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EDITORIAL COMMENT

BADMINTON'S BLACK FRIDAY

The Badminton world, and the International Badminton Federation in particular, suffered a very severe setback in reputation on Friday May 6th when at the Annual General Meeting of the world governing body of the game the President of the Federation declared that the Taiwan Badminton Association was no longer a member because it had not re-applied for membership. He made this declaration despite the clarity of the Federation's Rules and despite several remonstrances from others in the hall.

It was indeed a "Black Friday" in the administration of the game, the first blemish in the 43 years' life of the I.B.F.

The declaration and all that had led up to it was, of course, politically inspired, but that is how sports administration is being gently led by reason of the continual and growing financial help which is being poured into sport. Governments of quite a large number of nations are demanding active support for their political policies from their national sports bodies, some of which they have themselves set up. Thus, there are many national sports bodies in many sports apart from Badminton which are not permitted free votes on matters which should be the concern of the general welfare of the game only.

We had hoped to publish in this issue an explanation from Mr. Stellan Mohlin, the President of the I.B.F., of the reason for his action, but he has preferred not to go into print on the subject owing to possible legal difficulties.

There is no justification for dismissing any organisation from membership unless the rules for any such expulsion are properly obeyed. In this case they were not so obeyed, for the required 75% of the votes for dismissal have never been forthcoming.

The political inspirations for the termination of Taiwan's membership are derived from the attitude of the Government of the People's Republic of China which will not permit its national Badminton organisation to affiliate as long as the I.B.F. recognises Taiwan as a separately eligible member. China claims of course that Taiwan is merely one of its own provinces, and to support that allegation she has exerted, and continues to exert, political pressure in many other lands to bring about the expulsion of the Taiwan B.A.

The project is further amplified by the very high standard of play shown by Chinese players, and this has caused a number of other national organisations to support Chinese demands so that China can take its place in the international arena, a desire greatly held by everybody — though not universally if it must mean the non-participation of the players of another country.

The action of the Chinese government is also responsible for preventing all Chinese players from taking part internationally in their chosen sport, a matter much to be deplored everywhere.

It could never have been surprising that the Taiwan B.A. took legal action for wrongful dismissal, and nor can it have been surprising that its claim has been fully upheld, as is reported elsewhere.

Those opposed to Taiwan are largely, though not entirely, Asian organisations, and from the latter, acting through the Standing Committee of the Asian Badminton Confederation, one hears rumours of possible "breakaway" action and the formation of a rival world governing body — certainly an undesirable state of affairs but not one which should cause serious alarm. Such a body could hardly expect recognition from outside the Badminton world.

Badminton's First World Championships

Danish Players Win Three Titles at Historic Malmö Tournament

The results of the first World Badminton Championships were inserted in our last issue, but are repeated here so as to present a complete record. They were held at Malmö, Sweden, from May 3rd to 8th inclusive.

As recorded, the first champions were:—

- Men's Singles—F. Delfs (Denmark)
- Ladies' Singles—Miss L. Köppen (Denmark)
- Men's Doubles—Tjun Tjun and J. Wahjudi (Indonesia)
- Ladies' Doubles—Mrs. E. Toganoo and Miss E. Ueno (Japan)
- Mixed Doubles—S. Skovgaard and Miss L. Köppen (Denmark)

All were, on the week's play, fully deserving of the titles gained, and in only in one of the five events were the winners not top-seeded. This was in the mixed doubles, the final of which provided a big surprise.

Play occurred at the very huge Malmö Ice Stadium which was an enormous complex round which it was not always easy to find one's way, and though six days were allotted to the tournament, play could easily have been got through in four. There were many occasions during the middle of the week when all four courts were empty for lengthy periods, this being due to a whole hour having been allowed for matches after the second day.

National Entry Disappointing

Generally speaking, spectator attendance was good, notably of course when the semi-finals and finals took place, but it must be conceded that the participation of only 26 nations was rather disappointing. Twelve of these were from Europe, but all were from the west. There were five Asian countries only, four from the American continent and one from the African. Australia and New Zealand each were represented, and the other two nations were associate members of the I.B.F. (the Slovenian B.A. and the Ashdod B.C. of Israel). In view of the title of the tournament one did expect more countries to be in the lists, though it must be stressed that the strength of the individual participants could not have been bettered if one thinks in terms of the individual players.

Entries were restricted to four from each country in each event, except for four pairs in the mixed doubles, and allowing for this stipulation, it was disappointing that there were only seven countries (Canada, Denmark, England, West Germany, Indonesia, Japan and Sweden) which sent full teams. India and Mexico had a full team of men but no ladies at all.

The total entries were 63 in the men's singles, 38 in the ladies' singles, 29 men's pairs, 21 ladies' pairs and 33 mixed pairs. It was not necessary to stage qualifying rounds in any of the events, these having been planned, if necessary, for the preceding week-end.

Flemming Delfs' Shaky Start

After his All-England triumph the success of Flemming Delfs in the men's singles was always foreseeable, but he had more troubles than at Wembley, notably in the early rounds where he dropped games to both Ray Stevens of England and Kenji Zeniya of Japan. These were in his first two matches, and he was really very fortunate to reach the third round after drawing the only bye.

Against Stevens he dropped the first game to 11, then equalised to 10 when he disappeared for the permitted five-minute interval. At the appropriate time he was not back on court, Stevens having remained there. When Delfs did arrive, after a computed 8½ minutes, he was told he was scratched for overstepping the mark. In fairness to him, it must be mentioned that he was probably unaware of his indiscretion, for the changing rooms were, as it happened, a long way from the arena of the courts and beyond the sound of any microphone. Stevens, in a most sporting and commendable attitude, declined to accept the default, and after discussion the match was allowed to resume when Delfs got home at 15-6. Delfs' next match was even closer, for Zeniya, with a game in hand, reached 14-all, and then went down only at 15-12 in the third.

Thereafter Delfs lost no further game, though the Indonesian, Ie Sumirat, had a game point in their second game.

All-England Champion Beaten

There were four ladies, all rated with a good chance of winning the singles. Miss Hiroe Yuki, the Japanese, had won at Wembley, but here she was defeated remarkably comfortably by England's Mrs. Gilks who thus avenged her All-England defeat with, it may be added, something to spare. Miss Köppen overwhelmed England's Mrs. Lockwood against whom she had had much more trouble at Wembley. The only game that the Dane lost on her way to the final was against the Japanese, Miss Saori Kondo, but she was rather too good for her in the last two.

As has happened in so many tournaments all over the world in the past few years, two Indonesian pairs reached the men's final. Neither dropped a game on the way, though double figures were often scored against them.

There was a big surprise in the ladies' doubles when the top-seeded English pair of Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Lockwood went under to Holland's Miss van Beusekom and Mrs. Ridder, to whom, we believe, they had

never lost before. England was rather favoured in this event but as it turned out her two pairs had a disappointing tournament, the Misses Giles and Webster, seeded to reach the semi-final, going out in their first match (18-13, 3-15, 15-2!) to the young Danes, the Misses Borgström and Pia Nielsen, who later took a game off the eventual champions.

Three seeded pairs failed to reach the last eight in the mixed doubles where the big surprises were the defeats of Eddie Sutton and Miss Webster (England) at the hands of Canada's Lucio Fabris and Miss Clarkson (15-4, 15-8) and the victory of Billy Gilliland and Mrs. Flockhart (Scotland) over the Ridders of Holland after three games. The Scots consolidated their reputation by then beating David Eddy and Miss Giles of England who had been seeded to reach the semi-final.

The Final Day

H.M. the King of Sweden was present throughout the whole of the final day which began with his presenting to Mr. H. A. E. Scheele, the recently retired honorary secretary of the I.B.F., a most handsome and large silver shuttle surmounted on a silver court, from the I.B.F. "in recognition of a lifetime of service to the international game" as it was inscribed.

The ladies' singles was the first of the final matches. Miss Köppen achieved her success after a really close battle of 37 minutes. She took the first after 14 minutes when Mrs. Gilks made three fatal mistakes after the game had been set at 9-all. Mrs. Gilks continued to misjudge the lines in the second, but after being 6-10 down she played up remarkably well to set at 10-all in only one hand. After holding one game-point, Mrs. Gilks lost the service and Miss Köppen went straight out.

Photographers rushed all over the place, and even the King and the players had the utmost difficulty in reaching the "Olympic" dais where the presentations were to be made. It can be said, without fear of denial, that the dozens and dozens of photographers breached all normal manners throughout all the presentations, and to such an extent that spectators were quite unable to witness any of the winning ceremonies.

Delfs' Comfortable Victory

Delfs was always on top in the men's final, as was expected, though there were periods in the second game when Pri looked as though he might salvage something. The two-game match was over in 28 minutes after a very friendly encounter in which the older man appeared reconciled to the eventual result right through. After all, he had done extremely well to reach the final, an achievement which he might not have accomplished but for the most unexpected earlier defeat of the vaunted Indonesian, Liem Swie King, at the hands

of Sweden's Thomas Kihlström. The latter does not nowadays often play singles in big events, but he certainly demonstrated his skill in this tournament, though he capitulated to Pri in the semi-final rather quickly, no doubt being much more interested then in his subsequent doubles semi-final.

The two doubles finals saw two-game wins for the favoured pairs, and there never seemed much doubt about their outcome, but the mixed final was quite sensational and rather full of incident.

The Exciting Mixed Final

Derek Talbot and Mrs. Gilks were strong favourites to beat Steen Skovgaard and Miss Köppen, and they should have confirmed the estimate. Mrs. Gilks was, however, but a shadow of herself as the accredited finest mixed player of her generation. She had perhaps not got over her singles disappointment, and she certainly never gave her partner the support which he needed. Far too often was she positioning herself at the back of the court with the result that practically never was her deservedly reputed skill at the net to be seen. Talbot, on the other hand, played extremely well at critical times. Both Danes played both brilliantly and erratically in spasms, but their back and front formation gave them their great advantage.

Denmark was soon 9-2 up, but the English pair caught up as far as 12-13, and they hung on grimly to save five match-points at 14-12 against them. On the sixth occasion Talbot strongly disputed a line decision against him (a decision which appeared to be correct). The referee intervened, upheld the decision, but removed the lineman!

The second game was very even, and eventually Talbot and Mrs. Gilks reached 13-12, but with Mrs. Gilks showing a continued lack of confidence and much uncertainty the Danes equalised and ran to 4-love in the setting in one hand. Talbot then endeavoured to take charge. By serving from the side-lines he created great worries on the Danish side of the net and quickly ran to 4-all. Five times did the Danes get the service; five times did they fail to clinch the match. A sixth opportunity saw them reach harbour. Skovgaard appeared to know that Talbot was really his master, and he had tried to do too much in consequence. His relief at finally overcoming his opposition was intense.

MEN'S SINGLES

Third Round — T. Kihlström (Sweden) beat Liem Swie King (Indonesia), 15-11, 9-15, 15-12. E. Hansen (Denmark) beat R. Ridder (Netherlands), 15-3, 15-9. S. Pri (Denmark) beat S. Karlsson (Sweden), 15-7, 15-7. Hadiyanto (Indonesia) beat M. Tsuchida (Japan), 15-4, 15-7. P. Prakash (India) beat Roy Diaz Gonzalez (Mexico), 15-5, 14-18, 15-6. Ie Sumirat (Indonesia) beat M. G. Tredgett (England), 15-9, 15-1. S. Johnsson (Sweden) beat G. Carter (Canada), 15-3, 15-9. F. Delfs (Denmark) beat K. Zeniya (Japan), 7-15, 17-15, 15-12.

Fourth Round — Kihlström beat Hansen, 15-5, 15-1. Pri beat Hadiyanto, 15-2, 15-10. Sumirat beat Prakash, 15-6, 10-15, 15-11. Delfs beat Johnsson, 15-6, 15-4.

Semi-finals — Pri beat Kihlström, 15-6, 15-6. Delfs beat Sumirat, 15-1, 18-17.

Final — Delfs beat Pri, 15-5, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES

Third Round — Miss H. Yuki (Japan) beat Mrs. B. Steden (W. Germany), 7-11, 11-2, 11-3. Miss W. Clarkson (Canada) beat Miss I. Borgström (Denmark), 8-11, 11-5, 12-9. Mrs. G. Gilks (England) beat Mrs. V. Winter-Martini (W. Germany), 11-4, 11-6. Miss E. Ueno (Japan) beat Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands), 11-7, 11-8. Miss A. Tokuda (Japan) beat Miss Sriwijanti (Indonesia), 11-1, 11-2. Mrs. M. Lockwood (England) beat Mrs. J. Youngberg (Canada), 11-4, 11-5. Miss S. Kondo (Japan) beat Miss C. Jeppson (Sweden), 11-1, 11-3. Miss L. Köppen (Denmark) beat Miss J. Webster (England), 11-5, 11-5.

