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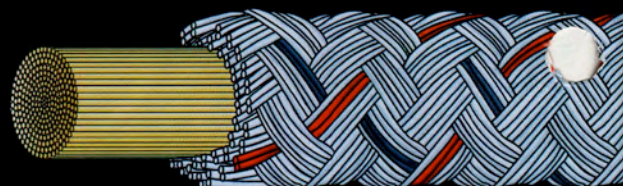
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TOP JOB FOR PRESIDENT

MME LU SHENGRONG has been appointed as an international federation representative on the newly formed "Women and Sport Working Group" which will be chaired by Miss Anita De Frantz (USA), a member of the Executive Board of IOC.

There is no doubt that this remarkable and important honour is due to Mme Lu's work and subsequent important report from the NGO Forum during the Fourth World Conference held in Beijing in September last year.

So far the IOC has not announced the terms of reference but it is certain that the following proposals from Mme Lu's report last year will influence the advancement of this IOC Commission.

Mme Lu's proposals were:-

- * That the IOC set up a Women's Commission whose task it is to deal with the special problems concerning women's participation in the Olympic Movement and to encourage and propel international sports organisation in the development of women's sports.
- * That a special foundation be instituted for the development of women's sport (for instance, with a fixed ratio of Olympic Solidarity) to be used exclusively for the training of women administrators, coaches, medical personnel and athletes; and
- * Measures to be taken to guarantee opportunities for, and a certain proportion of women to participate in the Olympics.

Throughout Mme Lu's stewardship as President of the IBF she has made a point of engaging in discussions with women involved at all levels of badminton in all parts of the world.

Mme Lu said, "I am very much aware of the honour that has been bestowed on badminton and I hope that I can adequately meet the new demands of this commission with worthwhile contributions to enhance the future of women in sport."

1996 INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

Month w/e	Event	Prize Money US\$	GP Star Rating	World Ranking Grading
January				
7	#Finnish International (Helsinki 4-7)	5,000		A
	#LAUDA AIR CUP (Dornbirn, AUT 5-7)	35,000		
14	CHINESE TAIPEI (Taipei 9-14)	125,000	5	5*
	#Portuguese International (Caldas 10-13)			B
21	JAPAN (Toyko 16-21)	150,000	5	5*
	Finlandia Cup			
28	KOREA (Seoul 23-27)	125,000	5	5*
	#Austrian International (St Polten 25-28)			A
February				
4	10 Days of Dawn (IRI)			E
	Reserved for National Championships			
11	#La Chaux de Fonds (SUI 8-11)			B
25	THOMAS & UBER CUP PRELIMINARIES			see regulations
	European venue: Prague, CZE 17-24			
	Asian venue: Auckland, NZL 18-25			
March				
3	SWISS (Basle 28/2-3/3)	100,000	4	4*
10	SWEDISH (Malmo 6-10)	60,000	3	3*
	Dutch Junior			
	All-England Veterans			
17	ALL-ENGLAND (Birmingham 11-16)	125,000	5	5*
	German Junior			
24	#FRENCH (Paris 20-24)			A
	Senior All-Africa Championships (Nigeria 17-24)			B
31	POLISH (Spala Olympic Centrum 28-31)	35,000	2	2*
	#Amor International (Groningen 29-31)			A
	Peru International (Regatas Club 27-30)			C
April				
21	European Championships (Herning, DEN 13-20)			see regulations
	Asian Championships			see regulations
	African Championships			see regulations
May				
5	Bermuda International			B
12	Italian International			D
19	Strasbourg International (FRA)			
26	THOMAS & UBER CUP FINALS (Hong Kong 16-26)			see regulations
June				
23	ASIA CUP			
August				
4	Olympic Games - badminton 24/7-1/8			
25	MALAYSIAN			
September				
1	INDONESIAN			
8	SINGAPORE (2-8)			
	Mediterranean Cup (ITA)			
	Australian International (Perth)			
15	New Zealand International (10-14)			
	New Zealand Under 21 (10-14)			
22	CANADIAN (tbc)			
29	US (tbc)			
	World University Championships (Strasbourg, FRA 27-29)			
October				
6	DUTCH			
13	RUSSIAN			
20	DANISH			
27	GERMAN			
November				
3	CHINA			
10	HONG KONG			
	Tournoi International (Toulouse, FRA)			
	Hungarian International			
17	THAILAND			
	Iceland International			
24	SCOTTISH			
	WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Silkeborg, DEN 19-24)			
December				
1	Welsh International			
8	Irish International			
15	Spanish International			
	WORLD GRAND PRIX FINALS	350,000		6*
22	USA Exhibition Event (Los Angeles)			
29	Copenhagen Masters (26-29)			

NOTE

CAPITALS = IBF Events, World Grand Prix and other Open Events. # = EBU Circuit.
Calendar is subject to change. Please check with the latest IBF calendar for confirmation of dates.

A boost to the staff at the IBF

THESE WERE some interesting council decisions at the meeting in Beijing in November:

NEW STAFF: — The press and public relations and events departments are to be boosted by new members of staff. Publicity chairman Roy Ward and deputy chairman of council Tom Bacher were forthright on the needs to service television.

NEW PREMISES — IBF has outgrown its Cheltenham premises and a search is on for new premises.

WORLD GRAND PRIX FINALS — There was record prize money of US \$325,000 in Singapore, and STAR television covered the 1995 promotion with ample advertising on Asian TV. In 1996 there will be similar prize money for the Kuala Lumpur venue with STAR television again taking the game to the viewers.

IBF VICE-PRESIDENTS — Hon. Roy Ward, Professor Charoen Wattanasin and Drs. Justian Suhandinata are the nominees for the next three year team.

OLYMPIC GAMES, ATLANTA — All council members are to attend and are required to be involved in the public relations bit with visitors and help them understand badminton.

ATLANTA INADEQUACIES — Executive director David Shaw received the council's full support for attacking Atlanta's failure to adhere to its bid promise of 5,000 seats for badminton. In fact it is only about 3,600. Shaw barely survived as a diplomat with his sharp letter to David Maggard, ACOG Chief, which was copied to IOC. ACOG says there was a misunderstanding when venues were changed from bid promises. NOT GOOD ENOUGH, ATLANTA!

OLYMPIC GAMES TEST EVENT — This was anything but a test. Reports say there was no special lighting as promised; and the passage of spectators interrupted play. It is obvious there is a lot of work to be done with television and radio coverage

with the national Olympic committees and Atlanta. IBF councillors had to wade through a FIVE-PAGE report on deficiencies and recommendations for action. There are 130 members of the IBF which makes badminton one of the world's most developed sports — yet it has to be insulted by bad preparation.

COMMITTEES FOR THOMAS/UBER CUPS — Prague: Torsten Berg (chairman), Tom Bacher, Tuomo Tennila. Auckland: Jeff Robson (chairman), Roy Ward, Cedric Baxter.

IBF MAJOR EVENTS, CHANGES TO 1997 WORLD CHAMPS, AND SUDIRMAN CUP — Group one is to have six teams, three in each sub-group. The other groups will remain with eight teams, four in each sub-group. It was decided that the countries re-entering the Sudirman Cup would be inserted into a group at the seeding committee's discretion. It was felt that any strong team opting out for any reason would not be allowed to be placed in group one. This would again be at the seeding committee's discretion.

There will be first and second round stages in the world championships. Players and pairs ranked to 16 will be taken directly from the ranking list and qualify automatically.

TRAFFIC JAM IN THE GRAND PRIX CALENDAR — Tournament organisers have been asked to re-apply for sanction of 1997 events. In 1998 one- to three-star events are to be slotted in around four to six-star events. Organisers are to comment on the 1998 draft calendar. In 1997 the prize money minimums will be as follows: one star US\$30,000, two star US\$50,000, three star US\$80,000, four star US\$120,000, five star US\$170,000, six star US\$250,000.

SEEDS — A four-star event is to have 16 seeds. Events with fewer than 64 entries should have only eight seeds. Events with between 16 and 31 entries are to have four seeds. In future seeds are to be numbered 1-16 for public relations purposes but the draw will still be labelled in the categories 1, 2, 3-4, 5-8 and 9-16. That is good news for the public and good sense for the players.

UMPIRES AND LINE JUDGES — All have to be under 55 years of age.

NEW CERTIFICATED UMPIRE — Paisan Rangsitkpho of the United States has been upgraded and this is a tribute to tenacity. There was a time when the chairman of the IBF umpires committee received a letter from the United States association advising that Paisan was not good enough to be an IBF umpire.

UMPIRE ASSESSORS — Specially designated panels of assessors will relieve referees of the burden of this work in 1997, facilitating standardisation.

BADMINTON FOUNDATION — Some will recall that Roy Ward produced a plan for a Development Badminton Foundation and it looked as though that idea had been allowed to die. Not so! Justian Suhandinata has taken it up with apparent success, looking to a minimum of 50 supporters at \$25,000 each but more hopefully one each from 130 country members. Past President Ferry Sonneville is to be patron founder. He gave \$10,000 more than 20 years ago for use in development. All those who give \$25,000 or more will be called founders.



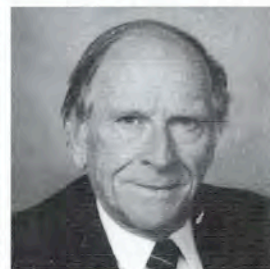
Tom Bacher — forthright about TV

HOW THINGS CHANGE! — Sometime ago council members Ward and Baxter produced a programme to advance badminton in the Sydney area. It got the thumbs down very quickly. Now back comes the IBF asking for a paper showing ways in which badminton might optimise benefits during the lead up to the Sydney Olympics.

DRUG TESTING — IBF sampling officers are to be appointed. The IBF will use IOC procedural guidelines as a model and adapt them to suit badminton.

IBF HONOURS LIST — One of badminton's legendary sportswomen Judy Hashman (née Devlin) is to be honoured with the Herbert Scheele Award. Susi Susanti has been nominated for the Amateur Athletic Foundation Award (Los Angeles). Meritorious Service Awards went to Herman Moens (Belgium), Tony Winslow (England), Rachel Ellis (Jamaica), Samson Egleyemi and Folorunso Adelowo (Nigeria).

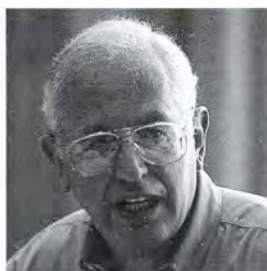
INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON HALL OF FAME — Roy Ward brought this idea to the IBF council some two years ago and surprisingly the idea "got the flick". Now the awards and archives committee is to look at it again. If you look at the members of council who would be candidates for the hall of fame there would be Rudy Hartono, Heather Nielsen (Ward), Tom Bacher, Jeff Robson, Punch Gunalan, and Charoen Wattanasin. From the past, obvious candidates are Frank Devlin, Sir George Thomas, Betty Uber, Finn Kobbero, Hammegaard Hansen, Eddy Chong, David Freeman, Wong Peng Soon, Liem Swie King, etc., etc. Badminton has to learn that it must look after its own. Ward said: "I am here because of the players and not the other way round. So let's look after the players with all the honours possible."



Roy Ward — idea revived



Rudy Hartono — candidate for fame



David Shaw — support for attack

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LU'S CALL TO SAMARANCH

FOLLOWING her appointment as one of seven members of the International Olympic Committee delegation to the fourth world conference on women and the NGO forum in Beijing last month, Lu Shengrong, President of the International Badminton Federation, has called on the IOC to help address the difficulties faced by women in sport.

Madame Lu has written to Juan Antonio Samaranch, the President of the IOC, suggesting that:

- the IOC set up a women's commission to deal with the special problems concerning women's participation in the Olympic movement

- a special foundation be instituted for the development of women's sport, to be used for the training of women administrators, coaches, medical personnel and athletes
- measures should be taken to guarantee opportunities for women to participate in the Olympics.

Lu Shengrong, the only Asian woman president of an international sports federation, started her career in the All-China Women's Federation and has held a number of high-level appointments in sports management. (See article on pages six and seven by Roy Ward)



MME LU'S TÊTE-À-TÊTE — IBF President has a message for the IOC President, Juan Antonio Samaranch

GET IT RIGHT!

I KNOW that the English language is a living language and throughout one year perhaps thousands of new words find their way into the largest language in the world.

The feminist movement with almost manic force want to change expressions because they have the three letters "m a n" appearing in succession in a word. The most notable example is the use of "chair" instead of the correct word "chairman" which has no gender connotations whatsoever. Maybe the world can suffer this branch of stupidity.

However, I must draw to your attention some unforgivable errors. At the Olympic museum there is "badmington", and "sets". There is a constant reference to games as "sets" both by players, journalists and other branches of the media.

"Linesmen", "linespersons" I wonder who proof-read the Badminton Explanatory Book, published by the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. Here under JUDGES, line there is "Linesmen and linesmen coordinator". I thought that the IBF removed those expressions some ten years ago.

Donate rackets to Africa

THE IBF has launched a Donate a Racket for Africa campaign. Between now and the end of the Atlanta Olympic Games in August 1996, the IBF hopes to collect at least 2,500 rackets to help the newly developing clubs in Africa.

The campaign, a joint initiative between the IBF and Denmark, England, Germany and Sweden, calls for second hand rackets to be donated to countries such as South Africa, Ethiopia and Mozambique. The only requirement is that frames should be in good condition. Wood, metal

and graphite rackets are equally acceptable, with or without strings! They can be sent to any of these four badminton associations or to the IBF.

Said Andrew Ryan, IBF's Director of Development, "The biggest club in one African country already has 65 members — but only two rackets. We have been to Soweto to help introduce street badminton and to work with

many new players. They can't play badminton without rackets, so please help us to give them some."



RYAN, RIBALDRY AND RACKETS — IBF Development Officer among the Africans

BANG IS BACK AT THE TOP

SUSI SUSANTI, who regained her world number one spot from Bang Soo-Hyun in August, had lost it again to the South Korean by December. Bang's continued good form and the defeat for Susanti in the World cup by China's Ye Zhaoying have created speculation about the great Indonesian's ability to defend her Olympic title this year.

The men's number one remains the same, with world champion Heryanto Arbi top and the revived Joko Suprianto still tucked in behind him. Indonesians again occupy the first three men's singles places, with Olympic champion Allan Budi Kusuma now third in place of compatriot Ardy Wiranata.

The top positions in the doubles events are also the same, which means another South Korean, Gil Young-Ah, still heads two lists.

China's Huang Zhangzhong and Jiang Xin have moved up to second in the men's doubles from their seventh place of three months ago. Another Chinese pair, Tao Xiaoping and Wang Xiaoyuan have moved up 12 places to number three in the mixed doubles during the same period.

TOP THREE:

Men's singles: 1, Heryanto Arbi (Indonesia); 2, Joko Suprianto (Indonesia); 3, Allan Budi Kusuma (Indonesia).

Women's singles: 1, Bang Soo-Hyun (South Korea); 2, Susi Susanti (Indonesia); 3, Ye Zhaoying (China).

Men's doubles: 1, Ricky Subagja & Rexy Mainaky (Indonesia); 2, Huang Zhangzhong & Jiang Xin (China); 3, Gunawan and Bambang Suprianto (Indonesia).

Women's doubles: 1, Gil Young-Ah & Jang Hye-Ock (South Korea); 2, Ge Fei & Gu Jun (China); 3, Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen & Marlene Thomsen (Denmark).

Mixed doubles: 1, Kim Dong Moon & Gil Young-Ah (South Korea); 2, Trikus Heryanto & Minarti Timur (Indonesia); 3, Tao Xiaoping & Wang Xiaoyuan (China).



Bang Soo-Hyun

HOW INTERESTING it is to see the United Nations celebrating 50 years of survival and its growth from 51 members to 185. The Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing with its 30,000 in attendance was really a pilot run for the celebration.

The Beijing conference was honoured by the presence of the International Olympic Committee delegation which included IBF President Mme Lu Shengrong, who is the only woman President of an international sports organisation.

At this forum it was the first time there was a special workshop on the subject of Women and Sport.

Mme Lu said, "Although Women and Sport was not the main theme or a hot issue of the forum, it actually aroused widespread interest and fervent hopes among women the world over."

The President reported to the IOC that the following problems were of great concern —

- * obtaining of women's equal rights with men to take part in sporting activities;
- * appeals to protect women's physical and mental health and to oppose various forms of sexual harassment in sporting activities;
- * demands for selecting and training women sports administrators in the interests of women, particularly of female athletes; and
- * requests for measures to be taken by the IOC and other international sports organisations to ensure better conditions for women taking part in sporting activities.

Mme Lu has a global point of view because she has worked in many other sports. She has travelled widely and is well equipped to comment: "Owing to historical, political, economic, religious and many other reasons, women are facing numerous difficulties in promoting sport as a concerted effort with men."



IMPORTANT SPEECH —
Anita de Franz

"It is incumbent on the Olympic Movement to change this situation gradually, considering that women constitute half of the world population."

ROY WARD WRITES ABOUT THE WOMAN PIONEER OF BADMINTON AND SPORT



LEADER LU — pushing forward for women

"A good solution to their problems will bring success and prosperity to a whole cause," she added.

Mme Lu has made three strong proposals to the IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch. They are —

- that the IOC set up a Women's Commission. Its task would be to deal with the special problems concerning women's participation in the Olympic Movement and to encourage and propel international sports organisations in the development of women's sport;
- that a special foundation be instituted for the development of women's sport, to be used exclusively for the training of women administrators,

coaches, medical personnel and athletes. It is suggested that a fixed ratio be allocated from Olympic Solidarity.

- that measures be taken to guarantee opportunities for, and a certain proportion of, women participating in the Olympics.

Subsequently, Mme Lu was interviewed by China Sports magazine. Here is an edited version of that interview.

Mme Lu explained the history of the UN women's conferences and said that in spite of the rapid progress made by women, at national and international level, their conditions are far from satisfactory. She said that many obstacles still existed in the process of implementing the Nairobi strategies and emphasised that men and

women alike must work hard to realise the general objectives of equality, development and peace.

China Sports: What were the main features of the Beijing Conference and NGO Forum?

Mme Lu: The NGO Forum was held in Huairou, one of Beijing's counties. It drew more than 30,000 people from 189 countries. More than 5,000 activities and events were divided into 13 themes viz: economy, education, health, environment, government and politics, human/legal rights, peace and human security, spirituality and religion, science and technology, media, arts and culture, race and ethnicity and youth.

There was the programme of plenaries consisting of three parts: (a) overview and analysis of the global forces; (b) strategies and mechanism; and (c) commitment to the future.

CS: How about the workshop on women and sport?

Mme Lu: It was ... one of the NGO forum activities under the themes of health. About 130 people participated showing the widespread interest in the stipulated subject — women's status, function and achievements in international and Chinese sport.

The importance of the meeting was underlined by the presence of a seven-member delegation of the IOC headed



"FEMININE SUPERIORITY"
— China's Li Lingwei

by the executive board member Anita de Franz. (She made an important and in-depth speech on the Olympic movement and women. Some outstanding Chinese women

athletes, sports administrators and scholars also spoke on a wide range of subjects and made positive proposals . . . on the improvement of women's role and participation in sport.

The sport of badminton, in which I'm deeply involved as President of the International Badminton Federation, the Chinese women players — during the past 14 years — have won 46 world titles while their male counterparts have won only 24.

For this phenomenon in sport it is accepted by all that this "feminine superiority" in sport has been possible only when women have equal rights as men to take part in sport.

It is a universal problem that we still have many obstacles on the road to complete emancipation of women and a solution requires concerted efforts in the women's movement.

CS: How do you associate the women's movement with the Olympic movement?

Mme Lu: (There are) close relations between the women's movement and the Olympic movement (but) there would be no equality for women's participation in sport and the Olympic Movement without the women's movement aimed at sex

equality in all spheres of social life — politically, economically, culturally and ideologically.

The fourth World Conference for Women had equality, development and

view to encouraging the establishment of peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity; to contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport practised without discrimination of any kind."

The increased number of women's events and participants during the past century is indicative of a victorious struggle against discrimination and for sexual equality in the Olympic Movement. . . . (There were no women in the) . . . first Olympic Games in 1896 (and now there were) . . . 2,708 at the 25th Olympic Games.

By carrying out the Olympic motto — Citius, Altius, Fortius — the women are forging ahead faster, setting higher aims and becoming stronger not only in sport, but also in all spheres of activities.

By pushing forward the Olympic movement we are also giving an impetus to the women's movement

(and vice versa).

(World conference declaration — see next page).



PRESIDENTIAL PROFILES — Mme Lu, Juan Antonio Samaranch and Tom Bacher: IBF President, IOC President and IBF Vice-Chairman

peace as its objectives, which are in complete conformity with the Olympic goal.

The Olympic Charter says, "to place everywhere sport at the service of the harmonious development of man, with a

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Promoting the cause of women

Scope and Aims of the Declaration

1. Scope

This declaration is addressed to all those governments, public authorities, organisations, businesses, educational and research establishments, women's organisations and individuals who are responsible for, or who directly or indirectly influence, the conduct, development or promotion of sport or who are in any way involved in the employment, education, management, training, development or care of women in sport. This declaration is meant to complement all sporting, local, national and international charters, laws, codes, rules and regulations relating to women or sport.

2. Aims

The overriding aim is to develop a sporting culture that enables and values the full involvement of women in every aspect of sport.

It is in the interests of equality, development and peace that a commitment be made by governmental and non-governmental organisations and all those institutions involved in sport to apply the principles set out in this declaration by developing appropriate policies, structures and mechanisms which:

- ensure that all women and girls have the opportunity to participate in sport in a safe and supportive environment which preserves the rights, dignity and respect of the individual;
- increase the involvement of women in sport at all levels and in all functions and roles;
- ensure that the knowledge, experiences and values of women contribute to the development of sport;
- promote the recognition of women's involvement in sport as a contribution to public life, community development and in building a healthy nation;
- promote the recognition by women of the intrinsic value of sport and its contribution to personal development and healthy lifestyle.

The Principles

1. Equity and Equality in Society and Sport

a Every effort should be made by state and government machineries to ensure that institutions and organisations responsible for sport comply with the equality provisions of the charter of the United Nations, the universal declaration of human rights and the UN convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.

b Equal opportunity to participate and be involved in sport whether for the purpose of leisure and recreation, health promotion or high performance, is the right of every woman, regardless of race, colour, language, religion, creed, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, political belief or affiliation, national or social origin.

c Resources, power and responsibility should be allocated fairly and without discrimination on the basis of sex, but such allocation should redress any inequitable balance in the benefits available to women and men.



Badminton mixed doubles — "gender equity"

2. Facilities

Women's participation in sport is influenced by the extent, variety and accessibility of facilities. The planning, design and management of these should appropriately and equitably meet the particular needs of women in the community, with special attention given to the need for child care provision and safety.

3. School and Junior Sport

Research demonstrates that girls and boys approach sport from markedly different perspectives. Those responsible for sport, education, recreation and physical education of young people should ensure that an equitable range of opportunities and learning experience, which accommodate the values, attitudes and aspirations of girls, is incorporated in programmes to develop physical fitness and basic sport skills of young people.

4. Developing Participation

Women's participation in sport is influenced by the range of activities

available. Those responsible for delivering sporting opportunities and programmes should provide and promote activities which meet women's needs and aspirations.

5. High Performance Sport

a Governments and sports organisations should provide equal opportunities to women to reach their sports performance potential by ensuring that all activities and programmes relating to performance improvements take account of the specific needs of female athletes.

b Those supporting elite and/or professional athletes should ensure that competition opportunities, rewards, incentives, recognition, sponsorship, promotion and other forms of support are provided fairly and equitably to both women and men.

6. Leadership in Sport

Women are under-represented in the leadership and decision making of all sport and sport-related organisations. Those responsible for these areas should develop policies and programmes and design structures which increase the number of women coaches, advisers, decision makers, officials, administrators and sports personnel at all levels with special attention given to recruitment, development and retention.

7. Education, Training and Development

Those responsible for the education, training and development of coaches and other sports personnel should ensure that education processes and experiences address issues relating to gender equity and the needs of female athletes, equitably reflect women's role in sport and take account of women's leadership experiences, values and attitudes.

8. Sports Information and Research

Those responsible for research and providing information on sport should develop policies and programmes to increase knowledge and understanding about women and sport and ensure that research norms and standards are based on research on women and men.

9. Resources

Those responsible for the allocation of resources should ensure that support is available for sportswomen, women's programmes and special measures are taken to advance this declaration of principles.

10. Domestic and International Co-operation

Government and non-government organisations should incorporate the promotion of issues of gender equity and the sharing of examples of good practice in women and sport policies and programmes in their associations with other organisations, within both domestic and international arenas.



Eaton's view

SUSI'S IMAGE MUST BE PROMOTED

THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC Committee has a new crusade — and badminton is well positioned to help it. Not long ago the IOC President, Juan Antonio Samaranch made a speech in Atlanta emphasising the need to advance the cause of women in sport.

Possessing one of the very few women to have presided over an international sport — Lu Shengrong — therefore gives the IBF an advantage in ensuring it maintains its hard-won Olympic status. It should also be of help that Mme Lu recently took an important initiative by making three recommendations for action to the IOC President.

But there is much more to be done. Samaranch's speech had two themes: increasing the numbers of women participating in the Olympics and raising the

profile of women achievers through the media.

Getting mixed doubles in for its debut in Atlanta will make a unique contribution to the first of these aims, but promoting badminton's best women has yet to be properly done.

In Susi Susanti badminton had a unique star who could transcend her sport. In the remaining few months before the Olympics we need to use every avenue to do that — by organising appearances, media conferences, timely press releases, and by PR initiatives to television and radio producers and sports editors of papers and agencies.

It is a pity that so few know Susanti went more than four years as world number one, an achievement which puts her in a similar category as legends like Ed Moses, Jahangir Khan or Martina Navratilova. We

need to have this recalled, and the fact that she is the only player to have held Olympic, World, World Cup and World Grand Prix finals titles.

We need to remind people that Susanti won badminton's first Olympic gold medal and to resurrect the story of the romance on the badminton court, extending it to the projected happy ending of a wedding between her and Allan next year.

Samaranch's Presidency may be improving the lot of women. But it is stunning to learn that it was fully 32 years after the modern Olympics began in 1896 that women athletes were able to take part, and not until 1990 that there was a woman on the IOC board!

It is time to help speed things up. It is time to promote better our finest female talents.



IMELDA THEN AND NOW — as winner of the world mixed doubles title with Christian Hadinata (left), and as coach to the Pelatnas training centre in Jakarta (right). To Imelda's right are Trikus Heryanto and Minarti Timur and to Imelda's left are Dede Hasanah and Flandy Limpele

Making the most of mixed

by EKO SULISTYO PUTRO

UNTIL RECENT TIMES at the training centres of the PBSI (Indonesian Badminton Association) mixed doubles had the lowest status — but it was particularly surprising to have this acknowledged by the coach, Christian Hadinata.

After all, Christian was one of the all time greats (in both mixed and men's doubles) about whom, when the question was asked: "Who is the best doubles team in the world?" the answer would come back — "Christian and any other player you like to name".

Christian, champion at the 1979 All-England with Imelda Wigoeno, said: "The tradition of Indonesia had not enabled any concentration on mixed doubles. The first priority was for men's and women's singles. Then it progressed to men's and women's doubles — and so mixed doubles had the lowest importance."

Christian added: "How could you get people interested in mixed doubles when everyone wants to be a Rudy Hartono or Susi Susanti? No-one wanted to be a Christian or an Imelda."

When will this traditional image change? If it doesn't then no-one will become interested in mixed doubles. There is an alternative. The "short-cut" is an achievement — to win a major title again. Achievement is the standard measurement that is accepted by everyone.

Recruitment for the Pelatnas (the training centre of PBSI) must give opportunities for mixed doubles players where improvement can be studied and assessed.

According to Iwan Setiawan, the chief of the PBSI Coaching Clinic, "Recruitment must have requirements such as qualification and specialisation if we are to achieve a gold medal at the Atlanta Olympic Games next year. This



GOLDEN HOPES — Trikus and Minarti are good enough to win an Olympic title

is motivation for every player."

There will be a trend towards players participating in mixed doubles all over the world with the emphasis on the Atlanta

Olympics. This proves the importance of this discipline, especially for Indonesia.

Imelda Wigoeno, coach of the women's doubles, said, "It means that there will be a spirit of new expectation with the introduction of mixed doubles at Olympic level."

Trikus Heryanto and Minarti Timur are a rising mixed doubles team which began with victory in the Thai Open in 1994 and continued with victories this year in the Indonesian and Singapore Opens.

They have headed the grand prix points table ahead of Korea's Kim Dong Moon and Gil Young-Ah and world champions Thomas Lund and Marlene Thomsen. In the world rankings for Olympic nominations they have been in third position.

Their results bring a breath of fresh air to the PBSI which should be delighted with the improvement in Indonesian mixed doubles.

Christian said: "The players are improving but there is no mental pressure on them. It would be different if they were the All-England champions, which we hope to have in 1996. Then they would have to defend their honour."

"If Trikus and Minarti can win the All-England they would be guaranteed a place at the Atlanta Olympic Games and an opportunity of the ultimate achievement — a gold medal. Then Indonesia will have many players wanting to be a Trikus and a Minarti," added Christian.

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INDOSIAR WORLD CUP by JEFF ROBSON

THE TALENTED Indonesians won four of the major events in Jakarta, with China's world champion Ye Zhaoying preventing the clean sweep. INDOSIAR is the newest and very popular television station in Indonesia and with the PBSI and the Jakarta Badminton Association are to be congratulated on the promotion of the World Cup.

The importance of the event was enhanced by outstanding efforts from the players and as a consequence there were those who caused upsets. These began on the first day.

