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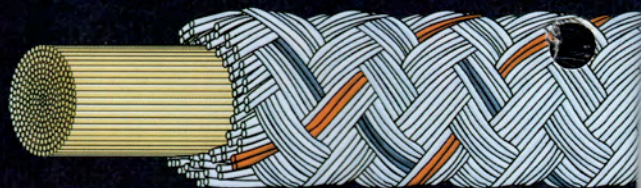
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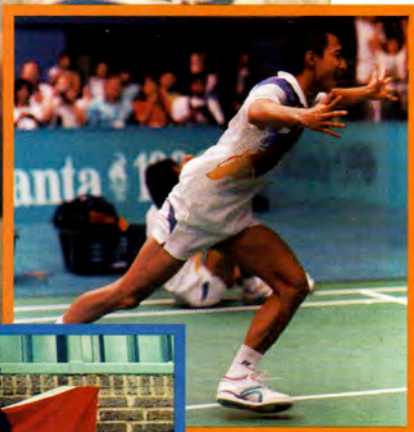
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EDITORIAL OPINION

Welcome to a New Year and a new look magazine!

- Our sport certainly cannot be accused of standing still but it is almost impossible to move forward unless there are changes. Changes will sometimes be welcomed, frequently resisted and on occasions, not even necessary.
- The Grand Prix circuit which has grown from five tournaments in 1983 to nineteen in 1996 with record prize money of US\$350,00 up for grabs at last month's Grand Prix Finals, will almost inevitably undergo change with the mouth-watering prospect of a Grand Slam series evolving.
- The system of running two parallel points-based lists has led to confusion for many people and at the IBF council meeting in Bali last month it was decided to abolish the World Grand Prix points listings. Therefore as from the 1 January this year, there will only be one list which ranks the performance of players - the World Rankings.
- Five by nine are the badminton 'buzz words' of the moment with first Norway and now the Netherlands reporting favourably on the use of 5 x 9 scoring. There is growing support for a new scoring system especially if we are to make a major breakthrough in the USA.
- The IBF secretariat has also undergone some change with the appointment of Neil Cameron as Director of Tournaments and the expansion of Kate Killworth's role as Head of Press and PR to that of Director of Marketing.
- It will not have escaped your notice that there have also been changes with World Badminton. Richard Eaton and Roy Ward who so skillfully guided World Badminton to unprecedented heights, no longer 'steer the ship' but will continue to contribute regularly to the magazine. So too, will our established editorial team of Sanjay Sharma, Hans Moller and Gill Clark and our own award-winning photographer Preben Soborg. In addition, we very much welcome to our team, Brigitta Isworo of the Kompas Daily newspaper in Jakarta. Brigitta is one of the most knowledgeable badminton journalists in Asia and we look forward to her contributions immensely. We will also feature reports and stories from guest writers and this month it's Julie Miller from the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

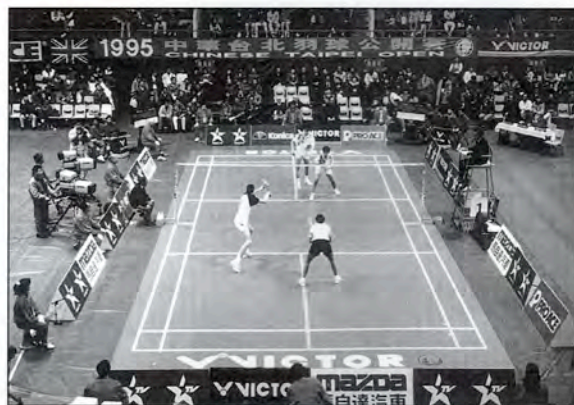
But without doubt, the main contributors to this magazine are you. Starting with our next edition in April, we will be featuring your letters on our letters page. If you have something to say, tell us. If you feel angry, disgruntled, if you disagree or agree - tell us - your views really do matter.

1997 INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

Month w/e	Event	Prize Money US\$	GP Star Rating	World Ranking Grading
JANUARY 97				
12	CHINESE TAIPEI (Taipei, 7-12)	170,000	5	5
19	JAPAN (14-19) US Senior & Masters International (Miami Lakes, Florida 15-18) #Portugal (Caldas da Rainha, 16-19) KOREA (Seoul, 21-26)	170,000	5	5
26		5,000	5or6	A 5or6
FEBRUARY 97				
2	Reserved for National Championships			
9	10 DAYS OF DAWN (Fajr) CEREMONIES (Islamic Republic of Iran, 4-9) #Yonex Metropole Hori (La Chaux-de-Fonds, SUI 6-9)	12,000		
16	INDIAN (Delhi, 12-16) LAUDA AIR CUP (Dornbirn, AUT 14-16)	SRF8,000	4	4
MARCH 97				
9	SWEDISH (5-9) Dutch Junior (Badmintonhall Duinwijk, Haarlem, Netherlands 6-9) All-England Veterans (Wimbledon, ENG)	80,000	3	3
16	ALL-ENGLAND (10-15) Malaysian (12-16) German Junior	125,000	4	4
23	SWISS (Basel, SUI, 18-23) #FRENCH (Paris, 19-23) Indonesia (19-23)	125,000	4	4
30	POLISH (26-29) Hungarian Junior European Veteran Championships (Gateshead, ENG, 27-30)	10,000	1	A
APRIL 97				
6	European Junior Championships (Nymburk, Czech Republic 30/3-6) #Amor 5x9 experiment (Martinihal Complex, Groningen NED 4-6)			
20	ASIA CUP Africa Championships			
27	#Austrian (St. Pölten 24-27) Under 16 European Team Championships (Istanbul, TUR 24-27)			A
MAY 97				
4	Yugoslavia International (1-4)			
11	Strasbourg International (FRA 9-11) Bermuda (7-10)			
18	2nd Pusan East Asian Games (Pusan City, KOR 11-13 Team Event & 15-18 Individual Event)			
25	SUDIRMAN CUP (19-24 Glasgow, SCO) WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (25-1 June)	35,000		

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Two of England's young international players have called it a day. Alison Humby 23, and ranked No3, cited lack of finance and motivation for her reasons to quit after 13 years in the sport. Neil Cottrill, 25, will not compete on the international circuit but will continue to play for his county team. Neil has also taken up a coaching job in North Wales while still attending college.

Cardiff was the venue for the 1996 British Transplant Games, a multi-sport event in which badminton had a massive entry writes Bill Simpson. What may have been unique - and certainly was a first for Wales - was the fact that all five of our umpires were women. Gracing the 'high chair' were Nansi Evans, Emily Gordon, Linda Jenkins, Christine Nolan and Christine Phillips. Each played her part in ensuring the success of this worthwhile event.

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Good news and bad news - first the bad news. The 1997 World Cup will be the first in this series of invitational events which began in 1981 when it was a singles only tournament. Then, India's Prakash Padukone beat Han Jian in the men's singles final whilst the women's singles was won by China's Chen Ruizhen who beat her team-mate Li Lingwei. It was felt the tournament calendar had become too crowded leaving little space for the event which was held last December in Jakarta. Organised by Mark McCormack's International Management Group, the event was one of the world's first big prize-money tournaments.

The good news is - IMG have been so successful in raising the profile of badminton in the commercial arena, plans are in the pipeline to replace the World Cup, which no longer offers players the highest earnings, with other badminton spectacles. Watch this space.

The world's oldest badminton tournament, the All England Championships takes place from March 10-15 at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham. Bookings can be made by credit card by telephoning 44 (0) 121 200 2222. There are special discounts for groups of more than 15.

Also taking place in England this year, will be the European Veterans Championships from March 27-30 in Gateshead, in the North East of

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the country. There will be over 40, over 45, over 50, over 55 categories. Closing date for entries must be submitted by National Associations who are members of the EBU by Friday February 28. More information is available from the European Veterans Championships Secretary, Badminton Association of England, Bradwell Road, Loughton Lodge, Milton Keynes MK8 9LA, England. Telephone +44 1908 568822 or Fax +44 1908 566922.

From the beginning of this month, the IBF are able to accept Mastercard, Visa and Visa Delta credit/debit cards for the purchase of IBF videos, World Badminton subscriptions and other publications. See the relevant advertisements in this issue for more information.

The Italian National Olympic Committee has included badminton as one of eight official sports in its series of Jubilee Celebrations for the Year 2000 in Rome. Silvio Caratelli represented the Italian Badminton Federation at the Opening Ceremony last September accompanied by the head of the badminton committee for Rome and the Province, Antonio Mancin. Regional and national badminton demonstrations have been planned the first of which took place in September.



Pictured at the Tivoli II Palasport with IBF Executive Director David Shaw (center), Rodolfo La Rosa is President of the Italian Badminton Federation (left), and Tullio Paratore of the Italian Olympic Committee (right).

The IBF's Executive Director, David Shaw, was invited by the Italian National Olympic Committee to visit the site for Tivoli 2 Palasport, a new badminton hall to be built for the 2004 Olympic Games in Rome. Situated 7km from the Olympic ring, total cost for the project is expected to be in the region of US\$19.4 million. Work will begin on the 7,000-seater Tivoli 2 Palasport in 2000 and is expected to be completed by 2002.

At a meeting during the 13th Mediterranean Cup in Bari, it was agreed that for the first time, badminton would be a demonstration sport during the Mediterranean Games in June this year with the aim that it becomes an official sport at the Games in Tunisia in 2001.

Razif Sidek has resigned as head coach of the Malaysian team after two years in the job. Razif, 34, who won the All England Championships with brother Jalani in 1982 and a bronze medal at the Barcelona Olympics said: "I have been involved in badminton as a player and coach



for more than 20 years and I think now is the right time to resign." General Secretary of the Badminton Association of Malaysia Ahmad Idris said he was "surprised" at Sidek's decision. "The President of BAM Fadzil Che Wan and the Executive Council will now decide whether they need somebody to replace Sidek." Chinese coaches Chen Changjie and Chen Kang are currently working with the national squad.

Olympic champion Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen has left Denmark to live in England. The 31-year-old Danish superstar has rented a house close to the BA of E's headquarters in Milton Keynes where he intends to train. "There are several reasons why I chose England," said Hoyer "Thomas-Stuer is already living over here so I will be able to train regularly with him. I will also be able to train with Darren Hall and I know England's Danish coach Asger Madsen, and Steve Baddeley, very well. The training set-up at Milton Keynes is also very similar to the Danish system. "I intend to keep playing for at least another two years during which time I could earn a considerable amount and taxation in England is much lower than in Denmark. Heidi, my wife, will be kept busy looking after Lasse our son and she is also keen to enrol

on a course to help improve her English. We also have some very close friends in England, so I don't think we will have a problem settling down."

Olympic gold medallist Bang Soo Hyun, is another player who could also be contemplating a move. Following her marriage last October to a Korean doctor based in Atlanta, Bang announced her decision to quit top-class badminton. Although for the time-being she intends to compete in domestic competitions for her Seoul-based club, there is speculation that she could be heading for the US.

Former IBF vice-president Neil Cameron, took up his job as Director of Tournaments last December. A former player, coach, referee and chairman of the IBF's Rules and Laws Committee, Cameron's involvement in the game spans 38 years. This is the first IBF appointment of its kind and comes at a time when there are a record number of Grand Prix events and much of Neil's time will be spent travelling. "Not all our major Grand Prix tournaments consistently meet the standards expected by top players, the media, sponsors and the public," said Neil "My role is to assist organisers to address this issue and to focus on a consistent presentation of the game."

Olympic gold medal winners Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen, Ge Fei and Gu Jun are the 1996 winners of the STAR Sports Badminton Personality of the Year awards. The recipients of this award are deemed capable of promoting badminton through the media as ambassadors for their sport and must have qualified for the Grand Prix Finals. Chosen by a select panel from STAR Sports, the IBF and International Management Group, the winners fulfill the criteria of skill, sportsmanship, competitive spirit and charisma. STAR Sports will feature the winners exclusively in promotional footage during the next World Grand Prix circuit giving them unequalled exposure in 53 countries across Asia and to 220 million viewers.



Paying The Price

As the euphoria of the Atlanta Olympic Games dwindles into mere memories, the reality of the situation in world badminton becomes all too clear. The entry lists of recent major Grand Prix tournaments have lacked the expected quality and strength in depth, and most have taken place without a large number of the all-important star players. The problem is twofold. There is a price to pay for Olympic status and the Grand Prix has now grown so large that it has become a victim of its own success.

There is no doubt that since badminton became a full Olympic sport we have benefited from a number of advantages that Olympic status brings. The IBF receives a considerable amount of extra income from the IOC. National badminton associations worldwide have secured supplementary funding from their own governments or NOCs. We have enjoyed huge media exposure and generally have a much higher status within the sporting world. And despite a number of 'tactical' withdrawals towards the end of the qualifying period, tournament entries during the past year have been strengthened by the need and urgency of players chasing ranking points in the desperate effort to qualify for Atlanta.

But the situation is very different now. We must recognise that there is a price attached to the luxury of Olympic status. World badminton will now unavoidably emulate the Olympiad, revolving around the four-year period. This in itself leads to problems. Post Games, governing bodies have limited funds because so much money has been spent on Olympic preparation. Future funds will also be allocated to coincide with the Olympiad, which leads to a reluctance to support players who, although still at the top today, may not be at their peak, or even competing, by the time of the next Games.

The Olympic gold medal has become the ultimate goal for a badminton player. And after any major event it is quite natural for players to suffer from a psychological low or anti-climax. It can take a while to regain the usual motivation and, therefore, the desire and enthusiasm even to enter tournaments is lacking.

Being the pinnacle of sporting achievement, careers are planned and, in some cases, extended in a bid to fulfill those Olympic dreams. This inevitably leads to a natural retirement point following the Games. In the past we had a steady flow of players retiring, now there is a concentrated change-over period

tournaments on the circuit that it is impossible for the top players to support all the big prizemoney events. With nine Grand Prix events spanning three continents in nine weeks - including four five-star tournaments in four weeks - players are forced to pick and choose.

Obviously the players are the essential ingredient in every tournament. Sponsors put money into an event to gain maximum exposure but that can only be achieved if the quality of the entrants is sufficient to attract full media attention. Every tournament understandably wants the big names to enter but while there can be a certain amount of negotiation to ensure top players from all the leading nations attend, this

Grand Slam series: A maximum of six tournaments a year, each carefully placed in the calendar with both substantially increased prizemoney and world ranking points. Players interest would then be stimulated and focused towards those tournaments and you could virtually guarantee all the top players' participation.

But most of the top players want to play in more than six tournaments a year and so would still support the Grand Prix.

Providing the number of Grand Slam tournaments remained limited and, if the number of entries per event were also limited, then the new series would not unduly affect the current level of support for the Grand Prix. Each circuit would then have its own commercial value to both sports and television.

While there are logical explanations for the current standard

GILLIAN CLARK, the Star TV commentator and former British Olympic star, examines badminton's post-Atlanta backlash and how it is harming the Grand Prix circuit.

Two former Olympic champions, Allan Budi Kusuma and Susi Susanti, have already indicated their intentions to retire. Over the next six months we will probably see many more top players deciding, or being forced (due to lack of financial support) to quite the circuit. By definition this means that a new generation of star players will soon emerge at the forefront of world badminton.

Instead of the disdain voiced from some quarters that the unseeded Indra Wijaya reached the final of the Malaysian Open, and that Gong Zhichao, also unseeded, won the Danish Open, we should recognise that these players will be the big names in the near future.

While there is no doubt that repercussions brought about by the Olympic Games have contributed to recent 'weak' draws, we must not let it hide the fact that there is also an underlying problem emerging with the Grand Prix circuit. We now have so many major

inevitably puts an unfair burden on certain individual players to enter more tournaments.

Even the biggest prizemoney event on the Grand Prix circuit, the US Open, struggled to attract a strong entry. Only 17 pairs entered the women's doubles and, when Charmaine Reid was left without a partner, she persuaded a line judge to play! They reached the quarter finals!

On the surface an amusing story, but how can we hope to keep major sponsors enthused and involved when an occurrence like this so clearly emphasises the lack of strength in depth?

Although the total prize fund throughout the entire Grand Prix has increased considerably, the current money on offer at each individual tournament is no longer a sufficient lure in itself to guarantee a strong entry. We need a new higher level of competition. It is time that badminton had a

of tournament entries, we must do more than just understand the reasons behind this worrying trend. With the news that Star Sports and ESPN Asia have merged, it is vital that we plan for the future. We need to make provisions, and changes, to ensure that both television and our sponsors remain attracted to and involved in our sport.



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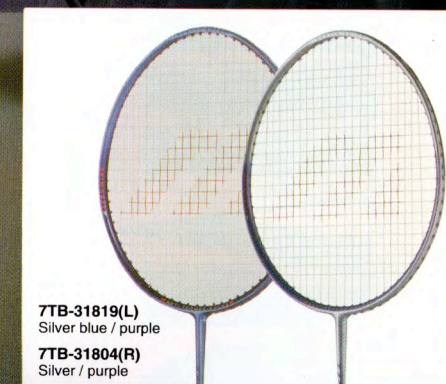
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PARK JOO BONG IS GOING EAST TO WEST

by: Richard Eaton

BORN: 5 December 1964 in Chun Ju, Korea
HOMETOWN: Im Shil, Korea
HEIGHT: 1.82m/5ft 11in **WEIGHT:** 68kg/150lbs
YEARS ON NATIONAL TEAM: 15 (1981-1996)

Married to Lee Soo-Jin with a baby son Park Kwang-Ryul who was born on the 2nd October 1994, Park began his badminton career at the age of 11 encouraged by his father Park Myung Soo whom, says Park, has been the most influential person in his badminton career. He has three brothers and two sisters and is the youngest in the family. He loves to travel and speaks English and Japanese.

His first major international tournament was the Japan Open in 1980 and he went on to win dozens of grand prix titles and a men's doubles gold medal at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992. He is three times world mixed doubles champion, two-times world men's doubles champion, has nine All England titles and added to his collection, a mixed doubles silver medal at the Atlanta Olympics last August.

Why would a badminton legend give up a prestigious position as professor of sports science at a university to work in an unfinished city thousands of miles away in one of the sport's declining nations?

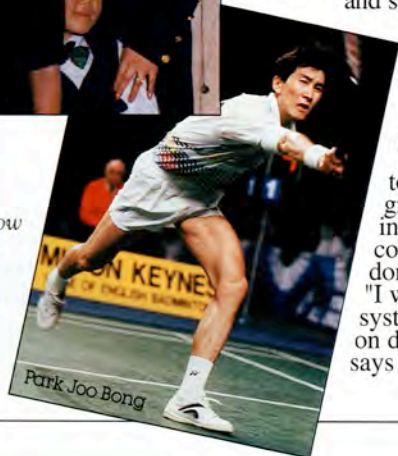
Why would Park Joo-Bong, regarded in his home city of Seoul as the greatest doubles player of all time, want to become a coach in Milton Keynes, England, where - to the man in the street at least - his name will be almost completely unknown?

And why has the man whom the Malaysians were describing as worth his weight in gold decided to go to another continent and to an utterly alien culture where they can afford to pay him only an average salary?



Photo: Peter Richardson

Lee Jae Bok spent seven years in Milton Keynes. He and his family have now returned to Korea.



Don't doubt that all this is good for the game worldwide, as with the balance of players, coaches, sponsors and finances dipping ever further Asia-wards, it is a rare and welcome tilt in the other direction for the great Korean to go to Europe. But Park's decision cannot have been based on altruistic motives.

So why has he made it? Precisely because it is an alien culture he is going to. Park wants to learn, if not how to become a Westerner, at least what it is to be Western. He wants to develop his English and to have each foot in a completely different continent, placing himself astride the Northern hemisphere like a cultural colossus.

"Once I have settled in England I would like to study for a degree," Park said. "I'm very excited. I don't think I will have too many problems adapting to a different life style. I worry whether I will do well, but I am very determined."

If he does well, he will be doing something not only for himself and for British badminton, but for Korean badminton too. That is because they believe he will be greatly more valuable to them back in Seoul if one day he can become truly a cosmopolitan coach.

That means lucky old England will acquire the player whom even the famous Christian Hadinata calls "the most talented doubles player - perhaps the best I have seen", and of whom Punch Gunalan recently said: "I would trade any coach in the world for Joo-Bong."

They have no doubts that the sinewy gazelle-like mover and the unblinking cobra-quick converter of blocked defence into whipping attack will make the transformation from outstanding player into clever coach. Park may have his "worries" about managing this but is prepared to endure them because his friend and compatriot Lee Jae Bok has suffered them before him, and succeeded conspicuously.

Lee, who spent seven years in Milton Keynes and was British Olympic coach in 1992, strongly advised Park to take the chance to go to England. It is almost certainly these words which persuaded the former Olympic, World and All-England Champion to take the biggest plunge in his 31-year-old life.

"I told him people quickly forget a player's name," Lee said. "As you were successful as a player you should challenge to be successful as a coach. I told him not to waste time but to go now. He accepted my advice."

One of Park's biggest difficulties may be adapting to the different relationship between coach and player in the West. He will need to try to persuade and convince more and will not simply be able to give orders. "But he's a person and the kind of coach who likes to discuss things with players anyway," says Lee. "I found it hard to deal with players who did not have the discipline. I hope he won't have that problem."

Lee has one other concern, as to whether Park can enjoy a similarly enriching Western experience to his own. "Before I became national coach I spent more than two years getting to know a different culture, players and system. So when I took the job I knew what I had to do."

Park Joo-Bong hasn't got the culture experience and system experience and so he is in a little more difficult position than I was," Lee said.

The Korean system tends to emphasise coaching on a group basis, the coach operating with a squad. In England coaching is more frequently done on a one-to-one basis. "I want to use a mix of both systems and I will concentrate on discipline and team work," says Park.

He will find himself fitting into an impressively changing set-up. England may have been on a slippery slope in the past decade, but now they seem to have at least some of the equipment to winch themselves up the gradient again.

They have made three important new appointments within three months. Apart from Park, they have acquired the Dane Asger Madsen, the first foreigner to be employed full-time in the century-old history of the Badminton Association of England, and a new boss, Steve Baddeley.