Fourth Round — Miss Yuki beat Miss Clarkson, 11-5, 12-9. Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Ueno, 11-2, 11-7. Mrs. Lockwood beat Miss Tokuda, 11-6, 11-1. Miss Köppen beat Miss Kondo, 10-12, 11-5, 11-3.

Semi-finals — Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Yuki, 11-4, 11-7. Miss Köppen beat Mrs. Lockwood, 11-3, 11-0.

Final — Miss Köppen beat Mrs. Gilks, 12-9, 12-11.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Third Round — Ade Chandra & Christian (Indonesia) beat K. Zeniya & M. Tsuchida (Japan), 15-4, 15-11. R. P. Stevens & M. G. Tredgett (England) beat F. Delfs & S. Skovgaard (Denmark), 15-10, 15-6. B. Fröman & T. Kihlström (Sweden) beat P. Tryon & I. Johnson (Canada), 15-2, 15-8. Tjun Tjun & J. Wahjudi (Indonesia) beat J. D. Eddy & E. H. Sutton (England), 15-14, 15-5.

Semi-finals — Chandra & Christian beat Stevens & Tredgett, 15-4, 15-10. Tjun Tjun & Wahjudi beat Fröman & Kihlström, 15-7, 15-11.

Final — Tjun Tjun & Wahjudi beat Chandra & Christian, 15-6, 15-4.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Third Round — Mrs. M. Lockwood & Mrs. N. Perry (England) beat Miss A. Tokuda & Miss M. Takada (Japan), 15-9, 15-7. Miss J. van Beusekom & Mrs. M. Ridder (Netherlands) beat Miss T. Widiastuty & Miss R. Masli (Indonesia), 17-14, 18-15. Miss I. Borgström & Miss P. Nielsen (Denmark) beat Mrs. J. Flockhart & Mrs. C. Stewart (Scotland), 15-5, 15-4. Mrs. E. Toganoo & Miss E. Ueno (Japan) beat Miss Sriwijanti & Miss Imelda (Indonesia), 15-7, 15-8.

Semi-finals — Miss van Beusekom & Mrs. Ridder beat Mrs. Lockwood & Mrs. Perry, 4-15, 15-6, 15-8. Mrs. Toganoo & Miss Ueno beat Miss Borgström & Miss Nielsen, 15-8, 15-17, 15-8.

Final — Mrs. Toganoo & Miss Ueno beat Miss van Beusekom & Mrs. Ridder, 15-10, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

Fourth Round — M. G. Tredgett & Mrs. N. Perry (England) beat E. Hansen (Denmark) & Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands), 15-7, 15-9. S. Skovgaard & Miss L. Köppen (Denmark) beat L. Fabris & Miss W. Clarkson (Canada), 15-8, 15-6. W. Gilliland & Mrs. J. Flockhart (Scotland) beat J. D. Eddy & Miss B. Giles (England), 15-12, 6-15, 15-8. D. Talbot & Mrs. G. Gilks (England) beat R. Maywald & Mrs. B. Steden (W. Germany), 18-14, 15-9.

Semi-finals — Skovgaard & Miss Köppen beat Tredgett & Mrs. Perry, 17-15, 15-10. Talbot & Mrs. Gilks beat Gilliland & Mrs. Flockhart, 18-17, 15-6.

Final — Skovgaard & Miss Köppen beat Talbot & Mrs. Gilks, 15-12, 18-17.

Musings from Malmö

Numerous functions additional to the actual playing of the World Championships took place during Malmö's great Badminton week, and they all helped to make for a very great gathering of Badminton "aficionados".

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First and foremost was, of course, the Annual General Meeting of the I.B.F. about which a report is published elsewhere. Another very international gathering was the week-long Coaching Conference convened by the Swedish Badminton Association. Represented there were coaching delegates from a large number of countries, and we understand that the whole event was considered a great success. Quite a number of well known administrators and past players read papers on such aspects of coaching and playing which most appealed to them.

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But there was one sad and quite unforgivable action in connection with the Coaching Conference. On the final morning a representative of the Swedish organisers called on the delegate from Taiwan to inform him that he would not be welcome at the final session because his association had been removed from membership of the I.B.F. the previous day, even though he had paid the required fee for taking part. This precipitate action was heavily criticised as soon as it became known. It was a very inglorious deed and quite unwarranted, particularly as the Coaching Conference was not at all under the aegis of the I.B.F., but was convened solely by the Swedish Association.

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The presence of His Majesty King Carl Gustaf during the whole of the final day of the Championships was a great honour to the Badminton world as a whole. We understand that he had never before seen the game, but he took considerable interest in the matches, and stayed to the very end. He presented the medals to the winning players of all the events.

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There was a sad occurrence on the second day of the tournament when the whole of the Zambian team of seven players withdrew from all events on orders from the Zambian ambassador in Stockholm. The reason given was that New Zealand was represented in the tournament — by one lone player, Bryan Purser, as it happened. It was a harsh measure and, of course, entirely political because of the New Zealand Rugby Union having sent a team to tour South Africa a year earlier.

It seems that the presence of a New Zealander only became known to the Embassy because the Swedish papers had

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given much prominence to Purser and Peter Cooper of Australia having extended Bengt Fröman and Thomas Kihlström, Sweden's great pair, to a score of 18-15, 8-15, 15-8 in the first round of the men's doubles. The decision was particularly harsh because the Zambian players had paid all their own expenses from Zambia to Malmö. Not one cent had come from the Zambian government. Incidentally, the Zambian team, which had no pretensions to achieving any particular results, was composed of both white and black players. They were all, particularly the black players, most upset at having to forego the privilege of participation after the first day.

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A most interesting adjunct in the huge ice hall was an exhibition of sporting photographs and much other memento gathered in Sweden. There was a special Badminton section, and this had been organised by Mr. Stig Axelsen after much very obvious hard work. Mr. Axelsen is one of the doyens of Swedish Badminton, and he was responsible for founding the Södertälje B.C. as long ago as 1935 which was the year before the Swedish Association was founded. Many of the exhibits were his own personal property.

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All the visitors to Malmö found it a very expensive town indeed, hotel and restaurant prices being, amongst other things, at least twice as expensive as in almost any other country. Even drinks, alcoholic and non-alcoholic, were quite exorbitant.

But these drawbacks were quite forgotten by all the visitors on the final evening when the City of Malmö invited all foreign visitors to a sumptuous dinner and dance where some 300 enjoyed the company of everyone else. The event took place at the Malmö Town Hall. Very sadly and surprisingly absent were the whole Danish team, members of which had that afternoon won three of the five championship titles. Their absence was much criticised, and was said to be due to their having arranged their own special celebration party in Copenhagen, which is, of course, only an hour's ferry ride across the water. It was felt that they could quite easily have attended and caught a later hydroplane to their capital.

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The attendance at the matches, notably on the final day, was quite good. On the Sunday when the finals were staged, the huge arena was at least three-quarters full, but many of the spectators were extremely partisan and appeared to applaud the scoreboard rather than the play. Frequently one heard a tame return of the service into the net applauded because it meant another point to the favoured player or pair.

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The scores on all courts were continually and excellently indicated by electrically controlled boards operated by the service judges, but the four courts themselves did really lack sufficient height for an event such as were World Championships. There would have been ample floor space for seven or eight courts except that the curved roof would have made the end-courts far too low for first class play. The hall was tastefully decorated, not only with flowers but also by the flags of all the competing nations which made things very colourful.

South African Badminton Goes "Normal"

All Races are Now Joined Together

We are pleased to publish below (and we feel sure that everyone will be pleased to note the contents) an official statement issued by the South African Badminton Union to indicate and emphasise that henceforth the organisation of all Badminton played throughout the Republic of South Africa will be quite non-discriminatory.

By way of certain necessary explanation, it is pointed out that the South African Badminton Union (SABU) is the governing body which was founded in 1939 and affiliated to the I.B.F. a year later, and that the South African Badminton Association (SABA) was the governing body of non-white players which was founded some years later. Now both have become amalgamated under the name of the older body.

Work towards achieving the present situa-

tion was begun several years ago, and many meetings have been held between the representatives of the two national organisations, both of which are to be congratulated on the success recorded below.

A big step forward had already been obtained in the Western Province (Cape Town and district) where at the annual general meeting of the (white) Western Province Badminton Association in February 16 clubs which had hitherto formed the (non-white) Western Province Badminton Union were unanimously admitted to full membership. The result has been that 26 teams from these 16 non-white clubs have been competing this year in the inter-club competitions organised by the WPBA. All 16 clubs have been accorded full voting rights, and the South African Department of Sports has given the merger its approval.

STATEMENT BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN BADMINTON UNION AND SOUTH AFRICAN BADMINTON ASSOCIATION — CAPE TOWN, 16 APRIL, 1977

The SABU and the SABA formed a Joint Committee in September, 1976, consisting of the President of SABU, Mr. D. Velcich, the Vice-President Mr. R. Smith, the Secretary, Mr. K. Ryan, Mr. H. Stavridis and Mr. H. Mead, all of the SABU, and the President of SABA, Mr. H. Joshua, Mr. W. Solomons (Vice-President), Miss L. Abrahams (Secretary), Mr. M. Roberts, and Mr. J. Baatjes, members of the SABA.

In terms of our principles of non discrimination in sport the object of forming this joint committee was to implement our mutual aims and desires to eliminate all discrimination in our sport in South Africa. At the first meeting of this committee in Durban on 6 November 1976 the following principles were unanimously adopted and have since been adhered to:

1. That any player has the democratic right to belong to and represent any club, and any club has the democratic right to accept or reject any application received for membership.
2. That no affiliated association or club may have any racial discriminatory clause in its constitution.
3. That we are committed to merit selection and therefore any player shall be eligible to represent his province or country.
4. That the Springbok Badge be the national colours for South African Badminton.
5. That it is no longer necessary for associations and clubs to apply for permits, nevertheless the Department of Sport and Recreation will be kept fully informed of all fixtures and activities by the National Body.
6. That the benefits of all sub-sections in Badminton such as coaching, umpiring, etc., shall be available to all Badminton players in South Africa.

At the date of this statement the situation in South African Badminton is that there is one National Controlling Body, that is the South African Badminton Union, to which former South African Badminton Association members and associations are now affiliated. Areas where our ideals at this date have been achieved are in the Western Province, Eastern Province, Natal and Zululand where teams and individuals are competing in leagues and tournaments on an equal basis.

This statement is issued with the full knowledge and co-operation of the abovementioned members of the joint committee.

Signed H. STAVRIDIS (Convenor Joint Committee)

D. VELCICH (President South African Badminton Union)

CAPE TOWN, 16 April 1977.

Draw is Made for Eighth Uber Cup Contest

Seventeen Nations to Compete for Ladies' Championship

The draw for the eighth contest for the Uber Cup was finalised at the Annual General Meeting of the I.B.F. at Malmö on May 6th with the results shown below.

That for three of the zones had been announced some months ago, and the inter-zone draw made at Malmö has come out very unfortunately, with what are considered to be the three strongest sides all being in the one half. Thus it is that the winners of the Asian and European Zones

will meet to decide which shall play the holder, Indonesia, in the inter-zone semi-final. The final tie is thus likely to be somewhat one-sided.

