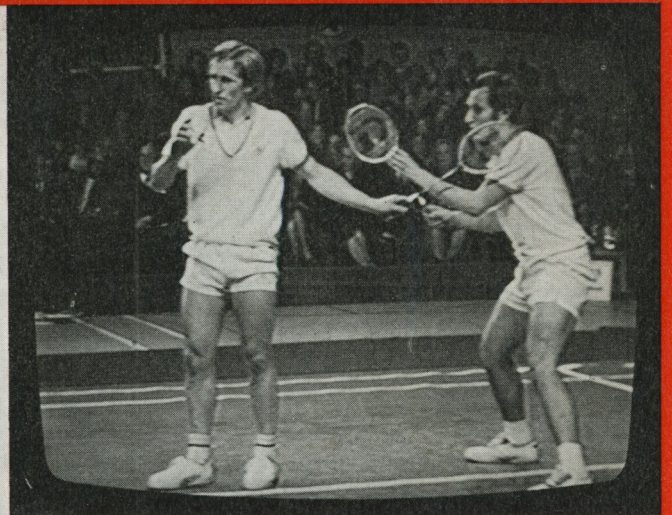
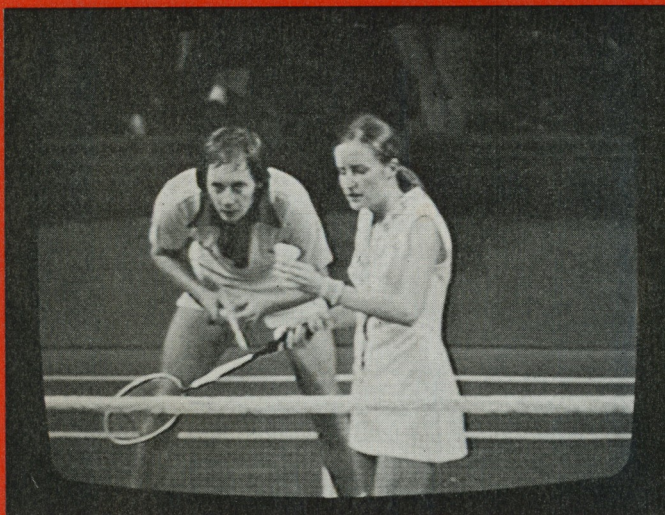


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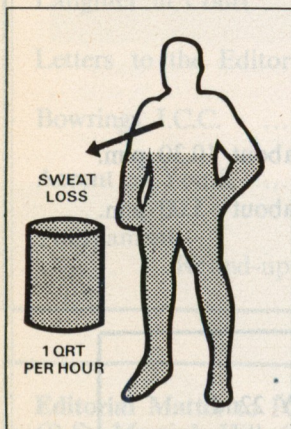
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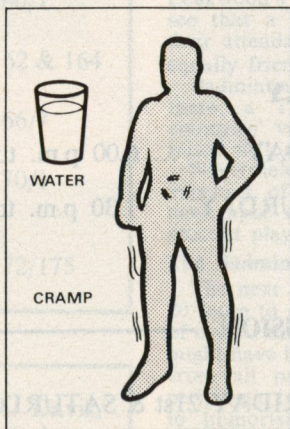
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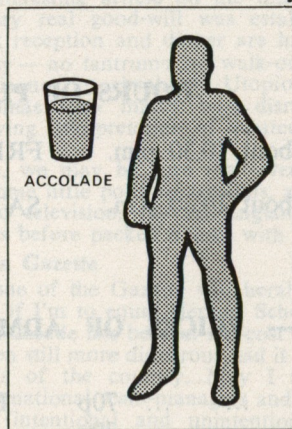
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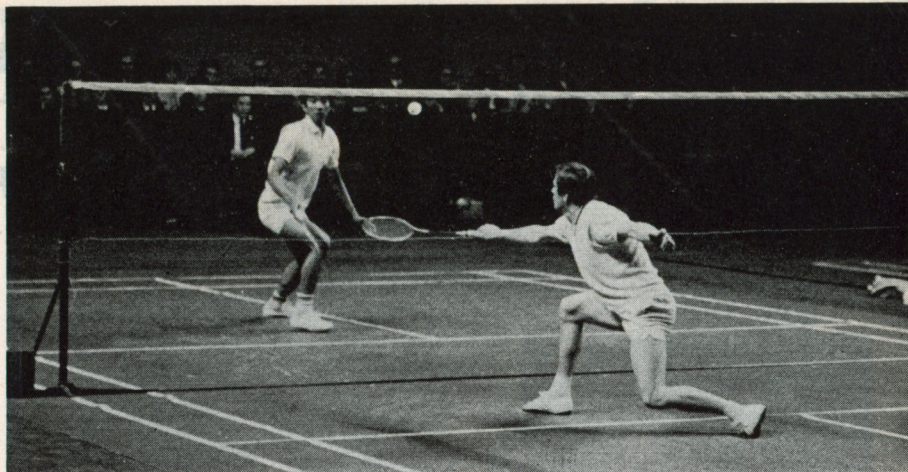
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Can Rudi Hortona (far side) make it eight consecutive wins — or will Denmark’s Sven Pri upset his record-making run?

## EDITORIAL COMMENT



### Welcome to the All-England Championships

**I**N the coming week, Badminton enthusiasts will flock by bus, car and tube from all over London to Wembley Pool. Many more will come from further afield — Blackpool and Basingstoke, Newcastle and Nottingham — to see the All-England Championships. Beginners and veterans alike will be lured by the flying shuttle. How often old friends and foes meet after a lapse of years in the echoing corridors of the Pool!

From all over the World come the competitors. Some 20 nations from vastly differing climes will be represented. Danes and Indonesians; Japanese and English; Malaysians and Dutch. To all of them we say “Welcome to the 65th All-England Championships”. May they enjoy spirited competition and their visit to England.

Badminton casts its snare over more and more countries, both large and small. In this issue alone we can read of its growth in the sunny islands of Malta and Jamaica, in embattled Israel, and even in the Far Northern Territories of Canada where Eskimos are fast taking to the game. Its appeal transcends barriers of class and clime, race and religion.

It is perhaps trite and platitudinous to talk of sport being a source of international good-will. Too-often in the past and in other sports it has been precisely the opposite — relationships have actually been embittered. To say that is far from the case with Badminton is not mere blinkered bias!

There is little doubt that the reciprocal visits by China and England did much to increase knowledge of and respect for the other’s country. One has only to read Ron Lockwood’s interesting article on the tour of Japan, printed elsewhere in this issue, to see that a very real good-will was established. The All-England Championships with their attendant reception and dinner are happy gatherings indeed. On court, relations are equally friendly — no tantrums, no walk-outs.

Badminton is not an absolutely Utopian game. Politics rears its ugly head here and there; a Thomas Cup match was disrupted by over-zealous partisanship; different countries’ varying interpretation of amateurism may cause raised eye-brows but never a raised fist!

Nevertheless, we may be sure that even in these days of increased prize-money and expenses, of some little political tensions, and of ever greater publicity, in the spot-light of newspaper and television, the All-England will once again be played by the world’s greatest players before packed houses with all their usual spirit and sportsmanship.

### The Badminton Gazette

The next issue of the Gazette will herald the end of a five year stint as Editor. (Only 20 more to go if I’m to equal Herbert Scheeles’ long service record of 25 years!). Survival of even a demi-decade has been at the cost of a thinner thatch and deeper furrows! The toll might have been still more disastrous had it not been for all the friendly help I have received from all parts of the country. May I therefore serve a collective “Thank you” to peripatetic international team-managers and players, to over-worked County correspondents, to humorists (intentional and unintentional), to busy coaches, to addicted letters-to-the-Editor-writers, to “potted” poets (regrettably thin on the court), artists and to shutter-happy photographers. Without **your** help there would have been no Gazette!

It is all too easy to get into a rut on court, to play the same predictable strokes. It is even easier to become editorially stereotyped. To avoid that eighth deadly sin I hope to give the (ssh!) 57th volume a face-lift. Only then can the “Old Lady” of Badminton magazines still hope to Queen it amongst the ever-growing numbers of excellent new and established magazines that are appearing all over the world.

To that end, I need the redoubled help of present contributors as well as reinforcements from the legions of Badminton players. In their ranks there must surely be many writers of prose and poetry, artists and lay-out experts, coaches and photographers. So, please, will they write now and write regularly so that a Gazette second to none may emerge. Don’t leave it to “the other chap” Comments, cantankerous as well as complimentary, help. So do new subscriptions! An extra effort means a better Gazette.

# 65th ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

WELCOME TO OVERSEAS PLAYERS!



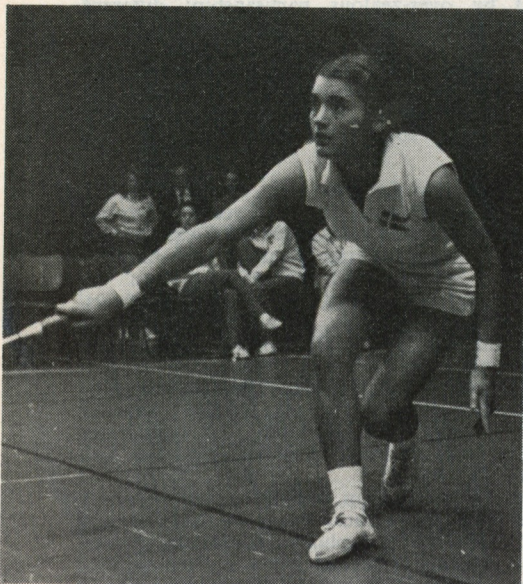
*Tjun Tjun (Indonesia)*



*Champion Rudi Hartono (Indonesia)*



*Ade Chandra (Indonesia)*



*Lene Koppen (Denmark)*



*Sturre Johnsson (Sweden)*



*W. Bochow (West Germany)*

# THE SEEDED PLAYERS

(IN ORDER OF THE DRAW)

## Men's Singles

S. Pri (Denmark)  
Christian (Indonesia)  
Tjun Tjun (Indonesia)  
S. Johnsson (Sweden)  
Liem Swie King (Indonesia)  
F. Delfs (Denmark)  
P. E. Whetnall (England)  
R. Hartono (Indonesia)

## Ladies' Singles

Miss H. Yuki (Japan)  
Miss Sri Wijantii (Indonesia)  
Miss M. Beck (England)  
Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands)  
Miss T Sumirah (Indonesia)  
Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England)  
Miss T. Widiastuti (Indonesia)  
Miss L. Koppen (Denmark)

## Men's Doubles

Tjun Tjun and J. Wahjudi (Indonesia)  
F. Delfs and E. Hansen (Denmark)  
R. P. Stevens and M. Tredgett (England)  
B. Froman and T. Kihlstrom (Sweden)  
R. Maywald and W. Braun (W. Germany)  
E. C. Stuart and D. Talbot (England)  
J. D. Eddy and E. H. Sutton (England)  
Christian and Ade Chandra (Indonesia)

## Ladies' Doubles

Miss M. Beck and Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England)  
Miss J. van Beusekom and Miss M. Luesken (Netherlands)  
Miss Sri Wijanti and Miss R. Masli (Indonesia)  
Miss M. Aizawa and Miss E. Takenaka (Japan)  
Miss J. Widiastuti and Miss I Wigeono (Indonesia)  
Miss H. Yuki and Miss M. Ikeda (Japan)  
Mrs. Minarni Soedaryanti and Miss Verawaty (Indonesia)  
Miss M. Boxall and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England)

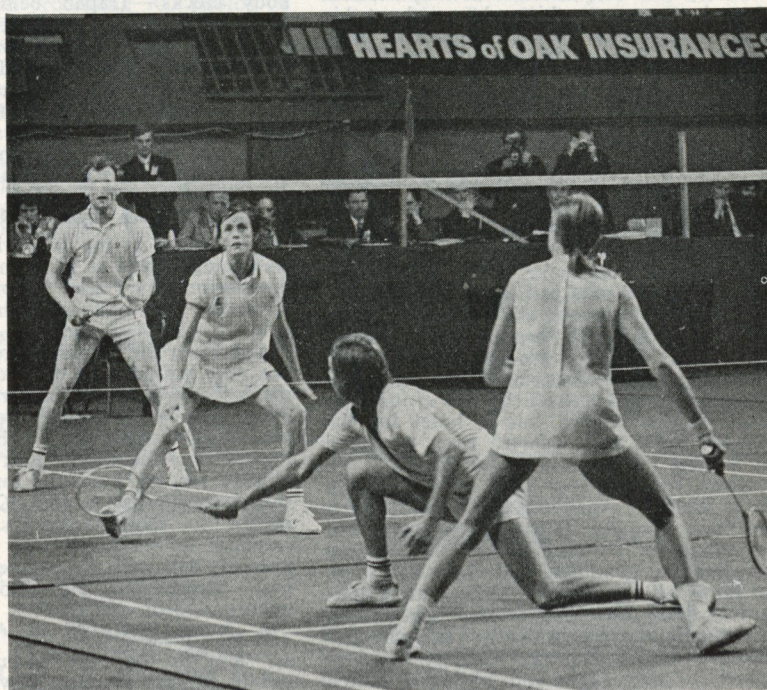
## Mixed Doubles

Christian and Miss R. Masli (Indonesia)  
E. C. Stuart and Miss N. C. Gardner (England)  
W. Bochow and Mrs. M. Zizman (W. Germany)  
K. Kaagaard (Denmark) and Miss J van Beusekom (Netherlands)  
R. Maywald and Miss B. Steden (Germany)  
J. D. Eddy and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England)  
S. Skovgaard and Mrs. P. Kaagaard (Denmark)  
Tjun Tjun and Miss Sri Wijanti (Indonesia)

# SOME OF ENGLAND'S BEST



*Margaret Beck (England)*



*Derek Talbot, Gillian Gilks, David Eddy and Sue Whetnall (England)*

(All photos by Pat Davis)

WORLD -



WIDE

## GOOD-WILL INDEED!

**Monday, 13th January**

As it has been decreed that this report is to be in the Editor's hands immediately upon our return to England (if not before), I thought that I might as well start preparing myself for the irksome task of putting pen to paper rather earlier than would otherwise have been the case.

I am surrounded by recumbent sprawling bodies in all shapes and sizes mostly in what appear to be uncomfortable sleeping positions. The rather portly gentleman on my right with mouth wide open is snoring in Japanese. None of this is helping me to concentrate. In case the readers (assuming there are some) feel sorry for my staying awake whilst everybody else sleeps just so that I can write up this diary, I hasten to make it clear that I have finally abandoned my efforts at trying to sleep. One of the several things that I envy Ray Stevens for, is his ability to fall asleep at the drop of a hat, wherever he may be. Not that there was anything sleepy about his and Mike Tredgett's performance in winning the Swedish Men's Doubles title yesterday!

Out of the 9 players taking part in the Scandinavian Tour that ended yesterday, 6 had earlier been selected to make the trip to Japan immediately afterwards, these being Gillian Gilks, Sue Whetnall, Barbara Giles, Paul Whetnall, Ray Stevens and Mike Tredgett with my taking over where John Havers had left off as captain/manager of the team. I had joined the party at Karlskrona in Sweden on Saturday having had to travel all day to get there from London; after the finals had finished on Sunday evening, we had a three-hour coach drive to Malmo, caught the hydrofoil by the skin of our teeth for the crossing to Copenhagen, booked into a hotel for the Sunday night and departed from the hotel at midday for the journey to Tokyo.

Here we are now halfway on our 8½ hour flight to Anchorage and feeling (and no doubt looking) as though we have been travelling for a month. You can therefore imagine the condition that the players are in (after all they are the ones that matter) having been travelling around Scandinavia for the past week with two International Matches and a National Championship in which to participate and having acquitted themselves with distinction. I mention this point to illustrate that the life of a top-class badminton player is not all beer and skittles.

Later—Anchorage has been and gone and we are now on the second leg of the journey—the 7-hour flight to Tokyo. The temperature at Anchorage was minus 9 degrees Centigrade so there was plenty of snow and ice around—but not much else.

**Tuesday, 14th January, 1975**

Almost exactly 24 hours after we left the hotel in Copenhagen, we arrived at our hotel in Utsonomiya which is an hour's travel by express train from Tokyo to the north, all of us feeling much the worse for wear. We had been met at Haneda Airport in Tokyo by an enormous welcoming party, shepherded on to the Monorail train, then on to another train before we finally caught the express.

The whole journey had gone without mishap except for Ray Stevens shamefacedly coming up to me after we had gone through Immigration and Customs at Haneda to tell me that he had left his glasses on the aircraft (which was proceeding to Osaka). It was a trifle difficult explaining to the Japanese girl at the Lufthansa desk that a pair of glasses had been left in a bag of sweets on the aircraft. Why had they been put in a bag of sweets? Because Ray thought they would be safe there! Amazingly enough, (particularly as Ray could not remember in which of the several seats on the aircraft he had been sitting when he had secreted the glasses for safe custody) they were recovered before the aircraft took off again. So all was well.

— by —

**RON LOCKWOOD**  
(English Team Manager)

After a meal at the hotel, it was a question of getting unpacked and going to bed. The whole team slept very badly and our attempts to recover from the journey (including the difficulty of readjusting our body clocks—(Japan being 8 hours in advance of Scandinavian time) were not helped by the fire-alarm on our corridor ringing stridently at 5 a.m. The whole team appeared agitatedly in the corridor—when I say the whole team I mean of course with the exception of Ray Stevens who managed to sleep through all the commotion. Fortunately it was a false alarm!

**Wednesday, 15th January, 1975**

We arrived at the hall where the match was being played at 10.30 this morning and practised for an hour before the opening ceremony. The hall was unheated and very cold so it was a question of blankets all round when the players were not on court. We were not the only ones to be affected by the cold; Nobutaka Ikeka practised with his anorak on and wearing gloves! I was of course very concerned at the condition of our players due to the lack of time available to recover from the long journey but the International Match Committee had agreed to send the team to Japan in response to our hosts' very kind invitation knowing full well the problems and having first ascertained the prospective team members' own opinions.

It was necessary to play the first match so early in the tour because today is a public holiday in Japan which obviously helps to swell the gate. The results were given in the last issue, so little needs to be added except that the team were clearly below par, both mentally and physically,

and suffering from "jet-lag", although our men's and ladies' pairs managed to make the scoreline respectable. The result hinged on the final game, the mixed doubles, with Barbara Giles once again (as she did in the international against Denmark) being involved in the decider. A little disconsolate, the team soon brightened up at the reception given by the Tochigi Badminton Association after the match.

**Thursday, 16th January, 1975**

The journey to the next venue, Sendai, a further 3 hours travel by express train to the North, passed off uneventfully. Soon after we left Utsonomiya, we were a little disturbed to find ourselves travelling through snow-covered countryside as we felt that it would be even colder the farther north we went—however the snow seemed to disappear as we got nearer to Sendai and the temperature there was little different to that in Utsonomiya. We were met at the station by the usual large welcoming party and piled into a minibus. Fortunately we were so overloaded that we had to travel slowly which made the argument we had with a taxi less dramatic than it might otherwise have been.

The team managed to get in a quick practice before we attended a further reception given by the Miyagi Prefecture Badminton Association with the usual wonderful spread of food, welcoming speeches, presentation of gifts, etc. The occasion was marred only by the fact that the English team were obliged to sing a few songs—it apparently being the expected thing for a visiting team to render a party piece. Black mark, Lockwood, you should have known about this and arranged a rehearsal! Thank goodness an early night tonight which should stand the team in good stead for the match tomorrow! Let's hope we are more successful than in the first match.



Miss M. Aizawa and Miss E. Takenaka  
(Japan)



## GOOD-WILL TOUR (cont)

Friday, 17th January, 1975

A further practice was arranged this morning. Then for the first time we managed to find a few minutes for shopping before lunch and then off to the venue for the match. We made amends for the first match as will be seen from the scores and managed to win without loss of a game — in fact only two sets were lost and Gillian and Sue were particularly good in beating Takenaka and Aizawa very decisively.

Saturday, 18th January, 1975

Up early this morning for a 4 hour train journey southwards back to Tokyo. Whereas the weather for the journey northwards had been misty, this morning was very bright and we were able to enjoy the views of snow-covered mountains in the distance. Shopping in Ginza Street occupied us for the afternoon and then after a meal most of the team took the opportunity of having another early night.

Sunday, 19th January, 1975

The match started at 1 o'clock in the superb hall at Yoyogi Park which had been built for the Tokyo Olympic Games. Before a capacity audience, including Princess Chichibu to whom the team was presented, another enjoyable match resulted in a 5-0 win. Back to the Grand Palace Hotel (which certainly lived up to its name) for a quick change and then to the final reception given jointly by the Nippon B.A. and the Tokyo B.A.

Monday, 20th January, 1975

I am now writing this in Moscow Airport (not the most comfortable or welcoming of places) having just completed the 10½ hour flight from Tokyo over the Siberian wastes. All in all the tour has been very successful both from the playing point of view and from the fact that we appear to have gone down well with our Japanese hosts. They certainly treated us royally; nothing was too much trouble for them. Everywhere we went we were met by hosts of people, all of whom wished to shake us by the hand and to get to know us. We hope that we shall be able to renew the many friendships we made.

Each match was televised; much publicity resulted from our visit which was labelled by the Japanese as a goodwill tour and goodwill certainly emanated from both sides. I am only sorry I can't name everyone we had the pleasure of meeting so I must content myself by expressing our gratitude to Messrs. Koshihara, Asano, Honda, and Oguchi, the Presidents of the various Badminton Associations that were involved, and hope that they will pass on our thanks to all who contributed to the tour's success.

