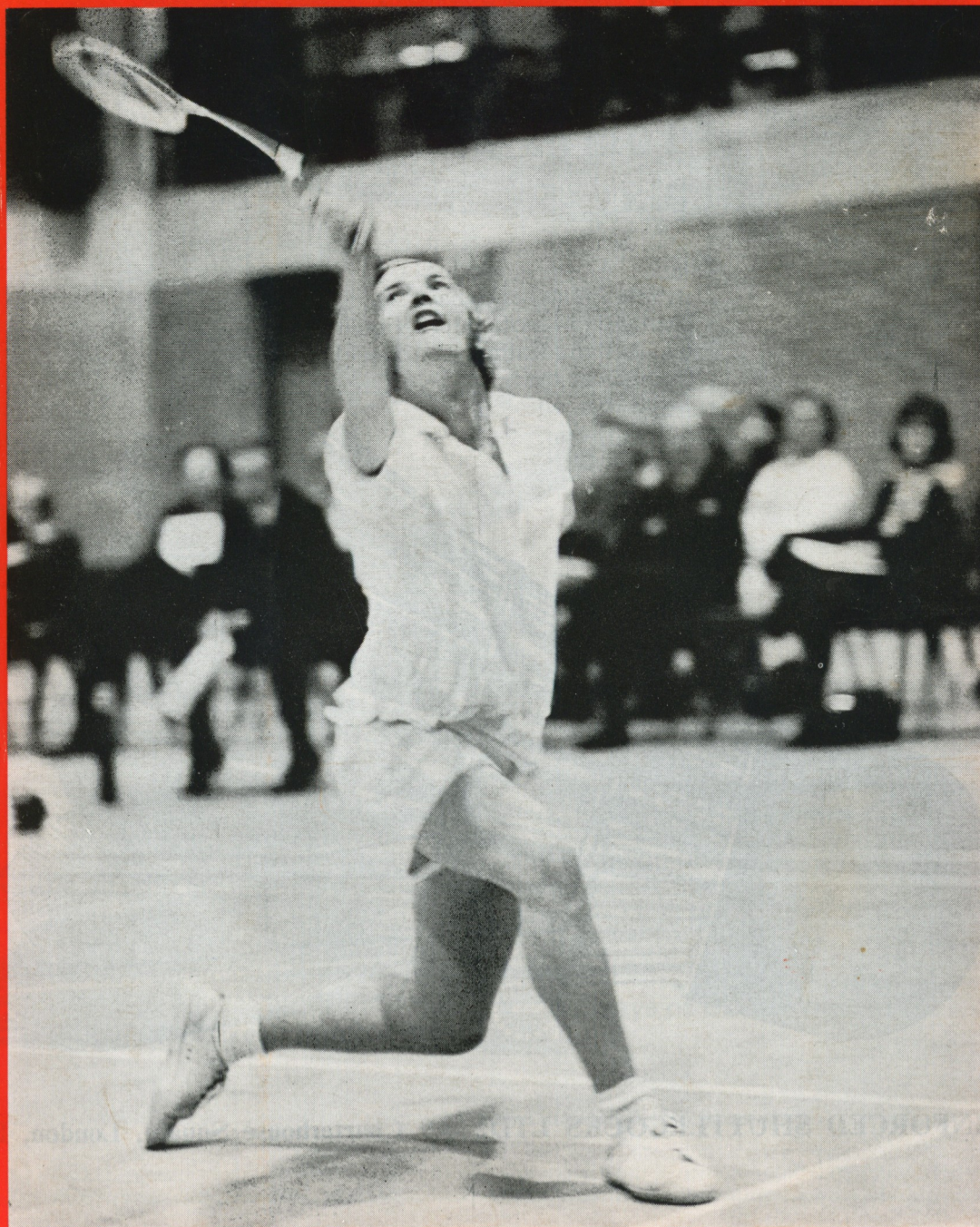


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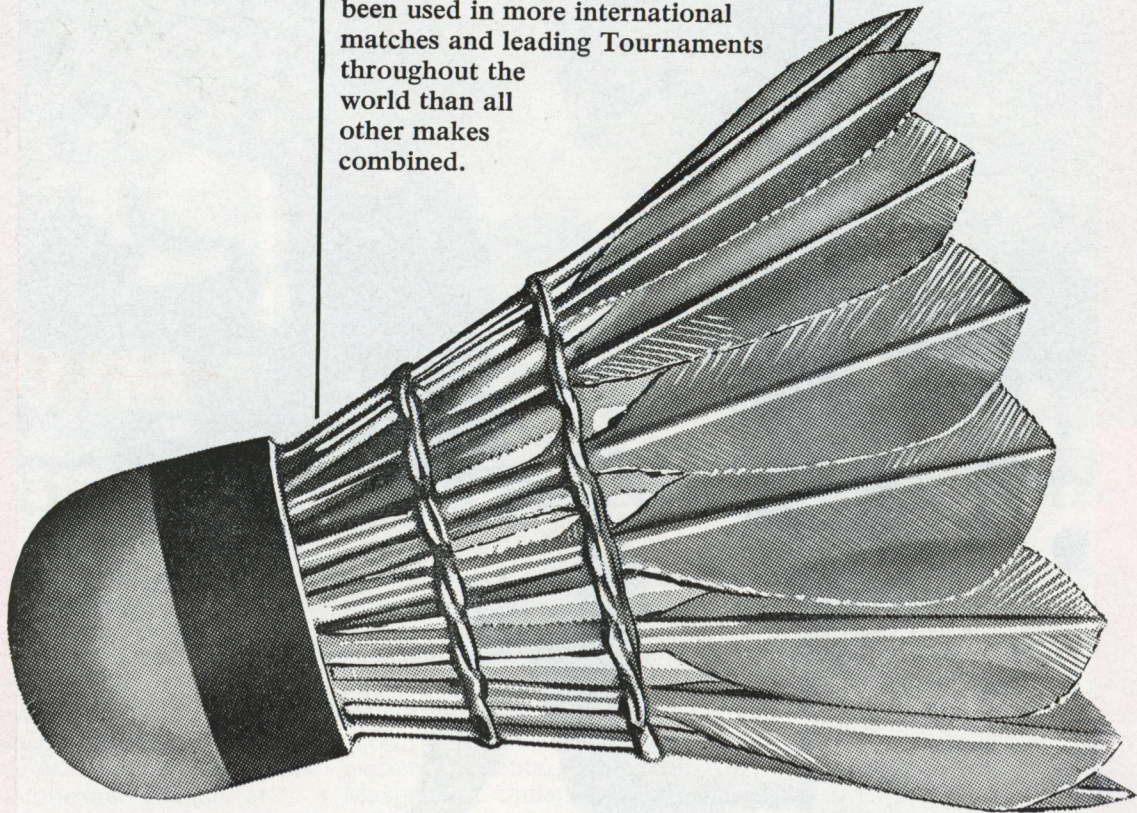


Keith Arthur (Essex and Thomas Cup Squad) who beat Derek Talbot (England's No. 1) in the Granwood Trophy plays a backhand smash. Another fine action study from Graham Habbin's camera.

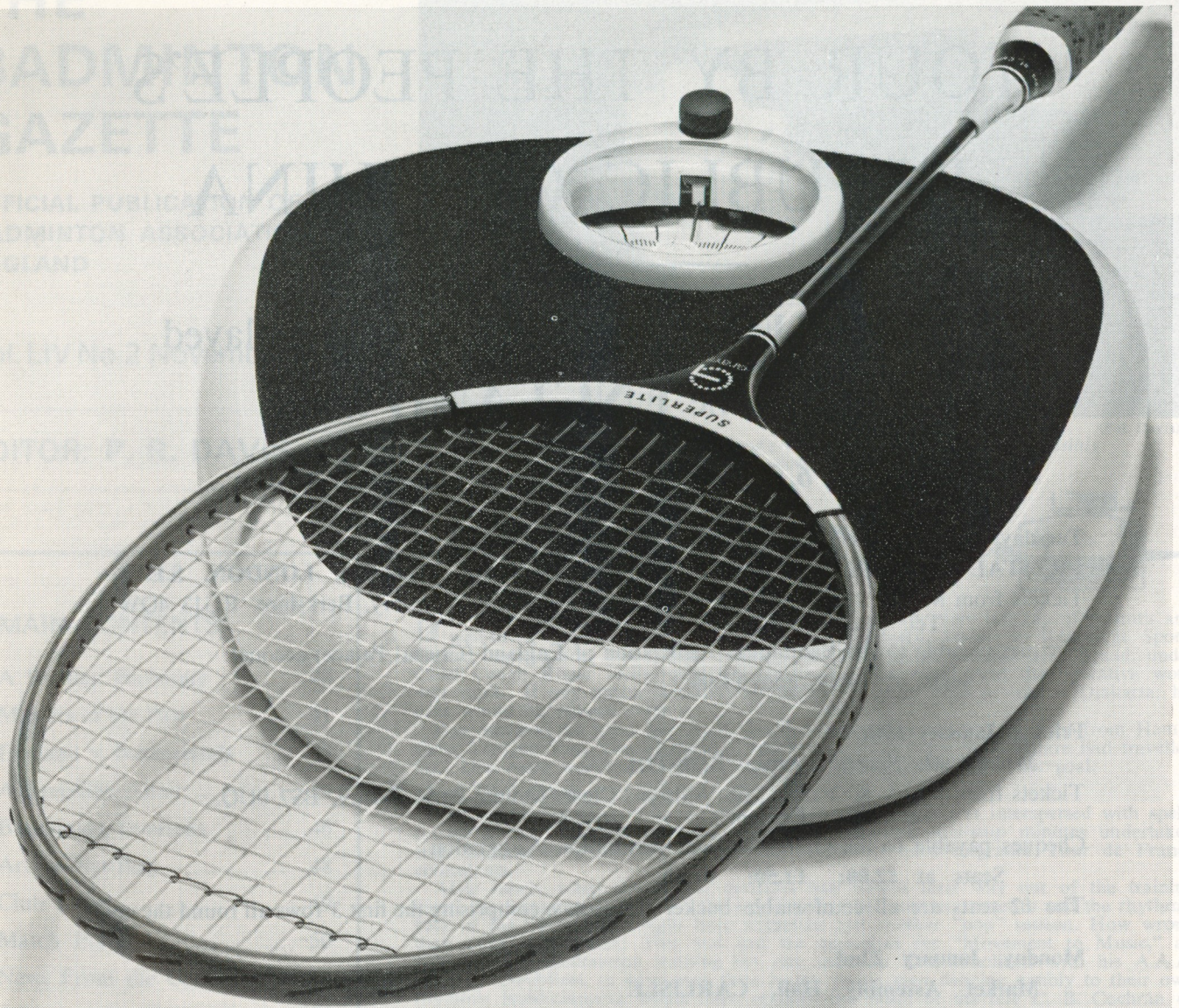
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Down but not out, England's latest recruit, Eddie Sutton, visibly suffers as he does gruelling abdominals on the floor.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT



OUTSIDE, an autumn day made one want to soak up every last ray of warmth and well-being before the pinch of Winter's icy fingers. Inside, at Redbridge Sports Centre, Barkingside, Essex, eight young men, the English Thomas Cup Squad, under Chief Coach Roger Mills, were obviously hard at work. And the operative word was **work**. If any reader doubts their dedication, their urge to win at Djakarta, his eyes would be opened wide.

Ray Stevens, the local lad, might live just round the corner but Hunt from Hampshire, Tredgett from Gloucestershire, Sutton and Eddy from Staffordshire had travelled far. One more weekend had been sacrificed by all for the common goal.

Sheer Hard Work

The morning session of hard-fought singles and doubles was interspersed with spells on the Tunturi Cycle Ergometer: twenty-five gruelling non-stop minutes undertaken with a panache and determination that would not have disgraced Tour de France contestants.

After lunch, when the Karate devotees had bowed their way out of the training room, the Squad took over. To the uninitiated, tape recorder, cassettes and the rhythmic beat of the "Top Ten" might have suggested just another "pop" session. How wrong they would have been! This was just the apparatus for "Movement to Music," an innovation in Badminton training but one used by Ken Woollcott with his A.A.A. athletes. Doubtless, to have seen these husky young men dancing nimbly to their own rhythmic hand-clapping would have rejoiced the heart of the late C. B. Cochran or have made The Younger Generation distinctly anxious about their jobs. To go with the Rumanian National Dance all that was needed seemed to be gay peasant costumes! But if such momentary fantasies were evoked, the male virility and athleticism of Red Army dancers stood clear cut and formidable behind them.

Not all exercises were for movement. Face down and back down, the players worked and sweated, the music a ceaseless and inexorable task-master that swept and urged them on to the pain barrier—and through it. To the lilt of "Raindrops are falling on my head," perspiration gleamed on the floor, faces contorted in effort, and breath rasped harshly. Still the insistent beat drove them on—on for an hour's continuous exercise of every muscle that Badminton could possibly bring under stress. It drove them on far longer than they could otherwise have stood even with Roger Mills' briskly expert demonstrations and drive, even with their own cheerful rivalry and camaraderie.

"That Little Something Extra . . ."

Squad training, however, is not solely on these lines. It is nothing if not varied. At R.A.F. Innesmore, it was more commando-type: running, leaping and exercising with logs, medicine balls and a partner's body weight. Daily shuttle runs are specifics for Badminton speed and fitness; for the vital explosive movement, dynamic movement exercises; for a wider range of controlled strokes and greater reach, mobility exercises.

Diehards of another Badminton era may shake their balding domes sadly. "Fellas dancing! Can't understand it. Never trained at all in my day—not enough time with the bar open till 1.30! We were just as fit."

So easy it is to deceive ourselves when we look back through the rose-coloured spectacles of nostalgia. Surely today's players (mental reflexes, anticipation and positioning being equal) must be faster. Fitter too: able to last the longest game, to match or dispirit opponents right to the final point, to maintain an error-free touch because exhaustion is not grabbing at every movement.

Such then, week in, week out, is the training that England's leading players and aspirants carry out for that super fitness, that little something extra that the others haven't got, so vital in today's rigorous international competition. Here is dedication to be admired—not taken for granted.

A RUSSIAN HARMONY

by

HUMPHREY F. CHILTON

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



Eva Twedberg, Galia, Margaret Beck and Gillian Gilks in Red Square with St. Basil's Church in the background.

(H. F. Chilton)



"When in Moscow" smiles Derek Talbot, obviously pleased with yet another hat.

(H. F. Chilton)

THE first ever England team to visit the U.S.S.R. had a highly successful, enjoyable and fruitful trip to Moscow from October 20th - 23rd.

The team consisted of Margaret Beck, Gillian Gilks, Derek Talbot and Ray Stevens, who were accompanied by Peter Birtwistle and the writer.

We all travelled from Heathrow on an Ilushyn 62 of Aeroflot and were met at Moscow by the President of the Russian Badminton Federation and our student translator, a charming 22-year-old young lady called Galia, who acted as guide, mentor and friend throughout the three days.

Margaret's Dish

The first hitch occurred at once when Margaret Beck's luggage failed to emerge from the aircraft. Galia and Margaret disappeared into the baggage hold of the aircraft and after some minutes returned triumphantly with the missing piece which had been placed amongst the luggage going on to Tokyo! Margaret's only comment was, "I was lifted up into the luggage hold by a dishy great Soviet captain!"

Our hotel was the Minsk on Maxim Gorky Street about half a mile from Red Square. Here we were greeted by Mr. Oleg Markov, the Chief Administrator of the U.S.S.R. Badminton Federation, who throughout the tour was most kind and helpful to us. The Swedish team, accompanied by Stellan Mohlin and Bertil Jonsson, had arrived some time before us and were playing a friendly match against a U.S.S.R. Junior team. Austria did not send a team after all.

Soviet Spirit

On the Saturday, the team played R.S.F.S.R., the State team of the Moscow region, in the morning, and the full U.S.S.R. team in the afternoon, winning 8-0 and 7-1 respectively. Ray Stevens seemed to meet the toughest opposition and was really fortunate to win his mixed match v. the U.S.S.R. team as he had three match points against him. It just wasn't Ray's day; he was noticeably less sharp than usual in conditions which were admittedly less than ideal.

Both the Soviet teams played with tremendous spirit and determination but their tactics showed clearly their lack of experience and also they lacked really good equipment—it was very fortunate that we brought some R.S.L. Tourneys with us, though it must be remembered that this gave our team an advantage since the Soviet players don't yet have—and never have had—shuttles of this quality with which to practise. The singles play, particularly of the men, was a very great deal better than any of us had expected. I made this point clear at a long and crowded press conference where the main item of interest to the Russians was the amount of training and competitive play undertaken by our squads.

Meanwhile the Swedes had beaten R.S.F.S.R. 6-2 and drawn with U.S.S.R. 4-4.

A Narrow Victory

On Sunday, before a full house of about 1000 in a circular sports hall primarily used for boxing with somewhat unconventional lighting, we played the final of this unofficial contest against Sweden and by our strength in doubles pulled off a 3-2 win. As a demonstration of international class Badminton it could not have been bettered and was enormously enjoyed by a very critical audience.