Tomas Johansson of Sweden surprisingly beat Korea's Lee Kwan Jin in two games and Chen Gang was too good for Rashid Sidek, but these were two close games. The real surprise was Huang Zhanzhong and Jiang Xin, who had ousted world champions Ricky Subagja and Rexy Mainaky in the U.S. Open, being humiliated by the Thai pair, Sakraphee Thongsari and Pramote Teerawiwantana 7-15, 3-15.

Second day: Ardy Wiranata, who had been pushed to three games by Ong Ewe Hock on the first day, received a scare of even greater proportions from the tall Swede Jens Olsson. Ardy emerged victorious by 15-12 in the third game but his face and body language showed great relief at winning the final point.

Mia Audina, showing more maturity in her play, easily accounted for Lee Joo-Hyun 11-0, 11-3. Flandy Limpele and Rosalina Riseu won a very tight game from Jan-Eric Antonsson and Astrid Crabo in the mixed doubles.

Third day: Audina had an intense battle with Camilla Martin in two games before avenging her loss to this player in the All-England. Lim Xiaoping easily overcame the runner-up in the World Championships, Han Jingna, who appeared hampered by an ankle injury.

Then Yuliani Sentoso won the first game from Ye Zhaoying but could not maintain the advantage and Ye cruised to victory. Denny Kantono and Antonius had an extraordinarily easy win over Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Kim Hock but

Joy for Joko as four titles go to Indonesians

the Malaysians made the semi-finals on a count-back.

Semi-finals: Chen Gang, who had looked impressive in defeating Johansson on the final day of the group play, was no match for the in form Joko Suprianto. Susi

denying it, Ardy appeared to be suffering from the effects of a trio of three-game battles. Suprianto cruised to the finals showing too much control against the talented Chen Gang. The two Indonesian women's doubles pairs, Elisa and Resiana and Lili Tampi and Finarsih, won with something to spare both against Denmark's Helene Kirkegaard and Rikke Olsen, and England's Julie Bradbury and Joanne Wright.

When Ricky and Rexy met Malaysian pair of Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Kim Hock there was an hour of brilliant rallies with the world champions reigning supreme 18-13, 15-9.

The talented young Indonesian mixed pair of Flandy and Rosalina suffered an amazing defeat by Korea's Kim Dong Moon and Kim Shin Young. The Indonesians led 14-4 in the third game but the Koreans, playing some remarkable



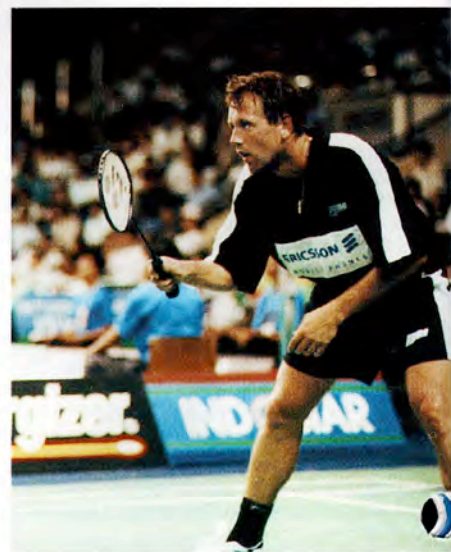
STILL LIVELY — Joko jumping to success

Susanti accounted for rival Lim very comfortably because Lim was trying for winners before setting up the ideal situation. Rising star Audina forced Ye to three games, covering the court with great agility. The powerful Chinese player although struggling with her touch around the net, had enough experience to hold on for her win.

Olympic champion Allan Budi Kusuma prevailed comfortably over Ardy. Although



NAME OF JENS — identifying players from the back



COLOURED AND LABELLED — Jan Eric Antonsson in the new-style clothing

rallies, started to fight back. The Koreans edged closer while on four occasions the Indonesians served for the game and match but could not convert. The crowd was at fever pitch when the Koreans forced a setting at 14-14 and won without dropping a point. They had scored 13 points in succession.

We had a remarkable setting for the finals. Top quality players, a full house sign at the Istora Senayan and full television coverage.

And what a night! It had a 7.30 p.m. start and by 10.30 there were still three finals to play. Eventually it was over at 2.45 in the morning.

The men's and women's singles were of the highest quality and dominated the interest of 6,500 screaming and partisan spectators whose only interest was the welfare of the Indonesian players.

Joko Suprianto, the former world champion, substituted for injured Heryanto Arbi and fought for 90 minutes to beat the Olympic champion Allan Budi Kusuma.

YE ZHAOYING — BEST IN WORLD?

If you thought the men's singles was a heart-stopper then the brilliance, concentration and superb shot-making of Ye Zhaoying in beating Susi Susanti for a third time was a remarkable achievement. Ye pushed her claim to being considered the best in the world.

Joko won the first game against Allan 15-7 but despite that score there was little between these two great players. Points were hard to win and long rallies were frequent. Play was not defensive.

Both tried to dictate the terms of the match. Allan came back to win the second



*TWO TOP TITLES — World Cup follows
World Championship for
Ye Zhaoying*



AUDINA STRIKES BACK — revenge for young Mia

game 15-11, only to go down in the decider 8-15, but again the score was no indication of how punishing the rallies were. The standard of this match was recognised by the fervent supporters yelling their approval.

Down 0-7 in the first game, Ye looked overwhelmed as Susi could do no wrong. She countered Ye's attacking clears, smashes and drop shots with remarkable touch and control.

Then Ye's attack and drops became better. Susi led 8-3 but on one run of serves Ye levelled at 8-8 with superb play. Susi fought to 9-8. Ye levelled at 9-9 and then won the setting 3-0.

Stung by this, Susi won the second game 11-2 and led 6-1 at the change in the third game. Ye fought back to 5-6 but Susi went to 7-5 and held at 7-6.

Then followed a remarkable seven minutes as they exchanged serves and traded rallies with neither able to gain a point. Finally Ye levelled at 7-7 and moved to 8-7 but Susi recovered to lead 9-8. Ye produced a remarkable drop shot

to bring the scores to 9-9 and Susi set the game, but Ye reached match point. Susi broke the serve and then lost it with a close error and Ye clinched the match 3-0 in the setting.

Three hours had passed and as it turned out there was still more than another four hours to play.

The mixed doubles was won by Trikus Heryanto and Minarti Timur against Kim Dong Moon and Kim Shin Young in another 90-minute battle. While the match was full of action, which excited spectators, it was not a game for the purist. Both women allowed themselves to be pushed to the back of the court too often and stayed there.

The women's doubles lasted an hour and 50 minutes with Elisa and Resiana winning 12-11 in the third game from Lili Tampi and Finarsih.

Ricky and Rexy overwhelmed the Thai pair of Pramote and Sakrapee with sheer court speed and placement of shots. There is some fragility in their concentration but their speed is dynamic and quite superb.

DANISH OPEN — HØYER HAT-TRICK; TWO LEFTIES TRIUMPH

THE ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPION Poul-Erik Høyer will most likely never forget when he won his fifth title in Danish Open. Only with the help of his long experience and a good deal of luck did the number four on the October ranking list managed to win the final 17-18, 17-14, 17-16 against the number ten, Hendrawan from Indonesia, who played his best ever on European ground.

With 16 match points (nine for Høyer and seven for Hendrawan) as extra spice even Hans Christian Andersen could not have created a better fairy tale than the two players did in the great story-teller's home town, Odense. After the final Morten Frost did not hesitate to invite Hendrawan to the Copenhagen Masters between Christmas and New Year.

During most of the 80 minutes Høyer was the aggressor while Hendrawan produced an excellent defensive game. But he quickly changed to attack when the opportunity came and the Indonesian also had some tricky strokes which left both the Dane and the spectators dumfounded.

In the exorbitant pace — especially in the first two games — both players made some unforced errors but in the third game, which was a cliffhanger, the play was almost perfect.

Høyer extolled the audience after the victory. "I have lost to Hendrawan both in the Swiss and Russian Opens, and without the strong support especially when I was under pressure I doubt whether I would have been the one who got the last point," he said after receiving the cup for keeps for winning the tournament three times in a row. The spectators were convinced that badminton can be one of the most spell-binding and exciting of all sports.

But for Danish badminton the fairy tale had already been written before the final. The authors were two youngsters. Peter Gade, aged 18, and Peter Rasmussen, three years older, showed that the succession in Danish men's singles is just around the corner and that they are now mature enough to mix with the greatest.

Gade impressed in second round when beating China's number three Ge Cheng but this was nothing against his achievement in the third round when he overcame the Malaysian Rashid Sidek, the second seed, 6-15, 15-12, 15-12. Gade literally gave everything he had and in the evening's quarter-final against the Indonesian Aryanto Dwi the Dane had to retire at 2-7 in third game with cramp in the legs.

Peter Rasmussen's achievement was similar to Gade's. He beat the number 13 on the world ranking list Fung Permadi, and China's number four Hu Zhilan. But after a triumph in the quarter-finals against Sweden's Rikard Magnusson the



ROUND-THE-HEAD AND REPEAT THE STORY — a tale of two left-handers in Odense. Høyer wins the men's singles and fellow European champion Lim Xiaoping emulates him in the women's singles

A fairytale in Andersen's town

by HANS MØLLER

young Dane learned who is still number one on the domestic battlefield when he was beaten by Høyer 15-4, 14-17, 15-8.

"I won because I know him well," said Høyer who plays his part in developing the Danish talents. Five days a week Høyer,

the two Peters, and Martin Lundgaard (who lost to Høyer in the quarter-final) meet in the training centre one hour before the other players and fight their hearts out. If one of them is prevented from turning

up they have a worthy substitute in the sportschief Morten Frost who is still able to beat some of them occasionally.

As with the men's singles, the winner of women's singles was the All-England champion and the top seed. Lim Xiaoping won all her five matches in two games which was very rare in this year's

version of Danish Open. No less than 38 per cent of the 161 matches were decided after three games — with night sessions as a result!

Lim's expected opponent in the final, Camilla Martin of Denmark, was unlucky to hurt her spine and was a victim to China's world junior champion of 1994, Wang Chen in the third game of the semi-final. So the final was a match between a Chinese player under Chinese flag and a Chinese under Swedish flag. Sweden won 11-6, 11-3.

What is more remarkable is that Japan's women seem on the way back to the former glory of the days of Takagi, Yuki, Kondo, Yonekura, Takada

and others. Out of five Japanese female players in Odense, Hisako Mizui got to the semi-final (against Lim) while Taka Ida (beaten by Lim) and Yasaho Mizui (beaten by Wang) reached the quarter-final.



THE BEST PRIZE — Poul-Erik, five-month-old son Lasse, and wife Heidi



IMMEDIATE INVITE: Hendrawan's heroics in the final brought a prompt reward from the Danish Badminton Forbund

ASTONISHMENT AT GIVING UP A MEDAL HOPE

By Hans Møller

WILL DANISH badminton voluntarily give up an Olympic medal in Atlanta?

That at least was the meaning received among badminton people in Odense when it was learned that Thomas Lund and Jon Holst-Christensen have dropped the co-operation with their partners in mixed doubles — Marlene Thomsen and Rikke Olsen respectively — in order to concentrate on men's doubles.

Holst's and Lotte Olsen's partnership finished after the world championships but Lund and Thomsen, who won the world title, have never lost a Grand Prix tournament! They were considered as an Olympic "banker". The pair did not enter in Odense and for the first time in a long period no Danes took part in the semi-finals. The unseeded Chinese pair of Chen Xingdong and Pen Xinyong won the final 3-15, 15-10, 15-12 against the Indonesians Flandy Lempele and Rosalina Risyeu.

Lund, who is 27, has nursed injuries in both legs for about two years and is not able to play two events any more. After discussions with his partners and with Morten Frost the choice fell on men's doubles, but Lund denies that the rumours of Park Joo-Bong's return has had any influence.

The general feeling in the inner circles is astonishment. "Mixed doubles at this year's Olympics seemed to be a gift to Denmark. In another four years you'll find 300 or 400 Asian pairs that are specialists in the category that IBF has fought so hard to include in the Olympic programme," said Tom Bacher.

"I gather that Lund/Thomsen had an 80 or 90 per cent chance of a gold medal while Lund and Holst can only hope for a bronze medal in men's doubles in company with the strongest Asians."

Nevertheless Lund and Holst-Christensen won the title in Danish Open, although the truth is the opposition was not nearly as strong as the pairs one can expect in Atlanta.

The Danes beat Indonesia's number five pair, Chandra Wijaya and Sutrisna in the semi-final and the number four Rudi Wijaya and Gunawan in the final, both after three games. "The critics say that six Indonesian pairs can beat us. That's not true," says Lund and Holst.

"We have a negative score against Rexy Mainaky and Ricky Subagja but a positive score against all the others, and we can't beat Rexy and Ricky when we have played seven matches and they have only played three. That's one of the reasons for dropping mixed doubles. We are not good enough to win two categories."

Marlene Thomsen also did her duty when she, together with Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen, won the women's doubles with a 15-11, 15-11 victory over the world bronze medal winners, compatriots Helene Kirkegaard and Lotte Olsen.

It was two very optimistic winners who left the court. "We have only played together for six months and are still improving," said Lisbet Stuer, who won a world bronze in Birmingham in '93 together with Olsen.

"We are in progress and now we are eager to challenge the best Koreans and Chinese. So far we are likely to be among the five best pairs in the world," added the two players — which proved to be right because they had a third place on the November issue of the IBF ranking list.

If this pair can fulfill their expectations it may be Marlene Thomsen and not Thomas Lund who returns with an Olympic medal from Atlanta to their mutual home. . . .



MAIN BENEFICIARIES? — Stuer and Thomsen



GIVING UP A MEDAL? — Lund and Thomsen



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POUL-ERIK'S POSES (left to right): retrieving, pleading, grieving, planning (with Morten Frost), celebrating and relaxing (with the All-England trophy)

IT IS nearly a year since the Dane Poul-Erik Høyer moon-walked round the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham as winner of men's singles at the prestigious All-England Championships.

In many other sports a victory in the world's oldest and most prestigious open tournament would automatically mean that millions of kroner could be added to the bank account. The future would be safe with good sponsorship contracts and appearance money everywhere, making it necessary only to show up at a tournament whether in form or not.

But not in badminton — at least not on the European continent and certainly not in Denmark. Poul-Erik Høyer became one of the greats, one whose name will remain in the history books of badminton for his achievement in winning the final against the seemingly invincible Heryanto Arbi from Indonesia.

But no millions.

"Financially the title didn't change anything. My main sponsor, Danish Telecom, was satisfied and I can expect that my contract will be prolonged another year — the negotiations are very positive. By coincidence my contract with Yonex was about to be renegotiated at that time and it led to a better deal, but forget all about millions" says Høyer.

Neither has the All-England champion received more invitations to tournaments than usual. "But the victory has let to recognition," he says. "You feel that fellow human beings, both inside and outside the sport, now acknowledge you as a great player and not just one of the many."

"This is especially important for Danish badminton, where the question has been — who is the successor to Morten Frost? Morten stood alone, even if both Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen and I now and then challenged him. We have not been on his level, but my All-England title has proved to the world that Denmark is still among the best."

"At the world championships there was a fantastic wave of public feeling when I was playing. Perhaps I became the symbol of the Europeans' fight against the

History and respect — but no millions

Asian forces, partly because I had proved something and partly because I played closer matches than Stuer whose matches were all won in two games."

only a few days before the World Championships started my wife Heidi was taken to hospital and gave birth to a boy," Poul-Erik said.

under these circumstances. So much more do I appreciate the bronze medal I won in Switzerland," reveals Høyer.

The All-England title boosted his belief in hard and regular training and that it is worth all the drudgery. "When you have constantly belonged to the lot 'just under' you feel a great satisfaction to be above the masses, to be something."

"Now that I have got the title I feel I can play more freely. I don't feel the same pressure as before but don't think I intend to rest on my laurels. As a sportsman — and winning type — you are not satisfied with one great title. You aim at new goals and I would very much like to repeat the achievement in Birmingham."

"But again the All-England will be a station along the road. The Olympics are the main target. My last World Championships will be in 1997, but if you think that I will enter that tournament just to say good-bye to international badminton you are wrong. I've still got ambitions to add a world gold medal to the collection," says Høyer, who was 30 in September.



POUL-ERIK'S PRONATION: forearm forward and rotating as Høyer delivers his deceptive smash

Last season Høyer's preparations were directed at the World Championships and the All-England was only intended as a station on the road — to test the form. "But

"My concentration suddenly changed from badminton to Heidi and our little Lasse. My form was affected and frankly I didn't expect anything from myself

NIM JIOM HONG KONG OPEN — FOUR TITLES FOR KOREA

Audina (16) beats the world champion; Park makes a successful comeback

by ROY WARD and CHAN WAI FONG

INDONESIAN PLAYERS salvaged only one victory in the finals of the US\$125,000 Nin Jiom Hong Kong Open while the Koreans claimed the other four events.

These were not the only sensations of this major Grand Prix tournament which began with two Bulgarians being deported after failing to gain entry into Hong Kong.

Hong Kong officials said that two singles players, Todor Velkov and Boris Kesov were in a party of five who had been expecting to play in the Nin Jiom Open.

The tall Dane Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen had hoped to resume his tournament campaign after his ankle injury in the World Championships but the injury recurred and he was replaced with China's Zhu Jianwen.

Another surprise was that the Olympic champion Alan Budi Kusuma again failed to win a tournament, while the biggest shock of all was the three-game defeat of World Champion Ye Zhaoying in the semi-finals by the 16-year-old Mia Audina.

The above few paragraphs might normally have summed up the tournament but there were some remarkable feats of skill, tenacity and brilliance throughout this major eastern Grand Prix.

World number one Heryanto Arbi warmed up with an easy 15-2, 15-3 win over Chan Gang but he was seen to be favouring a leg injured in the Indonesian Open. After this easy match he said, "I am afraid to take big steps forward. There is still a little hurt and I must be careful."

Arbi did little more than cruise through his second match when he eliminated Malaysian Lo Ah Heng 15-6, 15-9 and he did not appear to

be worried by the previously injured thigh.

Meanwhile Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen was in form during his 15-4, 15-2 victory over Australian Craig Booley and carried this on into the next round by beating Taiwan's Chang Jeng-Shyung 15-8, 15-2.

Kusuma attracted the eyes of all fans because so many wanted to see him win a tournament and he looked in good shape with his 15-3, 15-2 effort against another Australian, Murray Hocking, and then against the Japanese player Suka Takahiro whom he overcame 15-3, 15-0.

Kusuma last won a major four months earlier in the Malaysian Open and was now smashing steeply, clearing deep to the rear of the courts and often wrong-footed his opponents with delicate drop shots.

Almost unnoticed, Korea's Ahn Jae Chang set out for the quarter-finals with a sound win over Germany's Oliver Pongratz 15-11, 5-8. Hermawan Susanto would

probably have preferred to have been unnoticed as he made error after error and bowed out to Tomas Johansson of Sweden 15-9, 17-14 in the third round. Indonesian coach Indra Gunawan was not pleased with Susanto's performance and

said, "There was no need for him to play such a fast game and this caused too many errors".

Johansson's future was soon gone. He lost in three games to Denmark's Martin Lundgaard Hansen 15-8, 11-15, 15-13.



HEAD DOWN, HANDS UP — Audina's elastic round-the-head shot carried her to victory over Ye Zhaoying

Hoyer-Larsen also nose-dived in the quarter-final to Korea's Lee Kwang Jin 7-15, 15-6, 15-11.

Hansen was no match for Kusuma in the semi-final and the clash between him and Arbi looked to be a crowd pleaser with the odds in favour of the World's number one. . . .

Kusuma played with great surety in the first game of the final, won it 18-13, and was happy to move his opponent around the court and put more strain on Arbi's strapped right thigh.

The Olympic champion led early in the first game then trailed 10-13 before surging through setting with five straight points. Kusuma again led early in the second game,

but Arbi lifted his effort and from 10-12 grabbed four points to reach 14-12 in a winning bid. By now Kusuma's energy was sapped and the third game was one-sided, with Arbi taking it.

Bang Soo-Hyun won the women's singles title in three games from Indonesia's young dynamo Mia Audina after a very sluggish start which seemed at one stage as though it might lead to another

upset.

When Bang lost the first game 5-11 it looked that Audina could win her first Grand Prix title, but the experience of the Korean showed as she took the next



ARBI AIRBORNE: men's singles winner



CUP OF DELIGHT: Bang Soo-Hyun's women's singles trophy

two games 11-4, 11-5.

Audina had been enterprising and full of fight when she upset the formidable Ye Zhaoying in the semi-finals in three games, which was the kind of victory in which the Chinese lady has often found herself involved.

It is not uncommon for Ye to lose the first game of any match but this time she won it 11-8 and even held four match points in the second against Audina who charged around the court recovering the almost impossible and snatched the game 12-10. Then she overran the world champion 11-4 in the third.

The ecstatic 15-year-old said: "I have never beaten Ye before but this time I played well on the big points. In the final game I stayed focussed and somehow Ye never came back the way it was expected."

This was Audina's greatest victory since winning the Uber Cup decider over China's Zhang Ning in 1994.

In the doubles and mixed doubles there were some early flashes of brilliance from Hong Kong's He Yiming and Chan Siu Kwong. Chan Chi Choi said he expected that in future others will do well too.

However all three doubles events were triumphs for the Koreans.

Jang Hye-Ock with Gil Young-Ah were comfortable winners of women's doubles by 17-15, 15-6 around the English pair of Joanne Wright and Julie Bradbury and in the men's doubles Ha Tae Kwon and Kang Kyung Jin surprisingly beat an out of touch Gunawan and Bambang Suprianto 17-15,

12-15, 15-3.

In a comeback to Grand Prix events one of the world's greatest players Park Joo Bong, with a new partner in Shim Eun Jung, dominated the mixed doubles. These two ended the tournament with a 15-6, 2-15, 17-14 win over China's Sun Man and Liu Jianju.



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CHINA OPEN

Can Susanti recover from this disaster?

... asks by SANJAY SHARMA

VINCE LOMBARDI, the celebrated American football coach of the 1930s, is best remembered by some for his sporting adage: "Winning isn't everything. It is the only thing." Another sporting maxim of Lombardi, but lesser known, is: "It doesn't matter how hard you fall: what matters is how fast you get up."

What Lombardi was suggesting was that defeat, humiliation and sloppy play are intrinsic to sport. Even to champions. There will be times when your serve won't work, or even worse you miss an open goal or easy net sitters in badminton. It appears inexplicable, it is devastating, but it happens. And at Cheng Du, where the 1995 China Open was played, it happened to the Queen of badminton Susi Susanti.

After starting disastrously, losing the first game 2-11 against Bang Soo-Hyun in the semi-finals, it seemed that in her gritty fashion Susi would come roaring back to life. Indeed she won the second game 12-10, but in the third, inexplicably, Susi suddenly looked totally mediocre.

Not only did she make mistakes on her favourite net strokes and with her defensive game, but after patiently creating fine openings, she made horrendous errors with what could have been the easiest of pickings. She lost the final game 2-11.

In this way Susi suffered a defeat that must be as painful emotionally and psychologically as any she has had. Susi had always been so comfortable against Bang Soo-Hyun, having defeated her 18 times out of 21 before

they met at Cheng Du. But the way Susi's deep backhand and slow movements at the net were exploited by Bang was a nightmare the great Indonesian may have to sleep through for a long time.

The Chong Du disaster will also pose a huge question mark about Susi's future, especially her quest to retain the Olympic gold. But for her what really matters is digesting the defeat and moving on: she must bounce back quickly after such a disaster before it becomes rooted in the mind.

The world champion Ye Zhaoying had no such

problems. Her 11-5, 11-0 win over Bang Soo-Hyun in the final was a confirmation of her current status. Ye's long legs move and propel her around the court so effortlessly that it is no wonder she reaches the shuttle easily.



SUSI'S BLUES: will the future be brighter after her "disastrous" defeat?

She totally dominated Bang, was ferocious in her attack on the Korean's backhand flank and often beat her for sheer speed. Bang could get in only three serves in the second game and never looked threatening.

Ye hardly faced any problems at Cheng Du. True, Cindana of Indonesia forced her to three games in the second round but the world champion was too classy to allow Catrine

Bengtsson of Sweden or Ra Kyung-Min of Korea to pose any threats. In her semi-final Ye beat compatriot Yao Yan 11-6, 12-9.

"I really think that Li Lingwei has played a great part in the way I am playing right now. She has so much

experience and knowledge about the game, and it is so nice to have Li Yongbo around. He is harsh and tough at times but being almost of the same generation it is easy to get along with him too," said the world champion.

Li Yongbo was understandably ecstatic about the outcome of finals day when China walked away with all five titles. This surprisingly included the mixed doubles in which the legendary Park

Joo Bong, straight from his victory at the Hong Kong Open was taking part.

But how fit was Park? "Not very right now," said the Korean. "I had only three weeks of preparation before Hong Kong as I was busy with other affairs. But I hope



ELMINATING A LEGEND:
Bang Soo-Hyun exploited
Susanti's sluggishness for
a rare win



HIGH FIVE: wave of
victory from Ye Zhaoying
and five titles
for China

to make up by playing all the tournaments from now to March so that I get enough points to qualify for the Olympics."

Park did look a little slow, specially in side-to-side movements and his smash was not as strong as before. But he showed well enough that he has lost none of his vision.

Nevertheless Park and Shim Eun Jung lost the final 11-15, 15-3, 10-15 to a highly motivated Chinese pair, Peng Xin-yong and Chen Xing-dong, receiving great support.

Dong Jiong, the 22-year-old Chinese player, showed that sometimes courage is better than genius. Dong's 15-8, 15-9 win over All-England champion Poul-Erik Høyer-Larsen clearly illustrated street-fighting virtues in the men's singles final.

Høyer, always stylish and with so much experience, was rightly tipped to take the title. In the semi-finals the Dane had stopped Joko Suprianto, a player whom in the past he dreaded to play. But in the finals Høyer found in Dong Jiong a tiger on a leash.

The Chinese player was too fast and attacked every shuttle like a man possessed. The constant smashing in furiously paced rallies was highly courageous and it did the job of unnerving Høyer as he saw his best shots come back with vehemence. At times Dong's reflex play sent the shuttle over even before the Danish star had followed through.

"We thought the best way to play him was not give him much time to go for his strokes. I had to work extra hard but I am happy at the way I have played this week," said the champion later.

Dong had already

announced his intentions when he beat Ardy Wiranata 15-8, 15-11 in the quarter-

a roll beating second seeded Alan Budi Kusuma, and it took a much better player —



BETTER THAN GENIUS: the courage of Dong Jiong triumphed

DEADLY DONG TOLLS THE END FOR HØYER AND WIRANATA

finals. Ardy, seeded three, had earlier lost to the same Chinese in the U.S. Open. Ardy's self-esteem must have suffered a great blow, as he just could not cope up with the flurry of cross court hits which had him scampering all over his court. Dong Jiong was deadly.

If the men's singles event belonged to

Dong Jiong, Peter Rasmussen can claim his share of some truly memorable battles at Cheng Du. The Dane was on

Dong — to stop him. But Peter Rasmussen has arrived, and the badminton world better take notice of it.

While Ge Fe and Gu Jun had a bit of problem in beating Jang Hye-Ock and Gil Young-Ah in the women's doubles finals 15-12, 10-15, 15-3, there was never any doubt of the overall superiority of the Chinese due right through the tournament. In the semi-finals and in the quarters,

where they beat Rosiana and Eliza of Indonesia, they had easy victories.

The men's doubles was more closely fought. Jiang Xin and Huang Zhangzhong were terrific in the finals. Thomas Lund and Jon Holst-Christensen could only eight and 11 points in the two games. The Chinese, who were Asia Cup champions this year, isolated Peter Axelsson when they took on the top Swedish pair and managed a 15-11, 15-12 victory over him and Par-Gunnar Jonsson.

Lund and Jon Holst ran into Ha Tae Kwon and Kang Kyung Jin of Korea, winners of the Hong Kong Open, in the very first round! There was general disbelief at the way the draw was made. The IBF has to be a bit more alert to ensure that seedings are done properly.

The 1995 China Open was a well conducted affair. The controversies of the past, such as bad line calls, did rear up now and then. In the women's doubles semi-finals between Gil and Jang and Quin Yiyuan and Tang Yongshu of China, the Korean stars were so upset one stage that they refused to play on.

The chief referee and the IBF representative ultimately had to intervene to defuse the situation. Thankfully good sense prevailed and the Koreans won the match.

What was remarkable was that while the Chinese contingent burst fire-crackers to celebrate the five titles, there was immense gloom in the Indonesian squad. After such a long time, the unbelievable happened. There was not one Indonesian shuttler in the finals. Perhaps these

portents of ominous times ahead for Joko, Susi, Rexy and Ricky and company.



*BETTER TAKE NOTICE:
Peter Rasmussen
has arrived*



*OVERHEAD ATTACK AND
OVERALL SUPERIORITY:
Ge Fei and Gu Jun beat the
world champions*

Who won this Thomas Cup with Wong Peng Soon?

INITIAL WORK on the Federation's publications has brought to light some unexpected gaps in the run of World Badminton. We are in need of numbers 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, Vol. 8 No. 1, Vol. 11 No. 1, Vol. 12 Nos. 1 and 4, Vol. 13 No. 2 and Vol. 18 No. 2.

It could be that these were used for reference and are to be found in some undisturbed file. However, the archivists aim is to hold at least two complete runs — one as basic archive and the other for reference and research.

It would also be helpful to be able to present the Olympic Museum in Lausanne with a set in case disaster should befall our archives. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who has runs of World Badminton — particularly the early editions — and would be willing to give them to the Federation.

Some work has also been done on the accumulation of photographs we hold. Memories fade over the years and inevitably there are gaps in the information we wish to have. Hopefully at future IBF events there might be an opportunity to mount a display and seek the help of the badminton fraternity large.

A very good example is illustrated here on this page. The picture obviously shows a victorious Malaysian Thomas Cup team with the great Wong Peng Soon holding the trophy. But which of the three Malaysian wins — in 1949, 1952 and 1955 — is it, and who are the other team members? No guesses and no prizes, but we would like the complete information.