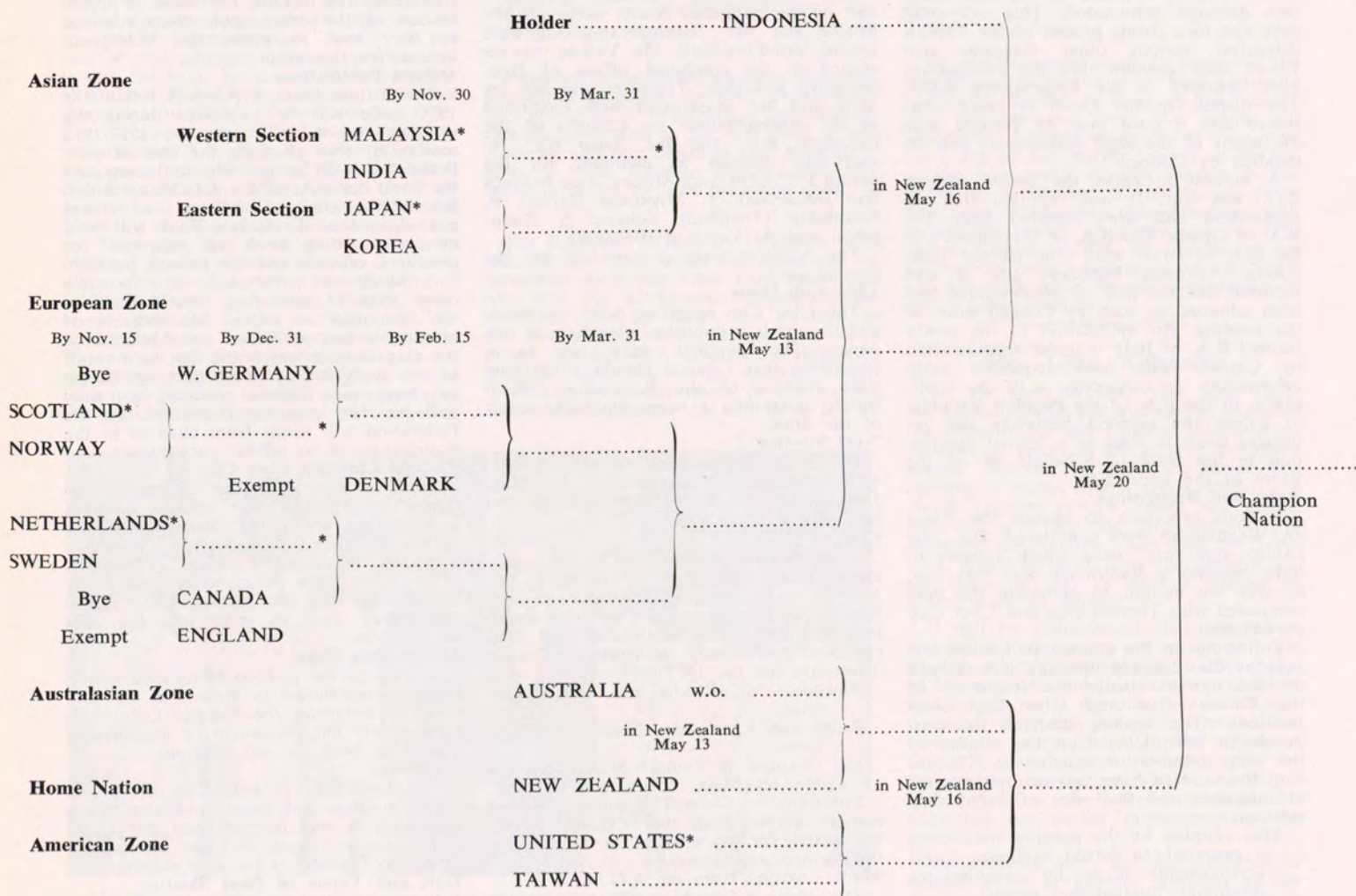
All the inter-zone ties will take place in New Zealand next May, and probably at different venues. As the home country, New Zealand will come into the contest only at the final stage, and this has also meant Australia gaining a walk-over to the same stage.

When the draw was done the same

situation was thought likely to be the case with the American Zone, but the reinstatement of Taiwan as a member of the I.B.F. has meant that her challenge has to be accepted. She has entered the American Zone where she will oppose the United States for the right to compete in New Zealand.

No ties are expected to be played off before November, and in our next issue we hope to give some indication of prospects of the various teams.

UBER CUP DRAW, 1977-78



* denotes choice of courts per Regulation 8

I.B.F. OFFICIAL

The Annual General Meeting

By HERMAN VALKEN

(Hon. Secretary)

This year's A.G.M. was held in Malmö, Sweden, on May 6th, to coincide with the first official World Championships in Badminton. After last year's meeting in Bangkok it proved a good thing to have officials meet at the venue of a major tournament and it is to be expected that in future this will develop into a tradition.

The President, Mr. S. Mohlin, was in the chair, and 39 national organisations were represented.

Apart from the usual items on the agenda (annual report, accounts, budgets, etc.), the meeting considered various important issues which may be reported in brief.

Membership

As could be expected the matter of the membership of the Taiwan B.A. took quite a lot of time and the outcome of the discussions proved unsatisfactory to many members of the Federation. Based on the Bangkok Ruling, which since is being disputed in an English Court of Law, the membership of the B.A. of Taiwan R.O.C. was declared terminated. This not only gave rise to a strong protest of the Taiwan delegates; various other delegates also voiced their opinion that the proceedings were contrary to the Federation's Rules. The dispute in the Court is being continued and it must now be awaited how the result of the legal proceedings will be handled by Council.

A motion to expel the South African B.U. was lost. It was reported that an application had been received from the B.A. of Ghana. The B.A. of Guatemala and the B.A. of Israel were both elected Temporary Associate Members and it was reported that the B.A. of Mozambique had been admitted as such by Council prior to the meeting. An application of the newly formed B.A. of Italy is under consideration by Council who have requested more information. In connection with the application of the B.A. of the People's Republic of China the General Secretary has requested them to send in a formal application in the form of Schedule 'B' of the Rules of the Federation.

Rules and Regulations

Various proposals to change the Rules and Regulations were considered. The "one nation—one vote" issue which appears to have become a traditional one, was lost, as was the motion to eliminate the vote connected with Thomas Cup and Uber Cup participation.

Following up the opinion poll taken last year at the Bangkok meeting it was now decided *not* to change the frequency of the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup competitions. The meeting adopted the proposals to have Uber Cup ties consist of the same number of matches as Thomas Cup ties, and to have two neutral umpires at interzone and final ties of both competitions.

Also adopted by the meeting were:

—a proposal to forbid exclusive travel arrangements made by organisations promoting international events;

—a proposal that entries by National Organisations for tournaments and other international events be in order of strength.

Referred to Council was the proposal to permit coloured clothing and clothing with advertising on the courts.

Laws of Badminton

There were various proposals for alterations of the Laws of Badminton. Of those accepted by the meeting the following may be mentioned:

—to change the measurements in Laws 1 and 2 into "40 millimetres" for the sake of clarity;

—to have the five minutes' interval between the second and the third game in all international play.

Motions put forward by the B.A. of Czechoslovakia to change the measurements of the service court and to eliminate the 21 points' game altogether were referred to Council. Experiments will be sought to test the effect of the first proposal, a proper wording will be worked out in relation to the second one, so as not to invalidate the 21 points' game altogether.

Officers of the Federation

Mr. Mohlin was re-elected President, and in the vacancies which occurred Mr. Reddie and Mr. Balasuperamianam were elected Vice-Presidents. Mr. Valken was re-elected to the combined offices of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer and Mr. ter Metz and Mr. Sassanpour were confirmed as the representatives on Council of the European B.U. and the Asian B.C. respectively. Elected as members for the period 1977-1979 were Messrs. Aziz Bokhari Bab (Malaysia), T. Miyanaga (Japan), P. Sosothikul (Thailand), Suharso S. (Indonesia) and A. Verstoep (Belgium).

The Auditors were re-appointed for the coming year.

Uber Cup Draw

The Uber Cup interzone draw was made and the result is published elsewhere in this paper. The outcome gave rise to a suggestion that Council should study possible changes of the Regulations which should guarantee a more equitable result of the draw.

Next Meeting

It was decided to have the next A.G.M. at Wellington, New Zealand, on 18th May, 1978, during the Uber Cup interzone and final ties.

Council Meeting

The day following the A.G.M. the newly elected Council met for the first time. Mr. Mohlin was elected Chairman and Mr. Reddie deputy Chairman. The three standing committees were established and their chairmen and deputy chairmen nominated. These are for the 1977-1978 season:

Finance—Mr. Reddie and Mr. Sassanpour.

Rules and Laws—Mr. Nielsen and Mr. Jones.

Int. Champs. & Tourn.—Mr. Mertz and Mr. ter Metz.

Furthermore, Council discussed various matters arising from the A.G.M. and set the pattern for the work to be done during the forthcoming season.

Matters arising from the A.G.M.

The items referred to Council by the A.G.M. were considered and plans were made to deal with them. The various committees will study the issues and report their findings to the next Council meeting.

It will then be decided which items are ready to be put before the next A.G.M. and between the autumn session and the spring meeting of Council proposals will be put on paper by the committees. To have them ready in time for inclusion in the A.G.M. agenda the spring meeting of Council will have to take place rather early in 1978.

Council dealt at length with the "Taiwan issue", and it was finally decided to empower the Emergency Committee to take what steps would prove necessary in the legal dispute which is under way. For this purpose Mr. Wyatt was co-opted as a Member of the Emergency Committee.

World Championships

It became apparent from a short review of the Malmö event that various suggestions could be very useful for future organisers and Council members were requested to put their remarks on paper for the benefit of the I.C.T. Committee.

Three applications had been submitted to organise the next event in 1980. One application was ruled out of order because it contained the requirement that one I.B.F. member should not be admitted. The other two applications (from Denmark and Indonesia respectively) were considered at length and it was decided on a vote to grant the 1980 World Championships to Indonesia. The meeting expressed its appreciation of the other applications received as they tend to prove the widespread interest for this event.

Official Publications

The Statute Book which will follow the 1976 issue will be published during the summer and it will cover the 1977-1978 season. By thus changing the date of publication it will be possible to incorporate the latest decisions of the A.G.M. on Rules, Regulations etc., as well as on officers elected, so that the Statute Book will be a more up-to-date book of reference for members, officials and the general public.

A study is undertaken into possible other ways of producing "World Badminton" in order to relieve Mr. Scheele of his double task as Editor and Manager of the magazine. It was noted that as a result of this study it may prove necessary to go into long range financial planning as it may well be that important liabilities for the Federation will result from changes in the exploitation of its official publications.

Thomas Cup and Uber Cup

From a report by the Finance Committee it appeared that various national organisations are rather slow in fulfilling the administrative obligations in connection with ties they have organised. It was decided that these organisations will be warned that they may meet with difficulties when they want to enter into the next competition.

Membership Data

In view of the meeting being held before the date mentioned in Rule 9 it was decided to authorise the Finance Committee to complete the assessment of membership data as a basis for subscriptions.

Umpiring

The desirability of setting up an Umpiring Committee was raised and after some discussion it was decided that the I.C.T. Committee will look into the matter and report to Council at its next meeting.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

It was decided that Council will meet in England on 2nd October, 1977, and that meetings of the Standing Committees will take place on 29th and 30th September and on 1st October.

On the Side Lines

Some Notes and News from All Parts

Mr. Stellan Mohlin, the President of the I.B.F., has made plans to visit both Australia and New Zealand at the end of August. In these two sport-loving countries he is sure to receive a hearty welcome when he attends the open championships of both, the Australian at Perth and the New Zealand at Wanganui. Mr. Mohlin will, in fact, be the first president of the world governing body to go to the southern hemisphere on a purely Badminton visit whilst in office. His purpose in making the long journey from Sweden was basically to be present at one of the golden jubilee functions of the New Zealand Badminton Federation. It was fifty years ago at Wanganui that the first New Zealand Championships took place.

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We publish on this page a photograph of the Taiwan team at the World Championships in Malmö this year, the official representatives from the association purportedly expelled from the I.B.F. at the latter's annual general meeting held at the time of the World Championships. Taiwan is not one of the strongest playing nations, but it was far from being one of the weakest at Malmö. Probably its best result achieved there was the defeat of the Canadian Uber Cup singles player, Miss Lesley Harris, to the tune of 11-4, 11-2, by Miss Lim Soo. She was afterwards beaten by the eventual doubles champion, Miss Emiko Ueno of Japan, to 3 and 4. In the men's singles Norway's two top players were both beaten by Taiwanese, and some good scores were obtained in the doubles notably at mixed, while the Swedish international pair of Stefan Karlsson and Claes Nordin were closely extended in the men's doubles. So it can be seen that endeavours to force Taiwan out of all international play is not merely an administrative matter; it would be a real hardship to deny the players of the country the opportunity of competing

with players of other nations in open tournaments.

After Malmö, the Taiwan players took part in several friendly team encounters in the Netherlands, in Japan and in South Korea before they returned to their homes in Taipeh.

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Congratulations to Eddie Sutton and Miss Barbara Giles, the two English internationals who are both renowned for their superb doubles play, on their recent engagement. We understand that the marriage will take place in October and that the happy couple will take up residence in Stafford, in the English midlands where Sutton is a schoolmaster.