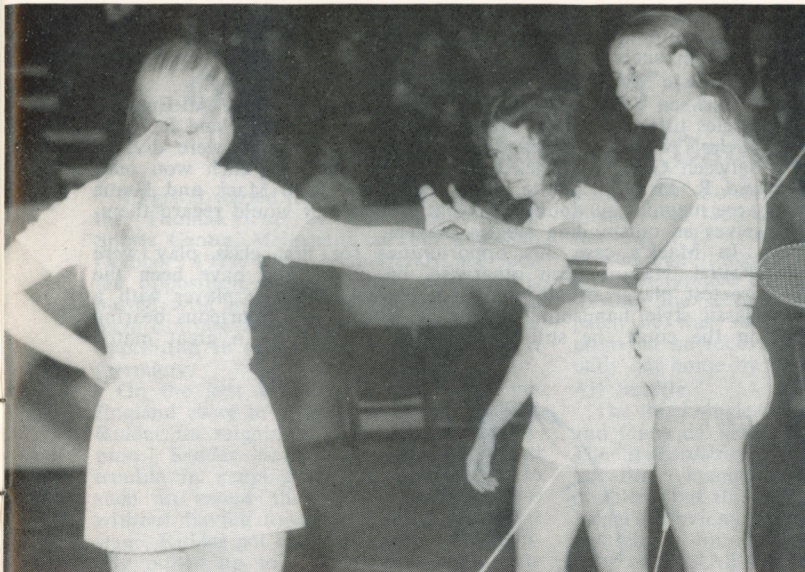
Sture Johnsson played magnificently against Derek Talbot but Derek staged a tremendous comeback in the second set from 13-6 down to a 17-15 (game point) lead but here he couldn't quite clinch the second game. In the Ladies' Singles, Margaret Beck started in top form whilst Eva Twedberg made a slow, hesitant start; the first game went easily to England. But in the next two games, Eva's enormous determination and her outstanding ability never to give up pulled her through and England was 2-0 down.

As has happened before, England was too good for Sweden in all the three doubles events though Derek and Gillian struck a terrible patch in the second game of the last match, losing it 15-2. Once again Gillian's speed at the net and her interceptions were the cause of much delight—and some astonishment—to our hosts.

The quality of umpiring and lining was extremely good, even if somewhat different to ours in practice, and scrupulously fair. In fact, I can recall one incident in the game between England and U.S.S.R. when the linesman gave a decision against Margaret Beck which was dubious—the crowd howled him down though it was in their country's favour—and he reversed his decision. I don't think I've seen that happen before!

Fine Ambassadors

Much of the play was watched by the First Secretary of the British Embassy in Moscow who is a player of the game and who enjoyed it hugely. It was nice to be told by him that he thought our English team were splendid ambassadors in that they were very well turned-out, very good sportsmen, and most polite. Well done you four!



After the toss, smiles and signs overcome the language barrier for Tatiana Kochetkova, Margaret and Gillian.

The final was followed by a banquet when all the chief officials spoke and gave an assortment of presents to all the competitors and officials. In reply, as well as thanking our two hosts, both Stellan Mohlin and the writer campaigned hard for U.S.S.R. to join the I.B.F.; this we sincerely hope will come to pass.

Hat-tricks?

Sunday was spent sightseeing and shopping—particularly in the great GUM store. Much time was devoted to equipping nearly all of us with Russian fur hats which no doubt will be flaunted in U.K. (and Canada) this winter—not least by the writer. But Derek is not recommended to take his to Djakarta or he'll melt!

The return trip was a bit of a disaster. Gillian left by B.E.A. ahead of the rest of us as she had to make the last flight on to Birmingham but for the rest of us our Ilushyn 62 was diverted en route from Tokyo and reached Moscow some 3½ hours late. So a very tired band of players arrived home in the early hours of Tuesday morning—all very glad to be home again but enormously pleased with a fascinating experience.

Our thanks to our R.S.F.S.R. and U.S.S.R. hosts—we hope we shall see more of their players in the future.

ENGLAND 3, SWEDEN 2

- M. Beck lost to E. Twedberg, 2-11, 11-7, 11-5.
- D. Talbot lost to S. Johnsson, 15-9, 18-17.
- M. Beck and M. A. Gilks beat E. Twedberg and I. Nilsson, 15-1, 15-4.
- D. Talbot and R. P. Stevens beat S. Johnsson and G. Perneklo, 15-7, 15-2.
- M. A. Gilks and D. Talbot beat E. Twedberg and G. Perneklo, 15-7, 2-15, 15-8.

ENGLAND 7, U.S.S.R 1

- M. Beck beat T. Kochetkova, 11-2, 11-2.
- M. A. Gilks beat N. Kosjack, 11-3, 11-4.
- D. Talbot beat S. Rozin, 15-5, 15-9.
- R. P. Stevens lost to K. Vavilov, 15-10, 15-12.
- M. Beck and M. A. Gilks beat T. Kochetkova and T. Andropova, 15-7, 15-5.
- D. Talbot and R. P. Stevens beat K. Vavilov and N. Peshehonov, 15-9, 15-13.
- M. A. Gilks and D. Talbot beat T. Kochetkova and V. Shvachko, 15-5, 15-0.
- M. Beck and R. P. Stevens beat T. Andropova and N. Peshehonov, 10-15, 15-7, 15-14.

ENGLAND 8, R.S.F.S.R. 0

- M. Beck beat A. Zvonarjova, 4-11, 11-4, 11-3.
- M. A. Gilks beat R. Valgmaa, 11-0, 11-3.
- D. Talbot beat N. Nikitin, 15-5, 15-9.
- R. P. Stevens beat V. Degtjarjov, 10-15, 15-3, 15-11.
- M. Beck and M. A. Gilks beat A. Zvonarjova and R. Valgmaa, 15-0, 15-2.
- D. Talbot and R. P. Stevens beat V. Nikiforov and Nikitin, 15-6, 15-10.
- M. A. Gilks and D. Talbot beat R. Valgmaa and N. Nikitin, 15-8, 15-6.
- M. Beck and R. P. Stevens beat A. Zvonarjova and V. Nikiforov, 15-11, 15-9.

MASTERS of the PAST

We are delighted to print (in two parts) an article on the World's greatest men players. Who better to write it than the genial giant Ian Maconachie who writes with the same power and artistry that he himself displayed on court. As one of the pre-war greats, he writes from first-hand experience of that era; and there are few post-war All-England championships that he has not attended despite the claims of his arduous job as Manager of the shuttle factory at Sandwich, Kent. He made his mark as a golfer on Royal St. George's as surely as he had previously as a Minor Counties cricketer.

TO attempt a review of the great players who played at the beginning and at the end of a period stretching over nearly fifty years is a formidable reminder of 'tempus fugit'. Comparisons are often odious and in a comparative review of this kind the first pitfall to avoid is not to subscribe to the popular belief that the giants of the past were better than the giants of today. So often distance lends enchantment to a partly forgotten scene and so often the eye of memory is apt to remember the players of the past playing always at their best which, if accepted, would give them a false advantage over today's players.

by

IAN MACONACHIE

(ex-Ireland; All-England Mixed Champion, 1937)

But, it has always been my belief that it is more than doubtful if any player of any game of fifty years ago was better than the player of today, if only because today's players are physically fitter and the equipment which they use is much more efficient.

Let us proceed on two guide lines. The first is that all comparisons should be made on the assumption that each player was in his top form and the second is that singles players are separated from doubles players. Singles is a specialist game; a glance through the lists of holders of national championships will show this. Badminton singles has always been a lonely and testing game. In a match between two players, whose skills in actually hitting the shuttle are fairly equal, victory will go to the one who possesses the greater personal courage and strength of character.

Master Tactician

The first great champion in the period under review was Sir George Thomas, Bart., to whom the present world-wide game owes so much. As befitted a Master chess champion, his badminton game was thoughtful, deceptive and very accurate. His tactics on the court were worked out with the same quiet skill that he exercised on the chess board. He was the most courteous of players, urbane, and incapable of an unsporting action. He played the game hard, not merely within the rules, but within the natural courtesies, rather like the great Yorkshire cricketers of years ago. There was something in his immaculate play which called out the best from those who were fortunate enough to play against him.

Watching him, one always had the impression that no matter how long his opponent managed to keep the rally going, it was inevitable that Sir George would win the point. Each time that the shuttle crossed the net put his opponent deeper into trouble. Sir George was a master of deception, a branch of the game rarely seen today. A last split second turn or flick of the wrist, with his opponent already on the move, despatched the shuttle to an entirely different part of the court which at first appeared obvious. If he had a weakness in his all-round game it was that he did not relish being chased or hustled around the court. He preferred to control the game in a dignified, chess-like atmosphere, and he would be the first to agree that he could be put out of his stride by a hard-running aggressive opponent.

The Irish Colossus

Which brings us to Frank Devlin, a rich and likeable character from Dublin, with an aggressive type of game in the nicest possible way. It was obvious for some years that he was the heir-apparent and he took the singles title from Sir George with his own brand of game, which was far removed from the peaceful chess-like atmosphere. He strode the court like some colossus, breathing defiance and daring, and when in full cry was a great sight to behold. Many stories have been told about the mechanics of his right elbow joint. Some may have had a touch of the Blarney Stone about them, but there was no doubt that he could retrieve shots from deep in his backhand corner with a skill well beyond that of the ordinary mortal.

Devlin was a fine all-round player with all the shots, but with no more than a useful smash, which he was never afraid to use. The 'war of attrition' type of singles game was not for him. He



R. C. F. Nichols

went all out for his winners, scorned the delicate drop shot, and never worried about being caught off balance, or out of position. In partnership with G. S. B. Mack, another Irishman, a brilliant, studious player as befitted a Scholar of Trinity College, Dublin, they formed the greatest men's doubles pair in the history of the game.

A Great Record

R. C. F. Nichols became the acknowledged singles champion for the eight years before the second World War, although he lost somewhat surprisingly to Madsen, the Dane, in the 1939 All-England Final. Nichols was a quiet, thinking type of player, very much in the mould of Sir George Thomas. What he lacked in smashing power, he made up with a fine defence and by the accuracy of his drop shots, which he produced most beautifully and deceptively from all parts of the court. He was, to a certain extent, the first of the 'war of attrition' type of singles players, who became so popular after the war.

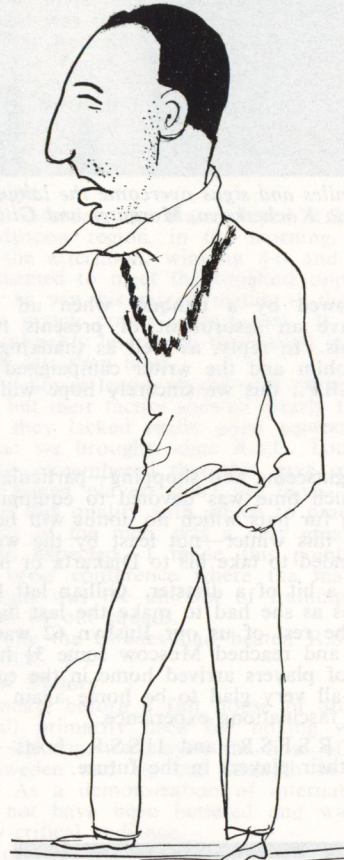
Nichols was a 'hard' player, in so much that he made very few mistakes. He kept the shuttle in play at all costs and at times it looked as if he preferred to wait until his opponent made an error, or was forced into an error, rather than go for an outright winner. He was, also, the first player whose accuracy in playing close to the lines encouraged him to use the full width and length of the court. This type of singles play became paramount

after the war. Nichols was also a fine doubles player, and in partnership with his brother, won the All-England doubles three times in succession.

A Classic Stylist

Between the two world wars, Sir George won the All-England singles title four times, Frank Devlin won six times, and R. C. F. Nichols won five times. The remaining four titles were divided between G. S. B. Mack and D. C. Hume, who each won once and R. M. 'Bill' White, who won twice. Both Mack and Hume were magnificent doubles players, but neither would regard themselves as outstanding singles players.

In Mack's case, his opportunities for first class play were limited. Had it been otherwise, he might well have been the greatest player of all time. An elegant, pedigree player with a classic style, handsome to look at, with a most courteous bearing on the court, he still retained the hardness of a great match



D. C. Hume

by D. Constanduros

player. J. M. Barrie once wrote that Frank Woolley, that most delightful of cricketers, must have whispered his commands to the ball because his shots were so perfect in timing and placing. If Barrie had watched badminton at a time when G. S. B. Mack was playing at his best, he could have included him in this beautiful piece of descriptive fantasy.

Happy Warrior

R. M. 'Bill' White was in some ways the antithesis of Mack, although he had the same personal charm. He was possessed of great strength, speed about the court, a wonderful constitution and the hardest smash in the history of the game. He hit the unfortunate shuttle a most colossal blow, somewhat on the flat side, and, to the consternation of his opponents, straight at them. His hoarse chuckle of delight when he scored a "bull" on his opponent's anatomy, even at a moment when his match was at its tightest, remains a happy memory of the game. His game could never be described as 'all-round', but when it was required, he produced a close drop shot, which forced his opponent to hoist the shuttle high in the air back to him, with one inevitable result. A happy warrior, with a buoyancy of spirit so sadly lacking in English first class badminton during his playing days. His two singles titles, four doubles titles with D. C. Hume, and one mixed doubles title with Mrs. Uber put him among the great players.

Thomas Cup

OVER THE FIRST HURDLE

England Win at a Canter

England started their current campaign in the Thomas Cup at the Christie-Miller Sports Centre, Melksham on 18th and 19th October, 1972, when Netherlands provided the opposition. Having safely crossed this hurdle with a resounding 9-0 victory, the team can now look forward to much sterner opposition in the next round against West Germany.

On the first evening, Derek Talbot got England away to a flying start against Rob Ridder, the reigning European Junior Champion. Ridder started nervously and had trouble in keeping the shuttle in play to such an extent that Derek soon led 9-0 without having to do very much. At that stage, Ridder got into the match and gradually pulled up to 7-9 and 8-10 with some attractive play. It was apparent though that in spite of his youth, he was not as fit as he should be and Derek again took control to serve out in one hand for the first game at 15-8.

Ridder started the second game with a rush, and led 4-0 but by that stage had shot his bolt; Talbot took the first match without further loss after half an hour's play.

No Deception

Ray Stevens followed on court against Clemens Wortel, a rather lanky Dutchman who worked hard, but lacked the penetration to cause Ray any real worries. In the first game, Stevens kept an excellent length particularly with his high serves and had no difficulty in winning it by 15-2. The second game was closer after he had started with a 5-0 lead; I found it a little disconcerting to note that either Ray's deception was poor, or else Wortel was blessed with very good anticipation. We will give him the benefit of the doubt; I merely say that if he had had a smash of any sort, Ray would have had a much closer match on his hands than the 15-6 with which he won the second game.

Easy Doubles Wins

The doubles on the first evening were a disappointment. After Derek Talbot and Elliott Stuart had rocketed through the third match, the main interest in the final match of the evening was in seeing Eddie Sutton's international debut. He was obviously a little nervous, but with his experienced county partner, David Eddy, he rapidly chalked up a 15-4, 15-6 win in quick time—so quick in fact that I missed most of it when I was called to an adjacent room to meet a man!

And so the first night ended with England in an almost impregnable lead, and with the Dutch team rather disappointed.

I was lucky to be staying in the same hotel as them and appreciated what good fun they are. They were naturally feeling rather downcast but determined to do better on the morrow. Such was their resolve in fact that it is alleged that Rob Ridder was found sitting on his bed in the middle of the night with his pumps on, ready to do battle!

Northumbrian Whirlwind

The second day started with Derek Talbot playing Clemens Wortel. The Northumbrian started in whirlwind style as if his very life depended on the result, and one felt that his target was a love game. In fact, his disgust when he dropped his first point lent credence to this point particularly as he was then

leading 8-0! Continuing his ferocious attack, mixed with well-concealed drops, he soon ran out a 15-4 winner of the first game. Wortel kept plugging away with the usual grit that typified his game, and with Talbot starting the second game with a dreadful patch he was soon 7-0 down. From this point on he recovered his poise and eventually got home by 15-11.

Ali Shuffle

The third singles was between David Eddy and Guus de Vogel and was a poor game. The Staffordshire man's service was of an appalling length (very short, even for doubles!) but this only helped to balance de Vogel's obvious inexperience. The main amusement for the crowd was an excellent copy of the "Ali shuffle" as de Vogel moved to take a high service.

— By —

GORDON WEBB

(Regional Coaching Co-ordinator:
Home Counties, South)

In the final singles, between Rob Ridder and Ray Stevens, it was obvious that the England man was devoting the first part of the match to long rallies with maximum movement for Ridder to expose his suspect fitness. This made for some exciting, well-balanced play which the crowd much enjoyed. Ray even worked in some light relief when he fell headlong but still managed to catapult himself horizontally along the floor to pick up a drop shot only to smash out of court later in the rally. This was undoubtedly the best match yet seen, and Stevens had to work much harder than in the earlier matches to win it.

A Demolition Job

Eddy and Sutton then demolished the second Dutch pair in the penultimate doubles in a match that was scarcely a contest. Once the English pair had got their service "in the groove" it was all over, and they also showed the difference in the heavy artillery of the two teams.