There has been a Badminton Collector's Society for some years run by Stig Axelsson of Sweden and many of the members have specific collecting interests.

Stig has formed a badminton collection which is permanently on view at the Södmalms Sports Museum in Sweden. Do any readers know of other badminton collections around the world that are on display for anyone to see? We would be pleased to have this information.

From the IBF Headquarters at Cheltenham we have available for collectors interested in philatelic material an up-to-date catalogue "Badminton Stamps". A postmark listing will be available shortly.

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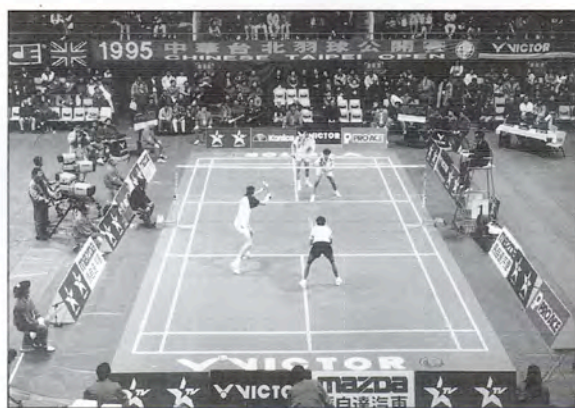
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Absence of top players upsets sponsors and spectators

by SANJAY SHARMA

THE ESPN THAILAND OPEN with U.S.\$125,000 prize money could not have asked for a better setting. Chiang Mai, called the Rose of the North, is a beautiful small city, surrounded by mountains, rivers and extraordinary scenery, with some of the most pretty people I have seen. The official PSK hotel was a real delight for everyone concerned and everything really went in a tick-tock fashion.

The stadium, bathed in beautiful colours, was perfect in every way. But then, as so often, something happened to mar what should have been a perfect championship. This time it was some top players who caused a stir by playing truant soon after their names were included in the draw. The sponsors were upset and some spectators, who had had to travel to Chiang Mai, were angry.

The women's singles were particularly badly hit, as Susi Susanti and Bang Soo-Hyun, the top two seeds (and in that order) refused to participate even though they were very much present at Chiang Mai. This was presumably because of the proximity of the richest tournament, and certainly the most prestigious one today — the World Grand Prix Finals.

Now why did the IBF, knowing full well that the SEA Games' dates were likely to clash with the Grand Prix Finals, allow those finals to be played so close to the China and Thailand Opens? In a way the players cannot entirely be blamed, if they were concerned to avoid injuries before the big event, or even if they wanted to take a rest after the three hectic weeks in South East Asia.

This is no consolation to the organisers. More importantly, the IBF must haul up the various national federations for sending

in the entries of such top class shuttlers when they ought to have known the players might opt out. On promise of anonymity, some officials did tell me that players who pulled out wanted to concentrate on the Grand Prix Finals.

Whatever the reasons — the loser, and a big one — was the Thailand Open and badminton fans. As one spectator told me, "I came all the way from Phuket. I regularly play badminton in a club. I had heard so much about Susi Susanti. I am really upset that I cannot see her play. I may not get another chance."

It was left to the stylish Swedish All-England champion Lim Xiaoping to reap all the benefits. Lim is given to bouts of erratic play when she goes for those fancied strokes. If they come off then she gets tremendous applause plus the satisfaction of playing out of this world. But at times when those strokes do not work, she gives away points by the dozen. Given her tenacity and basic intellect, Lim knows full well when to stop clowning and get on with the serious business at hand.

Lim recovered to win 9-12, 11-6 against world silver medalist Han Jingna and beat Zhang Ning of China with the same sort of display, controlling her waywardness well to scamper home 2-11, 11-8, 11-2 and reach the finals. There she gave



CHIANG MAI CHAMPION — Lim Xiaoping reaped a prosperous harvest from a reduced field

the Korean Ra Kyung-Min the thrashing of her life, annihilating her 11-4, 11-0.

"I am extremely happy with the way I have played today. I was positive and always in control. If I can display the same control and confidence next week at Singapore in the Grand Prix finals, then I will have a real (productive) time," said the beaming champion later. About the absence of Susi and Bang, Lim said: "I suppose I understand why they are not playing. Susi had a bad time in China and Bang has played both Hong Kong and China. And Singapore is the big one. I might have done the same thing."

The magic of Park Joo-Bong continued unhindered at Chiang Mai. It really has been a fairy-tale comeback for the Korean. Park still has to shrug off some of the rustiness accumulated because of three years lay-off, and yet, after initial hiccups, he and Ra Kyung-Min managed to subdue second seeds

Wang Siae Huan and Ta Xiaoqiang of China 18-10, 15-10 in the quarters and then beat Sun Man and Liu Jian Jun, also of China, 18-17, 15-8 in the semi-finals.

The finals had the surprising presence of a Russian pair, Marina Yakusheva and Nikolai Zuev. This really showed that badminton has finally come of age in Russia. But faced with the magic of Park the Russians caved in a most hapless and abrupt manner 15-1, 15-4 to give the title to the Koreans on a platter.

Gil Young-Ah, surprisingly beaten early on in the mixed doubles, turned back the clock when, in tandem with Jang Hye-Ock, she put up a brilliant display to snatch the women's doubles crown. The

Koreans warded off the challenge of Ge Fe and Gu Jun, the second seeds, by 18-17, 15-6.

Said the Korean manager, "Not only has Gil Young-Ah done a great job of bringing up a youngster like Jang Hye-Ock and



TOP SEED'S TRIBUTE: Ardy Wiranata claimed Dong Jiong is the fastest in the world



MAGIC PARK: comeback continues in Thailand

made her world class, but when it comes to crucial matches, she can still bring out her best. She has done great service to our country."

Korean hopes of taking home yet another title were dashed by the superb Dong Jiong who was on a song right through November. Fresh from his victory at the China Open, Dong again showed an impressive field what class and charisma is all about.

Top seeded Ardy Wiranata, who has lost all his last three meetings with Dong said, "I cannot think of any player today who can keep pace with Dong Jiong. He just keeps on coming at you. And some of the angles of his smashes are unbelievable. My defence is good but it seems not good enough. If he keeps on playing like this it will not be easy for anyone to face him at any time."

Ardy lost 18-16, 15-12 to Kim Hak-Kyun who discovered the truth of the Indonesian's words rather painfully in the final. He kept pace with Dong in the first game, when immaculate defence at times blunted the Chinese player's smashes. He even built up useful 9-4 and 16-13 leads and had real chances to seal the first game. But a lucky break at 14-16, in which a long hard rally saw Kim being moved around the court furiously by

Dong, shattered the Korean's confidence. He surrendered two easy points, allowing Dong to level at 16. After that there was simply no stopping him.

Serving low and maintaining attack right through, Dong Jiong pressurised Kim relentlessly to win the second game 15-7. "He is my good friend. But when he plays like this and I cannot do anything. I want to kill him," Hak-Kyun lamented. But all credit to the Korean, who brought tremendous life to the event and had enough grace and humour to keep on smiling after he had lost.

Top seeded men's doubles players Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Kim Hock of Malaysia were hot enough to beat local heroes Pramote and Sakrapee 15-5, 8-15, 15-6 in their semi-finals. But they were fodder to the Chinese duo of Huang Zhangzhong and Jiang Xin, who have been having an unbelievable time on the international circuit. They demolished the Malaysians 15-9, 15-11 in the finals to win the \$8,750 top prize.

With two titles going to China so soon after their complete sweep at the Korean Open the writing for the badminton world is clear on the wall. Buckle up and do something as soon as possible — otherwise face again the vice-like grip the Chinese had in the Eighties.



ON SONG: Dong Jiong calls the tune

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SALUTE OF A LEGEND:

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JOKO SUPRIANTO'S great triumph at the World Grand Prix finals not him the envy of the shuttling world, but left him on a threshold which

In sports from archery to yachting, age steals away skills, leaving Joko had plenty of it.

In a showcase of a men's singles event, in which the hot favourite Jiong, fresh from his memorable wins at Cheng Du and Chiang Mai considered as one who would dazzle in a match or two and then fizzle

But right from day one, in the group matches and later on the knockout stages, Joko played like one possessed. He was the consummate professional who was willing to give away one game in the final to Ardy because he realised that his fellow Indonesian so often won the long rallying second game, thus sapping an opponent's energy which was vital for the last game.

"It has always been like this and therefore I had to do something to throw him off balance. I also wanted to conserve energy — after all I had nothing to lose," says Joko.

His 15-3, 6-15, 15-6 win was packed with brilliance in the first and the third games in which Joko never allowed Ardy time to play in any sort of rhythm. In the second game, once Ardy moved away to 7-2, Joko threw in the towel.

In the third, sharp drops on both flanks coupled with some of the most accurate net play weaved such a mesmerising web of intricacy that for once Ardy Wiranata was made to look pedestrian.

Ardy had come out after the five-minute break with both guns blazing. He played fast and moved at a dizzying pace. But Joko turned the tables as he went into the same game plan, blunting attacking strokes by Ardy and pushing him into defence. They kept the pace up till 6-6. But after this Joko moved away with no hope for Ardy to catch him.

Joko had hammered the young pretender from Malaysia Ong Ewe Hock 15-8, 15-11 in the semi-finals. He was

decisive right through, negating early leads of Ong in both the games. But where Joko was really at his very best was in his final group match against the hot favourite Dong Jiong, whom he beat 15-8, 14-17, 15-9 in an arduous marathon duel that made me wonder whether Joko would be up to it the next day.



SPIDER SUPRIANTO: *Spinning his web of victory*

Dong Jiong had been so fast and so successful in the two tournaments before with his attacking displays that no one gave much chance to Joko in this group match to decide the group leader. But Joko, cunning and shrewd as always, played flawless badminton. He was so good in keeping the trajectory of the

higher strokes away from Dong Jiong that the Chinese hustler just could not bring his deadly smashes into play.

"I had beaten him earlier in the Konic Cup and the World Championships and knew the tactics he would employ. In this profession you must always remember how you played your

opponent the last time. He improved considerably in the last three months there is no doubt. But then I had the psychological advantage and used it," says the champion after his match.

Joko's task was made a lot easier by the defeats of two players very early on. World champion Heryanto Arbi was astonishingly bundled 18-17, 15-12 by Rashid Sidek in one of the most intense and exciting matches ever seen.

With a flurry of those typical airborne smashes Arbi had raced to a 13-8 lead in the first game before the full stop came. Rashid, slower than Arbi, especially on side-to-side movements, somehow hung on to defend well enough to force deuce at 13. Then followed some of the most amazing badminton ever played. After moving on to 17-13 Rashid had to wait some 22 minutes before he could close the game. It took him 12 services on 1 while Arbi who slowly closed the gap at 17-17 had four game points serves of his own.

"Even the 1992 Thomas Cup final was not this tense for me. This was probably my most memorable match in terms of sheer tension and staying power in a game."

The celebrations however were short-lived for Ardy played the spoilsport

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Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: Han Jingna (CHN) beat E Angelina (INA) 11:2 11:6; Y Kartika (INA) beat Z Abdullah (SIN) 11:3 11:4; S Yang (AUS) beat I Ardiantini (INA) 11:0 2:11 11:7; S Anggeraini (INA) beat R Robertson (NZL) 11:8 11:3 Semi Finals: Han beat Kartika 11:6 11:7; Anggeraini beat Yang 11:4 12:10 Final: Han beat Anggeraini 11:5 11:1

Mens' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Y G Yap/Y H Yap (MAS) beat A Connolly/R M Ong (AUS) 15:1 15:2; C Haryono/A Lukas (INA) beat D Lewis/L Jones (AUS) 15:3 15:5; S P Tan/P K Lau (SIN) beat D Bamford/M Hocking (AUS) 15:4 15:8; Davis/Halim (INA) beat A Yang/S Brehaut (AUS) 15:0 15:2 Semi Finals: Haryono/Lukas beat Yap/Yap 18:13 15:7; Davis/Halim beat Tan/Lau 15:8 15:6 Final: Halim/Davis beat Haryono/Lukas 14:18 15:3 15:10

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter Finals: X Peng/J Zhang (CHN) beat R Head/R Lewis (AUS); E Ernawaty/I Isolina (INA) beat J Gibson/L Graves (AUS) 15:3 15:8; Carmelita/E Lesmina (INA) beat R Cator/A Hardy (AUS) 15:11 2:15 18:13; R Robertson/T Jenkins (NZL) beat K Gray/M Taylor (AUS) 15:7 15:4 Semi Finals: Peng/Zhang beat Ernawaty/I Isolina 15:8 15:3; Carmelita/Lesmina beat Robertson/Jenkins 15:11 15:7 Final: Peng/Zhang beat Carmelita/Lesmina 15:9 15:15

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Quarter Finals: P Blackburn/R Cator (AUS) beat L Tavenet/V Vitich (AUS) 15:2 15:1; I Tohari/V Octavia (INA) beat M Hocking/L Campbell (AUS) 15:9 8:15 18:17; Halim/I Isolina (AUS) beat D Draper/J Gibson (AUS) 15:6 15:10; P Stevenson/A Hardy (AUS) beat M Grundy/L Graves (AUS) 15:2 15:2 Semi Finals: Blackburn/Cator beat Tohari/Octavia 15:6 15:2; Halim/I Isolina beat Stevenson/Hardy 15:2 15:2 Final: Halim/I Isolina beat Blackburn Cator 17:14 15:3

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Men's Singles

Quarter Finals: Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen (DEN) beat Martin Lundgaard Hansen (DEN) 15:4 14:17 15:8; Peter Rasmussen (DEN) beat Rikard Magnusson (SWE) 15:1 12:15 15:5; H Hendrawan (INA) beat Joris van Soerland (NED) 15:11 12:15 15:2; Dwi Aryanto (INA) beat Peter Gade Christensen (DEN) 15:18 15:8 7:2 (ret) Semi Finals: Hoyer-Larsen beat Rasmussen 15:11 4:15 15:10; Hendrawan beat Aryanto 15:11 15:11 Final: Hoyer-Larsen beat Hendrawan 17:18 17:14 17:15

Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: Lim Xiao Qing (SWE) beat Takako Ida (JPN) 11:1 11:0; Hisako Mizui (JPN) beat Lidya Djelawijaya (INA) 11:12 11:5 11:6; Wang Chen (CHN) beat Yasuko Mizui (JPN) 11:3 11:4; Camilla Martin (DEN) beat Yuliani Santosa (INA) Semi Finals: Lim beat Mizui H 11:4 11:8; Wang beat Martin 11:6 10:12 11:3 Final: Lim beat Wang 11:6 11:3

Mens' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Thomas Lund/Jon Holst-Christensen (DEN) beat John Quinn/Neil

Cottrill (ENG) 15:9 15:8; Chandra Wijaya/Ade Sutrisna (INA) beat Christian Jakobsen/Jens Eriksen (DEN) 15:11 17:18 15:11; Rudy Wijaya/Tony Gunawan (INA) beat Bryan Moody/Mike Beres (CAN) 15:3 15:4; Soo Beng Kiang/Tan Kim Her (MAS) beat Hadi Sugianto/Seng Kok Kiong (INA) 15:6 15:8 Semi Finals: Lund/Holst-Christensen beat Wijaya C/Sutrisna 18:17 15:17 15:10; Wijaya R/Gunawan beat Soo/Tan 12:15 15:9 15:11 Final: Lund/Holst-Christensen beat Wijaya R/Gunawan 16:17 15:5 15:6

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen/Marlene Thomsen (DEN) beat Anne Mette Bille/Denise Julien (DEN/CAN) w/o; Joanne Muggeridge/Kelly Morgan (ENG/WAL) 15:12 4:15 15:5; Ann Jorgensen/Lotte Olsen (DEN) beat Eline Coene/Erica van den Heuvel (NED) 15:4 15:6; Helene Kirkegaard/Rikke Olsen (DEN) beat Rosalia Anastasia/Denyana Lomban (INA) 15:3 15:4 Semi Finals: Stuer-Lauridsen/Thomsen beat Muggeridge/Morgan 15:2 15:8; Kirkegaard/Olsen R beat Jorgensen/Olsen L 15:12 10:15 15:9 Final: Stuer-Lauridsen/Thomsen beat Kirkegaard/Olsen R 15:11 15:11

Mixed Doubles

Quarter Finals: Chen Xingdong/Peng Xinyong (CHN) beat Sandiarto/Rosalina Anastasia (INA) 15:8 15:9; Tao Xiaoqiang/Wang Xiaoyuan (CHN) beat Christian Jakobsen/Lotte Olsen (DEN) 11:15 15:8 15:11; Flandy Limpele/Risyeu Rosalina (INA) beat Michael Soegaard/Rikke Olsen (DEN) 17:14 15:6 17:14; Jan-Erik Antonsson/Astrid Crabo (SWE) beat Ron Michaels/Erica van den Heuvel (NED) 8:15 15:10 17:16 Semi Finals: Chen/Peng beat Tao/Wang 13:15 15:11 15:12; Limpele/Rosalina beat Antonsson/Crabo 11:15 15:8 15:3 Final: Chen/Peng beat Limpele/Rosalina 3:15 15:10 15:12

International Championships of Slovakia

Men's Singles

Quarter Finals: Vladislav Druzchenko (UKR) beat David Serrano (ESP) 15:3 15:6; Konstantin Tataranov (UKR) beat Arturo Ruiz (ESP) 15:6 15:5; Ernesto Garcia (ESP) beat Aivaras Kvedrauskas (LTU) 15:5 10:15 15:7; Valerij Strelcov (UKR) beat Jan Vondra (CZE) 15:5 15:12 Semi Finals: Druzchenko beat Tataranov 15:11 15:6; Strelcov beat Garcia 15:11 15:2 Final: Druzchenko beat Strelcov 15:4 15:3

Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: Elena Nozdran (UKR) beat Dolores Marco (ESP) 12:10 11:5; Maja Pohar (SLO) beat Ludmila Okuneva (KAZ) 11:6 11:7; Marketa Koudelkova (CZE) beat Patricia Perez (ESP) 11:5 7:11 11:6; Natalia Esipenko (UKR) beat Katarzyna Wojcik (POL) 11:0 11:6 Semi Finals: Nozdran beat Pohar 11:6 11:6; Esipenko beat Koudelkova 11:7 4:11 12:10 Final: Nozdran beat Esipenko 11:4 11:2

Mens' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Valerij Strelcov/Konstantin Tataranov (UKR) beat Jose Antonio Crespo/Sertio Llopis (ESP) 15:9 15:10; Ales Babnik/Miso Mattias (SLO) beat Marian Sulko/Radovan Janos (SVK) 15:9 15:8; Arturo Ruiz/Ernesto Garcia (ESP) beat Kamil Turonek/David Powezka (POL) 15:5 15:1; Jan Vondra/Martin Osicka (CZE) beat Andrej Pohar/Miho Sepec (SLO) 15:3 15:9 Semi Finals: Strelcov/Tataranov beat Babnik/Mattias 15:4 15:9; Ruiz/Garcia beat Vondra/Osicka 15:8 15:9 Final: Strelcov/Tataranov beat Ruiz/Garcia 18:16 15:10

RESULTS

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Elena Nozdran/Viktoria Evtuschenko (UKR) beat Andrea Odor/Melinda Keszthelyi (HUN) 15:9 15:10; Dolores Marco/Esther Sanz (ESP) beat Darsa Kranjc/Mateja Slatnar (SLO) 15:4 15:7; Maja Pohar/Ursa Jovan (SLO) beat Natalia Esipenko/Natalia Atraschenkova (UKR) 15:13 15:11; Olesia Sholar/Ludmila Okuneva (KAZ) beat Rasa Miksyte/Aina Kravtine (LTU) 15:1 15:5 Semi Finals: Nozdran/Evtuschenko beat Marco/Sanz 15:7 15:2; Sholar/Okuneva beat Pohar/Jovan 15:8 15:8 Final: Nozdran/Evtuschenko beat Sholar/Okuneva 15:2 17:15

Mixed Doubles

Quarter Finals: Vladislav Druzchenko/Viktoria Evtuschenko (UKR) beat Ales Babnik/Mateja Slatnar (SLO) 15:3 15:2; Arturo Ruiz/Dolores Marco (ESP) beat Michal Koudelka/Marketa Koudelkova (CZE) 15:12 15:5; Valerij Strelcov/Natalia Esipenko (UKR) beat Andrej Pohar/Maja Pohar 15:11 15:5; Igor Dimitriev/Ludmila Okuneva (KAZ) beat Ernesto Garcia/Esther Sanz (ESP) 15:8 15:3 Semi Finals: Druzchenko/Evtuschenko beat Ruiz/Marco 15:11 15:9; Strelcov/Esipenko beat Dimitriev/Okuneva 15:7 15:9 Final: Druzchenko/Evtuschenko beat Strelcov/Esipenko 17:15 15:5

Yonex German Open

Men's Singles

Quarter Finals: Joko Suprianto (INA) beat Jens Olsson (SWE) 15:9 15:6; Fung Permadi (TPE) beat Hu Zhilan (CHN) 10:15 15:14 15:6 Peter Rasmussen (DEN) beat Darren Hall (ENG) 15:3 15:7; Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen (DEN) beat Oliver Pongratz (GER) 15:10 15:9 Semi Finals: Suprianto beat Permadi 15:7 15:11; Hoyer-Larsen beat Rasmussen 15:10 18:16 Final: Suprianto beat Hoyer-Larsen 17:14 15:11

Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: Yuliani Sentoso (INA) beat Meiluwati (INA) 9:11 11:5 11:9; Camilla Martin (DEN) beat Hisako Mizui (JPN) 11:4 11:3; Anne Soendergaard (DEN) beat Lidya Djelawijaya (INA) 11:1 12:10; Mia Audina (INA) beat Christine Magnusson (SWE) 11:4 11:3 Semi Finals: Martin beat Sentoso 11:2 11:7; Audina beat Sondergaard 11:7 11:6 Final: Martin beat Audina 11:6 11:6

Mens' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Thomas Lund/Jon Holst-Christensen (DEN) beat Nikolej Zuev/Andrei Antropov (RUS) 15:6 15:11; Rudy Wijaya/Tony Gunawan (INA) beat Simon Archer/Chris Hunt (ENG) 6:15 15:6 15:7; Ade Sutrisna/Chandra Wijaya (INA) beat Henrik Svarteng/Michael Soegaard (DEN) 15:7 9:15 15:4; Jens Eriksen/Christian Jakobsen (DEN) beat John Quinn/Neil Cottrill (ENG) 15:8 15:3 Semi Finals: Lund/Holst-Christensen beat Wijaya R/Gunawan 18:13 15:2; Sutrisna/Wijaya beat Eriksen/Jakobsen 7:15 15:9 15:9 Final: Lund/Holst-Christensen 15:8 15:13

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Rosiana Zelina/Eliza (INA) beat Julie Bradbury/Joanne Wright (ENG) 15:8 13:15 15:12; Akiko Miyamura/Aiko Miyamura (JPN) beat Gao Qian/Zhang Jin (CHN) 15:5 15:10; Tomomi Matsuo/Masako Skamoto (JPN) beat Rikke Olsen/Helene Kirkegaard (DEN) 17:14 15:5; Peng Xinyong/Chen Ying (CHN) beat Marina Yakusheva/Elena Rybkina (RUS) 15:6 15:11 Semi Finals: Zelin/Eliza beat Miyamura/Miyamura 15:11 15:5; Peng/Chen beat Matsuo/Sakamoto 13:15 15:8 17:16 Final: Zelin/Eliza beat Peng/Chen w/o

Mixed Doubles

Quarter Finals: Nikolaj Zuev/Marina Yakusheva (RUS) beat Christian Jakobsen/Lotte Olsen (DEN) 15:11 15:13; Michael Keck/Karen Stechmann (GER) beat Jan-Erik Antonsson/Astrid Crabo (SWE) 15:4 7:15 18:13; Ron Michels/Erica van den Heuvel (NED) beat Michael Soegaard/Rikke Olsen (DEN) 15:12 13:18 15:14; Chen Xingdong/Peng Xinyong (CHN) beat Tao Xiaoqiang/Wang Xiaoyuan (CHN) 17:14 12:15 15:12 Semi Finals: Keck/Stechmann beat Zuev/Yakusheva 15:13 15:10; Michels/van den Heuvel beat Peng/Chen 15:9 15:4 Final: Michels/van den Heuvel beat Keck/Stechmann 15:6 13:15 15:11

Bulgarian Open

Men's Singles

Quarter Finals: Pierre Peluassy (NED) beat Robert Nock (ENG) 15:11 15:7; Kevin Han (USA) beat Etienne Thobois (FRA) 15:6 15:2; Anders Nielsen (ENG) beat Dariusz Zieba (POL) 15:4 15:3; Hannes Fuchs (AUT) beat Konstantin Tataranov (UKR) 15:2 11:15 9:11 Semi Finals: Han beat Peluassy 15:12 15:11; Nielsen beat Fuchs w/o Final: Nielsen beat Han 15:9 15:4

Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: Neli Nedjalkova (BUL) beat Katarzyna (POL) 11:5 6:11 11:7; Elena Nosdran (UKR) beat Nadezhda Chervjakova (RUS) 11:3 11:0; Natalia Esipenko (UKR) beat Elena Sukhareva (RUS) 12:11 2:11 11:6; Vlada Chernyavskaya (BLR) beat Sandrine Lefevre (FRA) 11:0 11:5 Semi Finals: Nosdran beat Nedjalkova 11:7 11:2; Chernyavskaya beat Esipenko 11:2 4:11 12:10 Final: Nosdran beat Chernyavskaya 11:8 11:2

Mens' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Thomas Reidy/Kevin Han (USA) beat Dariusz Zieba (POL) 15:4 15:1; Svetoslav Stojanov/Mikhail Popov (BUL) beat Sergei Starostin/Vadim Itzkov (RUS) 15:5 15:10; Tony Tuominen/Mikael Segercrantz (FIN) beat Ricardo Fernandes/Fernando Silva (POR) 17:14 10:15 15:5; Vitalij Shmakov/Mikhail Korshouk (BLR) beat Damian Plawewski/Robert Mateusiak (POL) 15:12 15:13 Semi Finals: Reidy/Han beat Stojanov/Popov 15:7 17:14; Tuominen/Segercrantz beat Smakov/Korshouk 15:13 15:5 Final: Reidy/Han beat Tuominen/Segercrantz 15:9 15:11

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Diana Koleva/Neli Nedjalkova (BUL) beat Vlada Chernyavskaya/Tatiana Gerasimovitch (BLR) 15:6 10:15 15:9; Andrea Dako/Adrienn Kocsis (HUN) beat Christelle Mol/Tatiana Vattier (FRA) 15:12 15:2; Elena Nosdran/Victoria Evtoushenko (UKR) beat Kathy Zimmerman/Stefanie Westermann (USA) 15:1 15:11; Silvia Allbrecht/Santi Wibowo (SUI) beat Natalja Djachkova/Ella Karachkova (RUS) 15:12 15:4 Semi Finals: Koleva/Nedjalkova beat Dako/Kocsis 15:0 15:7; Albrecht/Wibowo beat Nosdran/Evtoushenko 18:15 15:11 Final: Koleva/Nedjalkova beat Albrecht/Wibowo 15:7 15:5

Mixed Doubles

Quarter Finals: Vladislav Druzchenko/Victoria Evtoushenko (UKR) beat Sergei Starostin/Natalja Djachkova (RUS) 15:5 15:9; Vadim Itzkov/Elena Sukhareva (RUS) beat Svetoslav Stojanov/Diana Koleva (BUL) 15:12 15:12; Vitalij Shmakov/Vlada Chernyavskaya (BLR) beat Valerij Strelcov/Natalia Esipenko (UKR) 8:15 15:6 15:5; Manuel Dubrulle/Virginie Delvingt (FRA) beat Damian Plawewski/Katarzyna Krasowska (POL) 15:10 12:15 15:8 Semi Finals: Druzchenko/Evtoushenko beat Itzkov/Sukhareva 15:12 3:15 15:1; Shmakov/Chernyavskaya beat Dubrulle/Delvingt 15:3 18:15 Final: Druzchenko/Evtoushenko beat Shmakov/Chernyavskaya 17:15 15:7

Hong Kong Open

Men's Singles

Quarter Finals: Heryanto Arbi (INA) beat Fung Permadi (TPE) 15:9 15:8 Lee Kwang Jin (KOR) beat Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen (DEN) 7:15 5:6 15:11; Martin Lundgaard-Hansen (DEN) beat Thomas Johansson (SWE) 8:15 15:11 15:13; Alan Budi Kusuma (INA) beat Ahn Jae Chang (KOR) Semi Finals: Arbi beat Lee 5:15 15:7 15:6; Budi Kusuma beat Lundgaard-Hansen 15:4 15:3 Final: Arbi beat Budi Kusuma 13:18 15:13 15:4

Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: Bang Soo Hyun (KOR) beat Camilla Martin (DEN) 11:4 11:5; Lim Xiaoping (SWE) beat Yao Yan (CHN) 12:11 11:4; Mia Audina (INA) beat Ra Kyung Min (KOR) 8:11 11:2 11:5; Ye Zhaoying (CHN) beat Kim Ji Hyun (KOR) 11:3 12:10 Semi Finals: Bang beat Lim 11:5 11:1; Audina beat Ye 8:11 12:10 11:4 Final: Bang beat Audina 5:11 11:4 11:5

