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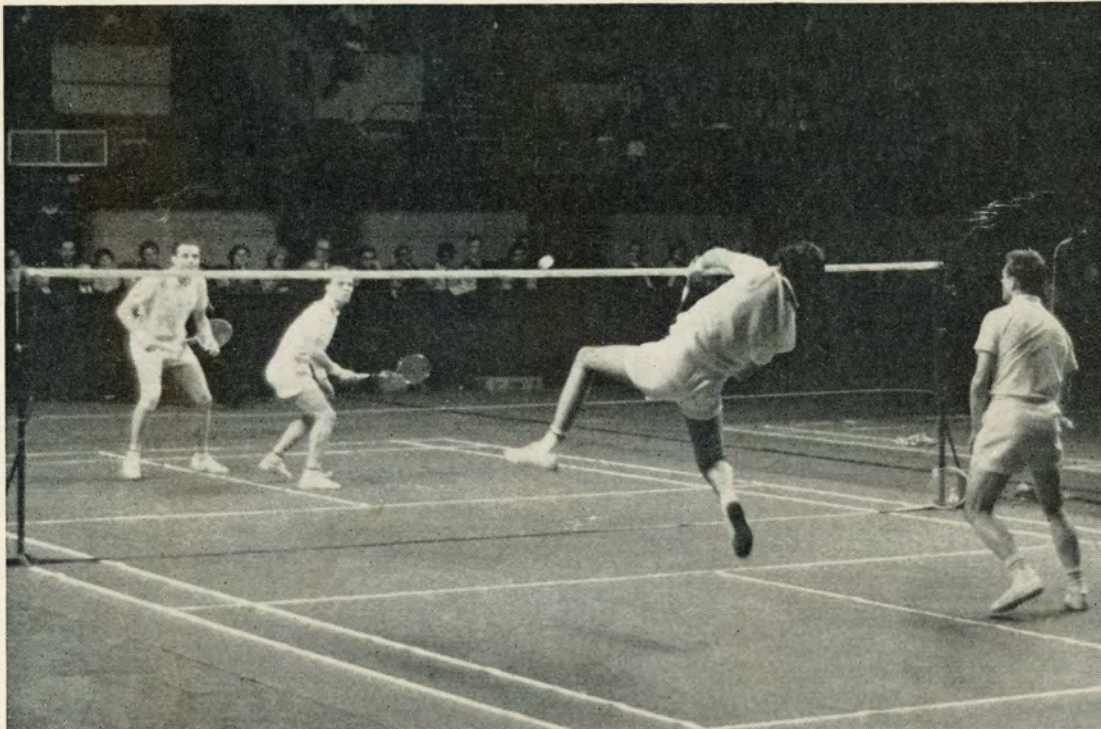


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THE ALL-ENGLAND MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL AT WEMBLEY

Poul Petersen and Tom Bacher of Denmark, at left, show their defensive qualities which gave them their unexpected success. On this side of the net are R. A. Powell, smashing, and J. D. Eddy, the runners-up.

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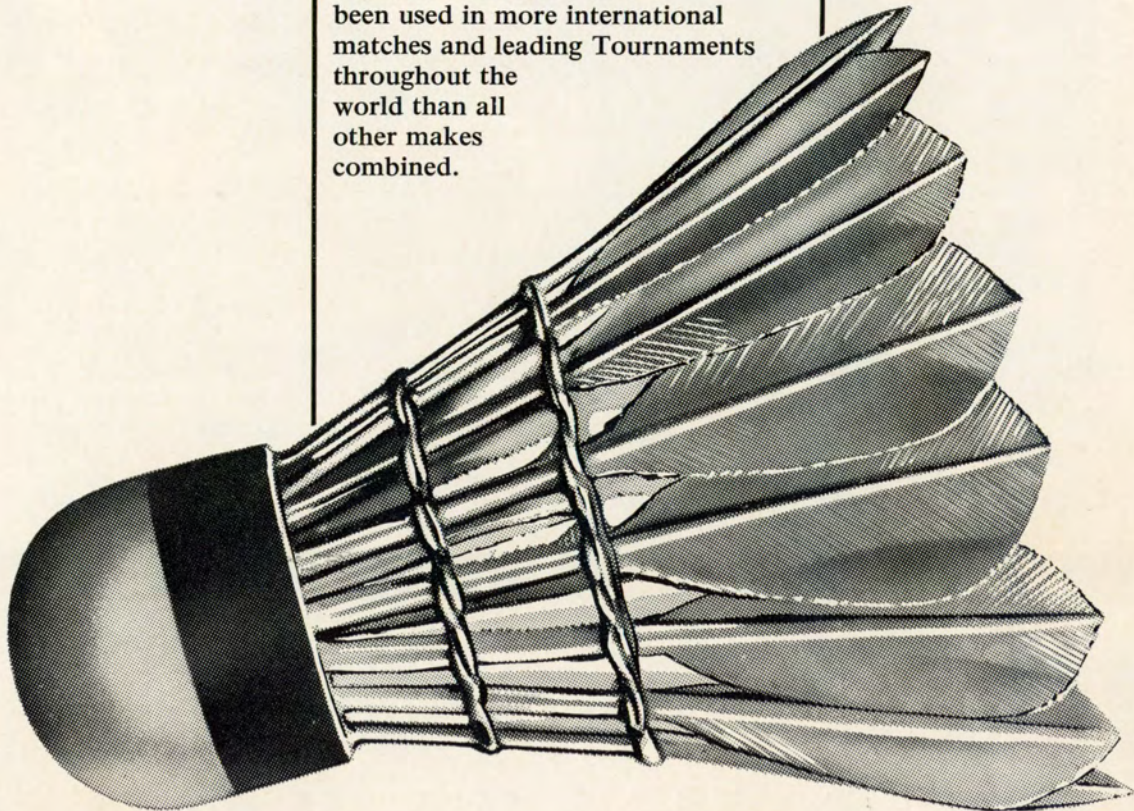
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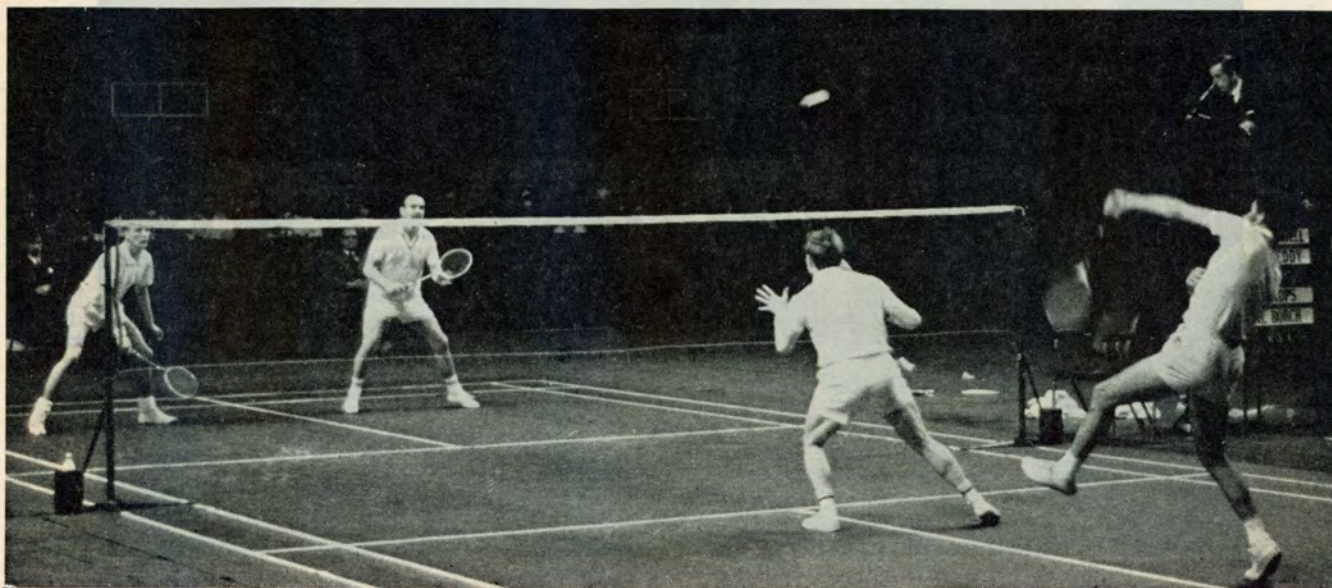
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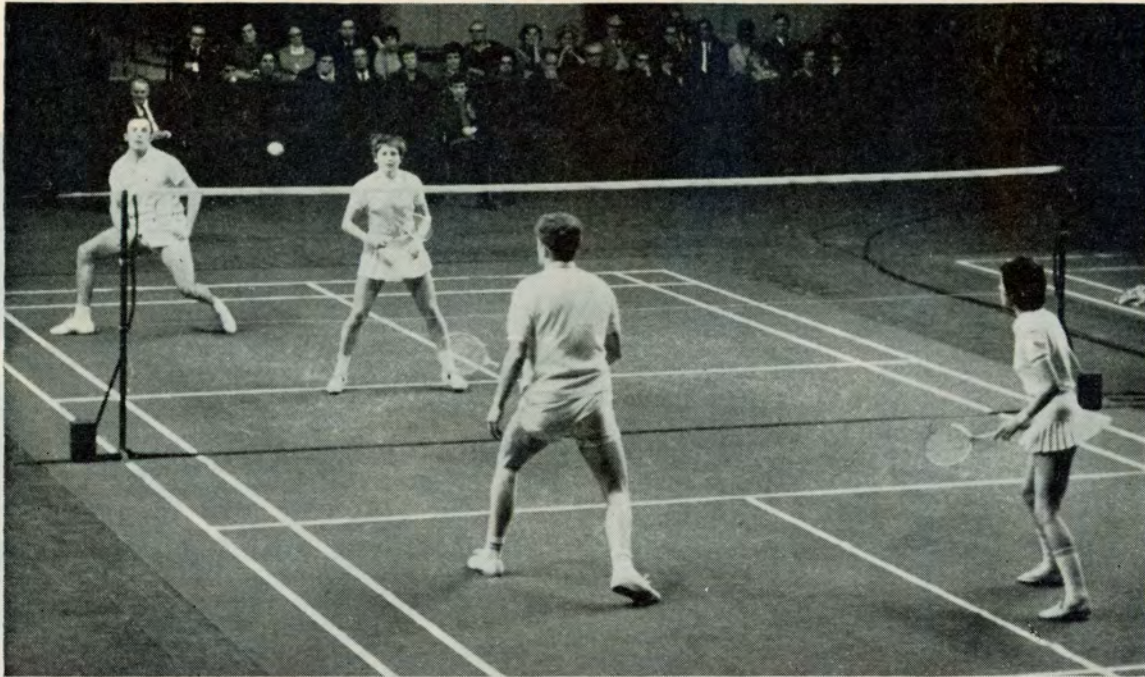


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A SCENE FROM THE MIXED DOUBLES FINAL

The new champions, Per Walsøe and Miss Pernille Mølgaard Hansen of Denmark, on this side of the net, adopt a defensive role in this rally against the attack of the Germans, Wolfgang Bochow and Miss Irmgard Latz. This is a fine photographic demonstration of the two types of play. The Danes won in two close games.

The All-England Championships

Reflections from Wembley

Rudy Hartono Wins Men's Singles Trophy Outright and Unseeded
Players Become Champions in Two Events

By "INVICTA"

That Rudy Hartono's reputation as the finest present day singles player and that Japan continues to produce a succession of great players were two of the strongest memories of the 60th All-England Championships which were held for the fourteenth time at the Empire Pool, Wembley.

But if Asian players proved their superiority in the two singles events equally clearly were European pairs predominant in the three doubles categories. Two events went to Denmark and the ladies' doubles final was contested by two English pairs, a situation which had not occurred for more than thirty years, and at that distant date it could hardly be said that the tournament was truly international as it has since become.

England also supplied the runners-up in the ladies' singles and in the men's doubles, and but for extraordinary lapses on the part of the two top home pairs

there might well have been a repetition of 1969 when the same two English pairs fought out the final of the mixed doubles. It was in effect a very satisfactory tournament overall for home players.

But let one be realistic as well. Singles is generally regarded as the more important event, and on the men's side only one Englishman remained when the third round, the round of the last 32, was reached. Indeed, there were only four English victories over foreign players of any description, and three of these could not be regarded as notable wins.

In the ladies' singles it was considerably better. Mrs. Nielsen, the former Miss Heather Ward and the champion of 1959, did reach the final, and most deservedly. She beat two Danes, neither of whom was a Danish singles international however, and then she accomplished a really great success over Miss Noriko Takagi of Japan,

a top-seed and a finalist in two of the three preceding All-England Championships. In the semi-final Mrs. Nielsen found a compatriot in Miss Margaret Beck awaiting her, so England was then assured of a place in the sun on the last day.

In cold mathematical figures, Mrs. Nielsen could claim her victory over Miss Takagi only because the famous Japanese retired hurt with the score at 11-8, 6-3 against her. At that stage Miss Takagi tore a muscle in her leg very badly in stretching for a drop at the end of a very long rally indeed, and she was forced to retire at once and go to hospital for treatment. If it was very hard luck on last year's finalist, it was also equally hard on the English girl who had right through the shortened match held the whip-hand. She was playing remarkably well and would assuredly have come out on top. She was denied what would have been a

very great victory.

But in the final, Mrs. Nielsen never looked like winning. Miss Etsuko Takenaka, who had been unseeded owing to almost complete lack of data, was much too good in every way, and the score of 3 and 4 to the loser was quite a fair interpretation of the play.

Only little over a week before the tournament Miss Takenaka had contested the final of the Danish Championships. Then, she had lost to Sweden's Mrs. Twedberg, 11-2, 11-2. Most oddly, these two were drawn to meet each other in their first match at Wembley, and the Japanese took her revenge, though she lost the first game. Her quiet temperament helped her to obliterate completely from mind the result of the Copenhagen meeting, and in view of her success then it was strange that Mrs. Twedberg appeared so nervous and lacking in confidence.

Miss Takenaka's Extraordinary Attainment

After that obstacle Miss Takenaka went right through the event without looking like dropping a game. The new champion became the first unseeded player to win a singles event at the All-England. She had been a member of the successful Japanese Uber Cup team a few months earlier but had not been selected to play in any of the matches, and had also never struck a shuttle in any international match, though that fact did not provide any kind of record for an All-England champion. The great Eddy Choong had also won the All-England before ever playing for Malaya, as his country was known in his day.

Of the other main English competitors, Miss Beck did best and gained some really notable scalps for an 18 year-old player. Mrs. Imre Nielsen of Denmark, Miss Amano of Japan, and Miss Barinaga of the U.S.A. all fell to her racket, though it is only fair to say that Mrs. Nielsen was not at all well on the first day of the tournament and was in consequence unable to play later in the evening in the mixed doubles.

Miss Beck held her own against England's Mrs. Nielsen in the first game of the semi-final, but having just lost it, was outplayed in the second. But the reigning All-England junior champion, and one is now rather inclined to overlook her youth sometimes, will not soon forget her successful tournament.

Miss Perrin Disappoints

Miss Perrin disappointed very much. She smashed the hoodoo which Wembley appears to have over her by getting through the first round for the first time in five years' effort. In the last eight she ought certainly not to have lost to Miss Jette Föge of Denmark, the previous year's Nordic champion. Miss Perrin had the match so thoroughly under her control in the third game that it was astonishing that the Dane could have triumphed, which she did by the odd point after setting. The English player appeared to be extraordinarily lacking in confidence at the finish.

Miss Boxall had a career quite the re-



Photo: G. R. Harrower

MISS ETSUKO TAKENAKA and her partner, Miss Machiko Aizawa. They were defeated in the doubles by Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall.

verse of Miss Perrin. She got herself into a terrible dilemma against the Danish junior, Miss Lene Köppen, who is a most promising player indeed. The Kent player was actually 0-10 down in the third game but pulled the match right out of the fire. She then eliminated the "naturalised" Scot, Mrs. Flockhart, the former Miss Little of Yorkshire, who had done well to reach the third round. But Miss Takenaka proved too much for England's left-hander.

The popular American, Miss Barinaga, looked a possible finalist at one stage—when Mrs. Imre Nielsen and Miss Takagi

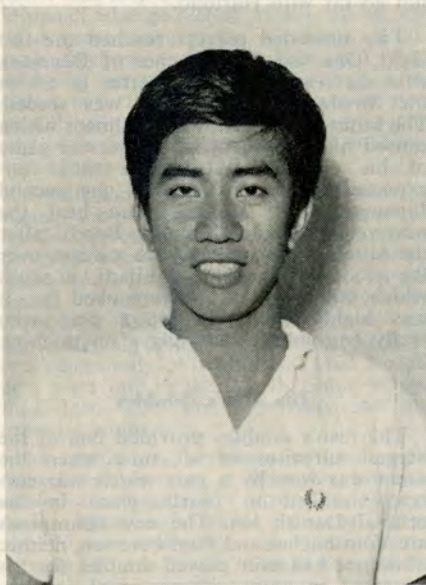
had been removed from her half, but as already stated she found in Miss Beck more of a handful at Wembley than she had done in other tournaments.

One must not forget one unfortunate event that occurred before a shuttle was hit at all. That was the serious injury which occurred to Miss Hiroe Yuki, last year's champion. She was of course entered, and top-seeded too, but was unable to defend her title because of the serious injury which she suffered in Copenhagen just ten days before Wembley began. She tore an achilles tendon and naturally never even came to England. After a stay of about three weeks in hospital in the Danish capital she flew straight home to Japan.

Rudy Hartono's Third All-England Triumph

Rudy Hartono, by his third successive victory, removed from competition the large and lovely challenge cup presented by Mr. Arthur Barron in 1963. He was, as he always has been, very good value for that outstanding success, and is to be heartily congratulated.

Hartono had only one threatening match. That was when he encountered the Japanese, Kojima, in the semi-final. The challenger certainly looked as though he would capture the first game, for he managed to rattle up a very good lead and had several game-points before losing it after setting. His recoveries in some of the rallies were outstanding at times, and he really deserved that game, though one would not say that, even if he had obtained the lead which he so nearly obtained, he would have won in the end. The type of game which the small Japanese plays takes a lot out of him, and it is probable that, as happened in their Thomas Cup meeting a month earlier, he



RUDY HARTONO

A very great singles player indeed.

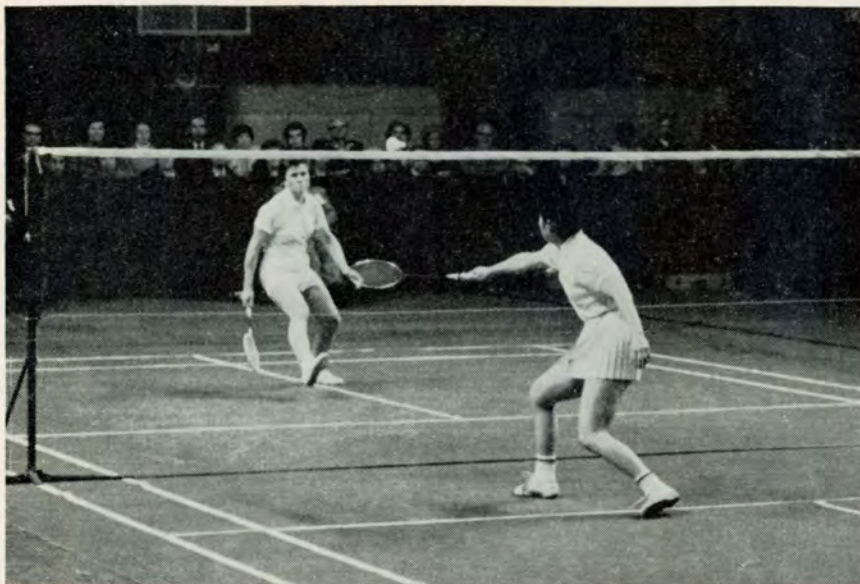


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**MRS. E. B. NIELSEN AND MISS TAKENAKA
IN THE LADIES' SINGLES FINAL**

*The Japanese is about to return a drop in her
very easy style of play.*

would have been too tired for a long third game.

Hartono must now rank amongst the finest singles players of all time, and his type of game is always most refreshing to watch, for he does so go for winners and appears to take little out of himself.

Svend Pri Had His Troubles

The runner-up was Svend Pri, the former Svend Andersen, of Denmark. The way he fairly waltzed through his later rounds after his earlier troubles in the first two rounds gave him many supporters for the final, but he was in the end quite outclassed by the Indonesian. Pri's first opponent was the precocious Mexican, Roy Diaz Gonzalez, who is still only 16, and at that age quite the best player of any generation of any time. He deserved his first-game success, which was the only game which Pri conceded up to the final, but eventually lost largely because of his lack of staying power. This was not very surprising when one considers his age. He really was good on that opening day.

In the next round Pri found the Englishman, Ray Sharp, no easy prey at all, and both their games were hard-fought affairs which the Dane only just captured before being forced to set.

Reference has already been made to the extraordinary fact that in the ladies' singles the preceding Danish finalists met in the first round at Wembley. So it was too in the men's event when Erland Kops, the great champion of the past who had won the All-England seven times, encountered Kojima. The Dane was good

enough to bring out the best in the Japanese.

The only meritorious English success was when J. D. Eddy, against all expectations, removed the South African, Rennie du Toit from competition. All praise to the Staffordshire man who belied the usual reputation of his countrymen of losing when a close finish comes about. Of our other top players, Derek Talbot lost unexpectedly to the Danish junior, Flemming Delfs after a typical English third-game result, and Paul Whetnall did not go far with Hartono.

Two unseeded players reached the last eight. One was Tom Bacher of Denmark who survived from the quarter in which the Swede, Kurt Johnsson, was seeded. The latter had a nasty back ailment which caused his retirement in the second game of his opening match. The other unexpected quarter-finalist was the second Japanese, Junji Honma, who beat the near-veteran Dane, Henning Borch, after the latter had scored a fine success over the seeded Indonesian, Muljadi, a result which one would not have looked for. It was highly creditable for a man who really concentrates nowadays on doubles.

The Men's Doubles

The men's doubles provided one of the biggest surprises of all time when the event was won by a pair which was currently ranked in fourth place in the official Danish list. The new champions are Tom Bacher and Poul Petersen, neither of whom had ever played doubles for his country in any international match. Bacher had been a Danish Thomas Cup singles player three years earlier, but had not played internationally since; Petersen

had played in no international at all. Yet these two won the event without dropping a game after the first round. They were, of course, not seeded, but attracted some attention when they eliminated Hartono and his Thomas Cup partner, Indratno, in the third round. They were then fortunate perhaps to find a qualifying pair on the other side of the net in the quarter-finals. They were D. Clarke and M. H. Parratt of Essex who were probably the first players to come through the qualifying rounds and yet still be in the event concerned as late as the Friday night. That match put the Danes in the semi-final.

Home Pairs Lost a Great Opportunity

England provided two of the semi-final pairs, and, frankly, it did then appear possible that the final might be an all-English one, a state of affairs hardly ever contemplated since the thirties. Sharp and Whetnall had gone one better than a year ago by beating the holders, Borch and Kops, to whom they had lost in 1969 by a solitary point, and J. D. Eddy and R. A. Powell had substantiated their seeding. They then did better by upsetting the top-seeded Pri and Per Walsøe in a very close two-game match. Sharp and Whetnall, however, fell rather badly to the conquering Bacher and Petersen, though they eventually made the score of the second game closer than seemed possible during its course.

In the final, English hopes died quickly. The first game was a bit scratchy; the second was appalling for English aspirations. Powell had what was probably his worst day since he had climbed beyond his club team. Nothing went right for him, and the Danes hastened to a love game.



MISS NORIKO TAKAGI

*who suffered a serious leg injury at her
fourth All-England*

**The New Champions Show
Defence Can Succeed**

However, let one not detract from the play of Bacher and Petersen. Actually, they seemed to possess just the right sort of game to deal with Eddy and Powell who are an attacking pair of very high quality indeed. Against them, the Danes showed the disappointed crowd defensive qualities of very high calibre. Petersen in particular was astonishingly accurate in his returns of every aggressive stroke; he seemed perpetually able to return every drive and smash with deft touches so that the shuttle always only just cleared the net. He possesses remarkable co-ordination of eye and wrist, and in this quite overcomes a certain physical awkwardness in his movements. He appeared to have no really attacking strokes which one would normally expect to find in a doubles champion, but he must be a most difficult man to play against. Bacher is certainly a better all-round player as befits his previous singles reputation, and he provided the ideal partner for his large and solid looking companion who reminded one so much of the proverbial brick wall.

Of the other English pairs, Mills and Jordan disappointed. They had some trouble with a German pair and then had little real answer to Pri and Walsöe. Stuart and Talbot came unstuck completely when injury forced Stuart to default altogether. With a substitute, Talbot went out to the unwelcome Friday-nighters, Clarke and Parratt, though this was a good win for the latter. C. J. Beacom and the London-Malaysian, Ho Khim Kooi, had vast trouble to dispose of the youngsters, M. G. Tredgett and R. P. Stevens, who right up to the end almost looked like collecting a pair of good scalps. After that the Wimbledon pair dealt remorselessly with the seeded Danes, J. Mortensen and K. Kaagaard, before going under to the attack of Eddy and Powell.

**Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall
Gain England's Only Success**

Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall retained their ladies' doubles titles, and their best victory was that over the Japanese, Misses Takenaka and Aizawa, to 12 and 12, a fine success if one remembered that the Asians had removed the seeded German pair of Misses Latz and Wackerow to 4 and 2. In the final they had their usual difficulty with Miss Perrin and Mrs. Rickard who had twice defeated the champions in county matches during the season. The Surrey pair is to be congratulated on reaching the final but they did have much the easier half of the draw with the scratching of Miss Takagi and Miss Amano. The winners of the event had also to dispose of a very powerful pair in the persons of Miss Barinaga and Mrs. Hashman who held the champions well until the third game.

Incidentally, it was delightful to see those former five-time finalists, and twice champions, Mrs. Jörgensen and Mrs. Strand together again at Wembley, where they had not played as a pair for four



MRS. E. B. NIELSEN

*England's first singles finalist for five years.
As Miss Heather Ward she had won the
great title in 1959.*

years. They are, however, now less formidable than formerly.

**Home Pairs Lose their
Opportunities in the Mixed**

The mixed matches saw some astonishing turns of fortune, notably in the two concurrently played semi-finals. Here, the holders, Mills and Miss Perrin, appeared to be really "on easy street" against Walsöe and Miss Mølgaard Hansen when they led them by a game and 13-5. Dogged determination by the Danes and some scratchy play from Miss Perrin caused a slow reversal of fortune and the opportunity was lost. Similarly, Jordan and Mrs. Whetnall changed ends at 8-1 up in the third game against the Germans, Wolfgang Bochow and Miss Latz, but then collapsed utterly. The final was a close match with the Danes just emerging successful in two games. They had in the past twice reached the last hurdle, so their victory was well deserved.

A pair that did extremely well was the scratch combination of K. Parsons of South Africa and Mrs. Woodcock of Scotland who eventually only went down narrowly to Bochow and Miss Latz in the fourth round. They had previously eliminated Talbot and Mrs. Palmer and R. S. McCoig and Miss Barinaga, each in two games only. Whetnall and Miss Boxall also went out in the fourth round where they lost, also only narrowly, to the eventual winners.

As many as eighteen nations were represented on court at Wembley, but one missed the usual very strong delegation from Malaysia, whose players were already concentrating on their forthcoming defence of the Thomas Cup. There were, however, almost more overseas players than usual, and many of them were required to confirm their strength in the preceding qualifying rounds at Wimbledon. The number of Danish and West

German players was well in excess of any previous record.

The crowds were greater than on any previous occasion, and the Friday seemed particularly populated, very few seats being apparently unoccupied. It was estimated that over 8,000 were present that day. They received very good value for their money as is indicated by the fact that play went on until exactly midnight. In contrast, the finals on Saturday were certainly not up to par for interest and excitement, and the galleries well below the previous day.

Apart from the sad injuries to certain players, already mentioned, once again there were some players from overseas who just did not turn up at all and had also not the courtesy of notifying their presumable inability to carry out their intentions of competing. It was not the first time that this had happened, and it does not seem out of place to mention that their action, or rather lack of any action, does prevent others from being accepted. This is particularly hard, as quite a large number of entrants were refused in the qualifying rounds, such was the number of intending competitors.

The Wednesday evening was interrupted by some very pathetic attempts at disruption of the tournament by a few extraordinary individuals, but their efforts were very soon quashed by the police who received tremendous cheers at their captures.

The full scores of all the matches will be found on the centre pages of this issue, and the results of the qualifying rounds on a later page.



MISS MARGARET BECK

*The All-England junior champion had a
great run in the singles and reached the
semi-final.*

Wales Stages European Championships

Denmark, England and Sweden Share Titles in Successful Meeting

By "INVICTA"

The second biennial European Championships were held on four excellent courts laid out at the Afan Lido in Port Talbot, South Wales, from April 17th to 19th. They were undoubtedly an outstanding success and twelve countries were represented in the various events, but it was a leisurely tournament which was predictable because of the limitations of entry imposed by the conditions which restricted each nation to only two entries per event.

Two events were retained by the champions of 1968. They were Sture Johnsson of Sweden who repeated his singles success and Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall who again won the ladies' doubles. Additionally, Mrs. Whetnall retained her mixed title, though this time with J. D. Eddy instead of with A. D. Jordan with whom she had triumphed at Bochum.

Mrs. Eva Twedberg gave Sweden another success when she won the ladies' singles, and the Danes provided both final pairs in the men's doubles, won by Per Walsøe and Elo Hansen.

Sture Johnsson, and his brother, Kurt, were, as it happened, extremely lucky to play in the singles at all because both arrived at Port Talbot several hours late for their first match. They had become fog-bound at Gothenburg, which was certainly not their fault, but their very late advent did disrupt the programme very considerably, and one could not help wondering whether their less renowned first opponents would have been treated quite so generously if it had been their plane which had been so delayed. The postponement of the affected matches—and of course more than one round of play was involved—may well establish an unfortunate precedent for these Championships.

However, Sture Johnsson, the younger of the two talented Swedes, was certainly

good value for his title. He had only one really close encounter. This was against the German, Wolfgang Bochow, who is of course a very hard nut for anyone to crack. In the final Johnsson proved far too good on the day for the Dane, Elo Hansen, though the latter had defeated the Swede in their Thomas Cup clash only two weeks beforehand. Hansen had come through with little real trouble, and had upset both Paul Whetnall and Kurt Johnsson fairly comfortably.

One felt that Whetnall was still suffering from tiredness as a result of his previously undertaken American tour, as well, possibly, from staleness after a long competitive season. England's other representative, Derek Talbot, found Bochow in rather too good a vein.

A Terrific Ladies' Final

Mrs. Twedberg had a terrific match in the ladies' final to dispose of Mrs. Imre Nielsen of Denmark. She ought to have accomplished her task in two games, for she had match-point after match-point in the second, and on five occasions elected to allow clears to drop well within the boundaries of the court. It was quite extraordinary that she so often lost her geography of the court, for some of the strokes which she left were anything but near the line. But for these errors of judgment she had been quite the mistress of the exchanges. Psychologically, her errors had a bad effect, and subsequently they helped Mrs. Nielsen to a useful lead in the third game. But the All-England champion of 1968 pulled herself together well, though she did not emerge the victor until the Dane had herself enjoyed two match-points. It was a really fine match, and Mrs. Nielsen's court attitude was impeccable during the awful moments she had to endure in warding off defeat in the second game.