England's Thomas Cup team: Elliott Stuart, Ray Stevens, Derek Talbot, Mike Tredgett, David Eddy and Eddie Sutton. (Pat Davis)



This aspect was again in evidence in the last match of the tie which ended however on an entertaining note when the England pair were hard put to winning the second game by 18-15 after conceding an 8-0 lead to the Dutch in one hand.

So ended this first-ever Thomas Cup tie against the Dutchmen in this splendid new hall. What a wonderfully sporting team they were, being extremely popular visitors! Clemens Wortel gave all he had got in a very gritty performance and Rob Ridder showed that he could well become world-class with the right sort of experience — and if he gets himself fit.

Batting in Depth

What can one say about the England team who did all that could be asked of them? Eddie Sutton is worthy of mentioning for a very encouraging international debut and we shall undoubtedly see much more of him. The absence of Mike Tredgett from the final team was a disappointment to the West Country crowd, but the presence of Keith Arthur and others in the background ensures that the present team cannot rest on their laurels. We are now able to field a very good Thomas Cup team which bats in depth.

The England team looked very smart at the presentation in their official Thomas Cup uniform of England blazers and white flannel trousers (kindly presented by Fred Perry Sportswear).

Finally, a word of praise to Tony Winslow and his willing team of organizers from the Wilts. B.A. Need one say more than that the arrangements went without a hitch in a hall that at present can hardly be bettered in this country. Well done all!

RESULTS

D. Talbot beat R. Ridder 15-8, 15-4.
R. P. Stevens beat C. Wortel 15-12, 15-6.
D. Talbot and E. C. Stuart beat R. Ridder and G. De Vogel 15-4, 15-4.
J. D. Eddy and E. H. Sutton beat B. Ridder and C. Wortel 15-4, 15-6.
D. Talbot beat C. Wortel 15-4, 15-11.
J. D. Eddy beat G. De Vogel 15-6, 15-3.
R. P. Stevens beat R. Ridder 15-9, 15-11.
J. D. Eddy and E. H. Sutton beat R. Ridder and G. De Vogel 15-4, 15-6.
D. Talbot and E. C. Stuart beat B. Ridder and C. Wortel 15-3, 18-15.

England 9; Netherlands 0.

Captains:

B. Ridder (Netherlands).
J. N. Havers (England).

Referee:

G. S. Webb.

The second Granwood Trophies tournament took place at Guildford on 7th and 8th October, 1972, graced by the presence from the "outside world" of Clement Freud, looking amazingly like . . . Clement Freud!

Contact

At the end of the day, after all the hard games, trials and tribulations, the two holders, Margaret Beck and Raymond Stevens, emerged as winners once again—and a special congratulation to Ray for not only winning, but winning whilst wearing new contact lenses. We know that cricketer Geoff Boycott can stand up to world class bowling in them, and now Ray has proved that the fastest shuttles can be seen as well!

Top Girls' Supremacy

As last year, the event was played on American lines on the Saturday with eight sections of men and four sections of women. It is startling just how far ahead the top girls are from the others; witness Margaret Beck's scores in her section: 11-1, 11-0, 11-3, 11-0, 11-3, 11-0; Heather Nielsen's in hers: 11-1, 11-0, 11-1, 11-0, 11-0, 11-1; and Gillian Gilks' 11-0, 11-0, 11-0, 11-2, 11-1, 11-2!

In the other section, Julie Rickard was unable to play and Nora Gardner then became the strongest player in the section which she won without undue trouble; but on meeting Gillian in the semi-final she suffered the same fate as the others in losing 11-0, 11-2.

A very interesting encounter was Heather Nielsen playing Margaret Beck in the other semi-final. Heather having returned to this country once again at the end of last season was playing well, but found on the day that her fitness was just not good enough. They had two close games and the scores of 11-6, 12-10 were the highest achieved against Margaret in the tournament. It will be interesting to see just how much fitter Heather can become with more hard work in this direction—difficult with four children to look after, but Heather is an energetic girl with a great fund of determination.

World Class!

Gillian met Margaret in the final, and the scores were 11-4, 11-6 to Margaret. At one point, half-way through the second game, it looked as though Gillian might be making a bid for the game but some spectacular saves by Margaret prevented this. Congratulations to her on retaining her title. We must count ourselves lucky in England to have such exceptional talent at the top, and Gillian's fantastic game against Mrs. Nakayama at the Munich Olympics, when she only lost by 9-11 in the third game, is an indication of the possibilities for this coming season.

The Eddy Saga

To turn to the men, of whom there were 32 (twice as many as the women—what price Women's Lib?), their sections were much more closely contested. The only seed who was in real danger was the unpredictable David Eddy—that he stayed in the hunt was entirely by courtesy of Peter Gardner who beat John Stretch by 17-15 in the third game of their match, Stretch having already beaten David Eddy by 15-7, 15-5.

According to the rules on count of games, Stretch and Eddy had to play off; this time Eddy had little trouble as John Stretch seemed exhausted and probably mentally depressed about losing those two points to Peter Gardner, the winning of which would have gained him a place in the semi-final. However, once through the cliff-hanger of winning his section, David, in

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A FREUDIAN AFFAIR



Clement Freud with the Ladies' Singles finalists
(F. E. Hinchcliff)



. . . and his daughters.
(G. Habbin)

his usual up and down fashion, then beat David Hunt who had his best chance when a game up and level in the second game—but he just could not find the shots and Eddy gradually pulled up, winning the quarter-final 4-15, 15-11, 15-10.

To follow Eddy's progress, he then went on to give Ray Stevens a very hard tussle in the semi-final which Ray won 15-9, 10-15, 15-7 by dint of superior accuracy and power. In the other quarter-finals, Colin Beacom hunted Keith Arthur all the way in an exhausting three-game struggle which Keith won 17-15, 13-15, 15-13. Ray Stevens beat Mike Tredgett 15-9, 15-7 and Derek Talbot likewise pursued his appointed path by eliminating Philip Smith 15-8, 15-9.

Arthur's Great Effort

The upset of the event was the beating of Derek Talbot by Keith Arthur in the other semi-final. It must be said that Derek was

not quite himself during this match but one must not detract from Keith's fine concentrated play, and he won 15-14, 12-15, 15-7. However, what with his marathon against Colin and the match with Derek, Keith just could not find the "legs" to play a very much "in form" Ray who was once again a worthy and popular winner.

The prizes were presented by Clement Freud, who was introduced by our President, Stuart Wyatt, who thanked Granwood Flooring for their most welcome sponsorship, the officials, umpires and also Surrey's very hard working Stan Marchment and Nick Budibent. Clement Freud wittily suggested when presenting the ladies' singles prizes that he thought the first prize should have been a night out with him—and the second prize two nights out with him!!

All in all, a wonderful two days' play in delightful surroundings. As Stuart Wyatt said in his foreword in the super glossy programme, "a much felt want in English badminton for the promotion of the game of singles."

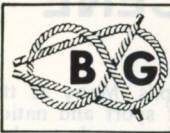
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Ladies' Singles

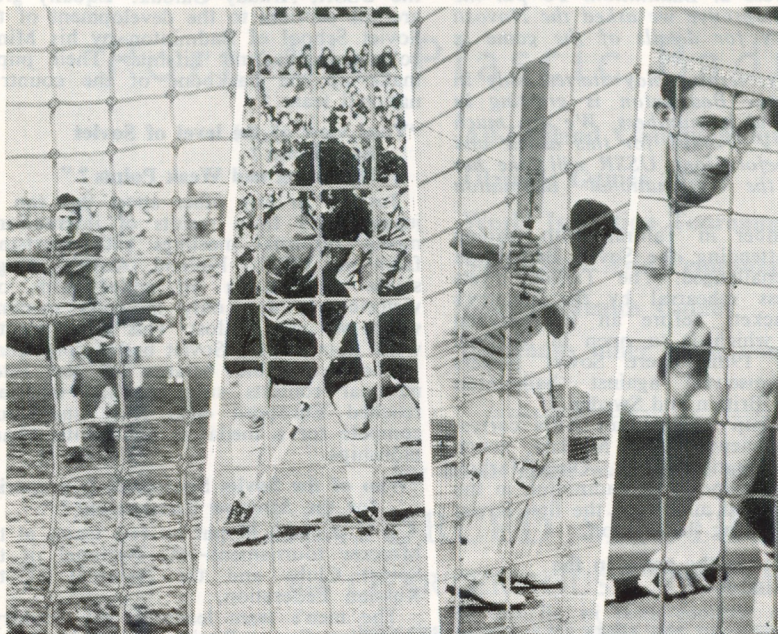
Group A: Miss M. Beck bt. Mrs. P. Dawson 1 & 0; bt. Miss G. White 3 & 0; bt. Miss W. Whiting 3 & 0.
Mrs. P. Dawson bt. Miss Whiting 6 & 1.
Miss K. Whiting bt. Mrs. Dawson 6-11, 9 & 6.
Miss G. White bt. Miss Whiting 8, 7-11, & 1.
Group B: Mrs. H. Ward-Nielsen bt. Miss M. Gardner 1 & 0; bt. Miss B. Giles 1 & 0; bt. Mrs. D. Hunt 0 & 1.
Miss Giles bt. Miss Gardner 7 & 4; bt. Mrs. Hunt 5 & 2.
Miss Gardner bt. Mrs. Hunt 2 & 9.
Group C: Miss N. Gardner bt. Miss R. Hughes 6 & 6; bt. Miss M. Brewer 0 & 7; bt. Mrs. B. Cooper 5 & 4.
Mrs. Cooper bt. Miss Hughes 6 & 4; bt. Miss Brewer 2 & 0.
Miss Brewer bt. Miss Hughes 9, 5-11, & 12-10.
Group D: Mrs. M. Gilks bt. Miss A. Forrest 0 & 0; bt. Miss K. Redhead 0 & 2; bt. Miss P. Smiles 1 & 2.
Miss Smiles bt. Miss Forrest 8 & 8; bt. Miss Redhead 3 & 3.
Miss Forrest bt. Miss Redhead 7 & 12-10.
Semi-finals: Miss Beck bt. Mrs. Ward-Nielsen 6 & 12-10; Mrs. Gilks bt. Miss Gardner 0 & 2.
Final: Miss Beck bt. Mrs. Gilks 4 & 6.

Men's Singles

Group A: D. Talbot bt. I. Clark 10 & 8; bt. C. Kirk 6 & 7; bt. T. Stewart 12 & 4.
C. Kirk bt. Clark 4 & 12, bt. Stewart 5 & 5.
I. Clark bt. Stewart 2 & 8.
Group B: P. Smith bt. G. Connor 5 & 12; bt. J. Gardner 10 & 6; bt. B. White 12, 4-15, & 7.
B. White bt. Connor 9 & 10; bt. Gardner 7 & 2.
G. Connor bt. Gardner 6-15, 11 & 12.
Group C: K. Arthur bt. P. Pennekett 6 & 8; bt. D. Hartley 8 & 6; bt. W. Kidd 9 & 4.
P. Pennekett bt. Hartley 13 & 9; bt. Kidd 9, 13-18, & 9.
W. Kidd bt. Hartley 7-15, 18-15, & 6.
Group D: C. Beacom bt. J. Croxton 0 & 6; bt. P. Goh 8 & 4; bt. P. Wood 12 & 11.
J. Croxton bt. Goh 6-15, 7 & 12; bt. Wood 11 & 1.
P. Wood bt. Goh 3, 4-15, & 3.
Group E: D. Hunt bt. I. Middleton 1 & 6; bt. P. E. Bullivant 8 & 5; bt. D. Pither 2 & 4.
I. Middleton bt. Bullivant 14 & 5; bt. Pither 9 & 7.
P. E. Bullivant bt. Pither 7-15, 13 & 13.
Group F: J. Eddy bt. P. Bullivant 18-14 & 10; bt. P. Gardner 9 & 8.
J. Stretch bt. Eddy 7 & 5; bt. Bullivant 7 & 10.
P. Gardner bt. Bullivant 6, 16-18, & 18-13; bt. Stretch 9-15, 17-15, 17-15.
Replay: J. Eddy bt. Stretch 9 & 1.
Group G: M. Tredgett bt. T. Goode 2 & 3; bt. B. Wallwork 5 & 6; bt. R. Westmorland 1 & 4.
R. Westmorland bt. Goode 5-15, 7 & 11; bt. B. Wallwork 11 & 9.
T. Goode bt. Wallwork 4 & 7.
Group H: R. Stevens bt. D. Hutchinson 7 & 0; bt. M. Wilks 9 & 2.
D. Hutchinson bt. M. Wilks 7 & 18-14.
S. J. Shaw retired hurt.
Quarter-finals: Talbot bt. Smith 8 & 9; Arthur bt. Beacom 17-15, 13-15, 15-13.
Eddy bt. Hunt 4-15, 11 & 10; Stevens bt. Tredgett 9 & 7.
Semi-finals: Arthur bt. Talbot 15-14, 12-15, & 7; Stevens bt. Eddy 10-15 & 7.
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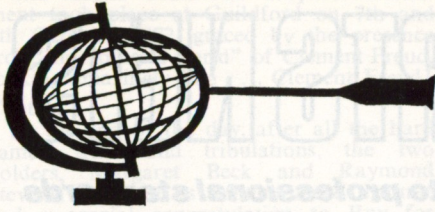
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SOVIET BADMINTON SCENE

by V. TOMBU

India For Djakarta

At four minutes past midnight, India's Asif Parpia scored the winning point against New Zealand, after a cliff-hanger men's doubles lasting one and a quarter hours. This exciting victory put his country through to the final rounds of the Thomas Cup in Djakarta in May as winners of the Australasian Zone.

On the first day, Richard Purser, making his fourteenth appearance for New Zealand, won both his singles and, with his brother Bryan, his doubles. The latter, however, could not emulate Richard's win in the singles and the New Zealand third pair, Warren Johns and Michael Stossel, were no match for their Indian opposite numbers. At the end of play, honours were even: India 2, New Zealand 2.

On the second day, Richard Purser again showed his quality in decisively defeating Dipu Ghosh whilst Brian was even more soundly eclipsed by Dinesh Khanna (Still level pegging, India 3, New Zealand 3). New Zealand's John Compton raised the packed audience's hopes with an excellent win that put New Zealand in the lead.

All now seemed to hinge on the doubles match between the brothers Ghosh and the brothers Purser. After three hard games the Indian pair had just edged home so that the score stood at 4-4 at 10.50 p.m. when the final vital match went on court.

Game all and 8-8 in the third, then the Indian pair, Parpia and Padkone, crept slowly but surely away to a fine victory over the never despairing, Johns and Stossel.

The Indians owed their success largely to perfect touch play and a remarkable freedom from unforced errors, whereas in the doubles the New Zealanders tended to lift the shuttle too much in the vital first strokes of the rallies. A keener, closer game is hard to imagine.

SCORES

Dipu and Romen Ghosh beat W. B. Johns and M. H. Stossel 15-6, 15-6.

Dipu Ghosh lost to Richard Purser 5-15, 8-15; Dinesh Khanna beat Bryan Purser 15-0, 15-3; Devinder Ahuja lost to J. W. Compton 14-18, 2-15; Dipu and Romen Ghosh beat Richard and Bryan Purser, 15-6, 12-15, 15-11; Asif Parpia and Prakash Padkone beat W. B. Johns and M. H. Stossel 13-18, 15-10, 15-12.

Dipu Ghosh beat Bryan Purser 15-7, 7-15, 15-11; Dinesh Khanna lost to Richard Purser 10-15, 11-15.

Asif Parpia and Prakash Padkone lost to Richard and Bryan Purser 15-9, 17-18, 10-15.

Until the welcome challenge by USSR with their international tournament in Moscow, little had been known of this sporting giant's prowess at Badminton. To put the matter in perspective we asked the Novosti Press Agency for details of the game in Russia.

Apparently, serious play started only in 1957 but now Badminton is growing in popularity and in numbers. We are much indebted to V. Tombu for this article and hope that before long USSR will take her place in the International Badminton Federation.

In September in Tallinn, with leading club sides attending, the Soviet Badminton Cup was challenged. The Tallinn meets were a dress rehearsal by the country's strongest rackets before an international tournament which is to open in Moscow on October 19th. There Soviet players pitched themselves against badminton players from Britain and Sweden.

After the cup meeting, an APN correspondent interviewed Oleg Markov, coach of the Soviet national side, Oleg Markov is one of the pioneers of badminton in the Soviet Union and author of the first Soviet book popularising badminton.

"How popular is the game in the Soviet Union?"

Badminton sections exist in all the 15 Union Republics of the USSR. A total of some 150,000 are now actively going in for this sport.

While earlier the strongest sportsmen were only in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev, now these cities have surrendered their supremacy to Minsk, capital of Byelorussia, and to Dnepropetrovsk, in the Ukraine.

Dnepropetrovsk has the country's largest badminton section—more than 200 members. These are workers, engineers,

Charming Tatiana Kochetkova of Minsk Spartak, 1972 U.S.S.R. Ladies' Singles champion.



students and school pupils. Many of them have become masters of sport and national champions thanks to honoured coach of the USSR, Arkady Gaiduk. Equally great are the services to the development of the Soviet School of Badminton by his Minsk colleague, Vladimir Lifshits. Their pupils make up the backbone of the country's national team.