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Romance has also come to the German champion, Michael Schnaase, of whose engagement to Miss Barbara Igel we have learned from the German magazine "Badminton Sport". Congratulations and best wishes.

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From the same source we learn that Mrs. Marieluise Zizmann, the well known German player of 50 international appearances, recently gave birth to her first child, a son, Andreas, and that Siegfried and Anke Betz, both of them German internationals, are rejoicing in the birth of their first child.

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The far-famed Mrs. Judy Hashman, who was for so many years the spearhead of successful American Uber Cup teams and who won the All-England singles title no fewer than ten times, has returned to the international scene, though not as a player. She has been appointed chairman of selectors and non-playing captain of all English international teams of the coming season. As a selector she will be joined by

Mr. Maurice Robinson who is well known in numerous countries as a top grade coach. We understand that Mrs. Hashman has, by her appointment, been granted rather more power than is usually given to a selector. Perhaps the best description would be "supremo", for it is not to be an honorary job. We wish her well.

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We are sorry to hear that some time ago Mr. Teh Gin Sooi, that very prominent Malaysian administrator and presently the secretary of the Asian Badminton Confederation, was afflicted by what seemed like a very serious heart attack whilst he was travelling by car in the hills of his country. We are pleased to report that he has made a miraculous recovery and hope that he will suffer no recurrence.

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Very shortly an official West German team of six players and two officials will be flying off to South Africa to compete in the South African Championships and to take part in other fixtures. It will not be the first time that a German team has toured in South Africa, for a similar team went out in 1967 when it was just beaten by the home country by three to two in the five official international tests. The present team is expected to spend three weeks abroad.

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We are extremely sorry to hear that the well known Willy Braun of West Germany has finally decided to hang up his rackets. His disappearance from the court will weaken the German international team very much for he has shown himself to be one of the best men's doubles players in the world, as is testified by his having twice won the European championship with Roland Maywald, at Karlskrona in 1972 and at Vienna in 1974. He has played for his country over a period of thirteen years and has made more than 40 appearances in official internationals.

Mrs. Gilks Withdraws

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Gilks has intimated that she will not be available for selection for any England international matches or teams in the coming European season. She has just gone into business by opening a racket sports retail shop in a North London suburb which she claims will not give her the time necessary to represent her country. She does not, however, intend to retire from the game at all, and hopes to play in quite a number of tournaments as before.

It will be remembered that last season she did not always see eye to eye with the English selectors, notably as to the choice of her partners, and this fact has no doubt had something to do with her unfortunate decision, which one can only hope she may reverse, to some extent, in the course of time. A year ago she declined to play for her county, Surrey, to whose association and committee she owed so much for acquiring her earlier prominence at the game.

Undoubtedly also, she has attracted to herself a lot of adverse criticism by her decision, which to most people's minds need never have been quite so drastic as to withdraw from all international teams, no matter when and where the fixtures might be, if she intends to continue playing.



THE TAIWAN TEAM WHICH COMPETED IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AT MALMO

In the centre is Mr. C. Y. Wong, the manager, and second from the right is Miss Lim Soo, their best player.

International Match Results

Canada Retains the Devlin Cup

Canada retained the Devlin Cup from the United States when the two countries met for the fifth time in these triennial fixtures.

Play occurred in April at Moncton, New Brunswick, and under a new style which comprised only five matches, one of each type. Previously, there had been more matches, and at Baltimore in the previous staging Canada had won by 6 matches to 1.

Canada got off to a good start with three two-game successes which clinched the cup, but thereafter the Americans came back to take the remaining two doubles matches.

Both countries were represented by what appear to be their strongest possible teams, as will be seen from an analysis of the detailed results.

We understand that in future the Devlin Cup, which was presented in 1966 by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Devlin, is likely to be opened up to other nations on the American continent, a laudable plan, for the entry of Mexico alone must have a very beneficial effect.

CANADA 3; UNITED STATES 2

At Moncton, New Brunswick, on April 21st. Scores (Canadian names first):—

J. McKee beat C. Kinard, 15-13, 15-6.
Miss W. Clarkson beat Mrs. P. Bristol, 11-3, 11-1.
P. Tryon and I. Johnson lost to M. Walker and B. Pontow, 10-15, 15-12, 9-15.
Miss W. Clarkson and Miss L. Harris beat Miss J. Wilts and Miss D. Osterhuis, 15-9, 15-11.
I. Johnson and Miss T. van Wassenhove lost to B. Pontow and Mrs. P. Bristol, 5-15, 13-18.

Yugo-Slavia Wins "La Plume d'Or"

by Robert Servais

The fourth annual tournament of "La Plume d'Or" took place on the 28th and 29th of May in Lausanne (Switzerland) and ended with the victory of Yugo-Slavia.

"La Plume d'Or" is an international team tournament reserved to European countries in which badminton is not sufficiently developed as to be able to take part with success in great contests. In fact, its purpose is the same as that which had prevailed at the foundation of the Helvetia Cup in the past, that is to enable weak countries to meet without having to face too strong competition so as to improve in order to take part in the future in higher contests.

Characteristically enough Belgium and Switzerland, which only reached the 9th and 10th places at the Helvetia Cup in Leningrad, are in good position in "La Plume d'Or". It is the very proof of the importance of that contest as a first step.

Teams from five countries competed in Lausanne. Unfortunately, Czechoslovakia, one of the co-founder countries of "La Plume d'Or" was missing again as it had been in 1974 and 1976. However, added to the usual countries (Belgium, France, Portugal and Switzerland) was Yugo-Slavia (represented by Slovenia, an associate member of I.B.F.), which took part for the first time.

The competition was certain to be exciting for three countries could hope for first place: Belgium which had beaten Switzerland in Leningrad, Switzerland which wanted revenge, and Yugo-Slavia with some well-known players.

The very first day Switzerland won clearly over a weakened Belgian team. On the Sunday Yugo-Slavia got the better of Switzerland and a miracle would have been necessary to enable Belgium to win over Yugo-Slavia in the last tie. This would have put these three countries level with three victories each. No miracle was accomplished; Yugo-Slavia prevailed.

Next year the contest will take place in Brussels and it is to be hoped that to the countries already mentioned above others will be added, such as Malta, whose affiliation was accepted by the Committee, and perhaps Spain which sent an observer to Lausanne, and which intends to compete as soon as it has become affiliated to the I.B.F.

Each tie consisted of three men's singles and one match of each other denomination, making seven matches in all. The results were as follows:—

Yugo-Slavia (Slovenia) beat Portugal, 7-0; beat France, 7-0; beat Switzerland, 5-2; beat Belgium, 5-2.

Switzerland beat Portugal, 7-0; beat Belgium, 6-1; beat France, 7-0.

Belgium beat France, 6-1; beat Portugal, 7-0.

France beat Portugal, 4-3.

The following players represented their countries:

Belgium—D. Gosset, M. Gosset, H. Moens, E. Lecomte, J. Jaury, and the Misses R. Williams and M. Desy.

France—A. Bacquet, J. Gueguen, A. Lamotte, P. Masson, and the Misses Y. Hue, L. Vollenweider and F. Bonnor.

Portugal—J. Braz, J. Bento, M. Diaz, J. Cruz, L. Quinaz, J. Pesson, A. Crespo, and the Misses M. Cruz, A. Monteiro and T. Leal.

Switzerland—E. Andrey, C. Heiniger, K. Schoch, R. Heiniger, P. de Paoli, Mrs. A. Schoch and the Misses L. Blumer and S. Bolt.

Yugo-Slavia (Slovenia)—M. Sepec, G. Berden, M. Vrhunc, M. Silc, and the Misses M. Amf and L. Krizman.

New Zealand Retains the Whyte Trophy

New Zealand retained the Whyte Trophy in its biennial fixture against Australia when the teams of the two countries met at Christchurch in June. These contests date back to 1938, and since then Australia has won on ten occasions and New Zealand on eight. This year's contest formed part of the New Zealand Badminton Federation's golden jubilee celebrations.

Miss Nancy Fleming, a former N.Z. international and now a vice-president of the N.Z.B.F., describes the recent contest as follows:—

"The tie proved to be an exciting one and worthy of our jubilee. It was a cliff-hanger all the way with prospects seesawing as the matches progressed. New Zealand finally came out on top by 8 matches to 6.

"The only thing that marred the tie were the injuries suffered by two of the Australians on the first night. In a mixed doubles Geraldine Brown injured her knee and could not take the court again, and Paul Tyrrell suffered a less severe foot injury in his singles. He, too, was unable to play on the second day. These injuries meant, under Whyte Trophy rules, the cancellation of two matches as the visiting team had no reserves. They were a ladies'

singles and the second men's doubles. In the latter case it was unfortunate that Chris Bullen and Steve Wilson missed their doubles after their successful debut in the Thomas Cup against Malaysia last year.

"The first night finished at 4 matches all, and the best match of the whole tie was the top singles when Peter Cooper (Australia) finally beat Ross Livingston in a really thrilling battle by 18-14, 15-17, 18-17. Both players really deserved to win.

"New Zealand had the edge in the men's matches and Australia in the ladies'. Sue Daly was in grand form fresh from her European trip, and there is no doubt that her name will appear in the record books in the future.

"The final result hinged on the last match, and until the last shot was played both sides had a chance to win. This match was the top mixed between Cooper and Beverley Hite (Australia) and Richard Purser and Alison Branfield (N.Z.). After trailing by one game Purser gradually took over and dominated the play. He was fully supported by his partner who made some beautiful interceptions as New Zealand finally triumphed, 2-15, 15-7, 15-5."

NEW ZEALAND 8; AUSTRALIA 6

At Christchurch on June 25th and 26th. Scores (New Zealand names first):—

R. Livingston lost to P. G. Cooper, 14-18, 17-15, 17-18. R. Purser beat P. Tyrrell, 15-2, 18-16. C. Bullen beat M. Harry, 9-15, 15-8, 15-4. S. Wilson beat P. Kong, 4-15, 15-8, 15-12.

Mrs. A. Branfield lost to Miss S. Daly, 3-11, 2-11. Mrs. M. Livingston lost to Miss A. Swaby, 10-12, 4-11. Mrs. L. Shirley lost to Mrs. B. Hite, 11-7, 2-11, 2-11. Mrs. A. Sinton v. Mrs. G. Brown unplayed.

Livingston and Purser beat Cooper and Kong, 18-16, 15-9. Bullen and Wilson v. Tyrrell and Harry unplayed.

Mrs. Branfield and Mrs. Livingston lost to Mrs. Brown and Miss Daly, 7-15, 6-15. Mrs. Shirley and Mrs. Sinton lost to Miss Swaby and Mrs. Hite, 6-15, 17-16, 6-15.

Purser and Mrs. Branfield beat Cooper and Mrs. Hite, 2-15, 15-7, 15-5. Livingston and Mrs. Livingston beat Kong and Miss Swaby, 15-11, 18-16. Bullen and Mrs. Shirley beat Tyrrell and Miss Daly, 15-4, 6-15, 15-4. Wilson and Mrs. Sinton beat Harry and Mrs. Brown, 8-15, retired.

Hungary beats Poland

Hungary beat Poland in the second annual international fixture between the two countries when they met at Bukowna in Poland on June 19th. The score of 9-2 rather flattered the visitors as eight of the eleven matches went to a third game, both of these, however, including the two Polish successes. Poland's two successes were in the top men's singles and in the second mixed match. A year ago Hungary had been successful by 10 matches to 1.

The teams were as follows:—

Poland—Z. Skrzypczynski, W. Swiateczak, R. Borek, B. Roluch, L. Markowicz, and the Misses J. Labisko, E. Utecht and I. Karolczak.

Hungary—I. Bereknyi, F. Rolek, I. Enelert, J. Papp, B. Jankovich, Mrs. I. Bödecs and the Misses E. Cserni and E. Pozsik.

English-speaking followers of the game (and probably many others) will be in for some fun if the top Polish player, Zygmunt Skrzypczynski, should get right to the fore!

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Taiwan B.A. Wins its Court Case

Complete Reinstatement is Ordered by High Court Judge

The Taiwan Badminton Association won its legal case against the International Badminton Federation for unlawful dismissal from membership at the Federation's Annual General Meeting held in Malmö, Sweden, last May.