Baddeley, the former European and Commonwealth Champion who is England's most successful men's singles player since World War II, has become Director of Elite Play, and is very clear in his mind just how Park can make a big difference. "It's creating a very strong team to have a top European coach like Asger combining with someone of Park's experience - but more than that, someone outstandingly good on the badminton court," Baddeley said.

Asger and I can build up a structure and develop that. We have regular, well-supported training now at the national centre. We have well-run training, organised by a European coach. I can do demonstrations and have overall control. That will enable Park to come and do high-quality on-court work. I really believe something will come of it."

How can England have suddenly managed to create all this? Two jobs have been rolled into one since England manager Ciro Ciniglio's retirement to make a salary good enough to attract Baddeley back to his home country after four years in Switzerland. Baddeley was given licence in advance of his start date to make the appointment of Madsen, and the subsequent appointment of Park suggests an overall improvement in the funding as well as a juggling of the existing finances.

The likelihood is that England will be able to increase its allocation of funds from its national sports council, while British Olympic funds - which may well be used to pay Park - could double. "The price of getting Park was not a criterion," said the BA of E's Chief Executive Geoffrey Snowdon, "but there were a lot of zeros."

Despite this it was not the thousands of pounds but the cultural experience and the trail blazed by Lee which was most influential in bringing the oriental to the occident. Park should eventually retrace the latitude with unique abilities.

He may in return be able to help raise a sleeping giant, a country with about five million who play at the game but with precious few who take it seriously. It needs for a pastime to become a sport. If he can help bring that about, Park's great journey can cause a great awakening.

EXTRA!

Christian Hadinata one of the best ever men's doubles players and coaches said: "Park Joo Bong's contract with the Badminton Association of England is an acknowledgement of the expertise of Asian coaches. It also shows that the British are very serious about their preparation for Sydney 2000. Having Park on their staff will be of enormous benefit."

"With Park in Europe the threat now for Indonesian players not only comes from other Asian countries. Indonesia must be prepared for this."

Justin Suhandinata chairman of the IBF's Development committee felt that Park's move to Europe can only be good for the game. "It will make the competition more widespread and help raise the standard of badminton," he said during a seminar in Jakarta.

WORLD BADMINTON

What were your feelings when R & R won the gold medal?

CHRISTIAN

I had very mixed emotions. I felt so happy, so proud, but I also felt as if a huge weight had been lifted from my shoulders. For four years, since Barcelona, I had felt under so much pressure. Of course Ricky and Rexy were under more pressure because it was expected that they were going to win. But we did it. In the first set of the final they played like second class players but in the second and third set they were magnificent. I felt that if Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Kim Hock had played the third set like they did the first then R & R would have lost.

WB

Can you tell us what you said to your players during the five minute break?

CH

Not much. No tactics or technique. I just said 'Your confidence to win must be bigger than theirs. Show that you are mentally stronger.'

WB

After Barcelona, did you feel that you had players in the squad good enough to win a gold medal in Atlanta?

CH

I only had three pairs at the time. The top pair, Eddy Hartono and Rudy Gunawan had lost to Park Joo Bong and Kim Moon Soo in the final in Barcelona. The silver medal was just great - it was a turning point for Indonesian men's doubles, but I never dreamt then that we would have the strength in men's doubles that we have now. I knew however, that I couldn't rely on Hartono and Gunawan for Atlanta because of Eddy's age.

At that time R & R

CHRISTIAN CALLS A TIME-OUT

Christian Hadinata is taking a break from coaching the Indonesian men's doubles squad. The man who guided Ricky and Rexy to gold in Atlanta is mentally drained. Any day now he will take his first break since becoming a coach with the Indonesian Badminton Association back in 1991. But before he took off, Brigitta Isworo of Kompas, took the opportunity to speak to Christian on behalf of World Badminton about his players, their prospects and what the future holds for Christian himself.

were the only promising pair but I knew instinctively that they would become national assets. Since they had begun playing together they had only ever lost to Park Joo Bong and Kim Moon Soo....and that was in World Championships and the

hunch they would make a good men's doubles pair. I spoke to them both, but separately. Firstly I told Ricky that if he played in three events, he wouldn't be successful. I told him that he had to concentrate on just one event and that if he chose singles it would be difficult

because Allan Budi Kusuma, Hermawan Susanto, Ardi Wiranata, were all better than him. I told him that mixed doubles would be harder because he had to cover three-quarters of the court and his attack

was not strong enough. He needed a partner who had strong attacking shots. His strength was in placing the shuttle. I told him to think it over but he agreed with me - men's doubles it was.

I had a similar conversation with Rexy. I asked him 'Do you want to be a champion

that will never be forgotten or do you want to be just a passer-by?' 'How?' he asked me. I told him. Two days later he gave me his answer. Men's doubles it was.

They'd only been playing together for two months when they went to the World Championships in Copenhagen in 1991. They lost to Park and Kim but they didn't lose easily and I knew then that they could become better than I was.

WB

What makes them so special?

CH

Ricky acts as the play-maker and Rexy is the attacker. Ricky has the ability to place the shuttle forcing a weak lift from his opponent. Rexy then finishes the rally with his strong attacking play.

WB

They've won just about everything - how will you keep them motivated.

CH

It will be difficult - after all they've won everything. It's up to them really. I told them that from now on, they have to enjoy the game more, they might even lose to somebody, but they must enjoy the game. But in a prestigious tournament they have to put the pressure on themselves to be their best. Playing well and winning the game are different things.

Look at what Poul-Erik has done. He's won a gold medal but now he seems to be just enjoying the game - but I bet he will be different in the next All England.

WB

Do you think R & R could still improve?

CH

Technically no, they

are at their best. As long as they keep motivated they could stay at the top until the Sydney Olympics. They have to relax more but still maintain their concentration. Rexy also has to maintain his physical condition because of his age and his type of play.

WB

Who do you consider as their biggest threat? Their own team-mates, Gunawan and Rudi Wijaya and newcomers Chandra Wijaya and Sigit Budiarto. The Chinese pair Huang Zhangahong and Jiang Xin and of course the Malaysians Cheah and Yap whose play is very similar to R & R. Yap is the play-maker, Cheah the attacker.

WB

If you could give just one tip to an aspiring men's doubles pair what would it be?

CH

Support each other - back each other up. Communication is the key in critical situations.

WB

You have experienced success as a player - how does it feel to be one of the best coaches in the world?

CH

It feels much different to being a player, there is much more

all that I have. Every time they play a game I feel as if I am on court playing with them. I think my disappointment if they lose or my happiness when they win is sometimes greater than theirs.

WB

Are you coaching any other pairs with the same potential as R & R?

CH

Chandra and Sigit have similar qualities. They play fast. Sigit is the play-maker and Chandra the attacker. Sigit has a complete range of strokes. In fact he has an abundance of natural talent and his strokes are very specific - he plays shots that even I can't play. Chandra is not as strong as Rexy yet, but he will improve. They have the ability to go on to elite level, but it depends on them. Sigit can be a little lazy but Chandra is the opposite,

very diligent with strong motivation. Yes, they have potential.

WB

What to you consider was the highlight of your career?

CH

It was in 1972 when I won the All England title with Ade Chandra. It was my first time in Europe and my first All England and we were unseeded. The most impressive was when I won the World Championships with Ade - he retired soon after. At the same time I also won the mixed title with Imelda.

Christian - at the heart of Indonesian men's team.
Photo: Edwin Leung

Olympics. The Koreans were the champions in both. I thought: not bad for a pair of newcomers.

WB

How did you discover R & R?

CH

They had been in the Bimantara Badminton Club for some time. Rexy played singles, he was a DKI Jakarta champion. Ricky played all three events. I had a



Ricky races to embrace Christian after winning the gold medal!

WB

How do you spend your spare time?

CH

I love watching sport on Star Sports or ESPN. I never change the TV channel - it's always on sport. I enjoy all sports but especially soccer, boxing, motor racing, tennis and cricket. I used to play soccer when I was teenager and I still play for fun now and again I like watching Kabayan and So Doel videos (traditional Indonesian stories). They are funny but also critical. I also like watching detective stories and thrillers.

WB

Do you still play badminton?

CH

Of course, I play with my players. I want to motivate them so I do it by playing with them. Sometimes I'm on court for 2-3 hours playing with different pairs. It's easier to pick up their faults or to demonstrate when you're on court - I also think it's easier for them to understand. I also test them mentally to see how they control their emotions. I'll pretend the shuttle was in when it was out or vice versa. Mental attitude on court is so important.

WB

Do your family play badminton?

CH

I have two children, a boy and a girl. The boy, Mario, likes playing badminton but he is an average player. He lives in Perth, Australia now and left Indonesia because he didn't like the fighting among students in Jakarta. I gave him my permission to go only after I felt he was sure what he wanted to do with his life. His younger sister Mariska is 14 but she doesn't like playing badminton, she loves to swim.

WB

You are taking a break now - what about the future?

CH

I feel mentally drained and I plan to rest for a while. I don't know for how long - I suppose it depends on what happens while I'm away. I've been with PBSI for more than five years and all my ambitions have been fulfilled. I suppose I'm not quite so motivated as I was, I don't have the same challenges and I don't want my players to think that I'm not as good or as dedicated as I was before. I hope they will understand.

The PBSI training camp where Christian spends so much of his time.



forget the golden Boy:

LASSE

STEAL? THE SHOW by Hans Moller



You all know Lasse. Not personally perhaps. But during the Olympic men's singles final the television cameras often showed the picture of a little boy fixed to Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen's badminton bag. That is Lasse.

Poul-Erik's son was born during the world championships in Lausanne last year and is the cornerstone of the Hoyer family's life.

Thanks to the TV producer, Lasse is probably the world's most famous badminton boy today. So it's only natural to ask how the celebrity himself reacted when his father fought to bring glory, honour and gold to Denmark.

The answer is simple. Lasse couldn't care less. But what might be more interesting is that his mother, Heidi, saw just as little of the TV as Lasse did that Sunday afternoon. Deliberately!

Instead she played with Lasse in the nursery in their home north of Copenhagen during the transmission from Atlanta.

Heidi Hoyer is 100 percent committed to her husband's work and she admits that she has not got the nerve to sit quietly in an armchair in front of a TV screen watching the battle.

"I preferred to be with Lasse and wait to watch the match with Poul-Erik on his return. Of course I was aware that I would hear the result later in the day at a family party," she said.

Heidi Hoyer's younger sister, Anette, didn't watch the final either...she and her mother preferred to listen to it on the radio. But Anette had a special reason for that. The co-commentator was her fiancée, Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen, who from the start was convinced that Hoyer would capture gold.

"You see" explained Stuer, "I lost to Dong Jiong in the second round and he can't beat two Danes in the same tournament."

That family party took place at the home of Hoyer's parents. But they at least watched

the match on TV like the rest of us and just happened to have a few bottles in the basement ready to serve gold-champagne to everybody.

A few days after the champion's return, when most of the frankincense had disappeared, we asked if the gold medal had changed anything in the Hoyer family's daily life. Heidi could think of only one thing: her shopping takes one hour longer when she brings Lasse to town. "Everybody wants to pat the celebrity on the cheek and say a few words about his father's achievement," she says. Is it the father or the son who profits most by the medal?

The Olympic gold medal topped off a fabulous season for 31-year-old Hoyer. In addition to his national title he became European champion in April shortly after he had captured his second successive All England title and on top of that he put up a fantastic performance in Hong Kong when he captained Denmark's Thomas Cup to the silver medal - their best display for 17 years.



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Frost Gives Denmark the Cold Shoulder

MORTEN FROST has stunned Danish badminton by quitting as its sports chief as of New Year's Day. Hans Moller, one of the few journalists who have chronicled the rise and rise of the great Dane, first as a world-beater, then as a world-class official, explains what went wrong...

"There is something rotten in Denmark." A loose quotation from Shakespeare often used by former England manager Ciriaco De Simone, although he never wanted to explain what was rotten. But suddenly it seems appropriate following Morten Frost's shock resignation. The culmination of what could be called differences in the Danish Badminton Association came during the Danish Open when sports chief Frost gave in his notice. Now Denmark does not have a sports chief and, worse, Frost may be lost to Danish badminton forever.

DBF's president Hans Henrik Floe regrets Frost's decision. "The three and a half years with Morten as sports chief has been a tremendous success. He has met criticism admittedly. But it has been a demonstration of attitudes related to the eternal discussions between the elite and the social work in the clubs: not a criticism of him or his much respected work.

"Morten has created winners, he has lifted Danish badminton, improved relations with other nations and his resignation may mean that we lose a considerable amount of money for development."

This is just a short resume of the words used by the president at the meeting attended by Frost himself. But the principal character was silent as the grave. All he would say was two days earlier he had stopped negotiating for an extension of his contract. He left the Danish Press to speculate why.

One of the biggest obstacles was DBF policy on decision-making processes and officialdom. Frost has never made a secret of his ideas for a more streamlined and up-to-date structure where few capable people, including himself, would make quick decisions - and take the blame if they failed.

Before the Olympic Games Frost temporarily suspended his work - with permission from the board - and took over the coaching of mainly the singles players. Hoyer's gold medal was the result.

"We'll miss the valuable coaching," said Hoyer when he heard about the decision. But not all the top players share Hoyer's view. Two of the leading players are Thomas Lund and Jon Holst-Christensen and it is somewhat ironic that the spokesmen for the critics are those on the way out and the victims are those on the way up.

The newly-appointed national coach Henrik Lyngby, who has developed players like Camilla Martin and former All England champion Ib Frederiksen and who recently returned after a spell as national coach in France will be responsible for the Danish elite in future.

Frost's future, however, is at present just as unknown as the deeper motives for his resignation. "Most of the money I earned as a player is still intact and I am in no hurry. I have time to size up my situation and, who knows, something interesting may show up," was all he would say.

With that in mind it was interesting to see during the Danish Open, Frost as a dinner-party guest of sponsors, Dan-Bunkering given for some of their customers from the Far East.

Many of the Asians were seen in earnest conversation with Frost but, of course, one can only guess what they were talking about!



Morten Frost



Morten Frost and Hans Moller

GRAND PRIX GUINEA PIG

Leo van Marrewijk a freelance journalist in the Netherlands, gives his view on the trial by numbers taking place at the Dutch Open

Coincidence or a big step forward? The 48th P & H Dutch Open was attended by a lot of spectators and covered by more media than ever. Was it the newly tested 5 to 9 scoring system or did the appearance of an Olympic champion make the tournament such a successful event? The trial in the Dutch Open was the first one carried out at a Grand Prix event.

Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen was the most important ambassador of the 5 to 9 system in the Netherlands. Denmark's Olympic champion told the press before the experimental tournament that three games to 15 are boring for the crowd and television. Changes are necessary to develop the sport internationally, especially in Europe and the United States. Which is why Hoyer Larsen says: "I believe that a system to 9 points is more attractive."

Hoyer-Larsen was right. It was strange to watch the new scoring system but players, coaches, the crowd and the media were rather positive. And not unimportant, the best player wins the tournament as Hoyer confirmed after

his losing in the final to China's Sun Jun. "I would have lost this match with the regular system," mourned Hoyer after his defeat "but this system is difficult for me because I'm a slow-starter. In the usual system you can easily lose a few points and still win the game. With this new system it's impossible to recover. You have to be very sharp in your head. But I still support the changes."

Sun Jun agreed with Hoyer. "I like this system, and not only because I won the tournament. Fifteen points is long for spectators. But I didn't prepare for this test...I only just heard about it on the plane from Beijing to Amsterdam."

But 5 to 9 was not the only novelty in Den Bosch. After each game there was a pause of 90 seconds. That break is not only useful for the coaches and their players but also for TV commercials. It happened in Holland, where the new commercial channel 'Sport 7' covered the men's final. Live badminton coverage is a curiosity in Holland, where badminton is not the most popular sport. Also the national channel (NOS) was present during the five days of the tournament. Critics claimed the

unusual amount of reports was because of the rivalry between the two channels.

Apart from the TV battle, it is unlikely that the media coverage was only due to 5 to 9. A lot of attention focused on the performance of the Olympic champion, Hoyer Larsen. It didn't matter if he played 15 or 9 points a game. But TV commentators admitted that shorter games with more exciting moments are 'media friendly'.

For written and radio journalists the advantage of a quick game is less important, but most newspapers criticised the new system positively. The identity of badminton stays recognisable, the games seem to be quicker. Not all newspapers were praising 5 to 9. One journalist wrote that she couldn't imagine that a sport has to change because of journalists.

During a Press conference before the tournament there were questions about the dangers of commercial badminton. Hoyer-Larsen denied that the 5 to 9 system is a TV sell-out but admitted that the Asian players would use this argument for resisting change.

Hoyer-Larsen doubted that Chinese players would welcome any changes... yet Sun Jun insisted: "I would vote for this system with both arms. For me it's very important that the coach can do his job in the 90 second rest period between games."

Dutch national champion Jeroen van Dijk had another view on the 5 to 9 system. "The games are too short, so it's not necessary to take a rest during the games. The quality of the game is getting better too."

The sounds in Holland were like those in Norway, where they have been playing '5 to 9' in the national leagues for two seasons.

In Holland 5 to 9 appeared to be an enrichment of badminton. Nobody says

that stadiums are filled with spectators only because of the new format, but the audience, players, coaches and the press were so positive that it's worth going on experimenting.

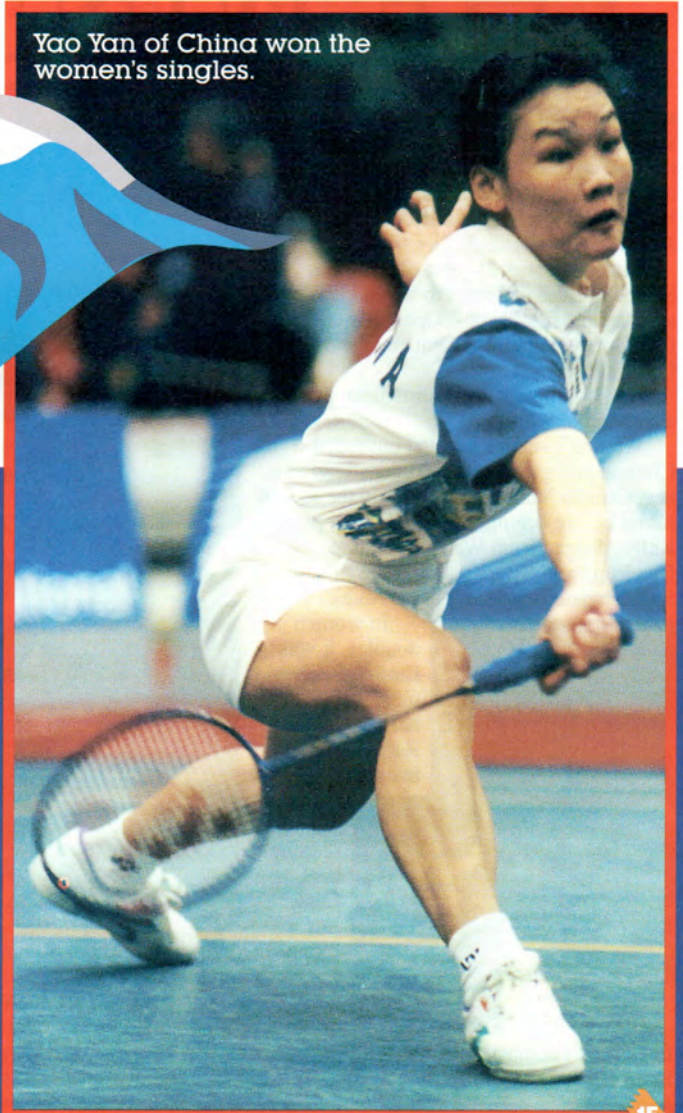
And how about this...Hoyer-Larsen suggests playing the 'rally point system' in the fifth game.

It was good that China showed up in Den Bosch but it's a pity that they were the only Asian representatives in Holland. The Chinese know that it would be a big mistake to dismiss this trial merely as an experiment. The other powerful Asian countries should try it and judge for themselves.





Yao Yan of China won the women's singles.



Yao Yan



Sun Jun celebrates after beating Poul-Erik Hoyer in the final



KOREAN AND CHINESE-TAIPEI SHARE GOLD AT WORLD UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY: SOPHIE LAURENSOT & IAN ELLIS



Korea took three titles and the remaining two went to Chinese-Taipei in the 4th World University Championships in Strasbourg last September.

There were 29 countries represented at the event but it was the acrobatic national hero Bertrand Gallet who captured the imagination of the crowd before going out in the second round to Chien Shih Chin of Taipei. By finals day, England's mixed doubles team Doling and Emms had become the crowd's favourites, but it was Koreans Kim Young Gil and Choi Ma Ree who took the title.

The men's singles final was the expected clash between Switzerland's top singles player Thomas Wapp and Jeng Shyung Chang of Taipei. It was two close games with Wapp pulling back several

times, but Chang finished with a flourish. "I had come to win", said Chang with a boyish grin, although he admitted "at 10-all in the second game, because of Wapp's deceptive net game, my hand did start to tremble."

The women's singles final at first looked a one-way match with Choi Ma Ree charging of to an 11-0 win over Kanako Yonekura of Japan. But Yonekura pulled back, retrieving everything and saving a match point to take the second game before Choi claimed her second gold medal 12-11 in the third game.

But the excitement was also off court. Fred Gituku, the only African player who had paid his own way from Kenya said "In the end, badminton becomes just part of the whole experience." For

Fred it was a taste of the exotic French food and a few extra games with the locals. For the 200 guests at the closing banquet it was the chance to see the impressive yet shy world champion Chang being dragged onto the dance-floor by one of his local fans.

The last two finals were all-Asian. The women's doubles went to Hui Min Tsai and Li Jin Chen of Chinese-Taipei who beat Leng Gao and Yuan Gao of China in three sets whilst in the men's, it was Koreans Young Gye Chun and Hyung Joon Kim who gave Korea their third title with an easy win over Chinese junior champions Yi Feng and Rui Chen.

See you in Istanbul in 1998!