*Editor's Note: Despite Ron Lockwood's efforts he did not, as will be realised, manage to meet the deadline for the last issue in which appeared the full scores and a commentary on the play. As a result, Mr. Lockwood has concentrated rather on the "travel" aspect of the tour. It gives an excellent idea of the hard-work these long distance tours involve, as well as the pleasures.*

HAS YOUR CLUB  
BOUGHT ONE?

(see P.161).

## NEW-LOOK GAZETTE

Our December Competition asking for new cover design and lay-out for next season's "Gazette" has brought forth only 4 entries. For these we have to thank.

**Graham Habbin** (Tadworth)  
**Heather Stapleton** (Dawlish)  
**L. J. Attride** (Tring)  
**R. J. Gardiner** (Bristol)

However, we do feel that so important a feature should be judged from more entries. We are therefore keeping the competition open until April 14th. So, please:

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## Photographic Bonanza!

The Editor's thanks go to several readers who eagerly took up the proffered gauntlet by sending him excellent photos of County Matches. In particular he is grateful to :-

**N. Eling** (Basingstoke)  
**K. Hampshire** (Ossett)  
**A. Scott** (Washington)

Thanks also to :-

**J. Pearson** (Bury) who not only reported the Stretford Hearts of Oak Finals — but also photographed them.

Staunch supporter **Graham Habbin** (Tadworth) stayed at home - to watch it on T.V. We owe the excellent cover-photos to his ingenuity.

And where is the insatiable **Louis Ross** (Totton)? Probably locked in his dark-room processing 700 photos taken specially for a new Badminton publication. We are delighted to print one of his experimental multiple-flash photos. And we do hope he emerges (fully exposed) before the All-England.

Thank you, Photographers. The Gazette would not be the same without your co-operation and enthusiasm. To echo Oliver: "I want some more!"

## LADIES' DOUBLES

(9 pairs)

**Semi-finals: S. I. Ripley and M. B. Russell** beat **E. M. Bonner and D. Whiteley** 15-11, 15-5. **P. D. Fenwick and E. M. Smith** beat **S. Morgan and H. J. Morsman** 15-7, 15-6.

**Final: Fenwick and Smith** beat **Ripley and Russell** 11-15, 15-11, 15-7.

## MIXED DOUBLES

(18 pairs)

**Semi-finals: A. H. Witcomb and L. M. Laing** beat **W. C. E. Rogers and M. B. Russell** 15-13, 15-10. **L. Duke and B. C. Bass** beat **S. A. Fribbins and P. Bedford** 15-4, 15-5.

**Final: Duke and Bass** beat **Whitcomb and Laing** 15-4, 17-15.

## All-England Veteran's Championships

### ALL CHANGE!

The 1975 Championships will be remembered for a number of unusual circumstances—all titles changing hands, unseeded pairs winning two of the events, a left-handed pair winning the Men's Doubles, and two prominent lady umpires opposing one another in the Ladies' Doubles final!

The long reign of Miss Ripley and Mrs. Bayley came to an end as the latter had an operation before Christmas and was unable to play, and an injured knee prevented Mrs. Ewles from defending the mixed title with Alec Witcomb. Two regular contenders—and past winners—Mrs. Brock and Pat Davis were also absent through injury and the day before the tournament Witcomb himself was a doubtful starter, as had been Miss Russell earlier in the week.

### A Stirring Final,

In spite of this chapter of accidents, it was a most successful tournament, with many exciting matches, particularly in the Men's Doubles, which finished with a stirring final between the holders Witcomb and Ewles and the Middlesex battlers, Bedford and Morsman, who had pulled off a surprise win over McColl and Rogers in the semi-final. In the final, they went off to a good start, but had their big lead whittled away and eventually they only won the first game 15-11, after 7 game points. Having lost the second to 2, they led 14-9 in the third, but in mounting tension the others caught up to 14-all and led 1-0 before the fine defence of the left-handers carried them through on their seventh match point!

### Activity Wins

The ladies were unfortunate in having to follow such a stirring match and, though the final went to 3 games, points were lost rather than won. Miss Ripley and her new partner, Miss Russell, had more shots than their Kent opponents, Mrs. Fenwick and Mrs. Smith, but the latter were more active and activity won!

In spite of having a strange partner, Witcomb showed his class by again reaching the final with an interesting two game win against last year's finalists Rogers and Mrs. Russell. In the other half Duke and Mrs. Bass—young-looking and very active newcomers from Essex—over came Bedford and Mrs. Morsman in 3 good games in the 3rd round and went on to become champions at their first attempt.

As usual this friendly tournament finished with a convivial gathering in the pleasant bar at the Ebbisham Club with everyone looking forward to next year!

BETTY GRACE

## RESULTS

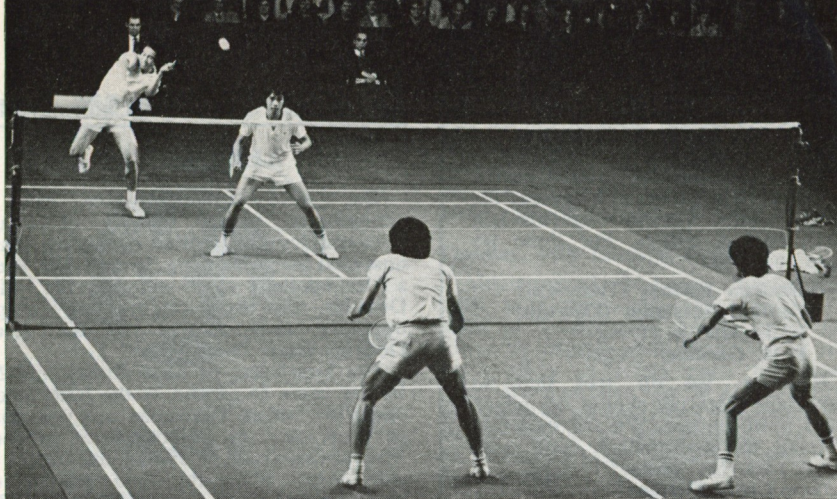
### MEN'S DOUBLES

(16 pairs)

**Semi-finals: A. E. Ewles and A. H. Witcomb** beat **M. N. Friend and R. Keen** 15-10, 15-7. **A. E. Bedford and R. F. Morsman** beat **J. D. McColl and W. C. E. Rogers** 15-8, 11-15, 15-9.

**Final: Bedford and Morsman** beat **Ewles and Witcomb** 15-11, 2-15, 17-15.

(See Centre Column).



## ALL-ENGLAND PROSPECTS

The 65th All-England Championships with players from 18 different nations competing, including representatives of Taiwan and Slovenia and very strong teams from Indonesia and Japan, promise lucky ticket-holders the best that world badminton can provide.

The **Men's Singles** undoubtedly hold the greatest drama. Can Rudi Hartono make this his eighth successive victory. Last year the incomparable Hartono was, for the first time, made to look humanly fallible when he was in real trouble first with Sturre Johnsson and then with Punch Gunalan. Only his unshakeable technique and temperament pulled him through.

Who can dethrone him? He undoubtedly has the easier half. His first real test is in the quarter-final where he should meet Paul Whetnall. Should he prove too sharp for England's only seeded player he would probably meet and beat that fluent stroke-player Fleming Delfs who might well have beaten Indonesia's up-and-coming but as yet unproved Liem Swie King. In the other half, competition is cut-throat: the fast hard-hitting Indonesians Tjun Tjun and Christian, the gritty, experienced Sven Pri and the elegant Swede Sturre Johnsson. Another Pri v. Hartono final seems well on the cards.

Elsewhere in the draw, England's leading men are not well placed: Ray Stevens and Mike Tredgett each meet a qualifier before playing Pri and Tjun Tjun respectively. Derek Talbot and David Eddy are even less fortunate with first-round meetings with S. Johnsson and Christian respectively. Mike Wilks meets Indonesian Kartono and David Hunt Japan's improved Ikeda.

In the **Ladies' Singles**, England's hopes are brighter though competition will be tough. Margaret Beck is likely to have to overcome Miss Aizawa and Miss van Beusekom before a semi-final meeting with Hiroe Yuki. Mrs. Gilks has Miss Ikeda, Mrs. Eva Stuart and Mrs. Bostofte in her section; thereafter, if successful, she should dispose of Tati Sumirah to qualify in all probability for a semi-final with Lene Koppen. England could well have one representative in the final. There are however, sufficient other talented players scattered throughout the draw to lead to surprises. Sue Whetnall could upset seeded Miss T. Widiastuti, and in the same section are Mrs. Zizman and Miss Takenaka. The talented young Danish girl Miss I. Borgström unfortunately meets Miss Yuki in

the first round whilst England's young hope Jane Webster meets Miss M. Luesken.

In the **Men's Doubles**, with two such fast, hard-hitting pairs top-seeded as Tjun Tjun and Wahjudi and Christian and Chandra it looks as though England may have to settle for semi-final places. In the top half, Stevens and Tredgett should be semi-finalists if they can overcome Froman and Kihlstrom. In the bottom half, Stuart and Talbot have to overcome Denmark's promising youngster J. Helledie and experienced T. Mortensen before they can tangle with the tough German opposition of W. Braun and R. Maywald.

With Margaret Beck and Gillian Gilks and Margaret Boxall and Sue Whetnall chosen as the top seeds in the **Ladies' Doubles**, obviously England is in with a chance. In the former's top half Japan's tenacious former champions M. Aizawa and E. Takenaka cannot be written off despite a recent loss of form. In the bottom half, the Kent pair are challenged by talented Far Eastern pairs: T. Widiastuti and I. Wigeono (Indonesia), the redoubtable Minarni, now Mrs. Minarni Soedarjanti, is partnered by Miss Verawaty, the "veteran" Miss Yuki plays with the promising Miss Ikeda. Another pair who certainly cannot be dismissed out of hand is Mrs. Noriko Nakayama (née Takagi), a former Singles champion making her comeback, with the powerful Miss Nishio. Miss Koppen plays with Miss I. Borgstrom, talented but inexperienced. Our own talented youngsters Nora Gardner and Barbara Giles are unfortunate to meet Miss Yuki and Miss Ikeda in the first round.

The **Mixed Doubles**, so long the happy hunting ground of English and Danish pairs, is this year thrown wide open with two Indonesian pairs as top seeds, Christian and Miss Masli and Tjun Tjun and Miss Wijanti. The speed and power of their men must make them formidable contenders but the issue cannot rest in their hands alone, much depends on whether the Indonesian ladies have learnt the subtle and delicate craft of net-play as well as have the European ladies. The possibilities are fascinating!

All in all, a most intriguing draw that carries plenty of national rivalry. It does not seem likely that our men will at last carry off a title but in the Ladies events and in the Mixed English hopes are high.

Here's to four days of Badminton at its best in every sense of the word.

## UBER CUP

### England v. Netherlands

The Editor very much regrets that he has received no report on this important match. Team Manager Ron Lockwood asked Miss Giles and Miss Gardner to do the report jointly. Miss Giles completed her part and forwarded it to the latter. Since, then, despite requests, he has heard nothing and so is unable to offer any explanation or excuse — only his apology for a sad omission.

Thanks, however, to the good offices of Peter Birtwistle who sent him a completed programme he is able to print the results.

#### ENGLAND 5; NETHERLANDS 2

It will be seen that while neither of our two top singles players were extended, Heather Nielsen could not capitalise on her first game victory. So England entered the doubles 2-1 up.

The doubles results make strange reading with the All-England Champions, Gillian Gilks and Margaret Beck losing to Johé van Beusekom and Marjan Luesken whilst runners-up Sue Whetnall and Margaret Boxall trounced them 15-3, 15-2! Had the Dutch pair taken so much out of themselves in their excellent first round victory? Be that as it may, England won but not quite as convincingly as one would have wished.

#### SINGLES

Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss J. van Beusekom 11-4, 11-5. Miss M. Beck beat Miss M. Luesken 11-4, 11-1. Mrs. E. B. Nielsen lost to Mrs. L. Weyers-ter Metz 11-9, 6-11, 2-11.

#### DOUBLES

Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Miss M. Beck lost to Miss J. van Beusekom and Miss M. Luesken, 15-9, 10-15, 10-15; beat Miss M. Ridder and Mrs. L. Weyers ter Metz 15-8, 15-7. Mrs. P. E. Whetnall and Miss M. Boxall beat Miss J. van Beusekom and Miss M. Luesken 15-3, 15-2; beat Miss M. Ridder and Mrs. L. Weyers ter Metz 15-7, 15-4.

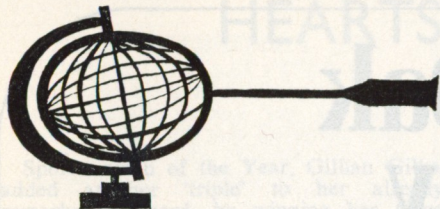
### England v. Denmark

Out of ill at least comes some good. The wait for the above report has enabled us to give brief details of England's European Zone final against Denmark on March 5th. A full report has been promised by the efficient Plymouth organisers and will be published next issue.

Margaret Beck got England off to a good start with a sound win over fleet-footed Imre Rietveld-Nielsen. Gillian Gilks, faced by the tougher opposition of Lene Koppen, could not make it 2-0. The latter's convincing win may well be a pointer to All-England Ladies' Singles finalists. As Heather Nielsen again lost the third single, England were 1-2 down.

Here, fortunately, her troubles ended and the two doubles pairs must have played extremely well not only to win all 4 events but to win them by very comfortable margins. Indeed, double figures were recorded against them only twice!

A fine win from behind against Denmark's ladies augers well for the inter-zone finals to be played in Jakarta between May 31st - June 6th. There will however be a vast difference between playing under familiar conditions before a supporting home crowd and battling it out in the heat and humidity of Jakarta before vociferous and naturally partisan crowds.



## TUK TUK TAKES BADMINTON TO THE ESKIMOS

CBA Technical Director Roy Roberts never appears to let grass grow under his feet and must surely cover thousands of miles in coaching Badminton from coast to coast in his immense country.

He has recently made a second Eastern Arctic tour north of Fort Churchill, Manitoba. In his visits to settlements such as Rankin Inlet, Baker Lake and Eskimo Point, he was accompanied by his son, Jonathan Roberts. It was the latter's coaching during the day sessions that was of particular interest to young Eskimo students. They gave him the name of Tuk Tuk (Caribou) as they thought he was a good runner and used very fast footwork moving about the court. The friendship made between Jonathan and the young Eskimos had an amazing effect on the effort and interest shown in the clinics.

Roy himself thinks that before very long some fine players will come out of the Far North—great athletes with superb hand to eye co-ordination and quick movement. (Printed by courtesy of the Canadian Badminton Review).

## CAREBACO

This cabalistic word may well be seen for the first time by many of our readers. It stands for Caribbean Regional Badminton Federation, a body which came into existence early last year. Its five member nations are Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Surinam and Aruba (Netherlands Antilles).

Many of us may still tend to think of Badminton as a game which is played primarily in the long dark winter evenings. Carebaco however shows that the joys of Badminton are now firmly established in the sunshine of the West Indies. Badminton has of course been played in this region for many years and it was at Kingston, Jamaica that Badminton was first played in 1966 in the British Commonwealth Games

An 8-day tournament was held at Georgetown, Guyana from 17th - 24th November. It was won quite comfortably by Jamaica. This country also won three of the five finals in the individual championships. The men's doubles was won by a pair from Surinam whilst the ladies' singles went to Beena Narwani who is still only 14 years old!

The next Carebaco Championships will be played in Trinidad in November.

The annual Rothman's Jamaica Championships will be played from 14th April immediately following the Canadian Open in Montreal. Players from Holland, Sweden, England, Denmark and Canada are likely to compete with the leading local players.

## JAPAN PREPARES FOR "V4"

After their disappointing performance against the English last month Japan's ladies are back on the way to recovery; apparently, both players and officials of the Nippon Badminton Association have realised that this year the going will be very rough for their team in Jakarta. So Yuki and Co., in the course of a star-studded event in Tokyo on February 2nd, demonstrated for all to see that the girls from the Land of the Rising Sun will do just about everything possible in order to achieve their aim, "V4", i.e. the fourth victory in a row.

### A Test Match

The "All-Japan Champions Tournament", — in "normal" times a public relations event staged in order to promote the game during the off-season (January and February) — was converted into a test match for the Uber Cup squad, after they had spent a strenuous week in the training camp. Playing was restricted to victors and runners-up of the Ladies' Singles of the All-Japan Championships, the All-Japan Student Championships, and the All-Japan High-School Championships.

Two well-known players were conspicuous by their absence: E. Takenaka and M. Aizawa, both suffering from poor health.

As it was to be expected, Hiroe Yuki came through undefeated; by dint of her sound defence and accurate shots, coupled with an outstanding sense for clever placements, she was able to fend off the challenge of her younger team-mates. Among the other internationals, M. Nishio impressed me most; she now seems to be able to cover the court much more quickly than before, and played a strong, balanced game.

### Brutal Attack

But despite the visible improvements of what might be called the pillars of Japan's team for Jakarta, it was the younger players who left a lasting impression on my mind. Up to now, the girls from the Far East have dominated the game by means of their stamina, speed, and enormous retrieving abilities; all this is out, and brutal attack is "in" with the new crop of players who dominates the game at the high-school and university level. Never in my life, have I seen girls hitting the bird so hard — smashes zoomed down like rockets, cleverly mixed with cross-court drops and half smashes. And, like their male compatriots, they don't like to use the overhead backhand strokes (though if necessary, they can produce a beautiful backhand clear), but rather keep up the attack by jumping in the air and playing the shot around the head.

Of course, they still lack experience, and both their speed and stamina, are, according to Japanese standards, under par. This might be attributed to the fact that they are rather tall and heavy for their age, and therefore need more power and endurance in order to move their bodies around the court.

### Match of the Day

The most absorbing match of the tournament took place between Japan's Number two, Mika Ikeda, and Miss Ueno, one of the young challengers. In the first game, Ueno completely dominated her famous opponent, out-smashing and out-dropping her almost at will. She continued in the

same vein during the first part of the second game, but slowly her aggressive style of playing began to take its toll, Miss Ikeda, by a mixture of luck and sound retrieving, managed to survive a desperate attempt of the young girl to clinch the match, and finally won the game 12-10. In the decider, both girls fought tooth and nail for every point, but Miss Ueno was already very tired, and M. Ikeda ran out a very relieved and happy winner.

*Mr. Ranzmayer, to whom again our grateful thanks for sending us this news, points out that 1975 in the Far East is the "Year of the Hare": an omen of speedy footwork? England's determination at last to bring the elusive trophy "home" is sure to be matched by a Japanese will to retain it, made more implacable by her recent defeat at our hands.*

## RESULTS

**Qualifying Round:** Miss Akimoto beat Miss Kitajima 9-11, 12-11, 11-8. Miss Ueno beat Miss Tokuda 11-8, 11-3, Miss Nishio beat Miss Akimoto 11-2, 5-11, 11-3.

**Semi-finals:** Miss Ikeda beat Miss Ueno 2-11, 12-10, 11-9. Miss Yuki beat Miss Nishio 12-11, 11-6.

**Final:** Miss Yuki beat Miss Ikeda 11-8, 11-2.

## ISRAEL'S FAT YEARS ?

I thought you might be interested to hear some news from the Middle East, especially Israel. Politically and economically things in Israel don't look so good! However, Badmintonly things look better!

About 3 months ago, by a great stroke of luck, I met a Badminton "maniac" (like myself, except that he is an accomplished player!) This "maniac" is in Israel about a year from Latvia where he was a player and coached at Riga University. He started a youth Badminton section in the town where he lives, Pardes Hannah, about 45 km south of Haifa.

On October 16, I took my four best Juniors aged 12, 13, 14 and 15 (by coincidence!) to play a series of friendly and also exhibition matches against and with the Pardes Hannah Club. The evening was a great success — especially when the Home Club trainer beat me 15-8 in the "main game" of the evening! At 47 I am still very fit as I train a lot **but** the erstwhile speed is starting to elude me in singles!

My new colleague and I have agreed that our clubs should meet monthly. It means that each of us will have to travel every two months. I intend to select different players each time until we start competitive games.

Fortunately for us the Ashdod Municipal Sports Department has taken us under its wing so we believe that this is the end of our chronic financial problems! As we are a one court club it was impossible to enlarge our membership. However two of my juniors, aged 14 and 16, have volunteered their services as trainers, so we were able to establish a new youth club, Ashdod "A". I also succeeded in influencing a former Junior Champion of ours to start a badminton section at the WIZO Youth Club. So we now have 3 Junior sections in Ashdod. We all use the same hall.

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# HEARTS—AND ARMS—OF OAK !

## Another Triple for Gillian Gilks

Sportswoman of the Year, Gillian Gilks, added another 'triple' to her already remarkable record, by winning her three events, at these, the finals of the first sponsored Badminton circuit in England, played at and televised from the Stretford Sports Centre, Manchester.

The circuit, sponsored by the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society, consisted of three tournaments: The Northern, The English National and the Sussex Championships. The players earned the right to appear in the Finals by gaining points for winning through to the quarter-finals stages or higher in the three specified tournaments.

Prize money for the finalists totalled £750, winners receiving £100 and losers £50; in the doubles events the money shared between the pair. Total sponsorship was £1,769, which in addition to the money available for the finalists, increased the prizes for winning and losing finalists at the three circuit tournaments and also provided prizes for all players scoring points on the circuit.