The Taiwan B.A. took its case to the English High Court of Justice in London because the official address of the Federation is in England, and because there exists no international court for civil actions of this kind. The presiding judge upheld the case for Taiwan in every respect, and he ruled that the Taiwan B.A. had never lost its membership and remained in membership. He further ruled that the costs of the action must be met by the defendants, named as Messrs. Stellan Mohlin and Herman Valken, President and Honorary Secretary respectively of the I.B.F. which, as the present chief officers they represented, and Mr. Stuart Wyatt, President in 1976 who had made a "ruling" from which the case materialised. The full decision of the Court is detailed below.

The Origin of the Case

The whole affair stems from the extraordinary "ruling" made by the President of the Federation, Mr. Wyatt, at the 1976 Annual General Meeting at Bangkok, when, after a motion to expel the Taiwan B.A. had failed to obtain the necessary three-quarters majority, he "ruled", following some further argument, that because the organisation concerned had changed its name three years earlier from "National Badminton Association of the Republic of China" to "Taiwan Badminton Association, R.O.C." (a change which had been approved by the 1973 meeting), it should make a new application for membership for consideration at the next Annual General Meeting. This had the effect, of course, that any such application could be refused by only a simple majority vote of the members.

Feeling that the "ruling" was illegal and contrary to the Rules of the Federation, the Taiwan B.A. declined to lodge any re-application, and, after unsuccessfully endeavouring to get the "ruling" rescinded, issued writs against Mr. Wyatt and the present President and Honorary Secretary to seek annulment of it.

Further summons were issued after the Malmö meeting at which the President, now Mr. Stellan Mohlin, declared that, because the Taiwan B.A. had not conformed to the Bangkok "ruling" of which the delegates at Malmö had indicated their approval by a simple majority only, the Taiwan B.A. was no longer a member of the Federation. He then requested that its delegates leave the meeting.

The Future

At a subsequent special meeting of the Council of the Federation held following the Court verdict, it was agreed that the finding of the Court must be honoured. The Council had no real alternative, but it also decided to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the

Federation in London on September 29th next.

The official motion on the agenda for that meeting will be to terminate the membership of the Taiwan B.A. in strict accord with the Rules of the Federation. These require a 75% majority for such a motion to be carried. It will be explained on the agenda that the Council itself is not in favour of the motion, but has only put it forward so as to obtain complete finality on what is entirely and only a political issue.

Since the Taiwan B.A. has, itself, given no cause at all for expulsion, it can be assumed that the result of the voting will

be very similar to what it has been in the past, that is to say less than 75% in favour.

All along, previous motions for Taiwan's expulsion have always been brought up because of a desire that the B.A. of the People's Republic of China should be placated and so that that association could apply for membership without any "conditions". It may be mentioned that the Chinese organisation has always been eligible for membership, whether or not the Taiwan organisation is also a member, but the Chinese government refuses to permit any Chinese organisations to join any international federation which recognises Taiwan.

The Judgment in the High Court

DATED the 5th day of JULY 1977
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
1977 C No. 2759
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION
THE HONOURABLE
MR. JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF

BETWEEN

SHEN-FU CHANG (Secretary of the Taiwan Badminton Association ROC) suing on behalf of himself and as representing the members of the Taiwan Badminton Association

Plaintiff

and

STELLAN MOHLIN and Herman Valken (President and Secretary respectively of the International Badminton Federation) sued on behalf of and as representing the Council of the International Badminton Federation and Stuart Wyatt

Defendants

UPON HEARING Mr. Timothy Preston of Counsel on behalf of the Plaintiff and Miss Hilary Heilbron of Counsel on behalf of the Defendants

AND UPON READING the originating summons on behalf of the Plaintiff dated the 18th day of March 1977 re-issued on amendment on the 20th day of June 1977

AND UPON the Judge giving leave to the Plaintiff to re-amend the claim for relief in the originating summons the amended copy of the relief claimed was handed in and attached to the stamped copy pleadings

IT IS ORDERED AND DECLARED:-

(1) that the purported ruling given by the third named Defendant as the then President of the International Badminton Federation at the annual general meeting thereof on the 2nd day of June 1976 at Bangkok Thailand was contrary to the rules of the International Badminton Federation 1934 (as amended) insofar as he ruled:-

a) that the membership by the Taiwan Badminton Association of the International Badminton Federation was irregular and

b) that the Taiwan Badminton Association was obliged to submit a new application for membership of the International Badminton Federation for consideration at the next annual general meeting thereof to be held at Malmö Sweden on the 6th day of May 1977 such application to be treated as an initial application subject to acceptance or rejection by a simple majority

(2) that the purported ruling given by the first named Defendant at the annual general meeting of the International Badminton Federation at Malmö Sweden on the 6th day of May 1977 was contrary to the said rules insofar as he ruled that the Taiwan Badminton Association had been expelled from the International Badminton Federation

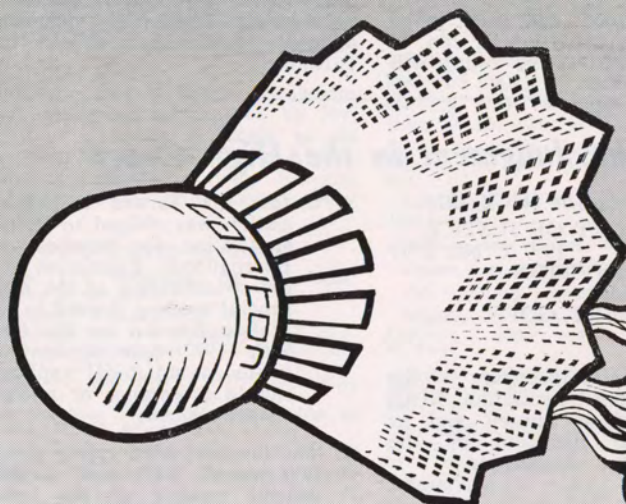
(3) that the Taiwan Badminton Association remains a member of the International Badminton Federation and is entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership including that of taking full part in the calendar of International Badminton matches organized by and held under the rules of the International Badminton Federation

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Defendants by themselves their servants or agents or otherwise be restrained and an Injunction is hereby granted restraining them from doing any acts within the jurisdiction which gives effect to the purported expulsion of the Taiwan Badminton Association from the International Badminton Federation

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the costs of this action be taxed and paid by the Defendants to the Plaintiff such costs to include those costs reserved by the Honourable Mr. Justice Kerr on the 30th day of May 1977

(This matter occupied the time of the Court for 4 hours 55 minutes namely from 10.35 am to 1.00 pm and from 2.05 p.m. to 4.00 pm on the 4th July 1977 and from 10.35 am to 11.10 am on the 5th July 1977)

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The first Pan-American Championships

Five Nations Compete in New Brunswick

The first Pan-American Championships were held at Moncton, New Brunswick, from April 22nd to 24th with entries from Jamaica, Mexico, the United States and Venezuela as well as the home country. Canada and the U.S.A. each won two titles, whilst Mexico captured the men's singles through the agency of Roy Diaz Gonzalez.

Diaz Gonzalez had things by no means his own way as he conceded games in two of his four matches, but Miss Wendy Clarkson was a very convincing winner of the ladies' singles.

The men's doubles provided an all-Canadian final, while the corresponding ladies' event, with only six pairs in it, saw two United States pairs contest the final match. Similarly, the mixed doubles was also monopolised by the Americans.

America's Mrs. Pam Bristol won her two doubles events, but she scratched from the singles, so denied herself the opportunity of trying to avenge her crushing defeat in the preceding Devlin Cup match by Miss Clarkson.

Relatively speaking, the entries in all events were very small, but no doubt this had something to do with the huge size of the continent, not to mention the fact that New Brunswick cannot be regarded as one of Canada's strongest playing provinces.

MEN'S SINGLES

Third Round—R. Diaz Gonzalez (Mexico) beat M. Walker (U.S.A.), 9-15, 15-2, 15-8. C. Coakley (U.S.A.) beat J. Czich (Canada), 17-15, 15-10. C. Kinard (U.S.A.) beat J. Icaza (Mexico), 15-1, 15-1. J. McKee (Canada) beat I. Johnson (Canada), 15-14, 15-5.

Semi-finals—Diaz Gonzalez beat Coakley, 15-7, 15-3. McKee beat Kinard, 15-7, 15-13.

Final—Diaz Gonzalez beat McKee, 17-14, 11-15, 15-9.

LADIES' SINGLES

Second Round—Miss W. Clarkson (Canada) beat Miss D. Osterhaus (U.S.A.), 11-0, 11-3. Miss J. Kelly (U.S.A.) beat Miss J. Martin (Canada), 11-3, 11-1. Miss T. van Wassenhove (Canada) beat Miss S. Dakin (Canada), 11-7, 3-11, 11-6. Miss L. Harris (Canada) beat Miss J. Wilts (U.S.A.), 11-2, 11-2.

Semi-finals—Miss Clarkson beat Miss Kelly, 11-7, 11-2. Miss Harris beat Miss van Wassenhove, 11-4, 11-4.

Final—Miss Clarkson beat Miss Harris, 11-5, 11-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals—J. McKee and J. Czich (Canada) beat G. Carter and J. Taylor (Canada), 15-5, 15-12. P. Tryon and I. Johnson (Canada) beat C. Kinard and M. Walker (U.S.A.), 15-12, 15-7.

Final—McKee and Czich beat Tryon and Johnson, 15-8, 18-15.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals—Miss J. Wilts and Miss D. Osterhaus (U.S.A.) beat Miss W. Clarkson and Miss T. van Wassenhove (Canada), 15-5, 17-14. Mrs. P. Bristol and Miss J. Kelly (U.S.A.) beat Miss L. Harris and Miss S. Crawford (Canada), 15-4, 7-15, 15-5.

Final—Mrs. Bristol and Miss Kelly beat Miss Wilts and Miss Osterhaus, 15-4, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals—M. Walker and Miss J. Kelly (U.S.A.) beat G. Carter and Miss W. Clarkson (Canada), 77-15, 18-17, 15-9. B. Pontow and Mrs. P. Bristol (U.S.A.) beat C. Coakley and Miss J. Wilts (U.S.A.), 15-6, 18-15.

Final—Pontow and Mrs. Bristol beat Walker and Miss Kelly, 15-5, 10-15, 18-16.

The first Pan-American Junior Championships were scheduled to be held at Mexico City in mid-July in which there were to be events for four different age-categories, under 18, under 16, under 14

and under 12, the date of demarcation to be 31st December in the preceding year. Team matches as well as individual events were to be promoted for all four categories.

During the course of the championships at Moncton the Pan-American Confederation held its annual general meeting. Mr. Victor Jaramillo Villalobos of Mexico was re-elected President, and Miss Barbara Grebe, also of Mexico, was re-elected honorary secretary, posts which both occupy in their own national organisations.

The 1978 Championships have been allotted to Venezuela, and it is expected that they will take place at Caracas in April. The second Junior Championships will take place in the United States at an undetermined venue in July, 1978.

The International Championships of Switzerland

From a recent issue of the Dutch "Badminton" we are able to give the results of the International Championships of Switzerland which took place at Lausanne on March 19th and 20th. We quote them at this rather late date for the sake of record.

Danish and Dutch players featured prominently took most of the honours, but Switzerland's own young Miss Liselotte Blumer emerged successfully in the ladies' singles with some fine victories which bode well for the future.

The results of the later rounds were as follows:—

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals—S. Fladberg (Denmark) beat C. Anderson (Denmark), 12-15, 18-15, 15-11. G. Helsholt (Denmark) beat H. Birkholm (Denmark), 18-16, 17-15.

Final—Helsholt beat Fladberg, 15-11, 15-2.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals—Miss M. Oskam (Netherlands) beat Miss H. de Kort (Netherlands), 11-4, 7-11, 11-9. Miss L. Blumer (Switzerland) beat Miss I. Rozemeijer (Netherlands), 6-11, 11-7, 11-7.

Final—Miss Blumer beat Miss Oskam, 12-11, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Final—P. Holm and H. Birkholm (Denmark) beat G. Helsholt and H. Hjulmand (Denmark), 15-7, 9-15, 15-4.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Final—Miss H. de Kort and Miss I. Rozemeijer (Netherlands) beat Misses I. and G. Blommaert (Netherlands), 15-11, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

Final—P. Holm and Miss B. Rathach (Denmark) beat H. Emmers (West Germany) and Miss T. Pannemans (Netherlands), 15-12, 15-10.

The European Handbook Appears

The European Badminton Union has issued its first Handbook, which is dated 1976. It is purely a record of winners of all the championship tournaments, both national and international, of all the different European countries of which there are now 20 affiliated to the E.B.U. It also gives the results of all international matches of European countries and lists all inter-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor does not necessarily agree with the views published from time to time under this heading.

