saddled with them!

Yes, we are saddled with them, it is no good day dreaming, so to make the best of this indirect stroke...

The Grip...

The racket is light... of course the renegades notice it instantly the season starts... therefore if the racket is caressed correctly in the hand, a backhand shot may be played with the same hand placement as for the forehand... maybe played, is played... but try it, and the thumb starts to slip... good, let it slip until the thumb rests along the side face... and lo, you are there the backhand caress... look at the racket strings, the racket face, is pointing slightly towards the floor... don't panic, you won't flog the bird under the net... into the net maybe, but not under.

We shall leave the over-head backhand shots in the hope that the page runs out and the editor has to make a cut... anyway who wants to encourage the lazy player. Therefore, let us start with the backhand drive... for this is the shot of most need, a forceful shot, an attacking shot when played correctly... may call for a drive return from your opponent, but at least it won't be smashed back at you, as so many backhand shots end up being returned by your opponents.

Backswing...

The grip/caress has been discovered, and now where can we go wrong... the shot needs speed, therefore the swing back must be there, and if you play with your body square to the net... your backhand shot will be most indirect... your opponents will love it... therefore as with most faults, down-cast eyes to peruse the placement of your feet... pointing towards the net... oh my... not another... shall we try pointing them at the side line... No you don't chat to your chum on the sideline chair... turn your head to the net... the shuttle is coming from that direction (some mothers do have them). You say that you can swing your racket now... good... but why do you want to move back up the court... oh I see you are overbalancing and would prefer to fall into the lap of the sideline buxom blonde... No... stay where you are, move your right foot forward, more, more... now bend your knees... good... you are now well balanced... at least I thought you were... get away from that B.B.

Swing your racket back now... come on... up to your left shoulder, relax your wrist... swivel your hips slightly... that's right... you can't see the shuttle... trust you to strain your eyes on the wrong bird... turn your head, look over your right shoulder. Now, when you swing forward keep your racket head above your hand, and remember that the point of impact is in line with your right foot... don't forget, bend your knees and lean into the shot... you must play the shot away from your body... come along now... swing forward... good, try again, and this time let the racket follow through along the line of flight... good, that's better... once more, then I will throw a shuttle for you to hit.

Elbow up...

Swing back ready... watch the shuttle... shuttle coming... wham... now why did you hit that light bulb... no, we are not insured... that would not have happened if you had kept your racket head up... and kept your elbow up... I didn't tell you to keep your elbow up... slowly, slowly, catchee monkey... why tell you to keep your elbow up, when you can't remember to keep your racket head up... never mind you pay for your experience, the caretaker is already totting up the cost of one bulb... you won't forget next time to keep your elbow up... try to point your elbow at the shuttle.

Use that wrist...

Now shall we try again... stand away from the sideline, for I am going to throw the shuttle towards the sideline... REMEMBER... feet pointing towards the sidelines with the right foot forward (cackhanders translate), caress the racket correctly, swing back, relax the wrist, elbow up, and when you swing forward keep your racket head above your hand at point of impact, and follow through with your shot... let the whole movement flow... and DON'T FORGET TO LET THE WRIST SNAP BACK.

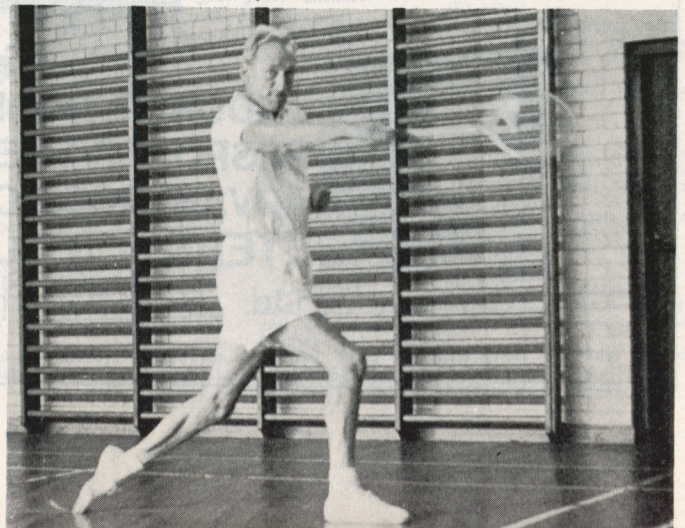
Ready... shuttle on its way... contact... that movement was better... but not enough power... try again. I said caress the racket, relax that grip to allow the wrist to work, and follow through down the line of flight... ready another shuttle coming... wham... that's the ticket straight down the tramline... come on now a few more like that and we are ready for the next stage.

Right Foot Across...

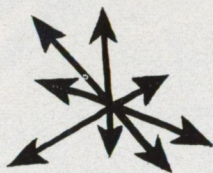
The shot is played usually when under pressure, therefore there is a movement across the court to play the shot, so now we shall practise the full movement. Stand close to the centre line... square to the net i.e. feet pointing to the net... come on get those heels off the floor, balance on the balls of your feet... hold the racket up in front of you, forehand caress... you change to the backhand caress when you swing back... now a side step to the left leading with your left foot followed by your right foot... then a short side step with your left foot, turning the foot to point at the sideline (swingback starting), followed by the right foot which swings round to be placed forward of the left foot... the feet should now be in the right place for the shot to be played... swingback of racket complete... knees bending... racket moving forward into the shot. Try the movement again... get it right then we can complicate matters by using a shuttle.

Speed of movement is essential... I will throw a shuttle into the sideline... are you ready... watch the shuttle... go... the shuttle beat you that time... you will have to move faster... I did warn you... once again... go... that was better at least you managed to touch the shuttle... don't worry it is not easy in the beginning to marry movement to the stroke... just keep at it, practise and you will get there

Not much "boomph" but plenty of grim determination from the Editor!



NEWS FROM



THE COUNTIES

LANCASHIRE

Junior Championships

With Lancashire players having swept the board in the English Schools Championships and figured prominently at the All-England meeting it was not surprising that, in the County Junior Championships at Bolton, the all-round standard (as distinct from that of one or two starlets) was higher than ever.

The 'under 15' events on 8th April saw a big turn round from the results in the Fylde Tournament earlier, when the famous Wenning club from Bentham suffered what was for them a major eclipse by taking only the boys' singles, won by All-England champion Gary Scott.

This time they won four of the five events, only the boys' doubles, won by M. Cattrall and F. Whiteley, of Southport, eluding them. Scott again won the boys' singles, the other Wenning winners being: Girls' singles—L. Russell; Girls' doubles—L. Russell and C. L. Wood; Mixed doubles—Scott and C. L. Wood.

The following week there was some particularly fine play and a number of upsets among the "under 18s".

Alan Howell defeated the English schools champion, Paul Wood, 15-13, 7-15, 17-16 in the best match of the day, but the effort took its toll and he lost the final to a supremely confident Steve Denner 3-15, 10-15.

In the girls, the improving Christine Kelly gained a fine win 3-11, 11-7, 11-8 over Gillian Scholey but in the final was beaten 11-6, 11-3 by the imperturbable Kathleen Redhead.

Unfortunately in the boys' doubles, the holders Howell and Steele, in the second round met Denner and Redhead whom they had beaten 18-16, 17-16 in the quarters of the All-England, but this time they lost 10-15, 15-6, 9-15, leaving the winners to take the title with a 15-8, 15-8 win over Wood and Shepherd.

The girls' doubles saw Redhead and Lister lose in the quarter finals to C. Plank and T. Mawdesley. They in turn went down 4-15, 7-15 to the Schools champions Kelly and Scholey, who then took the final 10-15, 15-2, 15-5 against another Wenning pair H. Scott and S. Parker.

Denner faced his third final and thirteenth match of the day seven busy hours after winning the singles and though he and Gillian Scholey had beaten Hugh and Kathleen Redhead in the mixed semi-final they could not prevent Wood and Hazel Scott gaining another title for Wenning with a final victory 12-15, 15-11, 15-8.

Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M., held at Preston on 20th April, was attended by over 50 Council members and representatives of leagues and clubs and they were presented with accounts up to July 31st, 1971, which showed a surplus of almost £160, an excellent achievement in a season without any special money making event.

Badminton Marathon

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Neville Atkinson and Fergus MacLeod of Northallerton. On the 27th May, in the gymnasium at Allertonshire School, they played continuous Badminton Singles for 24 hours! (A five minute break per hour for two hours and a ten minute break after the next two hours, etc. was allowed). In that time no less than 122 games were played!

This is a Guinness Singles record and it is hoped to give further details of it in the next issue. As a result of this magnificent effort about £100 was raised for mentally handicapped adults.

Since recording the above achievements, news of yet another non-stop marathon has been received. David Boys, Donald Bootle, John Warburton, Peter Kennedy and William Holdsworth, all of Kirkham Grammar School, have now created a new world record for non-stop doubles.

The previous record was eleven days and three hours (267 hours): the new one is twelve days and three hours (291 hours). Congratulations! We look forward to receiving further details for our November issue.

It is understood that the Chief Coach, together with one other dedicated "idiot" (his words, not ours), intend to tackle a 48 hour marathon if sponsorship and T.V. coverage can be obtained. The money raised will be used for Thomas Cup Squad training - and air fares to Djakarta!