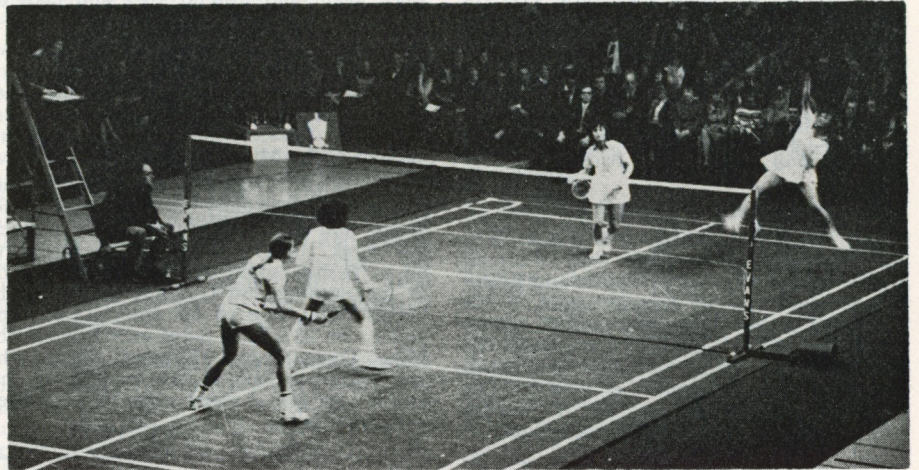
In addition to the sponsorship, the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society presented to the Badminton Association of England, eight solid silver trophies, replicas of the Hearts of Oak emblem, to be presented to the winners as challenge trophies to be held for one year. The Society also presented replicas of these trophies for the winners to keep.

### Steady Does It!

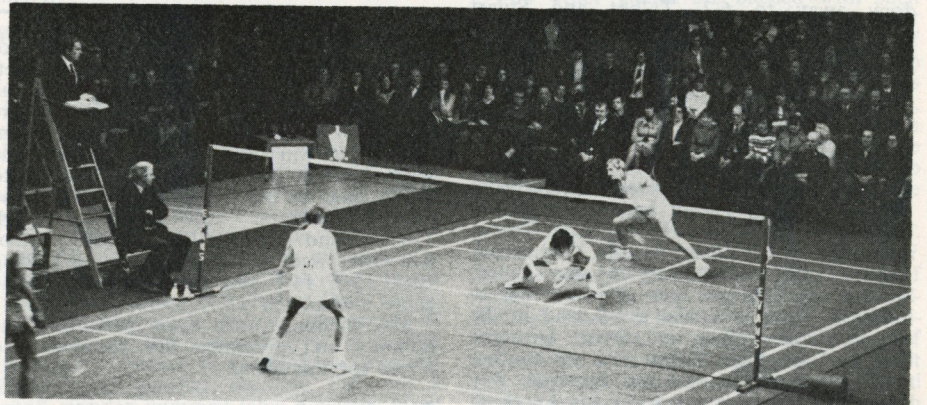
The evening started with the Men's Singles final, between Paul Whetnall, with 25 circuit points, and Ray Stevens, with 19 circuit points, umpired by Mr. R. Gradwell of the Welsh Badminton Union, with Mr. F. Wright as service judge. Whetnall won the toss and served, winning the first point with a smash, 27 rallies later, with an average of six shots per rally, the score was 4 all. Whetnall then reduced his number of errors and the next 13 rallies saw him take a 10-4 lead. At this stage Stevens' play improved and he played a number of good winning shots, but seldom when he was serving, so that a further 17 rallies saw Whetnall take the first game 15-7.

In the second game, Whetnall took an immediate 6-0 lead and the next 13 rallies saw him increase this to 9-1, with both players playing better when not serving. Stevens then won three quick points with Whetnall hitting the shuttle out of court, before losing service with yet another error. Then followed the best and longest rally of the match, 18 shots, won by Whetnall. The following 12 rallies saw the service change hands four times and Whetnall take the game and match 15-7, 15-7. With the shots that win Ray Stevens so many points, his cross court drops and smashes, failing him on this occasion, Paul Whetnall only had to produce steady Badminton to win.

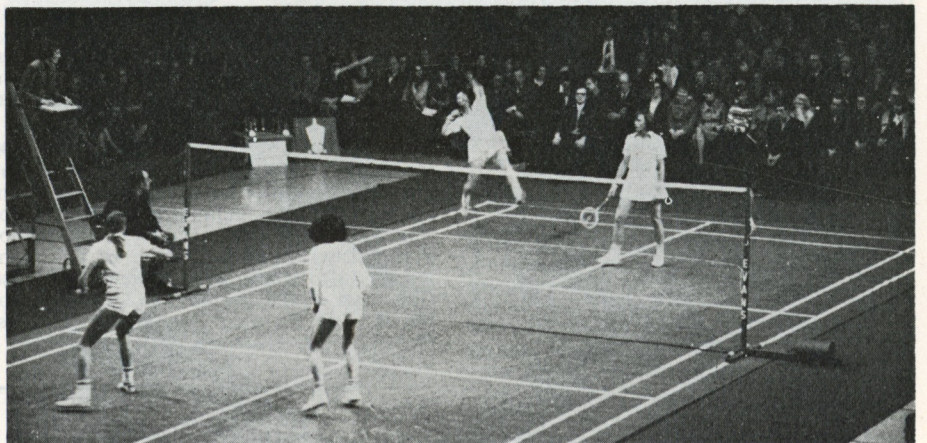
Mr Richard Smith, Chairman of the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society, presented the trophies and prizes for this event.



*Sue Whetnall smashes but Gillian Gilks and Margaret Beck maintain attacking formation*



*Margaret Boxall "goes to earth" as Gillian Gilks dominates the net.*



*Margaret Boxall's turn to attack but with opponents in orthodox defensive formation. Don't be fooled by Sue Whetnall's apparently casual stance.*

### One-sided Match

The Ladies' Singles final, between Miss Margaret Beck, 21 circuit points and Mrs. Gillian Gilks, 19 circuit points, umpired by Mr. R. A. Walford, of the Welsh Badminton Union, with Mrs. S. Smallwood as service judge, saw a one-sided match with Gillian Gilks the winner by 11-2, 11-3. In defence of a strangely immobile Margaret Beck, it must be recorded that this was her first serious match since recovering from a hair-line fracture in her left foot.

Mr. Jack Hare, President of the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society, presented the Trophies and prizes to the two ladies.

### A Prayer Answered

The Men's Doubles final saw Ray Stevens and Mike Tredgett, with 19 circuit points, opposed by Derek Talbot and Elliott Stuart, who had 16 circuit points. J. D. Eddy and E. H. Sutton also had 16 circuit points but Talbot and Stuart gained the final place because, overall, they had progressed further on the circuit. The umpire for this event was Mr. F. Wright with Mr. G. D. Axford as service judge.

This final produced good technical Badminton without causing any great excitement, for in a match of 158 rallies, 68 were between 1-3 shots and only 29 reached 11 shots or more. In the first game, Talbot and Stuart drew first blood, leading 1-0 and then 2-1, before Stevens and Tredgett drew away to 6-2. Talbot and Stuart levelled the score at 6 all, only to see Stevens and Tredgett draw away again to 9-6 and then 13-7. Talbot and Stuart fought back to 12-13 but from Talbot's attempted drive service Tredgett played a winning return and then served to take the first game 15-12.

The second game was evenly balanced to 12 all, although Talbot and Stuart held a brief advantage at 9-6. From 12 all Talbot and Stuart went ahead to 14-12, at which stage Talbot's flick service was killed. Stevens and Tredgett then attacked well to level the score and take a 1-0 lead in the set, only for Talbot and Stuart to come back to 1 all, when Talbot tried yet another flick service. This time he deceived Ray Stevens, who went down to his knees at the net and probably said a prayer. His prayers were answered, the service was just out.

From this point the service changed hands five times with Talbot and Stuart leading 2-1, then Stevens and Tredgett levelling at 2-2, Talbot and Stuart failing to score on their service and finally Stevens and Tredgett taking the game and match 15-12, 17-16.

The Deputy Mayor of Trafford, Councillor G. H. Carnall, presented the Trophies and prizes for this event.

### Never in Doubt

The Ladies' Doubles final, with Miss Margaret Boxall and Mrs. Sue Whetnall, 19 circuit points, opposed by Miss Margaret Beck and Mrs. Gillian Gilks, 15 circuit points, umpired by Mrs. S. Smallwood with Mr. Walford as service judge, produced a match that although not one-sided, never looked in doubt as to who would win, Beck and Gilks being much the stronger pair.

In the first game Beck and Gilks led from the start, the closest that Boxall and Whetnall came to levelling the score, being 4-6, Beck and Gilks then dominating the

rest of the game, leading 12-5 and then winning 15-8. In the second game Boxall and Whetnall scored the first point before Beck and Gilks took over, to lead 5-1, Boxall and Whetnall then played with more determination and drew level at 7 all only for Beck and Gilks to take charge once again and lead at 13-7 and take the game and match 15-8 15-10.

Mr. Stuart Wyatt, O.B.E., B.E.M., President of the Badminton Association of England presented the ladies with their Trophies and prizes.

### Gillian Gilks Makes It Three

The Mixed Doubles final gave Gillian Gilks the opportunity to complete another 'triple' and this she duly did when partnering Derek Talbot to victory. This final gave us, in flashes, some of the best Badminton of the evening and certainly produced the longest rally, one of 39 shots. Talbot and Gilks with 23 circuit points were opposed by Mike Tredgett and Margaret Boxall who had 16 circuit points. The umpire for this events was Mr. Axford with Mr. Gradwell as service judge.

by

**J. H. PEARSON**

(Lancs. B.A. Coaching Secretary).

The first game saw Talbot and Gilks take an early lead at 4-1 and although Tredgett and Boxall fought back to 6-all and then lead 7-6, Talbot and Giks were not really threatened and they then went through to win the first game 15-7. In the second game Talbot and Gilks went into a 7-0 lead, during which time we saw the evenings longest rally and although Tredgett and Boxall rallied a little, Talbot and Gilks were always in command leading 10-4, 13-5, 14-7 and eventually taking the game and match 15-7, 15-10.

Mr. Richard Smith again performed the honours and presented the Trophies and prizes for this event.

### Tour Weary ?

An overall impression of the evenings play was, that there was a lot of technically good Badminton, but there was little for the spectators to shout about. Perhaps we are expecting too much from amateur players, most of whom had returned only two days previously from a tour, lasting two weeks, that visited Denmark, Sweden and Japan. It is exciting play that brings in the paying customer, be it spectator, television coverage or sponsorship.

These finals, watched by nearly 900 spectators, were promoted by the Lancashire County Badminton Association, on behalf of the Badminton Association of England, under the guiding influence of Peter Birtwistle, as Chairman of the Committee of Management, Peter is also Chairman of the Promotions Committee of the B.A. of E., which had overall responsibility for the Hearts of Oak circuit.

**EVERY CLUB**

**SHOULD HAVE ONE**

(see P.161).

## MY FAVOURITE SHOT

At a recent tournament we asked some of our leading players what their favourite shot was. Once their affronted modesty and surprise were overcome we obtained the following replies.

Here's a chance to try out for yourself the successful strokes of some of our best players. Watch them in action at the next tournament you visit; see if you can spot that favourite shot.

From time to time we hope to publish further examples both from our own players and leading foreign players.

### Margaret Boxall

I think I most enjoy a low service from the left court to the outside tramlines. This can be very deceptive especially in mixed when one is serving to the man. Often he finds that he had to come much more in towards the net than he wanted to; then he either has to play a not very well controlled shot or he leaves it hopefully only to see it fall just beyond the line. I think, "Great! Move back you devil — or I'll do it again!"

### Ray Sharp

The shot I like to play best is a reverse drop. By cutting slightly across the shuttle and turning the wrist at the last moment a very deceptive shot can be played either from the centre to the backhand or of course straight down the line. Naturally it is rather a slow drop so there are very few occasions you can play it in doubles but it is a shot than can often get you onto the attack in singles. Mark you, it is a shot I used to play in my younger days but nowadays I don't play it anything like as much.

### Bill Havers

"Favourite shot? Well these days it's the occasional low serve that does go in. But seriously I think the shot I get most enjoyment from is a round-the-head smash. It's best played when your partner serves from the right hand court and your opponent lifts it quickly but slightly to your backhand. Then if you are watching the racket you can come across swiftly, and taking the shuttle round the head, can whip it straight back into his body. In the days of my youth, it used to cause a certain amount of surprise!"

### David Hunt

Favourite strokes? You're joking! I haven't any shots — I just hack them back as best I can.

### Barbara Giles

Definitely my favourite shot is a cross-court shot at the net played either from a straight net shot or a drop shot. But it must really skim the net and travel fast out of the danger area. No I'm not fussy about hitting the tramlines on the other side as long as it gets clear of my opponent. Then I think "Good! It came off again!"

## " THE SHUTTLE IS A LADY "

A shuttle is an international creation; feathers from Central Europe, cork from Portugal, gloving-leather (covering) from England. And when these have been through a multiplicity of processes and inspections, the completed, gossamer perfection of a feathered shuttle may well be dispatched to any one of 51 nations scattered across the face of the globe.

They are made in their tens of thousands at the ancient Cinque Port of Sandwich. Works Manager Ian Maconachie, a burly, genial giant, was one of Ireland's finest-ever players, who, with Thelma Kingsbury, won the All-England Mixed Doubles in 1937. So, under the guidance of a man who knows every facet of a shuttle's character, a fascinating tour was begun.

Huge sacks of goose feathers, eight feet high, come from China, Formosa or Central Europe, are at the beginning of the process.

### Feathers First

With supreme impartiality, whatever their sex or nationality, they are given a very thorough bath. This removes all impurities and leaves the once sleek feather looking horrifyingly bedraggled and anaemic. Fear not! In the next room, an incredible Cinderella transformation scene is taking place. Twenty gauze baskets filled with these wilted apologies for feathers are dancing a merry Irish jig over hot air jets. All their former plump sleekness is regained while 5-8 gallons of water is drawn into the air which may well reach initially a humidity of 80%.

All this beautification avails them little for after sorting into first and second grades, their next move is to the guillotine! Here deft female fingers place them under the keen blade that swiftly "tops and tails" them to their standard and legal 3" length. Even the waste is put to good use: in former days it was sent by the sack to Whitbread's Kentish hop-fields to act as a manure—and so indirectly help assuage the very thirst it had helped create. Today, rather more prosaically, some of it is sent to the States to be used as filling for anoraks!

### "Bottoms Up!"

Meanwhile, elsewhere in the factory, the cork too has been groomed for the long awaited and much to be desired union. Here again vast but light sacks disgorge thousands of cylindrical Portuguese oak corks each about 1" in height and diameter. First, they have to be ground absolutely round, accurate to 1/1000th of an inch, and then domed to form the base which we smite so lustily and so unthinkingly. Another machine takes over to wrap and stick without wrinkle a 2" circle of white English leather around the cork. And so on to yet another machine which almost faster than the eye can follow bores 16 holes round the circumference to receive the feathers, as well as a central hole for the lead weight.

### Tying the Knot

Bride and groom thus suitably prepared for the ceremony meet at the machine of another skilled operator. From a handful

of feathers, she flips (with all the skill of a Casino croupier) the requisite 16 into the tiny bore of her machine; from there they are magically inserted into the holes in the cork below. The whole operation takes a matter of mere seconds—but each feather is set at exactly the same angle (to ensure the correct spin) and at the same height.

On to another machine where the nuptial knot is firmly, indissolubly tied. Again in split seconds, cotton-thread is woven round the quills at two levels to give added strength where it is most needed. Formerly, two loose ends were firmly knotted by an ingenious machine. Now an even more ingenious but very old-fashioned one, human fingers, do the job even more quickly and efficiently. Probably the deftest and fastest "knotter" ever seen at Sandwich was Francis Henley, a leading surgeon and Honorary Physician to the All-England Championships!

Thus secured and tied-off to the correct spread (which obviously affects speed and distance of flight) the quills are again further strengthened and secured with adhesive applied by an automatic machine. The green ribbon, or lupe, is affixed round the top of the cork base; the observant may have noticed that recently its colour may have been a slightly lighter green. Because of the oil shortage, it is now made of P.V.C. and not cellulose as formerly.

### Weight Gives Wings

Now very much a shuttle, it is stored for a short time before the final stages of the process. A shuttle and a tiny lead weight are weighed together to ensure that the batch of shuttles are of correct weight—and therefore speed. For the speed of the shuttle, be it 73 or 78, is actually its weight in grains. The heavier a shuttle is, the faster and the farther it flies, since it is better equipped to overcome air-resistance than its lighter fellows. With the weight thus checked, the lead shot is then forced into the ready-made hole in the centre of the base; at the same time it is slightly distorted to secure it as firmly as possible. Finally, yet another machine flips out a small circular gummed label which is lifted to the inside of the shuttle by the operator's long tweezers and with them neatly and firmly stuck over the hole containing

the weight. (Untouched by human hand!) Cricket enthusiasts will be interested to know that the lead slugs are made by the father of Derek Underwood, Kent and England leg-break bowler, with the same accuracy and precision that his son bowls.

Corks being only human—or should we say vegetable—are liable to imperfection. If in its interior, there lurks an invisible flaw, the shot may come out, thus rendering the shuttle useless. For without it you can hit the shuttle only a matter of a few feet. Alternatively this may cause the shuttle to wobble. (R.S.L. are always prepared to replace genuine "wobblers" free of charge.)

### To the Four Corners

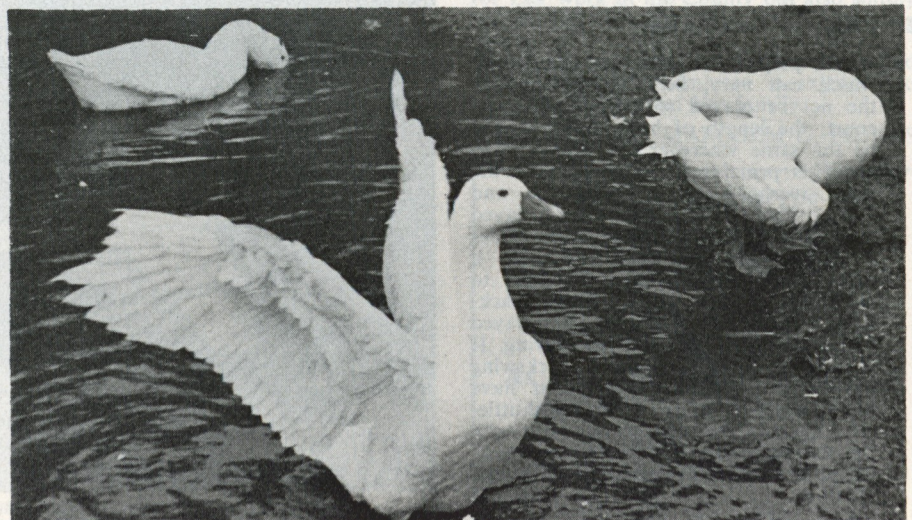
Little now remains to be done before the shuttle is sent speeding on its way to your retailer. Completed and thrice inspected, the shuttles are now packed in their protective tube. Most of these come ready-labelled from Metal Box Limited; for added security their shallow caps are forced in by compressed air. (If you rashly under-rate its efficiency, look out for broken fingernails). "Tourney" shuttles only have their own well-known green wrappers affixed individually to secure and seal their caps. Then, cartoned and invoiced, they are dispatched to the four corners of the earth. Another example of "British is best".

### Treat Her with Respect

Few other games are blessed with such delicately beautiful equipment as our shuttles and rackets; they are truly part of the game's unique charm. So hats off to that gallant fragile lightweight which takes off at speeds of between 60 and 70 m.p.h., changes direction with the merest flirt of its demure bottom, responds readily to the most delicate of caresses, and yet puts up with a tremendous lot of hard work. The shuttle is a lady!

And as such she should be treated. Would you kick your wife under the net? Or carelessly thwack her on the half volley? Would you unthinkingly and unfeelingly discard her as a ploy of gamesmanship or for a mere whim? No, of course not. Perish the mere thought. Treat her with due respect and after any heated exchanges smooth her ruffled plumes with gentle fingers. Remember always the care and thought that have been lavished on her strong fragility.

PAT DAVIS



*The goose that yields the silver feathers !*

# COACHING CORNER

So sang the pretty maid—but what fun it is to deceive your opponent on the badminton court. What a feeling of one-upmanship and what a comfortable glow as you realise your opponent is taking a second appraisal of the shots he thought you had and that he is now a little less certain of the game in which he finds himself.

Badminton is a game of, amongst other things, accuracy, power and deception, and whilst the first two are very important it seems to me that at top level, the third Wax and Wane over the years but WHAT a player who, having the first two to a high standard, then also reaches a high level of deception!

Deception is a skill some players acquire easily and it comes into their game as soon as they master the flight of a shuttlecock and the basic shots. But what is it really, and is it coachable? I think it is. I believe a player can improve this department of his game with a little thought, practice and a sound appreciation of what he is trying to do.

I have been for some time now trying out sessions on deception and the results are encouraging. Let me outline the basics as I see them. The first step is to analyse deception and to try to categorise it. I List six types.

## 1. Sliced Shot

This is probably the most common of the deceptive shots and is mainly used from the back of the court. It is carried out by **not** hitting the shuttlecock with the full face of the racket but closing the face to the line of strike by a varying amount—the more it is closed the more slice and the less momentum given to the shuttle.

**Effect:** This causes the shuttle to leave the racket at a deceptively slow pace, i.e. fast moving racket + slow moving bird = confounded opponent.