Men's Doubles

Quarter Finals: Ha Tae Kwon/Kang Kyung Jin (KOR) beat Ricky Subagia/Rexy Mainaky (INA) 12:15 15:3 15:11; Pramote Teerawiwatana/Sakraphee Thongsari (THA) beat Aras Rasak/Aman Santosa (INA) 15:9 15:12; Yap Kim Hock/Cheah Soon Kit (MAS) beat S Antonius/Denny Kantono (INA) 12:15 15:1 15:4; Gunawan/Bambang Suprianto (INA) beat Peter Axelsson/Par-Gunnar Jonsson (SWE) 15:13 15:8 Semi Finals: Ha/Kang beat Teerawiwatana/Thongsari 18:16 18:16; Gunawan/Suprianto beat Yap/Cheah 18:13 17:14 Final: Ha/Kang beat Gunawan/Suprianto 17:15 12:15 15:3

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Jang Hye Ock/Gil Young Ah (KOR) beat Finarsih/Indarti Isolina (INA) 15:4 15:4; Tang Yungshu/Qin Yiyuan (CHN) beat Rikke Olsen/Helene Kirkegaard (DEN) 15:9 15:5; Joanne Wright/Julie Bradbury (ENG) beat Eliza/Resiana Zelin (INA) 5:10 15:11; Marlene Thomsen/Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen (DEN) beat Kim Shin Young/Kim Mee Hyung (KOR) 15:12 15:9 Semi Finals: Jang/Gil beat Tang/Qin 15:7 15:3; Wright/Bradbury beat Thomsen/Stuer-Lauridsen 13:15 15:12 15:7 Final: Jang/Gil beat Wright/Bradbury 17:15 15:6

Mixed Doubles

Quarter Finals: Park Joo Bong/Shim Eun Jung (KOR) beat Simon Archer/Julie Bradbury (ENG) 15:17 15:11 15:4; Jens Eriksen/Helene Kirkegaard (DEN) beat Nick Ponting/Joanne Wright (ENG) 6:15 15:10 15:10; Michael Keck/Karen Stechmann (GER) beat Ron Michaels/Erica van den Heuvel (NED) 10:15 15:1 15:6; Liu Jianjun/Sun Man (CHN) beat He/Chan Oi Ni (HKG) 15:3 12:15 15:6 Semi Finals: Park/Shim beat Eriksen/Kirkegaard 15:8 15:11; Liu/Sun beat Keck/Stechmann 15:11 18:16 Final: Park/Shim beat Liu/Sun 15:6 2:15 17:14

Hungarian International

Men's Singles

Quarter Finals: Antony Bush (ENG) beat Tjitte Weistra (NED) 15:9 15:12; Daniel Eriksson (SWE) beat Aivaras Kvedaraskas (LTU) 15:5 15:12; Anders Boesen (DEN) beat Konstantin Tatranov (UKR) 18:13 15:6; Gerben Bruijstens (NED) beat John Leung (WAL) 18:16 15:3 Semi Finals: Bush beat Eriksson 15:11 15:5; Boesen beat Bruijstens 15:12 15:4 Final: Boesen beat Bush 15:9 15:1

Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: Julia Mann (ENG) beat Marketa Koudelkova 11:3 11:0; Alison Humby (ENG) beat Johann Holgersson (SWE) 11:3 7:11 11:2; Tanya Groves (ENG) beat Lotte Jonathans (NED) 11:6 11:0; Michelle Rasmussen (DEN) beat Wendy Taylor (ENG) 0:11 2:11 Semi Finals: Humby beat Mann 11:6 11:6; Rasmussen beat Groves 11:6 11:5 Final: Rasmussen beat Humby 12:9 11:4

Men's Doubles

Quarter Finals: Michal Logosz/Pawel Kaczynski (POL) beat Rajko Kleine/Mario Hegemann (GER) 15:5 15:11; Jurgen Koch/Harald Koch (AUT) beat Steve Bish/Steve Isaac (ENG) 15:11 15:10; Julian Robertson/Nathan Robertson (ENG) beat Andrej Pohar/Simon Hawlina (SLO) 15:7 15:4; Valerij Strelcov/Konstantin Tatranov (UKR) beat Arturo Ruiz/Ernesto Garcia (ESP) 15:10 15:13 Semi Finals: Koch/Koch beat Logosz/Kaczynski 15:11 15:3; Robertson/Robertson beat Strelcov/Tatranov 10:15 15:11 15:6 Final: Robertson/Robertson beat Koch/Koch 15:18 15:7 15:13

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Elena Nosdran/Natalia Esipenko (UKR) beat Wendy Taylor/Joanne Wright (ENG) 15:8 6:15 15:1; Ludmila Okuneva/Irina Gritsenko (KAZ) beat Andrea Odor/Melinda Keszthelyi (HUN) 15:4 15:6; Tanya Groves/Alison Humby (ENG) beat Dolores Marco/Esther Sanz (ESP) 15:7 15:4; Laura Woodley/Gail Emms (ENG) beat Andrea Dako/Adrienn Kocsis (HUN) 16:17 15:9 15:12 Semi Finals: Okuneva/Gritsenko beat Nosdran/Esipenko 15:12 15:11; Groves/Humby beat Woodley/Emms 15:2 15:6 Final: Groves/Humby beat Okuneva/Gritsenko 15:5 15:7

Mixed Doubles

Quarter Finals: Tjitte Weistra/Lotte Jonathans (NED) beat Antony Bush/Wendy Taylor (ENG) 15:4 15:6; Nathan Robertson/Gail Emms (ENG) beat Henrik Andersson/Katja Wengberg (SWE) 15:5 15:9; Jurgen Koch/Irina Serova (AUT) beat Andrej Pohar/Maja Pohar (SLO) 18:14 15:6; Rajko Kleine/Steffi Dohmen (GER) beat Hugo Rodrigues/Ana Ferreira (POR) Semi Finals: Robertson/Emms beat Weistra/Jonathans 6:15 15:11 15:5; Koch/Serova beat Kleine/Dohmen 18:16 15:3 Final: Koch/Serova beat Robertson/Emms 15:6 15:8

China Open

Men's Singles

Quarter Finals: Joko Suprianto (INA) beat Sun Jun (CHN) 15:5 15:8; Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen (DEN) beat Yu Lizhi (CHN) 15:1 15:9; Dong Jiong (CHN) beat Ardy Wirinata (INA) 15:8 15:11; Peter Rasmussen (DEN) beat Fung Permadi (TPE) 15:10 10:15 15:10 Semi Finals: Hoyer-Larsen beat Suprianto 15:5 15:12; Dong beat Rasmussen 15:8 15:12 Final: Dong beat Hoyer-Larsen 15:8 15:9

Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: Susi Susanti (INA) beat Wang Chen (CHN) 11:8 11:7; Bang Soo Hyun (KOR) beat Han Jingna (CHN) 11:7 11:1; Yao Yan (CHN) beat Zhang Ning (CHN) 11:6 11:1; Ye Zhaoying (CHN) beat Ra Kyung Min (KOR) 11:1 12:10 Semi Finals: Bang beat Susanti 2:11 12:10 11:8; Ye beat Yao 11:6 12:9 Final: Ye beat Bang 11:5 11:0

Men's Doubles

Quarter Finals: Par-Gunnar Jonsson/Peter Axelsson (SWE) beat Cheah Soon Kit/Yap Kim Hock (MAS) 17:14 18:15; Huang Zhanzhong/Jiang Xin (CHN) beat Chandra Wijaya/Ade Sutrisna (INA) 15:6 18:13; Tony Gunawan/Rudy Wijaya (INA) beat Soo Beng Kiang/Tan Kim Her (MAS) 15:10 15:3; Thomas Lund/Jon Holst-Christensen (DEN) beat Chris Hunt/Simon Archer (ENG) 15:6 5:15 15:9 Semi Finals: Huang/Jiang beat Jonsson/Axelsson 15:11 15:12; Lund/Holst-Christensen beat Gunawan/Wijaya 15:9 15:2 Final: Huang/Jiang beat Lund/Holst-Christensen 15:8 15:11

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Gil Young Ah/Jang Hye Ock (KOR) beat Helene Kirkegaard/Rikke Olsen (DEN) 15:8 15:5; Qin Yiyuan/Tang Yongshu (CHN) beat Julie Bradbury/Joanne Wright (ENG) 15:11 15:0; Chen Ying/Peng Xingyong (CHN) beat Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen/Marlene Thomsen (DEN) 15:13 15:13; Ge Fei/Gu Jun (CHN) beat Eliza/Rosiana Zelin (INA) 15:6 15:8 Semi Finals: Gil/Jang beat Qin/Tang 15:18 15:9 15:7; Ge/Gu beat Chen/Peng 15:10 15:10 Final: Ge/Gu beat Gil/Jang 15:12 10:15 15:3

Mixed Doubles

Quarter Finals: Chen Xingdong/Peng Xingyong (CHN) beat Kim Dong Moon/Gil Young Ah (KOR) 18:15 18:13; Tao Xiaoliang/Wang Xiaoyuan (CHN) beat Simon Archer/Julie Bradbury (ENG) 18:14 15:10; Liu Jianjun/Sun Man (CHN) beat Nimpelpe Flandy/Rosalina Ruseu (INA) 18:15 15:2; Park Joo Bong/Shim Eun Jung (KOR) beat Michael Sogaard/Rikke Olsen (DEN) 15:6 15:9 Semi Finals: Chen/Peng beat Tao/Wang 15:12 15:10; Park/Shim beat Liu/Sun 5:15 15:7 15:9 Final: Chen/Peng beat Park/Shim 15:11 4:15 15:10

Norwegian International

Men's Singles

Quarter Finals: Jim Laugesen (DEN) beat Jesper Mikla (DEN) 15:4 15:4; Rikard Magnusson (SWE) beat Martin Hagberg (SWE) 15:8 15:8; Anders Boesen (DEN) beat Steve Isaac (ENG) 15:6 15:12; Ib Frederiksen (DEN) beat Lasse Lindelof (FIN) 15:7 15:3 Semi Finals: Magnusson beat Laugesen 15:9 15:2; Frederiksen beat Boesen 9:15 15:5 15:12 Final: Magnusson beat Frederiksen 15:7 15:14

Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: Karolina Ericsson (SWE) beat Susanne Jacobsson (SWE) 12:10 11:2; Tanja Berg (DEN) beat Majken Vange (DEN) 11:3 11:1; Marina Andrievskaya (SWE) beat Mette Pedersen (DEN) 12:10

11:4; Michelle Rasmussen (DEN) beat Nina Sarnesto (FIN) 11:2 11:0 Semi Finals: Ericsson beat Berg 11:4 11:8; Andrievskaya beat Rasmussen 11:1 11:9 Final: Andrievskaya beat Ericsson 11:7 12:10

Men's Doubles

Quarter Finals: Jim Laugesen/Thomas Stavngaard (DEN) beat Ilka Nyqvist/Ville Kinnunen (FIN) 15:2 15:4; Kenneth Jonassen/Niels Christian Kaldau (DEN) beat Ove Svejstrup/K Langbak (DEN) 15:5; Stellan Osterberg/Jesper Larsen (SWE/DEN) beat Frederik Bergstrom/Rasmus Wengberg (SWE) 15:6 15:5; Allan Borch/Janek Roos (DEN) beat Stefan Edvardsson/Martin Blohm (SWE) 15:1 13:18 Semi Finals: Laugesen/Stavngaard beat Jonassen/Kaldau 15:4 15:4; Osterberg/Larsen beat Borch/Roos 15:10 15:10 Final: Laugesen/Stavngaard beat Osterberg/Larsen 11:15 15:10 15:12

Ladies Doubles

Quarter Finals: Gitte Sommer/Rikke Broen (DEN) beat Elsa Nielsen/Vigdis Asgeirsdottir/Elsa Nielsen (ISL) 15:0 15:2; Majken Vange/Pernille Harder (DEN) beat Ann Jorgensen/Christina Sorensen (DEN) 15:7 15:10; Tanja Berg/Mette Pedersen (DEN) beat Emma Edbom/Marina Andrievskaya (SWE) 5:15 15:8 15:8; Gitte Jansson/Mette Scholdager (DEN) beat Silvia Albrecht/Santi Wibowo (SUI) 16:15 15:8 Semi Finals: Vange/Harder beat Sommer/Broen 15:12 15:8; Jansson/Scholdager beat Berg/Pedersen 17:15 15:10 Final: Jansson/Scholdager beat Vange/Harder 15:7 15:12

Mixed Doubles

Quarter Finals: Janek Roos/Mette Scholdager (DEN) beat Morten Sandall/Rikke Broen (DEN) 15:12 12:15 15:11; Peder Nissen/Gitte Jansson (DEN) beat Trond Waland/Camilla Silwer (NOR) 15:12 18:16; Allan Borch/Anne Katrine Lauesen (DEN) beat Peter Lehwald/Jenne Mogensen (DEN); Thomas Stavngaard/Ann Jorgensen (DEN) beat Jesper Larsen/Gry Skjonnhaug (DEN/NOR) Semi Finals: Roos/Scholdager beat Nissen/Jansson 15:3 17:14; Stavngaard/Jorgensen beat Borch/Lauesen 12:15 15:9 15:12 Final: Stavngaard/Jorgensen beat Roos/Scholdager 15:12 15:8

Thailand Open

Men's Singles

Quarter Finals: Kim Hak Hyun (KOR) beat Ardi Wiranata (INA) 18:16 15:12; Rashid Sidek (MAS) beat Sun Jun (CHN) 15:12 15:8; Dong Jiong (CHN) beat Ong Ewe Hock (MAS) 15:8 15:7; Luo Yigang (CHN) beat Ge Cheng (CHN) 15:10 15:9 Semi Finals: Kim beat Sidek 15:12 18:17; Dong beat Luo 15:7 15:6 Final: Dong beat Kim 18:16 15:7

Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: Kim Ji Hyun (KOR) beat Dai Yun (CHN) 11:5 11:8; Ra Kyung Min (KOR) beat Wang Chen (CHN) 11:6 12:11; Lim Xiaoping (SWE) beat Han Jingna (CHN) 9:12 11:5 11:8; Zhang Ning (CHN) beat Liu Yuhong (CHN) 11:2 11:4 Semi Finals: Ra beat Kim 12:10 1:11 12:10; Lim beat Zhang 2:11 11:8 11:2 Final: Lim beat Ra 11:4 11:0

Men's Doubles

Quarter Finals: Cheah Soon Kit/Yap Kim Hock (MAS) beat Peter Axelsson/Par-Gunnar Jonsson (SWE) 15:11 11:2; Pramote Teerawiwatana/Sakraphee Thongsari (THA) beat Chandra Wijaya/Ade Sutrisna (INA) 15:10 18:16; Tony Gunawan/Rudy Wijaya (INA) beat Niko Zuev/Andrei Andropov (RUS) 15:8 15:4; JiangXin/Huang Zhanzhong (CHN) beat Dicky Purwotosagiono/Sigit (INA) 15:11 15:11 Semi Finals: Cheah/Yap beat Teerawiwatana/Thongsari 15:5 8:15 15:6; Jiang/Huang beat Gunawan/Wijaya 15:8

15:4 Final: Jiang/Huang beat Cheah/Yap 15/9 15/11

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Gil Young Ah/Jang Hye Ock (KOR) beat Sun Jian/Liu Lufang (CHN) 15:1 15:6; Chen Ying/Peng Xinyang (CHN) beat Tomomi Matsuo/Masako Sakamoto (JPN) 15:4 15:6; Kim Shin Young/Kim Mee Hyung (KOR) beat Elena Rybkina/Marina Yakusheva (RUS) 17 15:2; Gu Jun/Ge Fei (CHN) beat Eun Jung/Park Soo Yun (KOR) 15:6 15:11 Semi Finals: Gil/Jang beat Chen/Peng 8:15 15:12 15:11; Gu/Ge beat Kim/Kim 15:9 15:4 Final: Gil/Jang beat Gu/Ge

Mixed Doubles

Quarter Finals: Zhang Ning/Jiang Xin (CHN) beat Amandy Hardy/Paul Stevenson (AUS) 15:3 15:10; Marina Yakusheva/Nikolaj Zuev (RUS) beat Chan Oi Ni Tim He (HKG); Sun Man/Liu Jianjun (CHN) beat Lotte Olssen/Christian Jakobsen (DEN) 15:8 15:5; Ra Kyung Min/Park Joo Bong (KOR) beat Wang Xiaoyuan/Tao Xiaoqing (CHN) 18:15 15:10 Semi Finals: Yakusheva/Zuev beat Zhang/Jiang 2:15 18:17 15:8; Ra/Park beat Sun/Liu 18:17 15:8 Final: Ra/Park beat Yakusheva/Zuev 15:1 15:4

Iceland International

Men's Singles

Quarter Finals: T Wapp (SUI) beat G Adolfsson (ISL) 14:18 15:8 15:6; T Nielsen (ISL) beat T P Haengsson (ISL) 15:12 15:4; A Hallgrímsson (ISL) beat F Ferdinandsson (ISL) 15:7 15:5; B Kristjánsson (ISL) beat N Ludvigsson (ISL) 15:12 15:10 Semi Finals: Wapp beat Nielsen 15:4 15:10; Kristjánsson beat Hallgrímsson 18:13 18:16 Final: Kristjánsson beat Wapp 15:7 17:14

Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: S Albrecht (SUI) beat V Asgeirsdóttir (ISL) 11:4 11:6; S Mateja (SLO) beat B Petursdóttir (ISL) 11:6 11:2; Nielsen (ISL) beat G Juliusdóttir (ISL) 11:2 11:3; S Wibowo (SUI) beat H Atladóttir (ISL) 11:0 11:1 Semi Finals: Albrecht beat Mateja 11:6 12:9; Nielsen/Wibowo 11:5 12:10 Final: Nielsen beat Albrecht 5:11 11:8 12:9

Men's Doubles

Quarter Finals: B Kristjánsson/A Hallgrímsson (ISL) beat F Ferdinandsson/I Björnsson (ISL) 15:7 15:1; A Heidarsson/J Huang (ISL) beat J Helgason/G Björnsson (ISL) 15:6 15:9; G Adolfsson/P Haengsson (ISL) beat S Sigurðsson/S Strom (ISL) 15:0 15:5; N Ludvigsson/T Nielsen (ISL) beat S Dorrisson/B Jonsson (ISL) w/o Semi Finals: Kristjánsson/Hallgrímsson beat Heidarsson/Huang 18:15 15:13; Ludvigsson/Nielsen beat Adolfsson/Haengsson 7:15 18:16 15:11 Final: Kristjánsson/Hallgrímsson beat Ludvigsson/Nielsen 17:16 15:11

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter Finals: E Nielsen/V Asgeirsdóttir (ISL) bye; M Thorisdóttir/E Hafsteinsdóttir (ISL) beat A Hinriksdóttir/A Sigurðardóttir (ISL) 15:8 18:13; K Atladóttir/A Palsdóttir (ISL) beat H Atladóttir/M Gunnarsdóttir (ISL) 15:4 15:6; G Juliusdóttir/B Petursdóttir (ISL) bye Semi Finals: Nielsen/Asgeirsdóttir beat Thorisdóttir/Hafsteinsdóttir 15:6 15:5; Juliusdóttir/Petursdóttir beat Atladóttir/Palsdóttir 15:1 15:1 Final: Nielsen/Asgeirsdóttir beat Juliusdóttir/Petursdóttir 15:2 15:11

Mixed Doubles

Quarter Finals: S Mateja/A Babnik (SLO) beat G Juliusdóttir/A Hallgrímsson (ISL) 15:6 15:6; G Adolfsson/E Hafsteinsdóttir (ISL) beat F Ferdinandsson/B Guobjartsdóttir (ISL) 15:5 15:4; B Kristjánsson/E Nielsen (ISL) bye Semi Finals: Juliusdóttir/Hallgrímsson beat Mateja/Babnik 15:4 15:2; Kristjánsson/

Nielsen beat Adolfsson/Asgeirsdóttir 15:3 15:15 15:11 Final: Juliusdóttir/Hallgrímsson beat Kristjánsson/Nielsen 15:3 15:7

Scottish Open

Men's Singles

Quarter Finals: Jim Laugesen (DEN) beat Thomas Wapp (SUI) 8:15 15:11 15:7; Anders Nielsen (ENG) beat Bruce Flockhart (SCO) 15:2 15:1; Peter Knowles (ENG) beat Rikard Magnusson (SWE) 17:16 15:6; Darren Hall (ENG) beat Kenneth Jonassen (DEN) 15:9 18:14 Semi Finals: Laugesen beat Nielsen 15:11 15:11; Knowles beat Hall 15:4 18:15 Final: Knowles beat Laugesen 15:11 15:7

Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: Catrine Bengtsson (SWE) beat Vlada Chernyavskaya (BLR) 11:3 11:0; Anne Gibson (SCO) beat Tanya Groves (ENG) 11:3 5:0; Marina Andrievskaya (SWE) beat Mette Pedersen (DEN) 11:7 12:11; Doris Piche (CAN) beat Heather Poole (CAN) 11:6 11:1; Semi Finals: Bengtsson beat Gibson 11:7 11:5; Piche beat Andrievskaya 2:11 11:3 11:8; Final: Bengtsson beat Piche 8:11 11:4 11:9

Men's Doubles

Quarter Finals: Neil Cottrell/John Quinn (ENG) beat Lars Pedersen/Kent Wade Hansen (DEN) 15:6 15:8; Stellan Osterberg/Jesper Larsen (SWE/DEN) beat Manuel Dubrulle/Vincent Laigle (FRA) 15:9 15:6; Jim Laugesen/Thomas Stavngaard (DEN) beat Damian Plawewski/Robert Mateusiak (POL) 15:9 15:9; Nick Ponting/Julian Robertson (ENG) beat Jean-Frederic Massias/Bertrand Gallet (FRA) 15:2 15:4 Semi Finals: Osterberg/Larsen beat Cottrell/Quinn 15:7 10:15 15:11; Ponting/Robertson beat Laugesen/Stavngaard 15:9 18:14 Final: Ponting/Robertson beat Osterberg/Larsen 15:5 15:6

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Nicola Beck/Joanne Davies (ENG) beat Robbyn Hermitage/Milaine Cloutier (CAN) 15:6 15:6; Maria Bengtsson/Catrine Bengtsson (SWE) beat Vlada Chernyavskaya/Tatiana Gerasimovitch (BLR) 15:5 15:3; Emma Chaffin/Sara Hardakar (ENG) beat Anthea Poon/Nadine Methot (CAN) 15:3 15:6; Majke Vange/Pernille Harder (DEN) beat Joanne Muggeridge/Kelly Morgan (ENG/WAL) 3:15 15:6 15:3 Semi Finals: Bengtsson/Bengtsson beat Beck/Davies 12:15 15:10 15:5; Chaffin/Hardakar beat Vange/Harder 15:8 15:4 Final: Bengtsson/Bengtsson beat Chaffin/Hardakar 15:7 15:5

Mixed Doubles

Quarter Finals: Lars Pedersen/Anne Mette Bille (DEN) beat Gordon Haldane/Jillian Haldane (SCO) 15:9 15:8; Nick Ponting/Joanne Davies (ENG) beat Jesper Larsen/Maria Bengtsson (DEN/SWE); Kenny Middlemiss/Elinor Allen (SCO) beat Kenneth Erichsen/Robbyn Hermitage (GUA/CAN) 15:5 15:4; Julian Robertson/Lorraine Cole (ENG) beat Paul Hume/Alexis Blanchflower (SCO) 15:5 15:8 Semi Finals: Pedersen/Bille beat Ponting/Davies 15:6 15:11; Robertson/Cole beat Middlemiss/Allen 15:8 15:9 Final: Pedersen/Bille beat Robertson/Cole 17:14 15:10

World Grand Prix Finals 1995

Men's Singles

Group A: Heryanto Arbi (INA) beat Kwang Jin Lee (KOR) 15:7, 4:15, 15:10; Heryanto Arbi (INA) beat Jens Olsson (SWE) 15:6, 15:7; Rashid Sidek (MAL) beat Heryanto Arbi (INA) 18:17, 15:12; Rashid Sidek (MAL) beat Kwang Jin Lee (KOR) 15:11, 15:7; Kwang Jin Lee (KOR) beat Jens

Olsson (SWE) 7:15, 15:8, 18:16; Rashid Sidek (MAL) beat Jens Olsson (SWE) 15:8, 15:5; Group B: Allan Budi Kusuma (INA) beat Fung Permadi (TPE) 8:15, 15:11, 15:6; Allan Budi Kusuma (INA) beat Peter Rasmussen (DEN) 15:8, 15:12; Ardy B. Wiranata (INA) beat Peter Rasmussen (DEN) 17:14, 15:3; Ardy B. Wiranata (INA) beat Fung Permadi (TPE) 15:11, 15:4; Ardy B. Wiranata (INA) beat Allan Budi Kusuma (INA) 11:15, 15:8, 15:12; Fung Permadi (TPE) beat Peter Rasmussen (DEN) 15:10, 15:1. Group C: Joko Suprianto (INA) beat Jiong Dong (CHN) 15:8, 14:17, 15:9; Joko Suprianto (INA) beat Jeroen van Dijk (NED) 15:2, 15:6; Joko Suprianto (INA) beat Tan Sian Peng (SIN) 15:4, 15:5; Jiong Dong (CHN) beat Jeroen van Dijk (NED) 15:8, 15:7; Jiong Dong (CHN) beat Tan Sian Peng (SIN) 15:7, 15:2; Jeroen van Dijk (NED) beat Tan Sian Peng (SIN) 18:14, 15:11. Group D: Poul-Erik Høyer-Larsen (DEN) beat Hermawan Susanto (INA) 18:16, 8:15, 15:10; Hermawan Susanto (INA) beat Ewe Hock Ong (MAL) 4:15, 15:6, 15:6; Ewe Hock Ong (MAL) beat Poul-Erik Høyer-Larsen (DEN) 15:8, 15:8; Poul-Erik Høyer-Larsen (DEN) beat H. Hendrawan (INA) 15:10, 15:7; H. Hendrawan (INA) beat Hermawan Susanto (INA) 15:9, 15:4; Ewe Hock Ong Malaysia beat H. Hendrawan (INA) w/o. Semi-finals: Ardy B. Wiranata (INA) beat Rashid Sidek (MAL) 18:17, 15:7; Joko Suprianto (INA) beat Ewe Hock Ong (MAL) 15:8, 15:11. Final: Joko Suprianto (INA) beat Ardy B. Wiranata (INA) 15:3, 6:15, 15:6.

Ladies' Singles

Group A: Chen Wang (CHN) beat Hisako Mizui (JAP) 11:7, 11:7; Mia Audina (INA) beat Hisako Mizui (JAP) 11:5, 11:7; Mia Audina (INA) beat Chen Wang (CHN) 12:11, 10:8. Group B: Xiaoqing Lim (SWE) beat Jingna Han (CHN) 11:1, 12:9; Xiaoqing Lim (SWE) beat Yuliani Sentoso (INA) 11:8, 11:0; Yuliani Sentoso (INA) beat Jingna Han (CHN) 11:5, 11:6. Group C: Camilla Martin (DEN) beat Ning Zhang (CHN) 11:8, 11:8; Camilla Martin (DEN) beat Joo Hyun Lee (KOR) 11:5, 11:12, 11:3; Ning Zhang (CHN) beat Joo Hyun Lee (KOR) 11:4, 11:7. Group D: Zhaoying Ye (CHN) beat Lidya Djelawidjaya (INA) 11:9, 11:3; Zhaoying Ye (CHN) beat Zarinah Abdullah (SIN) 11:2, 11:5; Lidya Djelawidjaya (INA) beat Zarinah Abdullah (SIN) 12:9, 11:5. Semi-finals: Xiaoqing Lim (SWE) beat Chen Wang (CHN) 11:6, 11:2; Zhaoying Ye (CHN) beat Camilla Martin (DEN) 11:1, 11:2. Final: Zhaoying Ye (CHN) beat Xiaoqing Lim (SWE) 12:10, 8:11, 11:8.

Men's Doubles

Group A: Jon Holst-Christensen/Thomas Lund (DEN) beat Denny Kantono/S. Antonius (INA) 15:9, 18:13; Jon Holst-Christensen/Thomas Lund (DEN) beat Sakrapee Thongsari/Pramote Teerawitana (THA) 15:8, 15:3; Soon Kit Cheah/Kim Hock Yap (MAL) beat Jon Holst-Christensen/Thomas Lund (DEN) 15:4, 15:11; Soon Kit Cheah/Kim Hock Yap (MAL) beat Sakrapee Thongsari/Pramote Teerawitana (THA) 15:3, 15:4; Denny Kantono/S. Antonius (INA) beat Soon Kit Cheah/Kim Hock Yap (MAL) 16:17, 15:3, 15:4; Denny Kantono/S. Antonius (INA) beat Sakrapee Thongsari/Pramote Teerawitana (THA) 17:14, 15:13. Group B: Gunawan/Bambang Suprianto (INA) beat Tony Gunawan/Rudy Wijaya (Jateng) (INA) 15:10, 15:7; Gunawan/Bambang Suprianto (INA) beat Peter Axelsson/Par-Gunnar Jonsson (SWE) 15:5, 15:6; Gunawan/Bambang Suprianto (INA) beat Soo Beng Kiang/Tan Kim Her (MAL) 15:7, 15:10; Tony Gunawan/Rudy Wijaya (Jateng) (INA) beat Peter Axelsson/Par-Gunnar Jonsson (SWE) 15:6, 15:8; Soo Beng Kiang/Tan Kim Her (MAL) beat Tony Gunawan/Rudy Wijaya (INA) 15:9, 15:5; Soo Beng Kiang/Tan Kim Her (MAL) beat Peter Axelsson/Par-Gunnar

Jonsson (SWE) 16:18, 15:2, 15:10. Semi-finals: Soon Kit Cheah/Kim Hock Yap (MAL) beat Soo Beng Kiang/Tan Kim Her (MAL) 15:3, 15:2; Gunawan/Bambang Suprianto (INA) beat Jon Holst-Christensen/Thomas Lund (DEN) 15:9, 17:15. Final: Soon Kit Cheah/Kim Hock Yap (MAL) beat Gunawan/Bambang Suprianto (INA) 13:18, 15:2, 15:12.