"Your view of the level of Soviet Badminton? Its Strong and Weak Points?"

Just as in any other sport this can be judged only from results of international meets. Informal meetings with sportsmen from the GDR., Finland, Austria, Yugoslavia and Japan all ended with our victories. It was only in pairs meetings where we usually lost. This is as yet the weak point of the Soviet badminton squad.

The favourable balance of the international contests suggests that we have reached European class level and could compete for a medal in continental championships.

"Who of the Soviet Sportsmen is preparing for the Moscow Tournament?"

It is planned to put up two teams at the Moscow tournament—the National of the Soviet Clubs and the National of the Russian Federation.

The men's team leader is the country's champion, Semen Rozin. He is 21, a student at the conducting faculty of the Byelorussia Conservatoire.

The country's second racket is a 24-year-old economics engineer from Kiev, Victor Shvachko. Then come the ex-champions of the USSR, Konstantin Vavilov and Nikolai Peshekhonov from Dnepropetrovsk, and Nikolai Nikitin from the Moscow region. The latter three are graduates of a youth sports school at Krasnoarmeisk (Moscow region). There under the coach, Boris Glebovich, quite a number of excellent badminton players have been trained. These include the country's champion and first racket, Tatiana Kochetkova. Now she is studying in Minsk.

Racket No. 2 among women is Tatiana Shmakova, also from Minsk. Recently she got married and now her name is Andropova. Her husband is also a master of sport in badminton. Sure candidates for the national team of the clubs are likewise Alla Zvonareva, a worker from Dnepropetrovsk, and Reet Valgmaa, a student from Tartu, Estonia.

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THE ART OF NET-PLAY

After Tom Bowker's racy account of one of the man's main shots in *Mixed*, the backhand drive, it is only fair to bring the lady into the picture. It is, therefore, very fitting that Nancy Horner, not only a leading National coach but also one of the most devastating net-players of her day, should deal with net-shots.

Ladies should realise that though they cover much less court than the egoistic male their task is much more difficult. At the net, the shuttle is travelling twice as fast and there is half-the-time to see it. In addition, there is a net before your eyes and a menacing opponent breathing practically into your face!

So take heart! Read and practise the hints of an expert and even more winners will flow from your racquet! Net play is an art—and fun!

WHEN I was asked by the Editor of "The Badminton Gazette" to write an article about net shots (presumably he suggested the subject as these were the only strokes I could ever be said to have executed "properly") I thought here was an opportunity to try to help that much-maligned person on the badminton court, the club-standard lady, who plays mixed doubles predominantly at the net. It is to her therefore that I am speaking mainly in this article.

Court Coverage

First we should consider the vexed question as to the amount of court to be covered by the lady. She should normally be responsible for all shuttles which fall in the area bounded by the net, the side lines and the front service line, and be able to cut off and hit down other shots which would otherwise land further back in the court. It is important to stress here that she should attempt to intercept only those shots which she can control, and to leave those where her point of impact would be behind her. To achieve all this, particularly if the opponents have a good range of strokes coupled with deception, requires considerable speed of thought and fleetness of foot.

Concentration

This is the first requirement. There are times when for various reasons the net lady has comparatively little to do. She can quite easily fall asleep on her feet, and you all know where that leads, when she does put her racket to a "sitter". She misses or mishits, to the accompaniment of groans from behind! There is no need for the lady to be guilty of this, if she makes a mental habit of being interested in everything that is happening on court. Always face the opponents and read the game in front of you. (Apart from other considerations, turning round is dangerous!). Make a mental note of each rally as it happens, judge whether the opposition have any weaknesses or any habitual shots, assess what strokes they play which put you or your partner in difficulties by being unorthodox, deceptive or caused by your own ineptitude, and so on. The list of points you can consider is endless. This keeps you the alert partner every man hopes for, and enables you, as you become more expert, to help him to cause the right things to happen, and to cut out the gambits that are giving you both trouble.

Racket up!

I have said you will normally face the net, and thus movement will be mainly from side to side. A little experimenting will show you that, with the racket held up, and using side-steps, you will find it possible from a central position—for most people the junction of middle and front service lines is reasonable—to reach the sidelines fairly easily. This is only so if you keep on the balls of the feet, with knees slightly bent and your racket pointing upwards. Immediately you go back on your heels or run with your racket trailing about your feet, you waste valuable time.

There is often considerable misunderstanding about what is meant by "racket up". To me it does not normally mean holding your racket above your head with a straight arm, so that it would be ready

— by —

NANCY HORNER

(ex-Scotland; former B.A. of E.)

Director of Coaching



Barbara Giles, England's No. 5, shows how it is done.

(Pat Davis: by courtesy of Kaye-Ward, "Better Badminton")



for a shot several feet in the air. It means for all of us—the tall, the short and the medium-sized—that the racket face is parallel with the net, and the whole head is just above the level of the tape. The elbow will be bent, and directed down to

the floor, and the player will crouch to a greater or lesser degree, depending on height, so that her eyes are just above the net.

The Grip

Many effective lady net players use what is known as the pan-handled or frying-pan grip, which means that when they face the net, racket up in front of them, head of the racket parallel to the net, they have the V of their thumb and forefinger towards them on the broader side of the handle. All they have to do when the shuttle shows above the net is to dab at it with a small forward wrist action—a simple stroke where there is nothing much to go wrong, and no turning of the hand, such as is necessary with the orthodox forehand grip. Moreover, provided the lady moves quickly to all parts of the net, and takes the shuttle before it has dropped below tape level, this *one shot* (I call it the "bonk" shot) hit smartly in a downward direction, *always with the same face of the racket*, will cope with situations throughout the whole length of the net. An ability to play the "bonk" shot effectively has made many an otherwise frail club lady into a match-winner.

It is not, however, necessary to use a pan-handled grip, if in playing this shot the lady with an orthodox forehand grip is at pains to turn her racket so that she presents an open face to the shuttle. In any event, it is important to remember that the grip should not be a constant one throughout. The fingers have a large part to play in performing net shots, as it is necessary to change the angle of the racket face very often and very quickly, and you will never manage this if you are wedded to a fixed grip. It will be apparent as to what I mean if we now consider the net shots which are played when the shuttle has fallen below the level of the tape. Let's say you intend to kill a shot in the forehand tramline, but on the way there you realise you will be too late to do this. Having started out with a pan-handled grip and your racket up, you will, as you move, change in a flash to the forehand grip by adjusting the fingers, and stretch your racket out to your right.

Similarly on the backhand you quickly change to a backhand grip. You may well say that, if the racket were held in an orthodox forehand grip only one change (i.e. to the backhand) would be necessary. I concede this, but any change of grip is a simple operation if practised, and I have already explained the advantages of the pan-handled grip in other ways.

I mention particularly stretching out your racket to take the below-the-net-level shots, as it is usually easier to play them if you are not too close to the shuttle and are moving into the shot. A long reach, too, enables you to take an early shuttle.

Where to put the Shuttle

Where then do we direct our shots, now that we have considered the basic problems? A fairly good rule of thumb is to play straight, as in other branches of the game. This enables your shot to reach the target more quickly and gives your opponents less time. With net shots there is the added advantage that the straight shot is often easier to execute. The "bonk" shot, especially if played with the pan-handled grip, normally goes straight back with ease.

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CLUB COURT

A Forum of Ideas from Lively Clubs

BADMINTON AFLOAT?

At the beginning of last season the Horsham and the Arun badminton clubs joined forces to form The Horsham Arun Badminton Club.

This was a case of necessity, as the hall where both clubs played was demolished as part of the town's redevelopment scheme. Together we stood a better chance of persuading the Council to provide us with other accommodation; this would enable us to play better badminton.

We are shortly to be the proud tenants of a purpose built club, sited in an old army encampment at Broadbridge Heath, Horsham, which the Council is converting into a new Sports Centre.

We needed money, publicity and new members, so we entered the Horsham Festival with a float in the carnival procession, depicting "Badminton through the Ages". Members made paper roses and the costumes, and an 8 foot high shuttlecock. Apart from winning a special prize, we gained much needed publicity, and as a result of this many new members.

At the end of the Festival week, we joined other organisations in Horsham Park, with 6 sideshows of our own, all made and manned by our members. The highlight being our "Ducking the Lady" sideshow, which alone raised £21.50.

Now at the beginning of the season, we are encountering the hard work, problems and teething troubles of organising a large club. However, all members no matter whether they be old ones or new, are keen and ambitious. They all want to make it a good club.

Anne Jennings—Horsham Arun B.C.

ALL NIGHT MARATHON

Every year our Village holds a Charity Week, when we devote a week's fund-raising activities to a deserving cause; for the past two years, local hospitals have benefited from our efforts. A Jumble Sale, Bingo session, Dance etc. are held, and each organisation using the Village Hall contributes in some way. The Badminton Club

members tried to think of something different, but were stuck for an idea until somebody suggested an all-night Badminton Marathon. Everyone was enthusiastic, we set about obtaining sponsors.

The great evening arrived, with everybody eager to go. The juniors played from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., then the adults carried on from there. Four of the juniors were so full of energy that they stayed on too. The result was fantastic. We played 72 games of doubles in 15 hours, an average of 12½ minutes per game.

We had some 'suitable liquid refreshment' together with hot potatoes at 2 a.m. to keep us going, and an endless game of whist, with constantly changing faces at the table. We also had visits from local press photographers, and the Village 'bobby' looked in from time to time. As the sun rose about 6 a.m., the smell of eggs and bacon once again restored our energy. When the 9 a.m. deadline arrived, we were all still awake, and would doubtless have gone on playing, but the Hall had to be vacated to allow for the Jumble Sale preparations.

Then came the collection of the money; we were overwhelmed by the generosity of the sponsors. When the total was added up we had raised over £40; this helped to make the total raised by the week as a whole a record £185. As you can imagine, we cannot wait until next year's Charity Week!

Mrs. Perry—Ramsden Bellhouse B.C.

A NOVEL "MIXED" TOURNAMENT

At the small Club at Dullingham, Cambridgeshire, members thought that a competitive but sociable tournament would be rather fun; and the following scheme was devised to give everybody as equal a chance as possible, and to have a tournament that could be played in one session of about three hours. 10, 11 or 12 players can take part in the 12 matches played. The scheme is reproduced here in case any other club has been looking for something of this sort, and would like to try it out.

1. The best and also the maximum number of players is six ladies and six gentlemen. A shortage of one of either sex can be dealt with by simple substitution, arrangeable at the time. Substitutes' scores, of course, do not count in their personal total.

2. Players draw for position, Ladies being A to F in the chart, and Gentlemen 1 to 6.

3. To equalize the luck of the draw, everybody plays an identical pattern of matches:

(a) Everybody plays four matches, two mixed and two single sex doubles.

(b) Everybody has four different partners and plays at least once against everybody of the same sex, and against seven different opponents in all.

(c) In the second series of mixed doubles, everybody partners his or her opponent of opposite sex from the first series.

(d) In their two single sex matches, everybody partners in turn his or her opponent of the same sex from the mixed doubles.

4. Scoring

For a single session tournament, all matches had best be of 11 points, sudden death. Everybody records their four partnership scores, both for and against. The individual winner, quite irrespective of sex, is the player with the highest nett plus score.

5. Playing Order

The order of play as appended cannot be varied, as it ensures that nobody plays consecutive games, and also ensures that nobody has to sit out for more than three consecutive games.

6. Umpires

Most players have one sit-out of three games, and the umpires (suggested) officiate as far as possible in this three game interval. This umpire scheme is, of course, quite optional and can be varied without affecting the main idea.

7. Playing Chart

| Match | A | and | v | B | and | Umpire |
|-------|---|-------|---|---|-------|--------|
| 1 | A | and 1 | v | B | and 2 | 5 |
| 2 | C | and 3 | v | D | and 4 | A |
| 3 | E | and 5 | v | F | and 6 | B |
| 4 | 1 | and 2 | v | 3 | and 4 | E |
| 5 | A | and B | v | C | and D | F |
| 6 | 5 | and 6 | v | 2 | and 3 | 1 |
| 7 | E | and F | v | A | and D | C |
| 8 | 4 | and 6 | v | 1 | and 5 | 2 |
| 9 | C | and E | v | B | and F | 3 |
| 10 | A | and 2 | v | D | and 3 | 4 |
| 11 | B | and 1 | v | F | and 5 | 6 |
| 12 | C | and 4 | v | E | and 6 | D |

8. Analysis of the Playing Chart shows that the scheme works out as follows:

| Player | Partners | Opponents |
|--------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | AB 25 | BF 234456 |
| 2 | AB 13 | AD 133456 |
| 3 | CD 24 | AD 122456 |
| 4 | CD 36 | CE 112356 |
| 5 | EF 16 | BF 123466 |
| 6 | EF 45 | CE 123455 |
| A | BD 12 | 23 BCDDEF |
| B | AF 12 | 15 ACCDEF |
| C | DE 34 | 46 ABBDEF |
| D | AC 34 | 23 AABCEF |
| E | CF 56 | 46 ABCDFE |
| F | BE 56 | 15 ABCDEE |

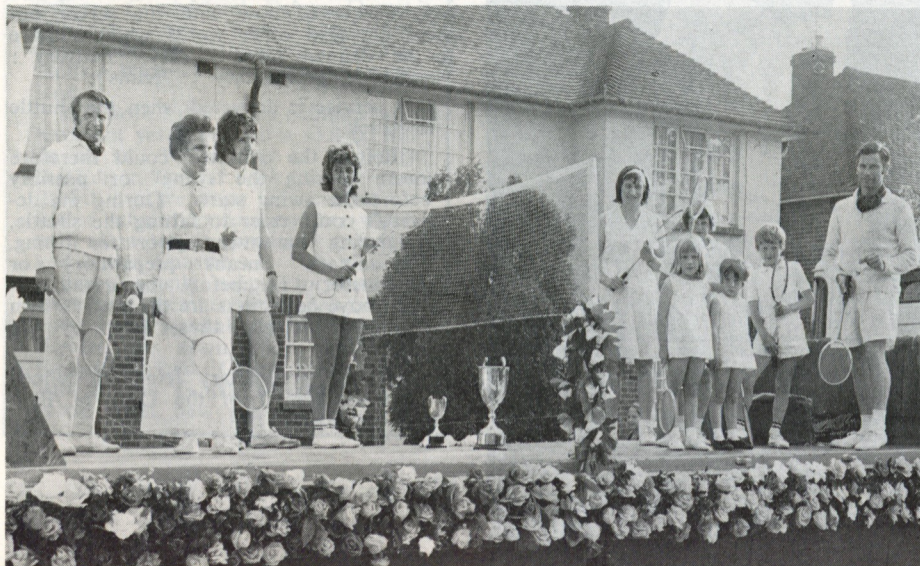
Rev. N. W. L. Auster—Dullingham B.C.

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A tube of a dozen R.S.L. Tourney shuttles will be sent to Horsham Arun B.C. A similar award will be made next month—so send in your novel ideas!

The Horsham Arun float; the 8ft. shuttle can only just be glimpsed.

(R. Kipps)



MATCH POINTS

FITNESS FOR BADMINTON No. 2

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

A purposeful, balanced training programme is essential to achieve fitness. Let us assume that the purpose is to reach and maintain a basic level of fitness and so improve general performance on the court. Exercise, rest and diet are involved. Rest and diet are personal to the individual and common sense will guide you in these matters. Moderation is perhaps a virtue here. Exercise is the key ingredient and I want to consider some different methods of exercising.

1. **PLAY.** Regular and constant for three or four evenings a week should help to develop fitness and improve a player's strength, endurance, speed and flexibility.
2. **TRAINING.** A particular form of exercising is selected to develop a particular aspect of fitness. Running develops endurance and speed. Weight training or circuit training can develop strength and endurance. Often much repetition occurs and it appears to be like drill. Do not confuse training with drill. Both involve repetition but with drill the player does the exercise without thinking. Training involves thinking about how you are doing what you are doing. It requires skill to train properly even if the exercise is only a simple one.

General Training Methods

RUNNING.—Good for heart, lungs, legs. It is enjoyable if done properly. Forget talk of pain barriers and punishing yourself unduly.

Technique: Keep a good carriage, head up, arms held loosely and flexed at the elbows. Run lightly and get into a *rhythm* and keep to it. It becomes easier and more enjoyable with practice.

Method: Plan a set distance or a set time (10-15 minutes). Go out 3-5 times a week. Begin gradually and combine jogging and walking, until you can jog the whole time. As it becomes easier, increase your time or distance, or do parts or the whole of the run at an increased speed.

SKIPPING. Good for footwork and speed.

Technique: Skip lightly like a boxer. Try different foot patterns. Upright body, arms near side and rope held loosely, turned with the wrists. Look ahead and not at the ground. *Rhythm* is very important and it helps to skip to music with a regular beat.

Method: (a) Ten minutes, three to four times a week. Skip two minutes and rest one minute. Do this five times. (b) Skip 10 minutes non-stop. As it becomes easy increase the skipping period or reduce the rest interval.

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CONCENTRATION

by **LEW HOAD**

(Australian and Wimbledon
Tennis Champion)

Players of racquet games can learn much from one another. We are much indebted to that great Australian tennis player, Lew Hoad, for finding time in his busy world-hopping schedule to write this article specially for the Gazette.