CHARLES CUMPSTEY MEMORIAL FUND

Donors to the above fund, and the many friends of Charles Cumpstey will be interested to learn that a very fine trophy, the Cumpstey Cup, was presented in his name to the English Schools' Badminton Association for their new National Schools' Competition. The first winners of the event and the cup were the Glenburn Comprehensive School from Skelmersdale, Lancashire.

During the season it is hoped to use the remainder of the Fund either to subsidize other junior events or to provide trophies.

It might also be mentioned that the Westmorland B.A. are this season organizing an Invitation Tournament in memory of Charles. Unfortunately, the present policy of the B.A. of E. does not allow it simply to be called the Charles Cumpstey Tournament.

The event will be held on 11th and 12th November in the Kendal Market Hall where Charles played so much of his Badminton. Three Open doubles events will be played. Entries will be limited to the other Northern counties and to district leagues within them. Interested players in those counties should contact County Secretary, Brian Todd at 1 Belmont, Kendal.

Excellent entry figures enabled useful surpluses to accrue from almost all major and minor tournaments and though junior competitions were invariably run at a loss there was a sufficient balance to more than cover over £100 spent on coaching and grants towards the expenses of players nominated for the All England Junior Championships.

The opportunity was also taken to present specially framed embroidered county badges to Mrs. Jennifer Pearson and Eric Usher who each made their 50th appearance for the county first team when Lancashire played Northumberland in their home town of Southport on January 23rd.

Informal chats along with the buffet supper and drinks which followed also contributed to a highly successful and enjoyable evening.

R.W.E.

DEVONSHIRE

Perspiration Demonstration!

The Mayflower Sports Centre, at Central Park, Plymouth, was officially opened by the Lord Mayor of Plymouth on Saturday, 24th June, 1972.

During the evening, the Devon County B.A. organised the proceedings and a crowd of nearly 500 enthusiasts (including the Deputy Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress — who are now 'converts' to the sport) were entertained to a sparkling exhibition of badminton by the Chief Coach, Roger Mills; Gillian Gilks; Nora Gardner; Derek Talbot; Ray Stevens; Mike Tredgett; and Phil Smith.

A feature of their programme was a terrific demonstration of training methods given by the men. No effort was spared; the perspiration dripped and the crowd were left gasping with their hearts beating almost as quickly as the hearts of the players.

There is no doubt that the appearance of top-ranking players who have come to the 'Far West' three times during the last three years, has done much to stimulate public interest in the sport and to improve the standard of badminton played in Devon and Cornwall.

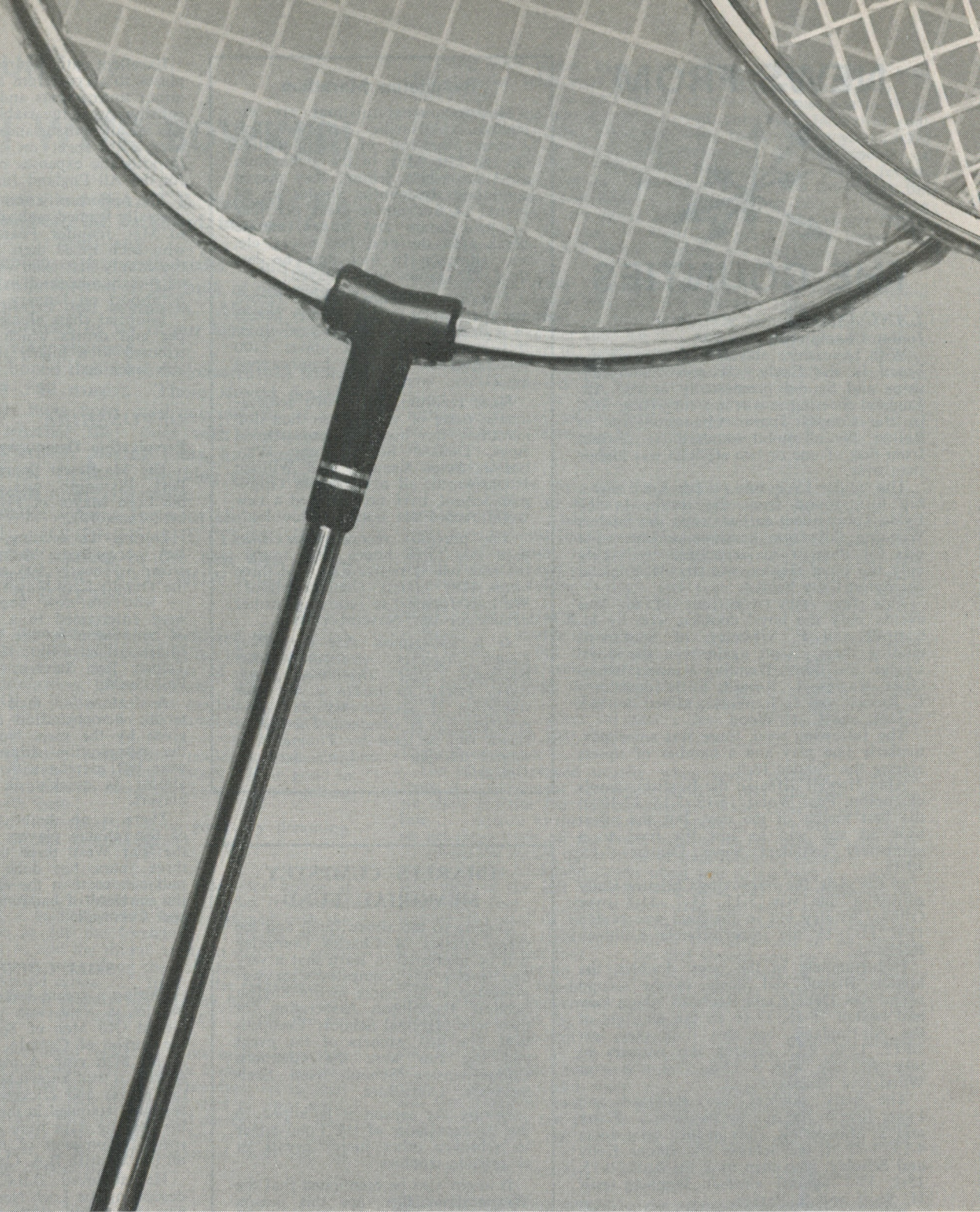
STILL GOING STRONG

During a recent holiday in the Inverness district, a visit was paid to one of the Grand Old Men of Scottish badminton in the person of Captain Willie Mackay, now in his 86th year. A man of many parts, a soldier, a well known lawyer, a fine badminton player and cricketer, in spite of being severely wounded in the first war, and, when his playing days were over, a wise and respected Convenor of the Northern Group on the Scottish B.A. Council.

He achieved B.B.C. fame by vividly describing the Loch Ness monster, which he has seen three or four times. Now living quietly, looking after himself in his riverside house, attending his office twice a week, he is as alert as ever, with a fund of wonderful stories. He still recounts with relish how very many years ago the badminton players of Inverness, unheralded and unsung, first visited the great stronghold of the game in Aberdeen, whose players were led by the formidable Dr. Crombie and defeated their hosts to the intense surprise of both sides.

Today, his only regret is that he can no longer catch salmon, but his many friends enjoy visiting him and appreciate the hospitality of his stretch of water.

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SIMPLER SERVICE LAWS

by **ERIC HINCHCLIFF**
(Hon. Secretary B.U.A.E.)

A reader writes to say he was interested to note the opposite views of contributors to the Gazette about the All-England finals; one congratulated the service judge on his application of the laws while the other seemed to imply that the officials interfered with the play too much. As one of the biggest problems of umpires is achieving uniformity in the application of the laws relating to service, why do not the legislators try to overcome this by simplifying these laws?

A Lot to Watch

I think our correspondent must be referring to the many aspects of the laws that the service judge has to deal with, viz:

- (i) At the moment of striking the shuttle
 - (a) the shuttle must not be higher than the server's waist, (b) the shaft of the server's racket must be pointing in a downward direction to such an extent that the whole of the head of the racket is discernibly below the whole of the server's hand holding the racket.
- (ii) Until the shuttle is struck the server has some part of both feet in a stationary position on the floor, but not on a line.
- (iii) The server does not feint.

It is indeed a mammoth task to look out for all this in a very short space of time and, in truth, it is impossible to adjudicate on all of these features at one and the same time.

Reasons for Restrictions

From time to time over the years, suggestions have been made in many quarters that to restrict the server to serving below the waist is all that is necessary. Before we examine the effect this might have, let us consider the reasons for the present restrictions on the server.

In general, it is the intention that the shuttle should cross the net in an upward direction after being struck but the closer the angle of the trajectory of the shuttle to the net gets to 90°, the more difficult will it be for the receiver to deal with it. The height of players can vary from around 6ft. 7ins. (Tiny Lucas) to 4ft. (?) (W. S. Siow) and if "waist" were the only restriction the taller player, or at least a player with long legs, would have an advantage in that he would be able to serve at a height of about 4ft. from the ground to a net 5ft. high. Standing, say, 8ft. from the net, a serve delivered at this height would appear to be travelling almost parallel to the ground and at speed would not be the easiest to receive.