Ladies' Doubles

Group A: Young Ah Gil/Hye Ock Jang (KOR) beat Yiyuan Qin/Yongshu Tang (CHN) 15:4, 15:6; Young Ah Gil/Hye Ock Jang (KOR) beat Eliza/Rosiana Zelin (INA) 15:13, 15:12; Young Ah Gil/Hye Ock Jang (KOR) beat Helene Kirkegaard/Rikke Olsen (DEN) 6:15, 15:3, 15:10; Yiyuan Qin/Yongshu Tang (CHN) beat Helene Kirkegaard/Rikke Olsen (DEN) 15:4, 15:7; Eliza/Rosiana Zelin (INA) beat Yiyuan Qin/Yongshu Tang (CHN) 15:6, 11:15, 17:14; Helene Kirkegaard/Rikke Olsen (DEN) beat Eliza/Rosiana Zelin (INA) 15:7, 15:6. Group B: Fei Ge/Jun Gu (CHN) beat Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen/Marlene Thomsen (DEN) 15:5, 15:4; Fei Ge/Jun Gu (CHN) beat Julie J. Bradbury/Joanne G. Wright (ENG) 3:15, 15:3, 15:8; Fei Ge/Jun Gu (CHN) beat Tomomi Matsuo/Masako Sakamoto (JPN) 15:3, 15:3; Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen/Marlene Thomsen (DEN) beat Tomomi Matsuo/Masako Sakamoto (JPN) 15:8, 15:11; Julie J. Bradbury/Joanne G. Wright (ENG) beat Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen/Marlene Thomsen (DEN) 18:14, 8:15, 15:11; Julie J. Bradbury/Joanne G. Wright (ENG) beat Tomomi Matsuo/Masako Sakamoto (JPN) 17:16, 15:8. Semi-finals: Fei Ge/Jun Gu (CHN) beat Yiyuan Qin/Yongshu Tang (CHN) 15:7, 15:9; Young Ah Gil/Hye Ock Jang (KOR) beat Julie J. Bradbury/Joanne G. Wright (ENG) 15:6, 15:8. Final: Fei Ge/Jun Gu (CHN) beat Young Ah Gil/Hye Ock Jang (KOR) 15:7, 15:12.

Mixed Doubles

Group A: Dong Moon Kim/Young Ah Gil (KOR) beat Ron Michels/Erica van den Heuvel (NED) 15:2, 15:6; Dong Moon Kim/Young Ah Gil (KOR) beat Nick Ponting/Joanne G. Wright (ENG) 15:11, 15:5; Nick Ponting/Joanne G. Wright (ENG) beat Ron Michels/Erica van den Heuvel (NED) 15:12, 15:4; Dong Moon Kim/Young Ah Gil (KOR) beat Jan-Eric Antonsson/Astrid Crabo (SWE) 15:5, 15:2; Ron Michels/Erica van den Heuvel (NED) beat Jan-Eric Antonsson/Astrid Crabo (SWE) w/o; Nick Ponting/Joanne G. Wright (ENG) beat Jan-Eric Antonsson/Astrid Crabo (SWE) w/o. Group B: Trikus Heryanto/Minarti Timur (INA) beat Xiaoqiang Tao/Xiaoyuan Wang (CHN) 15:10, 15:9; Trikus Heryanto/Minarti Timur (INA) beat Christian Jakobsen/Lotte Olsen (DEN) 15:4, 15:11; Xiaoqiang Tao/Xiaoyuan Wang (CHN) beat Christian Jakobsen/Lotte Olsen (DEN) 14:17, 15:12, 15:12; Simon D. Archer/Julie J. Bradbury (ENG) beat Trikus Heryanto/Minarti Timur (INA) 15:10, 15:9; Simon D. Archer/Julie J. Bradbury (ENG) beat Xiaoqiang Tao/Xiaoyuan Wang (CHN) 15:8, 15:9; Simon D. Archer/Julie J. Bradbury (ENG) beat Christian Jakobsen/Lotte Olsen (DEN) 15:7, 15:12. Semi-finals: Trikus Heryanto/Minarti Timur (INA) beat Dong Moon Kim/Young Ah Gil (KOR) 15:3, 15:4; Simon D. Archer/Julie J. Bradbury (ENG) beat Nick Ponting/Joanne G. Wright (ENG) 15:13, 15:9. Final: Trikus Heryanto/Minarti Timur (INA) beat Simon D. Archer/Julie J. Bradbury (ENG) 15:8, 15:8.

Welsh International

Men's Singles

Quarter Finals: Andreij Antropov (RUS) beat Rasmus Wengberg (SWE) 15:14 15:6; Chris Bruil (NED) beat Daniel Eriksson (SWE) 15:2 15:6; Richard Vaughan (WAL) beat Antony Bush (ENG) 15:10 18:15; Colin Haughton (ENG) beat Edwin van

Dalm (NED) 15:5 4:15 15:10 **Semi Finals:**
Bruil beat Antropov 10:15 15:12 15:5;
Haughton beat Vaughan 15:12 15:1 **Final:**
Haughton beat Bruil 15:11 15:10

Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: Elena Rybkina (RUS) beat Tanya Groves (ENG) 10:12 11:1 12:9; Justine Willmott (ENG) beat Elena Sukhareva (RUS) 12:9 11:3; Brenda Beenhakker (NED) beat Tracy Hallam (ENG) 11:7 11:7; Doris Piche (CAN) beat Lonneke Janssen (NED) 1:11 11:8 11:7 **Semi Finals:** Rybkina beat Willmott 11:1 11:5; Beenhakker beat Piche 1:11 12:10 12:8 **Final:** Rybkina beat Beenhakker 11:4 11:6

Men's Doubles

Quarter Finals: Andreij Antropov/Nikolaj Zuev (RUS) beat Jean-Francois Mercier/Chris Trenholme (CAN) 15:6 15:4; David Gilmour/Gordon Haldane (SCO) beat Michael Watt/Graham Henderson (IRL) 15:11 15:10; N Waterman/L Boosey (ENG) beat Frederik Bergstrom/Rasmus Wengberg (SWE) 5:15 15:10 15:8; Julian Robertson/Nathan Robertson (ENG) beat Peter Jeffrey/Martin Andrew (ENG) 15:4 15:4 **Semi Finals:** Antropov/Zuev beat Gilmour/Haldane 15:3 15:8; Robertson/Robertson beat Waterman/Boosey 15:7 15:12 **Final:** Antropov/Zuev beat Robertson/Robertson 15:8 15:8

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Elena Rybkina/Marina Yakusheva (RUS) beat Rebecca Pantaney/Lorraine Cole (ENG) 15:4 15:3; Heather Poole/Charmaine Reid (CAN) beat Jillian Haldane/Pamela Whiteford (SCO) 15:10 8:15 18:15; Nicola Beck/Sara Hardaker (ENG) beat Michelle Rasmussen/Mette Schjoldager (DEN) 2:15 15:11 15:10; Gail Emms/Lotte Jonathans (ENG/NED) beat Karen Peatfield/Joanna Sullivan (ENG) 12:15 15:8 15:8 **Semi Finals:** Rybkina/Yakusheva beat Poole/Reid 15:7 15:9 15:7 15:9; Emms/Jonathans beat Beck/Hardaker 12:15 15:8 15:8 **Final:** Rybkina/Yakusheva beat Emms/Jonathans 15:8 15:4

Mixed Doubles

Quarter Finals: Nikolaj Zuev/Marina Yakusheva (RUS) beat Ian Sullivan/Karen Peatfield (ENG) 15:8 15:12; Nathan Robertson/Gail Emms (ENG) beat Dennis Lens/Judith Meulendijks (NED) 15:8 12:15 15:7; Julian Robertson/Lorraine Cole (ENG) beat Gordon Haldane/Jillian Haldane (SCO) 15:9 15:9; Quinten van Dalm/Nicole van Hooren (NED) beat Graham Henderson/Jayne Plunkett (IRL) 15:8 15:4 **Semi Finals:** Zuev/Yakusheva beat Robertson/Emms 15:8 15:11; Robertson/Cole beat van Dalm/van Hooren 10:15 15:7 15:7 **Final:** Zuev/Yakusheva beat Robertson/Cole 15:11 15:7

Irish International

Men's Singles

Quarter Finals: Peter Gade (DEN) beat Jesper Olsson (SWE) 15:8 15:8; Kenneth Jonassen (DEN) beat Peter Knowles (ENG) 15:10 15:9; Rikard Magnusson (SWE) beat Thomas Sogaard (DEN) 15:10 15:4; Anders Neilsen (ENG) beat Anders Boesen (DEN) 15:10 15:12 **Semi Finals:** Jonassen beat Gade 15:9 15:12; Magnusson beat Nielsen 15:12 15:10 **Final:** Magnusson beat Jonassen 15:11 15:2

Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: Alison Humby (ENG) beat Andrea Odor (HUN) 11:2 11:2; Doris Piche (CAN) beat Elena Nosdran (UKR) 11:6 11:4; Tanya Groves (ENG) beat Gillian Martin (SCO) 11:1 11:9; Karolina Ericsson (SWE) beat Emma Chaffin (ENG) 11:8 11:2 **Semi Finals:** Piche beat Humby 3:11 12:10 11:0; Groves beat Ericsson 11:4 11:5 **Final:** Piche beat Groves 2:11 11:7 11:4

Men's Doubles

Quarter Finals: James Anderson/Ian Pearson (ENG) beat Alistair Gatt/Craig Robertson (SCO) 15:12 15:8; Jan Jorgensen/Peder Nissen (DEN) beat Broddi Kristjansson/Arni Thor Hallgrimsson (ISL) 15:8 11:15 18:16; Jim Laugesen/Thomas Stavngaard (DEN) beat N Waterman/L Boosey (ENG) 15:8 15:6; Nick Ponting/Julian Robertson (ENG) beat Donal O'Halloran/Mark Peard (IRL) 15:2 18:13 **Semi Finals:** Jorgensen/Nissen beat Anderson/Pearson 15:11 15:2; Laugesen/Stavngaard beat Ponting/Robertson 7:15 15:5 15:12 **Final:** Laugesen/Stavngaard beat Jorgensen/Nissen 15:11 15:0

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Yvonne Naeff/Judith Baumeier (SUI) beat Adrienn Kocsis/Tracy Hallam (HUN/SUI) 15:10 0:15 15:10; Majken Vange/Pernille Harder (DEN) beat Tanya Groves/Alison Humby (ENG) 15:11 15:8; Rikke Olsen/Mette Schjoldager (DEN) beat Rebecca Pantaney/Lorraine Cole (ENG) 15:5 15:7; Emma Chaffin/Sara Hardaker (ENG) beat Martine de Souza/M J Pierre (MRI) 15:12 15:6 **Semi Finals:** Vange/Harder beat Naeff/Baumeier 15:1 15:4; Olsen/Schjoldager beat Chaffin/Hardaker 15:7 17:15 **Final:** Vange/Harder beat Olsen/Scholdager 15:10 4:15 15:9

Mixed Doubles

Quarter Finals: James Anderson/Emma Chaffin (ENG) beat Vladislav Druzchenko/Victoria Evtoushenko (UKR) 15:6 15:10; Julian Robertson/Lorraine Cole (ENG) beat Thomas Stavngaard/Rikke Olsen (DEN) 7:15 17:14 15:8; Nathan Robertson/Gail Emms (ENG) beat Ian Pearson/Joanne Wright (ENG) 15:4 15:10; Ian Sullivan/Sara Hardaker (ENG) beat Bruce Topping/Ann Stephens (IRL) 15:12 15:5 **Semi Finals:** Robertson J/Cole beat Anderson/Chaffin 15:11 15:2; Robertson N/Emms beat Sullivan/Hardaker **Final:** Robertson J/Cole beat Robertson N/Emms 15:4 15:4

SEA Games - Individual Results

Men's Singles

Quarter Finals: Joko Suprianto (INA) beat Melvin Llanes (PHI) 15:1 15:8; Ong Ewe Hock (MAS) beat Teeranun Chiangta (THA) 15:9 15:8; Rashid Sidek (MAS) beat Ahn Hoang Nguyen (VIE) 15:4 15:1; Ardy Wiranata (INA) beat Kitipon Kitikul (THA) 15:9 15:0 **Semi Finals:** Suprianto beat Ong 15:7 15:7; Wiranata beat Sidek 15:11 15:10 **Final:** Suprianto beat Wiranata 15:10 15:9

Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: Susi Susanti (INA) beat Kennie Asuncion (PHI) 11:3 11:1; Pornsawan Plungwech (THA) beat Zarinah Abdullah (SIN) 11:7 5:11 11:7; Somharuthai Jaroensiri (THA) beat Amparo Lim (PHI) 11:5 11:6; Lidya Djaelawidjaya (INA) beat Ishwari Boopathy (MAS) 11:0 11:1 **Semi Finals:** Susanti beat Plungwech 11:6 11:2; Jaroensiri beat Djaelawidjaya 12:11 12:10 **Final:** Susanti beat Jaroensiri 11:4 11:0

Men's Doubles

Quarter Finals: Ricky Subagia/Rexy Mainaky (INA) beat Soo Beng Kiang/Tan Kim Her (MAS) 15:3 15:9; Sakrapee Thongsari/Pramote Teerawiwatana (THA) beat Kyaw Aung/Zaw Wim (BIR/MAS) 15:2 15:3; Denny Kantono/A Budi Arianto (INA) beat Siripong Siripool/Khunakorn Sudhisodhi (THA) 9:15 15:3 15:4; Cheah Soon Kit/Yap Kim Hock (MAS) beat Thein Win Tun/Maung Maung (BIR) 15:2 15:2 **Semi Finals:** Subagia/Mainaky beat Thongsari/Teerawiwatana 15:5 15:1; Cheah/Yap beat Kantono/Arianto 15:11 6:15 15:7 **Final:** Cheah/Yap beat Subagia/Mainaky 15:13 15:9

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Eliza/Rosiana Zelin (INA) beat Swe Mar Oo/Swe Kyi Kyi (BIR) 15:1 15:3; Duchfun/Raksita (THA) beat Kuak Seok Choon/Law Pei Pei (MAS) 11:15 15:12 15:6; Ponsawan Plungwech/Plernta Boonyarit (THA) beat Nguyen Thi Thanh Tien/Hinh Tu Lee (VIE) 15:4 15:2; Lili Tampi/Finarsih (INA) beat Lim Pek Siah/Chor Hooi Yee (MAS) 15:1 15:6 **Semi Finals:** Eliza/Zelin beat Duchfun/Raksita 15:8 15:6; Tampi/Finarsih beat Plungwech/Boonyarit 15:7 6:15 15:7 **Final:** Tampi/Finarsih beat Eliza/Zelin

Mixed Doubles

Quarter Finals: Trikus Haryanto/Minarti Timur (INA) beat Allan de Leon/Ma Elena Garcia (PHI) 15:3 15:2; Hashim Mohd Roslin/Chor Hooi Yee (MAS) beat Siripong/Duchfun (THA) 15:11 8:15 15:11; Kunakorn/Sujitra (THA) beat Cheah Soon Kit/Kuak Sipok Choon (MAS) 11:15 15:4 17:15; Danny Kantono/Elysa P (INA) beat Melvin Llanes/Jennifer Uy (PHI) 15:2 15:1 **Semi Finals:** Trikus/Timur beat Hashim/Chor 15:1 15:1; Kantono/Elysa beat Kunakorn/Sujitra 15:8 15:6 **Final:** Trikus/Timur beat Kantono/Elysa 15:8 15:6

Spanish International

Men's Singles

Quarter Finals: Hannes Fuchs (AUT) beat Gyula Szalai (HUN) 3:15 15:9 15:6; Ricardo Fernandes (POR) beat Kenneth Erichsen (GUA) 15:2 15:10; Jean-Frederic Massias (FRA) beat Tjitte Weistra (NED) 15:2 15:8; David Serrano (ESP) beat Mario Carulla Schultz (PER) 15:5 15:9 **Semi Finals:** Fernandes beat Fuchs 15:13 8:15 15:8; Serrano beat Massias 15:14 15:3 **Final:** Fernandes beat Serrano 8:15 15:11 15:11

Ladies' Singles

Quarter Finals: Charmaine Reid (CAN) beat Patricia Perez (ESP) 7:11 11:0 11:6; Wang Yu Yu (ITA) beat Christelle Mol (FRA) 11:3 7:11 11:3; Doris Piche (CAN) beat Dolores Marco (ESP) 11:6 11:4; Esther Sanz (ESP) beat Andrea Odor (HUN) 11:2 11:3 **Semi Finals:** Wang beat Reid 8:11 11:1 11:2; Piche beat Sanz 12:11 11:0 **Final:** Piche beat Wang 3:11 11:5 11:7

Men's Doubles

Quarter Finals: Ricardo Fernandes/Fernando Silva (POR) beat Sergio Llopi/Jose Antonio Crespo (POL/ESP) 15:8 18:15; Broddi Kristjansson/Arni Thor Hallgrimsson (ISL) beat Gyula Szalai/A Adam (HUN/MRI) 15:8 15:2; Hugo Rodrigues/Marco Vasconcelos (POR) beat Eddy Clarisse/Stephanie Beeharry (MRI) 13:15 15:2 15:8; Arturo Ruiz/Ernesto Garcia (ESP) beat Michal Logosz/Pawel Kaczynski (POL) 15:4 15:5 **Semi Finals:** Kristjansson/Hallgrimsson beat Fernandes/Silva 15:12 8:15 15:7; Rodrigues/Vasconcelos beat Ruiz/Garcia 15:10 11:15 15:9 **Final:** Kristjansson/Hallgrimsson beat Rodrigues/Vasconcelos 15:6 15:12

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter Finals: Adrienn Kocsis/Ana Ferreira (HUN/POR) beat Barbara Faiazza/Sama Parisi (ITA) 15:1 15:3; Patricia Perez/Maria Torres (ESP) beat Joanna Szleszynska/Monika Bienkowska (POL) 15:6 1:15 18:15; Martine de Souza/MJ Pierre (MRI) beat Andrea Odor/Melinda Keszthelyi (HUN) 15:3 15:9; Dolores Marco/Esther Sanz (ESP) beat Maria Grazia Italiano/Barbara Italiano (ITA) 15:2 15:3 **Semi Finals:** Kocsis/Ferreira beat Perez/Torres 15:5 15:4; Marco/Sanz beat de Souza/Pierre 15:4 15:7 **Final:** Marco/Sanz beat Kocsis/Ferreira 15:4 15:6

Mixed Doubles

Quarter Finals: Ernesto Garcia/Esther Sanz (ESP) beat Alfredo Constable/Barbara

Italiano (ITA) 15:2 15:3; Tjitte Weistra/Adrienn Kocsis (NED/HUN) beat Jorge Pena/Patricia Perez (ESP) 15:9 17:14; Hugo Rodrigues/Ana Ferreira (POR) beat Sergio Llopi/Maria Torres (POL/ESP) 17:14 18:16; Arturo Ruiz/Dolores Marco (ESP) beat Pawel Kaczynski/Joanna Szleszynska (POL) 15:5 15:3 **Semi Finals:** Garcia/Sanz beat Weistra/Kocsis 15:11 18:15; Rodrigues/Ferreira beat Ruiz/Marco 15:5 15:8 **Final:** Rodrigues/Ferreira beat Garcia/Sanz 15:5 15:5

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only pocketed him the richest prize in the history of the game and made could catapult him to the realms of legends.

Nothing behind for the greying champion to embrace. Except heart. And

were world champion Heryanto Arbi and the Chinese strong man Dong and where every top singles shuttler was around, Joko could have been out.

stopping Rashid in the semi-finals 18-17, 15-7. However the World Grand Prix finals went well for the Malaysians as they snatched the men's doubles title, and their other singles player Ong Ewe Hock also reached the semis, thanks to a hyped-up win over All-England champion Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen by 15-8, 15-8 in his group match.

For Høyer, the tournament was a nightmare. Just when everyone thought that he would challenge the Asian supremacy, he played like a damp squib, eroding his chances on the very first day.

For Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Kim Hock, the Malaysian number one men's doubles pair, there were no such problems. Buoyed by the fact that the top ranked Remy Mainaky and Ricky Subagja had had to withdraw because of sprained ankle which Ricky suffered in practice the Malaysians realised that if they concentrated and played positively they could win the huge prize of \$11,375 each.

Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Kim Hock had a brilliant 15-4, 15-11 victory over Thomas Lund and Jon Holst-Christensen to set up their leadership of group A. In group B, veterans Rudy Gunawan and Bambang Supriyanto routed every pair in straight games to ensure their semi-final berth. In the semi-finals these Indonesians, slow but using their experience to great advantage, hammered Lund and Holst 15-9, 17-15 while Cheah and Yap thrashed compatriots Soo Beng Kiang and Jan

Kim Her 15-3, 15-2. If Malaysia has to thank anyone for the men's doubles title it has to be the tiny Yap Kim Hock who can barely look above the net. But what he lacks in height, he more than makes up for it with his great speed, his street fighting spirit and a leap to bring in

those extremely punishing smashes. He required all of these qualities in abundance to help Cheah subdue Gunawan and Bambang in the final, which the Malaysians won 13-18, 15-2, 15-12.

The final game saw the Indonesians, playing patiently and with great care, stroke their way to a 11-7 lead but the

Malaysians never thought of defeat. It was Yap Kim Hock who played like a giant, and it was appropriately this tiny giant who hit the winning stroke for his team.

Another shuttler at his stunning best was the Indonesian mixed doubles specialist Trikus Heryanto. With Thomas Lund not wanting to play the mixed these days and Park Joo-Bong's remarkable comeback starting too late to give him the required points to qualify for the grand prix finals, the title was up for grabs.

Tricky Trikus, apparently bent on revolutionising the concept of mixed

doubles, made the most of it. Trikus likes to be all over the court, many a time leaving the baseline game to his partner Minarti Timur. This traditionally is not the way mixed is played. But Trikus is not swayed by such mundane things. He and Minarti lost their group match to Simon Archer and Julie Bradbury 10-15, 9-15, giving the English pair high confidence when they clashed again in the finals.

But the fantastic 15-3, 15-4 victory over world's top ranked pair of Kim Dong Moon and Gil Young-Ah in the semi-finals gave Trikus and Minarti a great boost, and in the finals they were a different pair. Trikus kept up a barrage of smashes on Bradbury, even from impossible angles and often out of position. And amazingly he always recovered well enough to come charging to the net and force a 15-8, 15-8 victory.

Ge Fei and Gu Jun can really call themselves world's best in women's doubles after their 15-7, 15-12 victory over Gil Young-Ah and Jang Hye-Ock, the world champions from Korea. The

top-ranked Chinese pair have now defeated the Koreans in the China Open, Sudirman Cup, Singapore Open, Asia Cup, and the Japan Open, and have lost to them in the Korean Open and Thailand Open.

Ge and Gu were in great form, and there was not much the Koreans could

do in the finals. In the entire championships, the Chinese lost just one game, and that was in their group match



SALUTE TO HIS GOD: Trikus gives thanks for his triumph with Minarti Timur



DRINK AND THINK: Ge and Gu pause and plan



STOOPING TO CONQUER: Cheah & Yap get down to it

WORLD GRAND PRIX FINALS

Ye Zhaoying has another big title

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against Julie Bradbury and Joanne Wright of England.

China's head coach Li Yongbo had further reasons to be happy when Ye Zhaoying had a superb week, culminating in her first World Grand Prix finals title with a well-crafted 12-10, 8-11, 11-8 win over the ferociously battling Lim Xiaqing. With the World title, the World Cup, the Swedish Open, the China Open and the U.S. Open also under her belt, Ye Zhaoying is now the undisputed queen of world badminton. Ye has beaten Susi three times in a row, twice at the World Championships and at the World Cup. Ye has also defeated Bang Soo-Hyun of Korea 11-5, 11-0 in the China Open finals, as well as in the U.S. Open and the Sudirman Cup.

The last minute withdrawals of Susi (apparently with an ankle injury sustained in the China Open) and Bang (no reasons given) should not in any way be construed as having given an easy title to Ye in Singapore. Lim defeated Ye at the same venue when she met her at the Konica Cup final by 4-11, 11-2, 11-0.

A terrific individual, Lim does not really know how to play safe. And when everything falls into place, she can be really devilish on court. Both Yuliani Sentoso and Han Jingna, the world silver medallist, fell in two straight games to the Swedish All-England champion. And in the semi-finals she made short work of Wang Chen 11-6, 11-2 to set up the clash with Ye Zhaoying.

With Lim one can expect the impossible, watch the

impossible and applaud the seemingly unplayable, but with Ye it is all serious business. No tricky shots, no time delaying tactics and no playing to the gallery. She likes to come in and finish the match as soon as she can.

Ye therefore was hardly tested on way to the finals, but then she had to use all the strokes in her armoury just to keep pace with the furious onslaught of fast deep tosses and tricky net shots unleashed by Lim.

The first game, in which Lim had an early lead of 9-5 and Ye came fighting back, indicated the tone of the match. After forcing deuce at Ye's first game point, Lim made the cardinal error of serving in the net. This breather was all the Chinese player needed to wrap up the hard-fought first game 12-10, and to establish a huge 7-0 lead in the second.

No one had bargained for the way Lim fought back. Like a wounded tigress she fought for every single shuttle, coming out with stunning winners especially on down-the-line overhead



WHICH WAY TO VICTORY?... Ye Zhaoying's retrieve seems to have a finger-pointer to her destination

smashes to beat Ye many a time. Ye also led 8-4 but by the time a highly determined Lim caught up, the smiles of the entire China contingent were wiped off.

Li Lingwei and Li Yongbo, both realised that Lim's momentum could not be stopped at this stage. What was needed was fresh strategy and this was what they instilled in Ye's mind after she had lost the second game 8-11.

A combination of fast low tosses with extremely sharp

drops on both flanks kept Lim on the wrong foot in the third. Lim tried to hasten the pace, but more often than not she played into the taller opponent's hands.

Ye Zhaoying increased the pressure to lead to 8-4. A late challenge from Lim got her level at 8-8. But by this time she was a spent force and had to concede the match to a stronger and superior foe 8-11. There were hardly any unforced errors. This is what made this extraordinary match so memorable.

The only thing that marred these well-run championships was the injury to Mia Audina at match point 10-6 against Wang Chen in her last group match. A win would have surely thrust Mia into the semis, and then who knows what might have happened? In acute pain after twisting her knee Mia did try to get that one point, but had to concede because she just could not move. Luckily, she was told she would need only two weeks' rest before continuing her winning ways.



TEAR FOR MIA: injury denied the teenager her title chance



Singapore Stadium: one of the best facilities in the world

Hardly anybody knew this was a 6-star event!

by GILL CLARK

Konica Cup tournament was a six-star event! Even a press release sent from Cheltenham to the media in Singapore referred to it as a four-star tournament!

There is no doubt that this unfortunate lack of communication had serious repercussions for the event. Most of the top players feel that two tournaments in three weeks is sufficient. Many based their decision to play the first two, Malaysia and Indonesia, on the known fact that they were both six-star events, whilst Singapore was advertised in the IBF calendar as a four-star tournament. If the facts had been made clear to all parties, I am certain that Singapore would have attracted a better entry.

Just imagine the huge ramifications with regard to both the grand prix, and world rankings, had this discrepancy not been pointed out to the Cheltenham offices by Roger Johansson, IBF Vice-President, and to the tournament referee. Points earned for a six-star event would not have been credited!

How this confusion occurred is unclear, except that the

Singapore Badminton Association informed someone on the IBF Council, believing that they would pass on the news of the increased prize fund to Cheltenham. Perhaps it does not really matter who is to blame for the break down in communication. What is essential is that it does not happen again, especially during the Olympic qualifying period. The simple solution would be for all tournament organisers to copy any press releases regarding the event direct to the IBF offices in Cheltenham.

Not only did this incident leave some players disappointed at not having entered, but it must also have been discouraging to the tournament organisers. The Singapore Association obviously worked hard to increase the prize fund, and to secure extensive television coverage. And to their credit they staged one of the best tournaments in one of the best facilities in the world.

GLASGOW SCOTTISH OPEN

Double scotch for Catrine

by ELSPETH BURNSIDE

PETER KNOWLES from England and Catrine Bengtsson from Sweden tasted grand prix singles success for a first time at the Scottish Open at Glasgow's Kelvin Hall in November.

Bengtsson beat Canada's Doris Piché in a closely contested women's final, while the men's event between Knowles and Denmark's Jim Laugesen was notable for the frequent interventions by Welsh umpire, Tony Taylor.

Having had his lead of 13-1 drastically reduced, Knowles was refused a change of racket at 14-10 in the first game, and then Laugesen was refused a request for a towel break mid-way through the second game. He carried on regardless, and that earned a severe finger-wagging and official warning.

The match ended on a controversial note when Laugesen made no effort to move when facing the serve at match point down. Taylor refused to listen to the Dane's claims that he was not ready, and awarded the match to Knowles, 15-11, 15-7.

Laugesen, aged 21, felt he should have been given a second chance. But he was still delighted with a performance that had seen him come through the qualifying events to feature in his first major senior final.

With Piché continuing her comeback from two knee operations, and doubles finalists Jesper Larsen and Stellan Osterberg

also having been forced to qualify, the tournament raised questions about the IBF's policy of sticking rigidly to world rankings.

None of the qualifiers managed to lift a title — Larsen and Osterberg went down to Nick Ponting and Julian Robertson of England — but they certainly caused a few upsets.

From the home viewpoint there was pleasure in seeing Scottish champion Bruce Flockhart upset the form book with a win over number three seed, Kevin Han, a Chinese-born American, before going out to the English national champion Anders Nielsen in the quarter-finals.

The Scottish women's champion, Anne Gibson, also enjoyed her best ever Scottish Open, making the semi-finals before going out to top seed Bengtsson in a match in which she had led 6-0 in the opening game.