STUER'S BACK ON THE WINNING TRAIL

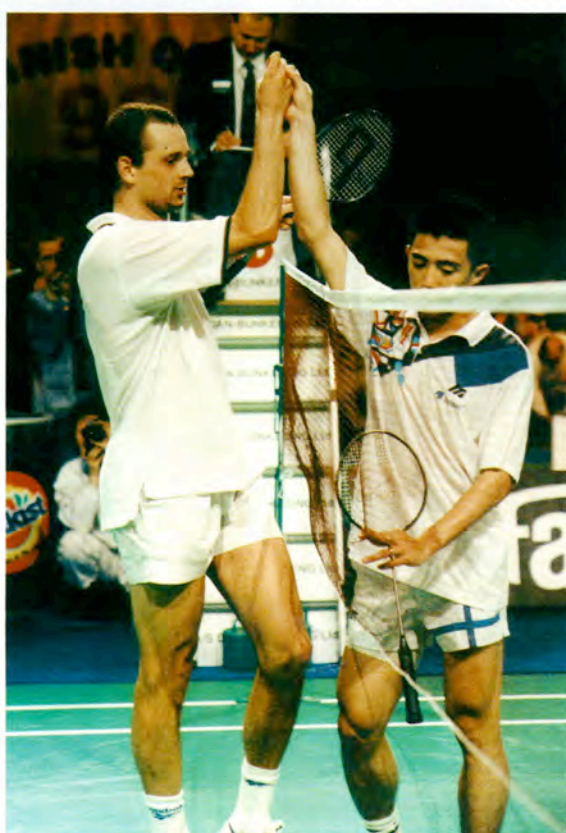
The first four star Grand-Prix on Danish soil was a local triumph. Only in the women's singles did the favourite, Camilla Martin, not live up to expectations. Otherwise it was red and white all over in 'the town of bridges' Middelfart, where Funen is connected to Jutland by two bridges.

Best of all was 25-year-old Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen's return to world class by winning his first Danish Open title and his first Grand Prix tournament since the US Open in 1994.

But, as a bonus, the tournament was also a triumph of youth.

Women's singles saw the unseeded Chinese Gong Zhichao steal the show. She beat Camilla Martin 12-10, 12-9 in the second round before beating the best British player, Kelly Morgan from Wales, Christine Gandrup from Sweden and in the final the Swedish based Russian, Marina Andrievskaya.

In women's doubles, it was European silver medallists Helene Kirkegaard and Rikke Olsen. They had no problems



Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen & Ong Ewe Hock

defending their No1 seeding, beating England's European bronze medallists Julie Bradbury and Jo Goode 15-9, 15-8 in the final.

A Danish pair also won the men's doubles...but not the top seeds. Hot favourites Thomas Lund and Jon Holst-Christensen, who both now live in France, were beaten in the semi-final by the young and unseeded pair of

Jim Laugesen and Thomas Stavngaard 15-8. In the final they overcame England's Simon Archer and Chris Hunt 17-15, 10-15, 15-7.

The fourth Danish title? That came on the Saturday when Michael Sogaard and Rikke Olsen beat Stavngaard and Ann Jorgensen 15-5, 15-1 to take the mixed.

But back to Stuer. His comeback was probably the most gratifying and unexpected achievement at this year's Dan-Bunkering sponsored event. Many badminton fans feared the long-legged Dane would have to quit after twisting a foot in the semi-final of the World Championships in Switzerland.

The next 17 months were one long struggle to return to the top. Protecting the weaker foot forced other complications on the body but an iron will, clever doctors and physiotherapists have now suddenly made him the man to beat at the next World Championships in Glasgow in May. "I am still careful but this tournament proved to me that I am able to play two hard matches in succession and I am just as happy as

was the day in 1992 when I won my first Grand Prix tournament," said Stuer, referring to the 5-15, 15-6 17-14 semi-final against 19-year-old Peter Gade and to the final where Stuer beat Malaysia's Ong Ewe Hock 6-15 15-7 15-12.

Ong's final, it seems, was his 15-7, 7-15, 15-9 semi-final win over Olympic champion Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen.



Denmark's new men's doubles stars Jim Laugesen & Thomas Stavngaard



Rikke Olsen & Helene Kirkegaard

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TOURNAMENT NEWS AT A GLANCE

FULL RESULTS IN RESULTS SECTION

Former World Junior champion Sun Jun was the winner of the P & H Dutch Open which was played under the 5 x 9 scoring system, debated elsewhere in this issue. A surprising supporter of the new system, he beat Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen 5-9, 9-3, 9-3, 9-5 to take the men's singles title. Yao Yan who features on our front cover beat team-mate Han Jingna, the world silver medallist, in the women's final. It was an all-China men's doubles final but cheer for the home crowd when Eline Coene and Erica van den Heuvel beat Christine Gandrup and Martit Borg of Sweden to take the women's title.

Shock story of the 4 Star Russian Open was the defeat of Susi Susanti in the round of the last 16 to China's rising star Gong Zhichao, who then lost in the final to team-mate Han Jingna. It was two Chinese players who featured in the men's singles final with Sun Jun who had won the Dutch Open the previous week beating Hu Zilan. The women's doubles was a European contest,



Photo: Preben B. Schorg

Helen Kirkegaard and Rikke Olsen beating the newly married Christine Gandrup, and Marina Andrievskaya in the final. China took the mixed doubles. Olympic semi-finalists Chen Xingdong and Peng Xingyong beating Michael Sogaard and Rikke Olsen. But there was some comfort for the home crowd when Andrei Antropov and Nickolai Zuev fought off China's Zhang Jun and Min Zyengyu to win the men's double title.

Rashid Sidek took the men's singles title at the 5 star US\$125,000 German Open in Saarbrücken beating Malaysian Open champion Ong Ewe Hock in two sets. Yao Jie of China who put out Indonesia's Yuliani Santoso in the semi final won the women's title by beating Mette Pedersen of Denmark. Thomas Lund and Jon Holst-Christensen kept the flag flying for European badminton in the men's doubles final beating the young Indonesian pair Seng Kok Kiong and Vito Wibowo. Isoliana and Lomban of Indonesia won the women's final whilst the mixed title went to Indonesia's 1995



Photo: Stephen J. Line

World Grand Prix champions, Trikus Heryanto and Minarti Timur who beat Jens Eriksen and Anne Mette Bille of Denmark.

The China Open lived up to its reputation as being the graveyard of top-ranked and seeded players writes Sanjay Sharma, the most noticeable of which was the defeat of gold medalists, Ricky Subagja and Rexy Mainaky playing in their first tournament since the Atlanta Olympics. They were beaten in the final by Chandra Wijaya and Sigit fresh from their triumph in the US Open where they had beaten Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Kim Hock. Sigit, a player in the mould of the legendary Tjun Tjun was outstanding but man of the event was Fung Permadi, the Indonesian-born player who now lives in Chinese-Taipei who beat Luo Yigang in the men's singles final. The women's singles was all-Chinese, Zhang Ning beating Wang Chen. The only non-Chinese player who reached the last 16 was Camilla Martin of Denmark who lost to Zeng Yaqiong. Ye Zhaoying stood-in for the injured Ge Fei and partnered Gu Jun in the women's doubles but they lost to Koreans Park Soo Yun and Kim Mee Hyang in the last 16. The Koreans then lost to Qin Yiyuan and Tang Yongshu in the final. Mixed doubles was won by Chen Xingdong and Peng Xingyong who beat Michael Sogaard and Rikke Olsen.



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BOTTOM LEFT: Han Jingna won the 4th Russian Open.
MIDDLE: Andrei Antropov won the men's doubles with Nickolai Zuev in the Russian Open.
TOP RIGHT: Trikus Heryanto & Minarti Timur won the mixed title in the German Open.

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Ong Makes the Most of Malaysian

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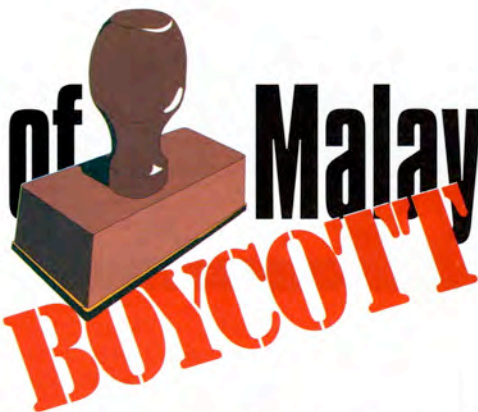


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Gong Zhichao



The Malaysian Open was a surprise in many ways, not least the total absence of the big names. Only local heroes Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Kim Hock and Ong Ewe Hock took part. In fact the world's top prizemoney tournament (until last year) failed to attract any of the Atlanta games medallists, apart from Cheah and Yap. It meant the

whole show was a pathetic farce. It was simply not up to the expected standard for the Proton sponsored event which is screened throughout Asia by Star TV

The tournament also lost what little glamour it could muster from home players when Atlanta bronze medallist Rashid Sidek withdrew, citing an injury. All this meant that most events were one-sided and experienced players won their events easily. It also meant that some new faces made their presence felt like the men's doubles pair Lee Wan Wah and Choong Tan Fook of Malaysia and 19-year-old Chinese women's doubles duo of Qiang Hong and Liu Lu.

Best of the lot was Gong Zhichao of China in the women's singles. Gong was almost unheard of before she came to Kuala Lumpur but reached the semi-finals before losing to the experienced Zhang Ning 2-11, 10-12, 7-11 after a terrific fight. Gong is a fast mover and has a surprisingly strong backhand for one so young. It was this stroke that time and again stunned her more famous rival. Gong was also extremely confident - not at all in awe of Zhang Ning. I am sure that she is one player who is going to make a name for herself.

The world junior champion and top seed, Wang Chen had an easy time until she reached the semi-finals where she ran into compatriot Sun Jian and could only scrape through 11-4 6-11 11-5. In the finals however Wang was totally outplayed by Zhang who won easily 11-7, 11-8.

Ong Ewe Hock

The men's doubles hardly had any good matches and the only noteworthy performance came from Lee Wan Wah and Choong Tan Fook, the new Malaysian pair who had a couple of stunning upset wins to their credit.

In the third round they beat Indonesians Sutrisna and Wijaya 15-5, 15-10 much to the annoyance of chief

Indonesian coach Indra Gunawan. Lee, especially from the net, uses his height to great advantage and either finishes the rally there or is able to create good openings for his partner, a gutsy left-hander who smashes with venom. But in the finals, the

pair were no match for Cheah and Yap who added US\$16,000 to their Atlanta silver medal with a 15-5 15-3 win.

The mixed doubles was simply pathetic. The only interesting match was in the semi-finals where the unorthodox Heryanto Trikus and Minarti Timur overcame a stubborn Korean pair of Ha Tae Kwon and Shim Yong Kim 15-6, 10-15, 15-1 with the Indonesians playing as a doubles pair in the third game. In the finals the Indonesians overwhelmed Denmark's Michael Sogaard and Rikki Olsen 15-7, 15-5.

The best match of the tournament in terms of sheer excitement was the women's doubles final which was won by Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen and Marlene Thomsen after a marathon 70-minute 10-15, 17-15, 17-16 triumph over the young Chinese pair of Qiang Hong and Liu Lu, the other finds of the tournament.

Ong Ewe Hock has been the runner-up for Malaysia in men's singles for so long and he has lived under the shadow of Rashid and Foo Kok Keong but this was his golden opportunity. And he was remarkable. Known more as a defensive player, Ong correctly decided that the best tactics now would be to stun his opponents by relentless attacking badminton. This he did to remarkable effect especially in the final against Indra Wijaya after losing the first set 15-1. Full concentrated attack the likes of which has hardly been seen on a badminton court saw the tiny Malaysian thrash Wijaya 15-1 in the second and after a 7-0 lead in the third took the game 15-7. Wijaya was never the last two games and Ong's time had finally come.

The 1996 Malaysian Open was a shame from most other angles. It will, however, be remembered for Ong Ewe Hock's mind-boggling performance. This alone was worth the agony of watching a sub standard tournament.



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PERMADI

LAUGHING ALL THE WAY TO HIS BANK

by Nazui Careem

The field for the Nin Jiom Hong Kong Open may have been weakened by withdrawals but that didn't deter Taiwan's ex-Indonesian international Fung Permadi.

After beating Indonesian youngster Salim 15-12, 15-10 in the men's singles final, Permadi refused to allow the absence of Olympic champion Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen, Joke Suprianto or Rashid Sidek to spoil his celebrations.

The 29-year-old had fulfilled his ambition of winning a five-star tournament and, in the process, gave badminton in Taiwan a shot in the arm.

It is thanks to Taiwan that Permadi was even able to play in the Hong Kong tournament, which capped one of his best fortnights - he had won the China Open the previous week.

In 1994 Permadi, and his coaches knew his chances of surviving in the Indonesian national squad were slim given the glut of emerging talent. However, he was not about to give up the sport he loves. Permadi, whose family were immigrant Chinese, left for Melbourne where he was hoping to study English and play badminton.

But things did not work out. "The conditions in Australia were not very good for me," said Permadi, who now speaks competent English as well as being fluent in Indonesian Bahasa and Mandarin. "I had to do everything myself. Apart from the training, I had to pay all my costs. There was little sponsorship so I decided to go back to Indonesia."

It was good to be home but Permadi still wanted to continue playing at the highest level. "I was trying to look for some place to go and play," said Permadi. "My mother had moved to Taiwan six years earlier so I decided to try there. I got in touch with the Taiwan Co-operative Bank club and asked them if they would be willing to sponsor me. They said 'yes' so I moved over to Taipei."

The bank's investment, which initially involved a three-year deal, paid off in the second year with Permadi's victory in Hong Kong. No wonder one of the bank's spokesmen said: "It was the best performance from a Taiwanese player ever. Permadi has really proved himself. We are so glad he came over to Taiwan. The players have a lot of respect for him and have learned a lot from him."

Now the club want Permadi, who still holds an Indonesian passport and trains mostly in Jakarta, to extend his contract.

"We are hoping that one day he will be able to coach the Taiwan team."

But Permadi does not want to think about coaching just yet. With the victories in China and Hong Kong increasing his appetite for success, he wants to continue playing and improve his world ranking. "I still want to win tournaments. As long as I do well in practice and tournaments I want to continue playing."

Permadi's victory charge in Hong Kong included wins over three of the young Indonesians who muscled him out of the national squad - 20-year-old Salim, Dwi Antonio and semi-finalist Budi Santoso.

Salim, a lanky player whose high smashes are deadly when accurate, was let down by his lack of experience, but showed enough to suggest that he will very quickly climb the ranking ladder, especially after his semi-final win over Denmark's Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen.

The Hong Kong Open was also a landmark for the women's singles winner Camilla Martin. The Danish star defeated Indonesia's Olympic silver medallist Mia Audina 11-8, 11-6 in the final to avenge her Atlanta defeat by her and to win her first five-star title.

"I've won tournaments in North America and Europe before, but winning Asia is different," said 22-year-old Camilla. "All the best players are in Asia and when they are in front of their home crowd, it is even more difficult to win so I'm very pleased with my performance."

The Hong Kong Open was a surprisingly good hunting ground for the Europeans. It is not often that Europe dominate the titles in Asian tournaments but that is what they did in Hong Kong through the talented Danes.

Apart from Martin, Denmark took the mixed doubles through Michael Sogaard and Rikke Olsen and the women's doubles through Marlene Thomsen and Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen.

The usually-dominant Indonesians walked away with only one title with Antonius and Deny Kantono winning the men's doubles. But at least they could claim to have played a small part in Fung Permadi's success.



SUSANTI REIGNS AGAIN... DESPITE A LEAKING ROOF!

by: Mohammad Bakir of Kompas

Only a leaking roof could stop the Indonesians winning all five titles in their own championships, especially in the absence of many of their closest rivals. But then the Indonesian Open in Medan did come straight after Atlanta and many players were still recovering from their Olympic efforts and their absence did give the young talent chance to shine...players like Sun Jian and Zeng Yaqiong and Malaysian Open champion Zhang Ning and the Malaysian finalist Wang Chen.

Peter Gade of Denmark and Jeffer Rosobin, Irwansyah and Budi Santoso from the host nation also caught the eye but the real stars were former world champions Susi Susanti and Joko Suprianto.

Triaji, the Indonesian men's singles coach said: "Peter has the speed and power which are usually the trademark of Asian players. Besides that, he has a complete range of strokes and also has a deceptive pattern of play."

In the absence of in-depth foreign opposition, Indonesian players went all out in the tournament which attracted over 3,000 spectators.

Iwan Setiawan, a PBSI official said: "The scarcity of top foreign players gave our young players the opportunity to compete in a big tournament which gave them invaluable experience."

None more so than 21-year-old Budi Santoso who beat Asian champion Jeffer Rosobin who had earlier ousted Heryanto Arbi 15-12, 10-15, 15-9. But experience counted in the end and in the final Santoso was not skilled enough to beat Joko Suprianto who took the title 15-8, 15-4.

While the singles was very competitive, not so women's doubles. Only Denmark's Malaysian winners Helene Kirkegaard and Rikke Olsen and their compatriots, Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen and Marlene Thomsen, barred the Indonesian path. But it was Eliza and Rosiana Zelin who proved too strong for the Olympic semi-finalists Kirkegaard and Olsen winning 15-7, 15-4. Similarly in the mixed, Indonesian pairs Trikus Heryanto and Minarti Timur and Flandy Limpele and Rosalina Riseu were only really challenged by the Danish pairs Rikke Olsen and Michael Sogaard and Anne Jorgensen and Thomas Stavngaard. In the final Trikus and Timur repeated their success in Malaysia beating team-mates Limpele and Riseau 15-8 15-1.

But worst of all was the men's doubles where the Indonesians had it all their own way. Some young Indonesian pairs were trying to make their mark... players like Halim Haryanto and David Efraim and Tony Gunawan and Rudy Wijaya. But all had to contend with Antonius and Denny Kantono who won the final in two games against Haryanto and Efraim.

Indonesian fans were hoping to see a great duel between Susanti and Olympic silver medallist, 17-year-old Mia Audina. But that hope was ruined when Audina's long-time rival, Wang Chen beat her 11-2 4-11 8-11. It was the second time that Audina had lost to Wang in the semi-finals but afterwards she said: "From the first set, my left thigh was giving me trouble" Probably not as much trouble as the two-hour delay caused by roof leaks!

So it was Susanti, a mere bronze medallist in Atlanta, who won the tournament for the third time in a row to give Indonesians their fifth title. That leaking roof twice interrupted matches.

On the first day play was held up for 90 minutes and again in the Audina-Wang semi-final but the organising committee could not do anything about the problem as the building was owned by the Teaching and Education Institute.

Eventually the roof was covered with plastic - but even that took two hours! As PBSI chairman Sumaryono said: "This was a very good lesson for the PBSI. In future, any venue chosen to host such a tournament will get much closer scrutiny."

Sara Out Of Luck In Slovakia.

Denmark's Sara Jonsson has good reason to remember the fourth Slovak International tournament as she and her team-mates dominated the event in Nitre, scene of the 1995 European junior championships. Eight of the 10 Danish players reached the finals and took three of the titles...but Sara was the unluckiest player in her squad.

She played in three finals and had to settle for second best in all three. She lost to team-mate and Czech International winner Tanja Berg 10-12 4-11 in the women's singles but teamed up with her in the women's doubles only to lose in the final 8-15 15-6 4-15 to another Danish pair, Rikke Broen and Sara Runesten. The last straw? That came in the mixed when she and Lars Paaske were edged out 8-15 18-16 15-7 by Slovakia's own Andrej and Maja Pohar in a dramatic final.

The other title to elude the Danes was the men's doubles where Austrian brothers Jurgen and Harald Koch really wrecked Denmark's hopes by beating three Danish pairs on the way to the title. In the final they were simply too good for mixed runner-up Paaske and his partner Jesper Mikla, winning 15-11 15-8.

Runner-up Mikla was almost as unlucky as Sara Jonsson, losing the men's singles final against fellow Dane Gregers Schytt 8-15 4-15.

A record number of countries entered this event, part of the Victor EBU circuit.



The squad from Southern Kazakhstan may have won the team event at the Kazakhstan Junior Championships but the town of Shimkent produced the stars of the tournament in Anton Tiajkoun and Janna Itibetova.

Anton completed a hat-trick in the tournament by winning the boys' singles then partnering Askar Ormanov to victory in the boys' doubles. He then helped Alena Popova to take the mixed title.

Janna, for her part, took the girls' singles while the gold medal for girls' doubles went to Natalya Derevianko and Julia Novikov from the city of Kustanai.

Kustanai region also took the runners-up spot in the team event behind Southern Kazakhstan with the bronze medal going to host town Kokshetau, where badminton is extremely popular among youngsters.

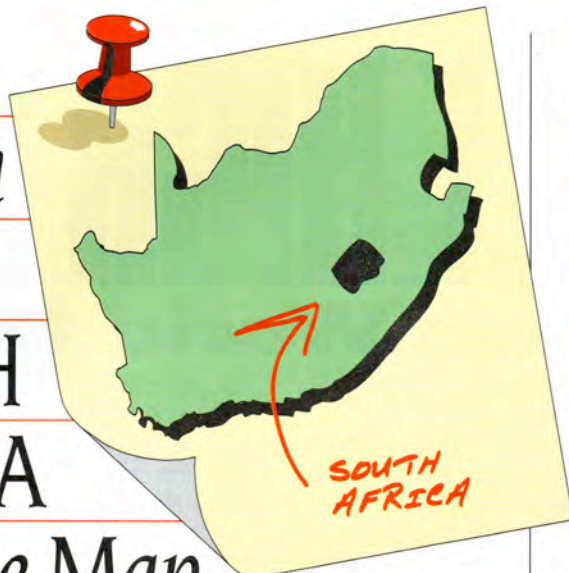
The event, sponsored by the Republic's Ministry of Youth Tourism and Sports, stretched over five days and attracted 48 entries - a lower figure than usual, because of the economic circumstances of some clubs.

Individual events were for 19-year-olds and under and the team event featured two each of boys' and girls' singles and doubles plus one mixed doubles.

The overall performance in the team event was satisfactory but revealed a lot of work to be done by the coaches of the girls in the 17 and 18-year-old group.