**Example:** Sliced overhead drops (forehand and backhand) N.B. Natural and reverse slices can be used.

## 2. Length of Back Swing

When playing a shot, the length of which can vary, i.e. either played to the net or played to the back of the court, the length of back swing should be the same wherever the shuttle is to go. This principle is followed with the high overhead shots, i.e. drops and clears—but what about shots played from the forecourt? How often does a player play his net-return with a short blocking action and his clear to the back of the court with a backswing? Both shots should be played with the same amount of backswing. If it is to be a very restricted backswing for both, then the player must have the strength of wrist to lift the shuttlecock right to the back of the court with the shorter swing. The amount of backswing used must be such that this can be done.

**Effect:** The opponent is unsure until the shuttle is actually struck whether he

## " OH DON'T DECEIVE ME! "

— by —

RAY JOHNSTON  
(Essex B.A. of E. National Coach).

is to go forwards or backwards, and this puts a great deal of pressure on him. Remember the shuttle is being delivered from the nearest point to his court, and he therefore has the least time to reach it.

**Example:** Playing shots from the forecourt that have just dropped below net level (anything above should of course be put away, not awaited for the purpose of deception) (backhand and forehand).

## 3. Unnatural Timing

The normal game of badminton drops into a nice smooth rhythm and, whilst it is pleasant to play like this remember it is also probably quite pleasant for your opponent! Is it possible to get out of this "be nice to your opponent"

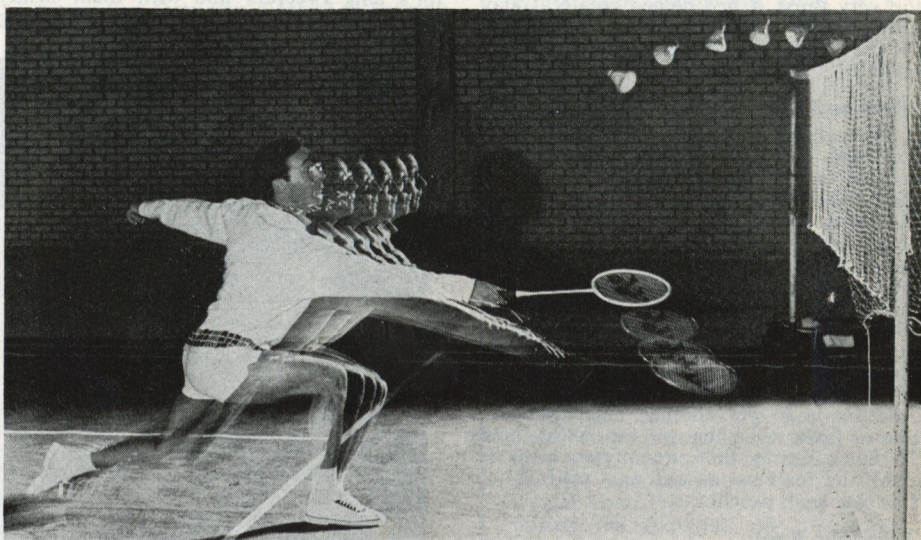
attitude? I am certain that as a shuttle nears you, your opponent's muscles and nerves key him up to a pitch just as he estimates you are about to hit the shuttle, and this enables him to 'explode' away to chase the shuttle. If in fact the shuttle doesn't come at that precise moment, things can start to go wrong: perhaps the muscles slacken a fraction and the mind is puzzled, or else a guess is made and the body starts to move in the anticipated direction, perhaps right, perhaps wrong. So to be deceptive we hit shuttle either earlier or later than the "expected" time.

**Effect:** To upset the rhythm of your opponent causing him to be slower and possibly off balance.

**Examples:** There are more examples of this than at first meets the eye.

## Hitting Late

- Forehand and backhand drive** (à la Tony Jordan) showing the racket to the shuttle then hitting later. A sort of double-action stroke. I think this is a good example.
- Flick service.** This can be improved deceptively by, during the swing, bringing the wrist up to and a little beyond the shuttle. At this point the receiver feels the shuttle should have been hit and is a little unsure and therefore unready for what happens subsequently.
- Normal Short Service.** Let the swing to the shuttle vary in speed with a 'slow' (not stop) before hitting the shuttle. His count-down mechanism for his rush will be upset and he will be less than normally effective.
- Push from the net** (either from service or normal net play). A preliminary slight early movement of racket to shuttle sets up the opponent's count-down mechanism then a slight withdrawal and hitting late catches him off balance.



Ingenious Louis Ross uses multiple flash to highlight Chief Coach Roger Mills' net shot. Coaches' comments, please, on points well brought out by this photo!



## Hitting Early

a) **Backhand service.** Because of the short backswing it is possible here to hit early before the opponent sights your movement. (Ensuring of course that your opponent is ready within the meaning of the law).

There are many others but space restricts. These are the most obvious and useful.

## 4. Body Movement

Moving the body away from the intended line of hitting. This is almost a body swerve when played with the shuttle in front of you, i.e. leaning one way and hitting or placing the shuttle the other. It can be used very effectively when used in combination with another type of deception, e.g. hitting late after a sway has sent your opponent's balance the wrong way. You really feel outsmarted when a player with this ability leaves you flat footed.

**Effect:** This deception is mainly effective in the forecourt where your movements are more obvious to your opponent. It is surprising how your body movements to one side takes your opponent with you.

### Examples :

a) Hitting short, medium and full length drives (backhand and forehand).

b) Returning an opponent's drop shot to the net.

## 5. Unexpected Line of Shuttle

This is similar in some respects to body movement in (4) above, except that the body approaches the shuttle normally but the line of direction of shuttle flight is altered considerably by wrist action. There have been a lot of good exponents of this. No names—no pack-drill but I expect you can think of a few of your own.

**Effect:** Again this deception is mainly effective in the forecourt, and can cause problems to an intelligent opponent who is trying to anticipate by reading your shot.

### Examples :

a) Returning smashes

b) Returning half court shots to the net or opponents' mid court.

c) Angled net shots during net play.

## 6. Placement of Shuttle to a Position Opposite to the Obvious Space

This is a fairly well used play, and is based on the idea that if a space exists not 100% vulnerable, (i.e. the opponent can if he really moves cover it) then a winning shot can be hit to that part of the court which is opposite to the space. To get to it he has to reverse his direction of movement; this is not easy. Do not use this shot against slow opponents. They may not be quick enough to get away from the target area and will proceed to gobble up "gift" with glee. The deceiver deceived!

In general, whilst deception comes naturally to some, it is possible to try some of the "types" yourself or with your pupil, and having tried them to see what might suit the players concerned.

It may be that a player can improve his deception by grafting on another "type" as already discussed. Several of the types of deception complement each other, and can be used in combination to great effect.

Practice can then introduce an interesting, valuable and bright facet to the player's game.

If a player is being coached in the art of deception it is important that it is brought in after his basic game is "grooved", i.e. after he is able to hit the shuttle in a straightforward manner to the best of his ability.

This means that in the case of a young and improving player it should be brought in carefully and only when he has satisfied the above "grooved" ability requirement. This probably means that it is one of the last phases of development. If he has, however, some naturally deceptive element in his own game then this can of course be encouraged.

However in the case of older, more established let us say "club" players then deception can be brought in and coached to them at any time, thus giving them another enjoyable aspect to their game. In fact I have found that when coaching older established players in clubs a short course is all they want and a session on deception goes down best of all.

There are different approaches for the two cases mentioned and they need proper application.

I should be interested to hear of any parallel work or ideas.

RAY JOHNSTON

B.A. of E. National Coach

*Next month we hope to feature an article by Suffolk County Coach Peter Roper on "Stroke Skill Pressure Training".*

## Swedish Championships

### A "REEL" VICTORY

In a strong field of entries the draw was evenly balanced with seeds from all countries; one exception to this was the absence of Willy Braun of West Germany. This meant Rowland Maywald had difficulty in showing his class, playing with one of his fellow countrymen.

The 2nd round brought disaster for England, when Derek Talbot and Elliot Stuart drew Jasper Helledie, one of Denmark's up and coming youngsters, and the more experienced Jorgen Mortensen, who showed he could still play at top international doubles level. The Danes took advantage of Derek and Elliot's relapsed game to win 15-8, 15-10.

Ray Stevens and Mike Tredgett were in the other half of the draw and had a reasonably easy passage through to the semi-final. There they met and beat the improved Danish pair Flemming Delfs and Elo Hansen, the score being 15-5, 15-11.

Meanwhile, in the other semi-final, Halliday and Mortensen battled through to meet Bengt Froman and Thomas Kihlstrom from Sweden, beating them 15-7, 15-2.

In the final, the English pair played soundly enough to win 15-6, 13-15, 15-6 and won a fishing reel which pleased Ray immensely.

MIKE TREDGETT

*It is regretted that the account below is the only one received from members of the English team who participated in the Swedish Championships.*

*We realise that they are very busy people but the few minutes needed to send us details of English prowess abroad do give our readers great pleasure.*

*The two long and perceptive reports by Team Manager John Havers which were published in our last issue were much appreciated. Our thanks too go to Mike Tredgett for casting aside his usual modesty sufficiently to write of the event which he and Ray Stevens won.*

*We're right behind you, England, so let's hear from you!*

## TRIBUTE

J. S. Wilson

It is with regret that we announce the death of J. S. Wilson. He resigned from the Presidency of the Badminton Union of Ireland only last year, having previously done a magnificent stint of 18 years as Treasurer. He had been elected an Honorary Life Member.

He was a keen and able administrator in Dublin for many years before he continued in the same vein when he moved to Co. Londonderry.

We extend our sympathy to his widow, Mrs. Helen Wilson.

Leslie Payne

Hampshire badminton sustained a severe loss recently when Les Payne, their hard-working and popular secretary, suffered a fatal collapse when playing in his favourite men's doubles event at a local tournament.

Les became the Hampshire secretary five years ago. He had had no previous experience on the County Committee but quickly established himself with his natural enthusiasm, tact and efficiency.

Les spent a great deal of time engraving badminton cups and trophies and during his period in office was largely responsible for the introduction and editing of a County handbook.

As Chairman of an ad hoc Committee of indoor sports associations Les did more than anyone to persuade the Southampton City Council to purchase St. Mary's Drill Hall and convert it into an indoor sports centre. He felt well rewarded when, at last, he saw the opening of the Centre earlier this season. One of Les' main ambitions was to make badminton more of a spectator sport and to some considerable extent he achieved his aim. He had much to do with the organisation of the Ladbroke Trophy at Basingstoke over the past two years. Also he encouraged the playing of County matches at different venues in the County and the publicity he organised and arrangements he made resulted on occasions, in large and enthusiastic audiences.

The number of familiar faces at Les' funeral and the numerous floral tributes from badminton associations, clubs and players reflected their gratitude not only for Les' work in the County but also simply for having had the privilege of knowing him.

The deepest sympathy of those connected with Hampshire badminton is extended to his wife Thelma and her family.

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I am writing on a subject raised by Dorothy Tinline in one of her usual informative and thought-provoking articles in *Badminton Review*. This one concerned the matter of scoring in ladies singles, and advocated the raising of the points scored per game in ladies singles' to 15.

The executive of the Ottawa District Badminton Association, a group of hairy, wild-eyed, sometimes ne'er-do-well, always trouble-making (so it seems), left-wing pinko (we all attended a reception at the Chinese Embassy in 1971), radical bird-bashers, took Miss Tinline's words to their collective heretical hearts and hoary heads and acted. Our motto is "never look when you can leap", and the breach put before us in the inspired words of Miss Tinline's liberal lecture just seemed to match the stride of our seven league boots.

You are probably asking by now "What did those shabby, shameless shuttle-slashers do?" Well, sports fans, let me set the stage for you. Every year the Ottawa District holds its Closed 'A' Championships at the end of January to determine the best players in the Ottawa area. All has gone well in the past except that for one or two of the top ladies in the district there is a dearth of competition, and little benefit to be gained from entering this tournament, especially in the ladies singles event.

#### Nurturing Novelties

Now as you are all aware the struggle for sexual equality carried on by the feminist movement has in the past few years been successful in achieving major and minor gains that have affected the daily lives of all of us. Buoyed (guirled) by the successes of her confreres (consoeurs), and inspired by the writings of G. Greer, B. Friedan and D. Tinline, Ms. B. O'Brien approached the ODBA Tournament Chairman, feckless Frank Carr, with a request to enter the men's singles. Rising undauntedly to the challenge, funky Frank fell fast to the task of resolving the matter.

# Laughter in Court

## Liberty, Equality and 15 Points

by ALAN BAIRD

*We are delighted to print this article from Canadian "Badminton Review" for a number of reasons, all good.*

1. C.B.R. is always lively and interesting — a sound investment for any dollar happy enthusiasts.
2. The theme is novel to say the least.
3. It could — it **should** inspire our ladies to voice their opinions as vigorously as they wield their racquets on a topic on which they have been unaccustomedly quiet. Should ladies singles now be made 15 up — a proposal mooted by New Zealand Zealots for equality but decisively rejected by B.A. of E. and I.B.F. alike.
4. Is there indeed a place for Open Singles when all too often our leading ladies are not fully extended until the semi-finals or even the final.  
Oh, and we nearly forgot:
5. **It really is funny.**  
Thank you, Alan! Thank you C.B.R.!

With a gleam in his eye, a spring in his walk, and a frog in his throat, Frank canvassed the ODBA board of directors as to the course of action to be taken. Pushing aside logic and reason in favour of creating a few waves and nurturing novelties, the directors voted to accede to the request — 5 Ayes, 3 Nays. Just to allay any accusations that the vote demonstrated any chauvinist tendencies, the breakdown of the poll by sex was as follows: Ayes (3 male, 2 female), Nays (2 female, 1 male).

That was it; the ladies were in, men were where they've always been, if they wanted to be. The ODBA had done it again, to the best of our knowledge the first time that men and women would compete in the same event on an equal basis at an official district championship.

#### Barbara — not Butch

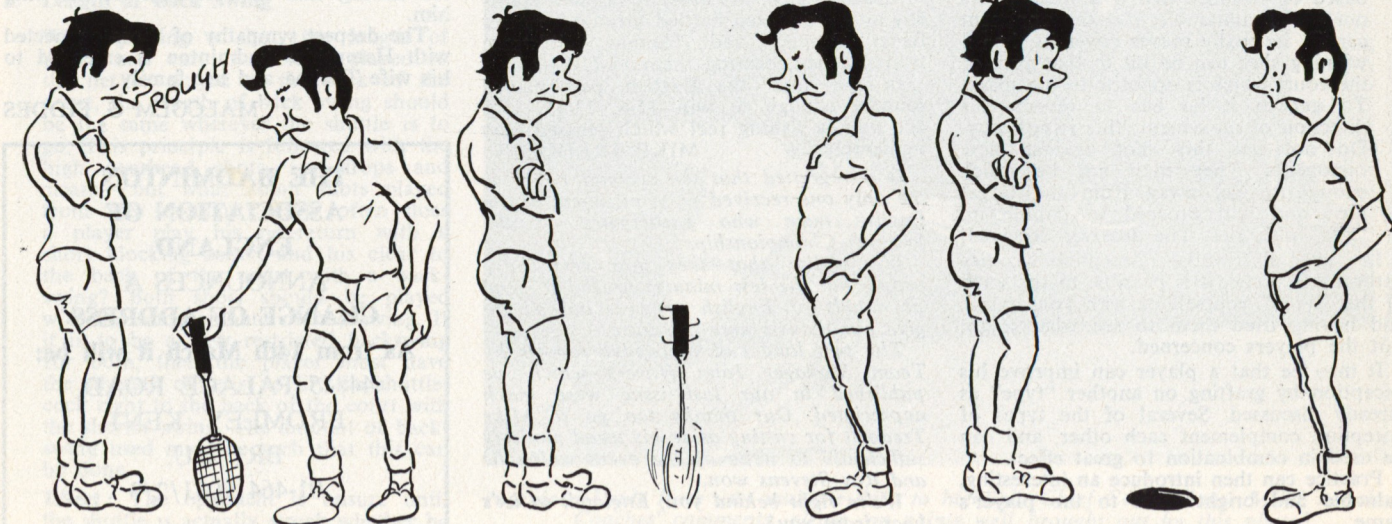
To cast aside any aspersions on the sex of participants in the event (Ms. O'Brien's first initial stands for Barbara and not Butch), the competition was renamed simply singles rather than men's singles. Ms. O'Brien was joined by one other shuttle sister and the contestants were off and running. Yessir, the ladies would be playing their matches to 15 points, if not exactly in the format that Miss Tinline had envisaged.

Now, sports fans, the next question on your inquisitive little minds is probably "Who won?" Well, for the answer to that you will have to turn to the tournament results listed elsewhere in *Badminton Review*. However, I can report on the progress of the two contestants as they took on Ottawa's best.

The other female contestant, Ms. Lynn Goudie, Ontario junior ladies doubles champion in 1973, took the court first against sturdy Steve Joncas. Steve, who is reputed to hold many skirt-chasing titles in Ontario and Quebec, found the tables turned as his opponent pushed him from corner to corner with great authority. Only a series of untimely errors cost Lynn the match, 15-12 in the third game.

## YOUR CALL!

by DEN



## Liberty, Equality and 15 Points. (continued).

### Some of His Own Medicine

In the other half of the draw, Ms. O'Brien had drawn the wily Dhan Khare, a devious oriental and pediatrician to boot, whose stoic, ruthless approach to the game has forced many a hard-hearted tournament-toughened competitor to wilt in the heat of combat. The doctor wielded deceptive drops and driving clears with the precision and finesse of a surgeon tying sutures during open heart surgery to take the first game 15-9. The second game was similar to the first, except that Barb got into the swing of things and gave the good doctor some of his own medicine. It was reported that Dhan was seen reviving himself with some potion from a small vial between the second and third games (can you get high on a bottle of Johnson's Baby Lotion?). However, it was to no avail as superior conditioning and shuttle control retired the infant specialist to the sidelines where he performed auto-artificial respiration and heart massage.

The next match pitted Ms. O'Brien against smooth-stroking, hard-hitting Dale McIlldoon, a player whose name might ring a bell in British Columbia, where in his younger days he was a club-mate and partner of such well-known players as Judy Rollick and Alison Rigway. Thus Dale was mentally prepared to compete against a strong player of any sex with no misgivings or sentiments of smirking smugness.

### Head-shaking Halt

The match was another close contest with the first two games split, Ms O'Brien

showing much the better in the stamina department towards the end of the second game. In the third game, she moved into a fast 13-5 lead as a host of errors brought the usually mobile McIlldoon to a head-shaking halt. At this point both players were obviously fatigued. At the end of a rally which returned the service to Ms. O'Brien, the following conversation occurred:

Ms. What's the score ?

Mister: I (gasp) don't know.

Ms.: Well, it's over 10 and less than 15.

Mister: I think it's 12-5.

Ms.: Okay, 12 sounds good.

### Jockeying for Scoring Position

Reflecting upon this dialogue, one can only attempt to use one's own limited powers of rational thinking to understand why 12 would be considered a good score, when 13 is a hell of a lot better. Perhaps if one is used to playing to 11 points, as is the case in ladies singles, then 12 is excellent because the match is indisputably clinched. However, when the game is played to 15, 12 may be good, but not necessarily good enough, as events were to show in the further unfolding of this feathered fable.

Play went on with Ms. O'Brien again reaching 13 points. The scoring continued: 13-5, 13-6, 13-5??? Now Ottawa does not have a very high altitude, and no other players in the tournament seemed to suffer from extreme oxygen deprivation which might have clouded their mathematical faculties. Yet, one wonders at this un-

usual scoring system — especially tournament director Carr, who feared that the match might never be fought to the finish. It was suggested that both players were jockeying for some lucky scoring position — is 13-5 a lucky score from which to clinch a victory if one reaches it on three separate occasions in one game ?

### Merciless McIlldoon

Or was this a classical case of Noblesse Oblige? Had the well-mannered McIlldoon, descended from the forefathers of Sir Walter (after you, Madam) Raleigh, realized his earlier miscount and sought, surreptitiously, to return the undeserved advantage to Ms. O'Brien without being accused of pandering condescendingly to the weaker sex? Whatever the case, the effect of this scoring sequence seemed to bring out the beast in the boy.

Scoring continued normally: 13-6, 13-7, 13-8, 14-8. At this point, Ms. O'Brien had scored 15 points in the third game and should have walked off court the victor. However, it is debatable if Ms. O'Brien was aware or even interested in anything surrounding the match except an overwhelming sensation of impending exhaustion. For the merciless McIlldoon bore on, spurred by the thought that while all peoplekind were born equal, some people are more equal than others. The outcome, a 17-14 victory and the match for the methodical McIlldoon. Thus ended the hopes of the distaff side for claiming the title in the first ODBA Closed singles championships.

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### Welsh Revival ?

We reprint below a cutting kindly sent to us by Arthur Jones, who has an eye and an ear for this sort of thing.

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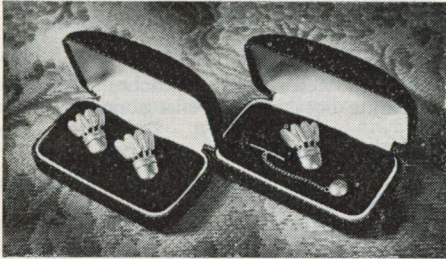
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## LETTERS TO

THE EDITOR



From :

Rob Hindson O. Cussen  
Jake Downey Mary Miller  
F. Wiltshire

February 1, 1975.