Bengtsson completed a double on finals' day when she partnered her unrelated namesake Maria Bengtsson to a repeat of their 1990 win in the doubles, while Lars Pedersen and Anne Mette Bille scored a lone Danish success with a win over Robertson and Lorraine Cole of England in the mixed.



A DOUBLE AND A FIRST: Catrine Bengtsson (top) took two titles and Peter Knowles (bottom) won his first grand prix singles event

TRIBUTE TO LEE JAE BOK BY GILL CLARK

"THE MOST IMPORTANT GOAL is not to aim to produce champions, but always to work on improving the player". This is a very clever perception and understanding on how to produce the winners. But who would have thought this was the philosophy of a coach from the highly competitive country of Korea? Lee Jae Bok is the man who shatters the misguided belief of many Europeans that the Asians' only ruthless goal is to churn out the champions.

Lee, now 35, first moved to England with his family eight years ago. It was a difficult decision to make considering the enormous respect he has for his native culture. He is the only son and is therefore expected to be on hand to look after his parents. But with their encouragement and support, especially from his mother, Lee moved to Milton Keynes in January 1988.

It is difficult to believe how much Lee has achieved during his stay in England. Not only has he mastered a new language and been the coach to both the England and British Olympic squads, but has also found the time to study at Loughborough University, Britain's leading sports science college.

Lee is just completing a Ph.D in sports management, with special interest in sports policy for the general public. This, he hopes, will stand him in good stead for a job lecturing at the top university in Seoul. It is because of this, and his belief that it is important for his two children to learn Korean culture, that Lee's experience, knowledge and enthusiasm will soon be taken back to Korea.

Lee is the thinking man's coach. He is a philosopher who compares the qualities needed to achieve in sport with the human qualities required to be respected and successful in the struggle of life. The two are so inter-linked that Lee believes until a person has the desired morals and ethics they cannot be improved as a player, regardless of the amount of coaching.

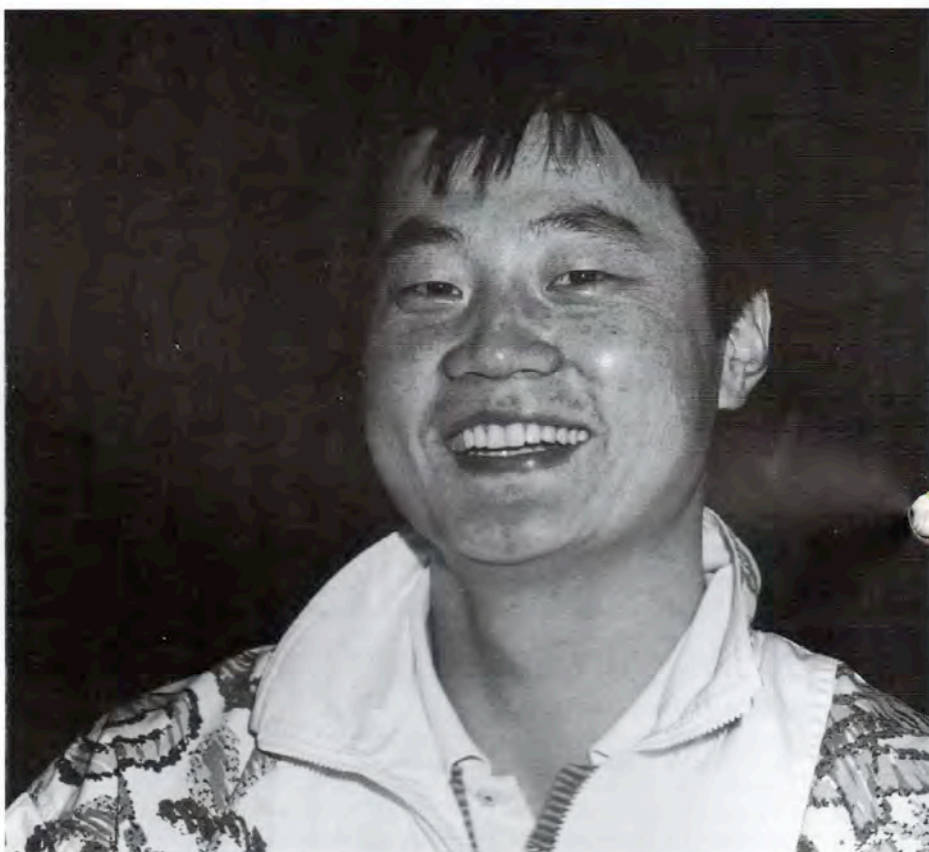
Only when a player has mental strength, honesty, self-control, and respect for others, can he begin to learn. For it is not the coach who makes the player. Instead the player, by responding to the help and advice of the coach, who betters himself.

It is all so logical when you talk to the tall, smiling Korean. Without self-control, how can a player expect to control his opponent? Unless the motivation comes from the player's heart, how can he have the true desire to improve? Without honesty, how can he self analyse? And unless he is mentally strong, how can a player push himself to achieve new heights?

So can the coach help to instil the essential human qualities required to succeed? Lee Jae Bok certainly believes so. It is done mainly through discipline and by example, which in turn leads to mutual respect between player and coach. If the player is working hard then Lee believes it is wrong for the coach to sit down and chat. Likewise if the coach is giving a hundred per cent then it is disrespectful of the player to not to do the same. And players not giving their all, Lee believes, should be asked to leave the session.

It may sound harsh but it does work. Both Chris Hunt and Gillian Gowers are testament to Lee's philosophy. Lee had doubts over their dedication and commitment

An outstanding coach and an exceptional man



SMILE OF SUCCESS: Lee Jae Bok, a philosopher-teacher

prior to the Barcelona Olympics, and therefore took action. They both now have enough commitment, and respect for Lee, to fund their own private coaching sessions with him.

It is imperative that a player gives a hundred per cent, not necessarily physically, but mentally. Without that concentration and effort a player's reward from a session is limited, and Lee as the

coach is neither satisfied nor happy. This prompts another smile from Lee as he explains where he believes, so many English coaches go wrong. Some set themselves the wrong goals — they coach for fun, and that does not necessarily make for a good coach.

If however the target were to improve the player, the coach would experience satisfaction and contentment when this is achieved. In other words, the fun of coaching is a by-product of the main goal. Maybe that's why Lee gets such pleasure from coaching, regardless of the player's standard.

Virtually everyone who works with Lee sees thoroughly to enjoy his sessions despite the fact — or maybe because — he demands total commitment. It is the coaches job to keep the player

Lee Jae Bok, who has 25 years of badminton experience behind him, is recognised as a master of his sport by the release recently of a video, sponsored and produced by Carlton Sports. Lee, who was Korean national team coach in 1987 and British Olympic team coach from 1990 to 1992, directs the instructional tape which is aimed at players of all abilities.

"My intention is to teach new skills and a new philosophy to those who want to improve their game and get more enjoyment from the sport," said Lee. "It is my ambition to inspire as many people as possible, not just to play badminton, but to play to win."

stimulated and therefore he must plan his sessions in advance in order to keep them interesting. Without this the player will become bored. Boredom induces distraction, and without the concentration and quality, the player will not improve.

It is not just the enthusiasm that Lee manages to generate. How does he get so many of his players to respond so quickly in such a positive way? He believes the psychology used by the coach plays a major part. Challenge the player to achieve even more because this is a great form of motivation, and it is a positive way to criticise.

Ask for the extra effort in tangible figures: "another five per cent" is better than asking for, "a little bit more". A player will believe he can achieve another five per cent, but "a little bit more" is too vague, and therefore more difficult to be translated into extra effort level, especially when he already believes he is giving his all.

Asking for that extra, especially when the player is working at his physical limit, also improves mental toughness. But Lee is quick to clarify that it can be dangerous to push the player to his physical limit more than once or twice a week.

Speaking from the heart will make the player realise how much the coach really cares. He will then listen more and therefore respond better. However, Lee believes that the player should question the coach if he disagrees or is worried. How can the player commit himself if he doesn't believe in what he's doing?

It is impossible to explain on paper and pay justice to the technical attributes of Lee's coaching. His words are enhanced by his superb ability to demonstrate. This is not altogether surprising when you consider he was Korean national champion in singles, doubles and mixed. So much of his teaching is by example.

I will always admire and remember Lee, not only for his ethics, which he proudly admits he has learnt from his mother, the person he admires and respects more than anyone, but also for his ability to understand, respect and adapt to Western ways. He adjusted technical aspects of shot production and movement to suit the European physique. He worked to excel our strengths, such as intercepting and killing at the net in women's doubles. All this was counterbalanced with the improvement of, and insight into, certain Asian strengths such as defensive play.

There is no doubt in my mind, having had the privilege to work with Lee for a number of years, that his belief in "quality not quantity", his ability to treat everyone as individuals, his philosophies, and his understanding of the game all go to make not only a brilliant coach but an exceptional man.

THINKING MAN'S COACH:

*Lee knows
how to get a full response
from players (top)*

SOON TO GO HOME:

*Lee's family is to
return to Korea after
eight years in England*



OCEANIA by Roy Ward

TRAVELLING FENG'S LONG TRIP TO A TITLE

AUSTRALIAN captain Peter Blackburn and Paul Staight have so far played through the major Australian tournaments undefeated in spite of strong competition from foreign visitors.

But the New Zealand partnership of Rhona Robertson and Tammy Jenkins have established themselves as the best Oceania women's pair by winning the Australian International and remaining unbeaten in the Whyte Trophy test series.

Song Yang just shades Commonwealth Games gold medallist Lisa Campbell as the best women's singles player following her win in the Australian International, but Australia and New Zealand need to search for an international class men's singles player.

Feng Shen Yi is a Chinese expatriate who lives in Milan, and with training from Sze Ning On is likely to become a very good singles competitor. He fought four three-game matches to win the Telstra Australian International which had 41 starters from Malaysia, China, Hong Kong and New Zealand.

He dropped games to Andrew Conolly (Australia), the title defender Jeff Tjuandi (Indonesia) and survived match point in the third game with Tam Hai Chuen (Hong Kong). Then in an hour's battle with David Humble (Canada) won the title 15-9, 11-15, 15-5.

Humble is a coach with South Australian Sports Institute and in charge of the Australian development squad. He was voted the best badminton player and sportsman of the interstate teams series and the individual events.

The Canadian led 8-7 in the first game but failed under the speed of Feng's attack. In the second game Humble came from 3-8 to level at 11-11 before taking four consecutive points to level at one game all.

Humble then took a 4-0 lead in the third game, but under the strain of long rallies he was subdued by Feng who made bursts of three, three, four and five points to take the title.

The women's singles was a battle by Song Yang to win her third title and by Lisa Campbell to retain the title she won last year. This was the first serious test of the injured shoulder which prevented her from playing in the World Championships in May.



PROUD HUMBLE: the Cliff Cutt Memorial Trophy is presented to Australian International finalist David Humble by referee David Hoppen.

It was the patience of Yang that succeeded against the great fighting qualities of Campbell.

Campbell came from 2-4 in the first game to win 11-7 but Yang took a lead of 6-2 until Campbell fought back to level at 6-6 and 8-8 before losing 8-11.

Campbell slipped away to a lead of 4-1 in the third game but a string of unforced errors put Yang 8-4 up. Then Campbell picked up three shots before serving into the net and Yang

served out to 11-6 and her third title in four years. The match lasted 52 minutes.

The men's doubles was all power and a minimum of finesse with Peter Blackburn winning his fifth Australian doubles, but it was his first with Paul Staight. They are unbeaten in Oceania.

Their first test in the Telstra was against New Zealanders Dean Galt and Glenn Stewart and that went to three games over 48 minutes. The Australians showed that they had the courage to fight back 11-13 to win the first game 18-15 against Chan Sie Kwong and Tim He. There was the usual lapse in the second game and they lost it easily against the last vestiges of power from Hong Kong.

However they took off to lead 11-2 in an easy third game. Tim had apparently used all his leaps and smashes in the mixed doubles which he won for the fourth time but with a new partner, Chan Oi Ni.

Rhona Robertson and Tammy Jenkins capped their Australian tour with an easy win in the Australian doubles. After Rhonda Cator and Amanda Hardy had lost a crucial point at 8-8 after a long exchange of serves, they never looked like serious opposition for the New Zealanders.

The first game was won 15-10 by Robertson and Jenkins, and after Cator and Hardy dropped serve at 4-2 the Kiwis took eight straight points. A rally to 7-12 did not work the New Zealanders and they became the first Kiwi women's pair to win an Australian doubles title.

The Australians are inconsistent, with backhand weaknesses, but so far lack serious challenge within their own country.

Paul Stevenson won the South Australian singles by beating Humble in straight games, but he fell to young Craig Booley in the Victorian semi-finals. Booley won the Victorian title.

Booley's run of success did not last. He was beaten in Sydney by Malaysian Yap Thiam Weng in straight games and later by Nick Hall in the Whyte Trophy.



REPEAT DEFEAT: top seed in the Commonwealth Games Zarinah Abdullah was beaten by Song Yang in Victoria and the Singaporean lost to the Australian in Auckland as well

New Zealand International by HEATHER ROBSON

Song Yang captures

IN SPITE OF strong competition from players from five countries, Rhona Robertson and Tammy Jenkins retained their superiority in women's doubles and Australian Song Yang captured her second singles title in Auckland.

Tim He (He Yi Ming) returned to Australia to win the mixed doubles but in New Zealand Tim and his Hong Kong colleague Chan Siu Kwong took the men's doubles, and the mixed doubles with Chan Oi Ni.

The tournament was held at the Waitakere Association hall with

competitors from Denmark, Belgium, Hong Kong, Singapore and Australia.

On the first night the only upset occurred in a very exciting women's singles in which the unseeded New Zealander Julie Still beat the 3/4 seed Ng Ching of Hong Kong 12-11 in the third game.

Overcoming a restricting foot injury Julie won the first game 11-4 but Ng came back to level the games 1-1. The third game was a big challenge for both players.

Still led 6-5 at the change but Ng made a charge and reached 9-6. A

lapse in Ng's play helped Still to 9-9 but another change of fortunes saw Ng lead 2-0. There were tight line calls and long rallies before Still claimed the game 3-2 and the match.

In the semi-finals Song Yang maintained her supremacy over Rhona Robertson although the New Zealander number one took the first game 12-9. Yang tightened her effort and won the next two games 11-5, 11-7 to reach a final against Zarinah Abdullah.

This was a re-match of the Commonwealth Games quarter-finals.

THE WHYTE TROPHY series is one international competition in Oceania where no-one can honestly say which country is a certain winner.

The shock of the first test was the tenacity of the New Zealand side which beat Australia 3-2, with the match being decided 17-16 in the last three games' rubber.

Then Australia easily won the second test 4-1 in Brisbane where Murray Hocking clinched the test by coming from 3-8 in his three-gamer with Nick Hall to win 17-14.

In the deciding test at the seaside resort of Noosa on the Sunshine Coast of Queensland it was the strength of the Australian captain Peter Blackburn in doubles and mixed doubles that secured the series for Australia 3-2.

Blackburn won all six matches for Australia while Rhona Robertson won the three women's doubles with Tammy Jenkins and the first singles against Song Yang.

In the first test in the Liverpool Centre, Australia were in for their first shocks after Blackburn and Rhonda Cator won the mixed doubles in straight games.

The first upset was in the women's singles where Yang was beaten in three games by Robertson. Yang easily won the first game 11-2 but at 6-1 in the second game she dragged her foot on service and was faulted. She then slipped to 1-2 down in the third before she regained her composure, but it was all too late and the New Zealander went on to win 2-11, 11-6, 11-2.

Then Australia brought in the new Victorian singles champion Craig Booley but this 'lamb' was easy slaughter for wily Nick Hall and was laid to rest 15-9, 15-6 in 30 minutes.

The test was poised at 2-2 when the third shock for the Australians was on the way. It came in the women's doubles and it decided the outcome.

Cator and Amanda Hardy grabbed the first game 15-11 from Robertson and Tammy Jenkins after the scores had been level at 9-9 in a 17-minute encounter.

In the second game the attack went to

Cator's backhand. The Australians pulled back to 7-7 but thereafter did not pressure the New Zealanders and lost 11-15 in 20 minutes.

The third game was a gutsy effort from both sides with the Kiwis leading 8-7 at the change, and it was level pegging until the New Zealanders set at 14-all. Both pairs had the opportunities at 2-2 and after 30 minutes the New Zealanders clinched the test with a 17-16 victory.

Australia made three changes for the



WORDS FROM WARD: Australian manager Don Stockins (left) and captain Peter Blackburn are presented with the Whyte Trophy by World Badminton editor Roy Ward

second test. Out went Cator from the mixed, Booley from the men's singles, and Song Yang from the women's singles, and in came Amanda Hardy in the mixed, Commonwealth Games gold medallist Lisa Campbell in the women's singles and Murray Hocking (to test out Nick Hall) in the men's singles.

WHYTE TROPHY

Six of the best for Blackburn

Blackburn and Hardy finished off Grant Walker and Jenkins in 31 minutes by 15-10, 15-9 but in the women's singles there was silence from an Australian crowd of more than 300 when Campbell was down 1-7 in the first game to Robertson. However the Commonwealth star forced Robertson into rallies and won 11-7, 11-2.

That was two hurdles successfully crossed.

Hocking appeared to be no match for Hall after 3-3 in the first game of the men's singles but at 3-3 in the second game he rallied strongly, recovered almost impossible shots and went on to 15-8 to level the game at 1-1.

It was at 3-8 in the third game that Hall's game began to fall apart. But with honour at stake he managed to capitalise on Hocking's errors and forced a setting at 14-14. That was his last gasp and Hocking won 17-14 to level the series.

Dean Galt was out of the third test for New Zealand and Australia surprisingly recalled Yang in spite of Campbell's second test success.

Blackburn and his new partner Hardy beat Walker and Jenkins in straight games in 39 minutes of remarkable mixed doubles in which the New Zealanders forced a setting after being down 7-13 in the second game. It went Australia's way 15-9, 18-17.

Yang swept past Robertson 11-4, 11-4 in 30 minutes and then Hall was in full flight against Hocking. He led 15-6 and 14-1 before the jitters took over. The Australian forced a three-point setting and had the Kiwi beaten until a lucky net cord decided the issue 17-16.

Blackburn and Paul Staight completed the domination of the men's doubles by easily beating Glenn Stewart and Walker for a 3-1 lead, and Robertson and Jenkins won the women's doubles.

her second NZ title

Yang again won but had to come from 0-3 in the third game to win 11-5. A week earlier Yang had won the Australian title for the third time in four years.

The women's doubles were dominated by Robertson and Jenkins, who are also the Australian doubles champions, proving they are a fine doubles team. They have a competent understanding on court and respect each other's ability.

Julie Still and Lianne Shirley were not a match for them in the final, losing 15-1, 15-4, even though

earlier Still and Shirley had upset the second seeds Ng Ching and Koon Wai Chee of Hong Kong by 15-0, 15-3.

And that was the end for future New Zealand hopes.

Nick Hall faced Tam Kai Chuen of Hong Kong in the final of the men's singles but their Sudirman Cup result was reversed. The left-handed Tam was the better in long rallies and from 9-10 won the first game 15-9. In the second game Hall led 7-1 but with mistakes creeping into his game slipped to 10-14 at which point he

saved two match points before wilting and losing 15-13.

Dean Galt and Grant Walker were New Zealand's last survivors in the men's doubles but in spite of a fine exhibition of speed, defence and attack and with opportunities to win they faded in the second and third games against Tim He and Chan Siu Kwong, losing 12-15, 15-6, 15-9.

The mixed doubles saw He and Chan Oi Ni beat the Australian team of Paul Stevenson and Amanda Hardy 15-10, 15-5 with the first game being the best of the clash.



KIWI SURVIVOR: Dean Galt in the men's doubles

No escaping to the bar in this great event

by ROY WARD

THERE WAS A TIME when women took to the court that men went to the bar for drinks and other women took the opportunity for a coffee break. But those days are gone, and the women's doubles in the Telstra Sydney two star grand prix tournament proved the point.

The Chinese and Indonesians divided the spoils but the 90-minute duel between Peng Xingyong and Zhang Jin (China) and the Indonesian team of Carmelita and Lesmina Ety stole the show. This was acknowledged with a standing ovation at the end.

In the other matches, 1,500 spectators were entertained by an hour-long men's singles in which Nunung Subandoro won in two games. Han Jingna was too strong in the women's singles and Haryanto Halim won the doubles and mixed doubles.

The women's doubles started with the Chinese combination off to a 4-0 lead and there were 15 changes of service before the Indonesians scored a point. Another 12 changes of service and Carmelita and Lesmina had levelled the score at five-all.

The spectators were entertained with good cross-court racket work, smashing and drop shots. Peng and Zhang were able to win the first game because they made two effective breaks after five-all. They moved to 10-5 and after winning the service at 10-9 picked up a point, dropped the service, and on winning it back nabbed four successive points for 15-9.

There was a complete change of pace in the second game with the Jakarta pair dominating the game and forcing the Chinese pair into errors.

Carmelita and Lesmina chased every point but Peng and Zhang took charge of the net and tied the scores four times up to 12-12. Then there were ten changes of service before the Indonesians got the winning break for 15-12 in the second game.

After the interval Peng and Zhang killed every short return from Carmelita and Lesmina to

lead 8-0 before they dropped three points. But once again the Indonesians allowed their opponents to grab the initiative and the Chinese went on to win 15-5.

As the players shook hands and began to leave the court the spectators gave them a great ovation.

and an equally nervous Rhonda Cator but with Blackburn applying the pressure the Australians took control. However, they each made errors and dropped six of last seven points to lose 14-17. The second game was a "fizzer" with the Australians not scoring until 0-12



HAN'S UP: Jingna gets the women's singles title

The other interesting match the mixed doubles was really alive for one game.

With better anticipation in the first game Australia's Peter Blackburn and Rhonda Cator had Haryanto Halim and Indarti Issoliana on the backfoot to lead 6-4 but it was Issoliana from Purwokerto, Jaya Raya, whose excellent work at the net was the key to getting the Indonesians to a 11-7 lead.

There was a nervous umpire

and the result soon becoming a clear Indonesian victory.

Han Jingna, who had been runner-up to Ye Zhaoying in the World Championships, was far too strong for Silvia Anggraini, the 18-year-old from East Java. Han's only serious challenge was in the semi-final when she met Indonesia's Yuni Kartika, winning 11-6, 11-7. The Chinese champion was always able to change into a higher gear when the need came.



SHOW STOPPERS: Peng Xingyong and Zhang Jin may have reduced bar profits with their outstanding women's doubles performance

Anggraini lacked court speed and appeared to be suffering from a long semi-final with Song Yang, the Australian champion, whom she had beaten 11-0, 2-11, 11-7. Han won the final 11-5, 11-1.

Commonwealth Games gold medallist Lisa Campbell, still hampered by a sore shoulder, was a surprise loser in the second round to 19-year-old Ellen Angelina from Salatiga, East Java.

Not many will have heard of Nunung Subandoro, the 21-year-old from the ancient city of Djogjakarta in southern Java. He is cool and workmanlike, was seeded number one, and it was not until the final against 20-year-old Setiadi Hartono that he had pressure on him.

At 13-13 he decided not to set the game. Subandoro won the next point, then lost the service and at 14-14 Setiadi set the game — but Subandoro served out at 17-14.

The second game was a battle, with Hartono leading 8-6, but he succumbed to the pressure of Subandoro. Three runs of points broke the confidence of Hartono and the match ended after an hour at 17-14, 15-10.

The shock of the men's doubles was the defeat of the second seeds Peter Blackburn and Paul Staigh (Australia) in the first round by the eventual winners Efraim Davis and Haryanto Halim, both from Bandung. This unseeded pair went on to win the final in an 85-minute tussle against Cun Cun Haryono and Ade Lukas.

This was a successful venture, attended by the President of the IBF, Mme Lu Shengrong, and dignitaries from the Australian Olympic Committee and the Sydney Olympic Games Organising Committee.

Hendrawan wins the best yet

by RICHARD EATON

BADMINTON IN RUSSIA is still progressing. After the triumph of the women in becoming the first Russian team to qualify for a world team final in the Uber Cup in Jakarta last year, we had the success of the Russian Open in Moscow, the richest, biggest and best tournament yet held in that country.

It had \$60,000 worth of prize money, competitors of quality from Indonesia and China, as well as world champions in Marlene Thomsen and Thomas Lund and an All-England champion in Poul-Erik Høyer-Larsen.

However Lund did not play in the mixed doubles at

which he is supreme and Høyer did not win the men's singles. That went to the improving Indonesian Hendrawan, who beat the talented Dane 17-14, 15-11 and climbed into the top ten on the World Grand Prix points table.

There was an Indonesian

double when the number two seed Lidya Djaelawidjaya defeated the former world quarter-finalist Elena Rybkina, one of the backbones of Russian badminton, in front of her home crowd in the women's singles final.

But the Indonesians were thwarted in the men's doubles. This was not surprising since Tony Gunawan and Rudy Wijaya found themselves up

against the world silver medallists Lund and Jon Holst-Christensen.

They came within a whisker of upsetting the Danes though. It went to a setting in the final game of the final before Lund and Holst squeezed home 15-8, 11-15,

17-14, providing a unique sight of world class badminton for the Muscovites.

They were also to see their heroine Rybkina reach a second final. However she again finished in second place, she and her partner Marina Yakusheva losing in the women's doubles. They were



HEROINE ELENA: two finals for Rybkina



STEPPING UP: Hendrawan climbed into the top ten after winning the Russian Open

beaten by an inexperienced but capable Chinese pair of Chen Ying and Peng Xingyong, one of a bevy of young players upon whom China is hoping to build its international resurgence.

The Danes matched the Indonesians when they took two titles. Thomsen, playing

with Jens Eriksen instead of her fellow world mixed doubles champion Lund, showed her adaptability by winning 15-3, 18-16 against England's Chris Hunt, now partnering Gillian Gowers since the retirement of his fellow Commonwealth champion Gill Clark.

Royal Brunei-Helix Open

GIANT CHEQUE FOR RASHID

RASHID SIDEK of Malaysia seized the men's singles crown from the Indonesians at the Royal Brunei-Helix Open in Bandar Seri Begawan with a 15-9, 15-3 win against Indonesia's Jeffer.

His Royal Highness Prince Haji Muthadee Billah accompanied by the patron of the tournament and managing director, Pg Dato Paduka Hj Tengah, presented a giant cheque of \$4,500 to Rashid.

Indonesia's relatively unknown Jeffer surprisingly got rid of Malaysia's second best men's single player Ong Ewe Hock in the third round. But he could not make an impact in the final.

Unlike Rashid's earlier match with Indonesian Salim in the third round, when the Indonesian kept Rashid worried with drop shots, Jeffer's clears were to Rashid's strength tactically.

Rashid also used his power to smash winners in the last few points. When Jeffer just missed with his own smash on the final point, Rashid screamed as though in disbelief that he had won a tournament once more.

In the men's doubles, Thailand's Sakrapee and Pramote rapidly eliminated all opponents in the earlier part of the tournament. But a young and aggressive Indonesian pair, Halim and Davis, suddenly stopped them before they got to the semi-finals, beating the champions 15-12, 15-6.

When the Indonesian pair went on to the finals, their fellow country men — Cun Cun and Lukas — knocked them out 15-8, 11-15, 15-6, to win \$5,000 between them.

Meanwhile Singapore's leading women's singles player Zarinah Abdullah, confident

that she would win in the Royal Brunei-Helix this year, encountered Indonesia's main women's singles contender Olivia who promptly knocked her out of the tournament.

But then Olivia herself was eliminated by a little known Chinese player, Yao Jie, who went on to take the women's singles title 11-5, 12-10. Her giant cheque was worth \$3,500. Earlier Yao Jie partnered Zeng Yaqiong to beat the Thais in the women's doubles quarter-final.

But Indonesia's Nonong and Enny Octavian eliminated them in the semi-final. Nonong and Enny went on to beat their colleagues from Indonesia, Indarti and Emma, to win the women's doubles title 15-11, 15-12 and a cheque amounting to \$3,000.

THE PRIZE MONEY in the Hamburg Cup was raised to 50,000 deutschmarks and perhaps it could be concluded that this incentive brought out the best in the men's doubles pair of Michael Keck and Michael Helber, who won for the first time.

Keck and Helber beat the in-form German pair of Uwe Ossenbrink and Kai Mitteldorf 15-9, 15-8 and in the semi-finals neither the Danish pair nor the young Chinese partnership of Zhang Wei and Yang Bing had any hope of beating the vastly improved local players.

Not only are the German men's doubles heading for the top in Europe, but the same can be said for the mixed doubles in which Mitteldorf and Karen Schmidt who narrowly claimed victory from the Danish team of Thomas Stavngaard and Rikke Olsen in three top class games.

The Danish pair held match point at 17-14 after winning the first game 15-10, but then lost that second game and the third game 7-15.

Two years ago the final of the men's singles was fought out by Ardy Wiranata and Heryanto Arbi and again it was an all Indonesian final — between Rexy Mainaky's brother, Marleve, and George Rimarcdi, who had won the French singles.

Mainaky won the first game 15-6 but then went on the defensive in the second game which gave Rimarcdi the opportunity to swing the game from corner to corner and away from any net attack where Marleve had the better skills. Rimarcdi took the next two games 15-7, 15-12 and 5000 deutschmarks — his biggest win.

Pernille Nedergaard-Jessen came out of retirement on the insistence of her friend Helle Ankjaer-Nielsen, who is playing for the VFL 93 Hamburg in the second division.

Pernille was the surprise of the tournament because she had

not played serious badminton since 1993. She is playing club badminton with Gentofte København now after having been European champion in 1990 and 1992. In two easy games of 11-5, 11-5 she beat Mette Pedersen, but it took Pernille three games to beat Monique Hoogland of The Netherlands in the semi-final.