The Taiwan B.A.

Dear Sir,

In your May edition there would be naturally only a very abbreviated report on the Annual General Meeting of the I.B.F. held at Malmö, Sweden, on the 6th May. Nevertheless you were able to record the decision made in the case of the Taiwan B.A. Your report quite clearly showed that the rules of the I.B.F. had been flouted in declaring the Taiwan B.A. to be no longer a member of the Federation.

Your comment that it was a very black day for Badminton was the understatement of the year. It was skulduggery, underhand malpractice, contrary to laid-down rules and the decision made would appear to rest very firmly with the President, Stellan Mohlin.

Now that the High Court has confirmed the illegality of the 1976 'ruling', and any fair-minded individual could have anticipated such a decision, can we assume that Mr. Mohlin will take urgent steps to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the I.B.F., at which the decision to expel the Taiwan B.A. must be declared null and void?

There is no reason, nor was there ever any reason, why the People's Republic of China cannot apply for membership of the I.B.F. Their application will be considered in accordance with the rules of the I.B.F., and no 'conditions' may be attached. Conditions could be interpreted as savouring of blackmail in certain circumstances.

The International Badminton Federation is responsible, as its name implies, for all national organisations, large or small, who are affiliated thereto. The big battalions have exactly the same rights as the small when it comes to membership, no more, no less. Some member organisations and perhaps the President would do well to take heed of this.

Yours sincerely,

D. P. CUNNINGHAM.

Düsseldorf,
West Germany.
July, 1977.

national players, of whom there are some hundreds.

The book is virtually a continuation of the old I.B.F. Handbooks in respect of the record sections, and its advent is much to be welcomed. It has been compiled by Dr. Nada Benesova, a former Czechoslovak international who is much to be complimented on her diligence.

Unfortunately the book is not printed, but duplicated, and its 181 one-sided pages of 11½ by 8 inches (29 by 21 cm) are consequently rather bulky and weighty. Nevertheless, the book is of vast value to those wanting to look up records. We do not know whether it is available to the general public or not, nor do we know the price if it is. Enquiries could be made of Dr. Benesova at Stepanska 20, Prague 1, Czechoslovakia.

Do We Want to Alter the Service Court?

An Analysis of the Results of Lengthening it in Doubles

One of the most radical proposals to alter the Laws of Badminton was put forward at the 1977 Annual General Meeting of the I.B.F. It came from the Czechoslovak Badminton Association, and was that Law 1 be altered so "that the service court for doubles be the same as the service court for singles, i.e. that in Diagram 'A' the long service line for doubles be deleted and the short service lines marked only up to the sideline for singles".

This meant to say that the court area into which the service in the doubles game must be delivered should be exactly the same area as it is in the singles game!

For the protagonists it was claimed that such a change would make for more and longer rallies, and that the server, having gained the privilege of serving, would have much more advantage than he has at the moment.

After a very short discussion on the subject the motion was withdrawn, for it was realised that extensive, and successful, experiments would require to be undertaken before the matter could be seriously considered. If such a proposal were ever to be adopted the game as we know it would be very much altered. Certainly, any such change would give tremendous additional advantages to the server. But would not the resultant disadvantage to the receiver be even greater?

All Standards are Involved

It must be remembered that the Laws of Badminton have been devised to cover all standards of play, and not only for players who have acquired considerable skill. When one says "all standards of play" one means both the young and the old, the fast movers and the slow, the hard hitters and the not-so-hard hitters, and also the accurate and the not-so-accurate.

The proposal would mean that a high service could be hit a further 2½ feet (about ¾ metre) deeper than is permissible now, and this would mean that the receiver would have to cover that additional amount of space to return a high service by means of an overhead stroke. To make sure of doing just that he would find it necessary to take up his receiving position at least a foot or two further back than he does now. That is, of course, the object of the proposal. An aggressive man would be unable to kill a short service by toeing, or nearly toeing, the short service line as a skilled player does now. Loose serving would not be punished.

As we have hinted already, the Laws are not made for aggressive men only; they are, for instance, also made for ladies. One may reflect that never does one see a lady-receiver toeing the short service line when being ready to receive. The reason is simple. If she did just that, she knows that a good high service would find her out; she knows that she would be unable to get back in time to return it satisfactorily.

If a lady would have to cover any additional space behind her she would be forced to stand even further back from the

short service line. This would mean that she would be able to return a low service only with an upward hit, thus presenting the attack to the server's side; never would she be able to return a low service even horizontally, let alone in a downward direction, as she can under the present law. When serving to a lady, the server would be quite free to deliver quite a loose service, i.e. one which passed over the net by over a foot or more with the full knowledge that it would not and could not be killed.

Taking the matter a stage further, what about the elderly? Under the proposal some of them would feel that they must stand almost in the middle of the service court to be sure of being able to deal with any manner of service. Some of them would even find that they could not move forward in time to return a good short service. This is no exaggeration at all. Have we not all, whether young or old, now and again been left standing from the surprise aspect of a really good service? Of course, we have, and this statement also goes for the very skilled player.

The present service court has been in vogue for over eighty years. The measurements were devised following countless experiments, and the flight of the shuttle also underwent similar trials until the correct dimensions and flight propensities became evolved.

Too Many Advantages

Well may one enquire as to why the Czechoslovak change has been put forward. Some explanation has been made, i.e. to give advantage to the server. Will it not do more than that? It will give him or her too many advantages. It will mean that the server, even after a relatively poor service, will gain the first attacking role in every rally, and to an extent that the serving side will, on the rough average, win three out of four rallies, thus shortening a game very considerably.

Under the present laws, if the server can deliver a good service, both his side and the receivers' side have very nearly equal chances of winning the ensuing rally. That is surely ideal.

A further explanation of the proposal clearly comes to mind. It gives thought to the fact that some players do not fully realise that if one cannot serve one cannot win. "Cannot serve" means "cannot serve well".

Changes Have Occurred

It so happens that in our last issue we lamented that the art of serving nowadays is not nearly so good as it once was; that it is not now so accurate as of yore, and that it lacks the variety of placement of former days.

Actually, the delivery of the service has changed quite a lot in the last thirty years. The change has been mainly in the position on the court from which the service is made. In former days the server, ladies as well as men, stood a full yard or metre further back than they do in most cases

today. In doing so, much greater accuracy in just clipping the net was achieved, for the trajectory of the shuttle could, in consequence, be very much "flatter". And the "flatter" the desired trajectory, the easier it is to accomplish. As an example, quite away from the delivery of the service, one may analyse a drop-shot. A player can much more easily make a net-clipping drop-shot from some yards' distance than he can from very near to the net. The same goes for the delivery of the service.

Of course, the modern custom of serving from as close to the short service line as possible, i.e. from over it or even in front of it (as in the case of the backhand service) does give the receiver much less time to see it, but it is more difficult to do, and thereby lies some of the trouble in serving in an attacking manner.

By serving from some distance behind the short service line the shuttle, when accurately served, will start to fall almost the moment that it crosses the net. This must mean that the receiver cannot kill it. That should be the object of the service.

Learning to serve really accurately, both as regards the high and the low service, can be acquired by all players with practice and patience, and this is something that cannot be said of all other strokes where so much depends upon what your opponent has done and where he has placed the shuttle. One can practice serving in every friendly game that one plays, and that should be done by all who may find it difficult to achieve the required accuracy when playing competitively.

Without a good service one can do nothing. And a good service is a delight to hit and a delight to behold.

Do we really want to alter the laws of the game to make the one easily acquired stroke still easier? Players' views on this point would be more than most interesting.

International Matches — continued

Germany's Convincing Victory over Dutch

West Germany notched a most unexpectedly convincing win over the Netherlands at the end of the last European season, to the tune of 6 matches to 1. The outstanding result was the success of Eva-Maria Kranz 2 over Miss Joke van Beusekom, and in two games at that.

WEST GERMANY 6; NETHERLANDS 1

At Wiebelskirchen (Germany), on April 2nd. Scores (German names rst):—

M. Schnaase beat R. Ridder, 15-8, 15-8. R. Maywald beat C. Wortel, 18-17, 15-9.

Miss E. Kranz beat Miss J. van Beusekom, 12-11, 11-7.

K. Garbers and G. Kucki beat R. Ridder and P. Ridder, 15-10, 17-16. W. Braun and M. Schnaase beat B. Ridder and G. van der Vlugt, 15-11, 16-18, 15-2.

Mrs. B. Steden and Miss E. Kranz lost to Miss J. van Beusekom and Mrs. M. Ridder, 8-15, 8-15.

R. Maywald and Mrs. B. Steden beat R. Ridder and Mrs. Ridder, 13-15, 17-14, 15-14.



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J. J. McCarry

On Sunday, 8th May, the Scottish Badminton Union heard of the death of John J. McCarry. He had been troubled by uncertain health for some time following an operation in late 1975.

John McCarry had done everything in Scottish Badminton. He began competitive play in the 1920's in the Titwood Club, progressing to the Civil Service Badminton Club and then to the Glasgow Group and Scottish international teams. His international career spanned the years from 1930 to 1947 during which period he gained 19 Scottish "caps" including two appearances for the combined Scottish, Irish and Welsh team against England in the mid-1930's. He was a doubles player of great skill who played against many, if not all, of the world's leading players at that time.

In 1936 he joined the committee of his home Glasgow Group, became its convener in 1946 and joined the committee of the Scottish Badminton Union in the same year. He was President of the Scottish Badminton Union between 1956 and 1958, and it is a mark of the man that he was prepared to become Secretary for a brief period in 1962 to assist the Union during a temporary manpower problem. He attended many I.B.F. annual meetings and served on the Council during 1966-71 and for the following three years as a Vice-President.

He served the international game well in many other ways. He was a prime mover in the institution of the long series of World Invitation Tournaments in Glasgow's Kelvin Hall and acted as referee at most of them. He refereed countless other events in Scotland, including a Commonwealth Games, and in 1976 he refereed the European Championships in Dublin.

It is not only for a lifetime of service to the game that we will remember him. He was a man of unique talent in the art of communication, especially with young players. Although there may have been as much as 50 years in the age gap, players from Scotland and many other countries were friends with this most likeable of men. He used his great gift of choosing the appropriate word and his ability to recognise pomposity and foolishness to gently ridicule attitudes in Badminton with which he did not agree—and almost always on the side of the player. He was a "character" in the nicest and best sense of that word and Badminton in Scotland will miss him terribly. It is perhaps appropriate that the last occasion on which we were all together was the Annual International Dinner in Edinburgh when we received his benediction, delivered in his own marvellous way.

It is said that, in time, all one remembers about a man are the good things. There are many, many good things to remember about John McCarry.

C.C.R.

Ib Larsen

We much regret to record the death in Copenhagen in June of Ib Larsen, the administrator of the Danish Badminton Association. He was 61 years of age.

Mr. Larsen had served in the capacity mentioned for six years, and he was the

first to hold such an office which had been instituted in 1971 as a full-time occupation.

The Danish Association was amply rewarded in choosing Ib Larsen for the job for he was already at that time one of the most experienced officials in Danish Badminton. He had served at both district and association level since the 1940s, and he was able to use this knowledge to set up the whole administration of the Danish Badminton Association which had previously been run on the basis of honorary officials working in their own homes.

Mr. Larsen had been awarded the Dansk Badminton Forbund honorary badge in 1975 for his immense services to the game, and it may be mentioned that they also included the authorship of a widely sold book on the game. O.M.

S. C. Minard

We much regret the death on July 2nd of Stanley Minard, a prominent English pre-war player, at the age of 73.

Being a banker, Minard was not a frequent tournament competitor, but he won both the men's doubles and the mixed doubles (which was easily his best game) at the International Championships of the Netherlands in 1936-37.

Minard played regularly for the United Banks (England) in its annual fixtures against Denmark and twice visited that country for that purpose in the thirties.

For several years he was the match secretary of the famous (now defunct) Crystal Palace Club and played many times for his county, Surrey.

25th Hungarian Title for

Janos Cserni

Janos Cserni won his 25th national title when the Hungarian Championships were held at Budapest on May 21st and 22nd, a record which he created in eleven years, during which period he won all three titles on as many as six occasions, a marvellous effort. His sister, Eva, is not far behind him, for, since she accomplished the hat-trick in the recent tournament, she is only just short of twenty titles herself.