Sir,

### Fair Service?

I had really no intention of developing the subject of service faults much further, especially as I expected Eric Hinchcliff to agree that the picture demonstrated quite clearly that Elliot Stuart had, or must have, served above his waist.

Eric, however, seems to agree in all but words. He has defined the waist, the lowest part being level with the top of the hips. The Recommendations to Umpires are quite clear in saying that the service judge must satisfy himself that the shuttle is wholly below the waist. The only real problem that the service judge has is to decide the moment of impact, and I agree that is not always easy. However, the service judge is in the best position to decide, and he should not hesitate to fault foul-serving.

I am not sure whether to thank Mr. Graham or not; obviously he and Mr. Hinchcliff do not always agree, but I feel that he has read between the lines of my earlier letter something that I had not intended. However it is apparent that there are problems in Europe in determining what is fair and what is not fair in serving.

I feel that, apart from a very few cases, detection of fault-serving is not difficult; one of the main problems is that of human nature in calling players who have not previously been called and risking censure and controversy. As I have not seen the players in question, I cannot presume to comment but there is one thought in my mind and that is if a service raises doubts in the minds of umpires and judges, the service is almost certainly unfair.

I do not consider that Eric's suggestion to put a tape along the net to guide the judges would help; the appropriate judge would be the one remote from the server and unless his eyes were on the precise level of the tape, distances would immediately introduce errors, and I do not know how a solitary judge would manage short of running from one side of the net to the other as service changed ends.

I do hope that we might see some others looking at fair and foul-serving; the more considered discussion on all subjects relating to the Laws and their application can only help their understanding.

Yours sincerely,

ROB HINDSON

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Victoria, Australia.

81a High Street,  
Bromley, Kent.

Dear Sir,

### Who is Coaching the Coaches?

The letter of Mr. Berry on the above subject was of great value to all the coaching community within the Badminton Association of England.

Fortunately in the same issue of the Gazette, Page 121, under the panel of Coaching, the suggestion that we form a Coaches Association, should be one of the ways in which we can pass information on to all those who wish to improve their knowledge, and to keep abreast of all the activities going on.

From last seasons experience, which planned to give refresher courses on the Saturdays and have the examinations on the Sundays, this turned out to be bad thinking. The number of applications for the Advanced examinations were too numerous to complete, even using the whole weekend for the examination.

In the light of this series of events, the planning for this season changed, so that examinations were allocated to North, Midlands and South of England for whole weekends, and the syllabi of both the Advanced Club and County examinations were laid out in the Gazette (page 96).

Thus the County Coaching Secretaries are free to lay on the number of Advanced Courses they consider necessary to cope with the numbers of coaches who they consider would apply for upgrading courses.

As and when the proposed course dates are known, they are placed in the Gazette, so that those coaches who have no course running within their own county can apply to an adjacent county.

The County coaches and Assessors who are active for their counties and for the Regional Squads, are invited by the Regional Co-ordinator to the Regional Conferences each season and this conference is a weekend seminar staffed, by the Chief Coach, Assistant Coach and the Coaching Secretary.

This top echelon of coaches are the ones who run the Advanced Courses within their county or region and thus the information is disseminated throughout the country.

Mr. Bell's suggestion that the syllabus and the necessary bibliography is set down. This is exactly the type of information to be found in the loose leaf manual, mentioned on Page 121.

Yours truly,

O. CUSSEN,

B.A. of E. Coaching Secretary.)

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February 16th, 1975

Dear Sir,

### The Lunge

The photograph of 'the lunge' which you printed in the February Gazette is open to misinterpretation and as illustrated is in direct contradiction to my teaching.

You are correct in stating that I was discussing the 'lunge'. However, I was demonstrating various types of 'lunge' to

the players and considering the relative advantages and disadvantages of them all.

The photograph illustrates an example of the 'lunge' of which I tend to be critical. In placing the rear foot in the position shown, there is a tendency for the bottom (hence my left hand position) to rise higher and so throw the body weight forwards onto the front foot. This position makes recovery from the lunge difficult and strenuous and makes balance difficult when moving quickly into the position. The correction is to turn the rear foot outwards and so place the instep of the rear foot on the ground, similar in position to a fencer's lunge. Subsequently the player lowers his seat and ensures a more stable position and a better recovery.

It is minor point, but as I have made the same point to coaches at conferences I would be grateful if you would print this letter to indicate that my views have not changed.

Yours sincerely,

Jake Downey.

Dear Sir,

### Bad Halls

The Hall that I learnt to play in was so low that a man in the club who was 4 feet 6 inches tall could touch the lights with his racket if he really stretched!

We had tea in the ladies' changing room; the men changed in the kitchen. This led to many hilarious events when we forgot that it was a two-purpose room. There was one toilet for all, which was through the ladies' changing room.

That was where I developed my enthusiasm for the game of badminton.

There was a hall in Glasgow which had a coal fire-place complete with fender. The line was against the back wall and the fire-place jutted out into the court. The fire was not lit, I am glad to say.

There are still several very short halls in use in Glasgow. There is one which the floor is flat at one side and slopes at the other.

There used to be one where the floor sloped towards the net at one side, then a flat bit, then a steep slope in the other direction!

We played a match in a tiny hall that was short, narrow and low. The lines were against the walls all round. The players not on court had to wait in another room. The umpire had to sit on the window sill.

I was taken as a visitor to a Club that played in a shed at the docks. The floor sloped to one side. The temperature was 32°F!

The worst hall I ever played in had one main drawback. A balcony over-hung one end of the court for 6 feet. It was so low I could touch it with my racket. The roof was blown off that Hall in the 1968 gale. The Church had no money to put the roof back on.

I always observed that the best players won what ever the hall conditions were.

Yours truly,

MARY MILLER,

4 Eastwood Avenue,  
Giffnock,  
Glasgow, G46 6LR.

DAWLISH,  
Devon,

18th February, 1975.

Dear Sir,

### Unique Courts

A letter in the December issue complained about the size of hall in which a local league match was played, and I quite agree with you that to make a firm stipulation about the specifications would deprive literally thousands of clubs in this country of the enjoyment of local league competition. In view of your own experience of 'unique' courts I wondered if in fact you had ever played in our local league!

During the last few years of league matches I have played in halls with sidelines running along the walls, back lines painted on the wall, and on a court with a 6" strip which was communal to the adjacent court. There are halls with ceilings so low that our tallest member is within one foot of touching it with his arm and racket fully extended, and school halls with balance beams suspended above the centre of the court making a high service most difficult. When I think of some of the courts in which vital local league matches have been played I consider that your contributor doesn't know when he is well off with a full two feet around the court!

We generally expect to have the advantage in a 'home' match and to be at disadvantage when we play away. If there were stipulations where would these stop? For instance, sometimes the hall is a good size, but the floor is like an ice-rink as a result of the French polish put down for Old Tyme Dancing the day before, and players are reduced to playing in bare feet or jumping dramatically on a water-soaked towel between shots to avoid slipping over every time they hit the shuttle!

Another matter for contention could be the lighting. There are halls with dazzling lights, others where one plays in the gloom, and still others that are designed for dancing with multicoloured lights which are somewhat distracting for the badminton player.

Then how about heating? Some halls are so cold that the first game on court is played in a state of numbness. Yet another hall will be so warm that one is gasping for air within seconds.

Please let us forget these minor problems, and just enjoy our league badminton and perhaps develop the skill to overcome the peculiarities of various halls. If we ever reach the dizzy heights of county or international players then perhaps we might expect a hall to meet the recommended specifications.

Yours sincerely,  
H.M.S.

205 Southcoates Lane,  
Hull,  
North Humberside,  
24th January, 1975.

### Small Halls

With reference to the letter "Small Hall" published in the December Issue of the Gazette, I feel I must agree with the Editorial Note. I, too, have encountered similar unorthodox hall, and derived great enjoyment from playing in very odd conditions.

My first experience with a hall of this type was in my introductory season to local league badminton. Arriving to play a match in a church hall, I could not work out why all the opposition team had one very old and battered racquet and one in good condition. Once the match started, I soon discovered the reason. One of the men in the team for which I was playing attempted to play an overhead clear, with a brand new racquet. With an awful bang his racquet hit the overhanging balcony, shot out of his hand and landed in the middle of the court, looking rather like the road sign for a humpback bridge. Needless to say, from that point on we were all very nervous about our own racquets and finished up by losing comfortably a match that we might have won.

Later that same season, again in a church hall, (do they have a prerogative of difficult badminton halls?) I came up against a set of even more amusing conditions. As the hall was too short for a full size badminton court, the service area had been shortened, so that when serving one was faced with the head of the receiver's racquet actually level with the top of the net. Also, at one end of the court, about a foot behind the back line was a wall, with a line of coat-hooks about five feet from the floor. Thus when taking a back swing, one was liable to have the racquet snatched from one's hand and left hanging by the strings on the hooks behind. At the other end, again about a foot from the back line, was a stage three feet high. So, if one went running back in a hurry to play a shot, the result was likely to be rather painful if one was unable to stop.

These are but two examples (admittedly the worst) of tricky courts I have encountered. Others with very low roofs, with very bad lighting, with white-coloured walls, and other such problems, all help the badminton player to adapt his game as necessary and at the same time, help him/her to appreciate his/her good fortune in playing in halls where the recommendations of the B.A. of E. are carried out.

Yours faithfully,  
F. WILTSHIRE

## RESULT OF DECEMBER

### COMPETITIONS

#### 1. Literary

VICORT VMI RACQUET is awarded to **D. R. Johnston** for his coaching article on "Deception".

#### 2. Art

This competition has been extended until 14th as the number of entries received was very small for so important a feature as a new cover. **Many more entries are wanted.**

#### 3. Letters to the Editor

A. SIM LIGHTER is awarded to **Ian Maconachie** (Foul Serving) and **Paul Whetnall** (Tournament Stress).

#### 4. Photographs

**Louis Ross** sent in 3 volumes of photos (300 in all) but asked not to be entered for the competition.

A DUNLOP MAXPLY is awarded to **A. Scott** (Washington). **Consolation Prizes** of SIM LIGHTERS are awarded to **N. Eling** (Basingstoke), and **J. Pearson** (Lancashire).

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#### 2. "Letters to the Editor".

LIGHTERS generously donated by **SIM LIGHTERS**.

#### 3. Literary

Any article (or, preferably, series of articles), on any subject (humour, coaching; junior interest; general etc).

A RACQUET generously donated by **YONEX**.

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All entries (marked "Competition") must be received by the Editor not later than **April 22nd**. All contributions, whether winning or not, may be used in the Gazette. Prizes will not be awarded if entries are not of a high enough standard. Closing date may be extended. Editor's decision on all matters is final.

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## DIVISION I.

### NORTH ZONE

#### West of Scotland 7; Yorkshire 10

At Greenock on 2nd February. Scores (West of Scotland names first):—

N. H. McCloy beat P. Ruthven 15-3, 18-13. R. S. McCoig beat G. Ceely 15-13, 15-10, G. T. Forbes beat P. Higman 15-11, 15-5.

Miss C. Cameron lost to Miss P. Kilvington 4-11, 3-11. Miss M. J. Love lost to Miss C. Lindsay 2-11, 2-11.

J. Ansari and McCoig beat B. Keefe and Higman 17-14, 15-7; lost to C. Somek and Ceely 15-18, 15-5, 5-15. F. D. Gow and J. Marshall beat Keefe and Higman 15-9, 15-10; beat Somek and Ceely 15-5, 15-11.

Mrs. M. Odell and Miss Cameron lost to Miss Lindsay and Miss Kilvington 15-12, 5-15, 12-15; lost to Mrs. J. Lilley and Miss L. Fowler 15-13, 10-15, 7-15. Miss C. Garrett and Mrs. F. McEwan lost to Miss Lindsay and Miss Kilvington 10-15, 9-15; lost to Mrs. Lilley and Miss Fowler 15-18, 11-15.

Gow and Miss Cameron beat D. Hudson and Miss Lindsay 15-6, 15-12. McCoig and Miss Love lost to Ceely and Miss Kilvington 16-18, 15-5, 12-15. Ansari and Mrs. R. Clymonts lost to Keefe and Miss Fowler 15-5, 9-15, 7-15. Marshall and Mrs. Odell lost to Higman and Mrs. Lilley 15-12, 3-15, 4-15.

#### Yorkshire 7; Northumberland 10

At York on 16th February. Scores (Yorkshire names first):—

P. Ruthven lost to D. Talbot 3-15, 6-15. G. Ceely lost to W. Kidd 13-15, 9-15. P. Higman lost to E. C. Stuart 3-15, 3-15.

Miss P. Kilvington beat Mrs. N. Waterfield 11-4, 11-7. Miss C. Lindsay lost to Miss C. Martin 9-12, 3-11.

B. Keefe and Higman lost to Talbot and Kidd 8-15, 15-2, 10-15; beat Stuart and G. C. Lamb 15-8, 15-12. Ceely and C. Somek lost to Talbot and Kidd 8-15, 2-15; lost to Stuart and Lamb 17-18, 7-15.

Miss Lindsay and Miss Kilvington beat Mrs. D. Watson and Miss E. Fowler 15-4, 15-0; beat Miss Martin and Mrs. Waterfield 15-10, 15-10. Mrs. J. Lilley and Miss L. Fowler beat Mrs. Watson and Miss Fowler 15-10, 15-0; beat Miss Martin and Mrs. Waterfield 15-9, 15-7.

D. Hudson and Miss Lindsay lost to Talbot and Miss Fowler 9-15, 12-15. Ceely and Miss Kilvington lost to Stuart and Mrs. Waterfield 5-15, 3-15. Keefe and Miss Fowler beat Kidd and Mrs. Watson 15-5, 3-15, 17-14. Higman and Mrs. Lilley lost to M. Barnes and Miss Martin 18-14, 10-15, 16-18.

**TABLE: Lancashire 3-0; West of Scotland 1-2; Northumberland 1-2; Yorkshire 1-2.**

### SOUTH ZONE

#### Hampshire 9; Essex 8

At Southampton on 26th January. Scores (Hampshire names first):—

D. Hunt lost to R. P. Stevens 11-15, 17-14, 7-15. P. Pennekett beat P. Smith 15-7, 15-13. B. Keeling lost to K. R. Jolly 11-15, 3-15.

Mrs. A. Statt beat Miss N. Gardner 11-8, 11-2. Mrs. C. Hunt lost to Miss B. Giles 6-11, 0-11.

Hunt and Pennekett beat Stevens and Smith 15-10, 4-15, 15-8; beat J. Stretch and P. Emptage 15-5, 15-6. J. Ganner and M. Parratt lost to Stevens and Smith 4-15, 15-11, 12-15; beat Stretch and Emptage 15-7, 15-7.

# BOWRINGS



## INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

### Bowings Inter-County Championship

#### DIVISION I.

##### Semi-final and Interegional ties :-

##### Semi-finals

##### Lancashire\* v. Surrey.

(to be played on 8th March at 2.15 p.m. at The Drill Hall, Manchester Road, Southport).

##### Kent\* v. West of Scotland.

(to be played on 9th March at 11 a.m. at Castle Main Sports Hall, Gillingham).

#### DIVISION II.

##### Semi-finals

##### Durham v. Staffordshire\*

(to be played on 9th March at 2 p.m. at Lichfield Friary, Lichfield).

##### Gloucestershire v. Surrey 2nd\*

(to be played on 9th March at the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club).

#### DIVISION III.

##### Inter-Sectional Ties

##### Lancashire 2nd\* v. Nottinghamshire

(to be played on 9th March at 2.30 p.m. at Lytham Sports Stadium, Albany Road, Ansdell).

##### Oxfordshire\* v. Somerset.

(to be played on 9th March at 2 p.m. at Redesfield Sports Hall, Oxford).

##### Kent 2nd v. Suffolk\*.

(to be played on 9th March at 2 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A. Ipswich).

\* denotes choice of courts.

Details of challenge ties will be announced as soon as possible, but at the moment the position in a number of cases is still unresolved.

J. B. H. Bissek

Mrs. Statt and Mrs. A. Darlington lost to Miss Gardner and Miss Giles 5-15, 9-15; beat Mrs. A. Friend and Miss P. Chitty 15-1, 18-13. Mrs. C. Buffey and Mrs. P. Savage lost to Miss Gardner and Miss Giles 3-15, 1-15; beat Mrs. Friend and Miss Chitty 15-9, 18-15.

Pennekett and Mrs. Statt lost to Stevens and Miss Gardner 5-15, 15-8, 9-15. Hunt and Mrs. Darlington beat Stretch and Miss Giles 15-5, 15-3. D. Catterall and Mrs. Savage lost to Emptage and Miss Chitty 8-15, 15-6, 6-15. Keeling and Mrs. Hunt beat Jolly and Mrs. Friend 15-12, 15-7.

#### Kent 9; Surrey 8

At Gillingham on 26th January. Scores (Kent names first):—

P. Whetnall beat D. Hutchinson 15-4, 15-3. R. Sharp beat T. Goode 15-11, 15-10. M. Wilks lost to C. Beacom 16-17, 15-6, 13-18.

Mrs. S. Whetnall lost to Mrs. G. Gilks 2-11, 9-11. Miss M. Boxall lost to Miss M. Winter 8-11, 7-11.

Sharp and Whetnall beat K. Andrews and A. Connor 15-6, 15-5; beat Beacom and M. Boutle 15-11, 15-8. R. Rofe and Wilks beat Andrews and Connor 15-4, 15-5; beat Beacom and Boutle 11-15, 15-5, 15-6.

Mrs. Whetnall and Miss Boxall lost to Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. A. Palmer 17-14, 12-15, 5-15; beat Miss Winter and Miss R. Hughes 15-3, 15-7. Miss D. Kirby and Mrs. V. Rowan lost to Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Palmer 1-15, 3-15; beat Miss Winter and Miss R. Hughes 15-3, 6-15, 15-7.

Whetnall and Miss Boxall lost to Andrews and Miss Gilks 10-15, 8-15. Sharp and Mrs. Whetnall beat Boutle and Miss Winter 18-14, 15-6. Wilks and Mrs. Rowan lost to Connor and Miss P. Smiles 15-18, 7-15. Rofe and Miss Kirby lost to T. Goode and Mrs. Palmer 15-18, 9-15.

#### Essex 8; Surrey 9

At Redbridge on 16th February. Scores (Essex names first):—

R. P. Stevens beat T. A. Goode 15-4, 15-5. P. J. Smith lost to P. J. Gardner 15-9, 15-17, 9-15. K. R. Jolly beat C. J. Beacom 10-15, 17-14, 15-3.

Miss N. Gardner lost to Mrs. M. A. Gilks 0-11, 5-11. Miss B. Giles beat Miss M. J. Winter 4-11, 12-10, ret'd.

Stevens and D. Pither beat Beacom and M. J. Boutle 18-13, 15-3; lost to K. Andrews and A. Connor 15-14, 14-18, 14-17. Smith and K. Jolly beat Beacom and Boutle 15-10, 15-8; lost to Andrews and Connor 12-15, 14-17.

Miss Giles and Miss Gardner lost to Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. A. Palmer 12-15, 12-15; beat Miss P. Smiles and Miss Winter 15-4, 15-2. Mrs. A. Friend and Miss A. Tuckett lost to Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Palmer 6-15, 3-15; lost to Miss Smiles and Miss Winter 12-15, 15-10, 4-15.

Stevens and Miss Gardner lost to Andrews and Mrs. Gilks 18-15, 13-18, 13-15; P. Emptage and Miss Giles beat Connor and Miss Winter 15-4, 15-13. Smith and Miss V. Bull beat Boutle and Miss Smiles 15-13, 15-5. W. F. Havers and Miss P. Chitty lost to Goode and Mrs. Palmer 7-15, 10-15.

#### Hampshire 3; Kent 14

At Gosport on 16th February. Scores (Hampshire names first):—

D. Hunt lost to P. Whetnall 15-7, 3-15, 13-18. P. Pennekett lost to R. Sharp 15-8, 8-15, 9-15. B. Keeling lost to M. Wilks 8-15, 8-15.



## Hampshire v. Kent. (cont.)

Mrs. C. Hunt lost to Mrs. S. Whetnall 4-11, 3-11. Mrs. C. Buffey lost to Miss M. Boxall 7-11, 5-11.

Hunt and Pennekett beat Whetnall and Sharp 15-12, 5-15, 15-6; beat Wilks and R. Rofe 15-9, 15-7. J. Ganner and M. Parratt lost to Whetnall and Sharp 15-11, 12-15, 5-15; lost to Wilks and Rofe 12-15, 9-15.

Mrs. A. Darlington and Mrs. Hunt lost to Mrs. Whetnall and Miss Boxall 6-15, 9-15; lost to Mrs. V. Rowan and Miss D. Kirby 15-17, 14-17. Mrs. Buffey and Mrs. P. Savage lost to Mrs. Whetnall and Miss Boxall 5-15, 3-15; beat Mrs. Rowan and Miss Kirby 7-15, 15-9, 17-15.

Hunt and Mrs. Darlington lost to Sharp and Mrs. Whetnall 14-17, 9-15. Pennekett and Mrs. Hunt lost to Whetnall and Mrs. Rowan 4-15, 10-15. D. Catterall and Mrs. Savage lost to Rofe and Miss Kirby 5-15, 9-15. Parratt and Mrs. Buffey lost to J. Pugh and Mrs. A. Wilson 15-11, 5-15, 3-15.