Last but not least! The Olsen sisters, Rikke and Lotte had to pass a hard test to win against Eline Coene and Monique Hoogland,



IN THE MONEY: first for Keck and Helber

by MICHAEL DICKHAUSER

Prize money brings out best in the Germans



BIGGEST WIN:
George Rimarcdi



FRIENDLY
PERSUASION:
Pernille Nedergaard came
out of retirement thanks
to her friend's persistence

who are the most experienced women's doubles pair from The Netherlands. The Danes won the first game 15-6, but then lost control and concentration in the second game to lose 12-15. In the third game the Olsens gave up defensive play and went on the attack to open a lead of 14-5 — but then only scraped home 15-13.

This was a successful tournament with the standard of play much higher than in previous years, but it was disappointing that only 2,000 fans watched the three days play. Next year the organisers are hoping that an Olympic champion will take part in the September venture.

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German finalists after 18 years

by MARTIN KNUPP and HELEN SCHUMACHER

IT WAS ALMOST an historic event for German badminton fans on Saturday, October 21st. After 18 years of waiting, the Germans had every reason to rejoice in their mixed pairs participation in the finals of the Yonex German Open. Michael Keck and Karen Stechmann ended a long series of unsuccessful bids for a title in international events.

Thanks to the title sponsor Yonex, the prize money had been raised from \$60,000 to \$100,000. This upgraded the tournament to rank second in Europe behind the \$125,000 All-England Championships.

The last time any German made it to the final at the international German championships was in 1977. Brigitte Steden met Margaret Lockwood from England in the women's singles final but unfortunately lost. Likewise, Michael Keck and Karen Stechmann did not take the trophy home, even though their Dutch opponents, Ron Michels and Erika van den Heuvel were not unbeatable.

The cheers and support of the 2,800 spectators did not help to overcome the nervousness and lack of concentration that were the reasons for unnecessary mistakes. However, their fighting spirit won them the second game. It was not enough, the Dutch finally beating them 15-6, 13-15, 15-11.

Despite the result, the spectators and players were satisfied with their performances especially in the quarter-final against Jan-Erik Antonsson and Astrid Crabo, who were the bronze medallists in the world championships in Lausanne. Keck and Stechmann put on a very convincing performance in the third game, which they won 18-13. The semi-final against Zuev and Yakusheva was an easy victory for them in two games.

Karen Stechmann said: "The second place here in Leverkusen is the biggest success of my badminton career. I won't let that spoil my mood, just because of the defeat in the final."

The success of the German mixed overshadowed the other finals a little. Poul-Erik Høyer could not defend his title. Joko Suprianto managed to get his second title this year, following his Konica Cup success in Singapore. Fung Permadi and Peter

Rasmussen reached the semi-finals, only to lose to Suprianto and Høyer, both in two games.

Lund and Holst-Christensen added the doubles title to their impressive collection of international trophies. Their fourth straight title at the Yonex German Open made a new record in the 39-year-old tournament, surpassing Sweden's Kihlström and Fröman, who earned this title three times in a row from 1975 until 1977.

Top seeded Lim Xiaoping could not play in the women's singles due to an attack of flu. This opened the doors for Camilla Martin, who beat Yuliani Sentoso in the semi-finals and 15-year-old Mia Audina in the finals in two games. Mia played a very successful semi-final against Anne Søndergaard.



DOORS OPEN: Camilla Martin was let in by the absence of the top seed (left)



SUPRIANTO SUPERIOR: Joko follows up Singapore success (right)

Unfortunately the women's doubles final had to be cancelled due to an injury of one of the finalists. Chen Ying from China injured her knee in the third game of the semi-final at 13-9 but still managed



WHAT'S THE SCORE? Michael Keck seeks news of their progress — Karen Stechmann is already keen to continue it

to win in partnership with Peng Xinyong against the Japanese pair, Matsuo and Sakamoto. However they had to give the title to the Indonesian pair, Rosiana Zelin and Eliza, without a fight.

There was some disagreement before the tournament. At first the IBF did not invite Peng Xingyong and Zhang Jin, the women's doubles winners of the last year,

because they had not gained enough points in the world ranking list with their new partners. However they were later included when some other players opted out.

For the first time the finals were played over two days. The mixed final was on Saturday and the other four on Sunday, although one had to be cancelled due to injury. It was therefore no surprise that this timetable met with some criticism. Most spectators showed up on Saturday because they could watch nine games for the same entrance fee as for the finals. The IBF should find a solution to safeguard an even distribution of semi-finals and finals on Saturday and Sunday.

It was an important achievement for the German Badminton Association to win two new powerful sponsors. LUK, whose clutches and hydraulics can be found in every fourth car world-wide, and the Malaysian car-producer Proton supported this important tournament for the first time.

THE FIRST Hong Ta Shan Cup was played in Los Angeles before a final night crowd of nearly 1,500 who saw Indonesia outclass an unhappy Danish team 3-0.

It was a colourful night's badminton before a pro-Indonesian crowd. The Danish team came dressed more like participants in the gay/lesbian Mardi Gras for San Francisco while the Indonesians were attired in their sports designer outfits. Most of the badminton was of a high standard and that was a delight.

This was a massive and costly exercise — U.S. \$500,000 more or less — paid for through the generosity of the Hong Ta Shan Group and IBF Vice-president Justian Suhandinata supported strongly by his wife, Poppy, who handled the catering and hospitality. The sponsors always appeared to be on hand to assist.

In the western cultural slang, 'Justian put his money where his mouth is'. Badminton can be damn grateful for his hands on and coat off approach to manage the success of the tournament.

OK, so there were a few hiccups!

The Danes blew their tops quite objectionably and then without pressure issued a written apology; the IBF events manual apparently had not been studied and the USBA has a ton of work to do in producing minimum standard court officials. However success does not come without the odd blemish and here the course is set for women's teams to enter the competition in 1996.

Team managers Han Jian (Malaysia), Li Yongbo (China), Sompol Kukasemkij (Thailand) and Mike de Belle (Canada) openly supported this format and praised the organisers.

Now let's hear about the \$157,000 prize money tournament billed as "Part of History" and the "biggest prize money in U.S. badminton history."

There were problems before the first shuttle was struck because the Indonesian team had missed the connecting flight from Singapore. In spite of this being explained at the manager's meeting and the USA agreeing to play the Indonesians on the 'day off', the Danes got it wrong.

Midway through the event they were claiming they had been wronged and made a series of empty allegations about manipulating the event. The Danes got a walkover in the second round because Indonesia arrived too late, but after a meeting with Justian Suhandinata they backed off with an apology.

There was a put-down for the Danish manageress Jan Mogesen about whom the chauvinistic men said "she's only a girl" when asked why the manager had not dealt with their problems.

There were two pools — Denmark, Indonesia, Thailand and the USA, and also China, Canada, Korea and Malaysia.

On the final night the Danes did not endear themselves to the pro-Indonesian crowd by challenging the speed of the shuttles, by getting lets for using the lack of height of the ceiling when in trouble, by their aggressive attitude to the game, and finally by racket abuse.

Out of all of that trouble came some light-heartedness when Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen's handle parted company from the head without endangering any lives. . .

SEA Games champion Joko Suprianto met Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen in the first singles of the final and many were expecting a close encounter, but this did not transpire.

Thomas pulled up to 10-10 and at 10-13 the head flew off his racket just at a time when he was matching Suprianto with smashes and for control of the net. Both players were even in the unforced errors department but Suprianto went on to take the game and was seldom in trouble in the second game.

HALF A MILLION DOLLARS AND A HUGE FIRST

by ROY WARD

The second singles was played last, with Hermawan Susanto being too steady for Søren Nielsen who was frustrated with his failure to make the best of opportunities and who also made too many unforced errors on crucial points. The first game was a mere ten minutes.



HANDS TOGETHER: Hong Ta Shan winners Ricky Subagja and Rexy Mainaky

The second game was a nip-and-tuck struggle with Nielsen tying the scores on four occasions. He was in real trouble at 12-14 but he made it to 14-14 and much to his surprise Susanto did not set the game. The Indonesian then saw his opponent make two unforced errors and lose 14-15. Indonesia took a \$60,000 first prize and Denmark \$40,000.

The play-off for third and fourth places did not attract a great deal of attention but it was an interesting event. First Han Jian dropped Yap Kim Hock from the successful SEA Games Championship

partnership with Cheah Soon Kit. Then there was an impressive display from Ismail Abdul Samad once he had settled down.

The 19-year-old was introduced to the crowd as ranked 45 in the world, and he was playing the number five player Dong Jiong. Ismail's first game was more like a ranking of 450 as he lost 4-15.

With the change of ends came a change of performance from Ismail who made Dong look like the 45-ranker as he swept by with 15-6. Ismail is a Misbun Sidek look-a-like and he showed some of the enigmatic traits of that player.

Dong came to life in the third game and completed his 2-1 win in 41 minutes, making certain that China would collect \$20,000 for third position.

There is no doubting the ability of Cheah as a doubles exponent, and with the newcomer Wong Choon Han he came from 6-12 in the second game to tie the scores at 13-13, only for this partnership to lose the five setting points. Huang Zhazhong and Jian Xin won 15-11, 18-13.

Play-off (5th & 6th places)

Korea 2 (\$10,000), Thailand 1 (\$5,000); Yoo Tae Ho lost to Kitipon Kitikul 9-15, 11-15; Ha Taekwon & Li Dong Soo beat Pramote Teerawiwatana & Sakrapee Thongsari 15-7, 2-15, 15-10; Kim Hyung Jun beat Teeranang Chiangta 18-13, 15-6.

When Korea won the doubles it was the finish for Thailand because Chiangta was injured and had little hope against the fitter Kim in spite of a setting in the first game.

Play-off (7th & 8th places)

Canada 2 (\$4,000), USA 1 (\$3,000); Jaimie Dawson lost to Kevin Han 14-17, 10-15; Anil Kaul & Jim Sydie beat Choong & Rusli 18-14, 18-13, Sydie beat Choong 15-7, 15-8.

Han was a surprise winner over Dawson

but led throughout the first singles game. The doubles was tight but the determined Canadians took the two settings and Sydnie claimed the second singles decisively.

Semi-finals

Denmark 2, Malaysia 1; Stuer-Lauridsen beat Ismail Abdul Samad 15-6, 15-11, Henrik Svarrer & Michael Sogaard lost to Cheah Soon Kit & Yap Kim Hock 10-15, 10-15; Søren Nielsen beat Wong Choon Han 15-7, 15-5.

Stuer-Lauridsen outsmashed his opponent and only made needless mistakes in the second game. The Danish doubles team could not match the ferocity of Cheah's smashes nor of the Malaysians at the net. Nielsen easily disposed of a casual Wong.

Indonesia 2, China 1; Joko Suprianto beat Dong Jiong 15-12, 15-3; Rexy Mainaky & Ricky Subagja beat Jiang Xin & Huang Zhanzhong 15-5, 15-7, Hermanwan Susanto lost to Sun Jun 5-15, 15-4, 11-15.

Suprianto played conservatively and made fewer errors

at crucial points against the fiery Dong Jiong. Rexy and Ricky charged through the Chinese pair in 40 minutes of entertaining play. Susanto could not match the youth of Sun Jun and lost in three games in 54 minutes.

DAY 1

Group A — Round 1: Denmark 2, Thailand 1; Stuer-Lauridsen beat Kitikul 15-4, 15-2; Svarrer & Sogaard lost to Pramote & Sakrapee 13-18, 5-15; Nielsen beat Chiangta 15-1, 10-15, 15-6.

Stuer-Lauridsen was the dominant player in this contest with forehand and backhand smashes to all parts of the court. He led 10-0 in the first game which he won in ten minutes and took the second in 13 minutes. Nielsen won his first game in eight minutes, but then Chiangta came to life, forced the pace to win the second game and drew out the contest to 50 minutes.

Sakrapee and Pramote showed that they were seasoned campaigners with a straight games win even though they were forced to setting in the first game.



MONEY WHERE HIS MOUTH IS: badminton is grateful to Justian Suhandinata

Indonesia 3, USA 0; Suprianto beat Han 15-3, 15-3; Mainaky & Subagja beat Choong & Edstrom 15-3, 15-3; Susanto beat Rusli 15-11, 15-11.



SUPER SUPRIANTO: led Indonesian success

This match was played on the 'day off'. Despite Indonesians having jet lag they were too good for the Americans.

Group B: China 2, Canada

1; Dong beat Dawson 17-16, 15-10; Jiang & Huang beat Kaul & Sydnie 15-3, 15-8; Chen Gang lost to Sydnie 6-15, 9-15.

Dong and Dawson provided the most entertaining match of the first day. Dong was brilliant with drop shots and net play for the first part of the first game.

The plucky Dawson came from 11-14 to level the game at 14-14 because he was able to get the better of the long rallies. He held game point but lost a long rally and game at 16-17. The second game was tied at 8-8 but Dawson lost the next seven points. The match took 45 minutes.

Korea 2, Malaysia 1; Yoo beat Abdul Samad 1-15, 17-14, 15-12; Ha & Li lost to Cheah & Yap 8-15, 11-15; Kim beat Wong 15-12, 15-12.

Samad had a mere 16 serves while winning the first game.

He came from 10-14 in the second game to reach a setting but then lost three straight points. In the third game Samad led 10-6 but from 12-12 his game collapsed. The doubles was entertaining and lasted 42 minutes though the feeling was that the Malaysians were just warming up.

DAY 2:

Group A — Round 2: Denmark 3, Indonesia 0 in a walkover.

Indonesia missed their flight connections and on day one the United States agreed to a postponement to play on Wednesday. They did not arrive until late on day two and the referee awarded a walkover.

Thailand 2, USA 1; Kitikul beat Han 15-8, 15-12; Pramote & Sakrapee beat Rusli & Edstrom 15-9; 15-2; Chiangta lost to Choong 17-16, 2-15, 6-15.

This was a predictable win for Thailand and but for the injury to Chiangta it would have been 3-0.

Group B: Malaysia 2, Canada 1; Abdul Samad beat Dawson 11-15, 15-11, 17-14; Cheah & Yap beat Kaul & Sydnie 15-9, 15-11; Wong lost to Sydnie 15-7, 6-15, 14-18.

The Canadians took the

honours for determination but missed the money. Sydnie won his contest with Wong but Dawson lost in three games. Dawson and Abdul Samad indulged in many long rallies which Dawson generally won.

The first two games were fairly even at 1-1. Then Dawson looked a winner in the third game when he led 13-7, but full marks to Samad as he fought back. He had some luck when down match point at 11-14 when a net shot dribbled over and helped him to salvage an important win in 68 minutes.

Sydnie struggled for touch in the first game but improved in the second-game. The third was exciting with Sydnie leading 8-5 at the change, but Wong gradually inched his way to setting at 13. Wong's struggle had been too much and he could get only one of the setting points, losing the match in 63 minutes.

China 2, Korea 1; Dong beat Yoo 15-6, 15-8; Jiang & Huang lost to Ha & Li 8-15, 16-18; Sun Jun beat Kim 15-1, 15-4.

It had been expected that this match would be a comfortable 3-0 for China but it became obvious that Ha Tae Kwon and Li Dong Soo are players who could be headed for higher honours.

DAY 3:

Group A — Round 3: Denmark 3, USA

0; Stuer-Lauridsen beat Han 15-10, 15-9; Svarrer &



AMERICAN HOPE: Ignatius Rusli



FLYING HEAD: Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen lost the top of his racket

THE GREAT SCORING DEBATE —

THERE IS A NEED for a new scoring system. This is obvious, if we want to compete with the big television sports all over the world. When badminton is on TV regularly it will rapidly develop into a popular sport for both competitive and fitness play.

During the World Championships in Lausanne, the Badminton Federation of Norway reported on a one-year experiment studying a new scoring system, the best of five games to nine points with no setting. Between each game there is a one-minute break when the players change ends and coaching is allowed during that interval. Men and women have the same scoring in singles and doubles.

There was a very positive outcome. However this is not enough reason for change. There must be close analysis of the need for change and then acquiring more experience from different scoring systems.

The most obvious reason for a change is that badminton has to become better known and not confined in popularity to where badminton is a prime sport such as in Indonesia and Malaysia.

Badminton is often seen on TV, if the laws are easy to understand for viewers (and spectators) who have not seen badminton before there should be a much greater interest and our sport could spread all over the world.

We must create solutions!

To do this we need to —

- * make sure that the matches are more intense with critical scoring points coming more often;

- * make the laws easy to understand so that following the game is easier;

- * give TV and other media better conditions in which to cover matches, with natural breaks for commercials.

I have never been more aware of the need to change the system of scoring than during the U.S. Open in Atlanta in August.

The impact of sport is enormous in the United States. All sports are easy to follow, each activity takes up little time and the commercial breaks are frequent. This builds the whole financial and sponsoring situation for the sport and the athletes. If we cannot get this, we will not attract big crowds and sponsorship.

In Kuala Lumpur last July, some players who had participated in the Malaysian Open took part in matches testing new

scoring systems. There were three different systems —

- * five games to nine points with no setting and serving to score;

- * five games to seven, with setting to three at six-all and serving to score; and

- * three games to 21 scoring at each rally and with setting as in table tennis and changing serve after each rally.



Roger Johansson
says yes — we
must change

In all matches the players were changing ends with a 90 seconds after each game. Coaching was allowed between the games.

PLAYERS COMMENTS

- * Five games to seven was attractive for speed and intensity but the losing side felt that they had not had a fair chance to play their best. The match was over too quickly. The average length of the matches (though with a very limited number

played) seemed shorter than with the current system. A disadvantage for slower, less aggressive players was mentioned.

- * Five games to nine produced surprisingly long matches when the players were evenly matched, especially in women's singles in which players became quite exhausted. The scoring demanded greater endurance but the players liked the system with changing of ends and breaks where coaching was permitted. They also appreciated the higher intensity and speed.

- * Three games to 21 points went quickly, with matches of a predictable length. Players found it confusing when scoring went on regardless of who had been serving. Each rally required far more concentration as it had the ingredient of giving a point to the opponent when serving out or making a mistake. This is a disadvantage in doubles.

These experiences indicate the need to organise a competition with a new scoring system and prize money to make the testing more competitive and realistic.

Norway wants to continue the testing for another year. What about the rest of the world?

I think that we all should take part and do it quickly. We can get publicity after the Olympic Games, so we need to be prepared for a new era in which all disciplines of badminton are played.

[Roger Johansson is a Vice-president of the IBF; International Referee with experience at the Olympic Games and World championships and Chairman of the IBF Working Group into the Presentation of the Game]

HONG TA SHAN CUP

Sogaard beat Choong & Han 15-1, 15-4; Nielsen beat Rusli 15-10, 15-11.

USA is without players who



WELL DONE: Justian Suhandinata, IBF Vice-President, congratulates Hong Ta Shan chairman Ted Sieng on the tournament

can give strong competition for good teams.

Indonesia 3, Thailand 0; Suprianto beat Kitikul 15-12, 15-1; Mainaky & Subagja beat Pramote & Sakrapee 15-6, 15-1; Susanto beat Chiangta 15-8 retired.

Except for a brief spell of good badminton from Kitikul there was little opposition for the Indonesians.

GROUP B: China 2, Malaysia 1; Dong beat Abdul Samad 15-10, 11-15, 15-3; Jiang & Huang lost to Cheah & Yap 7-15, 10-15; Sun Jun beat Wong 15-6, 15-9.

This victory secured a place in the semi-finals for the Chinese but there appeared to be a lack of concentration from Dong.

Canada 2, Korea 1; Dawson beat Yoo 16-17, 15-6, 15-5; Kaul & Sydnie lost to Ha & Li 12-15, 10-15; Sydnie beat Kim 15-9, 15-10.

Canada fully deserved this

win and it was due to the determination of Dawson who took 90 minutes to beat his opponent and several strange irregularities in umpiring which went against Dawson.

HONG TA SHAN STATISTICS — LIES OR VALUABLE INSIGHTS?

IBF COUNCILLOR Stan Hales said, "Americans are fascinated by statistics," and he was supported by USBA President Diane Cornell who added, "The sports pages are full of statistics on most sports and particularly on football and basketball." So here is how the Americans might have seen the outcomes of the semi-finals and finals.

There is the famous saying, relating mainly to politicians which says: "There are lies, damn lies and statistics." You be the judge.

Suprianto beat Dong Jiong because he made fewer errors and drop shots carried more deception (8/2) and he did not rely on his smash which produced a mere four winners to Dong's 20.

In the men's doubles the world champions Remy and Ricky smashed better (14-10) were infinitely better around the net (13-5) and were less careless in making shots (21-25).

SHOULD WE ALTER THE SYSTEM?

IT IS HUMAN NATURE to be wary of, and even to fear change. There is a certain comfort and reassurance in continuing to do things that are known to be safe and that work. So why then are we contemplating fundamental changes?

Obviously to improve the sport, but in which area? To enhance the game for mass participation? But badminton is already the second biggest participation sport, behind soccer, worldwide; that alone would suggest little reason to change.

The only, but overwhelming motive is to improve badminton as a spectator sport, both for live audiences, and through television. We should be prepared to accommodate television's requirements, and if that means a different scoring system we may need the courage to change. But we should be very careful that any alterations we make, do not compromise badminton's own identity.

After all, badminton could not have generated its present level of mass participation if there was a fundamental flaw in the principles of the game. Therefore I see no need for us to mirror, or copy any other sport.

Has there ever been a thorough survey of every major television network worldwide? Not to my knowledge; but until that is done, we can only guess at the requirements we are trying to satisfy. Perhaps we are looking for the solution before we really understand the problem!

I have heard it said that games last too long; that badminton is only interesting from ten all, that there are not enough critical points; and that it is difficult to understand the present scoring system. True, if we have shorter games, the more frequent the commercial breaks. But then the most successful television sport in the world, soccer, has two halves of solid action lasting 45 minutes each. During the entire match there is only one possible break for commercials!

I cannot accept that it is difficult to understand the rule of scoring only when serving, or how it is possible for play to last for several minutes without the score changing. Huge audiences in Asia do not have a problem understanding the basic scoring concept. Maybe it's not the actual method of scoring that is difficult, rather a

need for further education of badminton in the western world.

I am against the idea of the best of three games to 21 points using American scoring. To adopt this we would have to make two fundamental changes — in the number of points in a game, and in the basic principle of how to score. This is deviating too far from badminton's identity. And, in my experience, this formula produces tentative play, as safety becomes the priority.



*Gill Clark says
we need to
know more first*

A slightly shorter game would produce even more dynamic play, as players could physically afford to attack more. However stamina would still be an important attribute, as the length of a match over five games would not be so different to the total time now. But if we shorten the games too much, we risk players relying on safety.

So which is preferable, best of five games to seven (with setting), or nine (without

setting)? Both systems would create more commercial breaks, and provide more "critical" points. I would like to see a compromise. Women's singles should be played to seven, with setting to two at six all; and all the other events played to nine, with setting to three at eight all. Expecting the women to play best of five to nine would be physically demanding than at present. It would develop a stamina-based event, rather than creating the dynamic style.

After proper investigation, we may find it advantageous and necessary to make changes to turn badminton into a television sport. But the traditionalists should not be despondent or alarmed, as any decision to use a different scoring system need not be exclusive or final.

A new scoring system could also be used initially as a promotional vehicle, to popularise the sport in particular countries and continents. For instance, a tournament could be staged in America, designed to suit the needs of American TV, giving us an opening into this huge and crucial market.

Whether the badminton fraternity like or dislike new scoring is almost secondary. Only when we have the full evidence, and know precisely television's requirements, can the debate be concluded.

Let us be under no illusion. An alternative scoring system will not on its own elevate badminton to major status. It should only be a part of an overall promotional and marketing plan that must be in place before badminton can hit the big time.

[Gill Clark is a commentator with STAR television, a recent chairperson of the Badminton Players Federation, and a former player who reached more than a hundred finals in World Grand Prix tournaments.]

HONG TA SHAN STATISTICS — LIES OR VALUABLE INSIGHTS? (continued)

In the Denmark/Malaysia match the strength and skill of Stuer-Lauridsen showed in his smashing which was superior by 24-11 and he was also surprisingly better at the net.

In the men's doubles the SEA Games champions were devastating with their smashing, mainly by Cheah, and were superior by 25-9. They also outshone the Danes 16-6 at the net.

In the Indonesia/Denmark final Suprianto showed his superiority with accurate smashes and drop shots and shaded his opponent in the net contests. In the men's doubles the Danes lost because of the number of unforced errors and that was clearly the problem of Nielsen against Susanto.

Denmark 2, China 1				
	Smashes	Drop Shots	Net Wins	Unforced Errors
Stuer-Lauridsen	24	4	6	22
15-6, 15-11				
Abdul Samad	11	4	4	23
Svarrer & Sogaard	9	3	6	19
15-10, 15-10				
Cheah & Yap	25	0	16	24
Nielsen	17	4	10	11
15-10, 15-10				
Wong Choon Han	13	3	8	19

Indonesia 2, China 1				
	Smashes	Drop Shots	Net Wins	Unforced Errors
Suprianto	4	8	7	17
15-12, 15-3				
Dong Jiong	20	2	6	35
Mainaky & Subagia	14	1	13	21
15-5, 15-7				
Jiang & Huang	10	0	5	25
Susanto	20	6	15	32
15-5, 4-15, 15-11				
Sun Jun	11	10	16	28

FINAL: Indonesia 3, Denmark 0				
	Smashes	Drop Shots	Net Wins	Unforced Errors
Suprianto	12	8	6	13
15-10, 15-4				
Stuer-Lauridsen	9	2	5	14
Mainaky & Subagia	12	2	5	27
17-16, 15-9				
Svarrer & Sogaard	14	1	7	31
Susanto	8	9	6	24
15-4, 15-14				
Nielsen	10	1	5	31

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MEN'S SINGLES

1. BOESEN Anders	DEN	300
2. MAGNUSSON Rikard	SWE	200
3. SÖGAARD Thomas	DEN	180
4. ERICSSON Daniel	SWE	150
5. DRUZCENKO Vladislav	UKR	140
6. WENGBERG Rasmus	SWE	120
7. KVEDARAUSKAS Alvaras	LTU	120
8. BUSH Antony	ENG	120
9. HAGBERG Martin	SWE	110
10. TRATRANOV Konstantin	UKR	110

LADIES' SINGLES

1. RASMUSSEN Michele	DEN	300
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3. POHAR Maja	SLO	180
4. NOZDRAN Elena	UKR	180
5. SÖRENSEN Mette	DEN	180
6. PEDERSEN Mette	DEN	160
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8. KOUDELKOVA Marketa	CZE	120
9. BERG Tanja	DEN	120
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ANDRIEVSKAYA Marina	RUS	120

MEN'S DOUBLES

1. STAVNGAARD Thomas	DEN	300
2. ROOS Janek	DEN	260
3. STRELCOV Valerij	UKR	240
TATRANOV Konstantin	UKR	240
5. ROBERTSON Julian	ENG	180
ROBERTSON Nathain	ENG	180
7. MATTIAS Miso	SLO	170
BABNIK Ales	SLO	170
9. BERGSTROM Frederic	SWE	160
WENGBERG Rasmus	SWE	160

LADIES' DOUBLES

1. SCHJOLDAGER Mette	DEN	280
2. RASMUSSEN Michelle	DEN	220
3. POHAR Maja	SLO	190
4. JOVAN Ursa	SLO	180
5. SÖRENSEN Mette	DEN	180
6. NOZDRAN Elena	UKR	170
7. OKUNEVA Ludmilla	KAZ	160
JANSSON Gitte	DEN	160
9. SLATNAR Mateja	SLO	150
KRANJC Darja	SLO	150

MIXED DOUBLES

1. STAVNGAARD Thomas	DEN	280
2. ROOS Janek	DEN	240
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POHAR Maja	SLO	200
5. SCHJOLDAGER Mette	DEN	200
6. JÖRGENSEN Ann	DEN	200
7. DRUZCHENKO Vladislav	UKR	160
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9. BABNIK Ales	SLO	150
SLATNAR Mateja	SLO	150

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Fingers and smiles — China's popular touring squad in Sheffield

ENGLAND — The home country beat China for the first time in a series when they won 4-2 after a long and tiring tour which went from Sheffield to Gateshead in the north, to Boston and right down to St. Austell in Cornwall in the south, and then to Salisbury, ending at Maidenhead near London. It was a tough schedule for the Chinese, who had just come from a visit to Sweden, and who were by and large a junior team, **writes Richard Eaton.**



Two for the future: England's Sarah Hardaker and John Quinn

Nevertheless there were some good things to come from their defeat, particularly the women's doubles victory by Wang Li and Qian Hong at Gateshead against Julie Bradbury and Joanne Wright. The English pair were playing in their first competitive match since beating the world champions Gil Young-Ah and Jang Hye-Ock in the Malaysian Open final.

However Bradbury and Wright were overcome 15-11, 15-7 by the tremendous defences and brilliant reflexes in the fast flat rallies of the Chinese youngsters. On this evidence Wang and Qian, the runners-up in the world junior championships, have graduated already to world class.

There were also several colourful performances by the tall Sun Quan, reportedly a pop singer back in China and a popular men's singles player, one of whose recordings was played to the crowd as he walked on to the court. The 17-year-old Zhou Mi also looked a promising women's singles player.

Despite the youth of the opposition, the English regarded their success both as a bit of history and as a ray of hope after a long and worrying period of decline. Top class victories have been rare in the past few years and the development of new English talent surprisingly sparse.

However, triumph in this series was achieved with the use of at least ten players who could be regarded as young and with little international experience. Three were making their debuts. Perhaps the most eye-catching was Sarah Hardaker, a women's and mixed doubles player.

"I never saw a bad side that came here from China and this one was no exception," said England manager Ciro Ciniglio, glad that he may be able to pass on a more hopeful legacy to Steve Baddeley who takes over from him after the Olympic Games.

"We have the biggest base of promising young players we have had for some time and at last I think we are seeing a bit of light at the end of the tunnel."