The law attempts to give some protection to the receiver by demanding that the racket head be below the hand and the shaft pointing downwards. This preventing, in theory, a "drive" service with a racket parallel to the ground but the shuttle not above the waist.

Possible Amendments

So much for the main reasons for the present law. Let us now consider the possibilities if law 14(a) (II) were deleted.

The law in respect of "not higher than the waist" is very difficult to apply owing to the many definitions of waist. In any case, "not higher than" can mean "level with" which can produce a very high struck shuttle in some cases.

If this aspect of the law were amended to "it is a fault if the whole of the shuttle is not below the waist when struck" it is considered that the height at which the shuttle could be struck would be lowered by several inches. The receiver would be happier and the application of the law would be simpler.

Other suggestions that have been made include restricting the height of the service above a tape across the net (say) 3ft. from the floor.

Both of these suggestions would simplify the application of the law. But the game is for the players. Would these proposals be acceptable to them, and what effect would they have on the game?

Perhaps readers would like to comment.

TIPS FROM THE TOP

No. 1.

THE LAST TEN MINUTES

by **JUDY HASHMAN**

(17 times All-England Champion)

It is hoped to publish a short article under this heading; written by one of our leading internationals for advanced club and county players. Taken from their experience, it will deal with one short point only. But it is these apparently "small" points that make all the difference between good club and county standard. And who better to start the series than Judy Hashman?

Those last ten minutes before going onto court are the most vital part of match preparation. No amount of fitness gyrations or repetitive stroke sequences can pull you through a close match if you are not mentally and emotionally prepared at the time of taking the court.

Rackets should have been seen to far earlier and clearly marked for preference, shoes laced comfortably, clothes changed into leisurely and arranged for comfort and freedom of movement.

There is, then, just the match—your game, your opponent's game. A run-through of the opponent's silhouette as he hits a variety of shots, a mental note of any type of shot he dislikes and a reminder of those which in set patterns are his favourites. The importance of keeping the shuttle in play, starting well and going safely and not violently for winners.

A few knee bends, running on the spot, shadow playing, knees-up running. A further visit—automatic rather than necessary but it keeps one further to oneself. More visions of the silhouettes.

Remember your own serve—you cannot win without a good serve, accurate for length and height or skimming the net, each time served with confidence and with a definite purpose. Must serve well and the rest will fall into place. The silhouettes.

And then the inevitable. One court, one job, only one winner.

WHAT IS FITNESS?

by **JAKE DOWNEY**
(Uber Cup Squad Coach)

Fitness is the foundation of Badminton success. It is hoped to publish a short article each month. Jake Downey, player, coach, and author, needs no introduction. The exercises he will advocate do not need special facilities.

Fitness is a difficult word to explain for it is used to describe both physical and mental states of a person; "I am fit" or "I feel fit". Take the person who wakes up on a sunny morning stretches and exclaims "I feel fit" when in fact a few minutes hard exercise might prove the contrary; or the highly trained player superbly fit physically who goes on the court and doesn't feel fit.

Any discussion about fitness also raises the question of "fit for what"? Do we mean fit for the rigors of daily life or a specialised sport? Fitness is required to delay the onset of fatigue caused by work and to aid recovery after fatigue. When fatigue sets in, skill is affected and performance drops. A basic level of fitness is necessary for general life and this level increases as more demands are made on the individual. It follows the top class player requires a high level of fitness. Let us now consider how fitness is acquired.

Physical Fitness. There are three essential factors.

1. Exercise. A fit body requires strength, endurance, flexibility and speed. These are developed by exercise in which the body is trained to withstand the rigors of activity.
2. Rest. A certain amount of rest is important to allow the body to recover from the exercise. This involves the rest gained between regular training sessions and the rest gained from regular sleep.
3. Diet. Correct diet ensures that the body is supplied with the essential fuel to meet the demands of the training.

Other factors:-

Balance. A systematic training programme is essential for improvement in fitness. This is achieved by planning the correct balance between exercise, rest and diet.

Purpose. You should have some reason for getting fit. This could be from wishing to feel better generally to training to become the best player in the club, League, County etc.

Mental Fitness

The combination of correct balance of exercise rest and diet should ensure a fit body. Add to this an objective (a reason for getting fit) and you will adopt the necessary mental attitude to acquire the "feeling for fitness".

Any successful training programme must consider these factors. They are basic to general fitness and the specific fitness required for top class Badminton.

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ACCENT ON YOUTH

“Guinness is good for . . . sport”

On 26th August, the day of the opening ceremony of the 20th Olympic Games in Munich, 118 outstanding young athletes and games players assembled at the Crystal Palace N.S.C. They had been brought together through the generous sponsorship of Arthur Guinness, Son and Company (Park Royal) Ltd. and the usual efficient organization of the C.C.P.R. (London and S.E. Region). Applications were restricted to young men and women between 16 and 21 living in London, Home Counties, the South and the South-East.

Among these were 19 young Badminton players. Their coaching was in the experienced hands of Ian Horton (Regional Co-ordinator) and Ken Crossley (National Coach).

Those attending were:

London: Tom John, Stephen Jordan
 Surrey: Lisa Maine, Anne Gregory
 Essex: D. N. Moore
 Oxon: Peter Jones
 Middlesex: Ian Legrand, Tim Smith,
 Valerie Stephenson, Clare
 Stevens
 Bucks: Stephen Marriott
 Hants: Jeremy Evans, Andrew Britland
 Herts: Arthur Bell, Enoch James
 Sussex: Stephen Marshall, Andrew
 Ryan
 Kent: Hazel Kennedy, Gillian
 Kehr

The week's intensive coaching did much to raise the standard of the already promising youngsters. It gave them a great deal to practise and think about during the coming season.

On Thursday, 31st August, Mr. Eldon Griffiths, M.A., M.P., Minister with special responsibility for Sport, watched the students at work before presenting them with awards. Speaking of the Olympic Games, from which he had just returned, he congratulated the German Government on the superb facilities and organization but wondered if future Games might not be run on more spartan lines. He also wondered if there was not too much National emphasis. The British squad, although not ranking high in the medal award list, were very well trained and achieving a reputation as fine sports.

The sponsorship of the course, he said, was both enlightened and visionary; the Government hoped much similar sponsorship would be forthcoming.

He congratulated the students on their essential enthusiasm but told them that he would like to have seen much more aggression, bite and thrust, and to have heard the extra grunt that showed the training hurt. It was these qualities that made winners.

He concluded that it was not his job to say that Guinness gave that bite but undoubtedly from what he had seen “Guinness is Good for Sport”.

Sincere thanks are due to the sponsors for a course which it is to be hoped will become an annual event as it will be of great value helping these young players to achieve Badminton maturity. Thanks are equally due to C.C.P.R.'s John Davies and Carolyn Rogers for their enthusiastic co-operation.

Editor's Note: No prize will be awarded for guesses as to which of the Badminton coaches later found he had inadvertently placed his Guinness on the Minister's red dispatch box. He was acquitted without a stain on his character—or on the box.



Mr. Eldon Griffiths, accompanied by Mrs. C. Rogers (Sports Council), talks to National Coach Ken Crossley.

Gazette Policy

Only material marked “Official Notice” expresses the official views and rulings of the governing body, the Badminton Association of England. All other material expresses the personal opinions of the writer.

In this way, it is hoped that readers will be encouraged to air their views, be they critical or otherwise, for the good of the game.

“THREE DAYS

HARD LABOUR”

This was the sentence given to all twenty-six youngsters who attended the E.S.B.A. First National Training Course in Warwickshire on July 24th-26th.

“Cry Havoc!”

How well these youngsters responded! They trained and played from 10 a.m. till six at night—then attended coaching talks and a film after evening meal and still had enough energy left to play havoc with the dignity of Chief Coach Roger Mills, who at one time was searching vainly for his track suit, his shirt, his jacket, and doing so in his bare feet because even his socks had gone missing. It was amazing how the threat of extra training sessions with umpteen “Burpees” activated the search. Suddenly all that was lost was found!

High Standard

The standard of play throughout the three days was exceptionally high. Perhaps the most exciting feature was the depth of this fine standard, and the wide spread of areas from whence these lads and lassies came.

Although primarily these three days were for coaching and training, nevertheless the E.S.B.A. officials, with an eye to business, were busy doing some preliminary selection for the next International match. No secret was made of this: it merely spurred the youngsters on to even greater efforts.

Good Sportsmanship

Their intense rivalry coupled with the innate sportsmanship of this age group made the games a joy to watch. No prima donna behaviour here, no query on line decisions, no moans, no unpleasant “points or time gaining tactics”. This was sport at its best.

Hard graft for everyone, but enjoyable! The only complaint—“not enough hours in the day”. The Chief Coach in his report to the E.S.B.A. makes this point well by plaintively suggesting that in future years, to combat physical and mental fatigue, time must be made for the coaches to manage at least one alcoholic beverage a day.

N. R. J. McF.

JUNIOR BREAK-THROUGH

Roger Mills, has undoubtedly added yet another record to the many that he holds. In his first full year as Chief Coach he has sifted through over 1,000 young players between the ages of 15 and 23 in order to produce the “Top Fifty”. These latter were given a week's coaching and training on a squad basis by Roger Mills, assisted by Paul Whetnall and Ray Stevens, both of whom are England players. Above all, emphasis was placed on “thinking,” on court and off.