**TABLE: Kent 6-0; Surrey 4-2; Hampshire 2-4; Essex 0-6.**

## DIVISION II.

### NORTH ZONE

East of Scotland 10; Cumberland 7  
Cumberland 3; Durham 14  
East of Scotland 5; Durham 12

**TABLE: Durham 4-0; East of Scotland 2-2; Cumberland 0-4.**

Cheshire 4; Staffordshire 13  
Derbyshire 10; Warwickshire 7  
Warwickshire 15; Yorkshire 2  
Derbyshire 6; Staffordshire 11  
Staffordshire 4; Derbyshire 13  
Yorkshire 2nd 10; Warwickshire 7  
Warwickshire 5; Staffordshire 12

**TABLE: Staffordshire 7-1; Cheshire 4-3; Derbyshire 3-4; Warwickshire 3-5; Yorkshire 2nd 2-6.**

### SOUTH ZONE

Cornwall 3; Gloucestershire 14  
Cornwall 7; Glamorgan 10  
Wiltshire 3; Gloucestershire 14  
Worcestershire 3; Cornwall 14  
Gloucestershire 13; Cornwall 4

**TABLE: Gloucestershire 8-0; Wiltshire 5-2; Glamorgan 4-3; Cornwall 2-6; Worcestershire 0-8.**

Berkshire 7; Middlesex 10  
Surrey 2nd 14; Hertfordshire 3  
Essex 2nd 3; Surrey 2nd 14  
Hertfordshire 8; Essex 2nd 9  
Surrey 2nd 12; Berkshire 5

**TABLE: Surrey 2nd 7-1; Middlesex 7-1; Berkshire 3-4; Essex 2nd 2-6; Hertfordshire 0-7.**

## DIVISION III.

### NORTH ZONE

East of Scotland 2nd 14; Westmorland 3  
Cumberland 2nd 15; Scottish B'der Coun. 2  
Cumberland 2nd 6; Northumberland 2nd 11  
East of Scotland 2nd 7; Durham 2nd 10  
Scot. B'der Coun. 6; East of Scot. 2nd 11  
Westmorland 2; Northumberland 2nd 15

**TABLE: Northumberland 2nd 5-0; Durham 2nd 3-1; East of Scotland 2nd 3-2; Cumberland 2nd 2-3; Westmorland 1-3; Scottish Border Counties 0-5.**

Cheshire 2nd 12; Staffordshire 2nd 5  
North Wales 0; Lancashire 2nd 17  
North Wales 1; Cheshire 2nd 16  
North Wales 5; Staffordshire 2nd 12

**TABLE: Lancashire 2nd 6-0; Cheshire 2nd 4-2; Staffordshire 2nd 2-4; North Wales 0-6.**

Nottinghamshire 14; Warwickshire 2nd 3  
Leicestershire 8; Warwickshire 2nd 9

**TABLE: Nottinghamshire 6-0; Leicestershire 3-3; Warwickshire 2nd 2-4; Derbyshire 2nd 1-5.**

### SOUTH ZONE

Northamptonshire 5; Oxfordshire 12.  
Gwent 12; Northamptonshire 5  
Oxfordshire 17; Glamorgan 2nd 0  
Northamptonshire 10; Gwent 7

Gwent 14; Glamorgan 2nd 3  
Northamptonshire 11; Glamorgan 2nd 6  
**TABLE: Oxfordshire 5-1; Gwent 4-2; Northamptonshire 3-3; Glamorgan 2nd 0-6.**

Devon 9; Dorset 8  
Somerset 13; Wiltshire 2nd 4  
Devon 9; Somerset 8  
Wiltshire 2nd 4; Gloucestershire 2nd 13  
Devon 10; Wiltshire 2nd 7  
Dorset 8, Somerset 9  
Devon 7; Gloucestershire 2nd 10

**TABLE: Somerset 6-2; Dorset 5-2; Devon 4-4; Gloucestershire 2nd 3-5; Wiltshire 2nd 1-6**

Sussex 10; Hampshire 2nd 7  
Kent 2nd 10; Sussex 7  
Middlesex 2nd 8; Kent 2nd 9

**TABLE: Kent 2nd 6-0; Sussex 4-2; Hampshire 2nd 1-4; Middlesex 2nd 0-5**

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Bedfordshire 8; Cambridgeshire 9  
Bedfordshire 7; Suffolk 10  
Cambridgeshire 8; Norfolk 9  
Bedfordshire 8; Lincolnshire 9  
Norfolk 6; Suffolk 11  
Cambridgeshire 5; Lincolnshire 12

**TABLE: Suffolk 8-0; Lincolnshire 6-2; Norfolk 3-5; Bedfordshire 1-6; Cambridgeshire 1-6.**

## DIVISION IV.

### NORTH ZONE

Lancashire 3rd 14; Cheshire 3rd 3  
Yorkshire 3rd 10; Cheshire 3rd 7

**TABLE: Lancashire 3rd 4-0; Yorkshire 3rd 2-2; Cheshire 3rd 0-4.**

Staffordshire 3rd 10; Leicestershire 2nd 7  
Staffordshire 3rd 7; Nottinghamshire 2nd 10  
Leicestershire 2nd 10; Warwickshire 3rd 7  
Nottinghamshire 2nd 11; Leicestershire 2nd 6  
**TABLE: Nottinghamshire 2nd 5-0; Staffordshire 3rd 3-2; Warwickshire 3rd 2-4; Leicestershire 2nd 1-5.**

### SOUTH ZONE

Northamptonshire 2nd 6; Oxfordshire 2nd 11  
Herefordshire 12; Northamptonshire 2nd 5  
Oxfordshire 2nd 12; Worcestershire 2nd 5  
Northamptonshire 2nd 10; Herefordshire 7  
**TABLE: Oxfordshire 2nd 6-0; Northamptonshire 2nd 2-3; Herefordshire 2-4; Worcestershire 2nd 1-4.**

Gloucestershire 3rd 5; Somerset 2nd 12  
Somerset 2nd 16; Dorset 2nd 1  
Cornwall 2nd 8; Gloucestershire 3rd 9  
Devon 2nd 9; Dorset 2nd 8  
Devon 2nd 7; Somerset 2nd 10  
Dorset 2nd 7; Somerset 2nd 10  
Devon 2nd 8; Gloucestershire 3rd 9  
Devon 2nd 8; Cornwall 2nd 9

Gloucestershire 3rd 11; Cornwall 2nd 6  
**TABLE: Somerset 2nd 7-0; Cornwall 2nd 4-3; Gloucestershire 3rd 4-4; Dorset 2nd 2-6; Devon 2nd 2-6.**

Middlesex 3rd 9; Essex 3rd 8  
Essex 3rd 7; Buckinghamshire 10  
Middlesex 3rd 8; Sussex 2nd 9  
Buckinghamshire 14; Middlesex 3rd 3  
**TABLE: Buckinghamshire 6-0; Essex 3rd 2-3; Sussex 2nd 2-4; Middlesex 3rd 1-4.**

Lincolnshire 2nd 13; Hertfordshire 2nd 4  
Huntingdon & Peterboro' 11; Norfolk 2nd 6  
Huntingdon & Peterboro' 8; Hertfordshire 2nd 9  
Lincolnshire 2nd 14; Norfolk 2nd 3  
Lincolnshire 2nd 6; Huntingdon & Peterboro' 11  
Norfolk 2nd 7; Hertfordshire 2nd 10

**TABLE: Huntingdon & Peterborough 4-1; Hertfordshire 2nd 4-1; Lincolnshire 2nd 3-3; Norfolk 2nd 0-6.**

## DIVISION V.

### NORTH ZONE

Shropshire 16; Nottinghamshire 3rd 1  
Shropshire 9; Derbyshire 3rd 8

**TABLE: Shropshire 5-1; Nottinghamshire 3rd 4-2; Derbyshire 3rd 3-3; Leicestershire 3rd 0-6.**

### SOUTH ZONE

Pembrokeshire 3; Gwent 2nd 14  
Northamptonshire 3rd 2; Gwent 2nd 15  
Pembrokeshire 10; Worcestershire 3rd 7  
Glamorgan 3rd 5; Gwent 2nd 12  
Northamptonshire 3rd 9; Glamorgan 3rd 8  
**TABLE: Gwent 2nd 8-0; Glamorgan 3rd 4-3; Pembrokeshire 4-3; Northamptonshire 3rd 2-5; Worcestershire 3rd 0-7**

## I.C.C. Div. 5 Results (Contd.)

Somerset 3rd 5; Dorset 3rd 12  
Devon 3rd 11; Dorset 3rd 6  
Somerset 3rd 3; Wiltshire 3rd 14  
Devon 3rd 8; Somerset 3rd 9  
Devon 3rd 6; Wiltshire 3rd 11  
Dorset 3rd 13; Somerset 3rd 4  
Devon 3rd 14; Cornwall 3rd 3

**TABLE: Wiltshire 3rd 6-1; Devon 3rd 5-3;  
Dorset 3rd 4-3; Somerset 3rd 2-5; Corn-  
wall 3rd 1-6**

Buckinghamshire 2nd 9; Sussex 3rd 8  
Hampshire 3rd 9; Buckinghamshire 2nd 8  
Buckinghamshire 2nd 10; Berkshire 2nd 7  
Buckinghamshire 2nd 8; Hampshire 3rd 9  
Sussex 3rd 3; Kent 3rd 14  
Berkshire 2nd 7; Hampshire 3rd 10  
Berkshire 2nd 11; Sussex 3rd 6  
Kent 3rd 16; Buckinghamshire 2nd 1

**TABLE: Kent 3rd 6-1; Buckinghamshire  
2nd 4-4; Berkshire 2nd 3-4; Hampshire  
3rd 3-4; Sussex 3rd 2-5**

Cambridgeshire 2nd 5; Lincolnshire 3rd 12  
Suffolk 2nd 11; Bedfordshire 2nd 6 .....  
Bedfordshire 2nd 10; Lincolnshire 3rd 7  
Cambridgeshire 2nd 4; Suffolk 2nd 13.

**TABLE: Suffolk 2nd 6-0; Bedfordshire 2nd  
4-2; Lincolnshire 3rd 2-4; Cambridge-  
shire 2nd 0-6.**

## ISRAEL'S FAT YEARS

(Contd. from P153)

I have "discovered" that Badminton is played at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and have arranged for the first game between Ashdod and the University early in January 1975. So for Senior players there will also be some inter-club activity in the near future.

On November 12th we had a double programme match when Pardes Hannah visited Ashdod. Their trainer, Dr. Shneidman brought with him a new immigrant who was ranked No. 3 in Latvia. I put two of our best players against them in a series of singles and doubles. Wow! our poor Ashdod boys were trounced! However, first of all we were treated to a great feast of badminton. Secondly its heartening and encouraging to see that we have players of such calibre in our midst. Incidentally our Juniors are by far the best amongst the four clubs—at the moment.

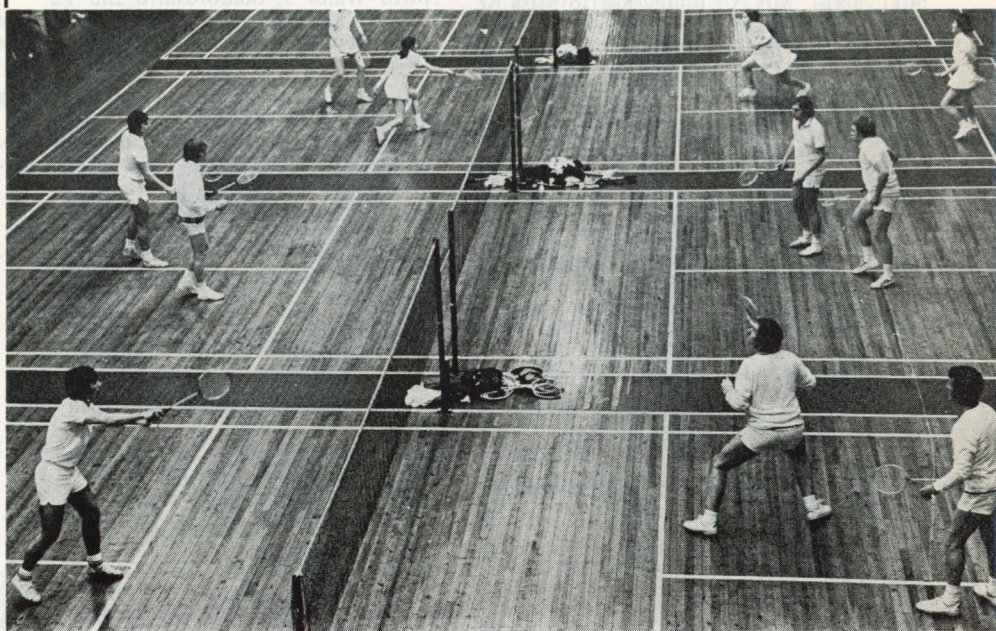
Badminton is still an unknown game in Israel but in Ashdod, at least, it is by now fairly well known thanks to our efforts during the past seven years. The Ashdod Municipal Sports and Youth officials are showing an interest in badminton and now realise that it is not a "children's game" played at the seashore with cheap rackets and clumsy shuttles! In fact for the first time ever our club had a 'small' write-up in the Ashdod Municipal News! I would have sent you a copy but seeing that it is in Hebrew it would be Greek to you!

We are hopeful of founding a national body to govern the game, etc. Another one of my tasks is to train junior coaches in order to develop even further the game in Ashdod.

We have had almost seven "lean years" since there was any inter-club activity in Israel. We now look forward to seven — and many more — "fat years" of Badminton in Israel!

JEFF GEFFEN

*K. Hampshire catches the best of Bowring's I.C.C. match as Northumberland battle with Yorkshire.*



## NEWS FROM GUINNESS

Guinness today announced details of a School of Sport to be held at Dunfermline College of Physical Education, near Edinburgh, from 19th - 25th July.

The School sponsored by Guinness and arranged by the Scottish Sports Council will provide top level coaching for 64 selected applicants to be nominated by the sport's governing bodies. The students will be those who have achieved a high standard of performance in their chosen activity and who, it is considered, will benefit from a week's intensive instruction from some of the country's most eminent coaches.

With the exception of travelling expenses to and from the college, the course, including full tuition, meals and accommodation, will be entirely free to the selected applicants.

The sports included are: athletics, badminton, cycling, fencing, gymnastics, judo, table tennis, wrestling and yachting.

The School complements the very successful Guinness Schools of Sport held at Crystal Palace each year since 1972, organised by the Sports Council (London and South East Region). The 1975 sports covered are to be the same as last year ((Athletics; Basket ball; Fencing, Gymnastics; Judo and Hockey). Thus, Badminton, unfortunately, will not be reverted to.

## Millfield Village of Education

The Summer School will again be held at Street, Somerset, from 20th July to 22nd August. It offers to the young, to the middle-aged +, and to the family a choice of over 120 separate games coaching, music, creative art and academic courses.

Sports covered include Archery, Cricket, Fencing, Golf, Hockey, Judo, Netball, Rugby, Squash, Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Trampolining and Volleyball. Alas Badminton is not included but we have sown the seed in the mind of John Davies

who organises the unique Summer School. Next year we hope the Millfield V. of E. will add yet another sport to its impressive list.

Millfield School, where these courses are held, is, as most of our readers will be aware, unique. It is a Public School with a long tradition of intensive and top class sports coaching. As a result it has an outstanding record in a wide range of sports and has produced a number of top-flight sportsmen and sportswomen.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

### Badminton Association of England

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

**Hon. Treasurer:** Mr. S. C. Saunders, 91-95 Commercial Road, Portsmouth, PO1 1BQ.

**Change of address:** The Secretariat of the Badminton Association of England moved to new offices at 44/45 Palace Road, Bromley, Kent BR1 3JU with effect from 10th March, 1975. The new telephone numbers are 01-464-0031/2/3.

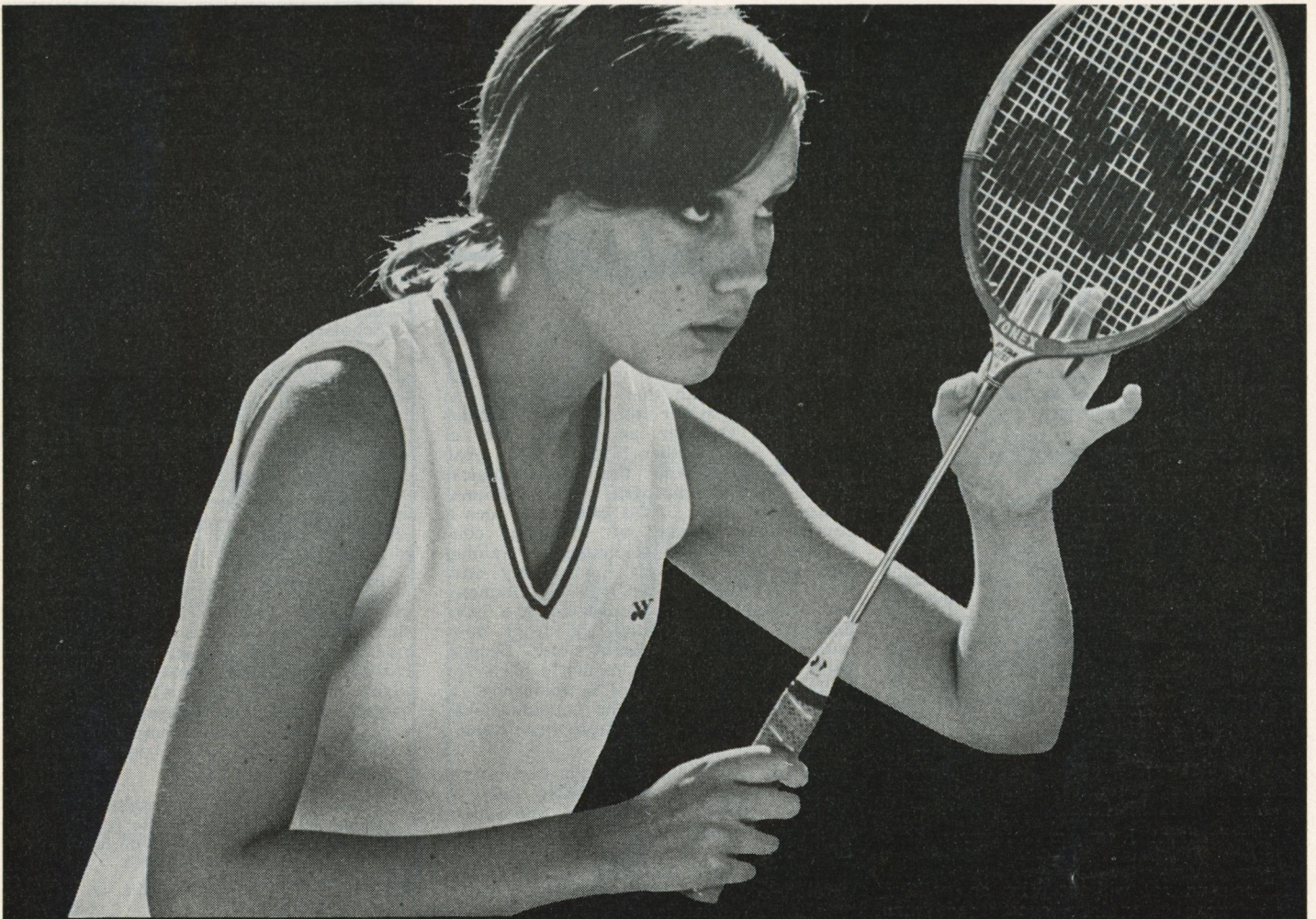
**Change of Secretary:** The acting Hon. Secretary of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Badminton Association is Mr. J. R. Burton, Shaft's House, West Meon, Hampshire. Tel: West Meon 364.

**Change of address:** The new address of Mrs. P. Smith, the Hon. Secretary of the Herefordshire Badminton Association, is 4 Broadfield Close, Nr. Bromyard, Bishop's Frome, Worcestershire.

**Registered Tournament Players:** The following players have registered with the Association since the list was published in February issue of The Badminton Gazette:-

**Men:** D. R. Hunt and G. J. Scott.

**Ladies:** Mrs. G. W. Cooper and Mrs. A. E. Statt.



# NOW THE WORLD GREETES YONEX

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# ACCENT ON YOUTH

## Stars of the Future No. 6

### JANE WEBSTER

Jane Webster, by current standards, would be considered a late-comer onto the badminton scene. Apart from the occasional "knock in the garden" she did not start playing badminton seriously until twelve years of age. This has not prevented her from becoming a very fine badminton player. In only her second season, she reached the finals of the Suffolk Under 18 Singles and won the Mixed Doubles. At that point in time she was taken into the newly conceived Eastern Regional Junior Squad and subsequently came to the writer for personal coaching and training. This coaching and training, has continued, on two evenings each week, throughout each winter and summer since, such being the dedication that Jane gives to her chosen sport.

Jane was not without prior competitive experience having been encouraged from an early age to enter a number of sports. At a very early age she was showing some expertise at football and cricket these being her father's interests at that time. She had her first tennis racquet at six and was soon playing quite well but, with her parents in Germany at the time, her talents in that direction were never fully developed.

Nonetheless she is a very capable tennis player winning the Suffolk Under 18 Singles title at 14, at her first attempt, and going on to create a record last year of four successive wins having never been beaten in this event. Jane still enjoys her tennis as a relaxation from badminton and has represented Suffolk at County Ladies' Week. She is also a strong swimmer, plays a good game of squash (as the writer has found to his cost) and was at one time a javelin thrower with a number of Suffolk age group titles to her name.