There were numerous long matches in the men's doubles before the two Danish pairs reached the last stage. Hansen and Walsøe very nearly went out to the Germans, R. Maywald and S. Betz, against whom they were at one time well down in the final game. In contrast, Kops and Borch had no real trouble, and they defeated England's Eddy and Powell with disappointing ease. Sharp and Whetnall were comfortably and surprisingly disposed of by the German semi-finalists. Possibly, Sharp's having to hang around for a day and a half without playing at all left him quite unready for a stern duel.

Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall had an easier triumph in the ladies' doubles than they can ever have experienced before in any tournament. They played only for about an hour all told in their three matches. To a very great extent this was due to a most unfortunate injury to Miss Wackerow in the final when the score had reached but 2-love to the Germans in the first game. At that stage she tore a muscle in her leg rendering it necessary for her to be carried off the court. After having it bound up with yards of bandaging she made a game but quite mistaken effort to resume, only to crack up again a few moments after. It was all very unfortunate. The runners-up, Miss Latz and Miss Wackerow, had previously beaten Miss Perrin and Miss Beck in three games in a match which, at game-all, looked quite possible of triumph for the English pair.

The mixed doubles, after the disappointments of the All-England event, was an all-English affair as far as the final was concerned. As he had done in the Dutch Championships, Eddy showed his brilliance for which he had plenty of opportunity with such an expert partner as Mrs. Whetnall. Though they lost no game on their way to the top rung of the prize-

Full European Championship Results

MEN'S SINGLES

First round: P. E. Whetnall (England) beat P. Ridder (Netherlands) 14-15, 15-5, 15-2. S. Betz (West Germany) beat F. D. Gow (Scotland) 15-8, 17-15. H. R. Jennings (Wales) w.o., A. Hofer (Austria) retired. M. Zorga (Slovenia) beat A. Sauter (Switzerland) 15-12, 11-15, 18-15. D. Talbot (England) beat D. K. Hopkins (Wales) 15-8, 15-2. W. Bochow (West Germany) beat H. Leidelmeyer (Netherlands) 15-7, 15-10. R. S. McCoig (Scotland) beat D. Pohar (Slovenia) 18-13, 15-9.

Second round: E. Hansen (Denmark) beat M. Kokojan (Czechoslovakia) 15-1, 15-2. K. Johnsson (Sweden) beat B. Carson (Ireland) 15-2, 15-3. Whetnall beat Betz 12-15, 15-7, 15-5. Jennings beat Zorga 15-6, 15-8. Bochow beat Talbot 15-3, 15-10. E. Kops (Denmark) beat McCoig 15-7, 15-7. P. Lacina (Czechoslovakia) beat H. Fröhlich (Austria) 15-3, 15-7. S. Johnsson (Sweden) beat C. Bell (Ireland) 15-1, 15-3.

Third round: Hansen beat K. Johnsson 15-1, 15-5. Whetnall beat Jennings 15-7, 15-6. Bochow beat Kops 18-17, 15-12. S. Johnsson beat Lacina 15-2, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Hansen beat Whetnall 15-9, 15-2. S. Johnsson beat Bochow 15-3, 14-15, 15-10.

Final: S. Johnsson beat Hansen 15-5, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES

First round: Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands) beat Miss L. Krizman (Slovenia) 11-2, 11-4. Miss L. von Barnekow (Denmark) beat Miss M. Wackerow (West Germany) 11-4, 11-7. Miss I. Latz (West Germany) beat Miss K. Lindquist (Sweden) 11-1, 11-3.

Second round: Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden) beat Mrs. M. Mockford (Ireland) 11-1, 11-0. Mrs. J. Flockhart (Scotland) beat Mrs. A. R. Dickson (Wales) 11-5, 11-8. Miss M. Beck (England) beat Mrs. I. Patkova (Czechoslovakia) 11-4, 11-7. Miss von Barnekow beat Miss van Beusekom 11-2, 2-11, 11-7. Miss Latz beat Miss Y. Kelly (Ireland) 11-7, 11-3. Miss M. B. Boxall (England) beat Miss F. de Nooyer (Netherlands) 11-2, 11-2. Mrs. M. Hume (Scotland) beat Miss I. Wieltchnig (Austria) 11-7, 9-11, 11-3. Mrs. I. R. Nielsen (Denmark) beat Mrs. P. Borakova (Czechoslovakia) 11-2, 11-3.

Third round: Mrs. Twedberg beat Mrs. Flockhart 11-2, 11-1. Miss von Barnekow beat Miss Beck 11-7, 12-10. Miss Boxall beat Miss Latz 8-11, 11-6, 11-4. Mrs. Nielsen beat Mrs. Hume 11-2, 11-2.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Twedberg beat Miss von Barnekow 11-2, 11-3. Mrs. Nielsen beat Miss Boxall 11-9, 7-11, 11-3.

Final: Mrs. Twedberg beat Mrs. Nielsen 11-8, 10-12, 12-10.

MEN'S DOUBLES

First round: R. J. Sharp and P. E. Whetnall (England) beat P. Ridder and H. Leidelmeyer (Netherlands) 15-8, 15-10. S. Betz and R. Maywald (West Germany) beat S. Johnsson and G. Pernekio (Sweden) 10-15, 18-15, 15-7. E. Hansen and P. Walsøe (Denmark) beat R. S. McCoig and J. K. McNeillage (Scotland) 15-14, 15-11. W. D. Colmer and G. M. Owen (Wales) beat D. Pohar and M. Zorga (Slovenia) 16-17, 15-7, 15-7. C. Bell and B. Carson (Ireland) w.o., H. Fröhlich and A. Hofer (Austria) retired. E. Kops and H. Borch (Denmark) beat P. Lacina and M. Kokojan (Czechoslovakia) 15-1, 15-4. W. Bochow and H. Lösche (West Germany) beat H. R. Jennings and A. Fisher (Wales) 6-15, 15-6, 15-3. J. D. Eddy and R. A. Powell (England) beat I. Hume and F. D. Gow (Scotland) 15-11, 15-8.

Second round: Betz and Maywald beat Sharp and Whetnall 15-7, 15-2. Hansen and Walsøe beat Colmar and Owen 15-6, 15-12. Kops and Borch beat Bell and Carson 15-2, 15-3. Eddy and Powell beat Bochow and Lösche 8-15, 15-14, 18-13.

Semi-finals: Hansen and Walsøe beat Betz and Maywald 6-15, 15-7, 17-14. Kops and Borch beat Eddy and Powell 15-8, 15-5.

Final: Hansen and Walsøe beat Kops and Borch 15-7, 2-15, 15-9.

dais, they never, however, dominated all their different opponents, as the scores will demonstrate, though their victory over the German All-England finalists, Bochow and Miss Latz, was very good.

Talbot and Miss Perrin varied a lot in their matches. They can be so world-class, and are so at their best, but they lost games which they should not have done. One wonders whether they would in fact have triumphed over the giant Walsöe if he had enjoyed the help of his intended partner, Mrs. Strand, who was unable to fulfil her selection and was replaced by Miss Berglund, one of Denmark's coming youngsters.

All the events were, for a three-day tournament, very small, this being due to the imposed restrictions. Only the two singles events and the mixed doubles, with 23, 19 and 20 entries, exceeded the 16-mark, and because of the restrictions one found two All-England champions of a month earlier not even entered at all. Reference is made to Tom Bacher and Poul Petersen of Denmark. Their absence from the lists was due to the European entries having been due in before their Wembley success. Bacher was, however, given a ride to Wales as a reward in the post of team manager.

Certainly, a great deal of praise is due to the Welsh organisers for the great success of the meeting. Off the courts, absolutely nothing which anyone could have desired seemed to have been overlooked, and within this range of things came hotel arrangements, travel facilities to and from the Afan Lido, as well as general entertainment of all visitors. The latter included an excellent dinner and dance on the Saturday night and a coach trip through the neighbouring scenery on the Sunday morning. Everyone was made to feel so thoroughly welcome all the time. And another pat on the back seems due to the organising of all the umpires and linesmen which rivalled the All-England in its thoroughness. The Chairman of the organising committee was Mr. S. G. Pine, Chairman of the Welsh Badminton Union, to whom and to many of his helpers it would be impossible to lavish sufficient praise. They left a very high standard for others to follow.

LADIES' DOUBLES

First round: Miss J. van Beusekom and Miss F. de Nooyer (Netherlands) beat Mrs. A. Poborakova and Mrs. Dr. N. Benesova (Czechoslovakia) 15-4, 15-2. Mrs. K. Jørgensen and Miss A. Berglund (Denmark) beat Mrs. A. R. Dickson and Mrs. M. Withers (Wales) 8-15, 15-9, 15-11. Mrs. I. R. Nielsen and Miss L. von Barnekow (Denmark) beat Mrs. E. Twedberg and Miss K. Lindquist (Sweden) 15-2, 15-9. Miss G. M. Perrin and Miss M. Beck (England) beat Miss D. Constance and Miss S. Hughes (Wales) 15-6, 15-9. Mrs. M. Hume and Miss C. Evans (Scotland) beat Miss Y. Kelly and Mrs. M. Mockford (Ireland) 15-10, 15-12.

Second round: Miss M. B. Boxall and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England) beat Miss van Beusekom and Miss de Nooyer 15-2, 15-4. Mrs. Jørgensen and Miss Berglund beat Mrs. Flochtart and Miss Kelly 7-15, 15-11, 15-2. Miss Perrin and Miss Beck beat Mrs. Nielsen and Miss von Barnekow 15-9, 15-4. Miss I. Latz and Miss M. Wackerow (West Germany) beat Mrs. Hume and Miss Evans 15-11, 15-7.

Semi-finals: Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall beat Mrs. Jørgensen and Miss Berglund 15-10, 15-8. Miss Latz and Miss Wackerow beat Miss Perrin and Miss Beck 15-13, 9-15, 15-3.

Final: Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall beat Miss Latz and Miss Wackerow 1-3, retired.

Future European Championship Tournaments

The third annual general meeting of the European Badminton Union, which was held at Port Talbot, Wales, on April 18th during the course of the European Championships, concerned itself mainly with the future of the European Championships and the European Junior Championships, each of which is held every two years.

Twelve nations were represented with the President, Mr. Stellan Mohlin of Sweden, in the chair.

Team Championship Instituted

The first debatable matter concerned the institution of a European team championship intended to be held on the two days immediately preceding the customary biennial Championships. This addition had been provisionally decided upon two years earlier, but it has now become a fact. The competition will be held on a round-robin basis in groups of three or four teams per group with winners playing off. The matches in each tie will consist of one of each branch of the game with a restriction that no one player may appear in more than two of the three matches open to him. A team could thus consist of from two to four men and a similar number of ladies. Of course, different players may be selected for each tie, so that if a country had more players available it would be able to ring the changes as seemed fit.

One particular satisfaction of this competition will be that the players of weaker countries will obtain plenty of matches to make their several hundred miles' travel well worth while, in contrast to the present possibility of travelling only to suffer defeat in the first rounds of the events for which they were entered.

In future the Championships themselves will be restricted to the Saturday and Sunday of the third week of April. This will mean a four-day festival in all.

The main subject of discussion was the third annual proposal of the B. A. of England that the hitherto imposed restriction of two entries per event from each country should be abolished in favour of allow-

ing a maximum national entry of four players in each singles event, two pairs in each of the men's and ladies' doubles events, and four pairs in the mixed doubles, the number of players in each team to be restricted, however, to five men and five ladies.

Entry Restrictions are Removed

The main purpose of the motion was to permit players to compete in more events than was previously possible under the existing limitations. Up to the present there had been numerous occasions where a player had only been able to take part in one event.

A year ago a similar motion had been defeated by 8 votes to 2, but this time, after very much more than an hour's discussion, the motion was carried by 10 votes to 1 with one abstention. It is not felt that the new regulations will cause a very great increase in the number of player-entries because not all countries will be able to send as many as four men and four ladies to represent them.

The next Championships were allotted to Sweden. They are likely to be held at Karlskrona, the dates being April 13th to 16th, 1972.

Juniors to Play in Prague

The next European Junior Championships, for which the newly adopted entry regulations will also apply, were granted to Czechoslovakia. They will take place in Prague on April 17th and 18th, 1971.

Newly elected to the committee were Messrs. J. Jezbera of Czechoslovakia and G. Wennström of Sweden. Both of those countries were required to be represented on the committee in view of the selected venues of the next tournaments. The officers, Messrs. S. Mohlin (President) and H. Brohl and H. Valken (Vice-Presidents), were not due to retire.

Mr. Mohlin handled the meeting, which lasted just over five hours, extremely well. As chairman he had a difficult task owing to matters of language, but he himself is an excellent linguist, as much at home with both English and German as with his native Swedish. This caused some amusement at times, as for instance when he twice found himself translating the German remarks of the English delegate into English whilst seemingly addressing them to the German representative, who knew no English!

England was represented by Mr. H. A. E. Scheele, Scotland by Mr. C. C. Reddie, Ireland by Mr. A. G. Trapnell, and Wales by Mr. S. G. Pine. The other nations represented were Austria, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, West Germany, Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden and Switzerland.

Third round: Walsöe and Miss Berglund beat Fisher and Miss Constance 15-7, 15-8. Talbot and Miss Perrin beat Gow and Miss Evans 12-15, 15-0, 15-4. Eddy and Mrs. Whetnall beat Borch and Mrs. Jørgensen 17-14, 18-16. Bochow and Miss Latz beat McCoig and Miss Kelly 15-7, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Talbot and Miss Perrin beat Walsöe and Miss Berglund 14-18, 15-11, 15-7. Eddy and Mrs. Whetnall beat Bochow and Miss Latz 15-10, 15-8.

Final: Eddy and Mrs. Whetnall beat Talbot and Miss Perrin 17-16, 17-16.

MIXED DOUBLES

First round: K. Johnsson and Miss K. Lindquist (Sweden) beat M. Kokojan and Mrs. I. Patkova (Czechoslovakia) 15-5, 15-12. F. D. Gow and Miss C. Evans (Scotland) beat P. Ridder and Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands) 15-3, 15-3. G. Perneklo and Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden) beat H. Leidelmeyer and Miss F. de Nooyer (Netherlands) 17-14, 15-9. J. D. Eddy and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England) beat P. Lacina and Mrs. Dr. N. Benesova (Czechoslovakia) 15-0, 15-2.

Second round: P. Walsöe and Miss A. Berglund (Denmark) beat C. Bell and Mrs. M. Mockford (Ireland) 15-4, 15-8. A. Fisher and Miss D. Constance (Wales) beat D. Pohar and Miss L. Krizman (Slovenia) 18-14, 3-15, 17-15. D. Talbot and Miss G. M. Perrin (England) beat R. Maywald and Miss M. Wackerow (West Germany) 15-3, 15-3. Gow and Miss Evans beat K. Johnsson and Miss Lindquist 15-2, 15-11. Eddy and Mrs. Whetnall beat Perneklo and Mrs. Twedberg 15-6, 15-12. H. Borch and Mrs. K. Jørgensen (Denmark) beat B. Carson and Miss Y. Kelly (Ireland) 15-10, 15-4. R. S. McCoig and Miss H. T. Kelly (Scotland) beat H. R. Jennings and Mrs. A. R. Dickson (Wales) 15-5, 15-10. W. Bochow and Miss I. Latz (West Germany) beat H. Fröhlich and Miss I. Wieltchnig (Austria) 15-10, 15-4.

The Thomas Cup

All Ready for Kuala Lumpur

Inter-Zone Ties Commence on May 28th

The 1969-70 season will conclude fittingly with the final ties for the Thomas Cup which are scheduled to take place in Kuala Lumpur from the end of May onwards. The zone ties have long since been completed, and the schedule for the conclusion of the eighth contest for the famous trophy donated by Sir George Thomas is as follows:—

New Zealand v. Indonesia on May 28th and 29th.

Denmark v. Malaysia (holder) on May 30th and 31st.

Canada v. winner of first tie on June 1st and 2nd.

Final tie on June 5th and 6th.

Since our last issue Denmark and Canada have prevailed in the European and American Zones respectively. The Danes enjoyed a much easier path to success over Sweden than had ever appeared likely, though of course Sweden does rely a little too much on the prowess of her players at singles; it always seemed likely that Denmark would capture all of the four doubles matches. So, it proved, but additionally, it is probable that Kurt Johnsson had really not got over the injury that caused his retirement in the preceding All-England Championships. He did lose both his singles, but what could hardly be anticipated was the two losses sustained by his brother Sture. Sweden's only success was gained by T. Theorin at third string.

In the American Zone Canada triumphed for the first time on record when she defeated the U.S.A. by 6 matches to 3 at Calgary at the end of March. Her victory was not unexpected, though the score at the end of the first day's play was level at 2-all. In the American team it was surprising to find Jim Poole only at third string in the singles where he defeated his opponent with consummate ease. The Americans were clearly relying on winning all the four doubles, but after having gained the first two, her pairs failed on the second day, though of course the last match was of academic interest only.

Several of the countries concerned in the ties in Malaysia have already announced their teams which are as follows:—

Canada—D. Charron, W. B. MacDonnell, Y. Pare, J. Paulson, B. Rollick and possibly C. Ratana-Saeng-suang.

Denmark—T. Bacher, H. Borch, E. Hansen, K. Kaagaard, P. Petersen and P. Walsøe, with S. P. Rasmussen as non-playing captain.

Indonesia—Darmadi, R. Hartono, Indratno, Indra Gunawan, Mintarja and Muljadi, with Mr. Irsin as non-playing captain.

New Zealand—J. Compton, D. B. Higgins, W. B. Johns, B. M. Purser, R. H. Purser and M. H. Stossel, with R. K. Vallance as non-playing captain.

The Malaysian team has not yet been announced. Being on the spot, the Malaysians will probably choose their team at the last possible moment which is ten days before being due to play.

In the Danish team one misses the inclusion of Svend Pri, who was unable to accept the invitation. His absence should be very keenly felt, and will probably cause Denmark to be expected to lose to the holders when they meet in the second tie.

Canada and New Zealand have both selected the players who took their countries to zone success, but a surprising possible nomination in the Canadian side is that of Channarong Ratana-Saeng-suang, the former Thai international. He has been resident in Canada for over three years, but he was not a member of the team which defeated the Americans. It is understood that he will travel to Malaysia in any case in the capacity of coach.

The defending Malaysians have been very quiet about their likely players, and one may well find some new names, that it to say new to European followers, in their eventually nominated six.

The draw being the way it is, one may safely forecast a final tie between Malaysia and Indonesia, which in any case should be the two strongest teams. At the risk of being found completely wrong, one could forecast a success for Malaysia, based on the likelihood of that country having a big advantage in the four doubles matches. Still, Rudy Hartono must be odds-on favourite to win his two singles, against any opposition.

It will be recalled that Malaysia captured the trophy from Indonesia three years ago after the Indonesians had held it since 1958. Before that, Malaya, as the country was then known, had won it three times.

Mr. H. F. Chilton, President of the I.B.F. which, of course, organises the contest, has been appointed as its official representative at all the ties, and the honorary referee will be Mr. H. A. E. Scheele.

American Zone Results

United States 7; Mexico 2

At San Diego, California, on February 28th and March 1st. Scores (U.S. names first):—

Singles: S. Hales beat J. M. Icaza, 15-8, 15-8; lost to R. Diaz Gonzalez, 17-14, 5-15, 8-15. J. R. Poole lost to Diaz Gonzalez, 15-13, 13-15, 5-15; beat Icaza, 15-8, 15-12. R. Starkey beat E. Rojo, 15-6, 15-12.

Doubles: J. Lynch and T. Carmichael beat V. Jaramillo Luque and J. Palazuelos, 15-8, 15-7; beat R. Diaz Gonzalez and F. Sanuso, 15-10, 17-14. J. R. Poole and D. C. Paup beat Diaz Gonzalez and Sanuso, 15-12, 15-3; beat Jaramillo Luque and Palazuelos, 15-7, 15-4.

J. R. Poole (U.S.) and V. Jaramillo Villalobos (Mexico) captained the teams, and R. Mejia (U.S.) was honorary referee.

Canada 6; United States 3

At Calgary on March 20th and 21st. Scores (Canadian names first):—

Singles: J. Paulson beat R. Park, 15-3, 15-1; beat S. Hales, 15-3, 15-9. W. MacDonnell beat Hales, 15-5, 9-15, 15-5; beat Park, 18-15, 15-5. B. Rollick lost to J. R. Poole, 4-15, 3-15.

Doubles: J. Paulson and Y. Pare lost to T. Carmichael and J. Lynch, 15-10, 11-15, 11-15; beat J. R. Poole and D. C. Paup, 7-15, 15-9, 15-12. B. Rollick and D. Charron lost to Poole and Paup, 12-15, 4-15; beat Carmichael and Lynch, 15-7, 15-7.

B. Fergus (Canada) and J. R. Poole (U.S.) captained the teams. R. Paterson was also nominated for Canada but did not eventually play.

European Zone Final

Denmark 8; Sweden 1

At Copenhagen on April 4th and 5th. Scores (Danish names first):—

Singles: E. Hansen beat S. Johnsson, 1-15, 15-4, 15-10; beat K. Johnsson, 15-12, 15-0. S. Pri beat K. Johnsson, 15-7, 15-10; beat S. Johnsson, 15-12, 15-12. K. Kaagaard lost to T. Theorin, 7-15, 10-15.

Doubles: T. Bacher and P. Petersen beat G. Nordqvist and G. Wahlqvist, 15-7, 15-4; beat S. Johnsson and G. Perneklo, 15-1, 15-5. S. Pri and P. Walsøe beat S. Johnsson and Perneklo, 15-3, 15-4; beat Nordqvist and Wahlqvist, 15-9, 13-15, 15-8.

S. P. Rasmussen (Denmark) and B. Jönsson (Sweden) captained the teams and O. Mertz (Denmark) was honorary referee.

The Danish Championships

Japanese Win Two Titles

The Danish Open Championships, held at Copenhagen from March 9th to 12th, enjoyed their customary success with the equally customary fine entry from several other countries, the most prominent of which was Japan whose large delegation of seven players won two of the titles.

The singles events went to Ipeei Kojima of Japan and Mrs. Twedberg of Sweden, but there were several unexpected results before they were crowned.

Perhaps the most unexpected was the emergence of Erland Kops in the singles final following a great win for the old champion over the more fancied Svend Pri. In the ladies' event neither of the top seeds reached the last stage. Miss Hiroe Yuki, the 1969 All-England champion, was forced to withdraw at the semi-final stage owing to a torn Achilles tendon in a preceding doubles match, and Miss Noriko Takagi was defeated in a close encounter with her compatriot, Miss Etsuko Takenaka. The latter then suffered a clear defeat at the hands of Mrs. Twedberg.

Kojima's closest match was against that often underrated Dane, Elo Hansen, who held the Japanese all the way, but Kojima was rather too good for Kops in the final.

England was represented by a team of four men, of whom P. E. Whetnall and Derek Talbot reached the last eight. R. A. Powell and J. D. Eddy both went out in the second round in two games to Junji Honma of Japan and Henning Borch of the home country. There were no English ladies taking part.

In the doubles Eddy and Powell just lost a very close match to Tom Bacher and Poul Petersen who were so soon afterwards to win at Wembley. Whetnall and Talbot reached the semi-final, but there found Pri and Per Walsøe too good a combination for them. Borch and Kops finally took the event.

Japan provided both final pairs in the ladies' doubles, and neither pair was unduly threatened in the preceding rounds. Their final was a very long business, both pairs showing outstanding defensive qualities.

Except for the participation of the top German pair, the semi-finalists in the mixed doubles were all Danish with Klaus Kaagaard and Mrs. Strand emerging as the champions.

Apart from the nations already mentioned there were also representatives in the lists from Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands, Mexico and Norway, and quite large delegations from most of the eight foreign associations.

(All players are Danish unless otherwise mentioned)

MEN'S SINGLES

Fourth round: S. Pri beat J. Honma (Japan) 11-15, 15-10, 15-10. E. Kops beat K. Kaagaard 18-17, 13-15, 15-9. E. Hansen beat P. E. Whetnall (England) 15-12, 15-4. I. Kojima (Japan) beat D. Talbot (England) 15-6, 15-1.

Semi-finals: Kops beat Pri 15-11, 15-8. Kojima beat Hansen 8-15, 17-15, 15-12.

Final: Kojima beat Kops 15-3, 15-10.

LADIES' SINGLES

Third round: Miss N. Takagi (Japan) beat Miss A. Berglund 11-4, 11-4. Miss E. Takenaka (Japan) beat Mrs. I. R. Nielsen 12-10, 9-11, 11-7. Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden) beat Miss M. Aizawa (Japan) 11-4, 11-5. Miss H. Yuki (Japan) beat Miss L. von Barnekow 11-8, 11-7.

Semi-finals: Miss Takenaka beat Miss Takagi 12-11, 12-11. Mrs. Twedberg w.o., Miss Yuki retired.

Final: Mrs. Twedberg beat Miss Takenaka 11-2, 11-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Third round: S. Pri and P. Walsøe beat J. Herlevsen and T. Nielsen 15-13, 15-11. P. E. Whetnall and D. Talbot (England) beat E. Hansen and F. Delfs 15-9, 15-6. T. Bacher and P. Petersen beat J. D. Eddy and R. A. Powell (England) 2-15, 15-14, 18-17. H. Borch and E. Kops beat I. Kojima and J. Honma (Japan) 15-11, 12-15, 15-5.

Semi-finals: Pri and Walsøe beat Whetnall and Talbot 15-6, 15-8. Borch and Kops beat Bacher and Petersen 15-9, 17-18, retired.

Final: Borch and Kops beat Pri and Walsøe 17-15, 10-15, 15-2.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Second round: Miss N. Takagi and Miss H. Amano (Japan) beat Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden) and Mrs. I. R. Nielsen 15-4, 15-11. Mrs. K. Jörgensen and Mrs. U. Strand beat Miss A. Berglund and Miss L. Köppen 15-7, 15-8. Miss A. Flindt and Miss P. Mølgaard Hansen beat Miss M. Wackerow (West Germany) and Miss H. Yuki (Japan) 17-15, 9-6, retired. Miss E. Takenaka and Miss M. Aizawa (Japan) beat Miss G. Liebold (West Germany) and Miss E. Carlsen 15-9, 15-1.

Semi-finals: Miss Takagi and Miss Amano beat Mrs. Jörgensen and Mrs. Strand 15-4, 15-9. Miss Takenaka and Miss Aizawa beat Miss Flindt and Miss Mølgaard Hansen 18-15, 15-4.

Final: Miss Takenaka and Miss Aizawa beat Miss Takagi and Miss Amano 15-17, 15-12, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

Third round: P. Walsøe and Miss P. Mølgaard Hansen beat J. D. Eddy (England) and Mrs. L. Bostofte 15-9, 15-6. H. Borch and Mrs. I. R. Nielsen beat R. A. Powell (England) and Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands) 15-5, 8-15, 15-3. R. Maywals and Miss M. Wackerow (West Germany) beat E. Hansen and Mrs. K. Jörgensen 15-11, 15-6. K. Kaagaard and Mrs. U. Strand beat T. Kjaerulf and Miss A. Flindt 5-15, 15-8, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Borch and Mrs. Nielsen beat Walsøe and Miss Mølgaard Hansen 15-9, 15-10. Kaagaard and Mrs. Strand beat Maywald and Miss Wackerow 15-3, 15-12.

Final: Kaagaard and Mrs. Strand beat Borch and Mrs. Nielsen 15-11, 13-18, 15-10.

Four American Titles for Japan

Paul Whetnall and Miss Boxall Win Mixed Doubles

This year's American Championships took place at Cambridge, Massachusetts, during the first week of April. As usual, all the leading American players from all over the wide continent were present, as well as Miss Tyna Barinaga who was surprisingly listed amongst the entrants as from England! England was also represented by Paul Whetnall, Mrs. Whetnall and Miss Boxall, and the whole of the Japanese contingent (or those that remained fit of them) at the All-England Championships were also among the strongest contenders for the titles at stake. A few Canadians and Roy Diaz Gonzalez of Mexico completed the active foreign contingent.

Japanese players swept to success in four of the five events, and in the men's singles provided the runner-up as well. So, it was Japan's tournament indeed, notably as the Misses Takenaka and Aizawa obtained their revenge over Mrs. Whetnall and Miss Boxall for their preceding All-England defeat. England gained the mixed doubles through Whetnall and Miss Boxall.

Diaz Gonzalez was surprisingly topped in the singles, but he was comfortably beaten by Junji Honma who then went on to defeat his senior, Ipeei Kojima, a result not to be expected. Whetnall had no trouble to reach the semi-final where he gave Kojima a fine battle before conceding defeat.

Including the generously conceded Tyna Barinaga, England had three of the four ladies' semi-finalists, but Miss Takenaka confirmed her All-England title by winning the event without loss of a game. Miss Barinaga had a good tournament; she beat the second Japanese, Miss Aizawa, and Miss Boxall, both in three games, and very nearly took the eventual champion to a third as well.

America provided her only finalists in

the men's doubles when Jim Poole and Don Paup reached that stage with a victory over the scratch partnership of Whetnall and Diaz Gonzalez, but the two left-handers were no real match for the Japanese.

In the ladies' doubles the English pair had the pleasure of a match against one of the United States' greatest players of a generation ago when Miss Ethel Marshall ventured back into competition. She had won the American singles title seven times in a row in the period preceding the Devlin-Varner age. Only once, in 1957, had Miss Marshall ever played in England, and at that distant date she showed what a really fine player she must have been at her best, certainly good enough to have won an All-England title or two had she ventured across the ocean in her heyday.

Whetnall and Miss Boxall lost no game—not quite—in winning the mixed in which Japan provided the finalists again. It is the first time that one has heard of Kojima playing mixed. May he do so more often.

This year's tournament took on a new aspect by the inclusion on the three preceding days of the first American Closed Championships, thereby copying Canada in this respect. There was some dove-tailing by some of the more successful entrants in these events being automatically qualified for the open events, but we have been unable to follow exactly how this worked. However, Miss Barinaga (of England!) won three titles, which was predictable.

We are grateful to Mr. J. H. van Praag of California for the full results of the whole week's tournament, the culminating scores of which follow.

(The scores will be found on the next page)

Off the Court

By "VELMA"

The end of the 1969-70 season was marred by many nasty injuries, strangely enough mostly to the ladies. Hiroe Yuki, the Japanese player, and holder of the All-England singles title, badly damaged her achilles tendon while playing in the Danish Championships, and was operated on in Denmark just the week before Wembley. We understand that the operation was very successful, and that Hiroe is now recovering back in her native Japan. If this trouble was not bad enough for the Japanese team, Noriko Takagi pulled tendons in her leg during the course of her very strenuous singles with Heather Nielsen, which put her out of the tournament on the Thursday afternoon.

Of our own players, Sue Whetnall and Margaret Boxall were also somewhat in the wars—Sue had sprained her ankle two weeks previously, and was heavily strapped up, and Margaret was having injections for strained tendons, and was frequently in pain. On top of this Gillian Perrin was suffering from the knee trouble which had been dogging her ever since the beginning of the year. During the qualifying rounds, Lesley Wadsworth, the Sussex player, also suffered a bad leg injury, which caused her to withdraw from the tournament.