This is a great achievement which should considerably help our endeavours to obtain real depth of playing ability. Regional co-ordinators have played their part by their ceaseless search for local talent.

NEED A RACQUET ?

See Competitions (p. 5).

RED ROSE HAT-TRICK

by IAN GRAHAM

A blackboard, which had previously served as a scoreboard, bore the simple legend, 'Lancs are the Kings', four words which epitomised the three U16 events, — 7th Annual Inter-County Championships, the 3rd Individual Championships, and the first National Schools team competition finals, — organised by the E.S.B.A. at Nottingham University on March 28 - 30th, 1972.

Indeed the Red-Rose was in such full bloom that not only were Lancashire the Kings, but they had the Queens and Aces too. Every single title was won by a Lancashire team, individual or pair in a dominating display which was a triumph for those concerned with junior coaching in Lancashire.

Solid Strength

The Red Rose county side, spearheaded by school's internationals Kathleen Redhead, Paul Wood and Gary Scott, ably supported by North Regional team representatives Christine Kelly, Gillian Scholey, Janet Mawdesley and Eric Roberts, with Pamela Mason, Kenny Hirst and Paul Littlewood doing far more than simply make up the numbers, carried off the county championship for the third successive year, — a record! The measure of their overwhelming superiority may be judged from their results. Playing in their preliminary group of four they dropped only one event, defeating Kent 9-1, Berkshire 10-0 and Warwickshire 10-0. In the semi-final, they demolished Surrey 10-0 and in the final a useful Ulster side could muster only two events as the champions stormed to an 8-2 victory.

A record entry of 16 counties competed in the championship, the preliminaries being played off on a league basis in groups of four. Lancashire and Surrey were easy winners of their respective groups but Essex with 22 events were hard pressed by Derbyshire with 19 and a weakened Yorkshire side with 17. In the fourth group Ulster and Cumberland and Westmorland had a battle royal with the Irish side just shading the Twin Counties on points after the teams had tied at 25 events apiece. In the second semi-final 'the luck of the Irish' prevailed and Ulster again gained the verdict on points after a 5-all tie with Essex.

In the final, it was Lancashire all the way with sweeping victories in seven events, a points aggregate win in top girls' doubles and their only defeats being in second boys' singles and a one point reverse in top mixed. Unquestionably this Lancashire side is the greatest ever seen in the tournament; an unbeatable combination of star players and strength in depth. Look out for their names in future.

Players of Promise

The Ulster side was also a useful all-round unit. In Helen McCrea and Bill Thompson they have two youngsters who will be amongst the honours next season.

In addition it was inevitably the other school's internationals, Suzanne Coates (Surrey), Judy Reeve (Essex), Derek Whitfield (Berks), Ray Rofe (Kent) and Diane Hurst and Jimmy Kirkpatrick (C. & W.) who took the eye. Useful contributions for their teams were made by Debbie Kirkby (Kent), Lisa Maine (Surrey), Anne Tuckett, Stephen Stranks and Jasminder Virdee (Essex), John Unwin (Yorks), Paul Hanlon and Tim Smales (Derby) and Peter Jack and Nigel Birkett (C. & W.), indicating the ever growing strength in depth of junior badminton talent in the country.

Interesting Finals

The individual events emphasised Lancashire's all round command, but in three finals real challenges were mounted. In the boys' singles, Paul Wood lost the first end to an in-form Ray Rofe, 15-7, took the second with difficulty 15-12, before his superior fitness enabled him to grind the Kent lad into submission at 15-2 in the decider. Not for nothing was Wood nicknamed 'The Machine' by the Irish contingent.

In the girls' singles, Judy Reeve, the powerful Essex player, caused the first major upset by defeating Suzanne Coates 11-7, 11-3 in the penultimate round. In the final, against Kathy Redhead, she lost a long lead in the first game but took it at 12-11 and then stood within sight of victory at 6-0 in the second. Thereafter continual pressure by Miss Redhead on her opponents backhand caused Miss Reeve's stroke-play on this wing to weaken and finally collapse for the Lancastrian to take the title at 11-7, 11-2.

The girls' doubles was a ding-dong affair with the sterling defensive qualities of Gillian Scholey and Christine Kelly finally triumphing over the more attacking strategy of Suzanne Coates and Lisa Maine, 18-17, 15-10.

Shortage of time caused the restriction of the final stages of the other events to one game of 21-up, but this had no effect on

the Lancashire onslaught. Paul Wood and Gary Scott fired on all cylinders to sweep aside Stephen Stranks and Jasminder Virdee 21-5 in the boys' doubles final and Paul Littlewood and Janet Mawdesley administered the coup-de-grace with a 21-14 win over John Atkinson and Barbara Jackson (Derby) in the mixed final.

Cumpstey Cup

Earlier, the U16 team of Glenburn Comprehensive school, Skelmersdale, containing two of Lancashire's championship winning side, had carried off the Cumpstey Cup, a magnificent trophy presented in memory of the late Charles Cumpstey, a man who championed junior badminton to the last. In this, the first competition to find the best U16 school team in the country, Glenburn proved to be outstanding, winning their semi-final 10-0 and the final, against Aveley School, Essex, by 8-2.

So the school's success story continues. To those poor, unfortunates who are 'too old' next season we extended our thanks for the many hours of pleasure their play has given us and we look forward to their continued progress in the higher age-groups. To those young enough to compete next season we look forward to their return and if they prove to be as good as this year's crop of outstanding players then the future problems of Roger Mills will indeed be happy ones.

Worth Watching !

**NORTH v. HOME COUNTIES v.
MIDLANDS v. WEST**

at
North Warwickshire Y.S.C.,
Kingshurst, Marston Green, Birmingham
12 noon

SUNDAY, 19th NOVEMBER, 1972

CHAMPIONS OF THE FUTURE ?

Peter Bullivant (Lancs.), Brian Wallwork (Lancs.), Colin Foley (Surrey), Mike Rennison (Yorks.), Peter Jack (Cumb.), Martin Beck (Cumb.), Jimmie Kirkpatrick (Cumb.), Alan Steele (Lancs.), Roy Wallace (Warwks.), Phil Kidger (Yorks.)

John Woodgate (Essex), Phil Pearce (Corn.), Roland Hawkins (Northumb.), Paul Stubbs (Warwks.), Grant Parker (Yorks.), Steve Denner (Lancs.), Ian Loten (Notts.), Peter Pennekett (Hants.), Alan Fish (Notts.), Tony Wing (Notts.), Paul Wood (Lancs.)

Mike Wilks (Kent), Pat Smiles (Surrey), Anne Forrest (Hants.), Kathy Redhead (Lancs.)

Roger Mills (Chief Coach), Ray Stevens (Course Assistant)

Kathy Whiting (Glos.), Shirley Storey (Cumb.), Kathy Fife (Westmor.), Dave Galloway (Irish Coaching Secretary)

Carole Martin (Northumb.), Gill Scholey (Lancs.)





69th Annual General Meeting

of

The Badminton Association of England

Unconfirmed Minutes of the 69th Annual General Meeting of the Badminton Association of England held at Church House, College Green, Gloucester on Saturday, 20th May, 1972 at 2.30 p.m.

Present (with voting powers in brackets):-

Vice President and Chairman of the Council: Mr. H. F. Chilton (1) (in the Chair).

President: Mr. S. Wyatt (1).

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. S. E. Andrew (1), W. G. P. Birtwistle (1), G. R. Dunning (1), Mrs. A. M. Horner (1), Messrs. P. A. Johnson (1) and F. W. Kirkby (1).

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. S. C. Saunders (1).

Secretary: M. J. B.H. Bisseker (—).

Delegates from County Associations:—

- Bedfordshire (1)
- Berkshire (3)
- Cheshire (2)
- Cornwall (7)
- Devon (5)
- Essex (10)
- Gloucestershire (4)
- Guernsey (1)
- Hampshire and Isle of Wight (8)
- Herefordshire (1)
- Hertfordshire (3)
- Kent (14)
- Lancashire (13)
- Leicestershire (3)
- Middlesex (7)
- Northamptonshire (1)
- Northern Counties (4)
- Nottinghamshire (5)
- Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire (5)
- Shropshire (1)
- Somerset (3)
- Surrey (13)
- Warwickshire (7)
- Wiltshire (2)
- Worcestershire (3)

Others present, without a vote, included representatives of the All-England B.C., the South-West Counties B.A., the Universities Athletic Union, Miss D. B. Grace, Messrs. A. E. Jones, J. D. Robertson, M. Robinson and E. C. Stuart (members of the Council), Mr. R. J. Mills (Chief Coach) and Mrs. H. A. E. Scheele (secretariat).

Attendance: The Secretary announced that 25 of the 40 affiliated county associations were represented and that nine officers with voting power were also present. The total number of votes eligible to be cast was 135 out of a possible 176.

Chairman's Remarks: The Chairman thanked the Gloucestershire Badminton Association and, in particular Mr. J. Leach, for the excellent arrangements which had been made for the meeting. He also congratulated Mr. S. Wyatt on his award of the O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List and expressed his pleasure that Mr. H. A. E. Scheele had made a good recovery from his recent operation. His remarks were received with acclamation.