East London Buts SOUTH AFRICA On The Map

by Finn K Stender



GERMAN INTERNATIONAL OLIVER PONGRATZ WON THE HAMBURG CUP FOR THE FIRST TIME - AND 2,500 FANS WERE THERE TO SEE HIM DO IT.

LAST YEAR THE DM50,000 EVENT HAD ATTRACTED TOP INDONESIANS ARDY WIRANATA AND HERYANTO ARBI BUT 23-YEAR-OLD PONGRATZ MADE THE MOST OF THEIR ABSENCE THIS YEAR TO GIVE GERMANY A LONG-AWAITED VICTORY IN THE MEN'S SINGLES.

PONGRATZ REACHED THE FINAL WITH A NAIL-BITING 15-6 6-15 18-16 VICTORY OVER 1994 CHAMPION SOREN B NIELSEN OF DENMARK.

THE FINAL ALSO WENT TO THREE GAMES BEFORE PONGRATZ GOT THE BETTER OF SWEDEN'S RICKARD MAGNUSSON 12-15 15-6 15-8.

THE DANISH DOMINANCE OF WOMEN'S SINGLES CONTINUED JUST AS IT HAS SINCE 1993. THIS TIME IT WAS ANNE SONDERGAARD'S TURN. SEEDED SECOND BEHIND CAMILLA MARTIN, SHE WON AN ALL-DANISH FINAL BY BEATING METTE SORESENSEN 6-11 11-3 11-5.

THE MEN'S DOUBLES WAS DOMINATED BY IMPROVING INDONESIANS DHARMA FUNAWI AND YOSEPH PHOA, WHO ARE BOTH WELL KNOWN TO GERMAN FANS BECAUSE THEY PLAY IN THE BUNDESLIGA, OR THE DREAM LEAGUE AS IT IS KNOWN.

IN THE FINAL THEY MET ENGLAND'S IAN PEARSON AND JOHN QUINN AND THE GULF BETWEEN EAST AND WEST WAS ONCE AGAIN APPARENT WITH THE INDONESIANS ROMPING TO VICTORY 15-8 15-7.

OLDIES BUT GOLDIES... ERICA VAN DEN HEUVEL AND ELINE COENE FROM HOLLAND MAY BOAST 62 YEARS BETWEEN THEM BUT THEY ARE STILL A MATCH FOR MANY OF THEIR YOUNGER RIVALS. THEY USED THE HAMBURG WEEKEND TO PICK UP

SOME EASY MONEY, EARNING DM3,500 IN BEATING ANNE SONDERGAARD AND TANJA BERG TO THE WOMEN'S DOUBLES TITLE.

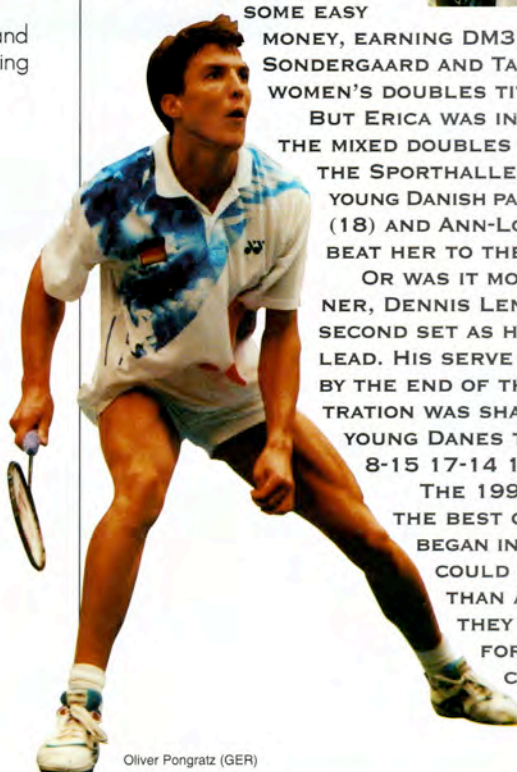
BUT ERICA WAS IN FOR A SURPRISE IN THE MIXED DOUBLES WHERE THE CROWD AT THE SPORSHALLE WANSBEK SAW THE YOUNG DANISH PAIR OF JONAS RASMUSSEN (18) AND ANN-LOU JORGENSEN (19) BEAT HER TO THE TITLE.

OR WAS IT MORE BECAUSE HER PARTNER, DENNIS LENS, HAD A NIGHTMARE SECOND SET AS HE BLEW A 15-8 7-1 LEAD. HIS SERVE WENT TO PIECES AND BY THE END OF THE GAME HIS CONCENTRATION WAS SHATTERED, LEAVING THE YOUNG DANES TO STORM BACK AND WIN 8-15 17-14 15-11.

THE 1996 HAMBURG CUP WAS THE BEST ORGANISED SINCE IT BEGAN IN 1990. AND WHAT MORE COULD THE FANS WISH FOR THAN A GERMAN WINNER. ALL THEY WANT NOW IS FOR OLIVER PONGRATZ TO COME BACK NEXT YEAR AND RETAIN THE TITLE!



Dharma Gunawi - Yoseph Phoa



Oliver Pongratz (GER)

First rugby, then cricket. Now it's badminton's turn to capture world attention in this new chapter in South African sport.

Appropriately the first South African International Badminton Championships were played in East London, the nearest badminton centre to South African President Nelson Mandela's birthplace at Mvezo near Umtate in the Transkei.

The tournament brought together players from Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia to compete with players from all over South Africa.

While the players did battle on the court, the IBF's English representative Richard Atwell conducted a course for court officials who were there from all over the Republic. Atwell also

guided them in a professional yet humorous manner through the game's rules.

It all added up to manna from heaven for the South African Badminton Union as their own players were tested by quality opposition like Ajit Verma of Zimbabwe and Mubanga Kaite of Zambia.

After three days of keenly-contested badminton Johan Kleingeld and Michelle Edwards emerged as the stars of the show, Kleingeld grabbing a hat-trick of titles and Edwards winning the singles and mixed.

For results see results section.

First of many... Zambia's Ghole Chongo and South Africa's Michelle Edwards outside the Nitting Badminton Hall in East London, where the first South African International Championships were staged. Fittingly Michelle came out first, winning the women's singles title and the mixed doubles.



**BADMINTON
HALL**

It was perhaps apt that the US\$350,000 Lipton World Grand Prix Badminton Finals were held in exotic Bali, the "Islands of the Gods" and one of the most popular tourist attractions in the world.

The Gods were indeed smiling on Fung Permadi, born in Puwakerto in Indonesia, but now representing Taiwan.

Prior to the World GP finals, the 29-year-old had won the Hongkong and China Opens but no one really expected him to shine in Bali. After all, he had been drawn with Indonesian No. 1 Joko Suprianto in Group A. At the US Open in California in September, Suprianto had outclassed Permadi 15-6, 15-8 in the semi-finals. But Suprianto slipped and fell during his opening night encounter against China's Chen Gang and was forced to withdraw from the tournament with a pulled right thigh muscle. The coast was clear for the affable Permadi - one of the most popular players on the tour because of his ability to speak fluent Indonesian, Mandarin and English - to make it to the semi-finals after easy wins over Denmark's Martin Hansen and Chen. In the semi-finals, the fired-up Permadi brushed aside Indonesian giant-killer Indra Wijaya 15-6, 15-8 to book his place in the final against China's Sun Jun.

The 22-year-old Wijaya had earlier stunned China's Olympic silver-medalist Dong Jiong and Malaysian No. 2 Ong Ewe Hock to qualify from Group B. The win over Wijaya was especially satisfying for the lithe, 180-m tall Permadi.

Early in 1994, Permadi and his coaches knew his chances of surviving in the national squad were slim because of the "Young Turks" like Wijaya coming up through the ranks.

Permadi was not getting any younger and he had yet to achieve the same level of success as his peers like Suprianto, Ardy Wiranata and Allan Budi Kusuma. So he decided to go solo, first in Australia before settling in Taipei with his Chinese mother. He is sponsored by the Taiwan Co-Operative Bank and has gained rapid acceptance and popularity in his adopted country. He even played at the first singles slot for Taiwan during the April Thomas Cup preliminaries in Auckland.

After struggling for much of his career, Permadi was finally in the first major final in Bali. His opponent was China's rapidly-maturing star Sun Jun, a former world junior champion who is still only 21. A dogged retriever in the mould of former Chinese great Han Jian, Sun had confounded established stars like Malaysia's Rashid Sidek and Indonesia's Hermawan Susanto and Allan Budi Kusuma en route to the final.

BALI HIGH FOR Lipton World Grand

But Sun was not fated to lift his first major title. He had charged off to a 7-3 lead in front of a capacity 3,000-crowd at the Yuwana Mandala Stadium. But then the Chinese fell and hurt his knee in almost the identical spot where Suprianto had slipped a few days earlier. Sun gamely carried on but with his mobility and confidence gone, he lost 12-15, 8-15 in 39 minutes.

Permadi collected US\$22,750 - the largest pay cheque in badminton - while Sun

received some consolation in the US\$14,000 purse for finishing runner-up.

Said the champion: "I'm very happy to have finally won a major title but my joy has been tarnished somewhat by the circumstances under which I won. "Obviously, Joko's withdrawal made it easier for me while Sun was not the same player after his fall. But those were circumstances beyond my control."

Meanwhile, Indonesian superstar Susi Susanti captured a record sixth World GP finals women's singles title. She had already surpassed the great Li Lingwei's record of four titles in Bangkok two years ago and it will be a while before anyone comes even close to challenging this landmark. Susanti brushed aside the challenge of Chinese arch-rival Ye Zhaoying in the final, winning 11-4, 11-1 in only 21 minutes with a typical display of error-free badminton while her temperamental opponent self-destructed.

The US\$17,500 prize money will certainly come in handy for Susanti, who will finally tie the knot with long-time sweetheart Alan Budi Kusuma on February 23 in Jakarta. A few thousand guests are expected at the Indonesian Wedding of the Year. Kusuma would have loved to win the men's singles crown, in a repeat of their fairy-tale golden feat at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, but he found Sun too hot to handle in the semi-finals.

But the 28-year-old Kusuma made amends for his dismal showing in Atlanta, where he crashed out in straight games to the in-form Hoyer-Larsen at the quarter-final stage. The Indonesian gave Hoyer-Larsen a taste of his own medicine with a 15-7, 15-4 demolition job of the mighty Dane in a round-robin Group D encounter. Kusuma took a 7-6 lead in a rivalry that has gone back many years. Said Hoyer-Larsen, "He killed me here. But I think he felt the same way when I killed him in Atlanta. Games between Allan and me are either one-sided affairs like these or very close three-game affairs. "There is no middle ground because our styles are so similar. Sometimes, you have to accept that someone has played better than you and that was the case here."



Susi Susanti proved that she is back to her best winning her sixth World Grand Prix title



Fung Permadi.

MALAYSIAN OPEN

21-25 August 1996

Quarter-finals: Yigang Luo (CHN) beat Jason Wong (MAL) 15:8 15:6, Indra Wijaya (INA) beat Ponniah Kantharopan (MAL) 15:8 15:4, Ong Ewe Hock (MAL) beat Hu Zhilan (CHN) 15:2 15:10, Chen Gang (CHN) beat Hermawan Susanto (INA) 15:9 15:7 **Semi-Finals:** Wijaya beat Luo 15:11 11:15 15:8, Ong (MAL) beat Chen (CHN) 15:2 15:6 **Final:** Ong beat Wijaya 1:15 15:1 15:7

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Wang Chen (CHN) beat Chikako Nakayama (JPN) 11:2 11:8, Sun Jian (CHN) beat Meiluwati (INA) 11:3 11:8, Gong Zhichao (CHN) beat Zeng Yaqiong (CHN) 12:10 11:0, Zhang Ning (CHN) beat Christine Magnusson (SWE) 11:0 11:5 **Semi-finals:** Wang beat Sun 11:4 6:11 11:5, Zhang beat Gong 2:11 12:10 11:7 **Final:** Zhang beat Wang 11:7 11:8

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Cheah Soon Kit & Yap Kim Hock (MAL) beat Chris Hunt & Simon Archer (ENG) 15:11 15:11, Tony Gunawan & Rudy Wijaya (INA) beat Andrej Antropov & Nikolaj Zuev (RUS) 15:6 15:17 15:5, Liu Yong & Zhang Wei (CHN) beat Dicky Purwotugiono & Sigit (INA) 18:16 18:17, Choong Tan Fook & Lee Wan Wah (MAL) beat Lee Wei-Zen & Chin Shien Chen (TPE) 15:9 15:2 **Semi-finals:** Cheah & Yap beat Gunawan & Wijaya 15:7 15:8, Choong & Lee beat Liu & Zhang 15:9 5:15 17:14 **Final:** Cheah & Yap beat Choong & Lee 15:5 15:3.

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Helene Kirkegaard & Rikke Olsen (DEN) beat Indarti Isoliana & Denyana Lomban (INA) 15:7 15:8, Qiang Hong & Liu Lu (CHN) beat Tung Chau Man & Ng Ching (HKG) 15:4 15:6, Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen & Marlene Thomsen (DEN) beat Zeng Yaqiong & Gong Zhichao (CHN) 15:5 15:13, Eliza & Rosiana Zelin (INA) beat Wang Li & Gao Qian (CHN) 15:0 15:1 **Semi-finals:** Qiang & Liu beat Kirkegaard & Olsen 15:9 11:15 15:12, Stuer-Lauridsen & Thomsen beat Eliza & Zelin **Final:** Stuer-Lauridsen & Thomsen beat Qiang & Liu 10:15 17:15 17:15.

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Trikus Heryanto & Minarti Timur (INA) beat Simon Archer & Maria Bengtsson (ENG & SWE) 15:8 15:6, Ha Tae Kwon & Kim Shin Young (KOR) beat Thomas Stavngaard & Ann Jorgensen (DEN) 16:17 15:4 15:8, Nimpele Flandy & Rosalina Riseu (INA) beat Kang Kyung Jin & Park Soo Yun (KOR) w/o, Michael Sogaard & Rikke Olsen (DEN) beat Chris Hunt & Helene Kirkegaard (ENG & DEN) 10:15 15:4 15:10 **Semi-finals:** Heryanto & Timur beat Ha & Kim 15:8 10:15 15:1, Sogaard & Olsen beat Flandy & Riseu 15:4 15:5 **Final:** Heryanto & Timur beat Sogaard & Olsen 15:8 10:15 15:1

INDONESIAN OPEN

27-31 August 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Joko Suprianto (INA) beat Hermawan Susanto (INA) 15:8 12:15 18:17, Allan Budi Kusuma (INA) beat Dwi Aryanto (INA) 15:6 15:11, Peter Gade Christensen (DEN) beat Marleve Mainaky (INA) 15:9 15:4, Budi Santoso (INA) beat R. Jeffer (INA) 15:9 18:16 **Semi-finals:** Suprianto beat Budi Kusuma 13:15 15:3 15:10, Santoso beat Gade Christensen 10:15 15:10 15:13 **Final:** Suprianto beat Santoso 15:8 15:4.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Susi Susanti (INA) beat Meiluwati (INA) 11:4 11:3, Yuni Kartika (INA) beat Sun Jian (CHN) 9:12 11:5 11:5, Wang Chen (CHN) beat Liu Yufang (CHN) 4:11 11:6 11:0, Mia Audina (INA) beat Zeng Yaqiong (CHN) 11:2 11:0 **Semi-finals:** Susanti beat Kartika 11:8 11:6, Wang beat Audina 11:2 4:11 11:8 **Final:** Susanti beat Wang 11:8 11:8.

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Denny Kantono & Antonius S (INA) beat Andrej Antropov & Nikolaj Zuev (RUS) 15:8 10:15 15:3, Tony Gunawan & Rudy Wijaya (INA) beat Seng Kok Kiong & Wibowo Victo (INA) 11:15 15:8 15:3, Davis & Halim (INA) beat Chandra Wijaya & Ade Sutrisna (INA) 6:15 15:2 15:9, Aras Razak & Hadi Sugianto (INA) beat Hermono & Hian Eng (INA) 15:5 15:8 **Semi-finals:** Kantono & Antonius beat Gunawan & Wijaya 15:11 11:15 15:6, Davis & Halim beat Razak & Sugianto 15:10 8:15 15:13 **Final:** Kantono & Antonius beat Davis & Halim 15:3 15:10

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Helene Kirkegaard & Rikke Olsen (DEN) beat Indarti Isoliana & Denyana Lomban (INA) 15:10 15:5, Liu Yufang & Sun Jian (CHN) beat Zanati Nonong Denis & Carmelita (INA) 15:6 15:9, Minarti Timur & Finarsih (INA) beat Park Soo Yun & Kim Shin Young (KOR) 15:9 5:15 15:9, Eliza & Rosiana Zelin (INA) beat Herawati & Angeline (INA) 15:1 15:11 **Semi-finals:** Kirkegaard & Olsen beat Liu & Sun 15:7 15:4, Eliza & Zelin beat Timur & Finarsih 15:4 15:7 **Final:** Eliza & Zelin beat Kirkegaard & Olsen 15:7 15:4

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Trikus Heryanto & Minarti Timur (INA) beat Bambang Suprianto & Finarsih (INA) 15:5 15:7, Thomas Stavngaard & Ann Jorgensen (DEN) beat Sandiarto & Indarti Isoliana (INA) 15:11 15:8, Nimpele Flandy & Rosalina Riseu (INA) beat Chris Hunt & Helene Kirkegaard (ENG & DEN) 15:10 15:9, Michael Sogaard & Rikke Olsen (DEN) beat Iman Tohari & Ema Ermawati (INA) 15:4 15:7 **Semi-finals:** Heryanto & Timur beat Stavngaard & Jorgensen 15:5 17:14, Flandy & Riseu beat Sogaard & Olsen 11:15 15:8 15:8 **Final:** Heryanto & Timur beat Flandy & Riseu 15:0 15:1

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HAMBURG CUP

30-1 September 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Soren B Nielsen (DEN) beat Bram Fernardin (GER) 15:8 15:7, Oliver Pongratz (GER) beat Peter Janum (DEN) 10:15 15:2 15:3, Detlef Poste (GER) beat Marek Bujak (GER) 15:7 18:15, Rikard Magnusson (SWE) beat Niels Christian Kaldau (DEN) 15:7 11:15 15:4 **Semi-finals:** Pongratz beat Nielsen 15:6 6:15 18:16, Magnusson beat Poste 18:16 18:15 **Final:** Pongratz beat Magnusson 12:15 15:6 15:8.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Anne Sondergaard (DEN) beat Christina Sorensen (DEN) 11:5 11:5, Karolina Ericsson (SWE) beat Brenda Beenhakker (NED) 11:5 11:2, Mette Sorensen (DEN) beat Claudia Vogelsang (GER) 11:1 11:6, Joanne Muggeridge (ENG) beat Pernille Harder (DEN) 11:5 11:5 **Semi-finals:** Sondergaard beat Ericsson 11:5 11:1, Sorensen beat Muggeridge 11:8 11:7 **Final:** Sondergaard beat Sorensen 6:11 11:3 11:5.

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Uwe Ossenbrink & Kai Mitteldorf (GER) beat Michael Lamp & Jonas Rasmussen (NED & DEN) 15:3 7:15 18:15, Yoseph Phoa & Dharma Gunawi (INA) beat Allan Borch & Janek Roos (DEN) 8:15 15:7 15:12, Bjorn Siegmund & Christian Mohr (GER) beat Detlef Poste & Marek Bujak (GER) 15:9 15:1, John Quinn & Ian Pearson (ENG) beat Conrad Huckstadt & Sebastian Ottrembka (GER) 15:8 15:5 **Semi-finals:** Phoa & Gunawi beat Ossenbrink & Mitteldorf 15:5 18:13, Quinn & Pearson beat Siegmund & Mohr 15:7 15:6 **Final:** Phoa & Gunawi beat Quinn & Pearson 15:8 15:7.

Ladies doubles

Quarter-finals: Eline Coene & Erica Van den Heuvel (NED) beat Mette Sorensen & Pernille Harder (DEN) 15:7 15:7, Gitte Jansson & Mette Scholdager (DEN) beat Dorota Grzejdak & Claudia Vogelsang (POL & GER) 8:15 15:9 15:6, Ann Jorgensen & Christina Sorensen (DEN) beat Jane Jakoby & Britta Andersen (DEN) 15:11 15:6, Tanja Berg & Anne Sondergaard (DEN) beat Nicole Van Hooren & Brenda

Conijn (NED) 17:14 15:9 **Semi-final:** Coene & Van Den Heuvel beat Jansson & Scholdager w & o, Berg & Sondergaard beat Jorgensen & Sorensen 15:11 15:12 **Final:** Coene & Van den Heuvel beat Berg & Sondergaard 15:5 15:6.

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Jonas Rasmussen & Ann Jorgensen (DEN) beat Quinten Van Dalm & Nicole Van Hooren (NED) 15:18 15:6 15:10, Allan Borch & Tanja Berg (DEN) beat Sebastian Ottrembka & Anja Weber (GER) 15:5 17:14, Dennis Lens & Erica Van Den Heuvel (NED) beat Michael Lamp & Britta Andersen (NED & DEN) 14:17 15:4 15:4, Thoms Hovgaard & Gitte Jansson (DEN) beat Kai Mitteldorf & Viola Rathgeber (GER) 15:3 15:6 **Semi-finals:** Rasmussen & Jorgensen beat Borch & Berg 15:2 12:15 15:4, Lens & Van Den Heuvel (NED) beat Hovgaard & Jansson w & o **Final:** Rasmussen & Jorgensen beat Lens & Van Den Heuvel 8:15 17:14 15:11.

BRUNEI OPEN

3-7 September 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Yan Wei (CHN) beat Roslin Hashim (MAS) 15:7 15:10, Ismail Saman (MAS) beat Apichai Thiraratsakul (THA) 15:6 15:8, Dwi Aryanto (INA) beat Lo Ah Heng (MAS) 15:4 15:11, Salim (INA) beat Peter Bush (ENG) 15:2 5:0 **Semi-finals:** Saman beat Yan (CHN) 15:8 17:15, Aryanto beat Salim 15:10 15:10 **Final:** Aryanto beat Saman 15:8 15:1

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Wu Huimin (CHN) beat Yuni Kartika (INA) 11:3 11:6, Henny (INA) beat Chan Chia Fong (MAS) 11:0 11:2, Kristin Yunita (INA) beat Lenny Permana (INA) 11:1 12:10, Ellen Engelina (INA) beat Zarinah Abdullah (SIN) 7:11 11:2 11:2 **Semi-finals:** Wu beat Henny 11:7 11:11 11:4, Engelina beat Yunita 11:7 2:11 11:7 **Final:** Wu beat Engelina 11:3 11:5.