Her success as a badminton player is, of course, well recorded, her junior career culminating in becoming All-England Under 18 Singles Champion in 1974. During that season she also won six senior Open Championships, represented England at junior level, was accepted for the All-England Championships, awarded the Wiltshire Coaching Scholarship, and entered the English ranking lists at number eight. Perhaps more indicative of her talents and sporting manner was being voted the "Personality of the Year" by the Eastern Region Sports Council, having been nominated by both Suffolk B.A. and Suffolk L.T.A.

Jane lives with her grand-mother at Dunstable whilst her family, which includes a younger brother and sister, are in Germany—her father is on a three year tour of duty with the Meteorological Office—She is employed by the National Westminster Bank. As a result she does a considerable amount of travelling conducting herself to tournaments, training sessions, etc., all over the country and, since last August, four trips to Germany and Holland. Those youngsters who have difficulty getting beyond the front door without assistance please note! Despite being at Dunstable she regularly plays for Suffolk in the County Championships, a token of gratitude for the encouragement she has always received from her "home" county.

For my part, I have had the pleasure of assisting a very likeable young lady to realise a lot of her ambitions. She suffers none of the fits of temperament on court which are seen increasingly of recent date though we have had our "moments" in training—she has the kind of dedication which should ultimately enable her to achieve her ambition of being an England International player.

PETER ROPER



## Hearts of Oak Coaching Scholarships

We are pleased to print below the names of leading junior players whose skill and application have deservedly gained them Badminton Scholarships.

We are equally pleased to be able to point out that this is one of the fruits of sponsorship. Money is being put into coaching which will ensure that England is developing the Badminton talent which in a few years will have to be ready to replace our present internationals if England is to retain the premier position in Europe. Players at all levels can take interest and pride in this as well as being assured of top-class play when they visit County matches and tournaments.

Money spent on coaching is money well spent indeed. Our thanks again are due to Hearts of Oak for their generous support. Wherever possible let us support those companies who support us. It is to our mutual advantage.

The Coaching Committee has allocated scholarships to the following ranked junior players as follows:—

### £60 Scholarships To:—

#### BOYS

- P. H. Wood, (Lancashire)
- R. A. Rofe, (Kent)
- D. S. Whitfield, (Berkshire)
- P. Jack, (Cumbria)
- P. A. Whitehead, (Kent)

#### GIRLS

- J. A. Webster, (Suffolk)
- K. Redhead, (Lancashire)
- K. S. Bridge, (Surrey)
- S. E. Coates, (Surrey)
- P. M. Kilvington, (Yorkshire)

### £40 Scholarships To:—

- K. R. Jolly, (Essex)
- K. P. Jolly, (Essex)
- S. C. Jordan, (Surrey)
- J. Unwin, (Yorkshire)
- D. P. B. Bridge, (Surrey)

- K. T. Puttick, (Sussex)
- A. G. Tuckett, (Essex)
- D. J. Kirby, (Kent)
- C. Kelly, (Lancashire)
- G. R. Scholey, (Lancashire)

### £30 Scholarships To:—

- N. G. Tier, (Essex)
- G. M. Reeves, (Hampshire)
- N. Goode, (Hertfordshire)
- A. Goode, (Hertfordshire)

- C. J. Bairstow, (Somerset)
- K. E. Smith, (Surrey)
- D. Stormont, (Surrey)

**100% EFFORT!**

The twenty-second annual Junior Tournament from 9th to 12th January — this year sponsored by Coca Cola — produced the largest entry remembered for years, with exactly 100 boys and girls yielding a total of 280 entries and a daunting 180 matches. The youngest player this year was ten-year old Neal Le Maistre.

The organisers, and all the senior players who helped with umpiring, were well rewarded by the evident enjoyment of all the players, who needed no second bidding to get on to the court, and who gave 100% effort.

There were a number of surprises in the early rounds, notably the defeat of last year's winner Sally Leadbeater in the Under 18 girls' singles.

The youngest competitor in the finals, Guernsey's Mark Leadbeater, who had his eleventh birthday on the first day of the Tournament, played and won both his Under 12 finals, and then went on to take the Under 15 mixed doubles partnered by his sister Sally.

Although outgunned most of the way by the visitors from Guernsey, most of the Jersey competitors showed a great improvement on last year. The best local victory was in the Under 12 girls' doubles where Carol Le Brun and Alison Cristin finally overcame their opponents for a fine victory.

Mrs. J. Barnett

**RESULTS**

(Under 18)

**BOYS' SINGLES**

C. Wells beat C. Le Tissier, 15-7, 15-3.

**GIRLS' SINGLES**

Miss A. Lihou beat Miss M. Hunter, 11-7, 12-11.

**BOYS' DOUBLES**

C. Goodfellow and C. Wells beat C. Le Tissier and M. Gent, 18-17, 15-5.

**GIRLS' DOUBLES**

Miss A. Lihou and Miss R. Druce beat Miss K. Blampied and Miss J. Brooker, 15-7, 15-7.

**MIXED DOUBLES**

C. Wells and Miss A. Lihou beat P. Haworth and Miss M. Travadon, 15-2, 15-2.

(Under 15)

**BOYS' SINGLES**

K. Enevoldsen beat D. Redhead, 15-7, 15-10.

**GIRLS' SINGLES**

Miss S. Leadbeater beat Miss T. Carré, 11-2, 11-0.

**BOYS' DOUBLES**

D. Redhead and K. Enevoldsen beat M. Leadbeater and A. Gent, 15-7, 15-0.

**GIRLS' DOUBLES**

Miss T. Carré and Miss S. Leadbeater beat Miss C. Laurens and Miss J. Harris, 15-7, 15-4.

**MIXED DOUBLES**

M. Leadbeater and Miss S. Leadbeater beat S. Trebert and Miss T. Carré, 15-9, 15-1.

We are delighted to print here some of the charming drawings made by E.S.B.A.'s Hon. Treasurer, P. B. Capon, for a Triangular Tournament Programme.

**'HONOURS WELL SHARED'**

In this, the 4th South West Counties Junior Restricted Tournament, held at the Christie-Miller Sports Centre, Melksham, the trophies were well distributed with All six Counties featuring in a least one final each. Although from all players, competing, Time Stokes (Somerset) stood out head and shoulders above the rest, ability-wise as well as physically!! Obviously, from Tim's showing, the Chief Coach's Junior Squad Sessions are proving most rewarding — but let's hope that with all this pressure our Badminton talents are not burnt out as 'teenagers' as seems the case with swimming these days!

Candy Bairstow (Somerset) and Paula Davies (Gloster) dominated the Under-18 Girls' events, whilst in the Boys' events, Stokes apart, there was a much more even level of play with many hard fought battles!

In the Under 15 events, Karen Hall (Wiltshire) maintained her steady progress and took the Singles title and then the Doubles with Judith Deas (Gloster). In the Boys' events GARY SOPER (Devon), perhaps the **most improved player** in the whole tournament, completely dominated both the Singles and Doubles, running away with both Cups!

**RESULTS**

**Under-18 Events**

Boys' Singles: T. Stokes (Somerset) beat S. Willis (Dorset) 15-4, 15-1.

Girls' Singles: P. Davies (Gloster) beat C. Bairstow (Somerset) 11-6, 10-12, 11-3.

Boys' Doubles: T. Stokes and P. Brown (Cornwall) beat J. Gilbert (Somerset) and I. Nichols (Devon) 15-4, 15-4.

Girls' Doubles: P. Davies and C. Bairstow beat A. Williams (Cornwall) and L. Castleton (Somerset) 15-5, 15-5.

**Under-15 Events**

Boys' Singles: G. Soper (Devon) beat T. Bird (Devon) 15-5, 15-0.

Girls' Singles: K. Hall (Wilts) beat J. Deas (Gloster) 11-5, 11-1.

Boys' Doubles: G. Soper and T. Bird beat K. Vernon (Somerset) and T. Theaker (Somerset) 15-4, 15-3.

Girls' Doubles: K. Hall and J. Deas beat L. Hallett and C. Hutchins (both Somerset) 15-8, 15-0.

A.J.W.

**Jersey Junior Championships (Contd.)**

(Under 12)

**BOYS' SINGLES**

M. Leadbeater beat A. Gent, 15-4, 15-1.

**GIRLS' SINGLES**

Miss W. Luxton beat Miss A. Cristin, 11-5, 11-8.

**BOYS' DOUBLES**

M. Leadbeater and A. Gent beat I. Goodfellow and C. Powell, 15-8, 15-3.

**GIRLS' DOUBLES**

Miss C. Le Brun and Miss A. Cristin beat Miss D. Turvey and Miss W. Luxton, 15-11, 18-13.

J.B.

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# TOURNAMENT ROUND-UP

## Essex Open

### Two for Tredgett

The 1975 Essex Open Championships held at the recently improved Redbridge Sports Centre on January 28th—February 1st were the most successful held at this venue. The Centre now has larger car parking and reception areas and these facilities were much appreciated by competitors.

### Foreigners To Fore!

Foreign players fared well from the opening day, two New Zealanders—S. Wilson and C. Bullen—contested one semi-final in the Men's Singles Qualifying with Bullen eventually beating S. Jordan in this event. In the Men's Singles Open, New Zealand had Ross Livingston—a formidable player of Rugby forward proportions. He won his way very comfortably to the final, Unseeded David Hunt appeared to be in excellent form, he disposed of an out of touch Ray Stevens in the 3rd round, much to the dismay of Essex supporters and also defeated seeded R. Ridder (Netherlands) to reach the final. Hunt was unable to maintain his form against Livingston and lost in two straight games, the New Zealand player's heavy smash and subtle drop shots were too much for him.

### Dutch Girls Too Strong!

The Dutch girls were too strong for the home players in the Singles. Nora Gardner, lacking match play this season, lost to Jane Webster in two games. Jane lost her semi-final to the eventual winner Joke van Beusekom. The final was not exciting because Miss van Beusekom was always in control against Miss Luesken and the result, on the day, appeared inevitable.

In the Doubles, the Essex girls Barbara Giles and Nora Gardner were in good form beating the seeded Miss Ridder and Mrs. Weijers 7 and 2 in the semi-final! Against the Dutch pair Miss Beusekom and Miss Luesken in the final, Barbara and Nora were out of touch in the first game—losing 7-15. Though serving badly in the second the English girls were leading 12-9 when the umpire adjudged Barbara had hit the shuttle before it crossed the net! This setback so upset the English pair that their play disintegrated and they did not add to their score. An unsatisfactory ending to a very entertaining match.

### Two for Tredgett

In the Men's Doubles the combination of B. White and R. Livingston beat two seeded pairs—the brothers Ridder and Bullivant and Cocker in convincing style. The No. 1 pair in England at the moment—Ray Stevens and Mike Tredgett reached the final with little trouble and won against the Anglo/New Zealand partnership in 2 games despite Ray being out of form.

The outstanding performance in the Mixed Open was the scratch pair Roy Rofe and Redbridge's Vivienne Bull. They put out seeds B. Ridder and Miss Luesken in a great 3 game match but lost to P. Bullivant and Miss Winter for a final against internationals Mike Tredgett and Barbara Giles. Peter and Margo only lost the first game 15-18 but the second was more decisive—game 6 to Mike and Barbara.

This final finished a Championship where the Tournament Committee must be congratulated for the best organisation of an Essex Open ever staged at the excellent Redbridge Centre.

### MENS' SINGLES OPEN

Semi-final: D. R. Hunt beat R. Ridder, 15-10, 15-10; R. Livingston beat D. J. Hutchinson, 15-6, 15-5.

Final: R. Livingston beat D. R. Hunt, 15-9, 15-12.

### LADIES' SINGLES OPEN

Semi-final: Miss M. Luesken beat Mrs. L. Weijers, 11-6, 11-5; Miss J. van Beusekom beat Miss J. Webster, 11-3, 11-4.

Final: Miss J. van Beusekom beat Miss M. Luesken, 11-7, 11-3.

### MENS' DOUBLES OPEN

Semi-final: B. H. White and R. Livingston beat P. Bullivant and J. Cocker, 15-2, 15-6; R. Stevens and M. Tredgett beat D. Hutchinson and R. Sharp, 15-5, 15-11.

Final: R. Stevens and M. Tredgett beat B. H. White and R. Livingston, 15-12, 15-11.

### LADIES' DOUBLES OPEN

Semi-final: Miss B. Giles and Miss N. Gardner beat Miss M. Ridder and Mrs. L. Weijers, 15-7, 15-2; Miss J. van Beusekom and Miss M. Luesken beat Miss J. Webster and Miss M. Winter, 15-7, 15-10.

Final: Miss J. van Beusekom and Miss M. Leuseken beat Miss B. Giles and Miss N. Gardner, 15-7, 15-12.

### MIXED DOUBLES OPEN

Semi-final: P. Bullivant and Miss M. Winter beat R. A. Rofe and Miss V. Bull, 15-6, 15-10; M. Tredgett and Miss B. Giles beat G. van der Vlugt and Miss J. van Beusekom, 15-5, 15-8.

Final: M. Tredgett and Miss B. Giles beat P. Bullivant and Miss M. Winter, 18-15, 15-6.

### LADIES' DOUBLES HANDICAP

Final: Miss C. Green and Mrs. C. Boughtwood (-2) beat Mrs. R. Laws and Miss L. Darken (Scr), 15-3, 15-10.

### MENS' DOUBLES HANDICAP

Final: R. Rule and Wilkinson (Scr) beat M. Langstone and P. Rodgers (-2), 15-2, 15-12.

### MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP

Final: L. Duke and Mrs. D. Scott (+1) beat S. Corstorphone and Mrs. Howe (+5), 8-15, 15-7, 15-8.

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## Gloucestershire Open

### BOMB SCARE!

A very successful 1st Open Tournament was held at the new Leisure Centre, Gloucester, on the 17th and 18th January, 1975.

An International trip to Japan no doubt robbed the event of some of our top players including our own Mike Tredgett, but nevertheless the standard of play throughout the tournament was still exceedingly good.

The Men's Singles went as expected, David Eddy coming through to the final dropping only one set against Mike Wilks in the semi-final. Alan Connor eliminated the No. 2 seed, Clive Kirk, in the quarter-finals but was beaten by Eddie Sutton in the other semi-final. An all-Staffs final which was not in doubt: David Eddy producing the play needed to win with plenty in hand.

The Ladies' Singles was poorly supported, only 8 entries, Kathryn Whiting had a comfortable win over Angela Dickson in the final—a case of youth. Paula Davies did exceptionally well in her semi-final match with Angela Dickson by going to three games and setting in the third.

Mixed Doubles provided some very close games and play throughout was of a very high standard. Brian Jones and Sue Alfieri disposed of the No. 2 seeds quite easily and almost pulled off the shock win of the tournament when losing to Bridget Cooper and Peter Wood in the final. The latter pair saved two match points to win the second game and went on to win easily in the third.

The Finals started at 6.30 p.m. and went off without a hitch. The Sponsors for each event presented the prizes to the winners, before some 300 spectators. The only incident of note was a bomb scare on the Friday night just in the middle of the Men's Singles semi-finals. However, play was resumed after some 30 minutes to finish well before mid-night.

G. EARP.

### MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: D. Eddy beat M. Wilks, 13-15, 15-12, 15-9. E. Sutton beat A. Connor, 15-11, 15-12.

Final: Eddy beat Sutton, 15-3, 15-3.

### LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Miss K. Whiting beat Mrs. C. Pike, 11-0, 11-7. Mrs. A. Dickson beat Miss P. Davies, 10-12, 11-9, 12-9.

Final: Whiting beat Dickson, 11-2, 11-4.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: D. Eddy and Sutton beat B. Jones and B. Wallwork, 15-8, 15-8. P. Bullivant and A. Connor beat T. Finch and C. Kirk, 15-9, 15-1.

Final: Eddy and Sutton beat Bullivant and Connor, 15-12, 15-8.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. B. Cooper and Mrs. D. Smith beat Miss S. Crabtree and Mrs. J. Elson, 15-3, 15-1. Mrs. A. Dickson and Mrs. S. Alfieri beat Mrs. A. McFarlane and Miss A. Morgan, 15-12, 15-7.

## Gloucestershire Open (Contd.)

### MIXED DOUBLES

**Semi-finals:** P. Wood and Mrs. B. Cooper beat R. Rofe and Miss L. Castleton, 15-3, 15-0. B. Jones and Mrs. S. Alfieri beat B. Wallwork and Mrs. D. Smith, 15-4, 15-10.

**Final:** Wood and Cooper beat Jones and Alfieri, 11-15, 17-16, 15-2.

## Hampshire Open

### TRIPLE CROWN REGAINED

At the 58th Hampshire Open Championships played at the Nuffield Badminton Hall, Portsmouth on 17th and 18th January, David Hunt regained the triple crown; his previous achievement being the 1973 Championships.

The highlight of the Men's Singles was the semi-final between the No. 3 Seed, Peter Pennekett and the No. 2 Seed, Ray Sharp. After squaring at set-all, the final set went to 2-all in setting to 5 before Peter clinched the last 3 points. In the final, Peter Pennekett looked to have the first set under control with a 10 point lead, but allowed this to slip away, and David Hunt eased through, and then secured the second set.

The Ladies' Singles final between anticipated seeded players Anne Statt and Jane Webster had a fairly level first set in which Anne came through, then in the second set having established tactics ran through and conceded only 1 point.

The Men's Doubles title was retained by David Hunt and Peter Pennekett who were not pressed in reaching the final where they met 3rd Seeds Brian White and Jason Ganner, the semi-final victors in straight sets over No. 2 Seeds Ray Sharp and Paul Whitehead. In the final, the winners played their usual concise badminton in the first set, then lack of concentration allowed Brian and Jason to pull back and take the second set. In the decider, the play reverted to an identical first set.

The Ladies' Doubles Final featured patches of one-sided play by both pairs, Top Seeds Anne Statt and Margo Winter found little opposition from 2nd Seeds Jane Webster and Debbie Kirby in the 1st set, then some negative play was exploited by the juniord pair, and Debbie held on to take the 2nd set by the narrowest margin of 18-17. In the final set, Jane and Debbie led 10-4 before Anne and Margo pulled out of their disjointed play, and began to haul back the deficit and eventually led 13-12, only to be forced to set. All credit goes to the young pair for not losing another point and securing the title.

David Hunt and Margo Winter, Peter Pennekett and Anne Statt had comfortable passages to the final where they were seeded to meet, and a close match was anticipated. Unfortunately it was as disappointing as the one-sided score suggests with David and Margo never allowing Peter and Anne to regain composure and get together through the match.

J. B. COLVERSON.

### MENS' SINGLES

(25 players)

**Semi-finals:** D. Hunt beat B. White, 15-1, 15-2; P. Pennekett beat R. Sharp, 12-15, 15-9, 18-15.

**Final:** Hunt beat Pennekett, 15-13, 15-8.

### LADIES' SINGLES

(13 players)

**Semi-finals:** A. Statt beat C. Hunt, 11-8, 11-6; J. Webster beat M. Winter, 11-4, 10-12, 11-1.

**Final:** Statt beat Webster, 11-8, 11-1.

### MENS' DOUBLES

(18 pairs)

**Semi-finals:** D. Hunt and P. Pennekett beat M. Parratt and C. Goodman, 15-12, 15-3; B. White and J. Ganner beat R. Sharp and P. Whitehead, 17-16, 15-11.

**Final:** Hunt and Pennekett beat White and Ganner, 15-4, 11-15, 15-5.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

(13 pairs)

**Semi-finals:** A. Statt and M. Winter beat P. Chitty and R. Illingworth, 15-4, 15-7; J. Webster and D. Kirby beat P. Rofe and S. Utteridge, 15-9, 15-7.

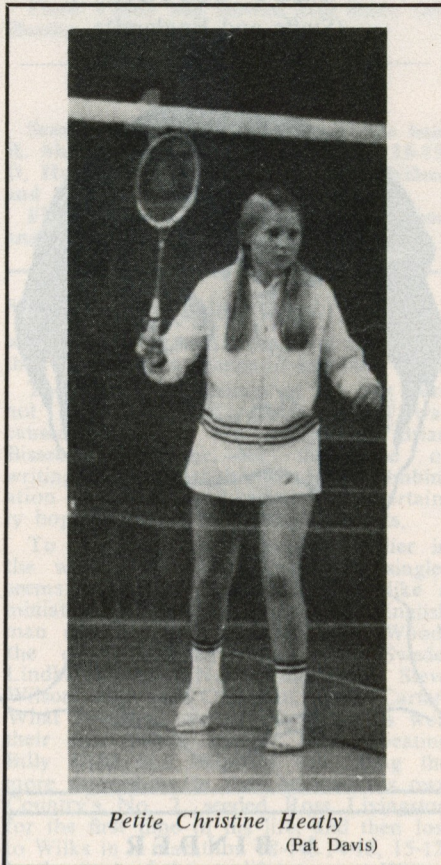
**Final:** Webster and Kirby beat Statt and Winter, 4-15, 18-17, 18-13.

### MIXED DOUBLES

(24 pairs)

**Semi-finals:** P. Pennekett and A. Statt beat P. Wood and L. Maine, 15-7, 15-7; D. Hunt and M. Winter beat R. Sharp and D. Kirby, 15-1, 15-4.

**Final:** Hunt and Winter beat Pennekett and Statt, 15-3, 15-2.



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(See P. 161)

## Leicestershire Open Championships

### E.Y.S. SHOW TALENT

The Leicestershire Open Championships held on Jan. 23rd to 25th produced an abundance of top-class Badminton, with the England Youth Squad taking three titles but meeting strong resistance from 'the Men of the Midlands'.