Only one title changed hands this year. This was the ladies' doubles when the winners of the past two years were rather severely beaten in the final.

The finals resulted as follows:

Men's Singles—Imre Bereknay beat Ferenc Rolek, 15-8, 15-5.

Ladies' Singles—Miss Eva Cserni beat Mrs. Ildiko Bödecs, 11-9, 11-9.

Men's Doubles—Istvan Englert and Jozsef Papp beat Janos Cserni and Laszlo Rammer, 7-15, 15-10, 15-5.

Ladies' Doubles—Miss Eva Cserni and Miss Eva Pozsik beat Mrs. Ildiko Bödecs and Miss Erzsébet Nemeth, 15-6, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles—Janos Cserni and Miss Eva Cserni beat Ferenc Rolek and Miss Zsuzsa Glaser, 15-2, 15-2.

The Hungarian Junior Championships, held at Dunakeszi four weeks earlier, saw György Vörös win all three titles and Miss Eva Vigh two. The latter won the girls' doubles with her sister Ildiko, and Vörös's successful mixed partner was Miss Erzsébet Gindert.

Titles Change Hands in Canada

All five events in the 50th Canadian National Championships obtained new champions when the annual tournament took place at Toronto from April 7th to 10th. All the events had huge entries, and these were headed by the men's singles with as many as 84, so all the champions fully deserved their successes over the four days of play.

Jamie McKee notched his first Canadian title when he came through his six matches without loss of a game; indeed, he had no trouble until the semi-final round where he was well extended by Lucio Fabris, also of the 1976 Thomas Cup team. The holder, Bruce Rollick, was in grave danger of defeat in the fifth round where he beat James Muir only by 10-15, 15-12, 17-14. In the semi-final round he was comfortably beaten by John Czich, last year's finalist, who thereby took ample revenge for 1976.

A big surprise featured the ladies' final when Miss Wendy Clarkson, holder not only of the title but also of the Canadian Open title, went down rather badly to the former champion, Mrs. Jane Youngberg, who had enjoyed rollicking victories to reach the last round.

A pair only just out of the junior ranks, Pat Tryon and Ian Johnson, took the men's doubles with a comfortable final victory over the top-seeded ex-Thailanders. Both the ladies' and mixed doubles went according to form.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals—J. McKee beat L. Fabris, 18-15, 15-8. J. Czich beat B. Rollick, 15-5, 15-10.

Final—McKee beat Czich, 15-12, 15-6.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals—Miss W. Clarkson beat Mrs. J. Rollick, 12-10, 11-8. Mrs. J. Youngberg beat Miss L. Harris, 11-5, 11-0.

Final—Mrs. Youngberg beat Miss Clarkson, 11-6, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals—P. Tryon and I. Johnson beat J. Czich and J. McKee, 15-9, 15-7. R. Kanchanaraphi and S. Aukayaapisudhi beat G. Carter and K. Little, 18-14, 18-16.

Final—Tryon and Johnson beat Kanchanaraphi and Aukayaapisudhi, 15-6, 15-7.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals—Miss L. Harris and Mrs. J. Aziz beat Miss L. Thorne and Miss M. Thorne, 15-11, 15-12. Mrs. J. Youngberg and Mrs. B. Welch beat Miss B. O'Brien and Miss L. Goudie, 15-11, 15-5.

Final—Mrs. Youngberg and Mrs. Welch beat Miss Harris and Mrs. Aziz, 15-8, 15-2.

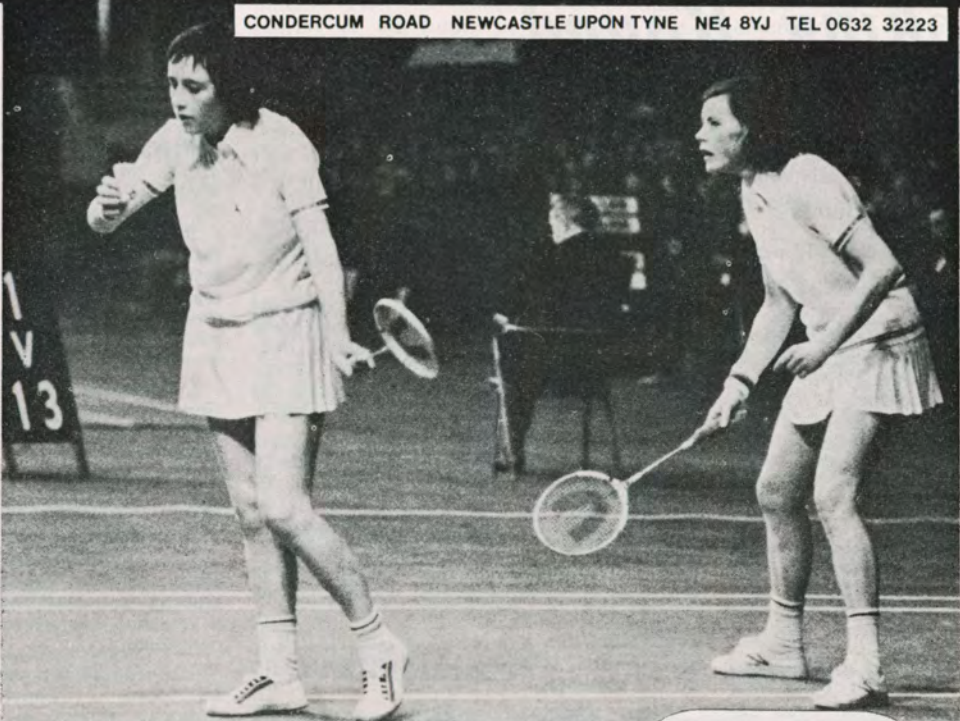
MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals—L. Fabris and Miss W. Clarkson beat K. Little and Mrs. B. Welch, 15-4, 15-12. B. Rollick and Mrs. M. Nilsson beat R. Clarke and Mrs. Clarke, 15-2, 15-11.

Final—Rollick and Mrs. Nilsson beat Fabris and Miss Clarkson, 8-15, 17-15, 15-5.

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Looking Round the World

Great Advances in Canada

From the Canadian B.A.'s monthly newsletter we learn that membership of the Canadian B.A. has gone up by over 100 per cent, quite a remarkable increase in one year. At the end of the recent season there were 48,725 registered players in the twelve provincial associations. The largest of these is that of the Province of Quebec with 15,853. Only just short of 10,000 players are Alberta and Ontario, with British Columbia registering 8,249. None of the remaining provinces exceeds 700 players.

Financial contributions from the Canadian Government to the national body will next season exceed \$200,000, and may be even higher before the financial year is out if certain projects receive approval.

At the annual meeting held at Montreal at the end of April, Mr. J. D. Carnwath, a former Thomas Cup player, was re-elected President, and the two vice-presidents are Mrs. Pauline Ingall and Mr. H. A. Kirkconnell.

Great plans are being made for the Commonwealth Games which will be held at Edmonton in August, 1978, and to provide, as it were, a practice run for this important international tournament, the Canadian National Championships will take place at the same venue from March 23rd to 26th.

New Zealand Commences Jubilee Season

The first big playing event of New Zealand's jubilee season witnessed a considerable stir when the near-veteran, Richard Purser, beat Ross Livingston, 18-15, 15-1, to win the annual H. W. Austin Memorial tournament, held this year at Hawera in the North Island. Singles only feature this tournament, and the ladies' event went to Mrs. A. Branfield with a final victory over Mrs. Livingston by 11-7, 12-9. Both men's finalists had had very hard struggles in the semi-finals as Purser beat Chris Bullen, 18-16, 2-15, 15-7, and Livingston overcame Steve Wilson only by the tremendous score of 15-12, 17-18, 17-15, and the length of this encounter had its effect on Livingston's stamina in the final later in the day.

Auckland won the inter-provincial team championship for the eleventh successive time when the event was held at Invercargill on June 4th. Because of her great strength Auckland has in the past few years been represented by two teams. Auckland "Blue" which included the internationals, Ross Livingston, Warren Johns and Mrs. Branfield, beat Waitemata, an Auckland sub-association, by 12 matches to 4 in the final. Canterbury finished third, Auckland "White" fourth, followed by Wellington and Southland, the home team. Taranaki (Richard Purser's province), Hutt Valley, Wanganui and Otago all failed to qualify for the final ties.

New Zealand's Long

Serving Administrators

After 17 years on the Management Committee, Mr. Ian Palmer has been made a life member of the New Zealand Badminton Federation. Mr. Palmer was unanimously acclaimed as a life member at the Federation's annual meeting on 26th March.

As well as his long service of 17 years on the Federation, Mr. Palmer is also a council member of the I.B.F. He has for many years been a stalwart of the Hutt Valley Badminton Association (he was instrumental in founding it as a sub-association of the Wellington Association) and he is a past president and also a life member.

In recent years he has served as both Chairman and President of the N.Z.B.F. and in fact is still a Management Committee member.

After some 15 years as a national selector Miss Nancy Fleming, M.B.E., has retired from this position. Her place was taken by Don Higgins.

The new President of the Federation is Walter Glengarry, of Dunedin. He replaced Graham Goodwin, of Hawkes Bay, who had completed his two-year stint. Those who know him will be sorry to learn he has been in poor health recently.

The extent to which Badminton has spread in New Zealand in recent years has forced the Federation to look at the feasibility of employing a full-time secretary or executive officer—following in the footsteps of other sports notably rugby, soccer and tennis. This step has been endorsed in principle by member-associations but the Federation still has to overcome its biggest hurdle—finance. The cost is estimated at an additional \$20,000 a year.

The Federation's golden jubilee celebrations got off to a flying start with an administrators' get-together after the annual meeting. This took the form of a cocktail hour (or two) followed by a buffet dinner. Approximately 170 old and new hands attended the function.

The Federation has a number of long serving members still active.

Vice-President George Vincent has served almost 25 years—21 as secretary. Miss Nancy Fleming has been on the committee for over 26 years and is a life member. Dick Vallance has served 18 years—including a period as chairman. All three are life members of Wellington Badminton Club and Wellington Badminton Association.

Another long server, Ian Russell, was not re-elected at the annual meeting. He had served 17 years and over the last few years he has been in poor health. Nevertheless, he continued to do as much as he could and at a recent Management Committee meeting he was presented with an engraved silver salver in recognition of his services to the game.

R.K.V.

A Report from Australia

by ROY WARD

The author has been Secretary of the Victorian Badminton Association for the past 17 years and represents that State at national level. He is a Councillor of the I.B.F. and a Member of Parliament in Victoria.

Badminton was first played in Australia more than 70 years ago but it is in the last few years that it has been poised to leap forward. Poised has been the operative word and at last the leap has taken place and we are in mid-air attacking the world scene and progressing in Australia.

I suggested that the Australian Association set up a Council and after serious consideration this scheme was turned down. Now the Australian Association will meet at a conference with delegates who are familiar with the administration. This conference will take place in October and set up the pattern of operation for policy making. The Executive of Cedric Baxter (WA), Harry Thompson (Tasmania) and national secretary Rob Fyfe will meet twice a year and are given some strength to make decisions.

The Australian Association for too long has been a "paper tiger" strangled by minority control as is often the case in democratic federations.

Small states unable to contribute financially and worried that a national attitude would offend the big numeric state—Victoria.

Australia has always recognised its responsibilities to the International Badminton Federation.

We compete in the Thomas and Uber Cups and had Peter Cooper and Sue Daly at the first World Championships in Malmö. They are the current Australian singles champions with the former being only the second player in Australia's history to win three consecutive national singles titles. The Commonwealth Games in Brisbane in 1982 should be another fillip to Australian Badminton and, providing concentrated effort is applied by the ABA, the whole of Australia will benefit. The Queensland BA are conscious of the big task before them in organisation and the whole nation is anxious to see that this small numeric Badminton state gets all the assistance possible.

For many years the Silver Bowl Invitation Singles conducted by the Badminton Players Social Club has attracted international players from New Zealand, Malaysia and Indonesia. This Silver Bowl is an annual event held in Melbourne. However, the national titles need to get a more international flavour and this year Australian President Cedric Baxter has made approaches to Asian players.

At the same time the Victorian Badminton Social Club have issued invitations to players from Asia, Japan, Sweden, England and New Zealand.

It is hoped that both events will be a success.

Australian Badminton lacks major business sponsorship but this could end this year with support for the present national titles and Victoria making approaches in its own right.

National Coaches Chairman Ian Hutchinson was at the World Coaches seminar at

the expense of the Victorian Association and the Victorian Badminton Coaches Association.