Concentration is simply (or not so simply) the ability to put your mind to one thing with complete exclusion of all else. To start with it is almost impossible to concentrate on anything, unless one is extremely interested in the subject. It consists of many things, application, attention, single mindedness, curiosity, determination, absorption, etc. Some people seem to be born with it, others acquire it, and there are those who have no earthly chance of concentrating on anything for more than five minutes at a time.

One constantly hears the most unbelievable excuses for lack of concentration. "Today I am not psychologically in the right frame of mind to hit my forehand properly" "All these aeroplanes are putting me off" etc, etc.

Some one who can put their mind on a subject whether it be squash, tennis, or tiddley-winks, has a great advantage over his opponent.

I for one have great difficulty in concentrating, and because of this have lost many important matches. If I had been able to concentrate naturally in the way Rosewall can, I doubt if I could have ever lost a match. At Wimbledon, 1958, I was playing Vic Seixas. I was desperately trying to think about the match; instead, my mind was

searching for the name of a boxer: *Pone Kingpetch*. I got worse and worse. I lost. I did not even mind as I still wanted to know the answer. As we walked out of the court I said: "Pone Kingpetch, Thailand".

The players who have this natural talent for concentration are indeed lucky—immediately I can name Rosewall, Kramer, Riggs and in Squash the Khan's, and Heather Blundell-Mackay. They never gave a point away, never took ridiculous chances, never thought of anything but finishing the match. Now, for someone who has bad concentration everything is a lot harder, even if they have far greater talent. This can be helped in many ways, but the player must have great interest and determination. All sorts of things help: cards, crosswords, chess, driving...

The player should be in a composed state of mind when he is on court, and concerned only with beating his opponent. He has enough to think about devising how he is going to beat the opposition, which calls for complete concentration of his mental faculties. Anything incidental to this must be out of his thoughts. Worrying over bad decision creates a psychology that is the beginning of a defeatist attitude. This will undermine his confidence and then his control; his resentment affects his concentration and his will to win.

It doesn't matter what your sport or interest is, you need the same qualities of concentration for everything if you are to do your very best. Difficult, but very necessary.

FROM THE UMPIRE'S CHAIR No. 2

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

A correspondent says:

"In a tense men's doubles match last season with the score at game-all and four-all in setting in the third, the match was won by a service ace. The server had been serving mostly low services with a back-hand action and at this match point served, also back-handed, in such a way that the shuttle flew over the receiver's head so that he could not return it. We were surprised that the service judge did not fault the server for feinting".

Most umpires will agree that one of the most difficult problems to adjudicate on is the feint but let us first see what the law says.

Law 14(d) states: it is a fault if before or during the delivery of the service any player makes preliminary feints. We are only concerned now with the server but there are also other words which require to be defined more closely, "delivery": "service": "preliminary": "feints":

A service is delivered when the shuttle is struck.

"Before the delivery" could therefore mean "during the swing" or possibly before the swing starts. "During the delivery" could refer to hitting the shuttle, or during the swing prior to hitting. "Preliminary" means preparatory or introductory, i.e. before the event.

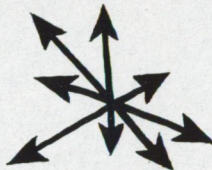
The above definitions are the writer's own and not necessarily those held by the B.U.A. of E.

However, "preliminary feint" is defined in Interpretation 1 of the Laws of Badminton as follows:—

Lew Hoad Personifies Concentration.



NEWS FROM



THE COUNTIES

The Editor, Pat Davis, who has an unfortunate habit of leaving some item of clothing behind him wherever he is coaching, excelled himself at Lea Green in early October. He left his Welsh sweater behind somewhere in Derbyshire. If anyone did pick it up with the kind intention of returning it, his address is 60 St. Martin's Hill, Canterbury. He would be more than grateful for its return as it carries the Welsh B.U. badge that his brother, W. A. M. (Tony) Davis, won in 1936, four years before his death.

KENT

A Cracking Start

Kent B.A. started their 51st season with quite a bang: two exhibition games and two well-supported Sports Council courses.

The first exhibition was part of Maidstone's Festival of Sport. Kent players Len Steeden, John Tank and Jean de Lacey were able to pit their strength against the Kent professionals Ray Sharp, Paul and Sue Whetnall who hope to be reinstated as amateurs by the beginning of March. It was good to see they had lost little of their sharpness and none of their obvious enjoyment of the game. With National Coach Warwick Shute in inimitable vein as compere the whole thing went with a swing.

The second exhibition was even more ambitious: a near capacity crowd of some 400, including Larry Landrey, B.A. of E.'s recently appointed Assistant Secretary, saw some sparkling play in the Lewisham Concert Hall. How could it have been otherwise with such players as Derek Talbot, Ray Stevens, Elliott Stuart, Margaret Beck and Eva Twedberg joining the Kent stars Margaret Boxall and the Whetnalls? It was good to see Margaret Boxall fully restored to health after a lengthy illness and playing well. Paul Whetnall with his usual 'busy' game in which every stroke is inexorably working towards the ultimate winner showed that he is still very much a force to be reckoned with. The Mayor of Lewisham kindly presented mementoes to the players and umpires at the conclusion.

Successful courses under the auspices of the Sports Council were held on the eight fine courts of the University of Kent at Canterbury. Players and coaches came from far afield and were in the good hands of Warwick Shute and Terry Murfitt, and D. Blazye and Mrs. Eileen Smith respectively.

*The Mayor of Lewisham presents
Eva Twedberg with a memento.*

(Pat Davis)



"Any movement or conduct by the server that has the effect of breaking the continuity of service after the server and receiver have taken their positions to serve and to receive the service is a preliminary feint. For example, a server who after having taken up his position to serve delays hitting the shuttle for so long as to be unfair to the receiver is guilty of such conduct".

It will be noted that only one specific example is given and that others may come within the broad definition.

A dictionary definition of a feint is "a sham blow or attack meant to deceive an opponent".

Does this mean that the interpretation we should be making of the feint during service is "any service meant to deceive the receiver"? If this is the view it would seem that every flick service is not legal: a short service delivered with an action disguised as that relating to a high service would be doubtful and any change in the usual service action could result in the service being faulted.

A service delivered with a back-hand action can strike the shuttle in front of the body so that the white shuttle tends to be lost against the white clothing. When a flick service is used it is even more difficult for the receiver.

Should the receiver be protected against this service and if so should we invoke the words "unfair to the receiver" as appearing in the interpretation relating to the delayed service. The service judge is not watching the receiver—only the umpire does this. Is it reasonable or possible for a service judge to decide by watching only the server whether a service was unfair to the receiver?

Under the definition of feint in Interpretation 1 as long as there is no break in continuity or unfair delay the service is good. The swing may be very short or long, it may start by first going back (as long as there is no obvious pause before starting the forward swing), but there must only be one swing—that is the shuttle must be struck at the end of the first forward swing. Any pause in the swing breaks the continuity and the service should be faulted.

In the writer's view, from the information given, the service judge had no cause to fault the service. It was undoubtedly a deceptive service but not necessarily a feint.

STAFFORDSHIRE

Looking Up ?

This could be Staffordshire's year! For several seasons we have been plagued by injuries — and happier events. At last it looks as if we have a chance to regain promotion to the First Division from which we were so arbitrarily dismissed.

Eileen Ross has finished making a family — or so she assures us — as has Sue Hamilton — for the time being! Pam Young, our singles champion, seems to have recovered her old enthusiasm. We have managed to steal a march on our arch rivals, Derbyshire, by marrying one of their best players, Mary Bridge, into our side.

With David Eddy and Eddie Sutton firmly established on the international scene, John Croxton still improving rapidly, and Keith Hawthorne now fit, not to mention the ever reliable Ian Eddy, we hope to be a real force in First Division Badminton.

We also have great hopes for the future of Richard Whitehouse who even now looks a real prospect. Lower down in the County teams, Neil Johnson also has real potential. There are many other names worthy of mention but the list is too long for these columns. All in all, Staffordshire Badminton is looking up.

D. EDDY.

DERBYSHIRE

Route of the "Rams"

Can Derbyshire's County Coaching Secretary, Don Parminter, and Kent's National Coach, Pat Davis, be blamed for Derby County's 5-0 trouncing by Leeds United? The "Rams" were in residence at Lea Green Sports Centre, near Matlock, when the former started to put Derbyshire's young potential through their paces.

Alan Durban, who used to play for aptly named Combustion B.C. in Derby, and David Nish, who in his Leicester City days was on the threshold of county play, both used Badminton as a means of relaxed training.

Medal for the bravest deed of the day surely went to Jackie Charlton of Leeds. On the Sunday following his team's annihilation of Derby County he turned up at Lea Green not one whit abashed, to put his head into the Ram's pen, by taking part in a Derbyshire F.A. Regional Coaching session.

Alec Witcomb, Derbyshire's President, County Coach and Veteran Champion, received a B.A. of E. Tournament Voucher marked, "Please supply Mr. A. Witcomb with gods to the value of two pounds".

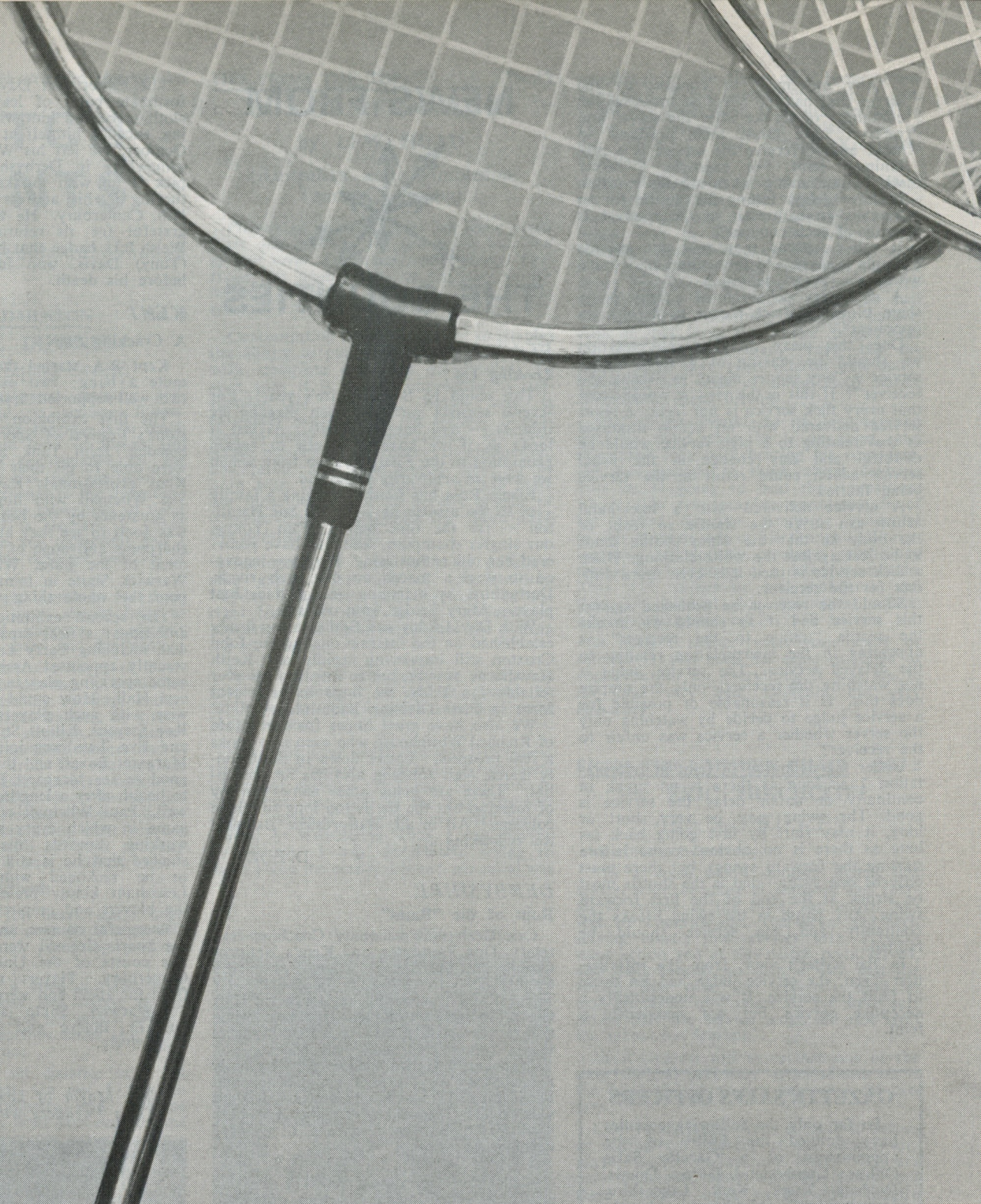
Is the B.A. of E. suggesting Mr. Witcomb is a heathen? That he becomes Chief Coach in Pantheism? That he will need more than a bit of help next season to retain his Veterans' title? Or simply that gods alone are not subject to inflation?

GAZETTE SALES OFFICERS

So far only the following counties have notified the Editor of the appointment of a Gazette Sales Officer: Cumberland, Devon, Dorset, Durham, Essex, Kent, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Middlesex, Notts., Staffs., Warwickshire and Westmorland.

It is hoped that those counties who have not yet appointed a G.S.O. will do so and be so kind as to notify the Editor. Only if each County does its bit can we hope to increase our list of subscribers to a number which will allow us to produce a bigger and better Gazette.

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RESIGNATIONS

Following the close season resignation of Arthur Jones, Vice-chairman of the B.A. of E., as County Chairman, who was then appointed a Vice-President, and his replacement by Mr. V. A. Chamberlain, the County committee has suffered two further losses in Ian Horton, who is getting married, and H. Y. (Bert) Bubbers, a former Match Secretary, who has resigned as a result of the implications of sponsorship.

A very successful exhibition was held at Chalkwell during September which marked the welcome return of Sue and Paul Whetnall and also showed the tremendous improvement made by Pat Smiles during the summer. It provided an ideal opportunity for John Laws, already a coach, to be initiated in the difficulties, or otherwise, of umpiring.

The restricted Junior Doubles were held at Redbridge over the weekend of 21|22nd October and whilst no budding Nora Gardner or John Stretch is on the immediate horizon the enthusiasm and dedication was apparent.

An experimental County third team had a very enjoyable and entertaining friendly with Surrey at Romford and won 10/7, including five of the six Ladies events, which must be unusual against Surrey at any level.

R. D. LEE.

COUNTY MAGAZINES

The Editor wishes to express his thanks yet again to those Old Faithfuls, Notts. B.A. and Berks. B.A. for sending him their publications.

The eighty-page handbook of the former is a monumental work containing not only all records, rules, results and club lists, but also interesting pen pictures of local stalwarts, Rita Charles, J. S. Hague and Roy Green and of a leading club, Wollaton Park C.A.B.C. Nothing is omitted.

Berkshire's newsletter is an unassuming, duplicated two-page affair. But the fact that this is No. 27 shows that it is produced at a low enough cost and is so full of up to date news and information as to ensure its lusty continuance for years to come.

It is in these ways that County Associations maintain essential touch with their rank and file club members and give them some idea of the numerous events laid on for their benefit.

The Editor would very much appreciate receipt of other county handbooks and newsletters.

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Since the above was written, the Kent B.A. handbook, resplendent in its claret cover, has been gratefully received. Here again is an excellent publication replete with records, rules and club details and enlivened by a foreword by H. A. E. Scheele doing a second well-deserved stint as President in Kent's 50th anniversary period.



**ACCENT
ON
YOUTH**

COURSE 9L

by Peter Bullivant

In early August, a course for selected players under 23 was held at Lilleshall Hall; it was attended by players from nearly all counties and the overall standard was very high. Good news indeed for the future of English Badminton!

The first item on the agenda was a test (exam??) on the laws and rules of Badminton. Was this the new method of training we'd heard so much about? Instant fitness whilst sitting at a desk? But no, it was not to be.

The following day, out came the old shuttles and miraculously lined themselves up ready for the shuttle runs which were completed by all in reasonably fast times. More play before lunch and after, until mid-afternoon when everyone managed three tough circuits, on similar lines to the one used by the Thomas Cup squad.

Outside, the rain poured but could not dampen our enthusiasm and so off we went for a run around the football and hockey pitches. The forks seemed exceptionally heavy at dinner.

So the first day set the pattern for the remainder of the week. Variation in the training (i.e. more circuits and faster shuttle runs!) served to relieve boredom and a visit from Ken Walcott, an athletics coach, who showed us how to train to pop music, proved to be the most enjoyable session of the week.

The emphasis throughout the course, however, was not only on fitness but also on mental preparation for the game. Playing under bad conditions was experimented with, in that a singles tournament was played when one player was applauded whilst the other was barracked; an invaluable experience for anyone going to play in international matches (or even Roses matches in Division I!). Furthering the idea of more thought in the game, the idea of group coaching was abandoned and each player had an hour's session with Roger discussing individual problems — an extremely useful idea.