From a tremendous entry there were many top class performances, but probably standing out was Paula Kilvington who, with great all-round stroke play and deft footwork, easily took the Ladies' Singles trophy and then partnered Andrea Tuckett to victory in the Doubles. Here, however, Rita Heywood and Lorraine Fowler, playing at peak-form gave them and the large crowd a real run for their money.

Another great success was Barry Champion of Derbyshire who, playing as well as he has ever played, demolished Kevin Jolly in the semi-final and gave Clive Kirk a very close game in the final. Champion's steadiness and good stroke play also brought him sweet revenge in the Men's Final when, with his County partner, Ian Clark, they easily beat Clive Kirk and a below-par Paul Danby. Paul just 18, however can be well pleased in reaching his first senior final.

E.Y.S. pair Duncan Bridge and Lorraine Fowler took the Mixed title with some very good play including a very tense final against local Hilary Herrick and Staffs' John Croxton.

In well supported Handicap events, Derbyshire pairs took the Men's and Mixed events whilst two Leicestershire ladies won their event. In such a huge tournament, special thanks must go to our new Secretary, Vicki Measom, and to many other helpers including Stuart Hague of Notts. who did a marathon stint umpiring all the Finals.

(Signed) W. MUGGINS  
(E.D. Sleath, Hon. Referee)

### MEN'S SINGLES

(46 players)

**Semi-finals:** B. Champion beat K. R. Jolly 15-7, 15-2. C. J. Kirk beat G. Scott 15-5, 15-8.

**Final:** Kirk beat Champion 18-14, 9-15, 15-8.

### LADIES' SINGLES

(23 players)

**Semi-finals:** P. Kilvington beat A. Tuckett 11-6, 11-1. H. Chilwell beat H. Herrick 11-6, 11-8.

**Final:** Kilvington beat Chilwell 11-1, 11-3.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

(45 pairs)

**Semi-finals:** B. Champion and I. Clark beat J. Croxton and K. Hawthorne 15-7, 15-2. C. J. Kirk and P. S. Danby beat G. Scott and T. Stokes 15-6, 8-15, 15-13.

**Final:** Champion and Clark beat Kirk and Danby 15-7, 15-4.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

(29 pairs)

**Semi-finals:** R. Heywood and L. Fowler beat P. Assinder and G. Scholey 15-5, 9-15, 15-3. P. Kilvington and A. Tuckett beat S. Hamilton and H. Herrick 15-9, 10-15, 15-4.

## Leicestershire Open (Contd.)

**Final: Kilvington and Tuckett beat Heywood and Fowler 15-12, 14-17, 15-7.**

### MIXED DOUBLES (56 pairs)

**Semi-finals: D. Bridge and L. Fowler beat K. Hawthorne and A. MacFarlane 18-16, 15-6, J. Croxton and H. Herrick beat G. Taylor and E. A. Pearce 18-15, 18-15.**

**Final: Bridge and Fowler beat Croxton and Herrick 15-8, 5-15, 17-14.**

### MEN'S DOUBLES HANDICAP (37 pairs)

**Final: J. Abbott and P. Brandt (owe 2) beat J. McNab and C. Taylor (+5) 15-12, 15-12.**

### LADIES' DOUBLES HANDICAP (17 pairs)

**Final: H. Bond and P. McBean (scr) beat H. Roper and M. Roskell (scr) 11-15, 15-8, 15-13.**

### MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP (44 pairs)

**Final: P. Brandt and E. Bexon (owe 4) beat N. Evans and H. Bond (scr) 15-13, 15-12.**

## Staffordshire Open

### UNASSUMING YOUNGSTER WINS THREE!

A hat-trick for Kathie Redhead and a 'double' for David Eddy were the highlights of the Eighth Staffordshire Open Badminton Championships which were staged at the Sports Centre, Clayton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs on January 10th and 11th.

Eighteen-years-old Miss Redhead was the star of the weekend, putting the more established players in the shade. Surely there can be no-one more fitting to be a champion than this unassuming youngster from Lancashire.

Miss Redhead's victory over Irish star Barbara Beckett in the Ladies' Singles final produced plenty of excellent play and excitement for spectators. Miss Beckett was generally regarded as the favourite, and this was borne out in the first set which she won 11-6. However, Miss Redhead fought back well to take the second 11-8 and came out on top in the third after setting at 9-all.

The Men's Singles final was also a close affair. David Hunt (Hampshire), ranked number 4 in the country, and David Eddy (Staffordshire), ranked number 5, had come through as expected.

As expected, neither player was giving anything away and in the first set the score was never more than two points difference all through. Eddy won this only after setting.

This pattern followed in the second set until 9-all when Hunt, lunging in to pick up a net shot, appeared to pull a muscle and for a minute or two it looked as though he was in serious trouble.

However, he carried on but was still suffering slightly and appeared to be apprehensive in his approach to the net. Eddy thus ran out 15-11 to win in two sets.

David Eddy and Eddie Sutton, Staffordshire's newly elected National champions, retained their Men's Doubles title, but in no way was this an easy task.

In fact, in their semi-final against the Derbyshire pair of Barry Campion and Ian Clarke, Eddy and Sutton were 9-11 down in the third, but with an excited local crowd behind them they pulled back to win.

In the final they beat Ross Livingston, the New Zealander and Brian White (Wiltshire) again in three sets.

In the Ladies' Doubles, the top seeds and the holders both went out in the semi-finals—Miss Beckett and Kathy Whiting to Carol Hunt and Barbara Walsh, and Pauline Ferrington and Lynne Veasey to Dorothy Pearson and Kathie Redhead.

Miss Redhead gained her second success in this event when she and Miss Pearson were convincing 15-8 15-7 victors over Mrs. Hunt and Miss Walsh.

The Mixed Doubles saw the popular young Lancastrian gain her third success of the Championships—and well deserved it was too. In partnership with Mike Wilks (Kent) she beat Ray Sharp (Essex) and Miss Pearson 8 and 8.

Grateful thanks are extended to Bourne Sports, Stoke, and Accles and Pollock Ltd., Sporting Goods Division, Oldbury, the sponsors without whom the Championships would be virtually impossible. Thanks are also extended to the Staff of the Sports Centre, Clayton, who do a marvellous job with the refreshments and facilities.

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## MEN'S SINGLES

(Restricted to 24 players)

**Semi-finals: D. R. Hunt beat B. H. White 15-5, 15-5. J. D. Eddy beat P. Bullivant 15-11, 15-10.**

**Final: Eddy beat Hunt 18-16, 15-11.**

## LADIES' SINGLES

(11 players)

**Semi-finals: K. Redhead beat C. I. Burden 11-7, 11-5. B. A. Beckett beat C. Hunt 11-3, 11-4.**

**Final: Redhead beat Beckett 6-11, 11-8, 12-9.**

## MEN'S DOUBLES

(22 pairs)

**Semi-finals: J. D. Eddy and E. H. Sutton beat B. Campion and I. P. Clark 15-10, 13-18, 15-12. R. Livingston and B. H. White beat P. Bullivant and W. Kidd 15-18, 17-14, 15-11.**

**Final: Eddy and Sutton beat Livingston and White 15-11, 6-15, 15-10.**

## LADIES' DOUBLES

(16 pairs)

**Semi-finals: C. Hunt and B. Walsh beat B. A. Beckett and K. Whiting 15-11, 15-12. D. Pearson and K. Redhead beat P. Ferrington and L. M. Veasey 11-15, 15-6, 15-3.**

**Final: Pearson and Redhead beat Hunt and Walsh 15-8, 15-7.**

## MIXED DOUBLES

(24 pairs)

**Semi-finals: M. J. Wilks and K. Redhead beat G. A. Connor and L. M. Veasey 13-15, 15-4, 15-10. R. J. Sharp and D. Pearson beat P. Pennekett and C. Hunt 7-15, 15-9, 15-12.**

**Final: Wilks and Redhead beat Sharpe and Pearson 15-8, 15-8.**

## Wiltshire Restricted

### 'WHITE SUPREME'

The 10th Wiltshire Closed Championships played at the Christie-Miller Sports Centre, Melksham on Sunday, 19th January, 1975, found BRIAN WHITE easily retaining his three trophies, at no time being unduly extended!

SUE ROBERTS retained the Ladies' Singles Cup. The only trophy to change hands was in the Ladies' Doubles where Sue paired with Gillian White regained the title from their first team partners, Rosemary Cavilla and Pat Robertson.

The only brush with the seeding and the 'form book' came in the Men's Doubles where Geof Hinder and Randy Roze up-ended their close rivals and first team opponents, Robin Crockett and Trev Embling.

## RESULTS

**Men's Singles: B. White beat R. Crockett 15-4, 15-0.**

**Ladies' Singles: Miss S. Roberts beat Miss G. White 11-5 11-1.**

**Men's Doubles: B. White and R. Burden beat G. Hinder and R. Roze 15-7, 15-11.**

**Ladies' Doubles: Miss S. Roberts and Miss G. White beat Mrs. R. Cavilla and Mrs. P. Robertson 15-6, 15-10.**

**Mixed Doubles: B. White and Miss G. White beat R. Roze and Miss S. Roberts 15-5, 15-3.**



## Surrey Championships

### THREE FINALS ONLY

There will be no difficulty in distinguishing this year's Surrey Championships from all other Surrey Championships as it was in the unusual position of having only three finals! This happened because Gillian Gilks began to feel very sick during the Mixed Doubles on Saturday afternoon and reluctantly decided to scratch and go home to bed to nurse her dose of 'flu'. As she was already in both the Ladies' Singles and Doubles finals, this meant the loss of both these events.

In the mixed, she and Dave Hunt, the defenders, thereupon scratched to Philip Toler, Surrey 2nd team player, and Mary Skeen, one of the large band of New Zealanders making a welcome visit to this country, these two, as qualifiers had already beaten Dave Hutchinson and Miss Heatly, and went on, after their walk over from Dave and Gillian, to have a very good three game match before losing to Alan Connor and Margo Winter the eventual winners. So congratulations to them for this good effort.

The Men's Singles event also had an unusual happening, and that was the scratching, at match point in the semi-final, of Paul Whetnall to Dave Hunt. The reasons for this seem to have been mental rather than physical, giving Dave Hunt the novel experience of both receiving a walk-over, and having to give one! This put Dave into the final against the holder Ray Stevens, who lost no time in chalking up a third consecutive win, thereby relieving the Championships of some of their profit. (But we don't really mind Ray, as you are one of our most co-operative and considerate competitors!).

The Ladies' Singles title went by default to Margaret Beck in Gillian's absence, and the Ladies' Doubles to Sue Whetnall and Nora Gardner with the scratching of Gillian and Margaret. In order to give the men a break after the Singles final, the Uber Cup ladies most kindly played an exhibition which Sue and Nora won by two games to one against Margaret Beck and Heather Nielsen.

The Men's Doubles then took the stage, and the holders, Ray Stevens and David Hutchinson were beaten by Paul Whetnall and David Hunt by 15-12, 15-10 in a game of fast play which though good never really caught fire.

The Mixed was able to go straight on court without the customary break for one or more players to recover their breath, for the simple reason that four entirely new players were involved. These were Alan Connor and Margo Winter, versus Ross Livingston and Robyn Denton, two more of the New Zealand "invaders" (Robyn is, of course, the sister of Alison Glenie who spent a few seasons in England before marrying and returning to New Zealand). The previous occasion when I had watched Ross and Robyn playing was in Holland, they had looked very good indeed, beating Mike Tredgett and Margaret Boxall. However, this time they just could not get started; although having lost the first game; they very nearly succeeded in annexing the second. However, they did not; all credit to new winners, Connor and Margo Winter

## The 41st Berkshire Open Badminton

### Championships

(held at the Bracknell Sports Centre, Berkshire on 7th - 9th February, 1975.

#### MEN'S SINGLES

(47 players)

**Semi-finals:** D. Hunt beat W. Buffey 15-1, 15-8. R. J. Sharp beat P. Wood 15-8, 9-15, 15-11.

**Final:** Hunt beat Sharp 15-4, 15-1.

#### LADIES' SINGLES

(14 players)

**Semi-finals:** C. Hunt beat G. Seaford 11-3, 12-9. C. Buffey beat P. Davies 11-5, 12-11.

**Final:** Hunt beat Buffey 11-4, 11-9.

#### MEN'S DOUBLES

(26 pairs)

**Semi-finals:** C. Goodman and M. Parratt beat R. Sharp and D. Whitfield 15-1, 17-15. B. Keeling and D. Catterall beat G. Taylor and J. Ruthven 9-15, 17-15, 15-8.

**Final:** Goodman and Parratt beat Keeling and Catterall 15-8, 15-6.

#### LADIES' DOUBLES

(16 pairs)

**Semi-finals:** P. Chitty and R. Rowan beat P. Savage and C. Buffey 15-7, 15-12. D. Kirby and C. Heatly beat S. Veasey and C. Bourne 15-11, 11-15, 15-7.

**Final:** Chitty and Rowan beat Kirby and Heatly 15-9, 15-10.

#### MIXED DOUBLES

(24 pairs)

**Semi-finals:** P. Wood and L. Maine beat R. Sharp and D. Kirby 7-15, 15-9, 18-13. D. Hunt and A. Darlington beat B. Nilsen and R. Illingworth 15-7, 9-15, 15-5.

**Final:** Hunt and Darlington beat Wood and Maine 15-7, 15-10.

### Surrey Championships (Contd.)

who played very well indeed and never gave their opponents a chance to find their form.

The strange happenings of the day were not yet over, and great distress was caused to all by the collapse of Brian Bisseker. However, at the time of writing it seems that this was just a combination of heat and not eating — we certainly hope there are no lasting ill-effects.

To turn back to happenings earlier in the week — the Men's Qualifying singles seems worthy of note, as it was like a miniature All England — only one English man qualified and that was Paul Wood; the other qualifiers were one Swede, Lindbach, one New Zealander, Steve Wilson, and one Canadian, Greg Carter; What is more, two of the qualifiers won their first round games, Wood beating Billy Kidd and Wilson's win being the more astonishing in that he beat his own Country's No. 2, seeded Ross Livingston for the first time in his life, and then lost to Wilks in a marathon 18-14, 14-18, 15-12. In the final of the qualifying event Wilson beat Lindbach 17-16, 15-11. DEE JAY

**Editor's Note:** It is regretted that one or two reports have had to be held over owing to lack of space.

## The 47th Annual Kent

### Championships

(held at the Crofton Leisure Centre, Crofton Park, S.E.4 on 22nd - 25th January, 1975).

#### MEN'S SINGLES

(Restricted to 32 players)

**Semi-finals:** R. Livingston beat M. J. Wilks 15-9, 18-15. R. J. Sharp beat P. Bullivant 15-6, 13-15, 18-13.

**Final:** Livingston beat Sharp 15-7, 15-10.

#### LADIES' SINGLES

(16 players)

**Semi-finals:** A. Statt beat P. E. Rofe, 11-1, 11-0. K. Redhead beat R. Denton 11-8, 11-7.

**Final:** Statt beat Redhead 11-5, 12-11.

#### MEN'S DOUBLES

(Restricted to 23 pairs)

**Semi-finals:** P. Bullivant and W. Kidd beat B. H. White and R. Livingston 15-2, 15-6. R. J. Sharp and G. A. Connor beat M. J. Wilks and R. A. Rofe 18-14, 15-10.

**Final:** Sharp and Connor beat Bullivant and Kidd 18-17, 15-11.

#### LADIES' DOUBLES

(15 pairs)

**Semi-finals:** S. D. Whetnall and M. Boxall beat M. J. Winter and A. Statt 15-11, 15-8. H. M. Nielsen and N. Gardner beat R. Denton and A. Palmer 15-10, 15-5.

**Final:** Whetnall and Boxall beat Nielsen and Gardner 15-12, 18-16.

#### MIXED DOUBLES

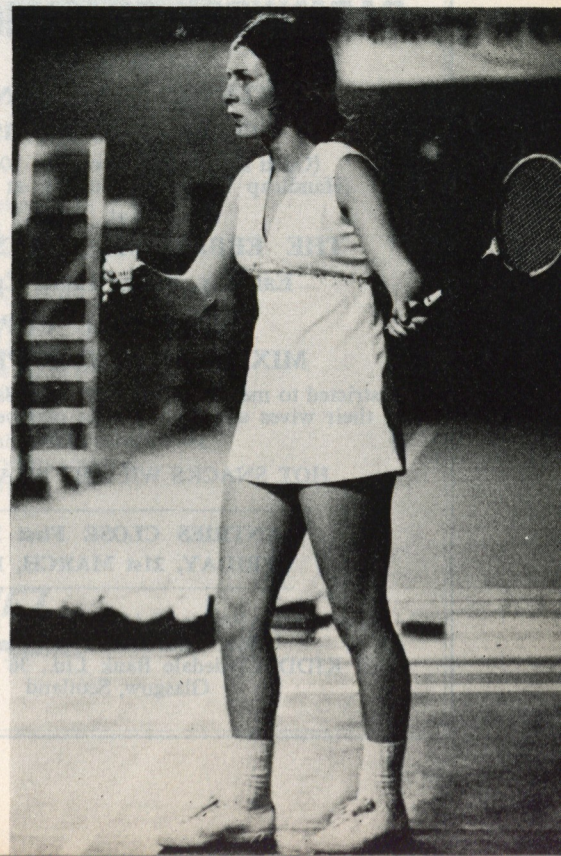
(Restricted to 16 pairs)

**Semi-finals:** W. Kidd and S. D. Whetnall beat J. Pugh and A. Dunkley 15-5, 17-14. G. A. Connor and M. Winter beat P. Bullivant and A. Statt 14-17, 15-2, 15-6.

**Final:** Connor and Winter beat Kidd and Whetnall 18-17, 15-5.

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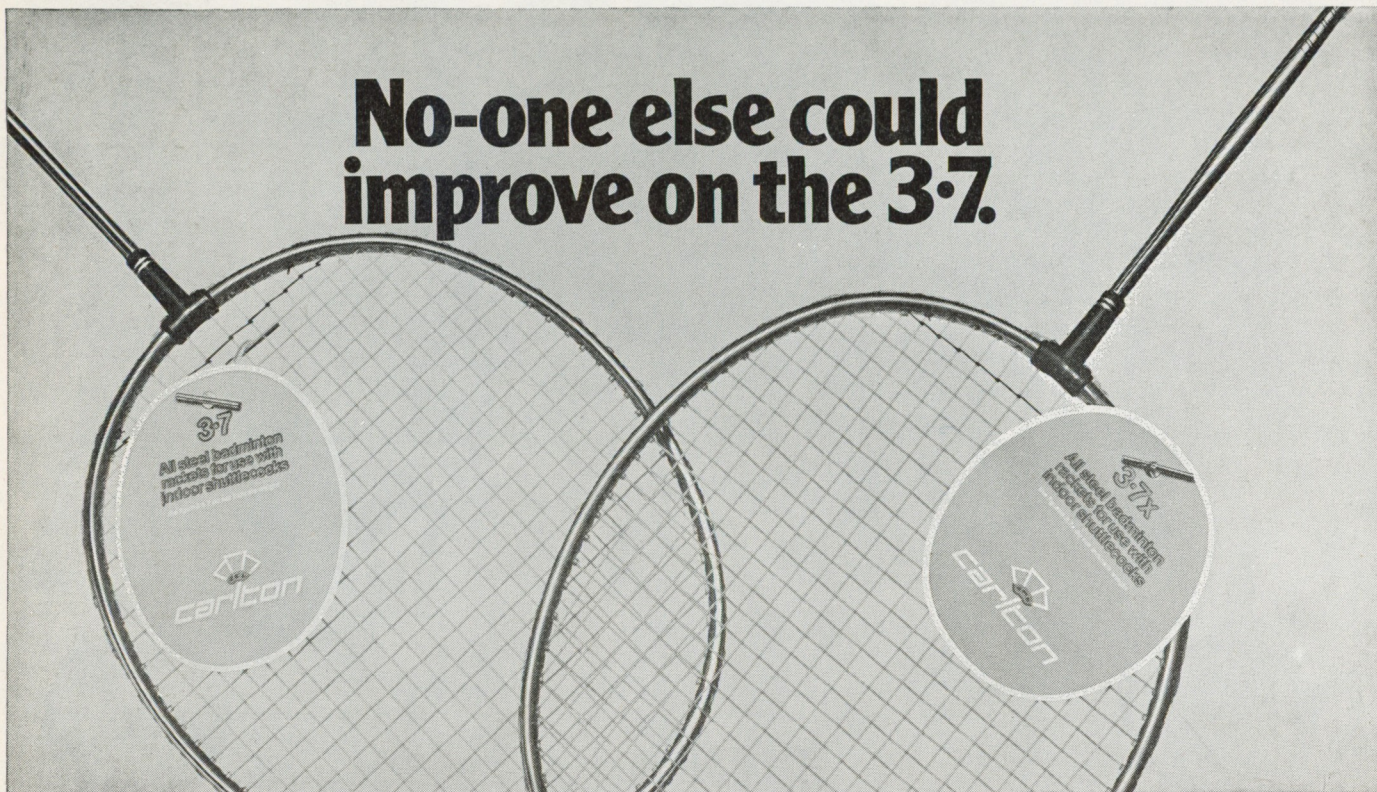
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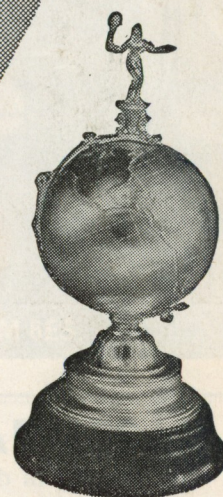


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