Minutes: The unconfirmed minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on the 22nd May, 1971, having been published in the October issue of the Badminton Gazette, were presented to the meeting for approval. On the proposal of Mr. R. Hughes Johnson (Cheshire), seconded by Mr. F. W. Kirkby (Surrey), the minutes were approved and were then signed by the Chairman.

Annual Report: The Chairman presented the Annual Report for the year ended 31st May, 1971, which had been published in the March issue of the Badminton Gazette. The adoption of the Report was proposed by Mr. B. F. Berry (Worcestershire), seconded by Mr. P. A. Johnson (Vice-President), and carried nem.con.

Accounts: The Honorary Treasurer presented the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st May, 1971. He drew the meeting's attention to the fact that expenditure exceeded income by £7,841 before taking into account government grants of £7,337. He estimated that for the year ending 21st May, 1972 there would be a final deficit of approximately £2,000 after taking government grants into account.

Mr. F. B. Wilson (Warwickshire) inquired the purpose of the provision of £1,000 for equipment in the Balance Sheet. Mr. P. A. Johnson explained that the Council had agreed to set up this reserve fund, which would be available for the purchase of necessary equipment for coaching purposes.

Mr. M. J. Denman (Nottinghamshire) referred to his suggestion at the previous year's meeting that government grants should be included in the Income and Expenditure Accounts and not in the Accumulated Funds. The Chairman said that the Council had considered this suggestion, but had decided that it should not be adopted for the reasons given by the Honorary Treasurer at the previous meeting.

On the proposal of Mr. W. G. P. Birtwistle (Vice-President), the accounts were adopted with a vote of thanks to the Honorary Treasurer.

Rules of the Association

Rule 6 (f): On behalf of the Council, the Chairman 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). He referred to his letter concerning the financial problems facing the Association, which had been circulated in April, and he gave details of the steps which were being taken to overcome these problems. He explained that, in view of the heavy loss on the Badminton Gazette, the Council felt that it was imperative that they should be given the flexibility to make a charge to clubs for the Gazette, if the Association's financial situation did not show an improvement during the summer.

On behalf of the Herefordshire Badminton Association, Mr. A. R. Knott moved the following amendment to the Council's proposal: that the words "and of 'The Badmin-

ton Gazette' or other official organ of the Association, as issued" be deleted at the end of the first sentence in Rule 6(f) and the following be substituted in their place; "and of 'The Badminton Gazette' which will be charged at its current publication price as issued".

He pointed out that the alteration proposed by the Council would not necessarily result in achieving the appropriate increase in income, because it was likely that many clubs would decide not to buy the Gazette. His county association felt that a reduction in the circulation would be a retrograde step, as this publication was the only certain source of information on other than local badminton matters. Acceptance of his amendment would ensure distribution at, at least, the current level and would provide the desired increase of income to the Association. He considered that the best interests of the game and the Association would be served by maintaining current standards of service and by charging all affiliated clubs and organisations for the Gazette.

This amendment was seconded by Mrs. F. E. Hinchcliff (Surrey). After others present had expressed their views, the amendment proposed by the Herefordshire B.A. was defeated by 111 votes to 18. The voting on the proposal by the Council was 78 in favour and 41 against, but the motion was lost as it was not carried by at least two-thirds of the total votes cast in accordance with Rule 7(e).

Rule 7 (d): On behalf of the Council, the Chairman 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".

The Chairman explained that the decision by the Council to make this proposal had been reached some months previously and it was therefore his duty to propose this amendment. He felt, however, that the current approaches which were being made to sports goods manufacturers for financial assistance to the Association were likely to be jeopardised if this motion was passed.

Mr. Scheele (Kent) stated that his county association had tabled an amendment to the effect that the words "or any person financially interested therein" should be deleted from the Council's motion. The Chairman's comments had therefore placed the Kent delegates in an awkward position, as they had been instructed by their county association to propose this amendment. Mr. P. W. Jones (Essex) also protested that his county delegates had received instruction as to how they should cast their votes on the Council's motion and the Kent amendment.

The President advised the meeting that, as the voting entitlement at the General Meetings would remain firmly in the hands of county associations, it would be inopportune to introduce a rule forbidding the attendance of professional players or sports goods manufacturers.

Neither the amendment proposed by the Kent County B.A. nor the motion by the Council were seconded.

Rule 7 (i): The proposal by the Council 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" was withdrawn in view of the aforementioned result of the proposal regarding Rule 7(d).

Regulations for the Inter-County

Championship:

Regulation 12: On behalf of the Nottinghamshire Badminton Association, Mr. M. J. Denman proposed 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.

Due notice had been given of the following amendments to this proposal:-

The Leicestershire B.A. proposed that the words "has resided for one year" should replace the words "is residing".

The Essex County B.A. proposed that the following words should be inserted at the end of (f):- "and provided that the student has resided in such county for the said purpose for a period of not less than one year".

After a lengthy discussion on these proposed amendments, the amendment proposed by the Leicestershire B.A. was defeated by 36 votes to 72. The amendment proposed by the Essex County B.A. was carried by 75 votes to 46 and the substantive motion by the Nottinghamshire B.A. embodying the Essex amendment was then carried by 70 votes to 51.

Laws of Badminton: Mr. H. A. E. Scheele advised the meeting that only one proposal to alter the Laws of Badminton was being brought up at the Annual General Meeting of the International Badminton Federation. The Deutscher Badminton Verband proposed that the opening clause of Law 3, now reading "The net shall be made of fine tanned cord..." be altered to read "The net shall be made of fine tanned cord or artificial fibre...". It was agreed that it should be left to the discretion of the Association's delegates as to how they should cast England's votes on this proposal.

Election of Officers for 1972-73:

The following proposals by the Council for the re-election of officers were carried unanimously:-

President: Mr. S. Wyatt.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. S. E. Andrews, S. G. Bell, W. G. P. Birtwistle, H. F. Chilton, G. R. Dunning, Mrs. A. M. Horner, Messrs. P. A. Johnson, F. W. Kirby and H. Morland.

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. S. C. Saunders.
Honorary Assistant Treasurer: No nomination.

County Nominees on the Council: The Secretary read the names of the nominees of county associations appointed to sit on the Council for 1972-73, together with the names of their alternates. (The names of councillors will be found in the 1972-73 edition of the Handbook).

It was reported that no nomination had been received from the Shropshire County B.A.

Auditors: It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. P. A. Johnson (Vice-President) that Messrs Simpson, Wreford and Co. be re-appointed auditors for 1972-73. This was carried nem. con.

The formal business of the meeting having been concluded, the following matters were raised under Any Other Business:-

Thanks for services:- The Chairman paid tribute to the work carried out during the year by the Secretary and his staff, by Mr. and Mrs. Scheele and by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mills and Mrs. O. R. Johnson. He also thanked all members, especially the Chairmen, of the Council's Standing Committees for the many hours of voluntary work undertaken by them. The Association was also greatly indebted to Mr. S. G. Bell for the capable manner in which he had refereed the All-England Championships in the unfortunate absence of Mr. Scheele due to his admission to hospital shortly before the Championships.

As Chairman of the International Match Committee, Mr. Birtwistle expressed his thanks to all those County Associations which had promoted international matches during the season.

Publicity: Mr. W. H. Burden (Nottinghamshire) complained about the lack of publicity for badminton. He was concerned that very little information on the game was published in the national press and he particularly referred to the almost complete absence of any mention of the fact that England had won the European Team Championships in Sweden recently. He suggested that a closer relationship should be effected with the press and that more coverage was likely to be obtained if certain players were built up as personalities.

The Secretary and Mr. S. E. Andrews, on behalf of the Publicity Committee, explained that every effort was being made to increase the interest of the national press in the game by means of regular press releases and the appointment of members of the committee as contacts with each national newspaper.

Local Government Boundary Re-organisation: A short discussion took place on the effect on badminton of the government's proposals for local government boundary re-organisation. A paper on this subject prepared by Mr. Birtwistle, which had been circulated to County Associations, set out four alternative courses open to the Association and was a purely consultative document without making any recommendations. Mr. Birtwistle said that administration in County Associations was all-important and any increase in the number of counties would necessitate more administrators. Any future re-organisation must be decided on the basis of the best interests for badminton.

The Secretary reported that the Sports Council had decided to appoint a Working Party to consider the government's proposals, on which it was hoped that the Association would be represented.

Inter County Championship: Mr. K. G. Stott (Somerset) suggested that the sectional winners in Division III of the Inter-County Championship should play-off on the knock-

out basis, so that the many first teams of counties in this Division would have the opportunity of taking part in a national competition. It was agreed that the Inter-County Championship Committee should consider this suggestion.

Approved Coaches: On behalf of the Surrey County B.A., Mr. N. G. Budibent raised the problem of coaches taking jobs in Evening Institutes without having obtained the necessary permission and put forward the suggestion that such people should register with the Badminton Association of England, for which they would be charged a fee.

In reply Mr. P. A. Johnson, the Chairman of the Coaching Committee, assured the meeting that this situation was under consideration, but stressed the many practical difficulties involved with this problem.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.45 p.m.

SUGGESTIONS?

Only some 25 readers (including 2 from Canada and 1 from Yugoslavia!) took the trouble to complete and submit the questionnaire printed in our May issue. It is hoped that readers and/or Secretaries who still have that issue will still send it. It does help US to give YOU what you want.