Socially, the week was a great success. The group spirit developed was really strong; this helped us all to play and train harder whilst still enjoying it. Highlights of the week were a "Dance with the Most Girls" competition at the discotheque in Newport (Strictly no alcohol!) and a concert arranged in conjunction with the other students on different courses in which some of the group entertained by dressing in drag (Preparations for future Scottish Opens?) and singing very badly.

Thanks must go to Roger Mills, Ray Stevens and Dave Galloway (Irish Coaching Secretary) for the tremendous work they did for our benefit. It was very difficult to organise us all at times but they did an invaluable job and their enthusiasm for the game rubbed off on everyone.

COURSE 10L

Jeremy Wilkinson (Mx.), Gary Scott (Lancs.), Phil Toler (Surrey), Jeff Lambert (Durham), Coleen Salmon (Notts.), Morag Stuart (Cumb.), Paul Hanlon (Derby), John Unwin (Yorks.), Dave Easterby (Kent), Alan Howell (Lancs.), Derek Whitfield (Berks.), Ray Rofe (Kent), Chris Kelly (Lancs.), Jacqui White (Notts.)
Ann Graham (Mx.), Sue Williams (Cheshire), Judy Reeve (Essex), Roger Mills (Chief Coach), Paul Whetnall (Course Assistant Coach), Sue Wilcox (Derby), Jane Webster (Suffolk), Debbie Kirby (Kent).



MEHMET NEVZAT

Mehmet Ali Nevzat, an exotic name which makes one think of far away places, does indeed come from Nicosia. He is a Turkish Cypriot, but has lived in this country from the age of 8½.

He has played Surrey badminton since his entry in the Surrey Junior and Teenage Tournament at the age of 13 when he narrowly missed winning the Under 15 event. He was a very strong junior and reached the semi-final of the All-England Junior singles no less than three times, the first time when he was "under 16".

Best Ever

In his last year, he played in one of the best junior team singles ever seen when Surrey juniors met Essex and Ray Stevens won the encounter by 18-17 in the third game! However, while Ray went on from strength to strength, Mehmet neglected his badminton for a spell. The reason for this was the very pretty Linda Pittard to whom he is now married. He returned to intensive badminton by way of Roger Mills's practice sessions at Innsworth last summer where his sunny nature and good sportsmanship made him a popular member of the group.

Progression

In Surrey's County final this year, he was selected to play the No. 1 singles, where oddly enough he again encountered Ray Stevens. This is an interesting progression for both players from Junior team to playing 1st singles for their very strong County teams, whilst Ray of course is ranked No. 2 in the country.

Mehmet was coached from an early age by Chaz Hannan who hails from Singapore. Last season he had many successful encounters with most of the ranked singles players, and hopes to improve even more. He works for the Chase Manhattan Bank, and has bought a house in Bedfordshire, but we naturally hope that like many another of our valuable and much appreciated players he will remain loyal to Surrey.

Dorothy Hinchcliff.

PERFORMANCE OF THE MONTH

The first mention of the season must undoubtedly go to Anne Johnstone of Whitburn who won all three titles in the recent East of Scotland Junior Championships. And more to the point still she was competing in the U.21 events although she is not yet 18!

In addition, in the Lanarkshire Open, she beat Scotland's No. 1, Mrs. J. Flockhart, in the first round before going on to overcome Miss Margot Winter, England's No. 10 last season, in the final.

Ten titles in the first month of the season isn't bad going, Anne! Keep it up!

The Editor will be pleased to receive details of outstanding junior achievements worthy of being hailed as "Performance of the Month" from County or Tournament Secretaries or others.

ART OF NET PLAY—continued

and your variation here is normally one of pace and distance. If you want to play the man, hit the shuttle smartly, if you want to take on the lady "block" the shot and take all the pace off in the way one converts a clear into a slow dropshot, and if you want to tempt the lady to get in her partner's way play a medium-paced shot that lands between your two opponents.

For the various upward shots required when the shuttle has fallen below the tape, the straight shot toppling back over the net is the one that can be practised to attain the greatest accuracy. Play the shuttle at easy (not full) arm's length with a relaxed elbow and a grip that, from being fairly loose in preparation, firms up on contact. A gentle short coaxing movement is all that is required. Big swings, stiff arms and tight grips are at the root of most troubles here.

Cross-courtting

However, it is no use playing the shuttle straight back over the net in an upward direction if the lady the other side is standing there waiting. It will then be necessary to cross. I have not so far put much emphasis on the use of the wrist, for much flashing of the racket head caused by wrist action, as in the case of the smash, is not an ingredient of delicate net shots. A certain amount of wrist must nevertheless come in when cross-court net play is attempted. A firm follow-through of the hand in the direction of flight, both for forehand and backhand strokes is necessary. It may be interesting to you to know that most players, when the shuttle has dropped well below tape level, can play the backhand cross-court shot more easily than the forehand, so don't neglect working on the forehand!

Key Points

There is lots more to say, but this is not a treatise on mixed doubles, only a few words of advice on the mental and physical approach to net play. To sum up, I would ask the ladies to think of three points: do keep alert and awake even when the rallies suggest that the men are hell-bent on a singles, always have your racket up when moving about the court (with most people the racket is only up when the player is standing still!), and experiment with your handling of the racket so that wherever you want it, at whatever angle you want it, it's there!

CANDID CAMERA

listens in to a conversation between Warwick Shute (National Coach and ex-England) and Ray Sharp (ex-England).

(Pat Davis)



CANADA CALLING!

The English team to tour Canada from 6th to 20th November is:—

J. David Eddy (4), Staffordshire
Eddie H. Sutton (—), Staffordshire
Mike G. Tredgett (6), Glos.
Ray P. Stevens (2), Essex
Keith P. Arthur (3), Essex
John H. Havers—non-playing captain

(Numbers in brackets indicate national English ranking)

This is the first time that Keith Arthur has been selected to represent England, an honour well deserved after being runner-up in the Granwood. Eddie Sutton was nominated to represent England in the German Championship last year and this year is a member of the Thomas Cup team.

John Havers, the non-playing captain, has played for England on seven occasions and is a member of the Selection Committee. David Eddy has been nominated as the Team Leader and will act as captain if necessary.

The tour will include four exhibitions:

Memorial University, St. Johns (6th Nov.).

Acadia University, Halifax (7th Nov.).

Victoria High School, Edmonton (11th Nov.).

Montreal (17th Nov.).

Three international matches will be played:

Saint John and Moncton (8th and 9th Nov.).

Seneca College, Toronto (13th and 14th Nov.).

Laval University, Quebec (18th and 19th Nov.).

The England players, Derek Talbot and Elliott Stuart, were not considered for the tour as they are already committed at the World Invitation Singles Tournament in Djakarta from 12th to 15th November.

FAR EAST BOUND

Derek Talbot (English No. 1) and Elliott Stuart (with Talbot, England's doubles champion) left on 31st October for two tournaments in the Far East.

They arrived in India the following day to take part in an International Championship at Bombay from 4-7th November. From Bombay they travel on 8th November to Indonesia to play in a World Invitation Tournament at Djakarta from 12th-15th November. They arrive back in England on 17th November after meeting in both tournaments the best players the world can offer.

For Talbot this makes his second visit abroad within ten days as he only arrived back from Moscow on 23rd October where an England team gained success over two Russian teams and against Sweden. (Doubtless, he will soon have a collection of hats to rival that of the late Sir Winston Churchill!).

England could not send two better ambassadors to the Far East. We wish them every success and hope to publish full details of their exciting tour in our next issue.

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REVIEW

YOUR BOOK OF BADMINTON

Yet another addition to Badminton lore is now in the bookshops: "Your Book of Badminton" by Len Wright, published by Faber, at £1.10 in their well known "Books for the Young" series.

The author needs no introduction; it is largely due to his untiring administrative efforts that the English Schools' Badminton Association has from small beginnings grown to be a major force in the game. His long years as a P.E. master teaching Badminton in schools render him particularly fitted to write for juniors.

His style is simple, lucid and conversational. In addition to the 72 pages of text, very clearly set out and headed, there are 21 supporting photographs, as well as diagrams. Beginners and those with experience cannot fail to benefit from its sound exposition.

In that space, he deals not only with the origins and present state of the game, equipment, scoring, stroke technique and tactical play, and fitness training, but also gives some pages of useful addresses, records, tricky points of rules and details of the E.S.B.A. Award Scheme.

The difficult realm of tactics is dealt with equally clearly and succinctly in language that children readily understand. One might however quibble with his comment on Advanced Mixed: "Many coaches never bother to coach it because they reckon it is on the way out".

That apart, here is a well produced book, simple and clearly written by a teacher and a County Coach who has the happy knack of inspiring youngsters to good play. Let us hope it does as much good on a national scale as Len Wright himself has done in Cumberland.

CHARM

Lesley Scragg and Carol Gray, of Bishop Lonsdale College of Education, winners of the British Colleges Ladies' Doubles, typify the attractiveness of Badminton girls. More such charming photos welcomed.

(Pat Davis)



CHINESE TOUR

Full details of where tickets may be obtained for the four matches to be played on this tour at London, Bristol, Carlisle and Birmingham are to be found on Page . Undoubtedly the whole idea of the tour has fired the imagination of Badminton enthusiasts. Intending spectators are therefore strongly advised to make up their parties immediately and apply for tickets NOW if they are going to avoid the disappointment of missing the matches of the century - sponsored by Esso.

A vast amount of detailed administrative work which started months ago is now coming to a culmination. The whole fortnight's programme has been worked out in detail and full particulars of both on and off court activities will be published shortly. A great deal of backroom work has been put in by Peter Birtwistle, Tommy Marrs, Stan Mitchell and Brian Bisseker; the two first named officials will be accompanying the Chinese team throughout their journey across the length and breadth of England.

Particular care has been taken in the selection of the venues so that larger crowds than have ever witnessed Badminton before in this country (except at Wembley Pool) can be accommodated. Special care too has been taken to obtain comfortable seating and to see that it is effectively tiered for good viewing.

The Chinese team is expected to consist of ten players, three officials and two interpreters as well as one or two Embassy officials. It is hoped they will be transported in a motor coach which will be prominently emblazoned with the word "Badminton". Look out for as it crosses England!

In our December issue we hope to print full details of the Chinese team, together with the interesting and varied itinerary which is being prepared for them. A very full report of this highlight tour will be printed with full photographic coverage in our February issue. Order your copies now so that you will not be disappointed in obtaining a souvenir of a memorable occasion.

TOURNAMENT ROUND-UP

LINCOLNSHIRE OPEN

"BOUNCING BOMB" BILLY!

Billy—the 'bouncing bomb'—Kidd came out top man at the first Lincs. Open. Kidd beat Lincs. No. 1 P. H. Goh in a first-class final which had the spectators right on their toes. In the semi's Kidd powered his way to a straight set win over Notts' Clive Kirk and Goh had a surprisingly easy two game win over Peter Bullivant.

The Ladies' Singles was an all Lincolnshire affair — Anne Magson taking the title in straight sets from Patsy Goh in a repeat of the Lincs. Closed.

The Men's Doubles proved the real highlight. The match went all the way before Kidd & Bullivant managed to get top-side of Kirk & Keith Hawthorne. Kirk produced flashes of his top form in this one but somehow he and Hawthorne never looked on song as a pair. Bouncing-bomb Billy & Bullivant however, not only looked a good pair they played like one, in particular when Billy was at the back of the court producing his all action smash and Peter making lightning interceptions in the forecourt. This match really had the crowd on their toes and was much appreciated.

Lincs. had their second success in the Ladies' Doubles when Jean Hewson & Eunice Wrangham captured the title from Mrs. K. Brindle & Mrs. P. Mace. The home pair came well through an attack of the 'heebe-jeebees' when in sight of victory and nothing would go right, but they held on and won through a cliff-hanging second game.

The mixed produced a great win for Kirk & Mrs. Mace over an almost exhausted Kidd & Joyce Wadey. True to his fighting qualities, Kidd played the last rally lying flat out on the floor!

The whole event purred along with clockwork precision — not only starting on time but also finishing on time. A good recipe for future success.

J. S. Hudson.

RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: W. Kidd (Northumberland) beat C. Kirk (Notts) 18-13, 15-8. P. H. Goh (Lincs) beat P. Bullivant (Lancs.) 15-8, 15-3.

Final: Kidd beat Goh 17-14, 15-10.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Miss A. Magson (Lincs.) beat Mrs. B. Keller-Bland (Surrey), 11-4, 11-3. Mrs. P. A. Goh (Lincs.) beat Miss J. Webster (Suffolk), 4-11, 11-8, 11-7.

Final: Miss Magson beat Mrs. Goh, 11-3, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: W. Kidd and P. Bullivant beat F. Harwood and B. Keefe (Yorks.), 15-8, 15-6. C. Kirk and K. Hawthorne (Staffs.) beat P. H. Goh and R. MacCrimmon (Lincs.), 15-7, 12-15, 15-4.

Final: Kidd and Bullivant beat Kirk and Hawthorne 15-4, 7-15, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES

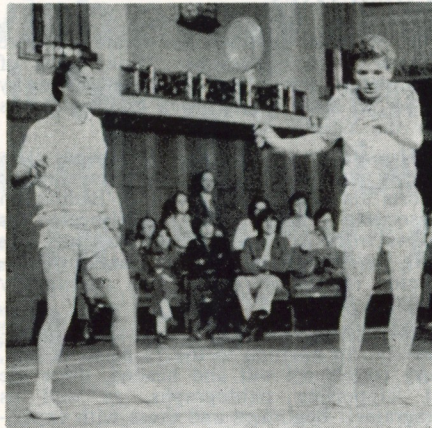
Semi-finals: Mrs. J. Hewson and Mrs. E. Wrangham (Lincs.) beat Mrs. E. E. Fraser and Miss L. Frost (Cambs.), 15-6, 15-11. Mrs. K. Brindle and Mrs. P. Mace (Notts.) beat Mrs. K. Hudson and Miss A. Magson (Lincs.), 15-11, 15-5.

Final: Mrs. Hewson and Mrs. Wrangham beat Mrs. Brindle and Mrs. Mace 15-7, 15-13.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: C. Kirk and Mrs. Mace beat G. Kawalko and Mrs. Fraser (Cambs.), 18-16, 15-16. W. Kidd and Miss J. Wadey beat P. H. Goh and Mrs. Goh 15-4, 6-15, 15-6.

Final: Kirk and Mrs. Mace beat Kidd and Miss Wadey 15-12, 15-2.



Unusual combination at Lewisham Exhibition: Ray Stevens and Paul Whetnall.

(Pat Davis)

MARRIED COUPLES

McCOIGS MAKE IT

There was a very disappointing entry for the tournament this year, held on 15th October at Ebbisham Badminton Club, but it was memorable because the McCoigs, after striving so hard for eight years, at last achieved their ambition and won the trophy.

They were afraid success was going to elude them again when, in the semi-final, against the Beacoms, having just scraped home in the first game, it took them 12 hands in the second to move off 11-3 and six hands when they reached 14!

Again in the final, the Boutles started very well, and won a close first game after setting, but with Bob being his usual active self and Sheila giving him able support at the net and serving well, the younger pair could not keep it up and lost in the end quite easily.

The Coleys, becoming eligible as recently as August this year, carried off the Consolation event without being unduly stretched.

BETTY GRACE.

First Round: C. T. Coates and Mrs. Coates beat R. H. Smith and Mrs. Smith 18-4, 15-6. R. S. McCoig and Mrs. McCoig w/o.

Second Round: M. J. Boutle and Mrs. Boutle w/o. Coates and Mrs. Coates beat E. A. J. Alderton and Mrs. Alderton 15-0, 15-4. McCoig and Mrs. McCoig beat W. R. Rickard and Mrs. Rickard 15-9, 15-11. C. J. Beacom and Mrs. Beacom beat M. F. Coley and Mrs. Coley 15-9, 15-10.

Semi-finals: Boutle and Mrs. Boutle beat Coates and Mrs. Coates 15-8, 12-15, 15-5. McCoig and Mrs. McCoig beat Beacom and Mrs. Beacom 15-13, 15-8.

Final: McCoig and Mrs. McCoig beat Boutle and Mrs. Boutle 14-17, 15-6, 15-5.

CONSOLATION EVENT

Final: M. F. Coley and Mrs. Coley beat R. H. Smith and Mrs. Smith 15-7, 15-5.

ANOTHER SURREY RECORD!

At the Granwood Tournament, Dorothy Hinchliff and Nick Budibent found time amidst their manifold duties not only to sell 75 "Gazettes" but also to obtain a number of new subscribers.

It can be done!

WEST HANTS OPEN

BEACOM BREAKS WINDSCREEN!

The West Hants, Badminton Championships were held at Poole Sports Centre on the 21st and 22nd October with eight courts in use.

In all events the top seeds came through to be the winners. Despite a shattered windscreen on his way to Poole, C. Beacom (Surrey) had reasonably easy rounds to the final as did B. H. White (Wilts.), apart from his semi-final against P. Smith of Essex, where he lost the first game badly but then went on to win the next two games. The final between Beacom and White was excellent, closely fought games; Beacom won after setting in each game, 17-14, 18-15.

In the Ladies' Singles, Miss G. M. White played well to beat Mrs. C. Hunt in the semi-final, but Mrs. P. Dawson, the No. 1 seed, came through to win, her hardest game being against Mrs. C. Pike (Dorset) in the semi-final.