If this was not enough, during the European Championships at Port Talbot, Marie Louise Wackerow, the German international, had to retire at the very beginning of what promised to be a most exciting final between the Germans and the English All-England champions, due to a torn ligament.

All these injuries tend to make one wonder if the pace of the modern game, coupled with intense competition, is leading the stars to over-play themselves, so that at the end of a strenuous season it is just too much.

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Very sincere congratulations to Margaret (Varner) Bloss, the former American player, on the birth of little Mary Margaret on March 30th, and to Stephanie (Baldwin) Postlethwaite, the Kent Badminton and Tennis player, also on the birth of a daughter, during All-England week.

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Very best wishes for the future to Heather Nielsen, who with her husband Egon and family is off to Australia to live early in June. They will be going to Sydney where Egon has a new job. We shall miss Heather and her attractive children very much next winter, for they have been quite features of our tournaments this last season, the little ones exercising themselves on the badminton courts whenever possible with notable enjoyment. Heather, who has not lost any of her old skill, had a very successful season, in spite of family duties, finishing up by reaching the final of the All-England. She should be a great acquisition to Australian Badminton.

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A well-known figure who will be missing next season is Mrs. Nan Duncan, the representative for Slazengers, who recently retired. She was always to be seen round the most prominent Badminton tournaments. A charming person, Nan was more than just a representative of a sports firm. Her chic appearance perhaps belied her very kindly and practical nature, and she was a tower of strength when anyone hurt themselves, for she had a great deal of nursing and medical knowledge. We hope she will not desert us entirely but come along once in a while to renew acquaintance.



COPENHAGEN—MARCH 25th
Klaus Kaagaard and his bride, the former Miss Pernille Mølgaard Hansen. Both are current Danish International players.

As we go to press we send congratulations to Sallie and Alan Pears, the Hertfordshire players, on the birth of a son, Simon Leslie.

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Congratulations to the charming Danish player, Pernille Mølgaard Hansen on her fine win at Wembley in the mixed doubles. This was a fine present for Pernille who was married to Klaus Kaagaard just a few days after returning from London. Many badminton friends of the couple were present at the ceremony and reception held at the bride's home. The honeymoon was spent in Norway. Klaus will be away soon though, for he has been chosen for Denmark's Thomas Cup team to play in the inter-zone finals in Malaysia.

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The All-England Dinner and Dance, held on the evening of the final day, was again its usual outstanding success with well over 300 people being present. As those who have attended this big function will know, much of its annual success has been due to the organising ability of the former Audrey Stone who was recently married and is now living in Northumberland, rather too far from the scene of action to enable her to carry on with her excellent work in future years. But she was certainly there this year, and the opportunity was taken by Humphrey Chilton, her partner in the organising work, to present her, on behalf of the Badminton Association of England, with a large bouquet of flowers as a very slight token of appreciation for her work of many years. More than to anyone else, the great success and international fame of this gathering is due to Audrey Dance, the name by which we now know her. She built the attendance up from a modest hundred or so to the pitch where a year ago a much larger suite of rooms became absolutely essential.

American Championship Scores

MEN'S SINGLES

Third round: I. Kojima (Japan) beat M. Walker 15-3, 15-3. P. E. Whetnall (England) beat S. Hales 15-5, 15-4. J. Honma (Japan) beat R. Starkey 15-12, 15-5. R. Diaz Gonzalez (Mexico) beat D. Carton 15-6, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Kojima beat Whetnall 15-11, 18-17. Honma beat Diaz Gonzalez 15-5, 15-4.

Final: Honma beat Kojima 13-15, 15-8, 15-8.

LADIES' SINGLES

Third round: Miss M. B. Boxall (England) beat Miss H. Amano (Japan) 11-8, 11-5. Miss T. M. Barinaga beat Miss M. Aizawa (Japan) 9-12, 11-6, 11-7. Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England) beat Mrs. C. Hein 11-5, 11-7. Miss E. Takenaka (Japan) beat Miss C. Root 11-3, 11-4.

Semi-finals: Miss Barinaga beat Miss Boxall 11-7, 11-1. Miss Takenaka beat Mrs. Whetnall 11-4, 11-7.

Final: Miss Takenaka beat Miss Barinaga 11-5, 12-9.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: J. Poole and D. Paup beat P. E. Whetnall (England) and R. Diaz Gonzalez (Mexico) 15-9, 15-12. I. Kojima and J. Honma (Japan) beat T. Carmichael and J. Lynch 15-7, 15-6.

Final: Kojima and Honma beat Poole and Paup 15-11, 15-2.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Miss E. Takenaka and Miss M. Aizawa (Japan) beat Miss T. Barinaga and Mrs. C. Hein 15-11, 15-8. Miss M. B. Boxall and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England) beat Mrs. C. Starkey and Miss E. Marshall 15-4, 18-15.

Final: Miss Takenaka and Miss Aizawa beat Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall 15-10, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: P. E. Whetnall and Miss M. B. Boxall (England) beat J. Lynch and Mrs. C. Starkey 15-13, 15-10. I. Kojima and Miss M. Aizawa (Japan) beat J. Poole and Miss T. Barinaga 15-11, 2-15, 15-9.

Final: Whetnall and Miss Boxall beat Kojima and Miss Aizawa 15-8, 15-2.

U.S. Closed Championships

FINAL ROUNDS

Men's Singles: S. Hales beat T. Carmichael 15-12, 15-9.

Ladies' Singles: Miss T. Barinaga beat Mrs. C. Hein 11-0, 11-7.

Men's Doubles: J. Poole and D. Paup beat T. Carmichael and J. Lynch 15-12, 15-7.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss T. Barinaga and Mrs. C. Hein beat Mrs. C. Starkey and Miss E. Marshall 15-6, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles: J. Poole and Miss T. Barinaga beat J. Lynch and Mrs. C. Starkey 15-6, 15-9.

England's Victory over Ireland Sees Tony Jordan Make his 100th Appearance

England's 56th successive victory over Ireland was very much more than just an international fixture of very long standing. Indeed, it is the oldest international fixture in the whole Badminton world. It was this year staged at the Claughton B.C. in Birkenhead on the Monday following the All-England Championships, and, as luck would have it, the fixture coincided with the 100th international in which the great Tony Jordan represented his country in official fixtures.

That the occasion should have taken place in Jordan's own county, and indeed on the courts which he has graced as a member for his entire playing career, was wonderful. His admirers and friends turned out in tremendous numbers to give an unequalled atmosphere to the evening.

Jordan captained the England team and led his side to its expected victory. The play itself was, one fears, rather dwarfed by the Jordan century, of which much was published in the last issue. It was unfortunate that the Irish were not at full strength, a most noticeable absentee being Mrs. Bryan, quite the best player produced by the Emerald Isle for a great many years.

In her absence Miss Yvonne Kelly put up a fine show against England's Miss Perrin when she gained for her team the only game which it won. The second string men's doubles match was also quite a close affair, the Irishmen only just failing to equalise the loss of the close first game.

ENGLAND 7; IRELAND 0

At Birkenhead on March 23rd. Scores (England names first):—

P. E. Whetnall beat B. Carson 15-2, 15-1.
Miss G. M. Perrin beat Miss Y. W. Kelly 11-2, 7-11, 11-6.

A. D. Jordan and R. J. Mills beat C. Blair and P. Moore, 15-5, 15-8. R. A. Powell and E. C. Stuart beat K. Carlisle and J. J. McCloy 18-14, 18-15.

Miss M. B. Boxall and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall beat Miss Y. W. Kelly and Mrs. J. McCloy 15-3, 18-15.

A. D. Jordan and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall beat A. R. Reddick and Mrs. M. Mockford 15-2, 15-5. P. E. Whetnall and Miss M. B. Boxall beat C. Blair and Miss Y. W. Kelly 15-6, 15-5.

From Cheshire comes the following tribute on the great occasion:—

March 23rd, 1970—a day that has gone down in the world records as the one on which A. D. (Tony) Jordan made his hundredth international appearance when he captained England against Ireland.

And a day indeed it was for Cheshire who staged the match at the Birkenhead Sports Centre (hitherto known as the Claughton drill hall).

Those who have followed Tony's career so closely for the past 20 years were proud to be in at the kill, as it were, to see this great player lead his team to victory again on his home court to set the seal on the unique occasion.

It was a measure of his popularity that the hall has never seen such a crowd as was there to honour him. Ticket sales were pegged at 1,000, and from the demand for them, it is pretty certain that half as

many again could have been sold had accommodation been available.

The Mayors and Mayoresses of Birkenhead and Wallasey and the chairman of Hoylake Urban District Council and his wife lent their civic dignity to the event, and Cheshire were happy to welcome too Mr. Stuart Wyatt and Mr. Herbert Scheele representing the B.A. of E.

Cheshire's own tribute—the result of a testimonial fund which received widespread support—was a stereo tape recorder, Tony's own choice, and a plaque.

From the B.A. of E., there was a handsome show case, and from the Irish team a piece of the famous Waterford glass-ware.

And a bundle of telegrams included those from West Germany, South Africa, the Netherlands, America, Scotland and

Ireland congratulating a great player on a great achievement.

Nor were Tony's wife, Carol, and his mother, Nell, forgotten. For each of them, there was a coffee set from the Cheshire County B.A., in recognition of their devoted support and many personal sacrifices in the cause of badminton.

Although this was an international, in reality the night belonged to "Ton-up" Tony, and none begrudged him his generous share of the spotlight.

Never was such prolonged applause more worthily deserved nor the accolade of achievement more modestly worn by anyone.

Cheshire is proud to share with the world their salute to Tony Jordan.

F.E.T.

England's Commonwealth Games Team

England's team for the Commonwealth Games had not been chosen finally at the time of going to press, but early in April the following squad of fourteen players was selected as the basis of the final ten players to represent England:—

Men—J. D. Eddy, D. O. Horton, A. D. Jordan, R. J. Mills, R. A. Powell, R. J. Sharp, E. C. Stuart, D. Talbot and P. E. Whetnall.

Ladies—Miss M. Beck, Miss M. B. Boxall, Miss G. M. Perrin, Mrs. W. R. Rickard and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall.

Clearly, the five ladies will all be in the eventual team, and four of the men will be unlucky as five is the maximum permitted to each nation.

The conditions of the tournament allow for four entries in each singles event, two pairs in each of the men's and ladies' doubles, with four pairs in the mixed. All these selections must be made from the nominated ten.

It is interesting to compare the present squad with the team which participated in Jamaica four years ago. Then, the English ladies rather monopolised the events open to them. Miss Bairstow won the singles and with Mills she defeated Jordan and Mrs. Horton in the mixed final. Mrs. Horton and Miss Ursula Smith won the ladies' doubles from the final challenge of Miss Bairstow and Mrs. Rogers. Mills and Horton just defeated (by one point) Jordan and C. J. Beacom for the bronze medals in the men's doubles.

Thus, Beacom was the only member of the team of eight players who failed to win a medal at all. In the men's singles and doubles the events were dominated by the Malaysians as that country provided the finalists in both events.

The second inclusion of Badminton in the British Commonwealth Games takes place from July 17th to 21st inclusive, though there will be no play on Sunday, the 19th.

It is expected that about 15 nations, at least, will be entering teams at Edinburgh. One newcomer to international competition will be Gibraltar which has only recently affiliated itself to the I.B.F. as an associate member.

New Zealand's Delegation

The New Zealand team has recently been announced as R. H. Purser, J. Compton, Miss A. Glenie and Miss R. Glenie. Purser and Miss Alison Glenie are of course well known over here. Compton is quite a young player who has already played for New Zealand in two Thomas Cup competitions, and Miss Robin Glenie, a younger sister of Miss Alison Glenie, is the current New Zealand singles champion.

The Badminton team manager will be Roger Dunn, a New Zealander who has been residing in England for all of the past season. He has taken part in many English tournaments.

A further interesting and welcome appointment is that of Mr. I. D. Palmer, now the vice-president of the New Zealand Badminton Federation and a former Chairman of its Council, as assistant team manager for the whole New Zealand contingent for the Games.

The Australian Team

The Australian team has recently been announced as C. Hardwick (Western Australia), R. Livingston (Tasmania), Mrs. K. Nesbit (Western Australia) and Mrs. J. Nyirati (Victoria), with Mr. R. Whittle (Tasmania) as team manager.

Of the foregoing Livingston and Mrs. Nyirati are the current singles champions of the Commonwealth, and Mrs. Nesbit was singles champion for five successive years up to last year. All are past internationals, though Livingston was capped for the first time less than a year ago. Mrs. Nesbit is the only one who was a member of the quartet taking part in the Commonwealth Games in Jamaica four years ago.

Letters to the Editor

(The Editor does not necessarily agree with the views expressed in these columns.)

The Inter-County Championship

Dear Sir,

May I take the liberty and a few lines of the "Gazette" to make a contribution to the betterment of our sport.

I favour the recent proposal to introduce additional singles play into I.C.C. matches in spite of obvious restrictions but would respectfully recommend that a reshaping of the I.C.C. groupings and some modification to the nominating of players could be considered.

With modern travelling facilities it is possible to increase the number of teams in groups quite easily, therefore, giving players contact with a greater variety of opponents and courts. Matches being played on Sundays to avoid clashing with tournaments. Quarter-finals etc. and challenge matches could be drawn for each year.

The present nomination rule while essential is very restrictive and some easing here would give players a better chance for promotion and give selectors a greater scope in team selection.

I believe players can only benefit from an increase in scope which the above would bring. I wonder if other players or officials would favour such a move.

Yours faithfully,

A. H. WITCOMB

Match Secretary,
Derbyshire B.A.

Uninvited Guests

Dear Editor,

In spite of stringent precautions, the buffet after the England v. Ireland match was gate-crashed.

Almost certainly entrance was gained with the connivance of some who regularly attend these events. Such malpractice is an abuse of hospitality and is not in keeping with the good name of our sport.

It must be pointed out to these uninvited guests, whose names are known to the sponsoring committee, that:—

- They obtained a privilege that had been refused, because of limited accommodation, to many who had worked long and hard to help promote the event.
- Their presence overcrowded the buffet to the discomfort of our guests and to the annoyance of the hotel manager.
- Refreshment which was neither ordered nor paid for was consumed and, consequently, others suffered.
- To have them ejected, in the presence of civic guests, would have been both unpleasant and bad for the game.

Such ungentlemanly behaviour is to be deplored. It is hoped that those concerned will go some way to redeem their self respect by sending a cheque for 17/6d. (payable to Cheshire County B.A.) to,

Yours sincerely,

LESLIE O. MACKLIN,
Hon. Secretary,

England v. Ireland Match Committee,
Birkenhead.

Club Juniors

Dear Editor,

It may be that this is an exceptional "end of season" occurrence, but we are a small one-court club, with a good standard of play over many years, and since (or am I imagining it?) we have been lucky enough to find five promising juniors, club nights have largely been left to them (matches apart).

Does this mean that the "middle of the road" player is afraid (a) that a game with juniors will cause his standard to deteriorate, (b) that his team place will soon be in jeopardy, or (c) a disinclination to help juniors by the odd game or word of advice?

One of these youngsters failed to enter our own junior tournament recently because she had not got a partner, and nobody knew.

I would like to say to senior members that we need these young players, and without them your club will quietly fade away. If you want some "match practice" or club play among yourselves, then ask for the rules to be altered to allow this; but please do not come down, leave your racquet in the car, watch them silently, and go away.

Yours sincerely,

"JILL"

(Name and address supplied)

The Belgian Championships

The Belgian International Championships were revived last season when they were held at La Louviere at the end of February and March 1st. The entry was an excellent one, comprising as it did invited players from England, Denmark, Sweden and South Africa amongst other nations. Thus the entry was really first class, and very much stronger than in the revived meeting of 1969.

Four men and two ladies crossed the Channel from England, but none of them reached the semi-final of either singles event. We have not been provided with the complete results and have acquired such as are printed below from the official magazines published in Denmark and the Netherlands to which we are grateful. We believe we are right in reporting that the Springbok, Bruce Clark, was largely responsible for eliminating both Paul Whetnall and Elliott Stuart of the English contingent in the singles. Mrs. Whetnall was forced to scratch owing to a muscular injury, but Miss Boxall was beaten by the Dutch player, Miss van Beusekom, 11-7, 11-5.

But England won all three doubles events, a very satisfactory achievement, not the least of which was the success of D. O. Horton and Stuart over the subsequently crowned All-England champions, Tom Bacher and Poul Petersen of Denmark, with a very convincing score after losing the first game.

Sture Johnsson gained another of his numerous singles successes, and in the ladies' singles there was just one more of the customary long drawn-out matches between Mrs. Twedberg and Mrs. Imre Nielsen; this time the Dane emerged successful, but only just.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: S. Johnsson (Sweden) beat T. Bacher (Denmark) 15-11, 15-12. A. Parsons (South Africa) beat B. Clark (South Africa) 15-6, 15-8.
Final: Johnsson beat Parsons, 15-10, 15-7.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Mrs. I. R. Nielsen (Denmark) beat Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands) 11-3, 11-5. Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden) beat Miss A. Berglund (Denmark) 9-11, 11-0, 11-6.
Final: Mrs. Nielsen beat Mrs. Twedberg 12-10, 7-11, 12-10.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: T. Bacher and P. Petersen (Denmark) beat R. J. Sharp and P. E. Whetnall (England). E. C. Stuart and D. O. Horton (England) beat A. Parsons and B. Clark (South Africa), no scores available.
Final: Stuart and Horton beat Bacher and Petersen 8-15, 15-7, 15-3.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-final: Miss M. B. Boxall and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England) beat Miss J. van Beusekom and Miss F. de Nooyer (Netherlands) 18-15, 15-17, 15-10.
Final: Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall beat Mrs. I. R. Nielsen and Miss A. Berglund (Denmark) 15-4, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-final: P. E. Whetnall and Miss M. B. Boxall (England) beat P. Petersen and Miss A. Berglund (Denmark) 15-7, 15-1.
Final: Whetnall and Miss Boxall beat A. Parsons (South Africa) and Miss L. Hawig (West Germany) 15-3, 15-5.

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The I. B. F. Annual General Meeting

A Proposal to Change The Law Governing the Service

The agenda for the 32nd Annual General Meeting of the International Badminton Federation to be held on June 30th consists of its now customary rather lengthy document. There are applications for membership, proposals for the alteration of some of the Rules, of some of the Laws of Badminton, and of the Regulations for the contests for the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup, as well as a number of general matters requiring consideration.

As regards membership, Venezuela seeks re-election, and Hungary is a totally new applicant. If both are admitted the total number of full members will for the first time in history have reached the fifty-mark.

The main motion as regards Rules concerns annual subscriptions which it is proposed be increased from £12 per vote to £18 per vote. This was clearly inevitable after last year's alterations made to the voting entitlements of national organisations, which became reduced in many cases. Thus, there will be several countries, including England, whose annual contribution will, under the proposal, be less than in the past. Others will not be so fortunate.

The Philippines have again come forward with their proposal for a restriction in votes to one per country, regardless of size, and for a scheme of postal voting, also defeated in the past. They also want the election of the President to be made on an alphabetical basis of countries.

The New Service Law

As far as the Laws of Badminton are concerned, most of the motions have been put forward by the Council with the intent of clarification only, an important attitude because of the necessity of much foreign translation. However, there is one Council proposal which with its explanation reads as follows:—

Law 14—that paragraph (a) be altered in its entirety to read as follows:

"(It is a fault:—)

- (a) If in serving, (i) the shuttle at the instant of being struck be higher than the server's waist, or (ii) if at the instant of the shuttle being struck the shaft of the racket be not pointing in a downward direction to such an extent that the whole of the head of the racket is discernibly below the whole of the server's hand holding the racket."

Explanation—Condition (ii) only has been altered from the existing wording. The proposed wording emphasises that the whole of the head of the racket requires to be below the whole of the server's hand. At present it is only a fault "if any part of the head of the racket be higher than any part of the server's hand." Under the proposal the service must be seen to be a fair one. Under the existing wording the service can only be faulted if it is seen to be faulty.

Clearly, the above represents a distinct alteration from the past, and if adopted would go a long way to facilitating the tasks of service judges.

Several of the Recommendations to Umpires are also to be considered for alteration, though no player, as such, would be directly affected by their adoption.

Thomas Cup and Uber Cup motions are entirely administrative in their objects, and most concern the financial outlook of these contests. It is proposed that the entry fee of £1 be increased to the more realistic figure of £10. There is also a proposal from England which, if adopted, would require a host-nation to give a guarantee of £250 to a visiting team towards its travelling expenses, provided that it incurred that sum.

Ireland has asked that a team be increased from a maximum of six players to a maximum of eight players to combat possibilities of injury or epidemic amongst the nominated team.

The regulation covering substitutions should cause some debate. The Council has proposed that this be tightened, and also that a referee should be empowered to insist on alterations being made to the ranking of players selected in singles if

he "is not satisfied that it represents a correct evaluation of the current standard of play of those selected".

Thailand will protest at the decision reached on the abandoned tie between Thailand and Indonesia of last January.

The Council will report on its views of last year's proposal from Singapore about the institution of world championships, which at the moment it cannot recommend for immediate staging.

Mr. H. F. Chilton has been proposed for a second term as President, and there are four nominations for election to vice-presidency for the two vacancies which occur annually. Those proposed are Messrs. R. S. Lucas and F. A. Sonnevillie by the Council, Mr. J. J. McCarry by the Scottish B.U., and Mr. S. R. Ruia by the B.A. of India.

Messrs. H. Valken and H. A. E. Scheele have both been proposed by the Council for re-election as honorary treasurer and honorary secretary respectively, and Mr. S. R. Chadha's name is put forward for election as a Continental representative on the Council by the Asian Badminton Confederation. Nominations of other members of the Council for 1970-71 need not be made until the meeting itself.

England's Official Ranking Lists

For the first time ever the B. A. of England has issued an official ranking list of its singles players. The lists which follow have been compiled from results achieved in all tournaments and matches of the 1969-70 season.

Without further ado, here are the two lists:—

MEN

1. P. E. Whetnall (Kent)
2. D. Talbot (Northumberland)
3. R. J. Sharp (Kent)
4. B. H. White (Wiltshire)
5. { D. R. Hunt (Hampshire)
- } R. P. Stevens (Essex)
7. E. C. Stuart (Northumberland)
8. J. D. Eddy (Staffordshire)
9. D. J. Hutchinson (Yorkshire)
10. C. J. Beacom (Surrey)

Insufficient data:—R. J. Mills (Surrey).

LADIES

1. Miss G. M. Perrin (Surrey)
2. { Miss M. B. Boxall (Kent)
- } Mrs. E. B. Nielsen (Surrey)
4. Miss M. Beck (Middlesex)
5. Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (Kent)
6. Mrs. A. M. Palmer (Surrey)
7. Mrs. W. R. Rickard (Surrey)

Insufficient data:—Miss C. E. Lindsay (Yorkshire).

No doubt the lists will provoke a certain amount of comment. Such lists always do, but one must admit that there can be found little fault with the men's ranking, though it does perhaps appear to be a little biased on end-of-season performances. Sharp, for instance, would certainly have been regarded as above Talbot up to at least Christmas, and was not Eddy selected as a Thomas Cup singles player in the same period?

It must have been difficult to have decided the placing of the top three ladies, and there must have existed a case for all three being bracketed equal. Did not Mrs. Nielsen reach the final of the All-England Championships, during the course of which she morally defeated the great Miss Takagi? And a short time before she had thoroughly beaten Miss Perrin in the Surrey Championships. The remaining names seem almost automatically to fall into position, though Mrs. Whetnall's fine performances at the Dutch Championships might perhaps have received recognition.

It is sad to realise that the selectors saw fit to rank only seven ladies. One cannot fault them on this, but one hopes that the efforts being made to popularise singles will result in a full ten being placed in a year's time.

Internationals Contest Surrey Titles

Keen Matches See All Holders Defeated at Wimbledon

By E. J. K.

As usual the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club provided their excellent facilities for this popular tournament, and although a few familiar faces were missing this year, a number of overseas entries gave an added interest. The South African Thomas Cup team, fresh from playing in the Dutch Championships, were perhaps the most notable, with a sprinkling of New Zealand players, and at least one Malaysian. The pairing of the attractive Miss Tyna Barinaga, of the U.S.A., with the incomparable Mrs. Hashman also of that country, though resident in England, caused many to think that they might provide a serious challenge to the established England pairs.

In every event the holders were defending their titles, but in the final outcome not one of these succeeded, which is perhaps somewhat unusual, and on the other hand indicates how keen is the competition in the upper strata of the game. In the men's singles the early rounds produced some upsets, with a good win by Bill Morris of Middlesex over the younger of the South African brothers, K. Parsons, although South Africa were revenged in the following round when R. DuToit beat him in two games. In the other half, the unseeded Derek Talbot first disposed of the holder, R. J. Sharp, and then proceeded to beat Alan Parsons, which was a fine achievement.

The final round was somewhat marred by the time spent during its course on testing shuttles, causing some irritation to both competitors and spectators, and which made a mockery of Law 22 which states that "play shall be continuous". The match itself provided an interesting contrast in styles as Talbot swept through the first game by applying continuous pressure and smashing almost everything within reach. In the second game, however, Paul Whetnall found his touch and by a greater variety of shots prolonged the rallies and gradually "took the steam" out of his opponent; by the final game Whetnall found the form which gave him the first singles place in our Thomas Cup team, and despite a resumption of power tactics by his opponent, he emerged a well deserved winner.

The ladies' singles produced no real surprises and all four seeds reached the semi-finals, although Miss Margaret Boxall was taken to three games by Mrs. A. M. Palmer, and following this succumbed to Mrs. Heather Nielsen, who no doubt still feels very much at home on the Wimbledon courts despite her absence abroad for so many years. In the final a very fit looking and relaxed Mrs. Nielsen played an apparently tense, and not too fit Miss Gillian Perrin, and following a very close first game in which Gillian played some superb close net shots, but just lacked steadiness from the back of the court at the crucial point, Heather went away with the second game in confident fashion, forcing her opponent into many errors by hitting over

both the base and side lines.

Some unseeded pairs came through the earlier stages of the men's doubles event at the expense of players of greater reputation, and amongst the more notable performances was that by Tredgett and Stevens in beating the South Africans, A. Parsons and B. Clark, although they in turn were put out by Beacom and Ho Khim Kooi. Another somewhat unexpected result was the win in three games by Hutchinson and Sharp over the second seeds, Roger Mills and Whetnall, but in fairness, the injury which Mills sustained to his back, causing him to scratch from the mixed doubles, may have had some bearing on this result. One felt that the other South African pair of R. DuToit and K. Parsons was a little unlucky in being given two consecutive walk-overs in the early rounds, and then being faced with the seeded Powell and Jordan without the benefit of some "warming up" matches. But they lost only narrowly by 13-18 in the third game. The top seeded Talbot and Stewart appeared to be in peak form and came through to the final without loss of a game, whereas Powell and Jordan took three games to dispose of Hutchinson and Sharp. It was expected that the final between these two northern pairs would provide the match of the evening but the holders, Powell and Jordan, failed to combine as a pair, and several times one saw the unusual spectacle of both going for the same shot, and many gaps being left for the opposition to play into. On the other hand Talbot and Stewart combined exceedingly well with, for the most part, the often somewhat underrated Stewart making opening after opening for his more spectacular partner. There was one particularly exciting rally of about five consecutive net shots between Jordan and Stewart, in which the shuttle appeared to touch the net at least three times, but the "impossible shot" was still returned to the obvious enjoyment of the spectators. Talbot and Stewart ran out to the comfortable score of 15-4, 15-7.

It would seem that the ladies' events are more predictable than the men's as the seeded pairs came through to the semi-final and final stages as anticipated, and in no case were they greatly extended. In the final the top England pair of Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall played with great confidence and gave no quarter to their opponents who only occasionally showed how brilliant they can be when attacking with Miss Perrin at the back of the court and Mrs. Rickard at the net. A somewhat off-form and not too mobile Miss Perrin, whose bandaged knee was obviously worrying her, was unable to maintain the pressure which was necessary to succeed with this type of game.

With the withdrawal of the top seeds and holders, Mills and Miss Perrin, the draw in the mixed doubles became somewhat out of balance, and to complicate matters still further some seeded pairs

were put out by others rated below them. Of the giant killers, D. R. Hunt and Miss V. A. Miles deserve mention as they disposed of both Talbot and Miss Giles and Sharp and Miss Barinaga, and then took a game off Powell and Mrs. Palmer. The other Hampshire/Surrey combination of N. White and Mrs. Rickard had notable success in putting out Whetnall and Miss Boxall, but went down to the seasoned pair of Tony Jordan and Mrs. Whetnall. In the final, in which the first game was a very close one in favour of Powell and Mrs. Palmer, and in which the latter had some brilliant net interceptions, the sounder tactical play of Jordan and Mrs. Whetnall eventually prevailed and they finished in convincing style more reminiscent of their All-England successes.

An appreciative crowd gathered for the finals and the ever popular President of the Surrey County Badminton Association, Mr. Wray Kirkby, was there to present the trophies. The mixed trophies, however, were presented by a welcome visitor from Cheshire, Mr. Hughes Johnson. It was perhaps a little disappointing to the host county that no Surrey man took part in the finals, except, of course, for the appearance of Colin Beacom, who did some shuttle testing on behalf of the referee with his usual efficiency and good humour. One feels however that this little "ceremony" by an independent tester would be better performed before the commencement of play, rather than as an interruption to matches already on court, and, once decided upon, the speed of shuttles should be adhered to. There seems no reason why this should not become standard practice.

This report would not be complete without some mention of the qualifying and handicap events, which were very well supported, and perhaps the most notable performance was that by the Gardner family, where the elder brother John added to his successes in other qualifying events by winning the men's singles, and younger brother Peter with his sister Margaret won the handicap mixed doubles, albeit to the unusual score of 14-15, 15-14, 15-14. Those much maligned individuals, the handicappers, deserve a pat on the back for this one at least.

MEN'S SINGLES

(limited to 22 players)

Third round: P. Whetnall beat D. Gloyn 15-7, 15-10. R. Du Toit beat W. D. Morris 15-12, 15-6. D. Talbot beat R. J. Sharp 15-4, 15-11. A. Parsons beat D. R. Hunt 15-4, 15-9.

Semi-finals: Whetnall beat Du Toit 15-1, 15-8. Talbot beat Parsons 15-8, 15-10.

Final: Whetnall beat Talbot 3-15, 15-1, 15-8.

LADIES' SINGLES

(24 players)

Third round: Miss M. Boxall beat Mrs. A. Palmer 9-12, 11-7, 11-5. Mrs. H. Nielsen beat Miss A. Glenie 11-4, 11-2. Miss T. Barinaga beat Mrs. W. R. Rickard 11-5, 8-11, 11-0. Miss G. Perrin beat Mrs. R. Dunn 11-3, 11-1.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Nielsen beat Miss Boxall 11-8, 11-4. Miss Perrin beat Miss Barinaga 11-9, 11-7.

Final: Mrs. Nielsen beat Miss Perrin 12-9, 11-7.

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The Middlesex Championships

R. P. Stevens Takes the Singles in Tournament of Seventeen Events

With only the men's doubles being defended and because of the absence of usual well known entrants the Middlesex Championships held at Stamford Hill at the end of February proved very open indeed.