The **Slazenger Challenge** racquet will be sent to Roy Helps, 1 Felbridge Close, Frimley, Camberley, Surrey, in time for the start of the coming season, for the best suggestions.

Offers of help have been gratefully noted and the Editor will welcome the promised contributions, written or photographic, at any time.

The only feature very seldom read was the Crossword — which here takes its bow! Almost all the suggested types of articles were approved with particularly strong support for "Keep Fit", "Club Court" and "Coaching Corner". "Club Court" depends entirely on your contributions but in this issue we start a series of Fitness articles by who-better-than Jake Downey, the Uber Cup squad coach, "Tips from the Top" and "Boomph with Bowker".

The old title "Badminton Gazette" was warmly supported and a price of 20 — 30p considered acceptable. (It will be maintained at 20p if we can side-step being inflated!)

A lot of club readers would have become subscribers had they not had access to the club copy. (Why not, anyway, have your own mint copy for keeps straight from the printing press instead of getting 12th-hand view of a dog-eared copy whose E.T.A. from the Secretary's residence is as moveable as Easter Sunday!)

Gazette Sales Officers and competition entrants should note that most new subscribers were hooked by actually seeing a copy of the Gazette.

The Editor at all times is delighted to receive readers' constructive criticism and suggestions.

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT and BALANCE SHEET OF

THE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION OF ENGLAND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31st MAY, 1971

	£	£	Previous year £
Income			
Subscriptions		8,629	8,242
Tournament Levies		568	584
Tournament Registration Fees		50	51
Surplus on Championships ...		2,261	2,879
Surplus on Gazette		611	611
Sundry Receipts		1,614	1,750
		<u>13,122</u>	<u>14,117</u>
Expenditure			
Administration			
Salaries and National Insurance	5,633		5,883
Pension contributions	282		—
		5,915	5,883
Rent of Office	707		707
Rates	199		155
Heat & Light	43		47
Insurance	5		4
Repairs to Premises	—		4
		954	917
Printing and Stationery	596		361
Postages	227		176
Telephone	436		317
Travelling etc.	268		264
Insurance	60		27
Hire of Meeting Rooms	134		80
Subscriptions	55		40
Repairs to Equipment	—		19
Audit	74		95
Bank Charges	1		13
Depreciation of Equipment etc.	72		58
Sundries	331		229
		2,254	1,679
Other Expenditure			
Handbooks		593	160
Cost of Gazette—to Club and Officials		2,506	2,301
Coaching Expenses		5,386	4,989
Inter-County Championship ...		277	Cr. 26
International Matches etc. ...		1,622	4,291
Badges etc.		—	94
Badminton Umpires Asscn. of England		20	20
Loss on Gazette Account		657	—
Special Expenditure		555	49
Provision for Equipment		500	500
		<u>21,239</u>	<u>20,857</u>
Excess of Expenditure over Income			
Less		8,117	6,740
Interest Received (Net)		276	277
Final Deficit for Year —carried to Balance Sheet		<u>7,841</u>	<u>6,463</u>

BALANCE SHEET — 31st MAY, 1971

	£	£	£
Accumulated Funds			
General			
Balance at 1st June 1970 ...	11,212		10,381
Add			
Government Grants received ...	7,337		7,294
	<u>18,549</u>		<u>17,675</u>
Less			
Deficit for year ended 31st May 1971	7,841		6,463
		10,708	11,212
Wiltshire Bequest		52	66
Appeals		1,492	1,481
Provision for Equipment		1,000	500
		<u>13,252</u>	<u>13,259</u>
Total			
<i>Represented By:</i>			
Furniture and Office Equipment			
At cost less depreciation ...		492	426
Investments — At Cost		2,388	1,521
Loans		3,250	2,574
		6,130	4,521
Current Assets			
Stocks	476		484
Debtors and Prepayments	1,263		1,309
Deposit — Hampshire Building Society	4,100		5,000
Cash at Bank and in Hand ...	3,609		3,772
	9,448		10,565
Less			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors		2,326	7,122
		<u>13,252</u>	<u>13,259</u>

H. F. CHILTON, Chairman.

S. C. SAUNDERS, Hon Treasurer.

We have audited the above Balance Sheet with the books and vouchers of the Association and have obtained all the information we have required. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the affairs of the Association according to the best of our information and explanations give to us and as shown by the Books of the Association.

3, Temple Avenue,
London, E.C.4.
11th February, 1972.

SIMPSON WREFORD & CO.,
Chartered Accountants,
Auditors.

THE TENTH ENGLISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

organised by the
BADMINTON ASSOCIATION OF ENGLAND

will be held at

**REDBRIDGE SPORTS CENTRE, FOREST ROAD, BARKINGSIDE
ESSEX**

FRIDAY, SATURDAY and SUNDAY, 8th to 10th DECEMBER, 1972

Qualifying rounds on THURSDAY, 7th DECEMBER (evening)

and FRIDAY, 8th DECEMBER (7.30 p.m.) mixed doubles only

5 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Entries will be restricted to players qualified to play for England

Entry forms can be obtained from the

**HON. TOURNAMENT SECRETARY: Miss D. B. GRACE,
12 Raleigh Court, Stanley Park Road, Wallington, Surrey**

Closing date for entries: November 18th, 1972

Charges for spectators: Thursday 10p, Friday 25p, Saturday 50p, Sunday 50p

All spectators who are not members of Redbridge Sports Centre must pay, in addition, 10p at the door each day for admission to the Centre.

Season ticket: £1 plus 20p for non-members to cover entrance to the Centre for the whole tournament.

Tickets obtainable in advance from Redbridge Sports Centre, Forest Road, Barkingside, Essex.

Cheques and postal orders should be crossed and made payable to Redbridge Sports Centre Trust Ltd. and a stamped addressed envelope for the tickets attached.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ALL-ENGLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

will be held at the

WIMBLEDON SQUASH AND BADMINTON CLUB, LONDON, S.W.19

FRIDAY 29th DECEMBER 1972 and SATURDAY 30th DECEMBER 1972

(from 10.30 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.)

UNDER 15 EVENTS

Boys' Singles, Girls' Singles, Boys' Doubles, Girls' Doubles

THURSDAY 4th to 6th JANUARY 1973

UNDER 18 EVENTS

Events will commence as follows:

THURSDAY (10.30 a.m. — about 8.30 p.m.) Boys' and Girls' Singles

FRIDAY (10.00 a.m. — 7.00 p.m.) Boys' and Girls' Doubles

SATURDAY (11.00 a.m. — 7.00 p.m.) Mixed Doubles

All finals will be played during the late afternoon on the Saturday

Entries Close on Friday, 1st December, 1972

Competitors must have been under 18 (or 15) years of age at midnight on 31st August/1st September, 1972, and must have been born in England or have resided in England for the two years immediately preceding the tournament.

Entry forms may be obtained from:

**THE SECRETARY, THE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION OF ENGLAND,
81a High Street, Bromley, Kent, BR1 1JY.
Telephone: 01-460 5722**

YOUTH TO THE FORE

The ranking list issued by the selectors for singles play makes interesting reading. The dominance of Surrey and Essex, which was highlighted in last season's I.C.C. Final, is underlined by the fact that of the twenty ranked players, six are from Essex and six are from Surrey. The strength of Badminton in the South is also emphasized by the fact that only three of the twenty hail from the Midlands and the North, and one of those, Derek Talbot, is of course resident in London.

Talbot Supreme

It is the latter who still standing a head above his rivals is ranked No. 1. After his brilliant singles and all-round play last season it is a ranking with which no one would disagree. Ray Stevens has deservedly made the No. 2 place his own. One of the main changes has been the rise from No. 8 to No. 3 of Essex's Keith Arthur who was runner-up up in last season's Granwood Invitation Tournament.

David Hunt of Hampshire has quietly and unobtrusively edged his way up another place to No. 5; a well deserved promotion in view of the four singles titles he won last season. Gloucester's Mike Tredgett, who played so finely in the Men's Doubles at the All-England, also gets recognition for his singles' prowess by moving up from No. 9 to No. 6.

A whirlwind start to the season by Colin Beacom, who might well have been considered a singles veteran, has brought him back into the list again at No. 7. The regard in which Mehmet Nevzat and Philip Smith are held is evidenced by their inclusion at Nos. 8 and 9 respectively for the first time.

Those dropping out from the list are Roger Mills, now the B.A. of E.'s National Coach, Elliott Stuart, who now specializes in doubles play, and the young Midlander, Clive Kirk.

Margaret Beck Stands Alone

In the Ladies' list, the most interesting feature is that Margaret Beck now has the No. 1 spot all for her own. She started the season by winning the Granwood Invitation and went from strength to strength so that Gillian Gilks who had previously shared that position with her had to be content with second place. England is indeed fortunate to have two such young and brilliant players to spearhead her attack. Youth is very much to the fore in the other placings because the two charming Essex girls, Nora Gardner and Barbara Giles, have now firmly established themselves at Nos. 3 and 4 respectively from Nos. 7 and 8.

A newcomer to the list who will undoubtedly run them hard is Pat Smiles of Surrey at No. 6 whilst Martha Brewer, only just out of junior ranks, has her foot on the bottom of the ladder which she may well scale.