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Seng Kok Kiong & Victo Wibowo (INA) beat Yu Qi & Yang Ming (CHN) 15:10 15:7, Davis & Halim beat Anurak Thiraratsakul & Tesana Panvisvas (THA) 15:7 15:11, Cun Cun & Ade Lucas (INA) beat

Tan Sian Peng & Lau Patrick Kim Pong (SIN) 15:6 15:7, Rosman Razak & Chew Choon Eng (MAS) beat Kitipon Kitikul & Nattapol Saravan (THA) 15:9 15:2 **Semi-finals:** Davis & Halim beat Seng & Wibowo 15:5 15:18 15:3, Cun Cun & Lukas beat Razak & Chew 15:7 11:15 15:10 **Final:** Cun Cun & Lukas beat Davis & Halim 8:15 15:4 15:4

Ladies' doubles:

Quarter-finals: Nicola Beck & Joanne Davis (ENG) beat Julia Mann & Wiwi (ENG & BRU) 15:7 15:10, Kuak Seok Choon & Norhashakin Amin (MAL) beat Cai Jian & Wu Huimin (CHN) 15:6 15:4, Pornsawan Plungwech & Thitikarn Duangsiri (THA) beat Vera Octavia & Emma (INA) 17:14 15:11, Chan Chia Fong & Lee Yin Yin (MAL) beat Moira Ong & Elma Ong (CAN) 8:15 15:12 15:4 **Semi-final:** Beck & Davies beat Kuak & Amin 15:10 15:10, Plungwech & Duangsiri beat Chan & Lee 15:4 17:15 **Final:** Plungwech & Duangsiri beat Beck & Davies 15:8 15:11.

Mixed doubles:

Quarter-finals: Iman Tohari & Ema Ermawati (INA) beat Peter Bush & Nicola Beck (ENG) 15:3 15:3, Yang Ming & Zhou Mi (CHN) beat Sunarno & Enny Kuswati (INA) 15:7 15:10, Sandiarto & Vera Octavia (INA) beat Julian Robertson & Joanne Davies (ENG) 15:5 15:8, Yu Qi & Cai Jian (CHN) beat Choong Tan Fook & Lee Yin Yin (MAS) 15:4 15:11 **Semi-finals:** Yang & Zhou beat Tohari & Ermawati 10:15 15:13 15:2, Sandiarto & Octavia beat Yu & Cai (CHN) 15:5 18:17 **Final:** Sandiarto & Octavia beat Yang & Zhou 18:13 15:2

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL

w/e 8 September 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Shen Yifeng (AUS) beat Jeffrey Tjuandi (AUS) 8:15 15:2 15:10, Craig Booley (AUS) beat Chris Thirlwell (AUS) 15:11 15:11, Murray Hocking (AUS) beat Malvin Llanes (PHI) 18:14 15:6, Tam Kai Chuen (HKG) beat Jason Williams (AUS) 15:2 15:2 **Semi-finals:** Shen beat Booley 15:5 15:6, Tam beat Hocking 15:12 15:8 **Final:** Tam beat Shen 15:18 15:12 15:11.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Lisa Campbell (AUS) beat Rayoni Head (AUS) 11:2 11:5, Koon Wai Chee (HKG) beat Kellie Lucas (AUS) 8:11 11:1 11:8, Amparo Lim (PHI) beat Jenny Gibson (AUS) 11:5 11:3, Ng Ching (HKG) beat Rhonda Cator (AUS) 11:0 11:7 **Semi-finals:** Campbell beat Koon 11:7 11:4, Ng beat Lim 11:1 11:8 **Final:** Campbell beat Ng 11:6 11:1.

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Mark Nicols & Murray Hocking (AUS) beat Paul Kong & Denis Todd (AUS) 13:15 15:5 15:6, Chow Kin Man & Ma Che Kong (HKG) beat Shen Yifeng & Lee Jones (AUS) 15:13 15:5, Tang Jiang

& Jeffrey Tjuandi (AUS) beat Matthew McCarthy & Ben McCarthy (AUS) 15:5 15:9, Zheng Yushen (CHN) beat Peter Blackburn & David Bamford (AUS) 7:15 18:16 15:6 **Semi-finals:** Chow & Ma beat Nichols & Hocking 15:9 15:10, Zheng & Zheng beat Tang & Tjuandi 15:1 15:12 **Final:** Chow & Ma beat Zheng & Zheng 11:15 15:13 15:10

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Amparo Lim & Kennie Asuncion (PHI) beat Koon Wai Chee & Chan Mei Mei (HKG) 15:9 15:8, Lisa Campbell & Karen French (AUS) beat Tracy Hebdon & Sandra Todd (AUS) 15:5 15:6, Rhonda Cator & Kellie Lucas (AUS) beat Jenny Gibson & Lynda Graves (AUS) 17:18 15:8 15:9, Tung Chau Man & Ng Ching (HKG) beat Wendy Noye & Sandra Williams (AUS) 15:7 15:4 **Semi-finals:** Lim & Asuncion beat Campbell & French 15:10, 15:3, Cator & Lucas beat Tung & Ng 15:12 13:15 15:1 **Final:** Lim & Asuncion beat Cator & Lucas 15:7 15:8.

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Peter Blackburn & Rhonda Cator (AUS) beat Martin Andrew & Lynda Graves (ENG & AUS) 15:9 17:15, Zheng Yushen & Zheng Yuli (CHN) beat David Bamford & Kellie Lucas (AUS) 12:15 15:13 17:15, Tam Kai Chuen & Tung Chau Man (HKG) beat Craig Booley & Michaela Smith (AUS) 15:12 15:4, David Draper & Jenny Gibson (AUS) beat Murray Hocking & Lisa Campbell (AUS) 7:15 15:6 17:15 **Semi-finals:** Blackburn & Cator beat Zheng & Zheng 15:5 15:12, Tam & Tung beat Draper & Gibson 15:3 15:8 **Final:** Blackburn & Cator beat Tam & Tung 11:15 17:14 15:6.

SOUTH AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL

31 September 3 October 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Johan Kleingeld (RSA) beat Bennie Erasmus (RSA) 15:6 15:5, Chris Merrington (RSA) beat Anton Kriel (RSA) 8:15 18:17 15:8, Nico Meerholtz (RSA) beat Michael Adams (RSA) 6:15 15:14 15:13, Ivan Botha (RSA) beat Mubanga Kate (ZAM) 15:3 9:15 15:11 **Semi-finals:** Kleingeld beat Merrington 15:3 15:4, Botha beat Meerholtz 7:15 15:11 15:4 **Final:** Kleingeld beat Botha 15:0 15:5.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Michelle Edwards (RSA) beat Marika Bester (RSA) 12:11 11:3, Karen Coetzer (RSA) beat Elsabe Du Preez (RSA) 11:0 11:0, Annalize Du Preez (RSA) beat Claire Andersson (RSA) 11:0 12:11, Vanessa Van der Walt (RSA) beat Candice Walker (RSA) 11:2 11:6 **Semi-finals:** Edwards beat Coetzer 11:0 11:0, Du Preez beat Van der Walt 12:9 11:6 **Final:** Edwards beat Du Preez 11:7 11:4.

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Gavin Polmans & Johan Kleingeld (RSA) beat Wayne

Pagel & Ross Munro (RSA) 15:3 15:2, Chris Merrington & Michael Adams (RSA) beat Bennie Erasmus & Dean Coetzer (RSA) 15:11 5:15 18:15, Jimmy Rujevic & Dave Calvert (RSA) beat Michael Radue & Ivan Botha (RSA) 15:12 9:15 15:4, Anton Kriel & Nico Meerholtz (RSA) beat Mubanga Kate & Stanley Mwangulu (ZAM) 15:4 15:2 **Semi-finals:** Polmans & Kleingeld beat Merrington & Adams 15:10 15:9, Kriel & Meerholtz beat Rujevic & Calvert 15:9 15:1 **Final:** Polmans & Kleingeld beat Kriel & Meerholtz 17:15 15:11.

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Vanessa Van der Walt & Annalize Du Preez (RSA) beat Janine Spencer & Emelda Botha (RSA) 15:1 15:1, Karen Wehmeyer & Marika Bester (RSA) beat Lolly Hensman & Chola Chongo (ZIM & ZAM) 15:4 15:7, Michelle Edwards & Sandra Weiss (RSA) beat Candice Walker & Elsabe Du Preez (RSA) 15:11 11:15 15:9, Debbie Tee & Karen Coetzer (RSA) beat Claire Andersson & Candice Stewart (RSA) 15:11 15:11 **Semi-finals:** Van der Walt & Du Preez beat Wehmeyer & Bester 15:5 15:1, Tee & Coetzer beat Edwards & Weiss 11:15 15:3 15:4 **Final:** Van der Walt & Du Preez beat Tee & Coetzer 15:11 11:15 15:2

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Johan Kleingeld & Michelle Edwards (RSA) beat Michael Radue & Debbie Tee (RSA) 15:8 15:7, Karen Coetzer & Dean Coetzer (RSA) beat Bennie Erasmus & Candice Walker (RSA) 11:15 17:14 15:10, Alex Nel & Annalize Du Preez (RSA) beat Gavin Polmans & Elsabe Du Preez (RSA) 15:9 15:5, Anton Kriel & Vanessa Van Der Walt (RSA) beat Jimmy Rujevic & Ronel Pieterse (RSA) 16:17 15:6 15:8 **Semi-finals:** Kleingeld & Edwards beat Coetzer & Coetzer 15:8 15:6, Nel & Du Preez beat Kriel & Van Der Walt 7:15 17:14 15:3 **Final:** Kleingeld & Edwards beat Nel & Du Preez 15:5 15:8.

MALMO INTERNATIONAL

13-15 September 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Rikard Magnusson (SWE) beat Claus Jensen (DEN) 15:5 15:1, Daniel Ericsson (SWE) beat Anders Boesen (DEN) 17:18 15:12 15:12, Martin Hagberg (SWE) beat Kasper Oedum (DEN) 18:14 15:5, Jesper Olsson (SWE) beat Mark Constable (ENG) 15:1 15:10 **Semi-finals:** Magnusson beat Ericsson 9:15 15:4 18:15, Olsson beat Hagberg 17:16 15:10 **Final:** Magnusson beat Olsson

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Karolina Ericsson (SWE) beat Mette Pedersen (DEN) 6:11 12:10 11:7, Margit Borg (SWE) beat Michelle Rasmussen (DEN) 11:4 11:1, Mette Sorensen (DEN) beat Majken Vange (DEN) 11:6 11:0, Marina Andrievskaya (SWE) beat Tanja Berg (DEN) 11:2 11:5 **Semi-finals:** Borg beat Ericsson 11:2 11:3,

Andrievskaya beat Sorensen 11:1 11:6 **Final:** Borg beat Andrievskaya 11:6 12:11

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Jesper Larsen & Peder Nissen (DEN) beat Jonas Carlsson & Mikael Martensson (SWE) 17:14 15:0, Frederik Bergstrom & Rasmus Wengberg (SWE) beat Paul Otto & Kim Johansson (SWE) 15:8 15:1  Robert Larsson & Anders Hansson (SWE) beat Thomas Hovgaard & Jonas Rasmussen (DEN) 15:10 13:15 15:11, Johan Tholinsson & Henrik Andersson (SWE) beat Martin Ek & Peter Christensson (SWE) 15:5 14:17 15:5 **Semi-finals:** Larsen & Nissen beat Bergstrom & Wengberg 15:4 16:18 15:8, Larsson & Hansson beat Tholinsson & Andersson 15:13 17:17 15:12 **Final:** Larsson & Hansson beat Larsen & Nissen 15:9 15:7

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Maria Bengtsson & Margit Borg (SWE) beat Sarah Jonsson & Tine Rasmussen (DEN) 15:5 15:4, Tanja Berg & Mette Pedersen (DEN) beat Katja Wengberg & Jenny Karlsson (SWE) 18:13 15:9, Pernille Harder & Ann-Lou Jorgensen (DEN) beat Malin Erlandsson & Ulrika Persson (SWE) 15:6 9:15 18:16, Gitte Jansson & Mette Scholdager (DEN) beat Helena Bjork & Anu Weckstrom (SWE & FIN) 15:6 15:3 **Semi-finals:** Bengtsson & Borg beat Berg & Pedersen 15:7 15:5, Harder & Jorgensen beat Jansson & Scholdager 17:15 15:10 **Final:** Bengtsson & Borg beat Harder & Jorgensen 15:4 15:7 

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Robert Larsson & Maria Bengtsson (SWE) beat Michael Lamp & Pernille Harder (NED & DEN) 15:5 15:10, Jonas Rasmussen & Ann-Lou Jorgensen (DEN) beat Tomas Viborg & Katja Wengberg (SWE) 15:5 15:3, Johan Tholinsson & Johann Holgersson (SWE) beat Martin Ek & Helena Bjork (SWE) 15:7 15:13, Jesper Larsen & Majken Vange (DEN) beat Ola Molin & Jenny Karlsson (SWE) 15:10 15:9 **Semi-finals:** Larsson & Bengtsson beat Rasmussen & Jorgensen 15:12 15:5, Larsen & Vange beat Tholinsson & Holgersson 15:2 15:3 **Final:** Larsson & Bengtsson beat Larsen & Vange 15:5 15:11

NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL

10-14 September 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Tam Kai Chuen (HKG) beat Jarrod King (NZL) 15:5 15:8, Dean Galt (NZL) beat Ed Pantitanour (NZL) 15:1 15:5, Geoff Bellingham (NZL) beat Croydon Rutherford (NZL) 15:12 15:3, Nicholas Hall (NZL) beat Chris Bl  (NZL) 15:6 15:9 **Semi-finals:** Tam beat Galt 15:9 15:9, Hall beat Bellingham 15:10 6:15 15:7 **Final:** Tam beat Hall 15:9 15:11.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Li Feng (CHN) beat Jennifer Doo (NZL) 11:2 11:1, Ching

Ng (HKG) beat Megan Heaney (NZL) 11:3 11:2, Chan Mei Mei (HKG) beat Julie Still (NZL) 11:3 11:0, Rhona Robertson (NZL) beat Amanda Carter (NZL) 11:3 11:1
Semi-finals: Li beat Ng 12:10 5:11 11:4, Robertson beat Chan 11:0 11:1
Final: Li beat Robertson 5:11 11:4 11:6

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Chow Kin Man & Ma Che Kong (HKG) beat Croydon Rutherford & Jeremy Raines (NZL) 18:13 15:5, Kerrin Harrison & Dean Galt (NZL) beat Chris Roy & Nic Raines (NZL) 15:3 15:9, Ferdy Wiranata & Igor Ganchitis (NZL) beat Poniman & Thommy Sargito (AUS & FRA) 15:9 15:4, Nicholas Hall & Geoff Bellingham (NZL) beat Jarrod King & Anton Gargiulo (NZL) 8:15 15:10 15:5
Semi-finals: Chow & Ma beat Harrison & Galt 15:10 15:8, Hall & Bellingham beat Wiranata & Ganchitis 15:9 15:9
Final: Chow & Ma beat Hall & Bellingham 15:11 15:5

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Rhona Robertson & Tammy Jenkins (NZL) beat Amanda Guthrie & Anne Krabbe (NZL & DEN) 15:7 15:3, Koon Wai Chee & Chan Mei Mei (HKG) beat Emma Lovelock & Gillian Wordsworth (NZL) 15:1 15:8, Karen Stechmann & Nicol Pitro (GER) beat Megan Heaney & Rebecca Gordon (NZL & DEN) 15:1 15:5, Tung Chau Man & Ng Ching (HKG) beat Julie Still & Amanda Carter (NZL) 15:12 15:9
Semi-finals: Robertson & Jenkins beat Koon & Chan 15:7 15:3, Stechmann & Pitro beat Tung & Ng 18:15 17:16
Final: Robertson & Jenkins beat Stechmann & Pitro 15:8 15:9

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Dean Galt & Tammy Jenkins (NZL) beat Chow Kin Man & Koon Wai Chee (NZL) 15:4 15:12, Croydon Rutherford & Amanda Guthrie (NZL) beat Ma Che Kong (HKG) Chan Mei Mei (HKG) 15:12 15:7, Nicholas Hall & Nicole Gordon (NZL) beat Chris Blair & Fiona Dunn (NZL) 15:12 12:15 15:5, Tam Kai Chuen & Tung Chau Man (HKG) beat Jarrod King & Nicol Pitro (NZL & GER) 15:9 15:5
Semi-finals: Galt & Jenkins beat Rutherford & Guthrie 15:6 15:6, Tam & Tung beat Hall & Gordon 15:9 15:3
Final: Tam & Tung beat Galt & Jenkins 18:14 15:11

MAURITIUS INTERNATIONAL

19-22 September 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Mahathir Mustaffa (MAL) beat Stephan Bheerarry (MAU) 15:2 15:2, Jason Wong (MAL) beat Ong Huck Lee (MAL) 15:9 15:10, Eddy Clarisse (MAU) beat Clement Assing (UKN) w & o, Richard Doling (ENG) beat Foo Yoon Keang (MAL) 15:4 15:9
Semi-finals: Wong beat Mustaffa 15:5 15:1, Doling beat Clarisse 15:12 15:2
Final: Wong beat Doling 15:6 5:15 15:2.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Justine Willmott (ENG) beat Sandra Moses (SEY) 11:1 11:8, Antoinette Uys (UKN) beat Shirley Etienne (SEY) 11:9 11:3, Chanta Botts (RSA) beat Karen Fookune (SEY) 11:9 11:6, Marie Joseph Jean Pierre (MAU) beat Christelle Vencaterreddy (MAU) 11:7 11:1
Semi-finals: Willmott beat Uys 11:1 11:1, Botts beat Jean Pierre 1:7 11:7
Final: Willmott beat Botts 11:4 11:2

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Mahathir Mustaffa & Jason Wong (MAL) beat Ivan Botha & Alex Nel (RSA) 15:6 15:7, Carl Fenton & Richard Doling (ENG) beat Eddy Clarisse & Stephane (MAU) 15:10 15:12, Foo Yoon Keang & Ong Huck Lee (MAL) beat Pascal Hoarau & Frederick Chattard (UKN) 15:7 15:2, Dave Wright & Nitin Panesar (ENG) beat Gilles Allet & Abinash Dussain (MAU) 15:1 15:8
Semi-finals: Mustaffa & Wong beat Fenton & Doling 15:10 15:5, Wright & Panesar beat Foo & Ong 15:8 15:5
Final: Wright & Panesar beat Mustaffa & Wong 15:6 15:18 15:9

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Justine Willmott & Lorraine Cole (ENG) beat Arlene Zamudia & Le Rit Sen Sancy (MAU) 15:0 15:0, Antoinette Uys & Chanta Botts (RSA) beat Dajee & Marie-Helene Pierre (MAU) 15:1 9:15 15:4, Sandra Moses & Shirley Etienne (SEY) beat Sheeba Vawda & Karen Fookune (MAU) 1:15 15:3 15:3, Marie Joseph Jean Pierre & Yovana Marudamuthu (MAU) beat Kashini Kitnasamy & Shama Aboobakar (MAU) 15:0 15:1
Semi-finals: Willmott & Cole beat Uys & Botts 15:1 15:3, Jean Pierre & Marudamuthu beat Moses & Etienne 15:15 15:3
Final: Willmott & Cole beat Jean Pierre & Marudamuthu 15:4 15:10

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Dave Wright & Lorraine Cole (ENG) beat Mahadnac & Karen Foo Kune (MAU) 15:4 15:3, Ivan Botha & Chanta Botts (RSA) beat Kevin Li Yin & Yovanna Marudamuthu (MAU) 15:10 15:4, Alex Nel & Antoinette Uys (RSA) beat Stephane Beeharry & Marie-Helene Pierre (MAU) 15:10 17:15, Carl Fenton & Justine Willmott (ENG) beat Senio Poisson & Marie Joseph Jean Pierre (MAU) 15:9 15:5
Semi-finals: Wright & Cole beat Botha & Botts 15:3 15:1, Fenton & Willmott beat Nel & Uys 18:16 9:15 15:6
Final: Wright & Cole beat Fenton & Willmott 15:4 15:4

US OPEN

23-28 September 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Joko Suprianto (INA) beat Ong Ewe hock (MAL) 15:8 3:15 15:8, Fung Permadi (TPE) beat Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen (DEN) 8:15 15:8 15:12, Rashid Sidek (MAL) beat Hwang Sun Ho (KOR) 15:5 15:7, Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen (DEN) beat Budi Santoso (INA) 15:11 15:6
Semi-finals: Suprianto beat Permadi 15:6

15:8, Hoyer-Larsen beat Sidek 15:13 15:3
Final: Suprianto beat Hoyer-Larsen 15:13 15:13.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Mia Audina (INA) beat Kara Solmundson (CAN) 11:2 11:0, Denyse Julien (CAN) beat Kim Mun Hee (KOR) 11:2 11:1, Meiluawati (INA) beat Debra O'Connor (TRI) 11:7 11:1, Camilla Martin (DEN) beat Cindy Shi (CHN) 11:4 11:4
Semi-finals: Audina beat Julien 11:5 11:0, Martin beat Meiluawati 11:4 10:12 11:3
Final: Audina beat Martin 11:5 12:9.