The men's singles winner, R. P. Stevens, after some comfortable victories in the early rounds was made to fight every inch of the way in the semi-final by D. R. Hunt and only won in the 3rd game at 18-15, while in the final he had to pull out all the stops to beat B. H. White 18-15, 15-12.

The ladies' singles finalists had reached that stage with only the loss of 12 points between them. The protagonists, Miss T. Barinaga of U.S.A. and Miss M. Beck battled out a long match before the former

ultimately won, and those lucky enough to have seen it will long remember this exciting battle.

The pairing of R. S. McCoig and W. Andrew (the latter substituting for D. O. Horton) proved strong enough to win the men's doubles with only minor tremors disturbing their journey to the final where they beat R. J. Mills and W. F. Havers in two games.

The ladies' doubles was duly won by the favourites, the all-American partnership of Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman and Miss T. Barinaga.

The mixed doubles, as is so often the case, provided the longest and closest battles of the Championships before the top seeds emerged as finalists with McCoig and Miss Barinaga giving a much closer fight to the winners, Mills and Mrs. Hashman, than the score would suggest. Mills once again demonstrating his complete mastery of this branch of the game.

The junior events were marred by snow filtering into the hall and putting two of the three courts out of action and causing the mixed doubles to be deferred. That any play at all was possible was due to the efforts of the referee and several committee members, notably Buddy Morsman who, armed with a blow-lamp, continually dried out the usable court.

In the boys' singles K. P. Arthur retained his title, proving too strong for J. Stretch in a three-game final.

Miss B. Giles twice beat Miss P. Smiles, firstly in the singles and later in the doubles with Miss S. Ringshall.

The surprise winners of the boys' doubles, P. Stubbs and P. Pennekett, had some lengthy battles to reach the final where they defeated E. James and A. Bell comfortably. The losers had doubtless taken a lot out of themselves in the previous round when they removed the favourite, P. Gardner and K. P. Arthur, in a hard fought match.

M.H.

Surrey Championships—Continued

MEN'S DOUBLES (27 pairs)

Third round: D. Talbot and E. C. Stuart beat R. J. Southwell and K. M. Andrews 15-9, 15-5. C. J. Beacom and Ho Khim Kooi beat M. G. Tredgett and R. P. Stevens 15-7, 15-3. R. A. Powell and A. D. Jordan beat R. Du Toit and K. Parsons 15-2, 5-15, 18-13. D. J. Hutchinson and R. J. Sharp beat R. J. Mills and P. E. Whetnall 15-12, 8-15, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Talbot and Stuart beat Beacom and Ho Khim Kooi 15-12, 15-7. Powell and Jordan beat Hutchinson and Sharp 6-15, 15-6, 15-6.

Final: Talbot and Stuart beat Powell and Jordan 15-4, 15-7.

LADIES' DOUBLES (20 pairs)

Third round: Miss M. B. Boxall and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall beat Miss M. Beck and Mrs. M. Woodcock 15-6, 15-2. Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman and Miss T. M. Barinaga beat Miss V. A. Miles and Miss A. Glenie 15-13, 15-11. Mrs. D. O. Horton and Mrs. H. M. Nielsen beat Miss J. B. T. Shiels and Miss A. Morgan 15-13, 15-2. Mrs. W. E. Rickard and Miss G. M. Perrin beat Miss H. Marks and Mrs. A. Smith 15-10, 15-8.

Semi-finals: Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall beat Mrs. Hashman and Miss Barinaga 15-11, 15-6. Mrs. Rickard and Miss Perrin beat Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Nielsen 15-12, 15-6.

Final: Miss Boxall and Mrs. Whetnall beat Mrs. Rickard and Miss Perrin 15-4, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES (35 pairs)

Fourth round: R. Powell and Mrs. A. M. Palmer beat P. J. Robinson and Miss A. G. Watson 15-6, 15-4. D. R. Hunt and Miss V. A. Miles beat R. J. Sharp and Miss T. Barinaga 15-1, 15-9. A. D. Jordan and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall beat A. Parsons and Mrs. A. Smith 15-13, 15-4. N. H. White and Mrs. W. R. Rickard beat P. E. Whetnall and Miss M. B. Boxall 18-17, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Powell and Mrs. Palmer beat Hunt and Miss Miles 8-15, 15-9, 15-2. Jordan and Mrs. Whetnall beat White and Mrs. Rickard 18-17, 15-6.

Final: Jordan and Mrs. Whetnall beat Powell and Mrs. Palmer 16-18, 15-4, 15-5.

QUALIFYING FINAL

Men's Singles: J. Gardner beat T. A. Goode 9-15, 15-9, 15-1.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: S. K. Donald and G. Georgiou (owe 3) w.o. D. W. Ritchie and P. J. Robinson (owe 4) ret'd.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss R. M. Hughes and Miss P. Smiles (owe 4) beat Miss P. A. Lewis and Mrs. S. Jones (plus 4) 15-14, 15-10.

Mixed Doubles: P. J. Gardner and Miss M. Gardner (plus 1) beat B. Standing and Mrs. J. Standing (plus 4) 14-15, 15-14, 15-14.

MEN'S SINGLES (limited to 22 players)

Third round: R. P. Stevens beat J. A. Gardner 15-3, 15-7. D. R. Hunt beat C. V. Pushong 15-6, 15-5. B. H. White beat D. Gloyne 15-6, 15-8. R. S. McCoig beat G. Hubbard 15-10, 15-9.

Semi-finals: Stevens beat Hunt 15-5, 9-15, 18-15. White beat McCoig 15-5, 15-9.

Final: Stevens beat White 18-15, 15-2.

LADIES' SINGLES (12 players)

Semi-finals: Miss T. Barinaga beat Miss L. A. Spencer 11-6, 11-2. Miss M. Beck beat Miss B. Giles 11-2, 11-0.

Final: Miss Barinaga beat Miss Beck 11-5, 8-11, 12-10.

MEN'S DOUBLES (limited to 20 players)

Third round: R. S. McCoig and W. E. Andrew beat D. Gloyne and W. D. Morris 15-1, 15-4. R. P. Stevens and J. N. Havers beat P. C. Gaudoin and M. Nurmoahmed 15-12, 15-5. B. H. White and D. R. Hunt beat D. Clarke and M. M. Parratt 15-6, 15-8. R. J. Mills and W. F. Havers beat P. J. Smith and T. J. Bowler 15-10, 15-13.

Semi-finals: McCoig and Andrew beat Stevens and Havers 18-17, 15-9. Mills and Havers beat White and Hunt 16-18, 18-14, 15-12.

Final: McCoig and Andrew beat Mills and Havers 15-8, 15-9.

LADIES' DOUBLES (limited to 10 pairs)

Semi-finals: Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman and Miss T. Barinaga beat Miss V. A. Miles and Miss A. Glenie 15-8, 15-2. Miss M. Beck and Mrs. M. Woodcock beat Mrs. A. Smith and Miss H. Marks 15-7, 15-5.

Final: Mrs. Hashman and Miss Barinaga beat Miss Beck and Mrs. Woodcock 18-16, 15-10.

MIXED DOUBLES (limited to 32 pairs)

Third round: R. S. McCoig and Miss T. Barinaga beat N. J. White and Mrs. A. Smith 15-8, 15-6. R. Lark and Mrs. E. Tull beat W. E. Andrew and Mrs. B. Andrew 18-14, 6-15, 15-8. D. R. Hunt and Miss V. A. Miles beat M. M. Parratt and Miss J. Brennan 15-2, 15-4. R. J. Mills and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman beat N. Nurmoahmed and Mrs. M. Pinnegar 15-9, 15-3.

Semi-finals: McCoig and Miss Barinaga beat Lark and Mrs. Tull 15-8, 15-5. Mills and Mrs. Hashman beat Hunt and Miss Miles 15-4, 15-2.

Final: Mills and Mrs. Hashman beat McCoig and Miss Barinaga 15-11, 15-14.

BOYS' SINGLES (limited to 24 players)

Semi-finals: K. P. Arthur beat P. Pennekett 15-10, 15-1. J. C. Stretch beat D. Pither 6-8 ret'd.

Final: Arthur beat Stretch 17-14, 14-18, 15-3.

GIRLS' SINGLES (limited to 13 players)

Semi-finals: Miss B. Giles beat Miss M. Brewer 11-4, 11-1. Miss P. Smiles beat Miss M. Gardner 12-11, 11-0.

Final: Miss Giles beat Miss Smiles 11-5, 11-8.

BOYS' DOUBLES (limited to 24 pairs)

Semi-finals: E. James and A. Bell beat P. Gardner and K. P. Arthur 15-8, 7-15, 15-7. J. Stubbs and P. Pennekett beat J. Stretch and J. Woodgate 15-4, 15-8.

Final: Stubbs and Pennekett beat James and Bell 15-2, 15-6.

GIRLS' DOUBLES (limited to 12 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss R. Hughes and Miss P. Smiles beat Miss M. Brewer and Miss J. Miles 15-6, 15-5. Miss S. Ringshall and Miss B. Giles beat Miss J. Delacy and Miss S. Boulind 15-9, 15-5.

Final: Miss Ringshall and Miss Giles beat Miss Hughes and Miss Smiles 15-3, 15-12.

LADIES' DOUBLES RESTRICTED (12 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss M. Gardner and Miss A. G. Watson beat Mr. S. J. Dulieu and Mrs. J. Wing 15-4, 15-7. Miss P. Chitty and Mrs. E. Tull beat Miss D. Keene and Miss A. Thompson 15-10, 15-1.

Final: Miss Chitty and Mrs. Tull beat Miss Gardner and Miss Watson 15-4, 15-4.

MIXED DOUBLES RESTRICTED (26 pairs)

Semi-finals: P. Smith and Miss P. Chitty beat D. L. Cheese and Mrs. J. Dulieu 15-11, 15-9. D. Clarke and Mrs. E. Tull beat J. Pugh and Miss J. Bunce 15-8, 10-15, 15-7.

Final: Clarke and Mrs. Tull beat Smith and Miss Chitty 16-17, 15-12, 15-11.

VETERANS' FINALS

Men's Doubles: E. E. Symonds and J. F. Langstone (plus 2½) beat R. W. Radford and W. Rickard (plus 1½) 15-10, 9-15, 15-1.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. M. Alcorn and Mrs. M. E. Arthur (plus 2½) beat Mrs. H. J. Morsman and Mrs. S. Morgan (plus 2½) 15-10, 15-13.

Mixed Doubles: E. E. Symonds and Mrs. M. E. Arthur (plus 2½) beat P. N. Veasey and Miss M. L. Hill (plus 2½) 15-4, 15-6.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: J. Pugh and R. Hill (plus 4) beat G. A. Georgiou and S. K. Donald (owe 2) 15-12, 15-8.

Ladies' Doubles (American) Winners: Mrs. S. R. Tyrell and Mrs. D. K. Illingworth (scr.); Mrs. R. Lucas and Mrs. J. Shaw (plus 7).

Mixed Doubles (American) Winners: J. Friend and Miss P. A. Lindsay (plus 1); J. Sheridan and Mrs. L. Perrin (plus 8); D. W. Heather and Mrs. Heather (plus 6).

The Irish Scene

By "MUB"

Ireland v. Scotland

Before a large and enthusiastic crowd Ireland lost 2-5 to Scotland in Thurles. The singles were divided with Robert McCoig beating Brian Carson and Miss Yvonne Kelly defeating Mrs. Hume. Carson played well but could not match the expertise and experience of the Scot. Mrs. Hume put up a fine struggle against the more fancied Miss Kelly and only just lost. She was on the losing end too in the doubles when she and Miss Helen Kelly lost to Ireland's Miss Kelly and Mrs. McCloy. But here Ireland's victories ceased. Neither of the Irish men's pairs put up much opposition and Blair had a poor night, losing fairly easily at first mixed as well. The second mixed might have gone to Ireland when Reddick and Mrs. McCloy were only just pipped by Fraser Gow and the new cap, Mrs. Flockhart. This match was Miss Kelly's 42nd appearance for Ireland, thus making her the most capped Irish woman player.

IRELAND 2; SCOTLAND 5

At Thurles on February 19th. Scores (Scottish names first):—

R. S. McCoig beat B. Carson 15-12, 15-7.
Mrs. M. Hume lost to Miss Y. W. Kelly 5-11, 11-8, 9-11.

R. S. McCoig and F. D. Gow beat S. Blair and M. Adamson 15-6, 15-7. I. Hume and J. K. McNeillage beat B. Carson and C. Bell 15-5, 15-9.
Mrs. M. Hume and Miss H. T. Kelly lost to Miss Y. W. Kelly and Mrs. J. McCloy 12-15, 10-15.

F. D. Gow and Mrs. J. Flockhart beat A. R. Reddick and Mrs. J. McCloy 15-10, 10-15, 17-15.
R. S. McCoig and Miss H. T. Kelly beat S. Blair and Miss Y. W. Kelly 15-5, 15-3.

The Irish Open Championships

With all the Scottish team competing plus four players from the Isle of Man and two Pakistanis, some interesting fare was served up in Terenure. Top seed McCoig and Salahuddin of Pakistan reached the semi-finals without much bother, but it was the two Irishmen who joined them there who caused the upsets. 20-year-old Jim McArdle of Dundalk defeated no. 2 seed Brian Carson. McArdle had come close to it several times this season but finally got the better of Carson in the quarter-finals, and to the tune of 15-0 in the third game. In the other half, 18-year-old David Doherty beat junior international John Taylor 15-4, 15-2 and then went on to defeat Thomas Cup player, Michael Morrow, and showed great promise in doing so. However, neither young Irish boy could make much headway in the semi-finals and it was McCoig v. Salahuddin in the final. McCoig turned out to be far too experienced for the hard hitting Pakistan player and won in two games.

Two Kellys fought out the ladies' singles with the title going to Ireland's Miss Yvonne Kelly. Scotland's Miss Helen Kelly had reached the final by way of an unexpected win over Scotland's no. 1, Mrs. Hume. But in the final she had no real answer to Miss Kelly's powerful all-round

game. Yvonne took another title when she and Mrs. Peard beat Mrs. McAleese/Mrs. McCloy in an all-Irish ladies' doubles final.

It was unfortunate that one of the more exciting finals was curtailed due to injury; John McCloy and Ken Carlisle had lost the first game to McCoig and Gow but had then got going and were poised at game-point in the second when McCloy hurt his foot and had to retire. Carlisle and McCloy had had an excellent tournament, defeating Scotland's no. 2 pair, Hume and McNeillage, with ease and accounting for the Pakistani pair in the semi-final. Ten years ago McCoig won three Irish titles, and he accomplished the feat again when he and Miss Kelly defeated McNeillage and Mrs. Hume in the mixed final.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: K. Salahuddin beat J. McArdle 15-0, 15-2. R. S. McCoig beat D. Doherty 15-5, 15-5.
Final: McCoig beat Salahuddin 15-5, 15-5.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals: Miss H. T. Kelly beat Mrs. M. Hume 11-9, 11-8. Miss Y. Kelly beat Miss H. Young 11-12, 11-8, 11-0.
Final: Miss Y. Kelly beat Miss H. T. Kelly 11-8, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: K. Carlisle and J. McCloy beat Minhaj Uddin Ahmed and K. Salahuddin 10-15, 15-5, 15-3. R. S. McCoig and F. D. Gow beat S. Blair and C. Bell 15-5, 15-4.
Final: McCoig and Gow beat Carlisle and McCloy 15-5, 14-7, retired.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Final: Miss Y. Kelly and Mrs. F. W. Peard beat Mrs. L. McAleese and Mrs. J. McCloy 15-3, 11-15, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: J. K. McNeillage and Mrs. M. Hume beat F. D. Gow and Mrs. J. Flockhart 1-15, 15-10, 15-11. R. S. McCoig and Miss H. T. Kelly beat J. L. Young and Mrs. M. Dinan 15-9, 15-12.
Final: McCoig and Miss H. T. Kelly beat McNeillage and Mrs. Hume 15-5, 15-11.

Visitors Win Leinster Titles

In the few years since its inauguration the Leinster Open has established a tradition of always having an overseas entry. This year the men's events were dominated by English internationals Derek Talbot and Elliot Stuart and the ladies' were enlivened by Miss Margaret Beck and Miss Alison Glenie.

The four seeds reached the semi-finals of the men's singles but here neither Bobby Harris nor Brian Carson could match the fit and talented Englishmen, both of whom reached the final comfortably. Here they entertained the crowd with a fast open match containing many exciting rallies. Stuart ran up a long lead in the third game and just managed to stave off Talbot's recovery and emerge rather unexpectedly as the winner. He took another title when he and Talbot completely overwhelmed the Irish pair Carlisle

and McCloy, with their accomplished doubles play. Stuart made it a treble when he and Miss Beck took the mixed from Talbot and Miss Glenie.

The ladies' singles final saw the two visitors in opposition. But Miss Beck had had to fight hard to beat Miss Kelly and Miss Glenie had dropped a game to Mrs. Mockford. Miss Beck took the title after a three-game final. The ladies' doubles brought the only home victory, to the delight of the crowd, when Miss Kelly and Mrs. Peard defeated the visitors. Miss Beck and Miss Glenie had struggled through the semi-final and in the final their lack of partnership was exploited by Mrs. Peard's tactical play, backed up by some powerful smashing by Miss Kelly.

Men's Singles: E. C. Stuart beat D. Talbot 15-10, 7-15, 17-14.

Ladies' Singles: Miss M. Beck beat Miss A. Glenie 6-11, 11-6, 11-1.

Men's Doubles: D. Talbot and E. C. Stuart beat J. J. McCloy and K. Carlisle 15-0, 15-5.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. F. W. Peard and Miss Y. Kelly beat Miss A. Glenie and Miss M. Beck 15-11, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles: E. C. Stuart and Miss M. Beck beat D. Talbot and Miss A. Glenie, 15-2, 15-12.

In Port Talbot in Wales, Ireland lost 3-4 to Wales and we would like to congratulate Wales on this first-ever win over the Emerald Isle.

Mait tu—well done!

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Men's Singles

Men's Singles tournament bracket showing matches between players like R. Hartono, G. Nordqvist, J. G. Pearson, etc., with scores and dates.

Ladies' Singles

Ladies' Singles tournament bracket showing matches between players like Miss H. Yuki, Mrs. P. E. Whetnall, Miss Föge, etc., with scores and dates.

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Men's Doubles tournament bracket showing matches between pairs like R. Hartono & Indratno, Bacher & Petersen, etc., with scores and dates.

Mixed Doubles

Mixed Doubles tournament bracket showing matches between mixed pairs like P. Walsöe & Miss P. Mølgaard Hansen, etc., with scores and dates.

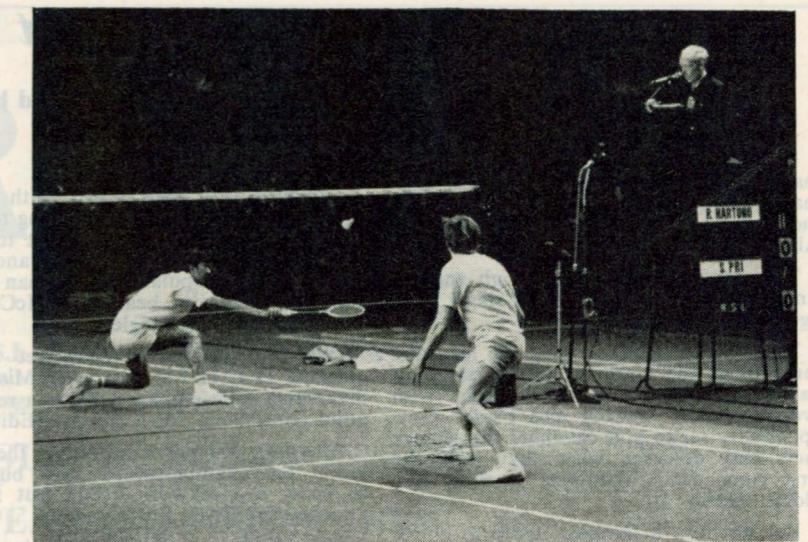


Photo: G. J. Habbin. DURING THE MEN'S SINGLES FINAL The winner, R. Hartono, plays a close drop to Svend Pri, in the foreground. Mr. H. Syndercombe is in the chair.

Ladies' Doubles

Ladies' Doubles tournament bracket showing matches between pairs like Miss M. B. Boxall & Mrs. P. E. Whetnall, etc., with scores and dates.

Abbreviations section listing country codes: (B) Belgium, (Bu) Burma, (D) Denmark, (G) West Germany, (In) Indonesia, (Ir) Ireland, (J) Japan, (Jam) Jamaica, (M) Malaysia, (Mex) Mexico, (N) Netherlands, (NZ) New Zealand, (P) Pakistan, (Sc) Scotland, (S.A.) South Africa, (Sg) Singapore, (Sw) Sweden, (T) Tanzania, (US) United States. Also includes a note: *Seeded players. †Won through Qualifying Rounds.

OBITUARY

G. J. Zambra

We have to record with much regret the death of the President of Devon County B.A., Mr. George J. Zambra, who had been connected with Badminton in Devon for so many years that the name of Zambra is almost a legend here.

Some 40 years ago he and his wife, who had moved to Devon in 1924, by their enthusiasm, were mainly responsible for putting the Teignmouth district on the map badminton-wise, and later joined the St. Leonard's Club in Exeter as well; it speaks volumes for their love of the game that they travelled the 14 miles from Teignmouth to Exeter throughout the winter months to play.

It is difficult to estimate the amount of administrative and personal work that Mr. Zambra did for his county. In 1946 he re-organised the former St. Leonard's Club into the County Club, and he also restarted the Trophy matches in the county. It was also mainly due to his efforts that the county fixture were recommenced after the war. He was elected County Match Secretary in 1948, which post he only relinquished in 1959. He was elected President in June, 1950, and remained in this capacity until his death on March 2nd this year—in his eighties.

We in Devon are indeed grateful for all his efficient work, for his kindly encouragement of the young players, his zeal in promoting the best interests of the game in the county, and for his generosity. He was proud of the county players when doing well in the Inter-County Championship and sad when things went rather worse.

Mr. Zambra lost the great help of his wife when she died in 1964, but his interest never flagged. His keenness was such that right up to the end he kept complete up-to-date records of all Devon's match results, and his daughter, Mrs. Pam Forsyth, says that in his old age her father always continued to evince the most alert interest in badminton topics.

The older players who knew Mr. Zambra well will never forget his quiet and kindly efficiency, and the name of Zambra will continue to be remembered in the future because it appears on so many tournament cups which were presented to the County Association by Mr. and Mrs. Zambra over the years.

G.H.

J. K. Robards

We very much regret to report the sudden death, following a heart attack, of John Robards at his home at Polegate, near Eastbourne, on March 31st. He was only 57 years of age.

John Robards was known to numerous Badminton players and enthusiasts in the South of England, and well beyond his native Sussex where he had done a great deal of good and solid work for the game. At the time of his passing he was the President of the Sussex County B.A., an office to which he had been elected following the equally sudden death of his predecessor, Mr. F. C. Sharp, in July, 1966.

For many years Robards was not only the moving spirit of the well-known Eastbourne Open Tournament, but also, it always seemed to most visitors, the principal worker and organiser in a job in which he so obviously took so much pleasure. He had also been match secretary of the Sussex County B.A. for many years as well as the county association's

nominee on the Council of the B.A. of England, though it was always with Sussex affairs that he will be so pleasantly remembered.

On the several occasions when international fixtures had taken place within the borders of his county, he was always very much to the fore, and he always so thoroughly enjoyed organising events of this nature. One remembers particularly his conspicuous part in the first Uber Cup contest, in 1957, when the United States and India played off their inter-zone tie on the courts of the Devonshire Baths at Eastbourne. Not only was he the local organiser but he made himself also guide, philosopher and friend to all the members of both teams.

The ready welcoming smile of John Robards will not be forgotten by those whose good fortune it was to come to Eastbourne on Badminton affairs. In his later years he could almost be said to be "Eastbourne".

Sincere sympathies of the Badminton world are extended to Mrs. Robards and to her two daughters on their great loss.

H.A.E.S.

W. A. Robinson

As we go to press we learn with great regret of the sudden passing of Wilfred Robinson, the former Cheshire and Scottish international player, which occurred on May 8th. He was playing Lawn Tennis at Heswall in Cheshire when he suddenly collapsed and died immediately. He was only 54 years of age.

After several years in the Cheshire 2nd team, Wilfred Robinson became a most invaluable member of his county's first team in 1948-49, and played for it for many years, during the course of which he was a veritable stalwart in both branches of the doubles game.


In the early 'fifties he might well have been chosen to represent England, but was passed over, perhaps a little unluckily. He had a paternal qualification for Scotland, and from 1951-52 for a period of five years played for that country, making 14 appearances in all. Twice he was a member of Scotland's Thomas Cup team, and it was odd that his first international appearance should be against England at Nottingham.

Robinson was a most brilliant player indeed, notably in men's doubles where he played a most adventurous type of game, delightful to see. His quickness of eye was remarkable, and the way in which he cut off strokes near the net was exceptionally good. He played the Finn Kobberö type of game, but unfortunately lacked the consistency of the famous Dane.

He kept up the game until fairly recently, and was always present at any big function in his county. In 1962 he ventured south for the All-England Veterans' Championships, and succeeded in winning the mixed doubles with Mrs. McDonald of his own county, showing even then that his eye had not lost any of its sharpness.

Sincere sympathies are extended to Mrs. Robinson and her two daughters, both of whom are enthusiastic players.

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Mills & Miss Perrin 15/3, 15/12	Mills & Miss Perrin 15/10, 15/9	Walsøe & Miss Mølgaard Hansen 12/15, 15/13, 15/9
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Parsons & Mrs. Woodcock 15/8, 15/5		
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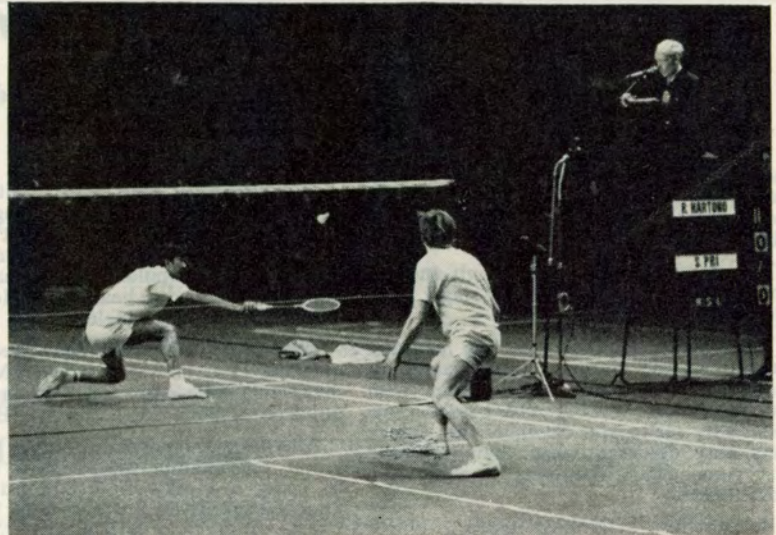


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DURING THE MEN'S SINGLES FINAL
The winner, R. Hartono, plays a close drop to Svend Pri, in the foreground. Mr. H. Syndercombe is in the chair.

Ladies' Doubles

1 *Miss M. B. Boxall & Mrs. P. E. Whetnall	Miss Boxall & Mrs. Whetnall 15/2, 15/7	Miss Boxall & Mrs. Whetnall 15/2, 15/3
2 Miss K. Dinberner & Miss H. Schumacher (G)		
3 Miss A. Glenie (N.Z.) & Miss V. A. Miles	Miss Glenie & Miss Miles 6/15, 15/11, 17/15	Miss Boxall & Mrs. Whetnall 15/11, 12/15, 15/4
4 Mrs. M. Hume & Miss M. D. Thompson (Sc)		
5 *Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman & Miss T. M. Barinaga (U.S.)	Mrs. Hashman & Miss Barinaga 15/2, 15/6	Mrs. Hashman & Miss Barinaga 15/3, 15/2
6 Mrs. J. E. R. Liddell & Mrs. J. Lilley		
7 Miss M. Luesken & Mrs. A. van der Meulen (N)	Mrs. Bostofte & Miss Mølgaard Hansen 15/9, 15/5	Miss Boxall & Mrs. Whetnall 15/12, 15/12
8 Mrs. L. Bostofte & Miss P. Mølgaard Hansen (D)		
9 *Miss E. Takenaka & Miss M. Aizawa (J)	Miss Takenaka & Miss Aizawa 15/5, 15/2	Miss Takenaka & Miss Aizawa 15/5, 15/10
10 Miss J. Brennan & Mrs. W. C. E. Rogers		
11 Miss A. Morgan & Miss J. B. T. Shiels	Mrs. Nielsen & Mrs. Horton 15/6, 15/10	Miss Takenaka & Miss Aizawa 15/4, 15/2
12 Mrs. E. B. Nielsen & Mrs. H. J. Horton		
13 *Miss L. Latz & Miss M. Wackerow (G)	Miss Latz & Miss Wackerow 15/7, 15/5	Miss Latz & Miss Wackerow 15/5, 15/8
14 Miss J. Føge & Miss E. Carløen (D)		
15 Miss M. Rødder (N) & Mrs. K. M. Brindle	Miss Potthoff & Mrs. Schäfers 15/4, 15/11	Miss Perrin & Mrs. Rickard 15/4, 15/6
16 Miss B. Potthoff & Mrs. K. Schäfers (G)		
17 Mrs. B. Cooper & Mrs. D. G. Smith	Mrs. Flockhart & Miss Kelly 8/15, 15/11, 15/7	Miss Perrin & Mrs. Rickard 15/5, 15/6
18 Mrs. A. Flockhart & Miss H. T. Kelly (Sc)		
19 Miss G. Schumacher & Miss L. Hawig (G)	Miss Perrin & Mrs. Rickard 15/11, 15/3	Miss Perrin & Mrs. Rickard 15/5, 15/6
20 *Miss G. M. Perrin & Mrs. W. R. Rickard		
21 Miss F. de Nooyer & Miss J. van Beusekom (N)	Miss de Nooyer & Miss van Beusekom 15/9, 15/3	Mrs. Jørgensen & Mrs. Strand 15/10, 15/7
22 Mrs. E. E. Fraser & Mrs. A. Ker		
23 Mrs. J. S. Woodcock (Sc) & Mrs. A. MacFarlane	Mrs. Jørgensen & Mrs. Strand 15/12, 15/5	Miss Perrin & Mrs. Rickard 15/6, 15/7
24 *Mrs. K. Jørgensen & Mrs. U. Strand (D)		
25 Miss P. M. Andrew & Miss F. J. Henderson	Miss Beck & Miss Giles 15/6, 15/7	Mrs. Nielsen & Mrs. Tvedberg 15/8, 15/7
26 Miss M. Beck & Miss B. Giles		
27 Mrs. A. Betz & Miss G. Ziebold (G)	Mrs. Nielsen & Mrs. Tvedberg 15/5, 15/13	Mrs. Nielsen & Mrs. Tvedberg 15/8, 17/16
28 *Mrs. I. R. Nielsen (D) & Mrs. E. Tvedberg (Sw)		
29 Miss H. Marks & Mrs. A. Smith	Mrs. Mockford & Mrs. Palmer 15/10, 15/10	Miss Berglund & Miss Köppen 15/13, 5/15, 15/10
30 Mrs. A. J. Mockford (Ir) & Mrs. A. M. Palmer		
31 Miss A. Berglund & Miss L. Köppen (D)	Miss Berglund & Miss Köppen w/o	
32 *Miss N. Takagi & Miss H. Amano (I)		

MISS M. B. BOXALL & MRS. P. E. WHETNALL 15/6, 8/15, 15/9

Abbreviations

(B) Belgium	(Ir) Ireland	(N) Netherlands	(Sg) Singapore
(Bu) Burma	(J) Japan	(NZ) New Zealand	(Sw) Sweden
(D) Denmark	(Jam) Jamaica	(P) Pakistan	(T) Tanzania
(G) West Germany	(M) Malaysia	(Sc) Scotland	(US) United States
(In) Indonesia	(Mex) Mexico	(S.A.) South Africa	

*Seeded players. †Won through Qualifying Rounds.