Victoria offered \$1000 to the Australian Association to send their own representative but this was not accepted but they supported the Victorian nomination and Hutchinson was there.

There is no national government sponsorship at the present time although the Socialist Government did have such a scheme for three years. Victoria receives money for coaching of youngsters from its State Government. In three years nearly \$20,000 has been supplied, and this has been backed by further money from the State Badminton Association.

Players of Promise

About 70% of the Australian Badminton population is in Victoria but Western Australia and New South Wales have some of the best individual players. Recently WA won the H. B. Wray Cup for team events for players between the ages of 17 and 21 years. H. B. Wray was the first Australian secretary and won many State and national titles.

Paul Kong and Audrey Swaby (WA), Mark Harry (NSW) and Michael Scan-

dolera (Vic.) are among the promising players of the future in Australia. Kong and Swaby have been selected in the Australian team to play in New Zealand for the Whyte Trophy. The other members of the team are Peter Cooper (capt.), Paul Tyrrell (Vic.), Geraldine Brown (Vic.), Beverley Hite (Tas.) and Sue Daly (Vic.).

Victoria is the holder of the senior teams' championship (Clendinnen Shield) and the Maddern Trophy (under 17 teams championship).

The Australian Association realises now that money is important to get coaches and umpires trained, and for those coaches to get into schools and attract a greater ratio of the top sportsmen and women to Badminton.

The Australian Coaches Committee is working towards establishing State branches so that qualified coaches are available in the same way as in Victoria.

The Education Department in Victoria has Badminton in their Resources Centre and Kay Terry, M.B.E., five times Australian champion, has made a film for teaching Basic Badminton.

Full time administration in each State is becoming a necessity and it is probable that Victoria will become the first to appoint this administrator.

The other major concern in Australian Badminton is the drift from the hard line amateur rule in attitude. Then this is a problem that faces the whole of the I.B.F. and will need to be resolved in the near future.

Badminton in Australia has a great future and it has players with the potential to match the world's best and the world will be seeing many of them in the future.

Scotland's Dual Award

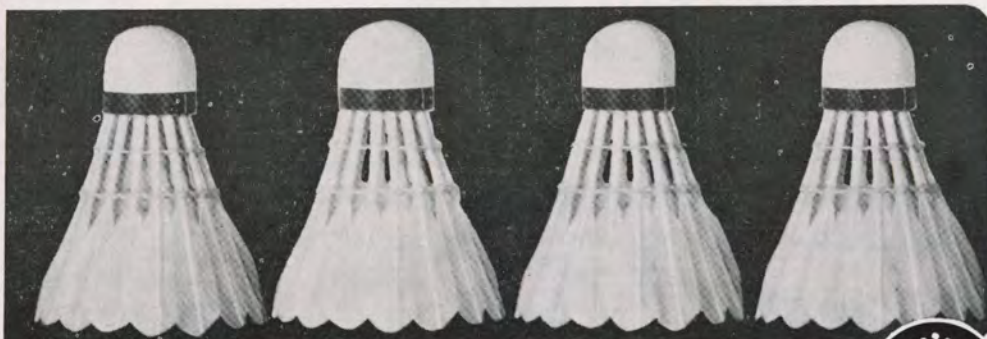
The Scottish Badminton Union's President's Cup for the most improved woman-player has been awarded this year on a sharing basis. The two winners are the 18 year old Pam Hamilton and the 17 year old Joy Reid. Both are already full internationals, and one after the other gained the distinction of being the youngest ever players to be capped by Scotland. Miss Hamilton has now played three times for Scotland and Miss Reid once.

Together, these two reached the final of the girls' doubles at the recent European Junior Championship in Malta. In doing that they became the first Scottish medalists in European Championship competition.

The men's award went to David Joiner, notably for his improved doubles play.



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Membership.—The Guatemalan National Badminton Federation has been admitted as a Temporary Associate Member as from 6th May, 1977. Also admitted to Temporary Associate Membership were the Badminton Association of Israel and the Federacao Mocambicana de Badminton, in consequence of which the membership of the Ashdod Badminton Club and of the Clube Desportivo dos Goeses now cease.

Application for full membership has been made by the Badminton Association of Ghana, which has completed Schedule B as per Rule 7 and National Organisations have been notified of the application.

Statute Book : 1977-78.— The 1977-78 edition of the I.B.F. Statute Book is now being printed and copies will be forwarded to National Organisations in the usual way.

Uber Cup Draw.— The draw for the inter-zone and final ties was made at the Annual General Meeting on 6th May and a composite draw for the whole contest appears on another page.

Annual General Meeting.— The next Annual General Meeting of the International Badminton Federation will take place on 18th May, 1978, in Wellington, New Zealand.

Council Meeting.—The next meeting of the Council of the I.B.F. will take place on Sunday, 2nd October, 1977. Mr. S. Mohlin and Mr. C. Reddie have been elected Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Council respectively, for 1977-78.

1980 World Championships.— The 1980 World Championships will take place in Indonesia.

Copies of the 1977 Annual General Meeting Minutes will be circulated in due course.

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8. D. Hofer
9. H. Hofer
10. Almer

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3. Michel Gosset
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(Dominique Kaiser
(Herman Moens
(Marc Muraile
8. Björn Aagaard
9. Patrice Leist
10. (Benny Tan Hok Djie
(Jose Isasi

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(Dan Travers

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National Open Championship Dates, 1977 - 78

The following dates for National Open Championships are hereby sanctioned by the International Badminton Federation:—

Underneath the title of each championship is the name and address of the tournament secretary from whom entry forms and other particulars may be obtained.

August, 1977

29-Sept. 2 Australian Open Championships
at Perth
(The Secretary, Badminton Centre,
Flynn Street, Wembley,
West Australia 6014)

September, 1977

6-10 New Zealand Championships at
Wanganui
(G. Robertson, P.O. Box 2685,
Wellington)

October, 1977

7-9 International Championships of
Czechoslovakia at Prague
(J. R. Benes, 110 00 Prague 1,
Stepanska 20)

November, 1977

4-6 International Championships
of Austria at Mödling
(H. Kullnigg, Hauptstrasse 60a/4,
3021 Pressbaum)

December, 1977

3 Polish International Championships
(The Secretary, Centralna Komisja Badmintonu,
Pl. Dabrowskiego 8, ZG TKKF Warsaw)

2-3 Welsh Open Championships
at Cardiff
(Mrs. M. Hybart, Lyn-wood, Tal-y-garn,
Pontyclun, Mid-Glamorgan)

10-11 Reserved in Europe for
National Championships

26-Jan. 1 Indian Championships at
Panjim, Goa
(A. V. Madgavkar, Ghanekar Building,
2nd Floor, Jose Falco Road, Panjim, Goa)

January, 1978

5-8 Swedish Open Championships
(B. E. Nilsson, Tegnergatan 20,
752 26 Uppsala)

20-21 Scottish Open Championships
at Edinburgh
(The Secretary, Scottish Badminton Union,
8 Frederick Street, Edinburgh EH2 2HB)

February, 1978

4-5 Reserved in Europe for
National Championships

10-12 International Championships of the
Netherlands at Beverwijk
(A. E. ter Metz, R. van Goensplein 13,
2024AM Haarlem)

17-18 Irish Open Championships
at Dublin
(D. Turpin, 39 Woodbrook Park,
Templeogue, Dublin)

March, 1978

9-12 Danish Open Championships
at Copenhagen
(The Secretary, Dansk Badminton Forbund,
Idraetens Hus, Brøndby Stadion 20,
DK 2600 Glostrup)

15-18 All-England Championships
at Wembley
(The Secretary,
Badminton Association of England,
44-45 Palace Road, Bromley, Kent BR1 3JU)

May, 1978

13-20 *Uber Cup Inter-Zone Ties
in New Zealand

August, 1978

3-12 *Commonwealth Games at
Edmonton, Canada

* indicates that entry is by invitation, or that players must be chosen by the national organisations entitled to be represented.

The International Championships of France

From the Belgian "Badminton" we learn that the annual International Championships of France took place at Colombes, just outside Paris, over the weekend of April 2nd. There was on hand quite an international entry with players from Belgium, England, West Germany and the Netherlands amongst others.

According to our contemporary, the championships went off in the usual manner: "The lack of organisation is part of the French folklore, and all the participants knew what to expect and accepted everything in good humour."

The men's singles went to England's David Hunt from his compatriot Peter Pennekett, and another English pair, Brian Keeling and Duncan Bridge, took the men's doubles.

Miss Inge Rozemeyer of the Netherlands won the ladies' singles from another Dutch competitor, Miss Sylvia Robbé, and these two also won the ladies' doubles where their final opponents were Miss Pat Assinder of England and the Belgian Miss Francoise Kaiser.

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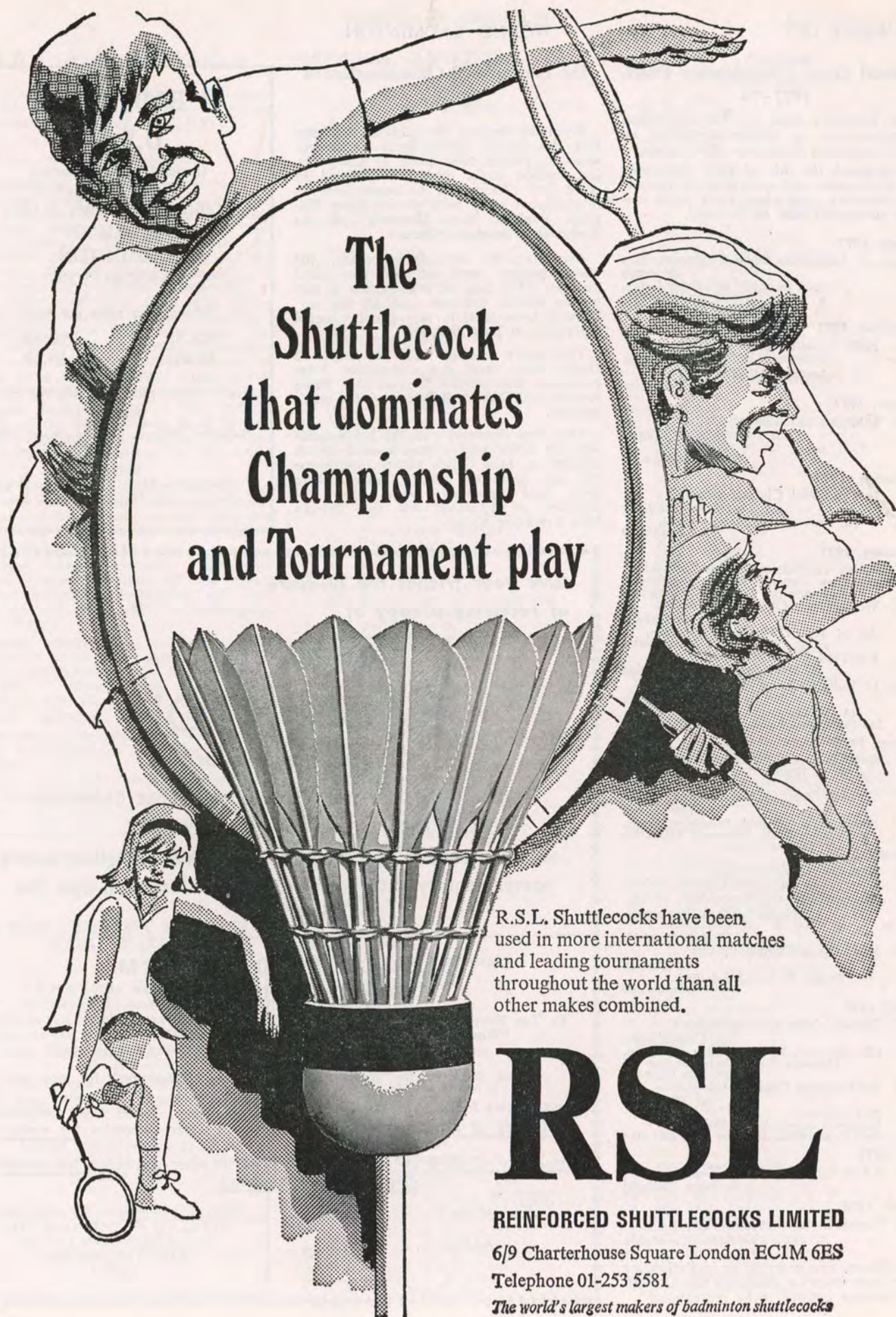
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