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Denny Kantono & S. Antonius (INA) beat Choong Tan Fook & Lee Wan Wah (MAL) 18:14 16:18 15:2, Chandra Wijaya & Sigit (INA) beat Andreij Antropov & Nikolaj Zuev (RUS) 15:8 15:1, Ha Tae Kwon & Kim Dong Moon (KOR) beat Tony Gunawan & Rudy Wijaya (INA) 18:14 18:17, Cheah Soon Kit & Yap Kim Hock (MAL) beat Chris Hunt & Simon Archer (ENG) 15:9 15:1
Semi-finals: Wijaya & Sigit beat Kantono & Antonius 9:15 15:10 15:6, Cheah & Yap beat Ha & Kim 15:6 9:15 15:12
Final: Wijaya & Sigit beat Cheah & Yap 18:16 15:10

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Eliza & Rosiana Zelin (INA) beat Charmaine Reid & Lena Jensen (CAN) 15:4 15:2, Chung So Young & Kim Shin Young (KOR) beat Denyse Julien & Sian Deng (CAN) 11:15 15:8 15:10, Indarti Isoliana & Denyana Lomban (INA) beat Robbyn Hermitage & Milaine Cloutier (CAN) 15:7 15:2, Julie Bradbury & Joanne Goode (ENG) beat Ella Karachkova & Jody Patrick (RUS & CAN) 15:0 15:4
Semi-finals: Eliza & Zelin beat Chung & Kim 15:9 15:3, Bradbury & Goode beat Isoliana & Lomban 15:7 15:7
Final: Eliza & Zelin beat Bradbury & Goode 15:7 15:5

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Kim Dong Moon & Chung So Young (KOR) beat Nimpele Flandy & Rosalina Riseu (INA) 18:16 15:8, Nick Ponting & Joanne Goode (ENG) beat Darryl Yung & Denyse Julien (CAN) 15:7 15:7, Chris Hunt & Helene Kirkegaard (ENG & DEN) beat Ha Tae Kwon & Kim Shin Young (KOR) 15:2 15:11, Simon Archer & Julie Bradbury (ENG) beat Sandiarto & Indarti Isoliana (INA) 12:15 15:11 15:9
Semi-finals: Ponting & Goode beat Kim & Chung 9:15 5:15
Final: Kim & Chung beat Hunt & Kirkegaard 15:5 15:7

DUTCH OPEN

2-6 October 1996 (5x9)

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen (DEN) beat Kenneth Jonassen (DEN) 9:6 9:6 7:9 9:4, Chen Gang (CHN) beat Soren B. Nielsen (DEN) 9:2 9:7 9:2, Darren Hall (ENG) beat Peter Gade Christensen (DEN) 9:6 9:6 9:2, Sun Jun (CHN) beat Jeroen Van Dijk (NED) 11:10 9:6 9:5, **Semi-**

finals: Hoyer-Larsen beat Chen Gang 11:8 6:9 9:6 9:2, Sun Jun beat Darren Hall 9:2 3:9 9:5 9:4
Final: Sun beat Hoyer-Larsen 5:9 9:3 9:3 9:5.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Catrine Bengtsson (SWE) beat Tanya Groves (ENG) 9:5 9:6 9:5, Han Jingna (CHN) beat Kelly Morgan (WAL) 9:4 9:4 9:3, Mette Pedersen (DEN) beat Christine Gandrup (SWE) 5:9 9:2 9:3 6:9 9:7, Yao Yan (CHN) beat Judith Meulendijks (NED) 9:1 9:1 5:9 9:2
Semi-finals: Han beat Bengtsson 9:3 5:9 9:0 9:2, Yao beat Pedersen 11:8 9:3 9:0
Final: Yao beat Han 9:2 9:2 9:0

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: John Quinn & Nick Ponting (ENG) beat Peter Axelsson & Par-Gunnar Jonsson (SWE) 1:9 9:4 9:4 9:4, Liu Yong & Zhang Wei (CHN) beat Michail Popov & Svetoslav Stoyanov (BUL) 9:3 9:4 9:3, Ge Cheng & Tao Xiaoqiang (CHN) beat Kenny Middlemiss & Russell Hogg (SCO) 9:0 9:4 9:1, Chris Hunt & Simon Archer (ENG) beat Chris Bruil & Quinten Van Dalm (NED) 7:9 9:0 11:8 11:9
Semi-finals: Liu & Zhang beat Quinn & Ponting 11:9 9:2 9:7, Ge & Tao beat Hunt & Archer 9:5 9:7 4:9 9:5
Final: Ge & Tao beat Liu & Zhang 11:8 9:11 9:4 7:9 9:3

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Christine Gandrup & Margit Borg (SWE) beat Brenda Conijn & Nicole Van Hooren (NED) 9:3 9:5 11:8, Jo Muggeridge & Kelly Morgan (ENG & WAL) beat Alexis Blanchflower & Sandra Watt (SCO) 9:1 9:3 9:5, Eline Coene & Erica Van De Heuvel (NED) beat Giny Severien & Pascal Janssen (NED) 9:2 9:1 9:1, Joanne Davies & Nicola Beck (ENG) beat Nicol Pitro & Elinor Middlemiss (GER & SCO) 11:8 9:4 7:9 11:9
Semi-finals: Gandrup & Borg beat Muggeridge & Morgan 9:7 9:5 9:5, Coene & Van De Heuvel 2:9 9:6 9:2 9:7
Final: Coene & Van De Heuvel 9:5 9:1 5:9 9:2.

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Jan-Eric Antonsson & Astrid Crabo (SWE) beat Nick Ponting & Nicola Beck (ENG) 9:4 9:2 9:1, Ian Pearson & Sara Hardaker (ENG) beat Norbert Van Barneveld & Elinor Middlemiss (SCO) 9:2 11:9 9:6, Stephen Kuhl & Nicol Pitro (GER) beat Rolf Monteiro & Anthoinette Achterberg (NED) 9:4 9:1 9:2, Peter Axelsson & Catrine Bengtsson (SWE) beat Julian Robertson & Joanne Davies (ENG) 6:9 0:9 9:3 9:3 9:6
Semi-finals: Antonsson & Crabo beat Pearson & Hardaker, Axelsson & Bengtsson beat Kuhl & Pitro 7:9 9:6 9:6 11:8
Final: Antonsson & Crabo beat Axelsson & Bengtsson 9:0 9:7 9:6

CZECH INTERNATIONAL

3-6 October 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-Finals: Pedro Vanneste (BEL) beat Rasmus Wengberg (SWE)

17:16 15:4, Martin Hagberg (SWE) beat Christian Niels Kaldau (DEN) 15:10 15:5, Henrik Sorensen (DEN) beat Fernando Silva (POR) 15:5 4:15 15:6, Daniel Eriksson (SWE) beat Bertrand Gallet (FRA) 15:10 15:7 **Semi-finals:** Vanneste beat Hagberg 15:4 12:15 18:17, Eriksson beat Sorensen 15:9 15:4 **Final:** Eriksson beat Vanneste 15:11 15:7.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Andrea Dako (HUN) beat Christina Sorensen (DEN) 11:2 11:5, Maja Pohar (SLO) beat Dorota Borek (POL) 11:5 11:6, Claudia Vogelsang (GER) beat Marketa Koudelkova (CZE) 8:11 11:0 11:4, Tanja Berg (DEN) beat Johanna Holgersson (SWE) 12:10 11:6, **Semi-finals:** Dako beat Pohar 11:7 11:7, Berg beat Vogelsang w & o **Final:** Berg beat Dako 11:6 11:5.

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Manuel Dubrulle & Vincent Laigle (FRA) beat Michael Lamp & Jonas Rasmussen (DEN) 15:12 15:8, Frederik Bergstrom & Rasmus Wengberg (SWE) beat Hugo Rodrigues & Fernando Silva (POR) 15:3 15:5, Daniel Eriksson & Martin Hagberg (SWE) beat Etienne Thobois & Bertrand Gallet (FRA) 15:5 15:9, Johan Tholinsson & Henrik Andersson (SWE) beat Jan Jurka & Radek Gregor (CZE) 15:4 15:8 **Semi-finals:** Bergstrom & Wengberg beat Dubrulle & Laigle 11:15 15:8 15:12, Tholinsson & Andersson beat Eriksson & Hagberg 15:8 15:9 **Final:** Tholinsson & Andersson beat Bergstrom & Wengberg 15:7 15:12

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Christina Sorensen & Ann-Lou Jorgensen (DEN) beat Dorota Borek & Joanna Szleszynska (POL) 15:12 11:15 15:4, Mateja Slatnar & Darja Kranjc (SLO) beat Gabriela Frydrychova & Marketa Sadilova (CZE) 15:3 15:3, Natalia Atraschenkova & Natalia Esipenko (UKR) beat Andrea Dako & Melinda Keszthelyi (HUN) 15:12 17:15, Sandrine Lefevre & Tatiana Vattier (FRA) beat Sabine Salzer & Verena Fastenbauer (AUT) w & o **Semi-finals:** Sorensen & Jorgensen beat Slatnar & Kranjc 15:1 15:4, Atraschenkova & Esipenko beat Lefevre & Vattier 15:9 9:15 15:6 **Final:** Sorensen & Jorgensen beat Atraschenkova & Esipenko 15:14 15:0

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Hugo Rodrigues & Ana Ferriera (POR) beat Kim Johansson & Katja Wengberg (SWE) 15:13 9:15 15:10, Manuel Dubrulle & Sandrine Lefevre (FRA) beat Michael Lamp & Pernille Harder (DEN) 15:7 15:2, Jonas Rasmussen & Ann-Lou Jorgensen (DEN) beat Vincent Laigle & Tatiana Vattier (FRA) 15:4 15:9, Andrej Pohar & Maja Pohar (SLO) beat Sergey Yakovlev & Natalia Atraschenkova (UKR) 15:10 2:15 15:12 **Semi-finals:** Dubrulle & Lefevre beat Rodrigues & Ferreira 15:5 15:12, Rasmussen & Jorgensen beat Pohar & Pohar 15:2 15:5 **Final:** Rasmussen & Jorgensen beat Dubrulle & Lefevre 15:2 15:11

RUSSIAN OPEN

9-13 October 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Sun Jun (CHN) beat Soren B. Nielsen (DEN) 15:11 15:11, Jeffer R. (INA) beat Anders Boesen (DEN) 18:15 15:10, Hu Zhilan (CHN) beat Pavel Uvarov (RUS) 15:10 4:15 15:10, Chen Gang (CHNA) beat Thomas Sogaard (DEN) 11:15 15:4 15:2 **Semi-finals:** Sun beat Jeffer 11:15 15:12 15:8, Hu beat Chen 5:15 15:11 15:8 **Final:** Sun beat Hu 15:8 15:10.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Gong Zhichao (CHN) beat Marina Andrievskaya (SWE) 11:0 11:4, Yao Yan (CHN) beat Lidya Djaelawidjaya (INA) 11:5 11:5, Han Jingna (CHN) beat Marina Yakusheva (RUS) 11:8 11:7, Camilla Martin (DEN) beat Julia Mann (ENG) 11:2 11:6 **Semi-finals:** Gong beat Yao 11:8 9:11 11:8, Han beat Martin 10:12 11:3 11:4 **Final:** Han beat Gong 11:7 11:5

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Andrej Antropov & Nikolaj Zuev (RUS) beat Jim Laugesen & Thomas Stavngaard (DEN) 15:6 11:15 15:12, Aras Razak & Hadi Sugianto (INA) beat Liu Yong & Zhang Wei (CHN) 15:9 17:14, Tao Xiaoliang & Ge Cheng (CHN) beat Cun Cun & Ade Lucas (INA) 15:11 12:15 15:12, Michael Sogaard & Henrik Svarrer (DEN) beat Sergej Melnikov & Artur Khachaturyan (RUS) 15:7 15:4 **Semi-finals:** Antropov & Zuev beat Razak & Sugianto 15:6 15:2, Tao & Ge beat Sogaard & Svarrer 16:18 17:14 15:10 **Final:** Antropov & Zuev beat Tao & Ge 10:16 17:15 15:5

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Helene Kirkegaard & Rikke Olsen (DEN) beat Peng Xingyong & Zhang Jin (CHN) 15:9 15:8, Emma Chaffin & Sara Hardaker (ENG) beat Nadezhdo Chervjakova & Ella Karachkova (RUS) 15:9 15:9, Ann Jorgensen & Majken Vange (DEN) beat Olga Kuznetsova & Irina Chernikova (RUS) 15:7 15:4, Christine Gandrup & Marina Andrievskaya (SWE) beat Julie Bradbury & Joanne Goode (ENG) 15:10 9:15 15:11 **Semi-finals:** Kirkegaard & Olsen beat Chaffin & Hardaker 15:9 15:3, Gandrup & Andrievskaya beat Jorgensen & Vange 15:12 9:15 18:14 **Final:** Kirkegaard & Olsen beat Gandrup & Andrievskaya 15:12 10:15 15:5.

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Michael Sogaard & Rikke Olsen (DEN) beat Karamyshev Sergej & Olga Kuznetsova (RUS) 15:2 15:8, Nick Ponting & Joanne Goode (ENG) beat Nikolaj Zuev & Marina Yakusheva (RUS) 15:9 15:8, Thomas Stavngaard & Ann Jorgensen (DEN) beat Min Zyengyu & Zhang Jin (CHN) 15:4 10:15 15:6, Chen Xingdong & Peng Xingyong (CHN) Sergej Melnikov & Nadezhdo Chervjakova (RUS) 15:8 15:6 **Semi-finals:** Sogaard & Olsen beat Ponting & Goode 15:6 15:10, Chen & Peng beat Stavngaard & Jorgensen 9:15

17:14 15:13 **Final:** Chen & Peng beat Sogaard & Olsen 11:15 15:2 15:8.

SLOVAK INTERNATIONAL

11-13 October 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Jesper Mikla (DEN) beat Gyula Szalai (HUN) 15:3 3:15 15:8, Fernando Silva (POR) beat Tijitte Weistra (NED) 15:9 15:9, Jurgen Koch (AUT) beat Hugo Rodrigues (POR) 18:14 15:8, Gregers Schytt (DEN) beat Marco Vasconcelos (POR) 9:15 15:5 15:9 **Semi-finals:** Mikla beat Silva 15:7 6:15 15:11, Schytt beat Koch 9:15 15:10 15:10 **Final:** Schytt beat Mikla 15:8 15:4.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Tanja Berg (DEN) beat Andrea Dako (HUN) 11:2 11:2, Maja Pohar (SLO) beat Melinda Keszthelyi (HUN) 11:2 11:5, Andrea Odor (HUN) beat Judith Baumeier (SUI) 12:9 11:8, Sarah Jonsson (DEN) beat Marketa Koudelkova (CZE) 9:12 11:7 11:4 **Semi-finals:** Berg beat Pohar 12:10 12:9, Jonsson beat Odor 11:1 11:8 **Final:** Berg beat Jonsson 12:10 11:4

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Jurgen Koch & Harold Koch (AUT) beat Brian Rasmussen & Gregers Schytt (DEN) 15:4 15:7, Michael Lamp & Patrick Ejerskov (DEN) Marian Sulko & Marek Navratil (SVK) 15:5 15:3, Hugo Rodrigues & Fernando Silva (POR) beat Peter Kreulitsch & Christoph Radinger (AUT) 15:8 15:1, Jesper Mikla & Lars Paaske (DEN) beat Pascal Bircher & Markus Arnet (SUI) 15:5 15:3 **Semi-finals:** Koch & Koch beat Lamp & Ejerskov 15:11 15:12, Mikla & Paaske beat Rodrigues & Silva 15:7 15:9 **Final:** Koch & Koch beat Mikla & Paaske 15:11 15:8.

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Yvonne Naef & Judith Baumeier (SUI) beat Marketa Sadilova & Martina Brejchova (CZE) 4:15 15:12 15:5, Tanja Berg & Sarah Jonsson (DEN) beat Maja Pohar & Nina Pulko (SLO) 18:14 15:4, Sabine Salzer & Verena Fastenbauer (SUT) beat Alexandra Felgrova & Zuzana Kenizova (SVK) 15:7 15:5, Rikke Broen & Sara Runesten (DEN) beat Mateja Slatnar & Darja Kranjc (SLO) 15:5 15:3 **Semi-finals:** Berg & Jonsson beat Naef & Baumeier 15:8 15:5, Broen & Runesten beat Salzer & Fastenbauer 15:2 15:1 **Final:** Broen & Runesten beat Berg & Jonsson 15:8 6:15 15:4.

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Micahel Lamp & Sara Runesten (DEN) beat Hugo Rodrigues & Ana Ferreira (POR) 16:17 15:9 15:10, Lars Paaske & Sarah Jonsson (DEN) beat Philip Kurz & Fabienne Baumeier (SUI) 15:3 15:4, Pascal Bircher & Yvonne Naef (SUI) beat Balazs Szabo & Melinda Keszthelyi (HUN) 15:10 15:6, Andrej Pohar & Maja Pohar (SLO) beat

Brian Rasmussen & Rikke Broen (DEN) 15:11 18:14 **Semi-finals:** Paaske & Jonsson (DEN) beat Lamp & Runesten 14:17 15:9 18:14, Pohar & Pohar beat Bircher & Naef 15:7 15:5 **Final:** Pohar & Pohar beat Paaske & Jonsson 8:15 18:16 15:7

11TH SAO PAULO CUP

11-13 October 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Mario Carulla Schultz (PER) beat Guilherme (BRA) 15:5 15:4, Leandro Santos (BRA) beat Euclides Freitas (BRA) 15:1 15:1, Paulo Fam (BRA) beat Ricardo (BRA) 15:6 17:18 18:14, Paulo Scala (BRA) beat Guilherme Pardo (BRA) 15:10 15:6 **Semi-finals:** Carulla Schultz beat Santos 15:7 15:5, Fam beat Scala 18:13 9:15 15:8 **Final:** Carulla Schultz beat Fam 15:5 15:3.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Christina Nakano (BRA) beat Angela Pacheco (PER) 11:0 11:3, Doriana Rivera (PER) beat Fernanda Kumasaka (BRA) 11:1 11:6, Patricia Finardi (BRA) beat Lucero Chueca (PER) 3:11 11:6 11:2, Ximena Bellido (PER) beat Priscilla Menegazzo (PER) 11:0 11:3 **Semi-finals:** Rivera beat Nakano 11:8 11:4, Bellido beat Finardi 11:1 11:3 **Final:** Bellido beat Rivera 11:6 11:2.

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Guilherme Kumasaka & Paulo Scala (BRA) beat Manoel Barreto & Manuel Nascimento (SWE) 15:8, Paulo Fam & Shuan Huang (BRA) beat Sergio Gerali & Aldonso Verdera (URG) 15:3 15:1, Leandro Santos & Marcelo Martins (BRA) beat Guilherme & Ricardo Trevelin (BRA) 10:15 15:10 18:14, Federico Valdez & Mario Carulla Schultz (PER) beat Carlos Machado & Park (BRA) 15:1 15:3 **Semi-finals:** Fam & Huang beat Kumasaka & Scala 15:6 15:11, Valdez & Carulla Schultz beat Fam & Huang 15:4 15:7

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Cristina Nakano & Patricia (BRA) beat Monica Santos & Sueli Fam (BRA) 15:9 15:5, Lucero Chueca & Angela Pacheco (PER) beat Sandra Silva & Mirlam fukuoka (BRA) 15:1 15:1, Sandra Miashiro & Hao Min Huai (BRA) beat Fernanda Kumasaka & Priscilla Menegazzo (BRA & PER) 17:14 13:15 18:13, Ximena Bellido & Doriana Rivera (PER) beat Lars Ahnert & Giuliana Matteo (BRA) 15:4 15:0 **Semi-finals:** Nakano & Finardi beat Chueca & Pacheco 15:10 15:2, Bellido & Rivera beat Miashiro & Hao 15:5 15:5 **Final:** Bellido & Rivera beat Nakano & Finardi 15:2 15:10

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Marcelo Martins & Hao Min Huai (BRA) beat Aldonso Verdera & Lucero Chueca (URG & PER) 15:11 15:7, Federico Valdez & Doriana Rivera (PER) beat Guilherme Pardo & Fernanda Kumasaka (BRA) 15:5 15:7, Leandro Santos & Patricia

Finardi (BRA) beat Fabian Cattaneo & Sandra Miashiro (BRA) 15:2 15:2, Mario Carulla Scultz & Ximena Bellido (PER) beat Paulo Scala & Cristina Nakano (BRA) 15:0 15:1 **Semi-finals:** Valdez & Rivera beat Martins & Hao 15:8 15:1 **Final:** Carulla Scultz & Bellido beat Valdez & Rivera w & o

DANISH OPEN

16-20 October 1996

Men's Singles

Quarter-Finals: Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen (DEN) beat Hermawan Susanto (INA) 15:2 5:15 15:10, Ong Ewe Hock (MAL) beat Martin Lundgaard Hansen (DEN) 15:12 17:16, Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen (DEN) beat Kenneth Jonassen (DEN) 15:7 15:1, Peter Gade-Christensen (DEN) beat H. Hendrawan (INA) 15:13 11:15 18:17 **Semi-finals:** Ong beat Hoyer-Larsen 15:7 7:15 15:9, Stuer-Lauridsen beat Gade-Christensen 5:15 15:6 17:14 **Final:** Stuer-Lauridsen beat Ong 6:15 15:7 15:12.

Ladies' Singles

Quarter-Finals: Gong Zhichao (CHN) beat Kelly Morgan (WAL) 11:1 11:0, Christine Gandrup (SWE) beat Lidya Djelawidjaya (INA) 7:11 11:4 11:0, Marina Andrievskaya (SWE) beat Anne Sondergaard (DEN) 11:5 10:12 11:8, Mette Pedersen (DEN) beat Yuliani Santoso (INA) 6:11 11:2 12:11 **Semi-finals:** Gong beat Gandrup 11:1 11:3, Andrievskaya beat Pedersen 3:11 11:0 11:8 **Final:** Gong beat Andrievskaya 12:11 11:4.

Men's Doubles

Quarter-finals: Jon Holst-Christensen & Thomas Lund (DEN) beat Rosman A. Razak & Chew Choon Eng (MAL) 15:2 7:15 15:10, Jim Laugesen & Thomas Stavngaard (DEN) beat Cun Cun & Ade Lucas (INA) 15:12 7:15 18:4, Liu Yong & Zhang Wei (CHN) beat Davis & Halim (INA) 18:15 15:12, Chris Hunt & Simon Archer (ENG) beat Seng Kok Kiong & Victo Wibowo (INA) 12:15 17:16 15:12 **Semi-finals:** Laugesen & Stavngaard beat Holst-Christensen & Lund 15:11 15:8, Hunt & Archer beat Liu & Zhang 15:6 15:8 **Final:** Laugesen & Stavngaard beat Hunt & Archer 17:15 10:15 15:7.