West Germans Visit Aberdeen

North of Scotland Championships are Followed by International Fixture

Victory in the last match on court—a marathon men's doubles—gave West Germany a 4-3 victory over Scotland when the countries met for the first time at Aberdeen on March 16th.

The standard of play was high and the finish could not have been "stage managed" in better fashion.

Three times Scotland took the lead and three times the Germans immediately hit back, and then came the decider with evergreen Bob McCoig and Fraser Gow apparently set to give Scotland the victory their play deserved when they took the first game from Wolfgang Bochow and Horst Lösche.

But Bochow, a familiar figure to North of Scotland enthusiasts with his appearances in the championships, had other ideas, and coaxed and cajoled Lösche into a glorious final game in which the lead changed hands several times before the visitors clinched the match.

It was a tribute to the standard of play that the capacity audience of more than 800 did not move from their seats until the last shot of the night, despite the fact that play did not finish until after 11.30.

The North of Scotland championships, which preceded the international between Scotland and West Germany, gave Aberdeen enthusiasts an opportunity to watch

badminton of high class.

Honours were well spread, with Fraser Gow and Miss C. Evans managing to keep one title in Scotland. Two went to England and two to West Germany, and there was no more popular winner than Wolfgang Bochow who beat Bob McCoig in three games in the singles.

(We feel that Miss Margaret Beck's amazing 11-1, 11-1 victory over Miss Latz deserves a little emphasis. Such a result is quite remarkable for a junior.—Editor.)

Aberdeen officials are proud of the reputation the championships have built up as being a clockwork event, but it was knocked for six on this occasion.

Dave Eddy and Bob Powell, travelling from Copenhagen after the Danish championships, arrived in Glasgow—three hours away by road—when they were due on court in the singles and had to be scratched. When they did get on the road along with Scottish secretary Craig Reddie they ran into puncture trouble, with the result that they were 40 minutes late for their first doubles appearance.

And to complete the treble, Powell and Eddy did not get out of bed in time for their mixed doubles, but found the referees in charitable mood. The programme was disrupted, and in the end there was only a 15-minute gap between the morn-

ing and afternoon sessions, instead of the hour and a half planned.

Some uncharitable Scot suggested Powell and Eddy might be given an alarm clock as their prize for carrying off the men's doubles!

G.W.F.

SCOTLAND 3; WEST GERMANY 4

At Aberdeen on March 16th. Scores (Scottish names first):—

R. S. McCoig beat S. Betz 15-9, 15-7. A. Flockhart lost to W. Bochow 4-15, 8-15.

Mrs. M. Hume lost to Miss I. Latz 9-11, 5-11. I. Hume and J. K. McNeillage beat R. Maywald and S. Betz 10-15, 15-4, 15-8; R. S. McCoig and F. D. Gow lost to W. Bochow and H. Lösche 15-6, 11-15, 12-15.

Mrs. M. Hume and Miss M. D. Thompson lost to Miss I. Latz and Miss M. Wackerow 12-15, 5-15.

F. D. Gow and Miss H. T. Kelly beat R. Maywald and Miss M. Wackerow 15-9, 15-9.

NORTH OF SCOTLAND FINALS

Men's Singles: W. Bochow (West Germany) beat R. S. McCoig (Scotland) 15-4, 11-15, 15-9.

Ladies Singles: Miss M. Beck (England) beat Miss I. Latz (West Germany) 11-1, 11-1.

Men's Doubles: J. D. Eddy and R. A. Powell (England) beat W. Bochow and H. Lösche (West Germany) 15-11, 15-12.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss I. Latz and Miss M. Wackerow (West Germany) beat Mrs. M. Hume and Miss M. D. Thompson (Scotland) 15-3, 15-4.

Mixed Doubles: F. D. Gow and Miss C. Evans (Scotland) beat W. Bochow and Miss I. Latz (West Germany) 15-6, 15-4.

The Derbyshire Tournament

The large entry for this tournament at the King's Hall, Derby on 20th and 21st February, unfortunately had to be reduced to manageable numbers. Due to the counter attraction of the Surrey Championships, the majority of players were from the Midlands and Northern counties. It was pleasing to see a contingent from Essex, mostly making their debut at Derby.

The ladies' singles was won by Miss L. Spencer of Essex, who defeated the holder, Mrs. A. MacFarlane in the quarter-final and Miss P. Young in an exciting three-game final.

The men's singles was superbly won by J. D. Eddy for the third consecutive year, easily beating C. T. Coates in the semi-final and C. Kirk in the final, who had beaten D. R. Langslow in the semi-final.

The ladies' doubles was won again by Mrs. D. G. Smith in partnership with her Lancashire colleague, Mrs. B. Cooper. They convincingly beat Miss S. Robson and Miss S. Jobling in the semi-final and Miss M. Bridge and Miss L. Veasey in the final. Due to the even standard of play in this event, almost half of the matches extended to three games.

The men's doubles produced some interesting clashes in the early rounds between strong pairs from Essex, Leicestershire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Nottingham-

shire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire, Worcestershire and Middlesex. E. Sutton and K. Hawthorn won a long semi-final against D. Horton and J. Pearson and in the other semi-final, J. D. Eddy and R. J. Westmorland, the holders, defeated A. King and P. Wood, and continued for an easy victory in the final.

In the mixed doubles seven of the eight seeded pairs reached the quarter-final stage. The outsiders, R. J. Lewis and Mrs. A. MacFarlane lost to J. D. Eddy and Miss M. Bridge, who eventually won the event, defeating R. J. Westmorland and Mrs. E. T. Hornby, who had beaten the holders, D. Horton and Mrs. J. Liddell.

MEN'S SINGLES

(26 players)

Third round: C. J. Kirk beat C. I. Eddy 15-5, 15-4. D. R. Langslow beat I. Middleton 15-5, 15-10. C. T. Coates beat J. G. Pearson 15-8, 15-4. J. D. Eddy beat E. H. Sutton 15-6, 18-12.

Semi-finals: Kirk beat Langslow 15-11, 15-5. Eddy beat Coates 15-5, 15-7.

Final: Eddy beat Kirk 15-1, 15-3.

LADIES' SINGLES

(16 players)

Second round: Miss L. Spencer beat Mrs. A. MacFarlane 11-4, 5-11, 11-6. Miss M. Frost beat Mrs. J. Liddell 8-11, 11-10, 11-5. Miss P. Young beat Mrs. S. L. Gilks 11-3, 11-1. Miss P. Duncombe beat Mrs. S. L. Gilks 11-8, 11-9.

Semi-finals: Miss Spencer beat Miss Frost 11-4, 11-2. Miss Young beat Miss Duncombe 11-0, 11-3.
Final: Miss Spencer beat Miss Young 11-9, 5-11, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(25 pairs)

Third round: D. O. Horton and J. G. Pearson beat F. Harwood and B. Keefe 15-10, 15-10. E. H. Sutton and K. Hawthorne beat T. J. Bowler and M. H. Parratt 17-16, 18-16. P. J. Wood and A. C. King beat A. H. Witcomb and A. Gaskin 15-10, 15-1. J. D. Eddy and R. J. Westmorland beat D. R. Langston and D. Hartley 15-8, 17-14.

Semi-finals: Sutton and Hawthorne beat Horton and Pearson 18-16, 9-15, 15-9. Eddy and Westmorland beat King and Wood 15-9, 15-12.

Final: Eddy and Westmorland beat Sutton and Hounslow 15-7, 15-0.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(19 pairs)

Third round: Mrs. D. G. Smith and Mrs. B. Cooper beat Mrs. J. Dulieu and Mrs. J. Wing 15-3, 15-6. Miss S. Robson and Miss S. Jobling beat Miss A. Ewles and Miss M. Frost 15-4, 15-8. Miss J. Jones and Mrs. A. MacFarlane beat Miss J. J. Hall and Mrs. O. Wright 18-13, 15-7. Miss M. Bridge and Miss L. Veasey beat Miss M. Winter and Mrs. J. Liddell 15-8, 12-15, 15-9.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Cooper beat Miss Robson and Miss Jobling 15-4, 15-9. Miss Bridge and Miss Veasey beat Mrs. Jones and Mrs. MacFarlane 15-9, 13-18, 17-14.

Final: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Cooper beat Miss Bridge and Miss Veasey 15-4, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

(32 pairs)

Third round: J. D. Eddy and Miss M. Bridge beat C. J. Kirk and Mrs. K. N. Brindle 10-15, 15-11, 15-8. R. J. Lewis and Mrs. A. MacFarlane beat J. W. Marriott and Mrs. O. Wright 15-7, 15-5. R. J. Westmorland and Mrs. E. J. Hornby beat P. J. Wood and Mrs. B. Cooper 6-15, 15-8, 15-2. D. O. Horton and Mrs. J. Liddell beat E. J. Usher and Miss S. Jobling 15-3, 15-12.

Semi-finals: Eddy and Miss Bridge beat Lewis and Mrs. MacFarlane 15-12, 15-11. Westmorland and Mrs. Hornby beat Horton and Mrs. Liddell 15-7, 15-8.

Final: Eddy and Miss Bridge beat Westmorland and Mrs. Hornby 15-8, 15-2.



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Japanese Players Win at Britannic House

International Players Feature Strong Entry at Sydenham

With players from eight overseas countries competing with the top English players, the Britannic House Invitation Tournament held at Lower Sydenham on March 14th and 15th provided top quality badminton for the many spectators and an opportunity for the players to sharpen up prior to the All-England Championships.

The Japanese contingent between them captured both singles titles and the men's and ladies' doubles titles. In the men's singles Ippei Kojima was extended by both Derek Talbot and Brian White before eventually beating Paul Whetnall in a closely fought final.

Margaret Boxall, after exhausting semi-finals in all women's events, ran out of steam against a determined Miss Takagi in the ladies' singles final. Although she played beautifully in the first game to win 11-5, she could not maintain her effort and lost the next two games to 1 and 4.

Kojima and Honma faced Whetnall and Ray Sharp in the men's doubles final, the latter pair having notably beaten the Swedish Johnsson brothers in the first round. Although the Japanese pair won the first game fairly easily, Whetnall's accuracy and Sharp's flair enabled them to take the second game 15-10. The deciding game was a very even affair up to 10 all, but the English pair let the final points slip away to lose 15-10.

The young Japanese girls Misses Takenaka and Aizawa provided something of an upset in the ladies' doubles, firstly by beating Sue Whetnall and Margaret Boxall and then by comfortably beating their more fancied compatriots Miss Takagi and Miss Amano in a "perpetual motion" final.

Yet another mixed title was secured by Roger Mills and Gillian Perrin, adding to the many they have already won this season. They never looked in undue trouble except in the semi-final against Sharp and Sue Whetnall who took them to two close games, setting in each.

C.F.R.W.

MEN'S SINGLES

(27 players)

Third round: A. Parsons beat S. Johnsson 14-15, 15-8, 15-4. P. E. Whetnall beat J. Honma 15-7, 15-9. B. White beat R. Sharp 10-15, 15-10, 15-4. I. Kojima beat D. Talbot 15-7, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Whetnall beat Parsons 15-11, 15-6. Kojima beat White 15-7, 12-15, 15-7.

Final: Kojima beat Whetnall 18-17, 15-10.

LADIES' SINGLES

(19 players)

Third round: Miss N. Takagi beat Miss F. de Nooyer 11-1, 11-0. Mrs. H. Nielsen beat Miss M. Aizawa 11-4, 11-4. Miss M. Boxall beat Miss H. Amano 11-8, 11-8. Miss van Beusekom beat Miss B. Giles 11-6, 11-3.

Semi-finals: Miss Takagi beat Mrs. Nielsen 11-6, 11-0. Miss Boxall beat Miss v. Beusekom 11-5, 5-11, 11-3.

Final: Miss Takagi beat Miss Boxall 5-11, 11-1, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(15 pairs)

Second round: D. Talbot and E. C. Stuart beat R. du Toit and K. Parsons 17-14, 17-15. R. J. Sharp and P. E. Whetnall beat L. Ellwood and B. Keefe 15-9, 15-9. S. J. Shaw and D. Hutchinson beat R. J. Mills and D. O. Horton 15-6, 17-15. I. Kojima and J. Honma beat D. Hunt and B. White 15-12, 15-7.

Semi-finals: Sharp and Whetnall w.o. Talbot and Stuart retd. Kojima and Honma beat Shaw and Hutchinson 17-15, 15-7.

Final: Kojima and Honma beat Sharp and Whetnall 15-3, 10-15, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(11 pairs)

Second round: Miss N. Takagi and Miss H. Amano beat Mrs. J. Charlton and Mrs. J. E. R. Liddell 15-7, 15-3. Mrs. H. Nielsen and Mrs. J. Rickard beat Miss T. Barinaga and Miss J. Foge 15-13, 15-6. Mrs. S. Whetnall and Miss M. Boxall beat Mrs. A. Palmer and Miss M. Ridder 15-7, 18-14. Miss B. Takenaka and Miss M. Aizawa beat Mrs. A. van der Meulen and Miss M. Luesken 18-15, 15-13.

Semi-finals: Miss Takagi and Miss Amano beat Mrs. Nielsen and Mrs. Rickard 18-16, 15-4. Miss Takenaka and Miss Aizawa beat Mrs. Whetnall and Miss Boxall 11-15, 15-10, 15-7.

Final: Miss Takenaka and Miss Aizawa beat Miss Takagi and Miss Amano 15-9, 15-7.

MIXED DOUBLES

(18 pairs)

Third round: P. E. Whetnall and Miss M. B. Boxall beat R. du Toit and Mrs. J. Charlton 15-11, 15-12. A. Parsons and Miss T. Barinaga beat S. Johnsson and Miss J. Foge 15-8, 15-10. R. J. Mills and Miss G. M. Perrin beat K. Johnsson and Miss H. Amano 15-12, 15-6. R. J. Sharp and Mrs. S. Whetnall beat B. White and Miss J. van Beusekom 15-11, 15-7.

Semi-finals: Parsons and Miss Barinaga beat Whetnall and Miss Boxall 15-11, 15-7. Mills and Miss Perrin beat Sharp and Mrs. Whetnall 18-13, 15-13.

Final: Mills and Miss Perrin beat Parsons and Miss Barinaga 15-9, 15-7.

The West of England Championships

The West of England Championships took place at Bristol on March 6th and 7th.

Local players Mike Tredgett and Mrs. Peggy Deas made a bold bid for victory in the final of the mixed doubles. They got off to a flying start against Alan Parsons and Miss H. Marks by winning the first game 15-3 but they eventually went down in the third. Their appearance in the final caused some happy smiles from the Gloucestershire contingent as it was the first time for nearly 15 years since a local pair had reached that stage.

Parsons took two titles, the men's singles, which he won quite easily against a temporarily off form Derek Talbot, and the mixed doubles as previously mentioned.

Talbot regained his form in the men's doubles and it was a close match when he partnered Elliott Stuart against David Eddy and Robert Powell. Although decided in two games the result was always in the balance.

Mrs. A. R. Dickson won the ladies' singles title after beating Miss Gillian White, but with Mrs. N. Jones lost a good doubles final to Miss Marks and Mrs. A. Smith in three games.

The South African visitors had a good time, and settled down to play some very attractive badminton. At the conclusion of the tournament, Alan Parsons thanked everyone for the friendly welcome they had received.

The prizes were presented by Dr. David Peacock, Chairman of the Gloucestershire B.A.

L.P.

MEN'S SINGLES

(29 players)

Third round: D. Talbot w.o., R. Powell retd. R. White beat J. Pearson 15-4, 15-0. A. Parsons beat R. du Toit 15-13, 15-11. B. Clark beat E. Stuart 18-13, 15-4.

Semi-finals: Talbot beat White 15-10, 15-6. Parsons beat Clark 15-9, 15-9.

Final: Parsons beat Talbot 15-2, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES

(6 players)

Semi-finals: Mrs. A. Dickson beat Miss S. Dimmer 11-2, 11-7. Miss G. White beat Miss P. Andrews 11-5, 11-8.

Final: Mrs. Dickson beat Miss White 11-5, 11-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(19 pairs)

Third round: R. A. Powell and J. D. Eddy beat A. Finch and R. Northcott 16-17, 15-5, 15-8. A. Parsons and B. Clark beat R. Reed and M. Tredgett 15-9, 15-6. K. Parsons and R. du Toit beat J. Marriott and C. I. Eddy 18-15, 15-4. E. C. Stuart and D. Talbot beat D. Hunt and B. White 15-7, 15-3.

Semi-finals: Powell and Eddy beat Parsons and Clark 15-11, 14-9. Stuart and Talbot beat Parsons and Du Toit 15-7, 15-3.

Final: Powell and Eddy beat Stuart and Talbot 15-11, 17-14.

LADIES' DOUBLES

(12 pairs)

First round: Miss G. White and Mrs. J. Stockden beat Miss J. Smith and Miss P. Timms 15-5, 15-9. Mrs. A. Dickson and Mrs. N. Jones beat Mrs. A. Richards and Mrs. B. Swadling 15-11, 15-9. Mrs. A. Smith and Miss H. Marks beat Mrs. P. Savage and Miss S. Dimmer 15-6, 15-10. Mrs. J. Addinell and Miss M. Govett beat Miss D. Castell and Miss H. Taylor 15-11, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Jones beat Miss White and Mrs. Stockden 15-9, 15-1. Mrs. Smith and Miss Marks beat Mrs. Addinell and Miss Govett 15-4, 15-6.

Final: Mrs. Smith and Miss Marks beat Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Jones 15-9, 9-15, 14-18.

MIXED DOUBLES

(29 pairs)

Third round: B. Clark and Mrs. J. Addinell beat K. Scott and Mrs. N. S. Jones 15-8, 15-4. A. Parsons and Miss H. Marks beat R. Du Toit and Mrs. M. Hanney 15-6, 15-8. M. Tredgett and Mrs. P. Deas beat K. Parsons and Miss P. Andrews 15-8, 15-9. H. Jennings and Mrs. A. Dickson beat A. Finch and Mrs. E. Collins 15-5, 15-6.

Semi-finals: Parsons and Miss Marks w.o. Clark and Mrs. Addinell retd. Tredgett and Mrs. Deas beat Jennings and Mrs. Dickson 18-17, 15-9.

Final: Parsons and Miss Marks beat Tredgett and Mrs. Deas 15-3, 4-15, 17-15.

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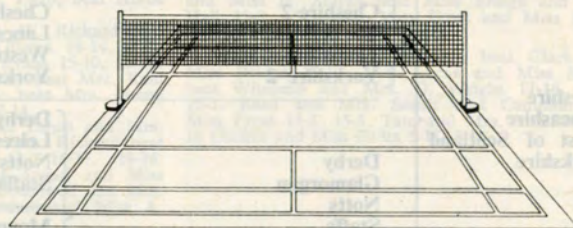
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Changes in the Inter-County Championship

Next Season will see a new Structure with Five Divisions

The Council of the B.A. of England and the Inter-County Championship Committee have now finalised the alterations in the conduct of the Inter-County Championship. The new conditions will apply from the commencement of the 1970-71 season.

The much debated issue of including additional singles matches has now been settled. Henceforth, every tie will be decided by 17 matches, in contrast to the previous 15. The new matches will consist of a third men's singles and a second ladies' singles, the remaining matches being exactly as they have been for the past twenty years. Thus, henceforth, there will be three men's singles between three players, two ladies' singles between two players, four men's doubles and four ladies' doubles between two pairs each respectively, and four mixed doubles between four pairs.

As always, there will be no limitation to the selection of players, except that no team may use more than six men and six ladies in any one tie. The nomination clause, which covers the eligibility of

players, remains unaltered.

As is well known, the whole object of the additional singles matches is to encourage the playing of singles throughout the country with the purpose of endeavouring to improve the general standard which lags so far behind the standard of doubles.

Another, and perhaps just as far reaching, change has been made in the general structure of the Inter-County Championship. The classification of teams has been much altered, and a fifth Division of play has become a fact.

To start with, Division I has been reduced from fifteen teams to only eight. They will be divided into two groups of four teams each, four in the north and four in the south. As before, play in the groups will be conducted on the league system. When this has been completed, the winner and runner-up in each group will have qualified for the semi-final round. Here, the winner of one group will meet the runner-up in the other, and the former will have choice of courts. The ensuing

final should then be between the two strongest teams in the country. This could never be guaranteed under the old system.

In all the lower divisions, that is to say Divisions II, III, IV and V, there will be basically four zones of play, as before, most of the zones being sub-divided as occasion may necessitate. Promotion and relegation to and from divisions will operate as before.

The classification for next season is published in brief on this page. In this fashion it should be easy to follow.

New entrants in 1970-71 are Buckinghamshire 2nd, Dorset 3rd, and Lincs & Rutland 3rd, whilst the Isle of Man has returned after a year's absence. For the first time ever, the total number of teams has risen to 100. It is interesting to reflect that when the system of divisions, with their promotion and relegation arrangements, were first introduced in 1948-49 the total number of teams taking part were only 56. They were then divided into three divisions, so the present creation of five divisions is obviously justified.

THE NEW STRUCTURE WITH CLASSIFICATION FOR 1970-71

Div: I	II	III	IV	V
Cheshire Lancashire West of Scotland Yorkshire	Cumberland Durham East of Scotland Northumberland	Durham 2 East of Scotland 2 Northumberland 2 Scot Borders		
	Cheshire 2 Isle of Man Lancashire 2 Yorkshire 2	Cheshire 3 Lancashire 3 Westmorland Yorkshire 3		
	Derby Glamorgan Notts Staffs Warwick	Derby 2 Leicester Notts 2 Staffs 2	Leicester 2 Northants N. Wales Notts 3	Derby 3 Leicester 3 Northants 2 Staffs 3
		Monmouth Oxon Warwick 2 Wores	Glamorgan 2 Oxon 2 Shropshire Warwick 3 Wores 2	Glamorgan 3 Hereford Monmouth 2 Shropshire 2 Wores 3
Essex Kent Middlesex Surrey	Berks Essex 2 Hants Herts Surrey 2	Cambs Lincs & R. Norfolk Suffolk	Beds Cambs 2 Lincs & R. 2 Norfolk 2	Beds 2 Hunts & P. Lincs & R. 3 Suffolk 2
		Bucks Hants 2 Middlesex 2 Sussex	Berks 2 Essex 3 Kent 2 Middlesex 3	Bucks 2 Hants 3 Herts 2 Kent 3 Sussex 2
	Cornwall Dorset Gloucester Somerset Wiltshire	Devon Dorset 2 Gloucester 2 Somerset 2 Wiltshire 2	Cornwall 2 Devon 2 Dorset 3 Somerset 3 Wiltshire 3	

As well as indicating the play-off ties, the brackets also show the methods of challenging for promotion

Surrey are Inter-County Champions Again

Berkshire Repeat Last Year's Division II Success

Surrey won the Inter-County Championship for the fourteenth time, and for the seventh time in succession, when her team had a comfortable victory by 14 matches to 1 over the West of Scotland in the final at Wimbledon. Though several of the matches were close, the southern team was never in the slightest danger, and it was not until the mixed doubles that the Scots notched their one success.

Surrey had had no trouble in reaching the final after having won the South Zone, where she had three times been extended to an 8-7 score, twice by Kent and once by Middlesex. In the semi-final Staffordshire was beaten, 13-2. In contrast, the West of Scotland had a dour struggle against Yorkshire, who with a depleted team, due to injury, only just went down by the narrowest possible margin.

In Division II Berkshire retained the trophy won last year when she beat Derbyshire, playing in the lower grade for the first time in fourteen years, by 9 matches to 6. The losers had had a close struggle against Lancashire 2nd in the semi-final to come through to the last

stage, but Berkshire had enjoyed a relatively comfortable win over Wiltshire. Berkshire's toughest struggles had been in their group ties and in the quarter-final against Hampshire. Just like Surrey in the top division, she had been stretched to the limit three times.

Challenge ties for promotion and relegation also occupied interest in April. Here there were several very close encounters. Derbyshire and Dorset both succeeded in their challenges by 8-7, and Monmouthshire and Buckinghamshire did so by 9-6. On the other hand, North Wales had a convincing success to lift the team from Division IV after a nine-year stay there. Thus, five of the eleven challenging teams succeeded in their mission, and these various results proved most helpful to the Inter-County Championship Committee in formulating its newly intended scheme which was, however, not possible of adoption until after the recent season had closed.

Details of all the late season play-offs are published in full on these pages.

DIVISION I

Semi-finals

WEST OF SCOTLAND 8; YORKSHIRE 7

At Larkhall on 7th March. Scores (West of Scotland names first).

J. Barrie lost to D. J. Hutchinson 14-17, 15-10, 11-15. J. Ansari beat D. W. M. Hartley 15-9, 15-12.

Mrs. M. Hume lost to Miss C. E. Lindsay 8-11, 12-10, 8-11.

J. Marshall and I. McKay lost to L. Ellwood and B. Keefe 10-15, 6-15; lost to F. Harwood and Hutchinson 13-15, 4-15. I. Hume and Ansari beat Ellwood and Keefe 15-13, 15-6; beat Harwood and Hutchinson 15-2, 15-11.

Mrs. A. Reid and Mrs. M. Gibson beat Miss Lindsay and Mrs. J. Lilley 15-7, 15-7; beat Mrs. J. M. Charlton and Mrs. J. E. R. Liddell 9-15, 15-8, 15-7. Mrs. Hume and Miss C. Evans lost to Miss Lindsay and Mrs. Lilley 15-18, 12-15; lost to Mrs. Charlton and Mrs. Liddell 15-7, 5-15, 7-15.

E. Ewart and Mrs. Reid lost to Ellwood and Miss Lindsay 9-15, 11-15. Hume and Mrs. Gibson beat Keefe and Mrs. Lilley 15-6, 6-15, 15-13. Ansari and Miss Evans beat Hutchinson and Mrs. Liddell 15-11, 15-9. Marshall and Miss A. Galbraith beat Hartley and Miss P. Protheroe 15-3, 15-10.

SURREY 13; STAFFORDSHIRE 2

At Epsom on 1st March. Scores (Surrey names first).

C. J. Beacom lost to J. D. Eddy 6-15, 7-15. C. T. Coates lost to C. I. Eddy 8-15, 17-15, 6-15.

Mrs. H. Nielsen beat Miss P. Young 11-4, 11-2. Beacom and K. M. Andrews beat C. I. Eddy and J. D. Eddy 15-9, 15-7; beat K. Hawthorne and E. Sutton 15-7, 15-5. R. J. Mills and M. J. Boutle beat C. I. Eddy and J. D. Eddy 11-15, 15-13, 15-10; beat Hawthorne and Sutton 17-15, 15-9.

Mrs. Nielsen and Mrs. W. Rickard beat Mrs. S. Gilks and Miss J. Smith 15-2, 15-6; beat Miss P. Duncombe and Miss Young 15-5, 15-1. Mrs. A. M. Palmer and Miss V. Miles beat Mrs. Gilks and Miss Smith 15-3, 17-14; beat Miss Duncombe and Miss Young 15-6, 15-10.

Mills and Mrs. W. C. E. Rogers beat J. D. Eddy and Mrs. Gilks 18-16, 15-11. Andrews and Mrs. Rickard beat Hawthorne and Miss Young 15-5, 15-6. Beacom and Mrs. Palmer beat C. I. Eddy and Miss Duncombe 9-15, 15-3, 15-6. Coates and Miss Miles beat J. Marriott and Miss Smith 15-7, 15-13.

Final

SURREY 14; WEST OF SCOTLAND 1

At Wimbledon on 11th April. Scores (Surrey names first).

C. J. Beacom beat J. Barrie 15-10, 15-3. R. J. Mills beat J. Ansari 15-4, 15-5.

Mrs. E. B. Nielsen beat Mrs. M. Hume 11-7, 11-5.

Mills and M. J. Boutle beat J. Marshall and I. McKay 15-7, 18-14; beat I. Hume and Ansari 13-18, 18-13, 15-5. Beacom and K. M. Andrews beat Marshall and McKay 15-3, 15-10; beat Hume and Ansari 15-7, 15-12.

Miss G. M. Perrin and Mrs. W. Rickard beat Mrs. W. Reid and Mrs. M. Gibson 18-14, 15-7; beat Mrs. Hume and Miss C. Evans 15-10, 18-15. Mrs. Nielsen and Mrs. A. Palmer beat Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Gibson 15-10, 18-14; beat Mrs. Hume and Miss Evans 15-5, 10-15, 17-14.

Mills and Miss Perrin beat E. Ewart and Mrs. Reid 15-1, 15-12. Andrews and Mrs. Rickard beat Hume and Mrs. Gibson 15-12, 16-17, 18-14. Beacom and Mrs. Palmer beat Ansari and Miss Evans 15-5, 10-15, 15-4. R. J. Southwell and Mrs. W. C. E. Rogers lost to Marshall and Miss A. Galbraith 15-6, 6-15, 10-15.

DIVISION II

Semi-finals

DERBYSHIRE 10; LANCASHIRE 2nd 5

At Derby on 15th March. Scores (Derbyshire names first):—

I. Clark lost to P. E. Bullivant 4-15, 11-15. B. Campion beat I. Cocker 15-8, 15-6.

Miss J. Hall lost to Mrs. M. Devine 11-9, 3-11, 7-11.

A. H. Witcomb and A. Gaskin beat P. E. Bullivant and P. Bullivant 15-11, 15-12; beat C. M. Hill and Cocker 15-5, 6-15, 15-9. Clark and Campion lost to P. E. Bullivant and P. Bullivant 10-15, 8-15; beat Hill and Cocker 15-5, 15-7.

Miss M. Bridge and Miss Hall beat Miss B. Walsh and Miss C. Walsh 15-5, 15-7; lost to Mrs. D. Long and Mrs. Devine 18-13, 6-15, 11-15. Miss A. Ewles and Mrs. M. Frost beat Miss B. Walsh and Miss C. Walsh 15-8, 15-11; beat Mrs. Long and Mrs. Devine 15-13, 15-8.

Clark and Miss Bridge lost to P. E. Bullivant and Miss B. Walsh 11-15, 11-15. Witcomb and Mrs. J. Upton beat P. Bullivant and Miss C. Walsh 15-11, 15-8. Campion and Miss Frost beat B. Ellidge and Mrs. M. Connolly 4-15, 15-12, 18-15. Gaskin and Miss Ewles beat Hill and Mrs. Devine 15-9, 15-9.

WILTSHIRE 2; BERKSHIRE 13

At Melksham on 8th March. Scores (Berkshire names first).