Those missing from the list are Charlotte Lindsay of Yorkshire, who was handicapped last season by illness and injury, and Margot Winter of Yorkshire.

It will be interesting to see if the Granwood Invitation will provide any upsets to the list below:



THE BADMINTON ASSOCIATION OF ENGLAND

Secretary: J. B. H. Bisseker, 81a High Street, Bromley, Kent, BR1 1JY.

Hon. Treasurer: S. C. Saunders, F.C.A., 91/95 Commercial Road, Portsmouth, PO1 1BQ.

Secretariat: Mr. C. J. Landrey has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Association with effect from 1st July.

Sponsorship: Mr. N. G. Budibent has been appointed Sponsorship Liaison Officer. County Associations are requested to advise him, with a copy to the Secretary of the Association, of any sponsorship negotiations or to ask him if he can arrange sponsorship for any events. His address is 48 Woodbridge Road, Guildford, Surrey (Tel: Guildford (0483) 60042 - office).

Handbook: A full handbook was published in September and copies have been circulated to all County Associations for distribution to all affiliated clubs. Further copies may be obtained from the Secretary, price 40p.

Subscriptions: Notification is hereby given that copies of the Badminton Gazette will not be circulated to affiliated clubs and organisations on whose behalf no subscriptions has been remitted by the county association concerned by December 31st. Non-payment of the subscription by the same date will also result in the non-receipt of application forms for tickets for the All-England Championships.

All subscriptions from county associations should be sent to the offices of the Association at 81a High Street, Bromley, Kent, and not to the address of the Hon. Treasurer.

Regulations for Tournaments: Attention is drawn to Regulation 4 that no member of an affiliated organisation shall knowingly compete in any unsanctioned tournament without the consent of the Committee of the Association, under penalty of suspension from participation in sanctioned tournaments.

A list of Sanctioned Open Tournaments is published in the Association's Annual Handbook and of Restricted Tournaments by County Associations.

Regulations for Exhibitions for Amateur Players: A new set of Regulations has been adopted and is published in the handbook.

All-England Championships: The All-England Championships will take place at the Empire Pool, Wembley from 21st - 24th March. Details of the booking of seats, etc. will be circulated in January. Qualifying rounds will take place at Wimbledon on 16th and 17th March.

English National Championships: The English National Championships will take place at the Redbridge Sports Centre, Forest Road, Barkingside, Essex from 7th - 10th December. Entry forms may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the tournament, Miss D. B. Grace, 12 Raleigh Court, Stanley Park Road, Wallington, Surrey.

All-England Junior Championships: The All-England Junior Championships will take place at Wimbledon. Under 15 events on 29th and 30th December and Under 18 events from 4th - 6th January. Entry forms may be obtained from the Secretary.

All-England Veterans' Championships: The All-England Veterans' Championships will take place at Epsom on 3rd February. Entry forms will be available from the Secretary.

International Fixtures 1972 - 73: The following international fixtures have been arranged for the coming season:—

England v. West Germany at Blackburn on 30th November.

England v. Scotland at Felixstowe on 14th December.

Thomas Cup: England will play the Netherlands in the first round of the European Zone at Melksham on 18th and 19th October.

European Junior Championships: England will be officially represented in the European Junior Championships at Edinburgh on 19th - 21st April.

Change of Hon. Match Secretary — Devon
Devon's Hon. Match Secretary now is:— Mr. T. P. Waterfall, Blue Ridge, Coreway, Sidford, Sidmouth, EX10 9SE (Tel. Sidmouth 4565).

Men

1. D. (Derek) TALBOT (Northumberland) (1)
2. R. P. (Ray) STEVENS (Essex) (2)
3. K. P. (Keith) ARTHUR (Essex) (8)
4. J. D. (David) EDDY (Staffordshire) (3)
5. D. R. (David) HUNT (Hampshire) (6)
6. M. G. (Mike) TREDGETT (Gloucs) (9)
7. C. J. (Colin) BEACOM (Surrey) (-)
8. M. A. (Mehmet) NEVZAT (Surrey) (-)
9. P. J. (Philip) SMITH (Essex) (-)
10. B. H. (Brian) WHITE (Wiltshire) (4)

Note: The figures in brackets denote last year's positions

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- =3 Miss N. (Nora) GARDNER (Essex) (7)
- =3 Mrs. W. R. (Julie) RICKARD (Surrey) (3)
5. Miss B. (Barbara) GILES (Essex) (8)
6. Miss P. (Pat) SMILES (Surrey) (-)
7. Mrs. B. (Bridget) COOPER (Lancs) (6)
8. Mrs. L. A. (Linda) CORY (Essex) (4)
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October

- 7—8 Granwood Trophy Tournament (English Invitation Singles (Guildford))
 13—15 West Sussex Championships (Worthing)
 Mr. D. Webb, 11 Upton Gardens, Worthing, Sussex
 13—14 Lincolnshire Open (Scunthorpe)
 Mr. J. S. Hudson, Partney Hall, Spilsby, Lincs.
 15 Married Couples (Epsom)
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 18—19 THOMAS CUP TIE v NETHERLANDS (Melksham)
 18—22 Worcestershire Championships (Barnt Green) and Redditch.
 Mr. R. A. Jones, 5 The Newlands, Studley, Warwickshire
 21—22 West Hants Championships (Poole)
 Mrs. A. M. Harwood, "Doodle Oak", 10 Blake Hill Crescent, Poole, Dorset.
 27—29 Reserved for County Restricted Tournaments

November

- (30)—4 Wimbledon Open
 Mr. M. A. Hunt, The Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club, Cranbrook Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 4HD.
 10—12 Oxfordshire Championships (Cowley, Oxford)
 Mr. P. B. Wills, 5 Briar Close, Banbury, Oxfordshire
 11—12 Cazenove Handicaps (Stamford Hill)
 Mr. N. L. Williams, 7 Langland Crescent, Stanmore, Middlesex, HA7 1NE
 11—12 Westmorland Invitation (Kendal)
 Mr. B. Todd, 1 Belmont, Kendal, Westmorland
 17—18 Norfolk Open (Norwich University)
 Mr. R. D. Sinclair, 87 Chapel Field Road, Norwich, NOR 68E
 17—18 Northern Championships (Birkenhead)
 Mr. W. Ewing, 126 Grosvenor Road, Birkenhead
 18—19 Dorset Open (Poole)
 Mrs. A. M. Harwood, "Doodle Oak", 10 Blake Hill Crescent, Poole, Dorset
 24—25 Warwickshire Open (Edgbaston, Birmingham)
 Mr. David J. Corney, 14 Stoneleigh Road, Solihull, Warwickshire
 24—25 Northumberland Championships (Ponteland, Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
 Mr. C. R. Curtis, 10 Dene Avenue, South Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 3
 24—26 Portsmouth and District Championships (Portsmouth)
 Mrs. E. H. Sadler, Flat 3, 38 High Street, Old Portsmouth, Hants
 26 Hertfordshire American Handicap (Harlow)
 Miss B. Stevens, 24 Seaman Close, Park Street, St. Albans
 30 ENGLAND v. WEST GERMANY (Blackburn)

December

- (29)—3 Buckinghamshire Championships (Slough)
 Mr. K. G. Turner, 14 Haymill Road, Slough, Bucks SL1 6NA
 1—2 Lancashire Championships (Lancaster University)
 Mr. J. W. Walmsley, 21 Dryburgh Avenue, Blackpool, FY3 9RH
 7—10 English National Championships (Redbridge)
 Miss D. B. Grace, 12 Raleigh Court, Stanley Park Road, Wallington, Surrey
 13—16 London Championships (Redbridge)
 Mrs. M. Shaw, 1 Vivian Court, Copers Cope Road, Beckenham, Kent
 14 ENGLAND v SCOTLAND (Felixstowe)
 16—17 Wiltshire Open (Melksham)
 Mr. E. H. White, Bowling Green House, Crane Bridge Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire
 29—30 Possible Thomas Cup tie v WEST GERMANY (away)

January

- 5—6 Yorkshire Championships (York)
 Mr. R. J. L. Ball, 2 Blenheim Terrace, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, LS2 9JG
 5—7 Sussex Championships (Brighton)
 Mr. T. A. Bowker, 10 Reynolds Road, Hove BN3 5RJ Sussex
 10—13 Staffordshire Championships (Newcastle-under-Lyme & Keele)
 Mr. C. I. Eddy, "Robin Hill", Old Road, Barlaston, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs
 12—13 Devon Championships (Torquay)
 Mr. B. C. Hill, 5 Mt. Pleasant Road, Kingskerswel, Newton Abbott, Devon
 18—21 Ebbisham American (Epsom)
 Miss D. D. Huffer, 2 Bushetts Grove, Merstham, Surrey
 19—21 Hampshire Championships (Gosport)
 Mr. C. S. Smith, 58 Carnarvon Road, Gosport, Hants
 24—27 Kent Championships (Crystal Palace)
 Mr. C. F. R. Wilson, 13 Northbourne, Hayes, Kent.
 25—27 Leicestershire Open (Leicester)
 Miss M. P. Wells, 5 Meynell Road, Leicester LE5 3NE
 27—28 Harrogate Invitation
 Mr. T. H. Whitaker, 13 St. Georges Road, Harrogate