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter-Finals: Helene Kirkegaard & Rikke Olsen (DEN) beat Peng Xingyong & Zhang Jin (CHN) 10:15 15:12 15:8, Ann Jorgensen & Majken Vange (DEN) beat Joanne Muggeridge & Kelly Morgan (ENG & WAL) 15:7 15:9, Julie Bradbury & Joanne Goode (ENG) beat Nicole Van Hooren & Branda Conijn (NED) 15:8 15:2, Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen & Marlene Thomsen (DEN) beat Christine Gandrup & Marina Andrievskaya (SWE) 15:3 15:7, **Semi-finals:** Kirkegaard & Olsen beat Jorgensen & Vange 15:8 15:10, Bradbury & Goode beat Stuer-Lauridsen & Thomsen 15:9 15:8 **Final:** Kirkegaard & Olsen beat Bradbury & Goode 15:6 15:2.

Mixed Doubles

Quarter-Finals: Thomas Stavngaard & Ann Jorgensen (DEN) beat Lars Pedersen & Anne Mette Bille (DEN) 15:3 15:8, Nick Ponting & Joanne Goode (ENG) beat Chen Xingdong & Peng Xingdong (CHN) 17:14 15:4, Jens Eriksen & Marlene Thomsen (DEN) beat Simon Archer & Julie Bradbury (ENG) 15:12 15:11, Michael Sogaard & Rikke Olsen (DEN) beat Chris Hunt & Helene Kirkegaard (ENG & DEN) 15:9 15:9 **Semi-finals:** Stavngaard & Jorgensen beat Ponting & Goode 17:14 8:15 15:5, Sogaard & Olsen beat Eriksen & Thomsen 15:12 15:4 **Final:** Sogaard & Olsen beat Stavngaard & Jorgensen 15:5 15:1

CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL

17-20 October 1996

Men's Singles

Quarter-Finals: Ljuben Panov (BUL) beat Bo Wendel (DEN) 15:3 15:1, Nicolas Pissis (CYP) beat Antonis Lazarou (CYP) 9:15 15:10 15:8, Yassen Borissov (BUL) beat Evandros Votsis (CYP) 15:1 15:5, Rashad Khankan (SYR) beat Jesper Runge (DEN) 15:5 10:15 15:1 **Semi-finals:** Panov beat Pissis 9:15 15:9 15:3, Khankan beat Borissov 15:6 18:16 **Final:** Khankan beat Panov 15:4 15:6.

Ladies' Singles

Quarter-Finals: Nina Messman (DEN) beat Julia Turzakova (SVK) 11:5 11:1, Tatiana Hristova (BUL) beat Elena Iasonos (CYP) 11:3 11:7, Eva Katreeb (SYR) beat Gitte Emmerkjar (DEN) 11:1 11:8, Diana Knekna (CYP) beat Dina Drakou (CYP) 11:0 11:0 **Semi-finals:** Messman beat Hristova 11:3 11:3, Knekna beat Katreeb 11:1 11:2 **Final:** Knekna beat Messman 11:3 11:3.

Men's Doubles

Quarter-Finals: Evandros Votsis & Bo Wendel (CYP & DEN) beat Harba Osama & Halak Mohamad (SYR) 15:12 15:13, Torben Harring & Jesper Sorensen (DEN) beat Tasos Zevlaris & Panayiotis Poupas (CYP) 15:5 15:5, Yassen Borissov & Ljuben Panov (BUL) beat Rashad Khankan & Talal Derki (SYR) 15:12 15:8, Nicolas Pissis & Antonis Lazarou (CYP) beat Martin Felgr & Lukas Klacansky (SVK) 15:1 15:6 **Semi-finals:** Harring & Sorensen beat Votsis & Wendel 15:3 15:10, Borissov & Panov beat Pissis & Lazarou 1:15 15:7 15:10 **Final:** Borissov & Panov beat Harring & Sorensen 15:9 15:9.

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter-Finals: Nina Messman & Gitte Emmerkjar (DEN) beat Ruth Scott & Anthina Antoniadi (GRE) 15:3 15:3, Tatiana Hristova & Marina Kasimova (BUL) beat Dina Srakou & Evi Kyprianou (CYP) 15:5 15:5, Eva Katreeb & Abeer Mohamad (SYR) beat Stella Lazarou & Maria Iasonos (CYP) 15:8 12:15 15:5, Dina Knekna & Elena Iasonos (CYP) beat Julia Turzakova & Radka Majorska (SVK) 15:10 15:10 **Semi-finals:** Messman & Emmerkjar (DEN) beat Hristova & Kasimova 15:12 14:18 15:1, Knekna

& Iasonos beat Katreeb & Mohamad 15:0 15:1 **Final:** Knekna & Iasonos beat Messman & Emmerkjar 15:9 8:15 18:13.

Mixed Doubles

Quarter-Finals: Bo Wendel & Nina Messman (DEN) beat Evangelos Evangelou & Stella Lazarou (CYP) 15:0 15:0, Ljuben Panov & Martina Kasimova (BUL) beat Nicolas Pissis & Dina Drakou (CYP) 15:0 15:0, Yiannis Iordanou & Maria Iasonos (CYP) beat Halak Mohamad & Abeer Mohamad (SYR) 15:4 15:11, Yassen Borissov & Tatiana Hristova (BUL) beat Talal Derki & Eva Katreeb (SYR) 15:12 8:15 15:10 **Semi-finals:** Wendel & Messman beat Panov & Kasimova 15:5 5:15 15:2, Borissov & Hristova beat Iordanou & Iasonos 15:8 15:6 **Final:** Wendel & Messman beat Borissov & Hristova 15:8 15:8

SLOVENIA INTERNATIONAL

18-20 October 1996

Men's Singles

Quarter-Finals: Denis Peshehonov (SLO) beat Jan Vondra (CZE) 15:8 15:6, Jean Mattias (FRA) beat Christoph Radinger (AUT) 15:6 15:9, Bertrand Gallet (FRA) beat Andrej Pohar (SLO) 15:8 15:11, Pedro Vanneste (BEL) beat Simon Hawlina (SLO) 15:5 15:3 **Semi-finals:** Peshehonov beat Mattias 15:12 15:11, Vaneste beat Gallet 15:3 9:15 15:6 **Final:** Vanneste beat Peshehonov 15:6 15:10.

Ladies' Singles

Quarter-Finals: Sandra Dimbour (FRA) beat Ana Pelhan (SLO) 11:1 11:2, Sandrine Lefevre (FRA) beat Verena Fastenbauer (AUT) 11:0 10:12 12:10, Maja Pohar (SLO) beat Christelle Szynal (FRA) 11:1 11:1, Mateja Slatnar (SLO) beat Regina Raskova (CZE) 12:10 11:4 **Semi-finals:** Dimbour beat Lefevre 11:2 11:2, Pohar beat Slatnar 11:1 11:12 11:3 **Final:** Dimbour beat Pohar 11:5 12:9.

Men's Doubles

Quarter-Finals: Manuel Dubrulle & Vincent Laigle (FRA) beat Jan Frohlich & Michal Turon (CZE) 15:2 15:0, Ales Babnik & Miso Mattias (SLO) beat Jaka Pelhan & Miha Babnik (SLO) 12:15 15:8 15:12, Jean-Frederic Massias & Sydney Lengagne (FRA) beat Bojan Strah & Miha Vilar (SLO) 15:6 15:7, Bertrand Gallet & David Toupe (FRA) beat Andrej Pohar & Simon Hawlina (SLO) 18:15 15:8 **Semi-finals:** Dubrulle & Laigle beat Babnik & Mattias 15:8 15:1, Gallet & Toupe beat Massias & Lengagne 18:14 15:13 **Final:** Dubrulle & Laigle beat Gallet & Toupe 15:10 15:12.

Ladies' Doubles

Quarter-Finals: Tina Pelhan & Maja Pohar (SLO) beat Eva Brozova & Regina Raskova (CZE) 15:4 12:15 15:5, Andrea Dako & Melinda Keszthelyi (HUN) beat Sandrine Lefevre & Tatiana Vattier (FRA) 17:15 18:14, Verena Fastenbauer & Simone Prutsch (AUT) beat Ana

Pelhan & Nina Pulko (SLO) 15:13 11:15 15:6, Mateja Slatnar & Darja Kranjc (SLO) beat Sandra Dimbour & Christelle Szynal (FRA) 15:13 16:17 15:9 **Semi-finals:** Dako & Keszthelyi beat Pelhan & Pohar 15:6 11:15 15:10, Slatnar & Kranjc beat Fastenbauer & Prutsch w & o **Final:** Dako & Keszthelyi beat Slatnar & Kranjc 15:11 15:12

Mixed Doubles

Andrej Pohar & Maja Pohar (SLO) beat David Toupe & Sandra Dimbour (FRA) 15:5 15:4, Vincent Laigle & Tatiana Vattier (FRA) beat Marian Sulko & Simone Prutsch (SVK & AUT) 15:6 15:6, Manuel Dubrulle & Sandrine Lefevre (FRA) beat Simon Hawlina & Tina Pelhan (SLO) 15:10 15:11, Sydney Lengagne & Christelle Szynal (FRA) beat Christoph Radinger & Verena Fastenbauer (AUT) 15:10 15:12 **Semi-finals:** Laigle & Vattier beat Pohar & Pohar 15:13 11:15 15:9, Dubrulle & Lefevre beat Lengagne & Szynal 15:9 15:10 **Final:** Dubrulle & Lefevre beat Laigle & Vattier 13:15 15:5 15:2

GERMAN OPEN

23-27 October 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-Finals: Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen (DEN) beat Xie Yangchun (CHN) 15:2 14:18 15:9, Ong Ewe Hock (MAL) beat Hu Zhilan (CHN) 15:6 15:1, Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen (DEN) beat Lin Liwen (CHN) 15:11 15:7, Rashid Sidek (MAL) beat Martin Lundgaard Hansen (DEN) 15:2 15:6 **Semi-finals:** Ong beat Hoyer-Larsen 15:13 15:12, Sidek beat Stuer-Lauridsen 15:11 15:7 **Final:** Sidek beat Ong 15:11 15:2

Ladies singles

Quarter-finals: Yao Jie (CHN) beat Marina Andrievskaya (SWE) 11:7 11:6, Mette Pedersen (DEN) beat Julia Mann (ENG) 3:11 11:3 11:7, Margit Borg (SWE) beat Anne Sondergaard (DEN) 11:5 3:11 12:10, Yuni Kartika (INA) beat Kelly Morgan (WAL) 11:6 11:3 **Semi-finals:** Yao beat Pedersen 12:10 11:4, Borg beat Kartika 11:6 11:3 **Final:** Yao beat Borg 11:1 11:0

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Jon Holst-Christensen & Thomas Lund (DEN) beat Davis & Halim (INA) 15:10 15:11, Peter Axelsson & Par-Gunnar Jonsson (SWE) beat Jesper Larsen & Peder Nissen (DEN) 15:11 15:3, Rosman Razak & Chew Choon Eng (MAL) beat Christian Jakobsen & Jens Eriksen (DEN) 15:7 9:15 15:12, Seng Kok Kiong & Victo Wibowo (INA) beat Andrej Antropov & Andrej Zuev (RUS) 15:7 7:15 15:7 **Semi-finals:** Holst-Christensen & Lund beat Axelsson & Jonsson 10:15 15:1 18:15, Seng & Wibowo beat Razak & Chew 15:5 18:15 **Final:** Holst-Christensen & Lund beat Seng & Wibowo 15:11 11:15 15:3

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Indarti Isoliana & Denyana Lomban (INA) beat Nicole Van Hooren & Brenda Conijn (NED)

15:10 15:12, Christine Gandrup & Marina Andrievskaya (SWE) beat Tanja Berg & Mette Pedersen (DEN) 15:3 15:3, Margit Borg & Anne Mette Bille (SWE & DEN) beat Diana Koleva & Neli Nedjakova (BUL) 15:8 10:15 15:9, Eline Coene & Erica Van Den Heuvel (NED) beat Joanne Muggeridge & Kelly Muggeridge (ENG & WAL) 15:5 15:10 **Semi-finals:** Isoliana & Lomban beat Gandrup & Andrievskaya 15:2 15:8, Coene & Van Den Heuvel beat Borg & Bille 15:7 15:10 **Final:** Isoliana & Lomban beat Coene & Van Den Heuvel 18:15 18:13

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Trikus Heryanto & Minarti Timur (INA) beat Jesper Larsen & Majken Vange (DEN) 15:9 15:5, Erica Van Den Heuvel & Michael Keck (NED & GER) beat Vitalij Shmakov & Vlada Tcherniavskaja (BEL) 15:6 15:2, Jens Eriksen & Anne Mette Bille (DEN) beat Svetoslav Stojanov & Diana Koleva (BUL) 15:4 15:7, Thomas Stavngaard & Ann Jorgensen (DEN) beat Bjorn Siegemund & Katrin Schmidt (GER) 15:2 15:7 **Semi-finals:** Heryanto & Timur beat Van Den Heuvel & Keck 6:15 15:13 15:8, Eriksen & Bille beat Stavngaard & Jorgensen 15:11 15:12 **Final:** Heryanto & Timur beat Eriksen & Bille 15:1 15:6

CHINA OPEN

28 October - 2 November 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Luo Yigang (CHN) beat Salim (INA) 7:15 15:12 15:12, Indra Wijaya (INA) beat Chen Gang (CHN) 15:10 18:14, Fung Permadi (TPE) beat Yan Wei (CHN) 13:15 15:0 17:15, Sun Jun (CHN) beat Kim Hak Kyun (KOR) 15:6 15:7 **Semi-finals:** Luo beat Wijaya 15:5 15:2 15:10, Permadi beat Sun 13:15 15:7 15:3 **Final:** Permadi beat Luo 15:12 15:9.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Dai Yun (CHN) beat Liu Yufang (CHN) 11:3 11:6, Wang Chen (CHN) beat Gong Zhichao (CHN) 7:11 11:7 11:8, Zhang Ning (CHN) beat Yao Yan (CHN) 11:12 11:7 11:2, Zeng Yaqiong (CHN) beat Yao Jie (CHN) 11:4 2:11 11:4 **Semi-finals:** Wang beat Dai (CHN) 11:9 11:3, Zhang beat Zeng 11:6 11:3 **Final:** Zhang beat Wang 11:6 11:6.

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Ricky Subagja & Rexy Mainaky (INA) beat Yoo Yong Sung & Kim Dong Moon (KOR) 18:13 5:15 15:10, Tao Xiaoqiang & Ge Cheng (CHN) beat Hermono & Hian Eng (INA) 8:15 15:4 15:6, Kang Kyung Jin & Ha Tae Kwon (KOR) beat Liu Yong & Zhang Wei (CHN) 17:14 15:3, Chandra Wijaya & Sigit (INA) beat Hwang Sun Ho & Lee Dong Soo (KOR) 15:2 14:17 15:6 **Semi-finals:** Subagja & Mainaky beat Tao & Ge 15:5 15:4, Wijaya & Sigit beat Kang & Ha 15:5 15:11 **Final:** Wijaya & Sigit beat Subagja & Mainaky 15:12 15:5.

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Park Soo Yun & Kim Mee Hyang (KOR) beat Qiang Hong & Liu Lu (CHN) 11:15 15:6 15:12, Yao Jie & Gong Ruina (CHN) beat Zhang Ning & Zeng Yaqiong (CHN) 15:6 11:15 15:7, Qin Yiyuan & Tang Yongshu (CHN) beat Wang Li & Gao Qian (CHN) 15:5 15:7, Peng Xingyong & Zhang Jin (CHN) beat Liu Zhong & Huang Nanyan (CHN) 15:7 15:6 **Semi-finals:** Park & Kim beat Yao & Gong 15:3 15:7, Qin & Tang beat Peng & Zhang **Final:** Qin & Tang beat Park & Kim 15:2 15:12.

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Michael Sogaard & Rikke Olsen (DEN) beat Tao Xiaoqiang & Gu Jun (CHN) 15:10 18:16, Yang Ming & Zhang Jin (CHN) beat Lee Dong Soo & Park Soo Yun (KOR) 15:11 18:13, Liu Yong & Han Jigna (CHN) beat Kang Kyung Jin & Kim Mee Hyung (KOR) 13:15 15:12 17:14, Chen Xingdong & Peng Xingyong (CHN) beat Liu Jianjun & Wang Xiaoyuan (CHN) 15:8 15:8 **Semi-finals:** Sogaard & Olsen beat Yang & Zhang 15:6 15:9, Chen & Peng beat Liu & Han 15:3 15:13 **Final:** Chen & Peng beat Sogaard & Olsen 15:10 15:4

HUNGARIAN INTERNATIONAL

30 October - 3 November 1996

Men's Singles

Quarter-finals: Niels Christian Kaldau (DEN) beat Martin Hagberg (SWE) 9:15 15:9 15:5, Jurgen Koch (AUT) beat Michael Edge (ENG) 15:7 15:4, Dicky Palyama (NED) beat Fernando Silva (POR) 15:11 15:11, Peter Janum (DEN) beat Daniel Eriksson (SWE) 15:11 18:13 **Semi-finals:** Kaldau beat Koch 15:4 15:3, Janum beat Palyama 15:11 15:8 **Final:** Janum beat Kaldau 15:5 15:3.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Tanya Groves (ENG) beat Katja Michalowsky (GER) 12:10 6:11 11:4, Jane Holgersson (SWE) beat Jane Jakoby (DEN) 11:1 11:2, Tracy Hallam (ENG) beat Pernille Harder (DEN) 10:12 11:6 11:5, Kristin Evernas (SWE) beat Maja Pohar (SLO) 11:6 11:6 **Semi-finals:** Holgersson beat Groves 11:9 11:3, Hallam beat Evernas 6:11 11:9 11:2 **Final:** Hallam beat Holgersson 11:2 11:1.

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Ian Sullivan & Anthony Clark (ENG) beat Kenny Middlemiss & Russell Hogg (SCO) 18:13 9:15 17:14, Jurgen Koch & Harald Koch (AUT) beat Quinten Van Dalm & Dennis Lens (NED) 15:10 15:8, Jan Jorgensen & Jonas Rasmussen (DEN) beat Kristian Langbak & Henrik Jeppesen (DEN) 15:12 15:9, Johan Tholinsson & Henrik Andersson (SWE) beat Joost Kool & Arno De Jong (NED) 15:1 15:6 **Semi-finals:** Koch & Koch beat Sullivan & Clark 15:8 15:9, Jorgensen & Rasmussen beat Tholinsson &

Andersson 15:7 15:11 **Final:** Jorgensen & Rasmussen beat Koch & Koch 18:15 15:12.

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Karen Peatfield & Tracy Hallam (ENG) beat Elinor Middlemiss & Alexis Blanchflower (SCO) 15:12 4:15 15:11, Antoinette Achterberg & Lotte Jonathans (NED) beat Yvonne Naef & Judith Baumeier (SUI) 15:3 15:3, Astrid Crabo & Johanna Holgersson (SWE) beat Joanne Wright & Diane Kellogg (ENG) 15:11 15:8, Katja Michalowsky & Anja Weber (GER) beat Dolores Marco & Esther Sanz (ESP) 15:11 15:5 **Semi-finals:** Achterberg & Jonathans beat Peatfield & Hallam 15:8 9:15 15:10, Crabo & Holgersson beat Michaelowsky & Weber 15:10 15:3 **Final:** Crabo & Holgersson beat Achterberg & Jonathans 15:10 15:3.

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Ove Svejstrup & Britta Andersen (DEN) beat Kenny Middlemiss & Elinor Middlemiss (SCO) 15:11 16:17 15:7, Jonas Rasmussen & Ann-Lou Jorgensen (DEN) beat Johan Tholinsson & Astrid Crabo (SWE) 5:15 18:13 15:9, Russell Hogg & Alexis Blanchflower (SCO) beat Christian Schwab & Csilla Forian (GER & HUN) 15:6 15:6, Ian Sullivan & Joanne Wright (ENG) beat Sebastian Ottrembka & Anja Weber (GER) 15:12 15:4 **Semi-finals:** Rasmussen & Jorgensen beat Svejstrup & Andersen 15:13 18:15, Sullivan & Wright beat Hogg & Blanchflower 15:10 15:11 **Final:** Rasmussen & Jorgensen beat Sullivan & Wright 15:5 15:11

HONG KONG OPEN

5 - 10 November 1996

Men's Singles

Quarter-Finals: Budi Santoso (INA) beat Deepankar Bhattacharya (IND) 15:7 15:8, Fung Permadi (TPE) beat Soren B. Nielsen (DEN) 15:6 15:7, Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen (DEN) beat Indra Wijaya (INA) 15:10 16:18 15:12, Salim (INA) beat Wong Choon Han (MAL) 15:3 15:3 **Semi-finals:** Permadi beat Santoso 15:9 10:15 15:10, Salim beat Stuer-Lauridsen 15:11 15:10 **Final:** Permadi beat Salim 15:12 15:10

Ladies' singles

Quarter-Finals: Mia Audina (INA) beat Lee Joo Hyun (KOR) 11:6 11:1, Kim Ji hyun (KOR) beat Brenda Beenhakker (NED) 11:4 11:5, Ra Kyung Min (KOR) beat Meiluawati (INA) 11:1 11:7, Camilla Martin (DEN) beat Cindana (INA) 11:2 11:2 **Semi-finals:** Audina beat Kim 11:3 11:3, Martin beat Ra 6:11 11:4 12:11 **Final:** Martin beat Audina 11:8 11:6

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Denny Kantono & S. Antonius (INA) beat Chandra Wijaya & Sigit (INA) 12:15 15:10 15:9, Tony Gunawan & Rudy Wijaya (INA) beat Henrik Svarrer & Michael Sogaard (INA) 15:11 15:8, Pramote Teerawiwatana & Kitipon Kitikul

(THA) beat Hwang Sun Ho & Lee Dong Soo (KOR) 15:8 11:15 15:4, Cheah Soon Kit & Yap Kim Hock (MAL) beat Bambang Suprianto & Dicky Purwotsugiono (INA) 12:15 15:10 15:12 **Semi-finals:** Kantono & Antonius beat Gunawan & Wijaya 14:18 15:5 15:8, Cheah & Yap beat Teerawiwatana & Kitikul 15:9 15:10 **Final:** Kantono & Antonius beat Cheah & Yap 15:6 15:3.