J. S. Tate lost to B. White 4-15, 1-15. R. G. Lawes lost to R. Major 7-15, 1-15.

Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman beat Miss G. White 11-0, 11-0.

G. C. K. Hashman and A. R. Lucas beat White and R. Burden 15-17, 15-10, 15-6; beat Major and A. Lewington 17-15, 16-17, 15-11. R. G. Reed and R. F. Gibbins beat White and Burden 14-18, 15-10, 17-16; beat Major and Lewington 16-17, 15-7, 15-7.

Mrs. Hashman and Mrs. J. Mitchell beat Miss White and Mrs. J. Martin 15-1, 17-15; beat Mrs. S. Robertson and Miss A. Wood 15-10, 15-4. Mrs. A. Smith and Miss H. Marks beat Miss White and Mrs. Martin 15-1, 11-15, 15-9; beat Mrs. Robertson and Miss Wood 15-6, 15-11.

Hashman and Mrs. Hashman beat White and Miss White 15-12, 15-8. Lucas and Miss Marks beat Burden and Mrs. Robertson 15-9, 15-0. Reed and Mrs. Smith beat Major and Mrs. Martin 18-13, 15-7. Tate and Mrs. Mitchell beat Lewington and Miss Wood 15-7, 17-14.

Final

BERKSHIRE 9; DERBYSHIRE 6

At Abingdon on April 18th. Scores (Berkshire names first):—

J. S. Tate lost to I. P. Clark 7-15, 15-8, 9-15. M. Wooderson lost to B. Campion 12-15, 4-15.

Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman beat Miss J. Hall 11-0, 11-1.

G. C. K. Hashman and A. R. Lucas lost to A. H. Witcomb and A. H. Gasking 7-15, 18-15, 17-18; beat Clark and Campion 15-13, 9-15, 15-8. R. F. Gibbins and R. G. Reed lost to Witcomb and Gaskin 8-15, 7-15; lost to Clark and Campion 15-11, 12-15, 17-18.

Mrs. Hashman and Mrs. J. Mitchell beat Miss M. Bridge and Miss Hall 15-7, 15-10; beat Miss M. Frost and Miss A. Ewles 15-9, 15-8. Mrs. A. Smith and Miss H. Marks beat Miss Bridge and Miss Hall 15-8, 15-2; beat Miss Frost and Miss Ewles 15-11, 15-5.

Hashman and Mrs. Hashman beat Clark and Miss Bridge 15-10, 15-6. Lucas and Miss Marks beat Witcomb and Mrs. O. Wright 17-18, 15-7, 15-3. Reed and Mrs. Smith beat Campion and Miss Frost 15-5, 15-5. Tate and Mrs. Mitchell lost to Gaskin and Miss Ewles 5-15, 8-15.

DIVISION I

Unreported Zone Tie

GLAMORGAN 9; STAFFORDSHIRE 6

At St. Athan, on 15th February. Scores (Glamorgan names first).

H. R. Jennings beat C. I. Eddy 18-15, 15-3. D. K. Hopkins beat J. N. Marriott 15-10, 15-12.

Mrs. A. R. Dickson beat Miss P. Young 11-4, 11-5.

Jennings and A. Fisher lost to K. Hawthorne and E. H. Sutton 2-15, 15-7, 5-15; beat Eddy and J. D. McColl 15-10, 18-13. P. A. Seaman and D. Colmer beat Hawthorne and Sutton 17-16, 15-10; lost to Eddy and McColl 15-8, 9-15, 8-15.

Mrs. Dickson and Miss P. Jeremiah lost to Mrs. S. Gilks and Mrs. E. Ross 14-17, 15-5, 11-15; beat Miss Young and Miss P. Duncombe 15-12, 15-2. Mrs. M. Withers and Miss B. A. Fisher beat Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Ross 15-9, 15-10; beat Miss Young and Miss Duncombe 15-11, 15-13.

Jennings and Mrs. Dickson lost to Hawthorne and Miss Young 14-17, 3-15. Seaman and Miss Fisher lost to Sutton and Mrs. Ross 10-15, 13-15. Fisher and Mrs. Withers beat Eddy and Miss Duncombe 14-17, 15-12, 15-7. Comer and Miss Jeremiah lost to Marriott and Mrs. Gilks 4-15, 10-15.

CHALLENGE TIES

Between Divisions I and II

EAST OF SCOTLAND 11; CUMBERLAND 4

At Edinburgh on 4th April. Scores (East of Scotland names first):—

J. A. Hamilton lost to H. Shadwick 15-5, 5-15, 10-15. J. R. Calder beat G. A. Connor 15-7, 15-8. Miss E. Huggins lost to Miss S. Storey 4-11, 11-7, 11-12.

J. K. McNeillage and Hamilton beat N. Beck and Connor 18-16, 15-10; beat Shadwick and I. Graham 17-15, 15-12. H. S. Calder and W. A. T. Kilpatrick lost to Beck and Connor 7-15, 16-18; beat Shadwick and Graham 15-10, 15-8.

Miss Huggins and Miss K. Elder lost to Miss Storey and Miss B. Smith 12-15, 10-15; beat Mrs. J. N. Atkinson and Mrs. J. Brett 7-15, 15-9, 15-7. Mrs. G. Allen and Miss J. Haigh beat Miss Storey and Miss Smith 15-1, 15-1; beat Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Brett 15-1, 15-11.

McNeillage and Miss Haigh beat Connor and Miss Smith 15-6, 15-7. Hamilton and Miss Elder beat Beck and Miss Storey 15-12, 15-7. Kilpatrick and Mrs. N. Calder beat Shadwick and Mrs. Brett 15-9, 15-4. J. R. Calder and Mrs. Allen beat Graham and Mrs. Atkinson 15-3, 15-8.

WARWICKSHIRE 7; DERBYSHIRE 8

At Birmingham on 4th April. Scores (Derbyshire names first):—

I. P. Clark beat T. Jones 15-3, 15-11. B. Campion beat G. Deakin 15-2, 15-12.

Miss J. Hall lost to Mrs. A. Macfarlane 5-11, 3-11.

A. H. Witcomb and A. H. Gibson beat Jones and J. Carey 15-8, 15-4; beat Deakin and J. B. Gibson 15-6, 15-11. Clark and Campion lost to Jones and Carey 11-15, 6-15; beat Deakin and Gibson 15-13, 15-7.

Miss M. Bridge and Miss Hall lost to Mrs. Macfarlane and Mrs. M. Rooke 15-4, 14-17, 11-15; beat Mrs. J. Startin and Miss K. Clark 15-9, 17-16. Miss M. Frost and Miss A. Ewles beat Mrs. Macfarlane and Mrs. Rooke 15-12, 14-15, 15-11; lost to Mrs. Startin and Miss Clark 15-9, 11-15, 7-15.

Clark and Miss Bridge lost to Deakin and Mrs. Rooke 7-15, 9-15. Witcomb and Miss J. Upton lost to Jones and Mrs. Macfarlane 14-17, 6-15. Campion and Miss Frost beat Carey and Miss Clark 15-11, 11-15, 15-10. A. H. Gaskin and Miss Ewles lost to Gibson and Mrs. Startin 12-15, 14-15.

MIDDLESEX 8; BERKSHIRE 7

At Stamford Hill on 5th April. Scores (Middlesex names first):—

R. S. McCoig beat J. S. Tate 15-5, 15-10. W. D. Morris beat R. G. Lawes 15-0, 15-0.

Miss M. Beck lost to Mrs. J. Hashman 7-11, 2-11.

McCoig and G. Billingham beat G. C. K. Hashman and A. R. Lucas 15-4, 15-2; beat R. G. Reed and R. F. Gibbins 15-3, 15-8; P. C. Gaudoin and M. Nurmohamed beat Hashman and Lucas 15-2, 15-7; beat Reed and Gibbins 15-5, 15-12.

Mrs. M. Woodcock and Miss Beck lost to Mrs. Hashman and Mrs. J. Mitchell 14-17, 15-7, 12-15; lost to Mrs. A. Smith and Miss H. Marks 11-15, 9-15. Miss L. Veasey and Miss P. Timber lost to Mrs. Hashman and Mrs. Mitchell 12-15, 14-18; lost to Mrs. Smith and Miss Marks 9-15, 5-15.

McCoig and Mrs. Woodcock lost to Hashman and Mrs. Hashman w.o. Billingham and Miss J. Shiels lost to Lucas and Miss Marks 12-15, 9-15. Nurmohamed and Miss Beck beat Reed and Mrs. Smith 9-15, 15-6, 15-3. Morris and Miss Veasey beat Tate and Mrs. Mitchell 12-15, 15-8, 17-14.

Between Divisions II and III

CHESHIRE 2nd W.O., WESTMORLAND DID NOT CHALLENGE

LEICESTERSHIRE 9; DERBYSHIRE 2nd 6

At Leicester on 11th April. Scores (Leicestershire names first):—

D. Clayton beat M. J. Clark 15-7, 15-9. B. Rees lost to G. Bishop 11-15, 5-15.

Mrs. J. Jessop beat Miss L. Shade 11-4, 11-2.

M. Lord and C. Taylor lost to J. Looms and A. Tolman 8-15, 15-8, 15-18; lost to Clark and Bishop 15-8, 11-15, 6-15. Clayton and W. Grindley lost to Looms and Tolman 15-10, 14-17, 15-17; beat Clark and Bishop 15-8, 15-6.



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BERKSHIRE—DIVISION II CHAMPIONS

Standing: A. R. Lucas, J. S. Tate, R. G. Reed, G. C. K. Hashman (Captain).

Sitting: Mrs. A. Smith, Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman, Miss H. Marks, Mrs. J. Mitchell.

Absent: R. F. Gibbins, M. J. Wooderson.

Mrs. Jessop and Mrs. P. Stafford beat Mrs. M. Ewles and Mrs. M. Pateman 15-12, 8-15, 15-5; beat Mrs. O. Wright and Miss J. Hardwick 15-7, 17-15. Miss H. Herrick and Mrs. P. Gay beat Mrs. Ewles and Mrs. Pateman 10-15, 15-9, 15-10; lost to Mrs. Wright and Miss Hardwick 12-15, 15-11, 9-15.

Clayton and Mrs. Jessop beat Looms and Mrs. Wright 15-8, 15-5. Grindley and Mrs. Stafford lost to Tolman and Mrs. Ewles 7-15, 10-15. Lord and Miss Herrick beat Clark and Mrs. Pateman 3-15, 15-12, 15-12. Rees and Mrs. Gay beat Bishop and Miss Hardwick 17-14, 8-15, 15-9.

Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. A. Ker beat Mrs. A. Howarth and Mrs. Rossi 15-1, 15-3; beat Mrs. G. Holman and Miss J. Rudd 15-4, 15-6. Mrs. J. Knapp and Miss D. Raine beat Mrs. Howarth and Mrs. Rossi 15-8, 15-9; beat Mrs. Holman and Miss Rudd 15-12, 11-15, 15-12.

Hume and Mrs. Fraser beat Green and Miss Rudd 15-12, 15-6. Langslow and Mrs. Ker beat Frost and Mrs. Negus 15-10, 15-12. Sennitt and Mrs. Knapp lost to Williams and Mrs. Rossi 10-15, 14-18. Kawalko and Miss S. Harper beat Bishop and Mrs. Holman 15-6, 14-18, 15-10.

GLAMORGAN 2nd 6; MONMOUTHSHIRE 9

At St. Athan on 12th April. Scores (Monmouthshire names first):—

J. Cormack beat G. Owen 15-13, 15-4. J. Roger lost to S. Gully 6-15, 15-5, 7-15.

Miss S. Hughes beat Mrs. J. Stockden 11-3, 11-1. J. Hartstill and Cormack beat Owen and Gully 15-8, 15-7; beat P. Roberts and P. Morgan 15-7, 15-9. S. Rosser and J. Brimble beat Owen and Gully 17-16, 12-15, 15-9; beat Roberts and Morgan 15-10, 15-7.

Miss Constance and Miss Hughes lost to Mrs. Stockden and Mrs. L. Tweed 12-15, 6-15; beat Mrs. A. Morsburgh and Mrs. J. Steward 8-15, 15-4, 15-4. Mrs. R. Ivatts and Mrs. M. Northrop lost to Mrs. Stockden and Mrs. Tweed 9-15, 7-15; beat Mrs. Morsburgh and Mrs. Steward 15-9, 13-15, 15-2.

Brimble and Miss Hughes lost to Owen and Mrs. Stockden 12-15, 10-15. Cormack and Miss Constance lost to Gully and Mrs. Tweed 6-15, 10-15. Hartstill and Mrs. Northrop beat Morgan and Mrs. Morsburgh 2-15, 15-5, 15-5. Rosser and Mrs. Ivatts lost to P. Taylor and Mrs. Steward 2-15, 10-15.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE 10; NORFOLK 5

At Cambridge on 5th April. Scores (Cambridgeshire names first):—

D. Langslow lost to J. D. Green 4-15, 15-10, 17-18. G. Kawalko beat D. Frost 15-11, 5-15, 15-11.

Mrs. E. Fraser beat Mrs. B. Rossi 10-12, 11-4, 11-5.

Langslow and D. Hume beat M. J. Bishop and Green 15-10, 15-12; lost to Frost and G. Williams 3-15, 15-12, 5-15. P. Sennitt and P. Hedge lost to Bishop and Green 10-15, 15-17, 11-15; lost to Frost and Williams 1-15, 12-15.

SUSSEX 6; BUCKINGHAMSHIRE 9

At Littlehampton on 5th April. Scores (Buckinghamshire names first):—

N. Thorne beat P. Lowe 15-10, 15-7. N. Smith lost to R. Knowles 6-15, 10-15.

Mrs. D. Wetherill lost to Mrs. H. Petre 8-11, 11-8, 7-11.

J. Dann and A. Macfarlane lost to D. Quibell and C. Lawrence 11-15, 6-15; beat P. Matthews and B. Street 15-7, 15-3. R. Harris and G. Walton beat Quibell and Lawrence 15-7, 15-5; beat Matthews and Street 15-10, 15-7.

Mrs. D. Peaker and Mrs. P. Reed beat Mrs. S. Street and Mrs. E. Swain 15-5, 18-16; beat Mrs. Kent and Miss L. Wadsworth 15-2, 15-8. Mrs. Wetherill and Mrs. J. Richards lost to Mrs. Street and Mrs. Swain 8-15, 12-15; lost to Mrs. Kent and Miss Wadsworth 3-15, 9-15.

Dann and Mrs. Peaker beat Quibell and Mrs. Street 15-8, 14-17, 15-12. Macfarlane and Mrs. Reed beat Street and Mrs. Swain 12-15, 18-13, 15-11. Walton and Mrs. Richards beat Knowles and Mrs. Kent 15-5, 0-15, 15-9. Harris and Miss G. Bate lost to Matthews and Mrs. Petre 10-15, 7-15.

DEVON 7; DORSET 8

At Torquay on 4th April. Scores (Dorset names first):—

A. Hardy beat S. Burt 15-9, 6-15, 15-11. P. Cox lost to T. Sanbrook 7-15, 0-15.

Mrs. C. Pike beat Miss J. Huson 11-4, 11-5.

Hardy and B. Randall lost to Burt and Sanbrook 9-15, 16-18; lost to B. Hill and M. Sandford 5-15, 12-15. B. Dodginton and B. Domoney beat Burt and Sanbrook 15-12, 18-14; beat Hill and Sandford 15-6, 15-5.

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Mrs. Pike and Miss J. Roebuck lost to Mrs. J. Addinell and Mrs. L. Riccard 6-15, 8-15; beat Mrs. A. Tozer and Miss Huson 15-8, 15-5. Mrs. M. Varlow and Miss W. Pitcher lost to Mrs. Addinell and Mrs. Riccard 10-15, 1-15; beat Mrs. Tozer and Miss Huson 8-15, 18-16, 17-14.

Hardy and Mrs. Y. Rossiter lost to Burt and Mrs. Addinell 9-15, 11-15. Domoney and Miss Pitcher beat Sandford and Miss Huson 15-6, 15-9. Cox and Miss Roebuck lost to Sanbrook and Mrs. Riccard 17-18, 8-15. R. Roper and Mrs. Pike beat Hill and Mrs. Tozer 12-15, 15-5, 15-9.

Between Divisions III and IV

STAFFORDSHIRE 3rd 4; NORTH WALES 11

At Newcastle under Lyne on 12th April. Scores (North Wales names first).

I. Morris lost to S. Arnold 14-18, 8-15. G. Knights beat J. Somerfield 15-13, 15-9.

Miss E. Jones beat Mrs. B. Blake 11-8, 11-5.

M. Walker and A. Jones beat Arnold and J. Everill 18-16, 15-6; beat P. Birch and Somerfield 15-18, 15-4, 15-5. R. Walford and D. Strafford lost to Arnold and Everill 7-15, 11-15; lost to Birch and Somerfield 14-18, 12-15.

Miss Jones and Mrs. J. Kent lost to Mrs. J. Foster and Mrs. Blake 12-15, 11-15; beat Miss V. Herbert and Miss M. Gardner 15-3, 15-11. Mrs. S. Hoskins and Miss W. Robinson beat Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Blake 11-15, 15-10, 15-13; beat Miss Herbert and Miss Gardner 15-1, 15-7.

Walker and Miss Robinson beat Birch and Mrs. Foster 15-5, 15-5. Jones and Mrs. Hoskins beat Arnold and Mrs. Blake 4-15, 18-17, 15-8. Walford and Mrs. Kent beat Everill and Miss Herbert 17-15, 15-6. Knights and Miss Jones beat Somerfield and Miss Gardner 15-7, 0-15, 15-8.

OXFORDSHIRE 2nd v MONMOUTHSHIRE 2nd

This tie was unplayed.

BEDFORDSHIRE 11; BERKSHIRE 2nd 4

At Bedford on 12th April. Scores (Bedfordshire names first):—

R. Pullar beat M. Wooderson 15-9, 15-10. C. Ashwell beat G. Brant 15-11, 15-10.

Mrs. B. Dootson lost to Miss R. Cooper 11-12, 11-12.

Pullar and Ashwell beat Wooderson and D. Atkinson 15-8, 14-17, 15-12; beat S. Saffin and G. Taylor 15-6, 15-11. D. Pratt and S. Kenny lost to Wooderson and D. Atkinson 15-8, 10-15, 11-15; beat Saffin and Taylor 18-14, 11-15, 15-12.

Mrs. Dootson and Miss B. Lincoln beat Mrs. J. McCairns and Miss C. Virrels 15-12, 10-15, 15-12; lost to Miss C. Pritchard and Miss Cooper 4-15, 11-15. Mrs. J. Wheatling and Mrs. C. Dicks beat Mrs. McCairns and Miss Virrels 15-8, 8-15, 15-9; beat Miss Pritchard and Miss Cooper 16-18, 15-8, 15-12.

Pullar and Miss Lincoln beat Wooderson and Miss Virrels 15-6, 15-6. Kenny and Mrs. Dootson lost to S. Atkinson and Mrs. McCairns 12-15, 15-7, 9-15. Pratt and Mrs. Wheatling beat Brant and Miss Pritchard 15-9, 15-4. T. Beck and Mrs. Dicks beat Taylor and Miss Cooper 15-12, 15-10.

KENT 2nd 8; MIDDLESEX 3rd 7

At Lower Sydenham on 12th April. Scores (Kent 2nd names first).

C. Rowlands beat G. Griffin 15-3, 15-2. G. Hubbard beat M. Langstone 10-15, 15-9, 15-6.

Mrs. S. Bush beat Miss V. Bruce 12-9, 11-2.

B. Beddoe and Hubbard lost to Langstone and J. McKinley 14-17, 5-15; lost to Griffin and G. Georgiou 7-15, 10-15. M. D'Souza and M. D' Cunha lost to Langstone and McKinley 11-15, 4-15; beat Griffin and Georgiou 17-15, 15-8.

Mrs. E. West and Miss C. Buck beat Mrs. J. Morsman and Miss A. Thompson 15-8, 15-3; lost to Mrs. J. Wing and Mrs. J. Dulieu 15-12, 12-15, 10-15. Miss Bunce and Mrs. Lucas lost to Mrs. Morsman and Miss Thompson 6-15, 5-15; beat Mrs. Wing and Mrs. Dulieu 15-4, 15-6.

Beddoe and Mrs. West lost to McKinley and Miss Thompson 15-10, 13-18, 6-15. Hubbard and Mrs. Lucas beat I. Gerrie and Mrs. Wing 17-14, 15-2. D'Souza and Miss Buck lost to Griffin and Mrs. Dulieu 6-15, 15-12, 4-15. J. Pugh and Mrs. Bush beat Langstone and Miss Bruce 17-14, 15-5.

DEVON 2nd v DORSET 2nd

Dorset 2nd gained a walk-over because Devon 2nd became automatically relegated.

DIVISION III

Unreported Zone results:—

- Monmouthshire 10; Northamptonshire 5**
- Warwickshire 3rd 10; Worcestershire 2nd 5**
- Derbyshire 2nd 10; Shropshire 5**
- Oxfordshire 2nd 1; Northamptonshire 14**
- Lines. & Rutland 10; Suffolk 5**
- Essex 3rd 6; Buckinghamshire 9**
- Hampshire 2nd 11; Essex 3rd 4**
- Dorset 10; Wiltshire 2nd 5**
- Wiltshire 2nd 11; Gloucestershire 2nd 4**

DIVISION IV

Unreported Zone results:—

- Glamorgan 3rd 6; Herefordshire 9**
- Northamptonshire 2nd 11;**
- Monmouthshire 2nd 11; Glamorgan 3rd 4**
- Shropshire 2nd 4**
- Cambridgeshire 2nd 3; Berkshire 2nd 12**
- Sussex 2nd 6; Kent 3rd 9**
- Kent 3rd 15; Hampshire 3rd 0**
- Dorset 2nd 12; Somerset 3rd 3**
- Wiltshire 3rd 9; Dorset 2nd 6**

News From The Counties

It will be appreciated if officials of County Associations will be kind enough to send regular contributions covering general activities within their borders so that these columns may be maintained—Editor.

BERKSHIRE

Results of the Draw

The Association's Grand Draw on the All-England men's singles saw P. E. Barker of Reading (Hartono), Mrs. P. Carter of Reading (Pri), J. Dale of Eton Wick (Johnsson) and B. Smith of Wantage (Kojima) take the top four prizes.

Some interesting £1 winners were Dorothy Hinchcliff (Honma), Berkshire's hard-working R.B.A. Secretary Don Kirwan (Kirk), Derek Talbot, who drew his flat-mate David Hutchinson, and Mrs. Betsy Mutch, who had two chances with Bill Andrew and Ray Sharp.

Middlesex did well. Ted Arthur drew Lund, Alison Morgan (Kops) probably wished that the draw had been a few years earlier! Peter Veasey had Ridder, and Nancy Horner's chance rested with Elliot Stuart who scratched! And Sue Whetnall's mother, Mrs. Pound, won back her name via Bacher. B.C.B.C. is very grateful to all the hundreds who took part.

The Second Berkshire Junior Tournament took place at Bracknell on March 14th. Rita Cooper, who has had a full season with Berkshire 2nd, retained her title comfortably, and also won the under-18 doubles with Rosalind Preedy and the mixed with Steve Lewington. Lewington took the boy's doubles with John Wilson, while his brother Paul pulled off the surprise of the tournament by beating title-holder Robert Preedy in the under-16 singles. Together they went on to win the doubles, and then Preedy carried on to win the mixed with his sister.

The under-18 boy's singles went to G. Ovenden, a worthy winner over the favourite Lewington, who ran out of stamina. Rosalind Preedy won the under-16 girl's singles, and the doubles, which she did not enter, was won by S. Chandler and J. Dunn. The big increase in entries in the under-18 singles events was encouraging.

G.C.K.H.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

The Restricted Tournament

All titles changed hands in the Cambridgeshire Local Tournament and the names of juniors will appear on the cups for the first time.

The small number of entries in the ladies' singles was disgraceful but Miss Diane Raine, a 16-year-old, did very well and just managed to beat Mrs. Anne Ker in the final. In the men's singles Derek Langslow beat George Kawalko before going on in the final to beat Peter Hedge, who had gasped his way to victory over John Bray, last year's winner.

Stamina proved the decisive factor in the ladies' doubles when Mrs. Edith Fraser, partnered by another junior, Miss Sue Harper, kept on running to beat Mrs. Ker and Mrs. Mardi Rose in a hard

fought final. Ron Carson, an ex-University player, joined Derek Langslow in the men's doubles to gain his first county title, meeting in the final Peter Hedge and Perry Sennitt, a much improved pair. Unfortunately neither David Hume nor Peter Constable, last year's winners, were fit.

The result of the mixed doubles was no surprise when Mrs. Ker and D. Langslow proved easy winners over Kawalko and Mrs. Fraser; in fact they did not lose a game in the whole tournament. This is a well established partnership.

The plate events were keenly contested and in the veterans' section the trophy went once again to Bruce Gillingham and George Buckle.

J.B.

CORNWALL

Three Titles for Mrs. Swadling

The Cornwall restricted tournament provided a wonderful day for Philip Pearce, still a junior, who reached the final of the singles and won both the men's and mixed events after being on court practically continuously for the latter half of the day. Great credit is also due to Mrs. E. Swadling for winning all her three events.

These two players do not appear to have given better performances during the season and their titles are fully deserved. Great hopes for the future are now held for both of them.

R.E.A.

FINAL RESULTS

Men's Singles: R. Northcott beat P. Pearce 15-8, 18-15.

Ladies' Singles: Mrs. E. Swadling beat Mrs. A. Hawken 11-2, 11-0.

Men's Doubles: P. Pearce and B. Swadling beat R. Northcott and J. Key 11-15, 15-11, 18-13.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. E. Swadling and Miss A. Richards beat Miss M. Govett and Miss B. Bramley 15-3, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles: P. Pearce and Mrs. E. Swadling beat R. Northcott and Miss M. Govett 15-12, 9-15, 15-8.

DERBYSHIRE

The Junior Handicap Tournament

The Derbyshire Junior Tournament was played at Markeaton Park Hall on 13th and 14th March with age limits of 15 and 18 in the ten events, eight of which were won by the favourites despite severe handicaps.

It is pleasing to see so many young players enjoying the game, and making the future look brighter for Derbyshire badminton.

The winners of the under-18 singles were given the Kingsway Cups, kindly donated by a former county player, Mrs. Hazel Taylor (nee Manger).

UNDER 18 FINALS

Boys' Singles: T. Tidmas (minus 10) beat A. Bullivant (minus 6) 15-9, 15-4.

Girls' Singles: Miss A. Ewles (minus 10) beat Miss K. Hall (minus 4) 5-11, 11-7, 11-6.

Boys' Doubles: T. Tidmas and A. Bullivant (OH minus 8) beat S. Waumsley and J. Spick 9-15, 15-5, 15-11.

Girls' Doubles: Miss S. Wilcox and Miss B. Jackson (plus 2) beat Miss S. Kinsey and Miss S. Wharton (plus 8) 13-15, 15-7, 15-9.

Mixed Doubles: A. Frosin and Miss E. Witcomb (plus 8) beat A. Bullivant and Miss K. Hall (OH minus 2) 15-5, 15-2.

UNDER 15 FINALS

Boys' Singles: N. Atkinson (minus 3) beat C. Bayliss (plus 4) 15-11, 15-12.

Girls' Singles: Miss S. Wilcox (minus 10) beat Miss B. Jackson (minus 4) 11-0, 11-7.

Girls' Doubles: Miss S. Wilcox and Miss C. Rodgers (scr.) beat Miss B. Jackson and Miss L. Henfrey (plus 4) 9-15, 15-12, 15-9.

Boys' Doubles: S. Salt and P. Hanlon (scr.) beat N. Atkinson and G. Newton (plus 2) 15-12, 15-12.

Mixed Doubles: P. Hanlon and Miss B. Jackson (scr.) beat J. Harrison and Miss B. Strong (scr.) 15-6, 15-7.

M.H.B.

DEVON

Tournament Entries Rise

That badminton is booming in Devon—at club level, at least, although the County teams have not been very successful this season—is evinced by a 50% rise in the entry for the Devon Restricted Tournament, which was held at Torquay on February 21st, with handicap events on February 28th.

Owing to this large entry it was regrettably found necessary to limit each match to one game of 21 points—apart from the ladies' singles.

R. T. Northcott retained his singles title, winning a close final against S. Burt, whom he had defeated last year. The ladies' singles final saw a reversal of last year, with Miss M. Seeds emerging as the winner over Miss J. Huson.

In the men's doubles the unseeded pair of R. J. Pethybridge and W. Davies reached the final, beating on the way the seeded couple, Northcott and A. Mills, but they failed in the final against S. Burt and R. H. Moore.

The ladies' doubles title was retained by Mrs. J. Addinell and Mrs. L. L. Riccard, and the mixed doubles followed very much the same pattern as last year, even to the extent of three of the semi-finals pairs.

The standard of play was generally high, and the hard work of the referee, Mr. A. S. L. Force, with splendid help from the tournament committee and the good-humoured co-operation of all competitors, contributed to the success of this tournament.

In fact, at all our Devon tournaments this season a very happy atmosphere was created by the friendly spirit that existed between the competitors and the officials. Warm appreciation is due, too, to the small band of regular helpers without whose selfless work the Canteen facilities could not be provided.

During the season both B. C. Hill and Miss M. Wisbey played for the county for the 100th time, and deserve congratulations. They thus emulated Mrs. Riccard, who is still playing, who reached her century of appearances three years ago.

G.H.

HAMPSHIRE

The Portsmouth Restricted Tournament

Held at Portsmouth from the 14th-21st March, the entry broke all records with 344 matches to be played in the 18 events, with 214 competitors, all from local clubs. The handicap events were most popular, as they catered for every class of player and the younger players were very much to the fore, indeed the ladies' doubles Class "B" was won by Gillian Pennekett aged 12 and Anne Forrest aged 14, a very creditable performance amongst senior and vastly more experienced competitors. Miss Forrest also won the Class "B" singles and the Class "A" ladies' doubles with Mrs. P. Savage.

The veteran events were more popular than before and both titles changed hands. In the level events, both singles winners, D. Hunt and Miss S. Dimmer, retained their titles, as did Mrs. Manvell and Mrs. Friend in the ladies' doubles, but the men's and mixed doubles changed hands. M. J. Warner, who won both these events last season, is now in Gibraltar for three years and therefore could not defend his titles. David Hunt completed his hat trick for the first time in this tournament, by winning all three events, partnering J. Stubbs and Miss C. Holland.

The "King" Cup awarded to the club gaining most points in the tournament was regained by Cambridge Club. All prizes and league trophies were presented to the winners at the conclusion of play by the President, Mr. E. V. J. Thompson.

FINALS

- Men's Singles:** D. R. Hunt beat P. J. Pennekett 15-6, 15-9.
- Ladies' Singles:** Miss S. Dimmer beat Miss M. Coffin 10-12, 11-3, 11-6.
- Men's Doubles:** D. R. Hunt and J. Stubbs beat D. Manvell and D. White 15-6, 18-14.
- Ladies' Doubles:** Mrs. A. Friend and Mrs. S. Manvell beat Miss M. Coffin and Mrs. S. Burden 17-14, 15-5.
- Mixed Doubles:** D. R. Hunt and Miss C. Holland beat P. J. Pennekett and Miss M. Coffin 18-15, 15-7.