Only twelve couples in the Ladies' Doubles, all fairly closely matched, but Mrs. Illingworth and Mrs. A. Friend had a comfortable final against Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. S. Jones to become the winners. The Men's Doubles final was as usual the most enjoyable of the evening, the holders, C. Beacom and K. Andrews (Surrey), overcoming P. Smith and T. Bowler (Essex).

Both the seeds in the Mixed had reasonably easy rounds, A. C. Finch and Mrs. S. Alfieri winning against B. H. White and Miss G. M. White. We were pleased to see how much Mrs. Alfieri has improved in the last year.

The Cups were presented by the Hampshire President, Miss D. Drinkwater, and Mrs. Betty Uber.

The American Handicap Mixed Doubles event on the Sunday was enjoyed by everyone, although with Restricted Tournaments and County practices, it was a smaller entry than usual. The final winners of the two sections were D. Cox and Mrs. S. McDonald of Dorset.

MEN'S SINGLES

(36 players)

Third Round: B. H. White beat M. J. Buttler 15-6, 15-5. P. Smith beat B. Hooper 15-9, 15-3. J. Stretch beat M. J. Wilks 15-5, 6-15, 15-2. C. Beacom beat P. Pennekett 15-8, 15-4.

Semi-finals: White beat Smith 5-15, 15-11, 17-14. Beacom beat Stretch 15-10, 15-2.

Final: Beacom beat White 17-14, 18-15.

LADIES' SINGLES

(13 players)

Semi-finals: Mrs. P. Dawson beat Mrs. C. Pike 12-9, 2-11, 11-7. Miss G. M. White beat Mrs. C. Hunt 11-4, 12-11.

Final: Mrs. Dawson beat Miss White 11-4, 11-9.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(20 pairs)

Third Round: C. Beacom and K. Andrews beat R. A. Rofe and D. Whitfield 15-6, 15-2. J. Stretch and J. K. H. Woodgate beat P. Pennekett and B. Keeling 15-5, 15-8. B. Nilsen and D. Clarke beat M. J. Buttler and J. Dovey 15-5, 15-8. P. Smith and T. Bowler beat R. Beach and C. J. Goodman 15-8, 15-4.

Semi-finals: Beacom and Andrews beat Stretch and Woodgate 15-8, 15-8. Smith and Bowler beat Nilsen and Clarke 15-11, 10-15, 15-10.

Final: Beacom and Andrews beat Smith and Bowler 15-13, 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(12 pairs)

Semi-finals: Mrs. R. M. Illingworth and Mrs. A. Friend beat Miss G. M. White and Mrs. S. Alfieri 15-9, 15-3. Mrs. P. Dawson and Mrs. S. Jones beat Miss R. Cooper and Mrs. S. McCairns 11-15, 15-2, 15-7.

Final: Mrs. Illingworth and Mrs. Friend beat Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Jones 15-6, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

(17 pairs)

Third Round: A. C. Finch and Mrs. S. Alfieri beat M. J. Buttler and Miss S. Overton 15-0, 13-1, Ret'd. C. J. Goodman and Mrs. R. M. Illingworth beat J. Ganner and Miss K. Webb 15-4, 15-7. D. Clarke and Mrs. A. Friend beat R. Rofe and Miss P. Hogarth 15-7, 15-9. B. H. White and Miss G. M. White beat M. Wilks and Miss D. Kirby 15-4, 15-2.

Semi-finals: Finch and Mrs. Alfieri beat Goodman and Mrs. Illingworth 15-11, 15-11. White and Miss White beat Clarke and Mrs. Friend 15-11, 15-4.

Final: Finch and Mrs. Alfieri beat White and Miss White 15-12, 15-11.

WEST SUSSEX OPEN

MILWARD WINS "MARTLETS"

The West Sussex Open Championships were held this year for the first time at the new Worthing Sports Centre. The centre, opened in July 1972, has a main hall area with space for eight courts. As a result of the increased number of courts available it was decided to hold all the open events on Saturday instead of Friday and Saturday, and to advertise the tournament with posters which was not previously possible.

The number of entrants in all events was well above that of former years. The Men's open singles was held as two events, the new event being known as the Sussex Martlet Singles.

The main event was won by the holder, Colin Beacom, whose most difficult match was in the semi-final against M. Wilks who lost the third game after having a 14-11 lead. The Sussex Martlet Singles was won by R. G. Milward of Hampshire. Heather Nielson won the Ladies' Singles comfortably and also won the Ladies' Doubles with Pat Smiles whom she defeated in the single's final. Colin Beacom and Keith Andrews, the holders, won the Men's Doubles after holding off a strong challenge from John and Peter Gardner who won the first set. The Mixed Doubles, the only event not won by Surrey players, was won by Peter Pennekett and Anne Forrest of Hampshire.

In the Handicap events on Sunday, young players had a successful day. The Mixed final was won in three sets by two Sussex juniors, Hugh Savage and Debbie Ladbroke. The Men's Doubles was won by R. B. Knowles and C. Bacon of Middlesex, and the Ladies' Doubles by Heather Buckle and thirteen year old Karen Puttick, both of Sussex.

D.E.W.

MEN'S SINGLES

(32 players)

Third Round: C. J. Beacom beat P. J. Gardner 15-10, 15-10. M. J. Wilks beat P. J. Pennekett 15-10, 14-15, 15-6. J. A. Gardner beat J. Dilworth 15-8, 15-5. B. H. White beat J. Bridgen 15-5, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Beacom beat Wilks 15-5, 10-15, 17-14. White beat J. A. Gardner 15-1, 15-8.

Final: Beacom beat White 15-12, 15-8.

LADIES' SINGLES

(18 players)

Third Round: Mrs. E. B. Nielsen beat Miss A. Gardner 11-0, 11-2. Miss M. J. Brewer beat Mrs. P. Dawson 4-11, 11-6, 11-3. Miss A. Forrest beat Miss G. M. White 9-11, 11-4, 12-9. Miss P. Smiles beat Miss S. E. Bouldin 11-0, 11-3.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Nielsen beat Miss Brewer 11-0, 11-4. Miss Smiles beat Miss Forrest 11-6, 8-11, 12-9.

Final: Mrs. Nielsen beat Miss Smiles 11-3, 11-3.

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In order to bring the "Gazette" more prominently to the notice of all Badminton players and spectators three display units have been produced. Each consists of mounted photos of every aspect of Badminton, of drawings and cartoons. Accompanying them are two-colour posters, subscription forms and current and past issues of the Gazette.

The Editor is much indebted to Graham Habbin, L. C. H. Ross, David Pegg, Peter Aslett, Alan Green and other photographic experts for the fine action shots they have so generously given.

The display has already created considerable interest at the Lewisham Exhibition, the Granwood, the England v. Netherlands match and various tournaments. It is hoped that Tournament and Match Secretaries and Gazette Sales Officers will order one of these units from Mrs. M. D. Lodge, 12a Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex. There is, of course, no charge.

All items are mounted and we even include a packet of Blue-Tack by means of which photos, etc., may be quickly and easily put up on (and taken down from) any kind of wall.

(See Page 60)

MEN'S DOUBLES

(29 pairs)

Third Round: P. J. Gardner and J. A. Gardner beat J. Ganner and A. Kirk 9-15, 15-5, 15-7. T. J. Bowler and D. R. Pither beat M. Wilks and M. D'Cunha 15-9, 15-5. G. C. Lamb and E. J. Allen beat R. Letchford and J. Pugh 18-13, 15-9. C. J. Beacom and K. Andrews beat P. Pennekett and B. C. Keeling 15-8, 11-15, 15-2.

Semi-finals: P. J. and J. A. Gardner beat Bowler and Pither 9-15, 15-5, 15-7. Beacom and Andrews beat Lamb and Allen 15-12, 15-8.

Final: Beacom and Andrews beat P. J. and J. A. Gardner 5-15, 15-10, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(14 pairs)

Semi-finals: Mrs. E. B. Nielsen and Miss P. A. Smiles beat Miss S. M. Utteridge and Miss P. Hogarth 15-12, 15-4. Mrs. S. Jones and Mrs. P. Dawson beat Miss M. Gardner and Mrs. W. R. Rickard 15-18, 15-13, 15-12.

Final: Mrs. Nielsen and Miss Smiles beat Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Dawson 15-4, 15-2.

MIXED DOUBLES

(23 pairs)

Third Round: M. D'Cunha and Miss J. Delacy beat R. Letchford and Mrs. P. Lucas 15-4, 6-15, 15-8. P. Pennekett and Miss A. Forrest beat G. Hubbard and Mrs. K. Roberts 15-5, 18-14. J. Pugh and Miss S. M. Utteridge beat D. Clayton and Mrs. M. Kent 15-7, 15-9. C. Lamb and Miss P. A. Smiles beat B. H. White and Miss G. M. White 15-8, 15-9.

Semi-finals: Pennekett and Miss Forrest beat D'Cunha and Miss Delacy 15-8, 15-0. Pugh and Miss Utteridge beat Lamb and Miss Smiles 15-9, 15-5.

Final: Pennekett and Miss Forrest beat Pugh and Miss Utteridge 15-11, 15-1.

LADIES' HANDICAP DOUBLES

(12 pairs)

Final: Mrs. H. Buckle and Miss K. Puttick (Plus 4) beat Mrs. G. Ryder and Mrs. J. Browne (Plus 4). 15-5, 13-15, 15-9.

MEN'S HANDICAP DOUBLES

(21 pairs)

Final: R. B. Knowles and C. Bacon (Owe 3) beat M. Shaw and L. Dix (Owe 1) 10-15, 15-12, 15-6.

MIXED HANDICAP DOUBLES

(23 pairs)

Final: H. Savage and Miss D. Ladbroke (Plus 8) beat H. Buckle and Mrs. A. Buckle (Owe 5) 15-13, 14-15, 15-3.

SUSSEX MARTLET SINGLES

(12 players)

Final: R. G. Milward beat A. W. Gilmour 15-6, 17-15.

WORCESTERSHIRE OPEN

"ONLY THERE

FOR THE BEER . . ."

The 40th annual Worcestershire Open Championships were celebrated in fine style when held at Barnt Green and the new Abbey Sports Stadium, Redditch, during the period 18th-21st October, 1972.

No one celebrated more than David Eddy who appeared in all three finals and was successful on two occasions.

In the men's singles event, the seeded players soon fell by the wayside as Dave Hutchinson and Clive Kirk progressed through to the semi-finals to be joined by the top seeded David Eddy and the improving Tim Goode.

Eddy soon disposed of the "flu-ridden" Hutchinson but Kirk was forced all the way before overcoming Goode in the third game.

In the final, it looked all over as Eddy stormed to a 13-2 lead in the first game only to go on a "walkabout" which allowed the hard working Kirk to pull back to 13 all, but Eddy held on to win 18-16. This supreme effort obviously had its effect on Kirk since he looked rather tired as Eddy clinched the title, winning the second set 15-6.

The ladies' singles too had its fair share of surprises when the seeded Pat Smiles was unable to check the progress of Barbara Beckett, and so with Kay Nesbit holding her seeded position it became an all-Warwickshire, albeit "imported" talent, final.

Miss Nesbit comfortably took the first set 11-3 but Barbara soon stormed back to level the match 11-8. In the decider, Kay Nesbit having recovered some of her composure turned in the third set leading 6-3 but then tragedy struck in the form of a torn muscle in her leg. As a result it became only a matter of time before Barbara Beckett pulled back the deficit and became the new champion.

The injury to Kay was sufficient to prevent her competing in the ladies' doubles final when, in partnership with Mrs. June Jones (Warwickshire), she should have played against the Lancastrian combination of Doris Smith and Bridget Cooper, but upon the advice of Dr. Adrian Mulvaney (a tournament official) she withdrew, thus allowing the title to go up north without a fight.

The men's doubles final was a fine battle between English internationals, Eddy and Sutton and Stuart and Tredgett. A delightful feast of badminton at its best was there for the obvious enjoyment of the spectators as attack and defence of the highest order was put on display. The issue was taken to a deciding set before Stuart and Tredgett emerged triumphant, showing that extra bit of class when it mattered.

The tournament came to an end with the customary buffet supper which always seems to attract a lot of "supporters", and since 1972 is the 50th anniversary of the Worcestershire B.A., the County chairman Alan O'Dell marked the occasion by a toast of champagne.

In his brief address Mr. O'Dell thanked the joint sponsorship of Accles and Pollock Ltd., and Whitbread-Flowers Ltd., whose respective representatives, Mr. Des Edwards and Mr. Alan Snow, were again present, for their continued financial support.

Then not to be outdone, Miss Sarah Jones who had earlier presented bouquets to various guests decided to celebrate her own seventh birthday by downing a glass of champers! After all, she was only there for the beer!

FINALS

Men: D. Eddy (Staffordshire) beat C. Kirk (Notts.), 18-16, 15-6.

Women: B. Beckett (Warwicks) beat K. Nesbit (Warwicks) 3-11, 11-8, 11-7.

Men's doubles: E. Stuart (Northumberland) and M. Tredgett (Gloucs.) beat D. Eddy and E. Sutton (Staffs.), 15-11, 11-15, 15-7.

Mixed doubles: D. Eddy and Mrs. E. Ross (Staffs.) beat E. Stuart and Miss B. Beckett, 15-7, 15-3.

Women's doubles: Miss D. Smith and Miss B. Cooper (Lancashire) w.o. Miss K. Nesbit and Mrs. J. Jones (Warwicks).

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BADMINTON BEATS BLACKOUT?

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(Pat Davis)



ROUND-ABOUT

— by —

DOROTHY HINCHCLIFF

A new Surrey player, Brett Charles, was born to Jane (née Colman) and Martin Boutle, of Surrey's first team, on 16th August, 1972. Jane, before her marriage, was a junior partner of Gillian Gilks and they won the All England Junior Girls' Doubles in 1966-67.

Mehmet Nevzat, another Surrey player and newly ranked No. 8 on the English Ranking list, was married at Dulwich on June 24th to the very pretty Linda Pittard; they are now residing in Bedfordshire.

Their many friends will be pleased to hear that the popular New Zealand couple, Kay and Roger Dunn, now back in New Zealand, are the proud parents of a baby girl. Roger was non-playing Captain of the New Zealand team at the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games.

Looking not a day older than when he played in England, Eddy Choong is pictured in a Singapore newspaper recently giving good advice to the team which took on the Thai players in the recent Thomas Cup meeting between the two countries.

Wimbledon match players and those in the Surrey league who played against them will remember the awful confusion a few seasons ago when the Australian identical twins, Joan and Fay Truscott, played in matches. One's only hope was that one of them would wear a different sweater from t'other! Congratulations are now in order to Joan, now Mrs. Barry Harwood, on the birth of a daughter Tamara. Joan has not been at all well recently, so we send our good wishes and hope by now she is fully restored to good health.

The current Thomas Cup team now sports a Dad—none other than David Eddy whose wife, Derby County player, Mary (née Bridge), gave birth to a son last September. Good wishes to all of them.

A SAD LOSS

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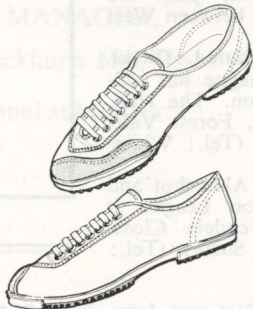
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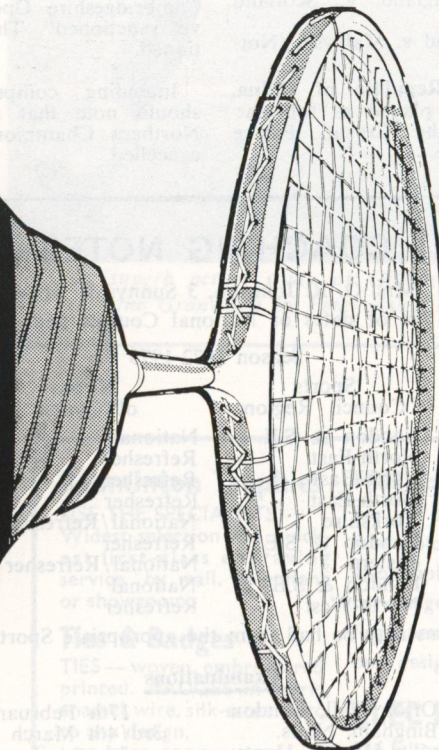
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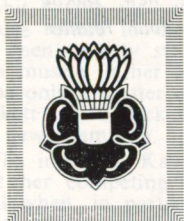
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Professional. Mr. P. McCallum has been granted reinstatement to amateur status with effect from 27th September, 1972.

Regulations for Exhibitions for Amateur Players. The Regulations as published in the Association's Annual Handbook have been amended by the Council by the addition of the following sentence at the end: "No player shall lose his amateur status as a result of participating in an exhibition approved by the Badminton Association of England where all the conditions have been disclosed as required by these regulations".

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International Fixtures for 1972-73. The following international fixtures have been arranged for 1972-73:

November 8th-9th — England (men) v. Canada (Saint John and Moncton, New Brunswick).

November 13th-14th — England (men) v. Canada (Toronto).

November 18th-19th — England (men) v. Canada (Quebec).