If you need hotel rooms at the All-England next month, book fast. The National Indoor Arena in Birmingham is hosting two other major events at the same time and rooms are scarce. All unallocated rooms have to go back to the hotels by February 15. Late requests should go to the Badminton Association of England's agents, Flights Conference Services — but they will be expensive. Last year the BA of E paid "many thousands of pounds" in cancellation fees, which it does not regard as acceptable. So please come, but please book immediately if you have not done so already.

INDIA — West Bengal dominated the ninth mini-national championships held at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh state. In the under-12 years category all four titles were captured by West Bengal, and two other players from Bengal were runners-up, **writes Dharmesh Yashlaha.**

Maharashtra's Sushant Chiplakati, Bengal's Abhishek Roy and Sampa Saha won double crowns. Maharashtra's Madhura Bhagwat retained the under-15 girls' singles title.

Last year's winner Madhura beat last year's runner-up Divya Ramesh of Karnataka 12-10, 11-4 in the final, at Port Diamond Jubilee indoor stadium. In the boys' under-15 singles final Sushant Chiplakati defeated S. Arup Vaidya of Bengal 6-15, 15-7, 15-4.

In the under-12 boys' singles final between two Bengali players, Abhishek Roy beat Sudeep Bhattacharyajee 13-15, 15-12, 15-8. Last year's semi-final loser

Sampa Saha defeated Karnataka's Adeti Bismas easily to win the girls' singles under-12 final by 11-3, 11-3.

Sampa with Amrata Mukharyee, Abhishek with Sudeep Bhattacharyajee, and Seso Sushant Chiplakati with Neitesh Hazarnis won doubles titles. In the girls' doubles under-15 final Punjab's Sameena and Najana beat Karnataka's Divya Ramesh and Reshma Pai.

The championships were organised by Visakhapatnam District Badminton Association under the auspices of Andhra Pradesh state Badminton Association, sponsored by Coca-Cola.

SRI LANKA — The Olympic solidarity course for intermediate level coaches conducted by the Sri Lanka Badminton Association (SLBA) in conjunction with the National Olympic Committee (NOC) of Sri Lanka had 27 participants at the SLBA headquarters in Colombo in September, **writes Lal Guneseckera.**

India's national coach and IBF expert Tej Puri conducted the course, after which he conducted a Commonwealth sports development programme awarded to Sri Lanka by the Canadian government and offered to the SLBA through the NOC. He held his programmes in Ambalangoda, Kandy, Kurunegala, Bandarawela and Colombo for nearly 150 new coaches at basic level.

The course director at the Olympic solidarity course was A. R. L. Wijesekera with Sam Chandrasena as course co-director, Ajith Wijeyesinghe as course co-ordinator, while the resource personnel were Tej Puri, A. R. L. Wijesekera, Sam Chandrasena, Major General (Dr.) C. Thurairaja, Thilan Perera and K. S. Pushpakumara.



Winners Madhura Zhagurat Abhishek Roy Sama Saha and Sushant Chiplakati in Indian 9th Mini Indian National Championships



Men's doubles winners and runners-up: From left - John Chacko, George Puttenmadom, Fernando Uppal, Prasant Shirodkar

SAUDI ARABIA — With every succeeding year Udhailiyah's green and pleasant town adds to its credentials of being a first rate locality for some of the best players in Saudi Arabia to come together for the annual Udhailiyah Open. People have come to expect that when such ingredients as good organisation, good facilities, good catering and top badminton players all meet in a venue such as this it all makes for a tournament to remember, writes **Asher Najmuddin**.

A new star on the firmament is tall, graceful former Sri Lankan international Fernando Uppal. His deceptively languid off-court carriage is greatly belied by on-court prowess. As his opponents will vouch, he is known to conceal devastating power and lightning speed in his lean frame, and yet is capable of the most delicate of placements and touches. He walked away with the singles virtually unchallenged, beating Prasant Shirodkar, a former Indian international.

In the doubles Uppal was paired with even taller George Puttenmadom, who is a true home grown product and learnt all his badminton in Saudi Arabia by self coaching and sheer hard work activated by a love for the game. Opponents must have been much frustrated in their efforts to clear because Uppal and Puttenmadom were able to bring the shuttle down fast and steep and often.

All four players unleashed the full array of their strokes — not to speak of heavy artillery — as the spectators watched in awe. Prasant Shirodkar and John Chacko almost matched them blow for blow but fell at last by 15-15, 15-12, in a great match.

The women's doubles winners, Celine Serrao and Jane Sequiera, have come a long way since first appearing in ARAMCO tournaments. This is the more remarkable since these self-taught players have come up entirely by their own efforts and practise in

segregated facilities. They are shut away from prying male eyes, and cannot benefit from having men and women playing together. They beat Marie Pinto and Jo Tinga 15-6, 15-11 in a good match.

The tournament committee, led by Dr. Das Gupta and including Sheenagh Leary, Jude Pereira, V. P. Mathai and Jo Tinga, is much to be commended for making this a truly memorable event.



Women's doubles winners: Jane Sequiera and Celine Serrao

SRI LANKA — One of the leading mercantile establishments in the country, the Maharaja organisation, has pumped two million rupees into badminton, in a lavish sponsorship package, writes **Lal Gunsekera**. It was signed by the Maharaja organisation's group director Ishi Bahar, and the Director of Sports of the Ministry of Youth Affairs, Sports and Rural Development, P.K.A. Abeysinghe.

The President of the Sri Lanka Badminton Association (SLBA) Eraj Wijesinghe said, "I am determined to improve the standard of badminton in this country and to make it a force to reckon with in the South Asian region."

He also disclosed his ambition to stage a South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) Championship in Sri Lanka this year.

India's national coach Tej Puri, conducted an Olympic solidarity course for coaches in Colombo from September 20 to October 1 when 35 coaches attended. At the conclusion of this course Puri was in charge of a Canadian Olympic course for coaches for one month.

Chandrika de Silva, the number three seed from Anuradhapura, claimed the triple crown for the first time at the Western Province Badminton Association's Open Championship at the SLBA indoor stadium in Colombo in September. She won the women's singles by beating a former national champion Sriyani Deepika 12-9, 11-5.

Chandrika, partnered by Inoka Rohiji, received a walk-over from Kaushali Dissanayake and Sriyani Deepika in the women's doubles final, while Chandrika and Thushara Edirisinghe won the mixed doubles title beating Duminda Jayakody and Kaushali Dissanayake 15-10, 15-13.

Jayakody did not have to sweat it out for his two titles. He received a walk-over in the men's singles final from Thushara Edirisinghe, who was reported sick. Jayakody and Niroshan Wijekoon then received a walk-over in the men's doubles final from Edirisinghe and Palinda Halangoda.

The unseeded U.D.R.P. Kumara from the National Youth Service Council in Maharagama and 17-year-old Nelum Nilagaratne from Good Shepherd Convent, Kotahena, won two titles each at the 37th Novices Championship of the SLBA.

MAURITIUS — Six countries participated in the 1995 Mauritius Internationals, writes **Carl de Souza**. The Mauritius Badminton Association and the Ministry of Sports and Leisure have worked out a scheme whereby good badminton can be brought for all the local players, young and old, to see. They wanted the level to be better than what there is in the western region of the Indian Ocean, but still accessible to the young national team. A number of friendly countries have responded by sending good teams and, with the help of Air Mauritius, the triple goal of a show, a technical demonstration and a challenge was achieved.

In the men's singles semi-finals, England's Stephen Isaac found himself in the (good!) company of three Malaysians. The South Africans, Swiss, and the twice African Champion from Mauritius, Eddy Clarisse, did not go beyond the quarter-finals.

Isaac got rid of Jeremy Gan in the very last points of a tough match through sheer will power

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and an accurate game, particularly at the net. The other semi-final between the other Malaysians, James Chua and Lim Theam Theow, was just as strenuous and Lim finally qualified for the finals.

In the final Lun Thean Theow seemed to have the match and title in his hands, leading an exhausted Isaac 9-2 and 11-4 in the third game. However, the long defensive rallies initiated by Isaac slowly eroded Theow's accuracy. He went on to win 10-15, 17-14, 17-15, preserving the British tradition of winning in Mauritius, at least in badminton.

In the women's singles, things became serious in the semi-finals with Rebecca Pantaney (England) beating Mauritian Marie Joseph Jean-Pierre (who held the Mauritian hopes in the absence of injured Martine de Souza) in three games by 11-3, 3-11, 11-3, and England's Justine Wilmott qualifying for the finals at the expense of the rising South African player Michelle Edwards, by 11-3, 11-3.

The final was a good match, Wilmott resisting Pantaney at the end of the first game to win it 12-9, and go on to take the second 11-2.

Michelle Edwards and Mel Heale got a sweet revenge in the women's doubles over the two English players Wilmott and Panthanay, clinching the title 0-15, 15-5, 18-15.

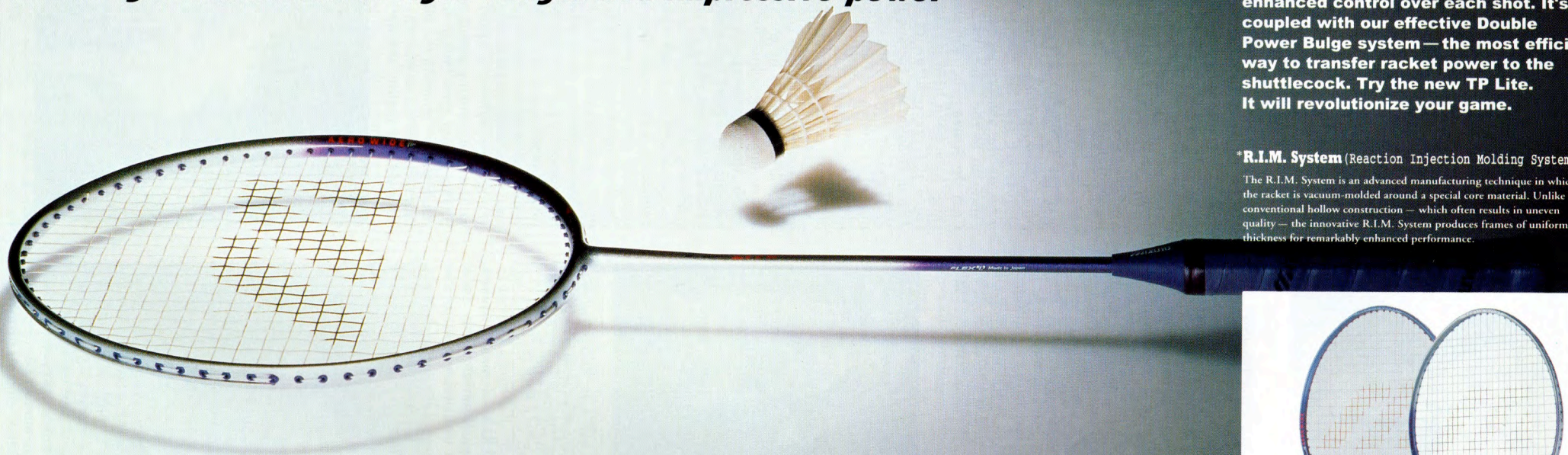
The Malaysian win in the men's doubles, with Pei Wee Chung and Pang Cheh Chan beating Isaac and Bish in straight games 15-0, 15-4, was disappointingly one-sided. Interest was roused again, however with the three-game win by 17-15, 12-15, 15-9 of the English pair Isaac and Karen Chapman against Rodriguez and Panthanay (Switzerland/England) in the mixed doubles



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The participants of the Olympic Solidarity Course in Reykjavik — in the second row far left is Jonas Huang (national coach) and far right is Jens Thogersen (IBF)

ICELAND — I had the pleasure to run a course with 15 coaches, writes **Jens Thogersen**. Among the participants were the Icelandic national coach Jonas Hwang and two well-known international players, Broddi Kristjansson and Arni Halgrimsson.

It was a great course where the participants worked hard in the lecture room as well as in the hall. All the time the atmosphere was positive and many good badminton discussions arose.

Even though it was a complex programme there was time to see the very spectacular Icelandic scenery on a guided tour with the President of the Badminton Association of Iceland, Sigridur Jonsdottir.

UNITED STATES — Kevin Han and Tom Reidy of Colorado Springs accomplished a badminton first by winning the men's doubles at the 1995 Bulgarian Open in Sofia. The duo defeated Finland's Mikael Segercrantz and Tony Tuominen 15-9, 15-11 to win the title. The victory marked the first time a U.S. individual or team has won a World Grand Prix event, writes **Paul Pawlaczyk**.



Kevin Han, successful in Sofia

"We were very tense heading into the final because we wanted this one very badly," said Han. "We just encouraged each other when we were down and it all worked out. Winning the first World Grand Prix title by a U.S. player is very special."

The victory has catapulted Han and Reidy's world ranking up to 25 in men's doubles. This marks the highest rating a U.S. player or pair has achieved since 1992, when Reidy and Ben Lee were ranked 23rd in men's doubles.

Despite these record-breaking feats, Han stressed there is still much more work to be done. "I

think we just have to keep playing hard and producing results. We can never be satisfied," he said. Han also had a very successful men's singles competition, advancing to the men's singles final where he was defeated by England's Anders Nielsen.

Han and Reidy are both training and competing in Sweden, but with two different clubs. Han is training with the Aura Club in Malmo, while Reidy is in Gothenburg with the Askim Club.



Money well spent: Anders Nielsen's £500 investment brought the return of a title, Olympic qualifying points and a small profit

BULGARIA — Anders Nielsen, the English national champion, was an unusual winner of the Bulgarian Open in October, because his national association had refused to fund him and he had had to pay £500 from his own pocket to get to Sofia.

Nielsen lost funding from the Badminton Association of England for three months until the end of January because he had withdrawn from a domestic tournament without a medical certificate, but that has not diminished his determination to qualify for the Olympic Games.

His straight games victory in the final over Kevin Han of the United States certainly took him a step nearer to Atlanta because afterwards Nielsen moved up 12 places to number 23 on the world ranking list. For reaching the final Han climbed many more places, 43, up to number 66.

Han had consolation in the

men's doubles, winning the title with Thomas Reidy and beating the Finns, Tony Tuominen and Mikael Segerantz, but it was the Eastern Europeans who dominated the other three events.

Ukraine won the women's singles and mixed doubles. Elena Nodran beat Vlada Chernyavskaya of Belarus, and then Vladislav Druzchenko and Victoria Evtoushanko inflicted another defeat on Chernyavskaya, who was partnered by Vitalij Shmakov.

The success of the tournament was much enhanced by home success in the women's doubles through Diana Koleva and Neli Nedjalkova, who overcame the Swiss partnership of Silvia Albrecht and Santi Wibowo.

The Bulgarian Open was well attended by American and European players but there was no-one from Asia.

SOUTH AFRICA — The All-Africa Championships, junior and senior, are reliable gauges to measure the awakening of the continent to the game, writes **Carl de Souza**. The championships have been held regularly since the reactivation of the African Badminton Federation in 1990 and are probably the best (if not only) occasion for badminton-playing countries of Africa to meet every year.

This year's event in Durban gained importance with a coaching course organised by the IBF and an upgrading course for the South African umpires. The IBF officials had a good opportunity of disclosing the plans of consolidating zone six in Africa as a stronghold and the South African Badminton Union said they had traced 80 courts in Soweto. . . . Has badminton found its way to the heart of Africa?

The invitation team which regrouped those players who could not participate in the team event showed clearly what sport could do to the spirit of the young. The sight of a squad of various ethnic origins pairing and playing all out even though their results did not count in the actual tournament indicates what can be achieved in a healthy atmosphere

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if sufficient trust is placed in young players.

Elsewhere, the fight was hard and concentrated between three countries: Nigeria, South Africa and Mauritius, with South Africa securing the team title from the holders Nigeria.

Even though the same three countries largely dominated the individual events, the spread of medals was more even. IBF observers, present for the coaching course following the event noted the potential which could be developed.

In the boy's singles, Dean Potgieter (South Africa), playing the more orthodox badminton, resisted the assaults of Segua Akinsanya (Nigeria) during the early points but was beaten 15-10, 15-9.

Tiny Amrita Sawaram, from Mauritius, could not put to good use her 7-0 lead in the first game over Charné du Preez in the girls' finals. Charné caught up and took the first game 12-11 and was never threatened during the second which she won 11-3. Du Preez, partnered by Davel, won the girls' doubles as well, but Mauritians Li Ying and Anodin took home an unexpected gold medal in the boys' doubles. mixed doubles was an all-South African contest, with Potgieter and Anderson defeating Mack and Du Preez.

There was a considerable effort put in by IBF umpire Richard Atwell towards the upgrading of the local umpires through an umpires course prior to the tournament and a follow-up during the tournament. The great success of the two-day coaching clinic conducted by the IBF coaching director, Andrew Ryan was not only technical — it tightened the links between young African badminton players in the more relaxed post-tournament atmosphere.



The Soweto spirit



Left, Agnese Allegrini; centre, Livio Spinelli, executive secretary of Italian Badminton Federation; right, Valerio Sbragaglia

ITALY — Rodolfo La Rosa, the President of the Italian Badminton Federation, signed a long term agreement with Walt Disney Inc. which will help stage each year the Italian National Badminton Youth Games, which are played for Mickey Mouse Trophy, **writes Livio Spinelli.**

The finals of 1995 were played in Scarperia, near Florence. During that year about 30,000 boys and girls from all over Italy were chosen through local, provincial and regional school selectors.

The opening ceremony was organised by the Walt Disney company, with a parade of their characters: Mickey Mouse, Goofy and the others.

The finals were broadcast from Italian State Channel RAI-3, in all the matches the young competitors showed an excellent standard of play. They were sponsored by a pool of companies like Corriere Dello Sport, the most important sports newspaper of Rome and Italy, Victor (through its Italian branch Marango Sport of Rome), the Italian Railways, Zuegg, Nestlé.

The presentation of the prizes was made by Rodolfo La Rosa. The winners were: men's singles: 1, Benno Reinstadler; 2, Gerardo Diana; 3, Fabrizio Pepe. Women's singles: 1, Rossana Greco; 2, Chiara Granato; 3, Michela Fraigari.



Mouse, duck and birdie: certificate of participation in Italy

Rodolfo La Rosa signed a long-term agreement with the National Olympic Committee, which made possible the creation of four national junior Olympic training centres, which are located in Vignanello by Viterbo (Central Italy), Palermo in Sicily (Southern Italy), Acquiterme by Turin (North-West), and Merano (North-East).

Thanks to these centres the Italian Badminton Federation has begun to develop a programme of selections of junior players between 12 and 16 years old, with the help of Chinese top level coaches and players. They came to Italy thanks to an agreement of mutual friendship between the Italian and the China Badminton Associations.

SWITZERLAND — Paulo de Paoli, the director of the badminton centre in Lausanne, died at the age of 39 not long after the world championships in that city. Paulo, who suffered a heart attack after having played a game of badminton, had been on the world championships organising committee and was assistant to the tournament director during the world championships.

PAKISTAN — Amir Islam bagged the men's singles title for the third time when he defeated the defending champion Saqib Majeed in the final of the 40th National Championship held at Peshawar, **writes Rashid Javed.** It was sweet revenge for Amir who last year had lost the final to Saqib.

Tough competition was expected but it was well below expectations. Amir, in his sixth successive final, dominated the show with his fitness and cool temperament. In spite of Saqib's aggression the luck did not favour him, and time and again poor drop shots broke his rhythm.

Amir kept his rival busy with long rallies and deep lobs which not only exhausted the champion but also frustrated him, and the match ended in straight games 15-6, 15-12. The first game

lasted only ten minutes because Amir had superb shots hit with extraordinary power, controlled drop shots and cross court moves to outclass Saqib whose frequent attempts to roll the shuttle over the net failed.

Even after the change of ends Saqib did not find his tempo and could not take advantage of his height and his efforts to move Amir around the court were fruitless.

Every point for Saqib was hard labour but he was ready to pay the cost. The high point of the game was at 13-12 where there were prolonged rallies until Saqib made two consecutive errors.

In the women's singles Asma Butt became the new champion when she defeated the hot favourite Aysha Ikram in a one-sided affair by 11-1, 11-5. She beat the defending champion Zarina Jamal in the semi-final because of a more attacking game and the effective use of cross-court lobs, and the match ended 11-8, 11-4.

In the boys' under 18 competition, Shafiq (Pakistan Railways) claimed a double crown when he defeated Zeshan, another up-and-coming player from Lahore. Shafiq won 17-16, 15-11 and it was a hard fought match as the score shows.

In the under 14 competition, Atif from Karachi won the trophy after defeating Musharaf Jafri, from the same city, in three games, 7-15, 15-1, 15-6.

Tahir Mehmood won the veterans singles and the doubles with Suhail Masood, which was his fifth successive title.

Pakistan WAFDA retained the team title after defeating the newly established side from Allied Bank.

In the men's doubles the combination of Haroon Kaleem and the experienced Naeen Khan were the winners in straight games against the defending champions Saqib Majeed, and Ali Tar Baig.

In the women's doubles it was the PIA pair of Asma Butt and Shamim Akhter who beat the seasoned shuttlers of Ghazal Wadood and Aysha Ikram (IBP) in straight games.

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BRAZIL — Kenneth Erichsen, the winner of the men's singles at the Sao Paulo Cup, is pictured with his coach Cito (left) and Mr. Bareto, President of the Brazil Badminton Federation (right). Erichsen beat Leandro Santos in the final, having beaten Paulo Fam in the semi-finals.

Santos obtained consolation in the mixed doubles, in which he and Fernanda Kumasaka won the final against Fabian Cattaneo and Sandra Miashiro. Kumasaka won two titles, taking the women's doubles with Miashiro, beating Graciela Barbosa and Sandra Silva.

However Kumasaka was beaten in the semi-finals of the women's singles by the eventual winner, Cristina Nakono, who took the title with a victory over Iara Hamaoka.

G. Kumasaka won the men's singles in partnership with Paula Scala when they beat Michael Garay and Ricardo Amorim.

In the Carebaco event Erichsen again took the men's singles title, beating Robert Richards in the final this time. He also finished runner-up in the men's doubles.

However here the Leyow family from Jamaica made the biggest impact. Paul Leyow and Roy Paul won the men's doubles and Paul Leyow and Terry Leyow won the mixed, beating Marie Leyow and Robert Richards in the final. Marie Leyow was also runner-up in the women's singles and the women's doubles, in partnership with Terry Leyow.

Perhaps the outstanding player of the tournament was Debra O'Connor, who won both the women's singles and doubles, forming an effective partnership with Beverley Tang Choon.



Men's singles trophy winners at Carebaco



Alison Fulton (centre) is specially attired for the national Olympic committee coaching course for women in Iran

IRAN — I realised things were going to be different on my arrival at Heathrow when checking in for my Iran Air flight to Teheran, and believe me I was right! I nearly did not get to board as I did not have the correct attire — the long uniform and scarf worn by Muslim women, **writes Alison Fulton**. The ground staff eventually came up with something found in lost property.

On my arrival in Teheran it again struck me that this was going to be an unusual trip. The following morning at my (international) hotel the chambermaid nearly had a fit as I left my room to go for breakfast without being covered from head to toe!

I quickly realised that life would be a lot easier if I managed to acquire one of these uniforms. This was duly arranged but I found the practicalities of it all very difficult. I slowly but surely became aware of the most difficult of all the Muslim laws — not being able to make use of the wonderful leisure facilities in my hotel.

Anyway, the laws, food and climate may be different around the world but as usual people are the same. I met and worked with 30 Muslim women from all over Iran and had one of the most

enjoyable courses I have taken. We had a lot of fun and I have never met so many inquisitive coaches who wanted to know every last detail. Their work rate was commendable. I am sure we will all remember a great experience.

I even learned how to do Iranian dancing but unfortunately I could not master sitting cross-legged at the table to eat dinner! By the end of my ten-day visit I had worked out the best use for my head scarf — pull it down over my eyes when being driven down the freeway. The drivers manage to turn three lanes into five lanes without any problems!!!

NORTHERN IRELAND — Doris Piché continued her comeback from the knee injury which threatened her career, by winning the Irish Open in Belfast, **writes Richard Eaton**. The French-Canadian survived a large deficit and a tense atmosphere in the semi-finals against a left-handed English player Alison Humby, coming from a game and 4-9 down to win 3-11, 12-10, 11-0. The players apparently exchanged sharp words and peremptory handshakes at the end.

Patient and steady, Piché pulled back another long lead against another left-handed English opponent in the final, to win in three games once more. This time it was against Tanya Groves, who had reached her first world circuit final by beating the second-seeded Swede Karolina Ericsson. She also led for the first half of the final before losing 2-11, 11-7, 11-4 to Piché.

The men's singles title was retained by Rikard Magnusson, although the Swede had only been seeded third. He beat the second-seeded Englishman Anders Nielsen 15-12, 15-10 in the semi-finals, having trailed 9-12 in the first game, and then overcame the surprise finalist Kenneth Jonassen 15-11, 15-2.

The 21-year-old Jonassen, who has not long left the Danish army



Rikard's repeat: Magnusson of Sweden defended his men's singles title in Ulster

and is playing his first season of full-time badminton, beat the fourth-seeded Scottish Open champion Peter Knowles in the quarter-finals and his compatriot, the top-seeded Peter Gade Christensen 15-9, 15-12 in the semi-finals.

Denmark won two doubles titles. They took the men's doubles through Jim Langesen and Thomas Stanggaard, and the women's through Majken Vange and Pernille Hardt. The mixed

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doubles went to England, with third-seeded Julian Robertson and Lorraine Cole taking their first world circuit tournament title.



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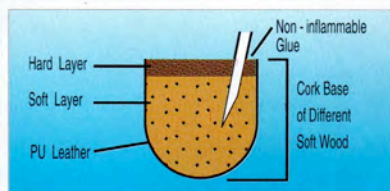
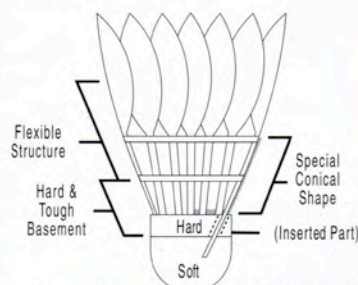
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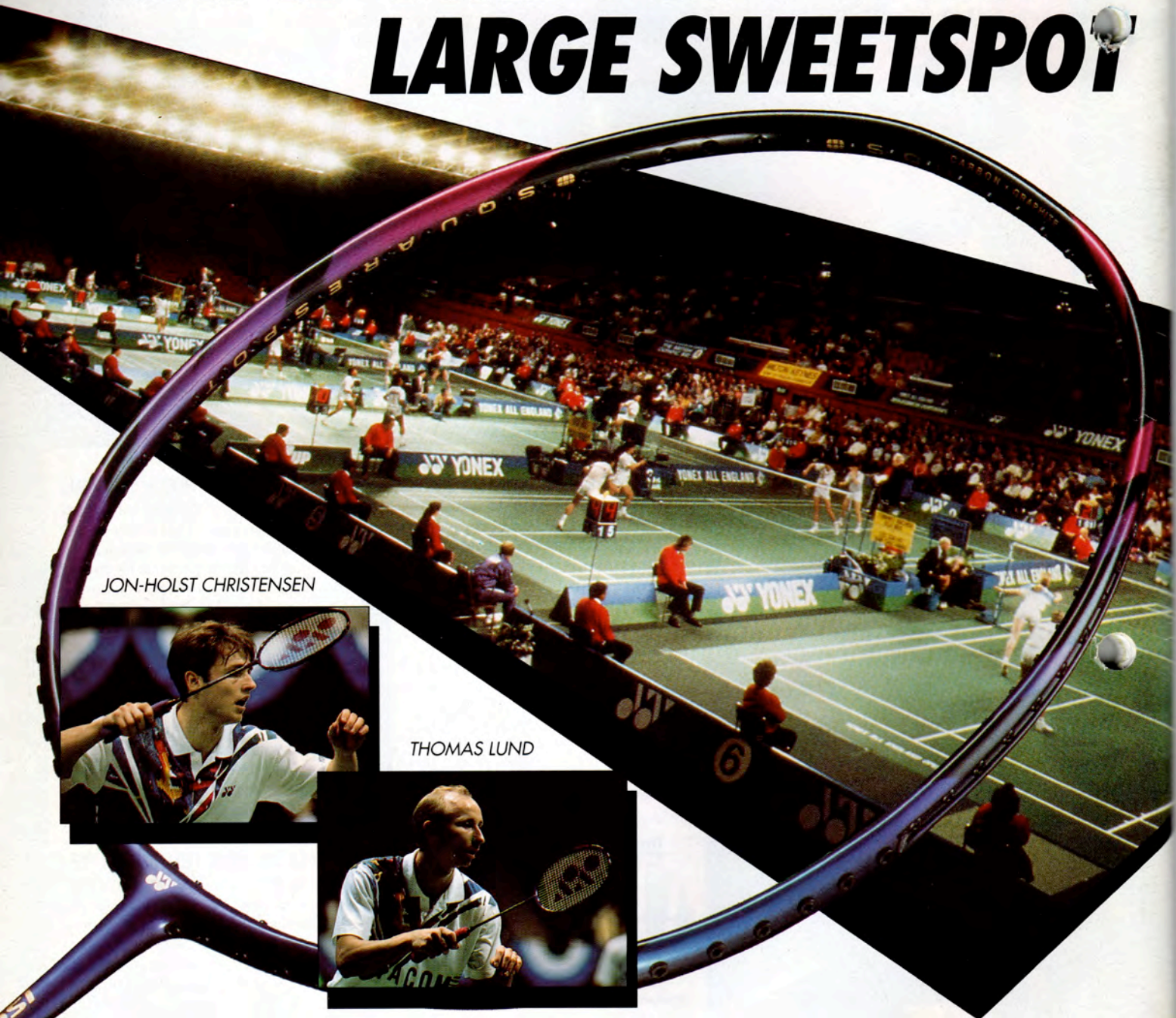
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