HANDICAP WINNERS

- Class "A":** C. Andrews (plus 2 hands, plus 6); Miss S. Dimmer (owe 8); R. Pateman and P. Brown (plus 4); Mrs. P. Savage and Miss A. Forrest (owe 8); C. Smith and Miss J. Lee (owe 4).
- Class "B":** C. Andrews (plus 2 hands, plus 9); Miss A. Forrest (scr.); P. Lawman and F. Knight (plus 9); Miss A. Forrest and Miss G. Pennekett (plus 6); B. Plumb and Mrs. B. Young (plus 64).
- Class "C":** **Mixed Doubles:** R. Ward and Miss M. Jarman (plus 74).

- Veterans' Doubles:** K. Hunter and V. Delany (owe 4); H. Fortune and Mrs. M. Whitenstall (plus 6).

The Age Restricted Tournament

Malcolm Statt won all three events open to him at the under 21 and under 18 tournament promoted by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight B.A. at Southsea in February.

Southampton players somewhat dominated the under 8 events, though Portsmouth and Bournemouth competitors were victorious in the two girls' events respectively.

The results of the final rounds were as follows:—

UNDER 21 EVENTS

- Boys' Singles:** M. Statt beat R. Cullen 15-10, 15-6.
- Girls' Singles:** Miss C. Holland beat Miss M. Day 11-3, 11-5.
- Boys' Doubles:** M. Statt and J. Ganner beat P. Pennekett and K. Fleming 15-5, 15-7.
- Girls' Doubles:** Miss N. Gover and Miss G. Marsh beat Miss C. Holland and Miss J. Johnson 15-12, 18-16.

Mixed Doubles: M. Statt and Miss J. Johnson beat P. Pennekett and Miss G. Pennekett 15-6, 15-13.

UNDER 18 EVENTS

- Boys' Singles:** R. Wiseman beat M. Wort 15-5, 15-6.
- Girls' Singles:** Miss M. Day beat Miss A. Piper 11-6, 11-6.
- Boys' Doubles:** A. Rawlinson and R. Wiseman beat K. Finlay and I. Waight 15-14, 15-11.
- Girls' Doubles:** Miss R. Callway and Miss L. Ward beat Miss G. Pennekett and Miss A. Forrest 15-4, 14-17, 15-6.
- Mixed Doubles:** J. Ganner and Miss A. Forrest beat D. Canham and Miss B. Pemberton 15-5, 15-3.



LANCASHIRE

The Winning Ways of Wenning

In last month's "Gazette" the Surrey notes complimented the St. Andrew's Church Club at Cheam on its good work in fostering junior badminton, so perhaps forgiveness will be granted for again referring to another club with a remarkable junior section.

Named after the local river, the Wenning Club has just one court in the so-called Town Hall at Bentham, a place on the Lancashire-Yorkshire border with less than 3,000 inhabitants and a few smaller communities in the environs.

Last season they had 32 entrants in the County Junior Championships and collected three titles in the under-15 section. This year at Lytham on April 4th they won all five.

The "Gazette" report on this year's All England Junior championships commented favourably on three of their members. Gary Scott (then only 11), Paul Wood (aged 13) and Kathleen Redhead (also 13) and it is these three plus Gary's sister, Hazel, who were the winners.

Wood took the boys' singles vacated on age by last year's winner, Hugh Redhead (Kathleen's brother), by beating Scott in a closely fought final and these two easily won the doubles. Kathleen Redhead won the girls' singles and doubles partnered by Hazel Scott, both for the second year and for good measure Wood and Kathleen beat the two Scotts in the final of the mixed.

Mrs. Doris Smith was a triple winner in the level events in the colossal Manchester League Tournament which takes five weeks to complete while the St. Helens Y.M.C.A. had 150 competitors for their three handicap doubles events.

TOURNAMENT FINAL RESULTS

MANCHESTER

- Men's Singles:** P. J. Wood beat B. Ellidge 15-7, 15-4.
- Ladies' Singles:** Mrs. D. Smith beat Miss B. Walsh 11-2, 11-0.
- Men's Doubles:** B. Ellidge and W. S. Boardman beat P. J. Wood and J. Hallam 13-15, 15-9, 15-5.
- Ladies' Doubles:** Mrs. B. Cooper and Mrs. D. Smith beat Mrs. M. Connolly and Mrs. D. Long 15-3, 15-5.

ST. HELENS

- Men's Doubles:** P. Fletcher & R. Heyes (owe 8) beat G. Gilroy and R. Turner (owe 6) 15-8, 15-9.
- Ladies' Doubles:** Mrs. W. Entwistle and Miss F. Heath (owe 5) beat Miss B. Jukes and Miss P. Sherrington (scr) 15-8, 15-9.
- Mixed:** R. Rigby and Mrs. E. Christian (Rec 5) beat R. Sagar and Mrs. W. Gee (scr) 15-5, 15-8.

COUNTY "UNDER-15" CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Boys' Singles:** P. Wood beat G. Scott 7-15, 15-10, 15-6.
- Girls' Singles:** K. Redhead beat K. Eagle, 11-4, 11-1.
- Boys' Doubles:** P. Wood and G. Scott beat T. Hampson and D. McKinniv 15-8, 15-6.
- Girls' Doubles:** K. Redhead and G. Scott beat G. Scholey and K. Eagle 15-10, 15-7.
- Mixed Doubles:** P. Wood and K. Redhead beat G. Scott and H. Scott 15-12, 15-7.

The Under-18 Championships

Last year players from Barrow won four of the five events in the "Under 18" Championships with D. Brady a triple winner; this time at Lytham on April 11th it was Anne Heslin's turn to take three trophies back to the same outpost of Lancashire badminton.

Only in the quarter finals of the singles in which she beat Hazel Scott 11-6, 11-12, 11-5 did she drop a game but among the boys no one was so outstanding. Ron Hurst, winner of a very close singles final in the recent Fylde Tournament over Colin Harkness lost in the semi-final to M. Athersmith who collapsed completely when he found things going wrong for him in his final against Harkness.

In the doubles Harkness and Jackson, winners in the Fylde, playing in their usual attacking style made too many errors in their final against a more solid pair, Hurst and Taylor, and went down 7-15, 12-15.

R.W.E.

- Boys' Singles:** C. J. Harkness beat M. Athersmith 15-1, 15-2.
- Girls' Singles:** A. M. Heslin beat G. R. Scholey 11-4, 11-1.
- Boys' Doubles:** R. Hurst and A. Taylor beat C. J. Harkness and D. I. Jackson 15-7, 15-12.
- Girls' Doubles:** L. Ayres and A. M. Heslin beat M. Coupe and P. Whalley 15-8, 15-9.
- Mixed Doubles:** A. Taylor and A. M. Heslin beat D. I. Jackson and Miss P. Whalley 15-10, 15-7.



NORTHERN COUNTIES

The Upper Restricted Tournament

The Upper Division Restricted Tournament was held again this season as a local tournament, and attracted the largest entry for twenty years. The tournament was a very successful one for Miss S. Jobling, who was a triple winner in the open events, winning the singles, the ladies' doubles with Miss S. Robson, and the mixed doubles with C. Lilley. Lilley was also successful in the men's doubles with the Northumberland County player, W. Kidd. Kidd won the men's singles, but with his county partner, Mrs. D. Watson, lost in the mixed doubles to Lilley and Miss Jobling. The Durham County players continued their success in the inter-club pairs competitions, the earlier rounds of which are played throughout the season, with the semi-finals and finals during this tournament. Sunderland Private won the mixed doubles and the men's doubles, but were beaten in the final of the ladies' doubles for the new Ian Wilkinson trophy by the Northumberland County pair—Mrs. Lacey and Mrs. Watson, representing North Jesmond. The referee, Mr. C. R. Curtis, is to be congratulated on his excellent handling of a very long programme.

- Men's Singles:** W. Kidd beat C. Lilley 15-0, 15-11.
- Men's Singles—Class B:** I. McCluskie beat T. Dalziel 15-6, 15-6.
- Ladies' Singles:** Miss S. Jobling beat Miss S. Robson 11-2, 11-7.
- Men's Doubles:** W. Kidd and C. Lilley beat M. C. Foster and C. M. Fitzpatrick 15-6, 15-2.
- Ladies' Doubles:** Miss S. Robson and Miss S. Jobling beat Mrs. L. M. Lacey and Mrs. D. Watson 13-15, 15-4, 15-10.
- Mixed Doubles—Class A:** C. Lilley and Miss S. Jobling beat W. Kidd and Mrs. D. Watson 14-17, 15-6, 15-4.
- Mixed Doubles—Class B:** G. Anderson and Miss D. Martin beat A. Erskine and Miss J. Elliott 15-11, 15-11.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: M. Wren and W. Kidd (owe 9) beat B. Storey and M. Elliott (owe 4) 15-10, 15-13.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss P. Brown and Miss J. Axcell (owe 7) beat Miss J. Elliott and Mrs. V. Bradley (owe 4) 15-10, 12-15, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles—Class A: G. Brown and Mrs. P. Brown (owe 3) beat S. Thomas and Miss S. Wilford (owe 3) 15-3, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles—Class B: P. Lambert and Mrs. L. Robson (plus 4) beat B. Davidson and Mrs. J. Holey (scr.) 15-14, 15-10.

A Junior Tournament

A very successful local junior tournament was held at Newcastle from 9th to 14th March. The overall standard of play was quite good when the fact that the average age was between 13 and 16 years is taken into account. All the seeded players came through in each event and the finals were very close indeed, particularly the boys' singles.

Of particular interest was the large increase in entries for the girls' events—there being nearly twice as many as last year. This is probably due to the fact that more schools in the area are playing badminton, and we are also getting better local press coverage.

The Referee was the Northumberland County Player, Mrs. L. M. Lacey, who handled the programme very well indeed, and takes a great interest in junior badminton.

The results of the finals were as follows:—

Boys' Singles: F. McIver beat D. Armstrong 5-15, 15-6, 17-16.

Girls' Singles: Miss M. Lambert beat Miss J. McCluskie 11-0, 11-6.

Boys' Doubles: P. Lambert and D. Armstrong beat M. E. Younger and R. McLean 15-10, 15-7.

Girls' Doubles: Miss M. Lambert and Miss V. McPherson beat Miss V. Wilford and Miss L. Stot-hard, 15-7, 6-15, 15-8.

Mixed Doubles: M. E. Younger and Miss V. Wilford beat P. Lambert and Miss M. Lambert 15-5, 15-12.

I.G.G.W.

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OXON AND BUCKS

A Large Restricted Entry

There was a huge entry of 145 competitors in the Oxon and Bucks Restricted Tournament at Slough on February 28th and March 1st.

The final results were as follows:—

Men's Singles: J. Bridgen beat W. Thorne 7-3 retired.

Ladies' Singles: Mrs. D. Weatherill beat Mrs. P. Reed 7-11, 11-7, 11-4.

Men's Doubles: J. Dann and A. MacFarlane beat J. Walton and D. Minton 3-15, 18-13, 18-13.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. M. Peaker and Mrs. P. Reed beat Mrs. D. Ciniglio and Mrs. P. Lord 15-4, 15-2.

Mixed Doubles: J. Dann and Mrs. M. Peaker beat A. MacFarlane and Mrs. P. Reed 15-7, 15-9.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: J. Selby and K. Mitchener (owe 4) beat M. Groom and V. Begley (scr.) 1-15, 15-4, 15-10.

Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. S. Veasey and Mrs. P. Lindsay (owe 3) beat Mrs. J. Nickless and Mrs. D. Carter (owe 6) 12-15, 15-2, 15-7.

Mixed Doubles: J. Line and Mrs. S. Brown (plus 3) beat M. Veasey and Mrs. C. Hayes (owe a hand) 15-11, 15-14.

WILTSHIRE

The Wiltshire Junior Championships

Sue Nash and Robin Crockett clearly dominated the Wiltshire Junior Championships at Swindon on March 22, both players winning three titles and reaching the finals in all events open to them. Crockett's superiority was such that only in the final of the under-18 boys' singles did an opponent reach double figures, the only time during the whole day.

The standard of the under-15 singles was more encouraging this year, with one or two quite promising 13/14 year-olds coming on the scene—products of the Swindon and District Under-14 League which had over 50 players registered.

With many matches being decided quickly, the referee was embarrassed to find himself "ahead" of schedule (an unusual situation!) . . . but this was soon remedied in the mixed doubles which produced the most closely contested matches of the tournament and one very entertaining semi-final.

Another player worthy of mention is Paul Denyer who recorded his first junior success in the boys' doubles—a deserved reward for this young player who has always been just overshadowed by his partner in this event.

Consolation events were held for first match losers in the U-15 boys' singles and U-18 doubles events.

UNDER-18 FINALS

Boys' Singles: R. Crockett beat P. Denyer 15-11, 15-5.

Girls' Singles: Miss S. Nash beat Miss M. Bracewell 11-4, 8-11, 11-3.

Boys' Doubles: R. Crockett and P. Denyer beat G. Clement and P. Dicker 15-5, 15-0.

Girls' Doubles: Misses S. Nash and M. Bracewell beat Misses J. Thornton and C. Moss 15-3, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles: R. Crockett and Miss L. Green beat P. Newman and Miss S. Nash 15-8, 15-8.

UNDER-15 FINALS

Boys' Singles: A. Pulham beat L. Fuller 15-5, 15-3.

Girls' Singles: Miss S. Nash beat Miss K. Hedge 11-7, 11-0.

A.J.W.

"Best in the West"

Wiltshire County teams enjoyed their best season on record when finishing top of their groups in Division 2 and 3 of the I.C.C. and joint top in Division 4. For the second season Wiltshire qualified to play in the Division 2 semi-final, the challenge being ably led by the Family White from Salisbury. Whilst the 2nd team, basically an under-21 side, losing only one tie to finish top of Division 3 after four seasons in this group—and following three times of successfully avoiding the challenge from Cornwall 2nd.

The young 3rd team despite losing players to the 2nd team on two occasions at the end of the season, maintained a strong challenge to try and top their group as well. This team included three under 16 girls who during the season must surely have benefited from this competitive experience.

Not many counties can boast the depth of singles players that Wiltshire possess. In 22 group ties played, on 13 occasions the teams were given a 3-0 start!! And the 2nd and 3rd team players were moved around to give others a chance to prove their singles ability.

"Moonraker"

YORKSHIRE

Miss Lindsay Wears a Triple Crown

The Yorkshire Restricted Championships were held at York on 27th and 28th February, with the handicap events on 1st March. All the titles, except men's doubles, were undefended.

Miss C. E. Lindsay was the outstanding performer, regaining the ladies' singles title that she could not defend in 1969, owing to her selection in the Uber Cup team precluding her from competing then. She also won both doubles titles, partnered by Mrs. J. Lilley and L. Ellwood respectively.

David Ball, the men's singles holder, had to scratch, unfortunately, owing to an elbow injury, and David Hutchinson, now living in London, regained the title he won in 1968. He did not drop a game in his four matches, though against L. Ellwood in the final, he was trailing 9-14. He ran up a 9-0 lead in the second game when Ellwood scored his only point.

The ladies' singles, with only four entries, was a formality for Miss Lindsay to win. It is to be hoped that more of the younger players will compete next year in order to gain the valuable experience of playing against the best ladies of the county, so that they may gain their colours in the future.

The men's doubles was won by the holders, F. Harwood, Yorkshire's Captain, and his Doncaster club mate, B. Keefe. They have now won this title seven times, and in the last two tournaments have not lost a game. Whilst congratulating them on a splendid victory, one cannot help feeling disturbed that there is a lack of power in the younger players. The final against David Hutchinson and David Hartley was a thriller, and this pair had an excellent opportunity of regaining the title which they had won in 1968, although their progress in this competition had not been spectacular, games being lost against Mullin and Stott and against Aldham and Outtersides.

Lance Ellwood won the mixed doubles with Miss Lindsay, and they justified their status as Yorkshire's no. 1 pair. Ellwood has a splendid record in this event which he has won ten times, including a run of seven successive wins with Mrs. Joyce Evans, and last year with Mrs. Brenda Parr, who has been missed very much since her emigration to New Zealand. Before reaching the final, however, the winners were on the brink of defeat against the 2nd teamers, Graham Ceeley and Miss Margot Winter. The youngsters played extremely well, and after winning the first game, were only a point away from success in the second at 14-8, when, possibly the excitement of the situation, and the greater experience of the opponents proved too much for them.

Keefe and Lilley confirmed their position as no. 2 Yorkshire couple. They lost the final very narrowly.

The handicaps on Sunday produced the usual large entry, but having the use of six courts proved of great value. The committee was very grateful for the use of The Railway Institute and to the local helpers who do so much for the needs of the competitors.

R.J.L.B.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals: L. Ellwood beat G. Ceely 15-6, 15-0.
D. J. Hutchinson beat B. Keefe 15-13, 15-7.
Final: Hutchinson beat Ellwood 17-16, 15-1.

LADIES' SINGLES

First round: Miss C. E. Lindsay beat Miss S. Stinchcombe 11-3, 11-4. Miss P. Protheroe beat Mrs. J. E. R. Liddell 11-6, 11-2.
Final: Miss Lindsay beat Miss Protheroe 11-3, 11-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals: F. Harwood and B. Keefe beat D. Hudson and W. B. Blenkarn 15-4, 15-10. D. J. Hutchinson and D. Hartley beat A. J. Mullin and B. Stott 15-10, 11-15, 15-8.
Final: Harwood and Keefe beat Hutchinson and Hartley 18-17, 17-15.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals: Miss C. E. Lindsay and Mrs. J. Lilley beat Mrs. M. K. Hare and Miss M. Winter 15-5, 15-7. Mrs. J. M. Charlton and Mrs. J. E. R. Liddell beat Miss P. Protheroe and Miss G. Taylor 15-4, 9-15, 15-6.
Final: Miss Lindsay and Mrs. Lilley beat Mrs. Charlton and Mrs. Liddell 15-7, 15-3.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals: L. Ellwood and Miss C. Lindsay beat G. Ceely and Miss M. Winter 9-15, 17-14, 15-8. B. Keefe and Mrs. J. Lilley beat D. W. M. Hartley and Mrs. J. E. R. Liddell 15-7, 15-10.
Final: Ellwood and Miss Lindsay beat Keefe and Mrs. Lilley 6-15, 15-4, 15-12.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: A. Singleton and A. N. Outtersides (owe 4) beat G. Gregson and D. C. Gookson (owe 4) 4-15, 15-0, 15-8.
Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. M. Burden and Miss C. Stinchcombe (owe 4) beat Mrs. V. Gaunt and Miss S. Fairley (plus 4) 15-11, 15-11.
Mixed Doubles: G. Spence and Mrs. M. Burden (plus 5) beat G. Gregson and Mrs. M. Lawson (plus 1) 15-6, 15-1.

The Season's County Summary

History has repeated itself this season for Yorkshire, who won all their four northern group fixtures only to lose the semi-final against West of Scotland at Larkhall, nr. Glasgow, 8-7. Six years ago, the last time they won all their group ties, they lost to the same team at Ayr, 12-3, at the identical stage of the competition.

Now that Yorkshire are out of the competition a look at the record of players' performances this season shows that Charlotte Lindsay is way ahead again, scoring 17 out of a possible 20 matches (85%) in the five ties in which she has played, easily her best ever performance. She has been the team's highest scorer for five seasons running, and this season is also her seventh during the past eight seasons.

In February the Yorkshire side, with the addition of Collin Lilley (Durham), Eric Usher (Lancashire) and Roger Westmorland (Cheshire) sailed from Hull to Rotterdam to play in the Netherlands Championships, the Yorkshire party having a match arranged against North Holland. However, several of the team found they had to qualify for the Championships, so that the match had to be cancelled. Faced with the prospect of a rough passage back to Hull, Brian Keefe had to put up with a certain amount of teasing about his fears of seasickness, to which he is very prone, but it was his companions who in the end were ruefully watching him eating heartily, while they made frequent visits to the ship's rail!

J.P.

The Somerset Championships

The Somerset Championships were held at Yeovil on February 14th. The tournament was extremely well organised and thoroughly enjoyed both by players and spectators alike.

In the final of the men's singles, R. J. Northcott of Cornwall beat Peter Seaman of Glamorgan in three games in which there were some fine long rallies, with Northcott playing mainly an attacking game, whilst Seaman displayed his usual sound defence and extremely close net shots. Unfortunately, Seaman developed cramp in his legs towards the end of the match which ruined his chances of winning. This does not, however, in any way detract from Northcott's performance as he played very well throughout the tournament.

In the final of the ladies' singles, Mrs. Dickson of Glamorgan proved too experienced for a game Miss Swadling of Cornwall, as she had, in fact, for all her previous opponents. This year she completed a hat-trick by winning this title for the third consecutive year.

In the final of the men's doubles, N. J. White of Hampshire and M. G. Wooderson of Berkshire beat Seaman and David Colmer of Glamorgan in two hard-fought games. White's anticipation, particularly at the net, and his steep smashing were outstanding and made him very difficult to play against. Wooderson also played a forceful game, mainly from the back of the court.

Former Somerset player Mrs. Addinell, now of Devon, and her partner Miss M. Govett of Cornwall won the ladies' doubles for the fourth year in succession, beating Mrs. Dickson and Miss Fisher of Glamorgan after an excellent hard fought match.

J.L.

MEN'S SINGLES

(32 players)

Third round: R. Northcott beat J. Dovey 15-9, 15-11. D. Colmer beat S. Lai 15-11, 15-7. P. Seaman beat S. Burt 15-10, 17-14. J. Lanning beat R. Moore 15-12, 15-10.

Semi-finals: Northcott beat Colmer 15-4, 15-7. Seaman beat Lanning 15-12, 15-10.

Final: Northcott beat Seaman 18-13, 10-15, 15-7.

LADIES' SINGLES

(9 players)

Semi-finals: Mrs. A. Dickson beat Miss S. Dimmer 11-3, 11-1. Mrs. B. Swadling beat Miss B. Fisher 11-7, 7-0 retired.

Final: Mrs. Dickson beat Mrs. Swadling 11-2, 11-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(23 pairs)

Third round: A. Finch and R. Northcott beat M. Stott and B. Keeling 15-4, 15-11. N. White and M. Wooderson beat K. Jones and J. Lanning 15-8, 15-3. R. Moore and M. Sertin beat J. Stubbs and P. Pennekett 16-17, 15-13, 15-6. P. Seaman and D. Colmer beat J. Brimble and J. Cormack 15-4, 15-7.

Semi-finals: White and Wooderson beat Finch and Northcott 15-13, 15-5. Seaman and Colmer beat Moore and Sertin 17-15, 15-6.

Final: White and Wooderson beat Seaman and Colmer 15-12, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES

(19 pairs)

Third round: Mrs. J. Addinell and Miss M. Govett beat Miss J. Huson and Mrs. G. Wuerzer 18-13, 15-5. Mrs. M. Haney and Mrs. N. Jones beat Miss M. Bryer and Miss M. Thomas 12-15, 15-3, 15-4. Mrs. B. Swadling and Miss A. Richards beat Mrs. E. Collins and Mrs. P. Deas 15-5, 15-8. Mrs. A. Dickson and Miss B. Fisher beat Mrs. H. Marks and Mrs. A. Smith 15-9, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

(33 pairs)

Fourth round: H. Jennings and Mrs. A. Dickson beat A. Finch and Mrs. E. Collins 14-15, 15-13, 15-9. R. Northcott and Miss J. Huson beat I. Gordon and Miss R. Gerrish 18-15, 15-12. K. Stott and Mrs. N. Jones beat J. Dawes and Miss S. Page 15-10, 12-15, 15-11. N. White and Mrs. A. Smith beat M. Wooderson and Miss H. Marks 8-15, 15-3, 18-14.

Semi-finals: Jennings and Mrs. Dickson beat Northcott and Miss Huson 15-3, 15-12. White and Mrs. Smith beat Jennings and Mrs. Dickson 15-3, 15-11.

Final: White and Mrs. Smith beat Jennings and Mrs. Dickson 15-3, 15-11.

The Cambridgeshire Open Tournament

The Cambridgeshire Open Tournament again proved a popular event. Only entries for the men's singles, held on a Friday for the first time, were down on last year and the committee had a difficult problem in cutting the entry of 47 pairs for the mixed to the 32 pairs accepted.

David Hunt played well to win the singles, playing particularly well in a three-game semi-final to beat last year's winner, Bob McCoig. In the final after being 0-6 down in the first game he did not drop another point to beat a rather out-of-touch Brian White. Another person to play well was Bill Andrew who beat Mike Tredgett and Ian Eddy, each in long three-game matches, before losing to White.

The entry of 26 for the ladies' singles was very encouraging though unfortunately the top seed, Margaret Beck, was unable to play. In her absence Gillian White came through to the final, dropping only one game to Mrs. Andrew on the way, while Alison Glenie came through her half of the draw comfortably. However in the final Miss White was always ahead and never looked in danger of losing to last year's winner.

McCoig and Andrew were the only holders successfully to defend. Throughout they played very convincingly and were always on top in the final against Hunt and White. Tredgett and Stevens played well to beat the seeded pair of Mike Parratt and David Clarke in the second round.

In the ladies' doubles Valerie Miles and Mrs. MacFarlane and Fiona Henderson and Mrs. Woodcock reached the final, the former pair winning easily in the third game.

In the mixed the seeding was completely upset and some of the later rounds produced some of the best badminton of the day in spite of the late hour. Stevens and Mrs. Andrew eventually ran out winners though not before they had had some long and entertaining encounters. Their match against Parratt and Mrs. Hodder was particularly good, this pair having disposed of McCoig and Mrs. Woodcock in the previous round in another fine match.

J.H.B.T.

The Durham Championships

The Durham Championships took on a new form this season with qualifying rounds being held on the Friday.

The Scots arrived at Billingham Forum in force and returned north of the Border with four of the five titles, only the men's doubles, which was held by Yorkshire, escaping their grasp. Mrs. Maureen Hume, paying her first visit to our Championships, emerged in triumph as triple champion.

In the men's singles top seed Adam Flockhart was out on his own with no one succeeding in reaching double figures against him. In the final he defeated another Scot, Fraser Gow. This was a disappointing final with the latter able to offer only token resistance.

Despite the very small entry the standard of play in the ladies' singles was very good. The event was completely dominated by the Scots who contested the semi-finals. Miss Mary Thompson put out the top seed, Mrs. J. Flockhart, winning on the "set" in the third game. After an exhausting doubles the singles final, which wound up play on the Saturday evening, was a simple formality with Mrs. Hume emerging victor.

Two Durham pairs came through in the top half on the men's doubles thus ensuring Durham of representation in the final. In the other half the eventual winners, Barry Blenkarn and Derek Hudson, had a tremendous fight to get there. They beat the Scots, F. Gow and J. Marshall, in three exciting games in what turned out to be the best match of the event; there was not more than three points difference in any game.

In the final Hudson and Blenkarn ran away to 10-0 before the Durham men settled down. Some steady serving from Harry Robertson aided by some good interceptions from George Milner helped them close the gap but they were too late to stop the Yorkshire pair taking the opening game. In the second game the Yorkshire men quickly regained the upper hand with Blenkarn in particular being very aggressive at the net.

The ladies' doubles final was the highlight of the weekend. Again this final was an all-Scots affair and a splendid example to the local ladies. Miss Thompson and Mrs. Hume missed their chances to take the first game but Mrs. Flockhart and Miss Helen Kelly were not able to contend with the pounding they received in the second. The first two games were put in the shade by the decider and provided plenty of excitement for the spectators. Mrs. Hume and Miss Thompson had several match-points at 14-10 and later, but only won after their opponents had also served for the match on several occasions.

Both mixed semi-finals were very exciting with both eventual losers appearing at one stage to hold fair chances of coming out on top. Bullivant and Miss Charlton actually caught up from 1-14 to 12-14 in their third game before capitulating.

The final was an anti-climax with Gow and Mrs. Hume being on top from the start and never being in danger of losing. Marshall and Miss Kelly tried hard to gain control in the second game but could never gain the upper hand long enough really to worry their opponents.

The handicaps were transferred to Owton Manor, Hartlepool, this season and proved very successful although the ladies' doubles was poorly supported.

I.K.

MEN'S SINGLES (limited to 22 players)

Third round: A. Flockhart beat N. Jamieson 15-5, 15-9. G. Connor beat J. Cocker 11-15, 15-11, 15-10. P. Bullivant beat I. Middleton 15-8, 11-15, 15-9. F. D. Gow beat H. Hewitt 15-7, 18-17.

Semi-finals: Flockhart beat Connor 15-5, 15-1. Gow beat Bullivant 12-15, 15-8, 15-6.

Final: Flockhart beat Gow 15-7, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES (9 players)

Semi-finals: Miss M. Thompson beat Mrs. J. Flockhart 4-11, 11-5, 12-9. Mrs. M. Hume beat Miss C. Cameron 11-7, 11-3.

Final: Mrs. Hume beat Miss Thompson 11-2, 11-2.

MEN'S DOUBLES (limited to 24 pairs)

Third round: H. Robertson and G. Milner beat P. Bullivant and J. Cocker 15-9, 17-16. A. O. Coates and B. Jobling beat M. C. Foster and G. Leng 15-12, 13-18, 15-3. D. Hudson and W. B. Blenkarn beat F. D. Gow and J. C. Marshall 15-13, 12-15, 15-13. M. Beck and G. A. Connor beat H. Hewitt and A. Barraclough 15-3, 15-9.

Semi-finals: Milner and Robertson beat Coates and Jobling 15-5, 15-13. Hudson and Blenkarn beat Beck and Connor 17-14, 15-5.

Final: Blenkarn and Hudson beat Milner and Robertson 15-12, 15-7.

The Isle of Wight Championships

The Isle of Wight Open Championships, held every Easter at the Isle of Wight Sports Club, Seaview, again attracted a large entry of "overseas" players.

The play was excellent and the usual relaxed and friendly atmosphere associated with this tournament was evident both on and off the court. The committee is quite willing to admit its error in restricting all events to only 16 players in the singles and 32 players in the doubles, and has promised not to be quite so drastic next year!

Miss Valerie Miles injured her leg and had to withdraw from the ladies' singles and doubles finals. She did, however, offer token resistance in the mixed final with D. Hunt, but it was not quite enough for them to win.

"Anon."

MEN'S SINGLES (16 players)

Semi-finals: R. J. Sharp beat D. W. Gloyne 15-12, 15-9. D. R. Hunt beat M. Tredgett 15-8, 15-11.

Final: Sharp beat Hunt 15-9, 15-12.

LADIES' SINGLES (16 players)

Semi-finals: Miss V. A. Miles beat Miss J. Purser 11-6, 11-4. Miss A. Morgan beat Miss J. Shiels 6-11, 11-8, 12-10.

Final: Miss Morgan beat Miss Miles 11-7, 4-11 retired.

MEN'S DOUBLES (16 pairs)

Semi-finals: D. W. Gloyne and R. Sharp beat D. R. Hunt and J. Stubbs 15-6, 15-7. M. Tredgett and W. D. Morris beat D. White and P. Pennekett 15-13, 15-10.

Final: Tredgett and Morris beat Gloyne and Sharp 17-15, 14-17, 15-8.

LADIES' DOUBLES (14 pairs)

Semi-finals: Miss P. Timbers and Miss A. Morgan beat Miss B. Linneballe and Miss I. Shiels 8-15, 15-12, 15-3. Miss V. Miles and Miss S. Johnson beat Miss P. Robinson and Miss A. Morgan 15-17, 17-16, 15-9.