February

- (30)—3 Essex Championships (Ilford)
 Mr. N. S. Kirk, 105 Halbutt St., Dagenham, Essex
 2—3 Cumberland Championships (Carlisle)
 Mr. J. Stalker, 30 Pennine Way, Carlisle
 3 All-England Veterans' Championships (Epsom)
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 9—10 Nottinghamshire Championships (Bingham)
 Mr. A. D. Wadsworth, 13 Weekday Cross, Nottingham
 9—11 Berkshire Championships (Bracknell)
 Mrs. A. Smith, Beech Lynn, Priory Road, Ascot, Berks
 16—17 Durham Championships (Billingham)
 Mr. G. Burnham, 17 Cornfield Garth, East Dene Estate, Peterlee Co. Durham
 16—17 *Cambridgeshire Open (Cambridge)
 Mr. J. H. B. Tonkin, 23 Hurst Park Avenue, Cambridge, CB4 2AA.
 17—18 *Somerset Championships
 Mr. D. Whale, 8 Hartrow Close, Taunton
 19—24 Surrey Championships (Wimbledon)
 Mr. M. A. Hunt, The Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club, Cranbrook Road, S.W.19
 23—24 Derbyshire Open (Derby)
 Mr. M. H. Bidmore, La Papillion, Cutler Lane, Weston, Underwood, Derby

March

- (26)—4 Middlesex Championships (Stamford Hill)
 Mr. L. J. Buddle, 188 All Souls Avenue, Willesden, London NW10 3AB
 2—3 Northamptonshire Open (Northampton)
 Mr. J. T. Murphy, 29 High Street, Wellingborough, Northants
 4 I.C.C. Semi-Finals (Div. I & Div. II)
 3 Durham Handicaps (Hartlepool)
 Mr. G. Burnham, 17 Cornfield Garth, East Dene Estate, Peterlee, Co. Durham
 8—10 West of England Championships (Bristol)
 Mr. R. J. Smallbridge, 7 Cypress Grove, Henleaze, Bristol, BS9 4RX
 16—17 All-England Qualifying Rounds (Wimbledon)
 17—18 Britannic House Invitation (Sydenham)
 Mr. C. Kealy, 34 Old Hill, Orpington, Kent, BR6 6BN

- 21—24 ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS (Wembley)
Mr. H. A. E. Scheele, 4 Madeira Avenue, Bromley,
Kent
- 30—31 Hull Open
Miss R. C. Duffill, 16 St. Helens Drive, Welton,
Brough, Yorks, HU15 1NR
- April**
- 1 I.C.C. Challenge Ties
8 I.C.C. Final (Div. I & II)
8 I.C.C. Challenge Ties
15 I.C.C. Challenge Ties
- 19—23 Isle of Wight (Seaview)
Mr. K. M. Whittle, I.W. Sports Club, Ryde Road,
Seaview, Isle of Wight
- 24—28 Jersey Open (St. Helier)
Mrs. J. Barnett, 7 Wellington Court, St. Saviour,
Jersey
- May**
- (29)—2 Guernsey Open (St. Peter Port)
Mr. R. C. Leadbeater, Lynton, Grande Rue, Vale,
Guernsey
- * = not yet sanctioned
I.C.C. = Inter-County Championship

OPEN JUNIOR TOURAMENTS

- December**
- 27—28 Cumberland Open Junior (Carlisle)
Mr. J. Stalker, 30 Pennine Way, Carlisle

- 27—28 Berkshire Open Junior (Reading)
Mrs. H. Richardson, Hill Orchard, Blenheim Hill,
Harwell, Berks
- 29—30 ALL-ENGLAND JUNIOR (Under 15) CHAMPION-
SHIPS (Wimbledon)
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ley, Kent, BR1 1JY
- 29—30 Northern Junior Championships (Birkenhead)
Mr. L. A. Moore, 40 Beresford Avenue, Bebington,
Cheshire
- January**
- 1—2 South of England Junior Championships (Portsmouth)
Mrs. E. H. Sadler, Flat 3, 38 High Street, Old,
Portsmouth, Hants
- 4—6 ALL-ENGLAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
(Under 18) (Wimbledon)
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ley, Kent, BR1 1JY
- March**
- 9—10 Middlesex Junior Championships (Stamford Hill)
Mr. M. Harvey, 7 Dale Lodge, 68 Shepards Hill,
London, N6 5RL
- April**
- 12—14 South West Counties Junior (Melksham)
Mr. A. J. Winslow, 29 Downs View Road, Swindon,
Wilts, SN3 1NS
- May**
- 4—6 Midland Counties Junior (Lilleshall)
Mr. G. D. Axford, 612 Yardly Wood Road, Birm-
ingham, B13 0HW

Coaching Notes

Coaching Secretary: Mrs. O. R. Johnson, 3 Sunnyside Road, Ealing, London W5

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Season 1972-1973

Date	Sports Council Region	Type of Course	Venue
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30th Sept./1st Oct.	London & S.E.	National/Refresher	Canterbury
7th/8th October	Southern	National	Slough
14th/15th October	North-East	National	
11th/12th November	South-West	National	Melksham
25th/26th November	London & S.E.	National	Crystal Palace
9th/10th December	North-East	Refresher	
6th/7th January	Yorkshire	National/Refresher	
13th/14th January	London & S.E.	Refresher	Brighton
3rd/4th February	London & S.E.	National	Northolt
10th/11th February	North-West	Refresher	Lancaster

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2nd/3rd December — Orion Hall, London	3rd/4th March — Southport, Lancs.
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27th/28th January — North-East	29th April — Oxford

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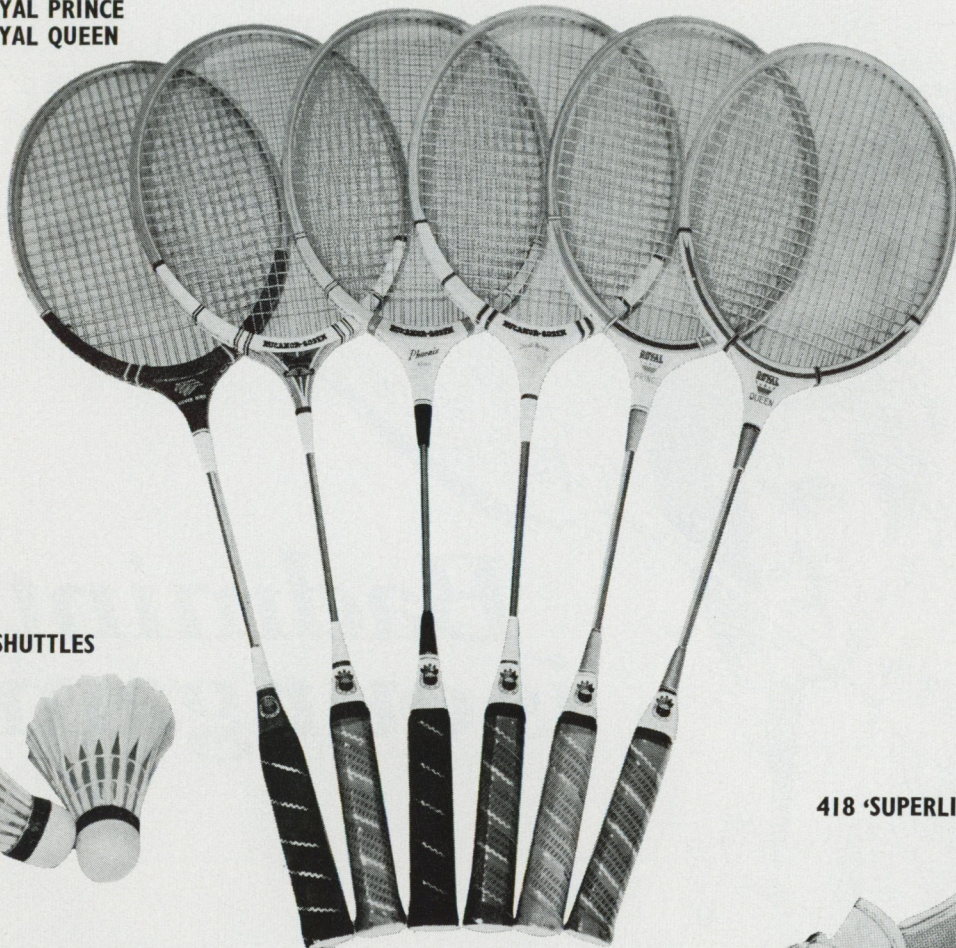
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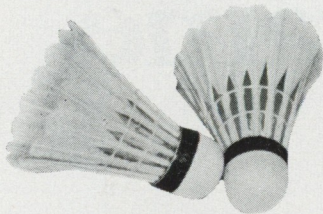
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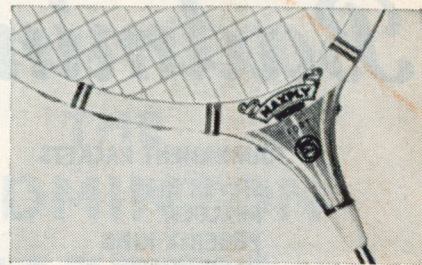
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