November 30th — England v. West Germany (Blackburn).

December 14th — England v. Scotland (Felixstowe).

March 19th — England v. Malaysia (Nottingham).

Tour by Peoples' Republic of China. Four matches will be played as follows: January 16th at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre.

January 19th at the Bristol Sports Centre, Whitchurch.

January 22nd at the Market Hall, Carlisle.

January 24th at the Central Hall, Birmingham.

Thomas Cup. In the second round of the European Zone England will play the winners of the first round tie between West Germany and Ireland.

District Associations Affiliated Direct. The Wydean Badminton League has affiliated direct to the Association. The Hon. Secretary is Mr. D. R. Hall, Forest Vale, Parkend, Lydney, GL15 4JA (Tel.: Whitecroft 530).

The Hon. Secretary of the Aldershot and Camberley District Badminton League is now Mr. B. Reeves, 1 Wendela Close, White Rose Lane, Woking, Surrey (Tel.: Woking 5108).

Forthcoming Meetings

The Council. November 21st and January 31st at 3.30 p.m.

International Match Committee. November 20th at 4 p.m.

English National Championships Committee. November 22nd at 6 p.m.

Finance and General Purposes Committee. December 7th at 4.15 p.m.

All-England Junior Championships Committee. December 13th at 5.30 p.m.

EDITOR'S NOTE: It is regretted that in last month's list of Tournaments, the Cambridgeshire Open was shown as "not yet sanctioned". The tournament IS sanctioned.

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Intending competitors and spectators should note that most unfortunately the Northern Championships have had to be cancelled.

COACHING NOTES

Coaching Secretary: Mrs. O. R. Johnson, 3 Sunnyside Road, Ealing, London W5
Provisional list of dates of National Courses and Examinations.

Season 1972-1973

| Date | Sports Council Region | Type of Course | Venue |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 25th/26th November | London & S.E. | National | Crystal Palace |
| 9th/10th December | North-East | Refresher | Gateshead |
| 9th/10th December | North-East | Refresher | Peterlee |
| 16th/17th December | North-East | Refresher | Stockton |
| 6th/7th January | Yorkshire | National/Refresher | |
| 13th/14th January | London & S.E. | Refresher | Brighton |
| 20th/21st January | Eastern | National/Refresher | Bedford |
| 3rd/4th February | London & S.E. | National | Northolt |
| 10th/11th February | North-West | Refresher | Lancaster |

Application forms may be had from the appropriate Sports Council Office.

Examinations

2nd/3rd December — Orion Hall, London
10th December — Bingham, Notts.
7th January — Waterlooville, Havant, Hants.
20th/21st January — Brislington, Bristol
27th/28th January — Stockton & Gateshead

17th February — Birmingham
3rd/4th March — Southport, Lincs.
8th April — Sussex University
14th/15th April — Orion Hall, London
29th April — Oxford

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Any changes of date should be notified to Mr. H. A. E. Scheele, Secretary of I.C.C., 4 Madeira Avenue, Bromley, Kent, as soon as possible.

This list should be kept as it will not be reprinted.

DIVISION I

November

- 5 Essex v Berkshire at Ilford
- Middlesex v Surrey at Stamford Hill
- 26 Essex v Middlesex at Ilford
- Northumberland v Lancashire at Newcastle-upon-Tyne
- Surrey v Berkshire at Wimbledon

December

- 16 Lancashire v Yorkshire at Bolton
- 17 Berkshire v Middlesex at Abingdon
- Surrey v Essex at Wimbledon
- 30 Lancashire v West of Scotland at Manchester

DIVISION II

November

- 5 Cheshire v Warwickshire at Birkenhead
- Hampshire v Hertfordshire at Portsmouth
- Kent v Surrey 2nd at Sydenham
- Oxfordshire v Gloucestershire at Abingdon
- Staffordshire v Nottinghamshire at Newcastle-under-Lyme
- Wiltshire v Glamorgan at Melksham
- 11 Derbyshire v Cheshire at Derby
- 12 Gloucestershire v Wiltshire at Bristol
- Kent v Hampshire at Sydenham
- Surrey 2nd v Essex 2nd at Epsom
- 18 Cornwall v Oxfordshire at Camborne
- 19 Cumberland v East of Scotland at Carlisle
- Essex 2nd v Hampshire at Ilford
- Hertfordshire v Surrey 2nd at Harlow
- Warwickshire v Nottinghamshire at Birmingham
- 26 Cheshire v Nottinghamshire at Birkenhead
- Glamorgan v Gloucestershire at St. Athan
- Staffordshire v Derbyshire at Newcastle-under-Lyme
- Wiltshire v Oxfordshire at Melksham

December

- 3 Cornwall v Wiltshire at Camborne
- Hampshire v Essex 2nd at Gosport
- Hertfordshire v Kent at Harlow
- 9 Cumberland v Durham at Carlisle
- 10 Glamorgan v Cornwall at Cardiff
- 16 Derbyshire v Staffordshire at Derby
- East of Scotland v Durham at Edinburgh
- 17 Gloucestershire v Oxfordshire at Bristol
- Kent v Hertfordshire at Sydenham
- Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire at Nottingham
- 30 Derbyshire v Warwickshire at Derby
- Essex 2nd v Hertfordshire at Ilford

DIVISION III

November

- 5 Buckinghamshire v Sussex at Slough
- Gloucestershire 2nd v Dorset at Bristol
- Lincs & Rutland v Suffolk at Lincoln
- Staffordshire 2nd v Notts. 2nd at Newcastle-under-Lyme
- Wiltshire 2nd v Devon at Melksham
- 11 Dorset v Devon at Poole
- Durham 2nd v Scottish Border Counties at Hartlepool
- Leicestershire v Staffordshire 2nd at Leicester
- Suffolk v Bedfordshire at Ipswich
- Yorkshire 2nd v Lancashire 2nd at Hull
- 12 Gloucestershire 2nd v Wiltshire 2nd at Bristol
- Norfolk v Cambridgeshire at Norwich
- 18 Derbyshire 2nd v Nottinghamshire 2nd at Derby
- Warwickshire 2nd v Leicestershire at Birmingham
- 19 Cumberland 2nd v Northumberland 2nd at Carlisle
- Lincs & Rutland v Cambridgeshire at Scunthorpe
- Middlesex 2nd v Buckinghamshire at Stamford Hill
- Monmouthshire v Northamptonshire at Newport
- Worcestershire v Glamorgan 2nd at Barnt Green

- 25 Bedfordshire v Lincs & Rutland at Bedford
- Cheshire 2nd v Yorkshire 2nd at Birkenhead
- 26 Cambridgeshire v Suffolk at Cambridge
- Kent 2nd v Sussex at Sydenham
- Staffordshire 2nd v Derbyshire 2nd at Newcastle-under-Lyme
- Warwickshire 2nd v Nottinghamshire 2nd at Birmingham
- Westmorland v Durham 2nd at Kendal
- Wiltshire 2nd v Somerset at Melksham

December

- 2 Derbyshire 2nd v Leicestershire at Derby
- Somerset v Devon at Ashton Court
- 3 Dorset v Wiltshire 2nd at Poole
- Gloucestershire 2nd v Devon at Bristol
- Kent 2nd v Middlesex 2nd at Sydenham
- Suffolk v Norfolk at Ipswich
- 9 Bedfordshire v Norfolk at Bedford
- Derbyshire 2nd v Staffordshire 2nd at Derby
- Somerset v Dorset at Ashton Court
- Westmorland v Cumberland 2nd at Kendal
- 10 Cambridgeshire v Lincs & Rutland at Cambridge
- East of Scotland 2nd v Northumberland 2nd at Edinburgh
- Gloucestershire 2nd v Somerset at Bristol
- Middlesex 2nd v Sussex at Stamford Hill
- 16 East of Scotland 2nd v Durham 2nd at Edinburgh
- Leicestershire v Derbyshire 2nd at Leicester
- 17 Buckinghamshire v Kent 2nd at Slough
- Lancashire 2nd v Cheshire 2nd at Bolton
- Norfolk v Suffolk at Norwich
- Northamptonshire v Glamorgan 2nd at Northampton
- Nottinghamshire 2nd v Warwickshire 2nd at Nottingham
- 30 Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire 2nd at Leicester
- 31 Dorset v Gloucestershire 2nd at Poole

DIVISION IV

October

- 22 Glamorgan 3rd v Northamptonshire 2nd at St. Athan

November

- 5 Gloucestershire 3rd v Dorset 2nd at Bristol
- Norfolk 2nd v Bedfordshire 2nd at Norwich
- Somerset 2nd v Cornwall 2nd at Wells
- 11 Bedfordshire 2nd v Lincs & Rutland 2nd at Bedford
- Dorset 2nd v Devon 2nd at Poole
- Leicestershire 2nd v Staffordshire 2nd at Leicester
- 12 Hampshire 2nd v Middlesex 3rd at Portsmouth
- 19 Cornwall 2nd v Devon 2nd at Newquay
- Essex 3rd v Hampshire 2nd at Ilford
- Northamptonshire 2nd v Oxfordshire 2nd at Northampton
- Staffordshire 3rd v North Wales at Newcastle-under-Lyme
- 26 Gloucestershire 3rd v Somerset 2nd at Bristol
- Hunts & Peterborough v Bedfordshire 2nd at Ramsay
- Lincs & Rutland 2nd v Norfolk 2nd at Lincoln

December

- 3 Gloucestershire 3rd v Devon 2nd at Bristol
- Glamorgan 3rd v Oxfordshire 2nd at St. Athan
- Hampshire 2nd v Essex 3rd at Gosport
- North Wales v Nottinghamshire 3rd at Deganwy
- Somerset 2nd v Dorset 2nd at Wells
- 10 Cornwall 2nd v Dorset 2nd at Newquay
- Lincs & Rutland 2nd v Hunts & Peterborough at Lincoln
- North Wales v Leicestershire 2nd at Deganwy
- Somerset 2nd v Devon 2nd at Wells
- Worcestershire 2nd v Northamptonshire 2nd at Barnt Green
- 16 Bedfordshire 2nd v Norfolk 2nd at Bedford
- 17 Glamorgan 3rd v Worcestershire 2nd at St. Athan
- Middlesex 3rd v Sussex 2nd at Stamford Hill
- 30 Leicestershire 2nd v Nottinghamshire 3rd at Leicester
- 31 Dorset 2nd v Gloucestershire 3rd at Poole
- Middlesex 3rd v Essex 3rd at Stamford Hill

DIVISION V

October

8 Pembrokeshire v Northamptonshire 3rd at Aberavon

November

- 4 Kent 3rd v Buckinghamshire 2nd at Sydenham
- 5 Somerset 3rd v Cornwall 3rd at Wells
- Wiltshire 3rd v Devon 3rd at Melksham
- 11 Dorset 3rd v Devon 3rd at Poole
- 12 Hampshire 3rd v Berkshire 2nd at Southampton
- Hertfordshire 2nd v Norfolk 3rd at Harlow
- Lines & Rutland 3rd v Suffolk 2nd at Lincoln
- Pembrokeshire v Herefordshire at Aberavon
- Worcestershire 3rd v Monmouthshire 2nd at Barnt Green
- 18 Kent 3rd v Hampshire 3rd at Sydenham
- 19 Berkshire 2nd v Sussex 3rd at Abingdon
- Cornwall 3rd v Devon 3rd at Newquay
- Lines & Rutland 3rd v Hertfordshire 2nd at Lincoln
- Northamptonshire 3rd v Herefordshire at Northampton
- Shropshire v Warwickshire 3rd at Whitchurch
- Suffolk 2nd v Norfolk 3rd at Ipswich
- 26 Berkshire 2nd v Kent 3rd at Abingdon
- Pembrokeshire v Monmouthshire 2nd at Aberavon
- Suffolk 2nd v Cambridgeshire 2nd at Ipswich
- Sussex 3rd v Buckinghamshire 2nd at Littlehampton
- Wiltshire 3rd v Somerset 3rd at Melksham

December

- 2 Suffolk 2nd v Lines & Rutland 3rd at Ipswich
- 3 Berkshire 2nd v Hampshire 3rd at Abingdon
- Cambridgeshire 2nd v Norfolk 3rd at Cambridge
- Cornwall 3rd v Wiltshire 3rd at Camborne
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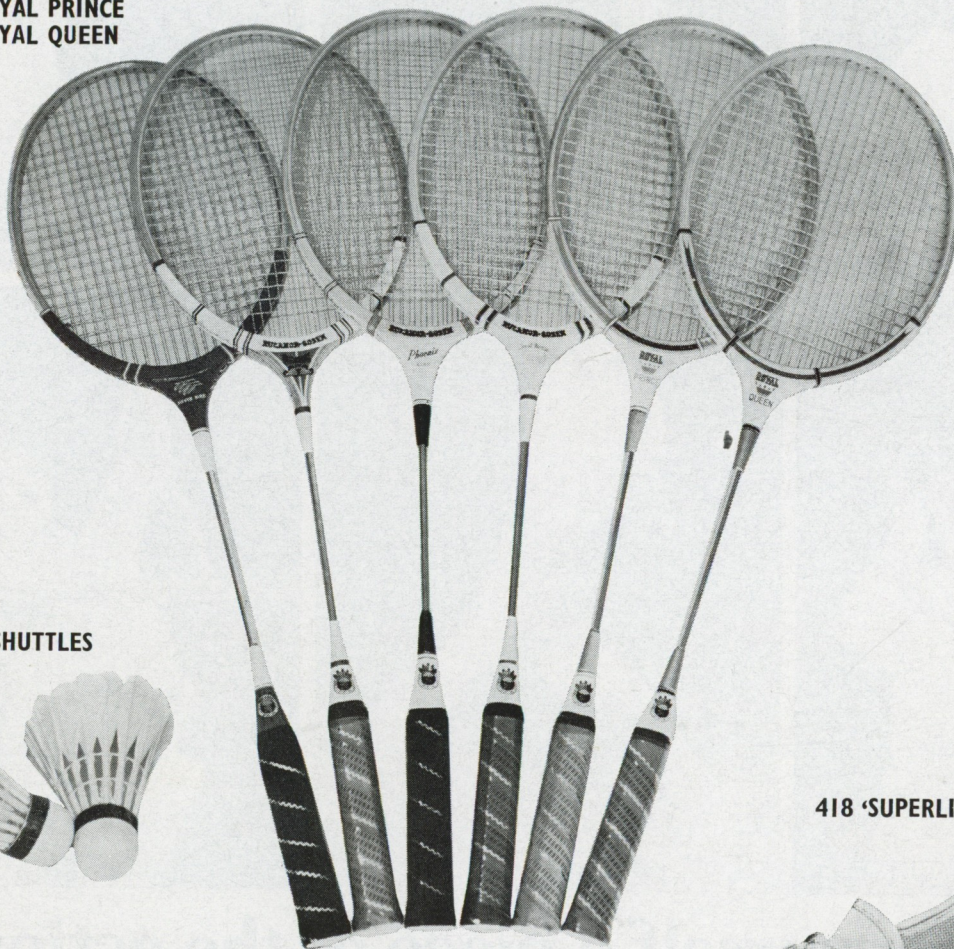
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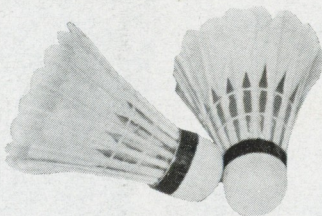
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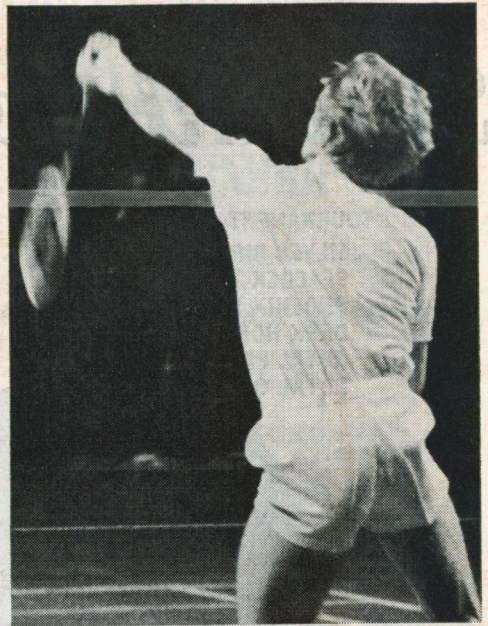
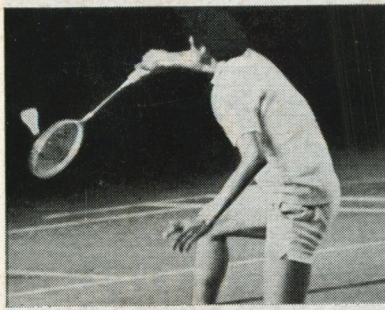
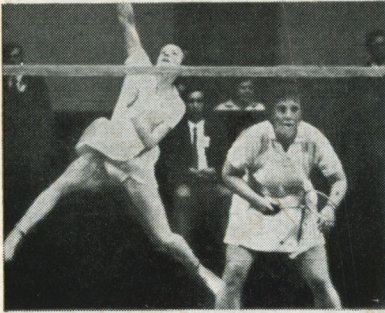


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