Final: Miss Timbers and Miss Morgan w.o. Miss Miles and Miss Johnson ret'd.

LADIES' DOUBLES (19 pairs)

Third round: Mrs. J. Flockhart and Miss H. Kelly beat Miss M. Drake and Mrs. P. Lilley 15-9, 15-9. Mrs. D. Watson and Mrs. L. Lacey beat Miss M. Pollard and Miss K. Pollard 15-7, 15-6. Miss S. Robson and Miss S. Jobling beat Miss N. Charlton and Mrs. R. Tate 15-1, 15-8. Mrs. M. Hume and Miss M. Thompson beat Miss A. C. Gill and Miss L. Conlon 15-11, 15-2.

Semi-finals: Mrs. Flockhart and Miss Kelly beat Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Lacey 15-12, 16-17, 15-4. Mrs. Hume and Miss Thompson beat Miss Jobling and Miss Robson 15-7, 15-8.

Final: Mrs. Hume and Miss Thompson beat Mrs. Flockhart and Miss Kelly 13-15, 15-6, 17-16.

MIXED DOUBLES (33 pairs)

Third round: P. Bullivant and Miss N. Charlton beat B. Jobling and Miss K. Pollard 15-8, 15-7. F. D. Gow and Mrs. M. Hume beat A. O. Coates and Miss M. Pollard 15-5, 15-1. J. Marshall and Miss Kelly beat H. Robertson and Miss A. Gill 15-8, 15-13. I. Middleton and Miss S. Jobling beat W. Kidd and Mrs. D. Watson 15-10, 15-11.

Semi-finals: Gow and Mrs. Hume beat Bullivant and Miss Charlton 15-7, 8-15, 15-12. Marshall and Miss Kelly beat Middleton and Miss Jobling 15-8, 8-15, 15-10.

Final: Gow and Mrs. Hume beat Marshall and Miss Kelly 15-6, 15-9.

HANDICAP FINALS

Men's Doubles: D. Cookson and G. Parker (owe 1) beat K. Wintrip and P. Fawcett (owe 4) 14-15, 15-1, 15-12.

Ladies' Doubles: Miss K. Brooksbank and Miss S. Wright (owe 1) beat Mrs. Lighbody and Miss A. Thomas (owe 5) 10-15, 15-7, 15-11.

Mixed Doubles: R. Armstrong and Miss P. Rogan (owe 5) beat N. Howcroft and Miss K. Brooksbank (owe 7) 15-12, 15-12.

MIXED DOUBLES (16 pairs)

Semi-finals: D. R. Hunt and Miss V. Miles beat M. Tredgett and Miss R. Gerrish 15-12, 15-9. P. Robinson and Mrs. P. Savage beat R. Sharp and Miss A. Norrie 15-12, 15-5.

Final: Robinson and Mrs. Savage beat Hunt and Miss Miles 15-5, 15-10.

HANDICAP FINAL

Mixed Doubles: M. Pinnegar and Miss J. Wadey (owe 8) beat G. Montrose and Mrs. M. Montrose (plus 6) 15-10, 3-15, 15-12.

The Guernsey Tournament

Quite a large number of mainland players visited Guernsey for the open meeting held in mid-April. The following were the results.

MEN'S SINGLES (27 players)

Semi-finals: R. P. Stevens beat R. Flood 15-5, 17-15. R. J. Sharp beat P. Matthews 15-8, 15-3.

Final: Sharp beat Stevens 15-7, 15-2.

LADIES' SINGLES (16 players)

Semi-finals: Miss F. Druce beat Miss J. Piriou 8-11, 11-7, 11-8. Miss M. Gardner beat Mrs. P. Leadbeater 8-11, 11-7, 11-4.

Final: Miss Gardner beat Miss Druce 11-2, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES (21 pairs)

Semi-finals: R. J. Sharp and P. Matthews beat R. Flood and R. Stevens 15-4, 15-3. D. Pither and P. Smith beat J. Podger and R. Hubert 15-5, 15-7.

Final: Sharp and Matthews beat Pither and Smith 15-3, 15-2.

LADIES' DOUBLES (15 pairs)

Semi-finals: Mrs. P. Leadbeater and Miss A. Lovell beat Mrs. B. Torode and Miss F. Druce 15-10, 15-12. Miss M. Gardner and Miss A. Watson beat Mrs. M. Blampied and Miss M. Cleal 15-4, 15-3.

Final: Miss Gardner and Miss Watson beat Mrs. Leadbeater and Miss Lovell 15-12, 10-15, 18-15.

MIXED DOUBLES (34 pairs)

Semi-finals: R. P. Stevens and Miss M. Gardner beat D. Pither and Mrs. M. Enevoldsen 15-4, 15-4. R. Sharp and Mrs. C. Hancock beat R. Mead and Miss J. Piriou 6-15, 15-10, 15-4.

Final: Stevens and Miss Gardner beat Sharp and Mrs. Hancock 15-6, 15-6.

THE COACHING CORNER—Conducted by GORDON WEBB

The Schools Award Scheme

By L. WRIGHT
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The English Schools Badminton Association has just launched its new Award Scheme, and Coaching Corner this month is devoted to a short introduction of the Scheme by Len Wright, the energetic Secretary of E.S.B.A. together with a précis of details of the Scheme. If any readers have queries concerning the Scheme, please contact Mr. Wright, 5 Starthwaite, Crosthwaite, Nr. Kendal, Westmorland.

Last year the Canadian Badminton Association also introduced an Award Scheme, and if any readers are interested, full details are in my possession. The Scheme is somewhat different to the English Scheme and so details will not be published in this column in case they cause confusion.

Before listing the rules and conditions of the scheme, it might be as well to ponder first on the difficulties of working out an Award Scheme for a game like Badminton and to think seriously of what its aims should be.

In Athletics, Swimming, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Schemes (Physical Fitness Section) the testing is not difficult, it is mainly a question of working out what the standards should be for different age groups, a boy or girl against a clock, or a tape measure . . . how long to run a 100 yards, how long to swim 100 yards using a certain stroke, how high to jump, or how far to throw. There is no need to have any competition, in fact one of the main ideas behind some of the schemes is that they are non-competitive, the pupil against himself to improve his own performance. It is possible to gain a Gold Award in some schemes without having run a race in anger or taken part in any competitive event. This may or may not be a good thing, depending on how you look at it, but you can't play Badminton against a clock or against a tape measure. Many coaches use "target badminton" in their coaching schemes e.g. high serving on to a 12" square of paper, drop shots on to a small target placed a certain distance from the net, low serving between the net and a tape 3" above, smashing on to targets etc., etc. Very useful as an aid to concentrate people's minds on the need for accuracy, but no good, in my opinion, for building up a test for an Award Scheme.

Therefore, it would seem that any Badminton Award Scheme aimed at young players and intending to improve their standard of play must include some form of competitive play and encouragement to take part in competitive play at as high a standard as possible. There could be some examination of technique certainly, but as badminton techniques are just a means to an end, there should be no award for technique only.

After much thought and following considerable experience dealing with Badminton playing youngsters of school age the following scheme is now in being. All member counties have been informed and are busy setting up their examination centres. To test the scheme one batch of pupils was used as an experimental group at Overend School, Whitehaven; I tested and the Cumberland Schools Secretary, Mr. I. Graham, helped. A number of teachers and parents formed a jury and it

was the opinion of everyone that the scheme does work and should be a great help to badminton in schools.

It has been pointed out to me that one obvious snag is that because examiners will not be tied down by rules and regulations working to "thous" there will be variations in standards from county to county. This is no great problem: the schools coaching scheme divides the country into regions, with a regional coach in charge of each region, each county secretary (schools) is in charge of the coaching in his/her county and works under the regional coach. All the regional coaches are B.A. of E. County or Advanced Club qualified and many of the county secretaries have had lots of coaching experience and are qualified coaches themselves so standards should be fairly similar from county to county.

The Award Scheme

Title: English Schools Badminton Award Scheme.

Aim: The Award Scheme is aimed at every child at school who plays, or wishes to play, badminton. The essence of the Scheme is that through various tests and conditions, every child will learn and improve technique, understand the game and rules and improve his or her standard of play by appreciation of tactics, and being encouraged to take part in competitive play.

Awards: There will be four awards, or badges:—

(i) A general-purpose badge in the shape of a shuttle with the letters E.S.B.A. stamped on. This is a metal lapel badge with a pin, and will be available to any school child without any test.

(ii) Bronze Award. An "Umboprint" badge for stitching on to blazer, sweater, etc. Children taking the award must belong to a school which is a member of a county association which must be a member of E.S.B.A.

(iii) Silver Award. As above, but the tests and conditions will be more difficult.

(iv) Gold Award. As above, but the test and conditions will be difficult enough to keep down number of awards each season. This will be difficult to win.

Notes on Tests.

(i) The tests will be in three parts plus certain conditions:—

(a) Practical—the pupil being asked to play in games, demonstrate certain shots, etc.

(b) Oral—questions on rules of the game.

(c) Written questions on tactics.

(d) Conditions to ensure pupil is taking part in competitive games.

(ii) Competitors must pass in each section.

(iii) The practical tests at each standard will be the same in each county, and as far as possible, all the examiners will be approved B.A. of E. coaches.

Rules of the Award Scheme

The candidate must belong to a school which is a member of its own County Schools' Badminton Association, which must be a member of the English Schools' Badminton Association.

Candidates may take the tests at any age, and unless given special permission, in the order of Bronze, Silver, Gold.

The examiners decision is final.

Bronze Award:

(a) *Competitive Conditions.*

(i) The Candidate must have played for his/her town's School Team . . . or . . . if there is no town team, played in the school team against another school.

(ii) Taken part in a schools tournament organised by the Town, District or County.

(b) *Practical.* Each candidate must satisfy the examiner of his/her technical ability by:—

Playing a Singles Match and One Doubles Match.

Demonstrating High Serve (Singles), Low Serve (Doubles), High Clear, Fast Drop, and be able to test the speed of a shuttle correctly.

(c) *Oral Exam.* Answer questions on rules of Badminton.

(d) *Written Exam.* Answer written questions on use of shots and tactics in Singles, Men's and Ladies' Doubles, and Mixed.

Silver Award:

(a) *Competitive Conditions.* The Candidate must have played for his or her County Schools Team and taken part in at least one Open Junior Tournament.

(b) *Practical.* Each Candidate must satisfy the Examiner of his/her technical ability by:—

Playing a Singles Match, Gents/Ladies Doubles, and Mixed.

Demonstrate the Smash, Back-hand Clear, Back-hand Drop, Forehand and Back-hand Drives, play adequate attacking shots at net and any other shot required by the examiner.

(c) and (d) As for Bronze Award but a different paper.

(e) Umpire a Game.

Gold Award:

(a) *Competitive Conditions.* Candidate must have played for a representative English Schools Team, or played in North/South/Midland Game, or played in International Trial, or played for a Senior County Team.

(b) *Practical.* Candidate to play in any Doubles/Singles Match set up by Examiner. Tactical approach will be noted, but could be asked to demonstrate a variety of shots. Attitude and mental approach when under pressure examined.

(c) and (d) as for previous awards.

(e) Keeping a written record of own game and opponents game required (analysis sheet will be supplied).

G.S.W.

The All-England Qualifying Rounds

Foreign Players Add Interest—Usual Keen Competition

A considerable number of players from many overseas countries added much interest to the usual keen competition for places at Wembley when the All-England Qualifying Rounds were played off at Wimbledon on March 13th and 14th. There were entrants from Denmark, West Germany, Sweden, New Zealand and South Africa amongst others, and of course county players from most parts of England as well. Quite a large number of would-be competitors had even to be turned down because of the limits of time and courts. Those who got through the prescribed three rounds all thoroughly deserved their Wembley passports.

As further testimony to the comparative standard of men's singles play, it is to be noted that five of the eight players who contested the third round of the event were non-English.

MEN'S SINGLES (32 players)

First round: M. Y. Nurmohamed beat P. R. Hedge 12-15, 15-10, 15-10. T. Kihlström (Sweden) beat T. A. Goode 10-15, 15-6, 15-4. G. L. Griffin beat I. Caldwell 15-9, 15-11. D. Reeks (New Zealand) w.o., C. I. Eddy retired.

J. A. Gardner beat J. S. Tate 15-10, 15-7. B. Clark (South Africa) beat K. P. Arthur 15-10, 4-15, 15-9. W. C. E. Rogers beat P. A. Seaford 15-12, 17-16. C. V. Pushong beat R. H. Pullar 15-4, 15-6.

K. Hawthorne beat J. C. Stretch 9-15, 15-12, 15-6. D. R. Langslow beat W. A. Thorne 15-11, 12-15, 15-11. R. C. M. Dunn (New Zealand) beat G. Kawalko 18-15, 2-15, 15-12. D. R. M. Pither beat G. F. B. Hamilton 15-6, 15-5.

E. Allen (South Africa) beat P. P. R. Matthews 15-9, 15-9. E. H. Sutton beat M. S. D' Cunha 15-9, 15-7. H. J. Fischer (West Germany) beat P. J. Smith 15-8, 15-10. R. T. Northcott beat T. J. Bowler 15-6, 15-2.

Second round: Kihlström beat Nurmohamed 15-2, 15-8. Reeks beat Griffin 15-12, 15-12. Clark beat Gardner 10-15, 15-10, 15-12. Rogers beat Pushong 17-15, 15-9.

Langslow beat Hawthorne 13-15, 15-7, 15-6. Dunn beat Pither 15-11, 15-3. Sutton beat Allen 9-15, 15-9, 15-11. Fischer beat Northcott 14-17, 15-12, 15-12.

Third round: Kihlström beat Reeks 18-16, 15-1. Clark beat Rogers 15-12, 15-6. Langslow beat Dunn 5-15, 15-0, 15-8. Fischer beat Sutton 15-8, 15-7.

LADIES' SINGLES (23 players)

First round: Miss B. Linneballe (Denmark) beat Miss M. Eyles 4-11, 11-8, 11-1. Miss F. J. Henderson beat Miss R. G. Fairchild 11-0, 11-0. Miss J. B. T. Shiels beat Miss H. Marks 11-8, 7-11, 11-5. Miss B. Potthoff (West Germany) beat Miss M. Gardner 11-8, 11-0.

Miss A. Morgan beat Mrs. S. L. Gilks 11-3, 11-4. Miss P. M. Andrew beat Miss J. M. Wadey 11-3, 11-0. Miss V. A. Miles beat Miss J. M. Purser (New Zealand) 11-2, 11-2. Miss B. Giles beat Mrs. K. Schäfers (West Germany) 11-4, 12-10.

Miss P. Smiles beat Mrs. P. Dawson (New Zealand) 12-9, 11-4. Miss R. M. Hughes beat Miss A. Watson 11-0, 11-4. Mrs. B. P. Andrews beat Mrs. K. L. Dunn (New Zealand) 11-5, 11-4.

Second round: Miss Linneballe beat Miss Henderson 11-6, 12-9. Miss Potthoff beat Miss Shiels 11-5, 11-4.

Miss Morgan beat Miss Andrew 12-10, 11-2. Miss Miles beat Miss Giles 4-11, 12-11, 11-8.

Miss Smiles beat Miss Hughes 11-3, 11-4. Mrs. Andrew beat Miss J. H. Miles 11-5, 11-3.

Third round: Miss Potthoff beat Miss Linneballe 11-5, 11-4. Miss Miles beat Miss Morgan 11-4, 11-2. Miss Smiles beat Mrs. Andrew 12-11, 11-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES (32 pairs)

First round: T. J. Bowler and C. J. Goodman beat J. D. Cox and A. G. Underwood 15-4, 18-16. A. Buckle and R. Knowles beat D. G. Saffin and M. S. Wooderson 15-10, 10-15, 15-8. W. E. Andrew and R. G. Reed beat H. J. Fischer and H. Wossowski (West Germany) 15-12, 18-14. A. E. Bedford and R. F. Morsman beat K. P. Arthur and I. Caldwell 15-12, 15-6.

D. Clarke and M. H. Parratt beat S. Kenny and R. H. Pullar 15-4, 15-11. A. C. Finch and R. T. Northcott beat P. P. R. Matthews and B. A. Street 15-8, 15-11. J. L. Dann and A. F. MacFarlane beat J. A. Gardner and M. G. Thompson 15-5, 15-12. D. L. Cheese and K. C. Parker beat R. C. M. Dunn (New Zealand) and D. W. Ritchie 15-8, 15-9.

D. Catterall and M. S. D' Cunha beat R. P. Harris and W. A. Thorne 15-8, 18-15. D. R. Langslow and J. G. Pearson beat A. R. Lucas and N. J. White 15-9, 17-15. C. I. Eddy and J. D. McColl beat D. E. Hounslow and D. R. M. Pither 17-18, 15-3, 15-5. K. Hawthorne and E. H. Sutton beat R. F. Gibbins and J. S. Tate 17-14, 15-11.

G. A. Mannall and R. J. Southwell beat T. Stewart and B. Collins 15-5, 15-9. W. F. Havers and P. J. Smith beat M. F. Coley and C. V. Pushong 17-16, 15-2. S. Donald and G. A. Georgiou beat D. W. J. Gloyne (New Zealand) and W. D. Morris 18-17, 3-15, 15-9. R. Rogers and P. A. Seaford beat P. R. Hedge and G. Kawalko 15-8, 15-1.

Second round: Bowler and Goodman beat Buckle and Knowles 15-7, 15-4. Andrew and Reed beat Bedford and Morsman 15-11, 15-10.

Clarke and Parratt beat Finch and Northcott 16-18, 15-12, 15-11. Cheese and Parker beat Dann and MacFarlane 15-10, 15-9.

Langslow and Pearson beat Catterall and D' Cunha 15-10, 2-15, 15-12. Hawthorne and Sutton beat Eddy and McColl 15-10, 15-10.

Havers and Smith beat Mannall and Southwell 15-5, 15-18, 15-3. Rogers and Seaford beat Donald and Georgiou 7-15, 15-3, 15-7.

Third round: Andrew and Reed beat Bowler and Goodman 15-11, 15-5. Clarke and Parratt beat Cheese and Parker 15-7, 15-11. Langslow and Pearson beat Hawthorne and Sutton 15-11, 4-15, 17-15. Havers and Smith beat Rogers and Seaford 15-7, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES (22 pairs)

First round: Miss H. Marks and Mrs. A. Smith beat Mrs. P. Dawson (New Zealand) and Miss M. Eyles 15-2, 15-3. Miss A. Richards and Mrs. E. Swadling beat Mrs. M. E. Arthur and Miss R. G. Fairchild 15-3, 15-4. Miss M. Gardner and Miss A. Watson beat Mrs. M. P. Pinnegar and Mrs. V. Smith 16-18, 15-12, 17-15. Mrs. S. A. Street and Mrs. E. Swain beat Mrs. J. Dulieu and Mrs. J. Wing 10-15, 17-14, 15-9.

Mrs. E. E. Fraser and Mrs. A. Ker beat Miss G. H. Bone and Mrs. D. V. Duffell 15-4, 15-2. Mrs. H. J. Morsman and Mrs. S. McCoig beat Mrs. E. A. Collins and Miss J. Huson 15-10, 15-6. Mrs. S. L. Gilks and Miss J. Smith beat Miss R. M. Hughes and Miss P. Smiles 15-9, 15-11.

Miss P. M. Andrew and Miss F. J. Henderson beat Mrs. C. J. Beacom and Miss A. Norrie 15-3, 15-9. Mrs. K. L. Dunn and Miss J. M. Purser (New Zealand) beat Miss J. A. Edden and Miss J. M. Wadey 15-3, 15-5. Miss P. Duncombe and Miss P. Young beat Mrs. J. Addinell and Mrs. M. J. Hanney 15-8, 12-15, 15-10.

Second round: Miss Marks and Mrs. Smith beat Miss Richards and Mrs. Swadling 15-2, 17-14. Mrs. Street and Mrs. Swain beat Miss Gardner and Miss Watson 18-13, 15-12.

Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Ker beat Mrs. Morsman and Mrs. McCoig 15-3, 15-6. Mrs. B. P. Andrew and Miss G. M. White beat Mrs. Gilks and Miss Smith 18-15, 15-10.

Miss Andrew and Miss Henderson beat Mrs. Dunn and Miss Purser 15-8, 15-2. Mrs. D. Cinioglio and Mrs. P. M. Lord beat Miss Duncombe and Miss Young 8-15, 15-7, 15-2.

Third round: Miss Marks and Mrs. Smith beat Mrs. Street and Mrs. Swain 15-5, 15-6. Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Ker beat Mrs. Andrew and Miss White 3-15, 15-6, 15-9. Miss Andrew and Miss Henderson beat Mrs. Cinioglio and Mrs. Lord 15-6, 15-6.

MIXED DOUBLES (48 pairs)

First round: C. V. Pushong and Miss F. J. Henderson beat R. C. M. Dunn and Mrs. Dunn (New Zealand) 11-15, 15-2, 15-11. A. R. Lucas and Miss H. Marks beat A. F. MacFarlane and Mrs. P. A. Reed 15-10, 15-12. R. Knowles and Mrs. Knowles beat E. Allen (South Africa) and Miss A. Norrie 15-7, 15-7. T. Kihlström (Sweden) and Miss A. Richards beat B. Ash and Miss J. M. Wadey 15-5, 15-11.

A. J. Brightman and Miss S. Lewis beat R. J. Southwell and Mrs. B. Swadling 5-15, 15-12, 15-12. C. T. Coates and Mrs. V. Smith beat B. A. Street and Mrs. E. Swain 15-6, 15-5. R. H. Pullar and Miss B. Lincoln beat G. F. B. Hamilton and Miss P. Duncombe 15-5, 15-13. G. L. Griffin and Mrs. M. E. Arthur beat W. Rickard and Mrs. A. Stubbs 15-1, 15-5.

G. A. Mannall and Miss P. M. Andrew beat A. Buckle and Miss L. Wadsworth 12-6, retired. W. D. Morris and Miss B. Linneballe (Denmark) beat G. A. Georgiou and Miss R. G. Fairchild 15-10, 18-17. G. Billingshurst and Miss J. B. T. Shiels beat D. Clarke and Miss J. Carter 15-10, 4-15, 15-12. M. H. Parratt and Miss J. Brennan beat C. I. Eddy and Miss J. Smith 15-10, 15-6.

R. G. Reed and Mrs. A. Smith beat M. Y. Nurmohamed and Miss A. Morgan 15-6, 11-15, 17-14. R. T. Northcott and Miss J. Huson beat D. T. Hume and Mrs. S. McCoig 15-6, 15-1. A. C. Finch and Mrs. E. A. Collins beat R. F. Morsman and Mrs. Morsman 15-7, 15-6. D. L. Cheese and Mrs. J. Dulieu beat E. H. Sutton and Miss P. Young 15-0, 15-5.

R. J. Robinson and Miss A. Watson w.o., T. J. Bowler and Miss S. Ringshall retired. M. G. Thompson and Miss P. Smiles beat K. M. Andrews and Miss J. H. Miles 15-9, 15-7. M. S. Wooderson and Miss V. Woods beat C. J. Goodman and Miss P. F. Chitty 15-10, 18-17. D. W. Ritchie and Miss J. M. Purser (New Zealand) beat G. Sharp and Mrs. L. Ruffell 15-11, 15-0.

C. J. Beacom and Mrs. Beacom beat I. M. Gerrie and Mrs. J. Wing 15-7, 9-15, 15-1. G. Kawalko and Mrs. E. E. Fraser beat J. A. Gardner and Miss M. Gardner 12-15, 15-9, 15-4. D. R. Langslow and Mrs. A. Ker beat K. Hawthorne and Mrs. S. L. Gilks 15-2, 15-3. H. Wossowski and Mrs. K. Schäfers (West Germany) beat A. G. Underwood and Miss M. Eyles 15-8, 15-10.

Second round: Lucas and Miss Marks beat Pushong and Miss Henderson 15-11, 15-9. Kihlström and Miss Richards beat Knowles and Mrs. Knowles 15-12, 15-1.

Brightman and Miss Lewis beat Coates and Mrs. Smith 15-11, 15-10. Griffin and Mrs. Arthur beat Pullar and Miss Lincoln 17-14, 18-16.

Mannall and Miss Andrew beat Morris and Miss Linneballe 15-5, 15-5. Parratt and Miss Brennan beat Billingshurst and Miss Shiels 15-11, 15-3.

Northcott and Miss Huson beat Reed and Mrs. Smith 15-6, 14-17, 15-12. Cheese and Mrs. Dulieu beat Finch and Mrs. Collins 15-11, 9-15, 15-4.

Thompson and Miss Smiles beat Robinson and Miss Watson 15-6, 11-15, 15-12. Wooderson and Miss Woods beat Ritchie and Miss Purser 15-5, 15-10.

Beacom and Mrs. Beacom beat Kawalko and Mrs. Fraser 5-15, 15-11, 15-10. Langslow and Mrs. Ker beat Wossowski and Mrs. Schäfers 7-15, 15-9, 15-10.

Third round: Kihlström and Miss Richards beat Lucas and Miss Marks 17-16, 17-15. Brightman and Miss Lewis beat Griffin and Mrs. Arthur 13-15, 15-8, 15-11. Parratt and Miss Brennan beat Mannall and Miss Andrew 17-15, 15-5. Cheese and Mrs. Dulieu beat Northcott and Miss Huson 15-6, 6-15, 15-4. Thompson and Miss Smiles beat Wooderson and Miss Woods 18-13, 15-11. Langslow and Mrs. Ker beat Beacom and Mrs. Beacom 15-2, 15-13.

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SCHOOLS' BADMINTON

Schools Counties Tourney

After a hard and gruelling three days' play consisting of the annual counties' tournament and individual tournaments, Lancashire, with good all-round team spirit, became worthy champions. Nottingham, led by a much improved first boys' pair were second, with Essex, winners for the past two seasons, a weary third. The event was held at Workington, and the hard work involved in organising the running of the play and the accommodation was in the hands of the home county to whom the English Schools Association is very grateful.

All players will now realise that fitness for an event of this size and standard cannot be got by play alone. John Stretch, Essex, was again the outstanding singles player but with his school international partner John Woodgate they were victims of the much improved Notts. pair Tony Wing and Tony Knight and Warwicks first pair, R. Wallace and L. Stevens, the latter pair being the most improved pair of the season. Nora Gardner, Essex, was the outstanding girl but 14-year-old Kath Redhead, Lancs., will be a major force over the next two seasons.

Promising players U-16 next season: I. Loten, A. Fish, Notts.; R. Wallace, Warwicks.; K. Redhead, H. Scott, Lancs.; P. Kidger, Yorks.

J.M.

Schools County match

Cheshire U-19 10; Yorkshire U-16 2
Cheshire U-16 6; Yorkshire U-16 6

In a triangular fixture at Partington on March 14th, Yorkshire schools made little impression on Cheshire's U-19 team but forced a draw in the U-16 event. Two of the visitors' leading boys, C. Wood and P. Kidger, Sheffield, went down with injury and illness and were replaced by M. James, Bradford and I. Sellars, Sheffield. The two Yorkshire wins in the U-19 event were by Linda Turner and Hilary Burnett, both Bradford, against 1st pair D. Willmott and M. Powell (West Cheshire Col.) and 2nd pair L. Broadley and J. Macklin (Wallasey).

The under-16 event, being much more even, turned out some very close battles. Cheshire won all the singles events (4), one girls' doubles and one mixed. Of the 24 rubbers played only 2 went to three sets, 2nd boys' and 2nd girls' doubles.

J.M.

Carlisle Schools

The first Carlisle Schools Championships took place on Sunday, March 1st and turned out to be a tremendous success both in the size of the entry and in the quality of the play.

The outstanding players of the under-15 events were Nigel Birkett and Jane Darke who each collected three titles.

Jane Darke also caused a surprise in the open age events when she eliminated top seeded Mary Honeyman in the singles and went on to reach the final of this

event against girls several years her senior.

In the boys' singles the favourite Peter Reffell took the title but it turned out to be his only success of the day.

In the under-13 events Neil Irvine had a successful day collecting three trophies.
T.E.M.

The Carlisle Schools Championships

The winners in the Carlisle Schools Tournament held on March 1st were as follows:—

Open events: P. Reffell; L. Cass; P. Etheridge and J. Cruddace; K. Cowan and M. Honeyman; P. Etheridge and L. Cass.

Under 15: N. Birkett; J. Darke; N. Birkett and P. Jack; J. Darke and A. McManus; N. Birkett and J. Darke.

Under 13: N. Irvine; A. McManus; N. Irvine and A. Felc; J. Clapperton and A. McManus; N. Irvine and L. Bowe.

The Surrey Schools

The Surrey Schools B.A. held its singles tournament at Epsom on February 14th. In the boys' final P. Gardner beat W. Griffith, 21-17, and in the girls' Miss R. Hughes beat Miss P. Smiles, 4-11, 11-9, 11-6. 45 boys and 52 girls took part.

In representative fixtures the Surrey Schools under 16 team beat their counterparts from Sussex, 11-4, and Kent 8-7.

NEXT SEASON'S TOURNAMENT DATES

A list of the 1970-71 open tournaments may be obtained in July from the Secretary, Badminton Association of England, 81 A High Street, Bromley, Kent, upon receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

**The Badminton Umpires' Association
of England**

Hon. Secretary: F. E. Hinchcliff, 1 Nelson Road, New Malden, Surrey

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be on Friday, July 3rd, 1970. Venue and time will be announced later.

All items for the agenda, including nominations for office and the committee must be sent in writing to the Hon. Secretary to reach him before June 5th, 1970.

F. E. Hinchcliff,
Hon. Secretary.

Coaching Notes

Coaching Secretary: Mrs. O. R. Johnson, 3 Sunnyside Road, Ealing, London, W.5.

Wiltshire Memorial Scholarship

The Coaching Committee has this year awarded the above Scholarship to Miss Barbara Giles of Essex. She has accepted the invitation to attend a residential course for young players at Lilleshall National Recreation Centre from 8th to 15th August, the fee being paid from funds made available to the B.A. of E. under the terms of the will of Mr. W. Wiltshire of Surrey, a former Vice-President of the B.A. of England.

She has been given this opportunity as a result of her fine play this season, in particular in the ladies' doubles and mixed at the All-England Junior Championships.

The two previous holders of the Scholarship are Clive Kirk of Nottingham and W. Kidd of Northumberland.

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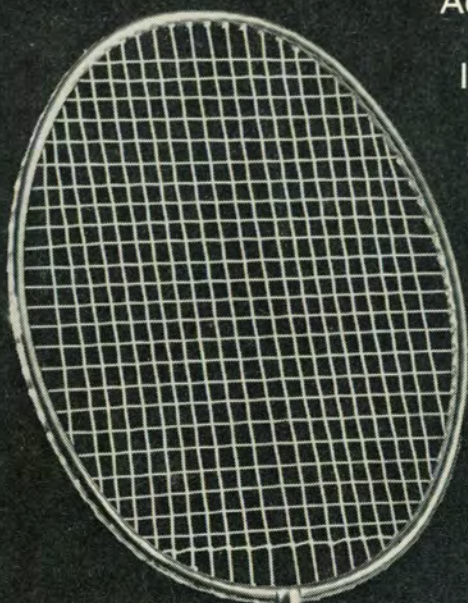
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