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen & Marlene Thomsen (DEN) beat Nonong Denis Zanati & Carmelita (INA) 15:11 15:3, Susi Susanti & Finarsih (INA) beat Cheng Jiao & Peng Jie (CHN) 7:15 15:6 15:3, Tung Chau Man & Ng Ching (HKG) beat Rukita Sookboonmak & Dufjan langsuwanpatema (THA) 15:8 10:15 15:10, Indarti Isoliana & Deyana Lomban (INA) beat Park Soo Yun & Kim Mee Hyang (KOR) 15:10 14:18 15:4 **Semi-finals:** Stuer-Lauridsen & Thomsen beat Susanti & Finarsih 15:6 4:15 15:7, Isoliana & Lomban beat Tung & Ng 15:2 15:4 **Final:** Stuer-Lauridsen & Thomsen beat Isoliana & Lomban 15:9 15:12

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Jens Eriksen & Marlene Thomsen (DEN) beat Nimpele Flandy & Rosalina Riseu (INA) 15:6 15:12, Peter Axelsson & Cathrine Bengtsson (SWE) beat Lee Dong Soo & Park Soo Yun (KOR) 9:15 15:9 15:10, Iman Tohari & Ema Ermawati (INA) beat Que Ning & Cai Jian (CHN) 15:12 18:13, Michael Sogaard & Rikke Olsen (DNE) beat Huang Chuan-Chen & Jeng Shw Zen (TPE) 15:2 15:4 **Semi-finals:** Eriksen & Thomsen beat Axelsson & Bengtsson 15:10 15:3, Sogaard & Olsen beat Tohari & Ermawati 15:10 15:4 **Final:** Sogaard & Olsen beat Eriksen & Thomsen 15:8 15:11

NORWEGIAN INTERNATIONAL

8-10 November 1996 (5x9)

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Lin Liwen (CHN) beat Daniel Eriksson (SWE) 9:3 9:2 9:3, Lasse Lindelof (FIN) beat Martin Hagberg (SWE) 4:9 3:9 9:1 9:3 9:6, Henrik Bengtsson (SWE) beat Niels Chr. Kaldau (DEN) 9:1 9:4 8:9 5:9 9:7, C. Haughton (ENG) beat Rasmus Wengberg (SWE) 9:7 3:9 9:4 9:7 **Semi-finals:** Liwen beat Lindelof no score, Bengtsson beat Haughton 9:5 9:2 6:9 9:8 **Final:** Lin beat Bengtsson 7:9 9:6 9:8 5:9 9:1

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Marina Andrievskaya (SWE) beat Mette Schjodager (DEN) 9:3 9:5 9:4, Tanja Berg (DEN) beat Johanna Holgersson (SWE) 2:9 9:5 8:9 9:8 9:2, Lotta Andersson (SWE) beat Karolina Ericsson (SWE) 9:3 9:5 9:5, Kelly Morgan (WAL) beat Pernille Harder (DEN) 9:0 9:4 9:2, **Semi-finals:** Andrievskaya beat Berg 4:9 9:8 1:9 9:4 9:6, Morgan beat Ericsson 9:7 3:9 9:8 4:9 9:3 **Final:** Morgan beat Andrievskaya 9:5 9:0 4:0 9:8.

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Johan Tholinsson & Henrik Andersson (SWE) beat Robert Nock & A Clark (ENG) 9:6 9:8 2:9 9:3, Iikka Nyquist & Ville Kinnunen (FIN) beat Christian Fisher & Steve Isaac (SWE & ENG) 9:6 4:9 9:4 4:9 9:6, N Robertson & J Robertson (ENG) beat Trond Waland & Jim Nanny Andersen (NOR) no score, Thomas Rasmussen & Fredrik Bergstrom (SWE) 9:8 9:4 9:0 **Semi-finals:** Tholinsson & Andersson beat Nyquist & Kinnunen 9:6 9:8 2:9 9:3, Robertson & Robertson 9:4 9:1 5:9 9:3 **Final:** Robertson & Robertson 9:4 9:1 5:9 9:3

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Kelly Morgan & Tanja Berg (DEN) beat Sarah Hardaker & Emma Chaffin (ENG) 9:4 7:9 9:5 9:6, Pernille Harder & Mette Schjoldager (DEN) beat Camilla Silwer & Sissel Lindelof (FIN) 9:1 9:4 9:6, Johanna Holgersson & Jenny Karlsson (SWE) beat Sonja Melnik & Gunn Hildebrandt (NOR) 9:2 9:2 9:0, Ann-Lou Jorgensen & C Sorensen (DEN) beat Malin Erlandsson & Sarah Hore (SWE & ENG) 9:4 9:1 9:1 **Semi-finals:** Harder & Schjoldager beat Morgan & Berg 9:7 9:6 9:8, Jorgensen & Sorensen beat holgersson & Karlsson 9:2 9:7 6:9 9:6 **Final:** Harder & Schjoldager beat Jorgensen & Sorensen 4:9 9:0 9:7 9:5.

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Trond Waland & Camilla Silwer (NOR) beat Bent Norken & Drifa Hardottir (NOR) 9:3 9:6, Julian Robertson & Gail Emms (ENG) beat Thomas Anderson & Monica Halvorsen (NOR) 9:2 9:4 9:6, Christian Fisher & Jenny Karlsson (SWE) beat A Clark & J Wright (ENG) 9:1 9:4 9:6, J Rasmussen & A Jorgensen (DEN) beat N Robertson & S Hardaker (ENG) 9:3 9:8 9:8 **Semi-finals:** Robertson & Emms beat Waland & Silwer 9:3 9:1 7:9 9:3, Rasmussen & Jorgensen beat Fisher & Karlsson 9:7 9:2 9:8 **Final:** Robertson & Emms beat Rasmussen & Jorgensen 9:6 2:9 9:5 9:5.

OPEN VILLE DE TOULOUSE

8-10 November 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Pavel Uvarov (RUS) beat Richard Vaughan (WAL) 17:16 12:15 15:12, Vladislav Druzchenko (UKR) beat Sergej Melnikov (RUS) 15:1 15:8, Vladislav Tikhomirov (RUS) beat Per-Henrik Croona (SWE) 15:8 15:6, Artur Khachatryan (RUS) beat Thomas Madsen (DEN) 15:5 5:15 15:5 **Semi-finals:** Uvarov beat Druzchenko 15:7 17:14, Tikhomirov beat Khachatryan 15:9 15:7 **Final:** Uvarov beat Tikhomirov 15:3 15:7

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Neli Nedjalkova (BUL) beat Patricia Perez (ESP) 11:5 12:9, Tracy Hallam (ENG) beat

Christelle Szynal (FRA) 11:4 12:9, Irina Yakusheva (RUS) beat Tatiana Vattier (FRA) 11:1 11:1, Sandra Dimbour (FRA) beat Dolores Marco (ESP) 11:9 11:9 **Semi-finals:** Hallam beat Nedjalkova 11:2 5:11 12:10, Dimbour beat Yakusheva 11:7 11:9 **Final:** Dimbour beat Hallam 11:12 12:11 12:11.

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Svetoslav Stojanov & Michail Popov (BUL) beat Stephen Baeriswil & Markus Arnet (SUI) 15:7 15:10, Pavel Uvarov & Vladislav Druzchenko (RUS & UKR) beat Didier Beuvelot & Xavier Demanze (FRA) 15:1 15:4, Arturo Ruiz & Ernesto Garcia (ESP) beat Martin Erlandsson & Andreas Ehn (SWE) 15:8 18:16, Sergej Melnikov & Artur Khachatryan (RUS) beat Thomas Madsen & Carsten Gjerloev (DEN) 15:1 15:4 **Semi-finals:** Uvarov & Druzchenko beat Stojanov & Popov 15:13 15:1, Melnikov & Khachatryan beat Ruiz & Garcia 15:3 15:6 **Final:** Uvarov & Druzchenko beat Melnikov & Khachatryan 15:13 15:5.

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Diana Koleva & Neli Nedjalkova (BUL) beat Tracy Hallam & Stella Karkouzachvili (ENG & FRA) 15:0 15:4, Dolores Marco & Noelia Cordoba (ESP) beat Sandra Dimbour & Christelle Szynal (FRA) 15:8 16:18 15:4, Jennifer Levallet & Anna Lundin (FRA & SWE) beat Shefali Rolf & Fabienne Baumeier (SUI) 15:11 18:13, Sandrine Lefevre & Tatiana Vattier (FRA) beat Patricia Perez & Maria Torres (ESP) 15:10 15:9 **Semi-finals:** Koleva & Nedjalkova beat Marco & Cordoba 15:0 15:0, Lefevre & Vattier beat Levallet & Lundin 15:6 15:7 **Final:** Koleva & Nedjalkova beat Lefevre & Vattier 15:5 15:4

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Svetoslav Stojanov & Diana Koleva (BUL) beat Sydney Lengagne & Christelle Szynal (FRA) 15:4 15:12, Sergej Melnikov & Irina Yakusheva (RUS) beat Vincent Laigle & Tracy Hallam (FRA & ENG) 15:11 4:15 18:16, Remy Matthey De L'Etang & Santi Wibowo (SUI) beat Renaud Gaucher & Christine Foucault (FRA) 15:0 15:1, Manuel Dubrulle & Sandrine Lefevre (FRA) beat Oskar Johannesson & Anna Lundin (SWE) 18:13 15:11 Stojanov & Koleva beat Melnikov & Yakusheva 15:8 13:15 15:11, Matthey De L'Etang & Wibowo 15:6 15:18 15:6 **Final:** Stojanov & Kolev beat Dubrulle & Lefevre 15:10 15:3

THAILAND OPEN

11-17 November 1996

Men's Singles

Quarter-finals: Joko Suprianto (INA) beat Kim Hak Kyun (KOR) 15:4 15:6, Rashid Sidek (MAL) beat Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen (DEN) 15:7 15:3, Soren B. Nielsen (DEN) beat Hwang Sun ho (KOR) 15:11 18:13, Dong jiong (CHN) beat Allan Budi Kusuma (INA) 15:3 15:4 **Semi-final:**

Suprianto beat Sidek 15:9 15:7, Dong beat Nielsen 15:8 15:4 **Final:** Dong beat Suprianto 15:13 15:7

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Susi Susanti (INA) beat Zeng Yaqiong (CHN) 11:0 11:7, Kim Ji Hyun (KOR) beat Cai Jian (CHN) 11:4 11:3, Wang Chen (CHN) beat Cheng Jiao (CHN) 11:1 11:3, Ra Kyung Min (KOR) beat Mia Audina (INA) 15:5 ret **Semi-finals:** Kim beat Susanti 11:8 12:9, Wang beat Ra 11:6 11:8 **Final:** Wang beat Kim 2:11 11:5 11:7

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Siripong Siripool & Khunakorn Sudhisodhi (THA) beat Hermono & Hiang Eng (INA) 15:7 15:12, Chandra Wijaya & Sigit (INA) beat Hwang Sun Ho & Lee Dong Soo (KOR) 15:8 15:4, Kang Kyung Jin & Ha Tae Kwon (KOR) beat Peter Axelsson & Par-Gunnar Jonsson (SWE) 11:5 15:2 15:9, Choong Tan Fook & Lee Wan Wah (MAL) beat Tony Gunawan & Rudy Wijaya (INA) 15:11 15:8 **Semi-finals:** Wijaya & Sigit beat Sirpool & Sudhisodhi 15:5 15:12, Kang & Ha beat Choong & Lee 15:7 9:15 15:8 **Final:** Wijaya & Sigit beat Kang & Ha 15:11 10:15 15:12

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Peng Xinyong & Zhang Jin (CHN) beat Eliza & Rosiana Zelin (INA) w & o, Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen & Marlene Thomsen (DEN) beat Park Soo Yun & Kim Mee Hyang (KOR) 15:1 17:14, Indarti Isoliana & Deyana Lomban (INA) beat Pornsawan Plungwech & Thitiarn Duangsiri (THA) 15:1 15:1, Qin Yiyuan & Tang Yonshu (CHN) beat Cheng Jiao & Peng Jie (CHN) 15:8 15:2 **Semi-finals:** Stuer-Lauridsen & Thomsen beat Peng & Zhang 15:11 15:12, Isoliana & Lomban beat Qin & Tang 15:11 10:15 18:16 **Final:** Isoliana & Lomban beat Stuer-Lauridsen 15:9 15:4.

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Trikus Heryanto & Minarti Timur (INA) beat Jens Eriksen & Marlene Thomsen (DEN) 11:15 15:5 15:9, Kang Kyung jin & Kim Mee Hyang (KOR) beat Sandiarto & Finarsih (INA) 15:1 15:9, Christian Jakobsen & Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen (DEN) beat Zhang Wei & Peng Xingyong (CHN) 9:15 18:15 15:6, Nimpele Flandy & Roslina Riseu (INA) beat Lee Dong Soo & Park Soo Yun (KOR) 15:5 11:15 15:11 **Semi-finals:** Heryanto & Timur beat Kang & Kim 15:8 15:12, Flandy & Riseu beat Jakobsen & Stuer-Lauridsen **Final:** Heryanto & Timur beat Flandy & Riseu 15:5 15:7

ICELAND INTERNATIONAL

w/e 17 November 1996

Men's Singles

Quarter-Finals: Rasmus Wengberg (SWE) beat Broddi Kristjansson (ISL) 15:9 15:3, Arni Thor Hallgrimsson (ISL) beat Sveinn Solvason (ISL)

11:15 17:15 15:7, Tryggvi Nielsen (ISL) beat Gudmundur Adolfsen (ISL) 4:15 15:12 15:9, Frederik Bergstrom (SWE) beat Guobao Chen (CHN) 15:8 4:15 15:4 **Semi-finals:** Wengberg beat Hallgrimsson 15:2 15:7, Bergstrom beat Nielsen 15:11 10:15 15:9 **Final:** Wengberg beat Bergstrom 8:15 18:13 15:10.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Elsa Nielsen (ISL) beat Birna Gudbjartsdottir (ISL) 11:1 11:4, Erla Bjorg Hafsteinsdottir (ISL) beat Katrin Atladottir (ISL) 11:8 12:10, Brynja Petursdottir (ISL) beat Anna Sigurdardottir (ISL) 11:1 11:2, Vigdis Asgeirsdottir (ISL) beat Aslaug Hinriksdottir (ISL) 11:3 11:0 **Semi-finals:** Nielsen beat Hafsteinsdottir 11:4 11:3, Asgeirdottir beat Petursdottir 11:2 11:7 **Final:** Nielsen beat Asgeirdottir 11:6 5:11 12:10

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Broddi Kristjansson & Arni Thor Hallgrimsson (ISL) beat Egidjus Jankauskas & Reynir Gudmundsson (LIT & ISL) 15:2 15:8, Huang Weicheng Jonas & Sveinn Solvason (ISL) beat Skuli Sigurdsson & Petur Hjalmtysson (ISL) 18:17 5:15 15:13, Gudmundur Adolfsen & Guobao Chen (ISL & TPE) beat Frimann Ferdinandsson & Tryggvi Nielsen (ISL) 15:5 15:13, Frederik Bergstrom & Rasmus Wengberg (SWE) beat Saever Strom & Magnus Helgason (ISL) 15:0 15:3 **Semi-finals:** Kristjansson & Hallgrimsson beat Huang & Solvason 15:5 15:9, Bergstrom & Wengberg beat Adolfsen & Chen 15:5 15:7 **Final:** Kristjansson & Hallgrimsson beat Bergstrom & Wengberg 15:9 8:15 15:1.

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Elsa Nielsen & Vigdis Asgeirsdottir (ISL) bye, Aslaug Hinriksdottir & Anna Sigurdardottir (ISL) beat Olof Olafsdottir & Hrund Gudmundsdottir (ISL) 15:8 15:3, Maria Thors & Sigridur Jonsdottir (ISL) beat Brina Gudbjartsdottir & Katrin Atladottir (ISL) 5:15 15:13 15:12, Brynja Petursdottir & Erla Bjorg Hafsteindottir (ISL) bye. **Semi-finals:** Nielsen & Asgeirsdottir beat Hinriksdottir & Sigurdardottir 15:1 15:0, Petursdottir & Hafsteinsdottir beat Thors & Jonsdottir 15:1 15:1 **Final:** Nielsen & Asgeirdottir beat Petursdottir & Hafsteinsdottir 15:5 15:2.

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Arni thor Hallgrimsson & Vigdis Asgeirsdottir (ISL) bye, Sveinn Solvason & Erla Bjorg Hafsteinsdottir (ISL) beat Skuli Sigurdsson & Hrund Gudmundsdottir (ISL) 15:5 15:7, Tryggvi Nielsen & Elsa Nielsen (ISL) beat Magnus Helgason & Katrin Atladottir (ISL) 15:6 15:1, Broddi Kristjansson & Brynja Petursdottir (ISL) beat Orri Arnason & Anna Sigurdardottir (ISL) 15:1 15:7 **Semi-finals:** Hallgrimsson & Asgeirsdottir beat Solvason & Hafsteindottir 15:3 15:11, Nielsen & Nielsen beat Kristjansson & Petursdottir 17:16 7:15 15:12 **Final:** Hallgrimsson & Asgeirdottir beat Nielsen & Nielsen 15:2 15:5

V SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

14 - 17 November 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Mario Carulla Schultz (PER) beat Jorge Meyer (ARG) w & o, Paulo Fam (BRA) beat Shuan Huang (BRA) 15:1 16:17 15:2, Leandro Santos (BRA) beat Jorge Possiel (ARG) 5:15 15:4 15:2, Euclides Freitas (BRA) beat Michael Garay (ARG) 15:2 15:10 **Semi-finals:** Carulla Schultz beat Fam 15:2 15:3, Santos beat Freitas 6:15 15:9 15:5 **Final:** Carulla Schultz beat Santos 15:2 15:1.

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Lorena Blanco (PER) beat Andres Somrau (ARG) 11:1 11:0, Lucero Chueca (PER) beat Cecilia Vazquez (URG) 11:2 11:0, Doriana Rivera (PER) beat Cristina Nakano (BRA) 11:3 11:2, Ximena Bellido (PER) beat Sandra Miashiro (BRA) 11:5 11:2 **Semi-finals:** Blanco beat Chueca 11:2 11:0, Bellido beat Rivera 11:4 11:9 **Final:** Blanco beat Bellido 11:2 11:2.

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Gustavo Salazar & Mario Carulla Schultz (PER) beat Jorge Meyer & Jaroslaw Klysz (ARG) w & o, Leandro Santos & Marcelo (BRA) beat Christian Meyer & Rene Somrau (ARG) 15:0 15:2, Paulo Fam & Shuan Huang (BRA) beat Mauricio & Juan Sobarzo (CHI) 15:4 15:2, Federico Valdez & Gonzalo Castillo (PER) beat Dabo & Mario Torre (URG) 15:1 15:6 **Semi-finals:** Salazar & Carulla Schultz beat Santos & Martins 15:4 15:3, Valdez & Castillo beat Fam & Huang 8:15 15:3 15:9 **Final:** Salazar & Carulla Schultz beat Valdez & Castillo 15:1 15:2.

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Ximena Bellido & Lorena Blanco (PER) beat Sandra Miashiro & Hao Min Huai (BRA) 15:1 15:2, Alice Garay & Andres Somaru (ARG) beat Susana Salinas & Claudia Vargas (CHI) 15:4 15:2, Cristina Nakano & Patricia Finardi (BRA) beat Cecilia Vazquez & Maria Ines Caceres (URG) 15:1 15:3, Doriana Rivera & Lucero Chueca (PER) beat Celica Christensen & Rosa Tito Rigau (ARG) 15:1 15:3 **Semi-finals:** Bellido & Blanco beat Garay & Somrau 15:4 15:2, Rivera & Chueca beat Nakano & Finardi 17:18 15:12 15:4 **Final:** Bellido & Blanco beat Rivera & Chueca 15:8 15:9.

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Mario Carulla Schultz & Ximena Bellido (PER) beat Fabian Cattaneo & Sandra (BRA) 15:1 15:2, Gonzalo Castillo & Lucero Chueca (PER) beat Leandro Santos & Patricia Finardi (BRA) 15:11 5:15 15:7, Federico Valdez & Doriana Rivera (PER) beat Guillermo Bronstrup & Alice Garay (ARG) 15:1 15:3, Gustavo Salazar & Lorena Blanco (PER) beat Marcelo Martins & Hao Min Huai (BRA) 15:2 15:3 **Semi-finals:** Carulla Schultz & Bellido beat Castillo & Chueca 15:2 15:0, Salazar

& Blanco beat Valdez & Rivera 15:8 15:3 **Final:** Salazar & Blanco beat Carulla Schultz 15:10 15:11.

Wang & Lu beat Rizal & Setiawati 15:5 15:11 **Final:** Wang & Lu beat Cheng & Gao 15:4 15:10

WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

19-24 November 1996

Men's singles

Quarter-finals: Yudi Suprayogi (INA) beat Zhu Feng (CHN) 15:5 15:4, Rony Agustinus (INA) beat Park Tae Sang (KOR) 15:1 18:16, Rudy Ignatius (INA) beat Xie Min (CHN) 12:15 15:6 15:12, Xia Xuanze (CHN) beat Taufik Hidayat (INA) 15:5 15:6 **Semi-finals:** Zhu beat Agustinus 15:11 15:7, Ignatius beat Xia 17:16 17:14 **Final:** Zhu beat Ignatius 16:17 15:4 15:6

Ladies' singles

Quarter-finals: Lee Kyong Won (KOR) beat Dwi Retno (INA) 11:3 11:7, Aparna Papat (IND) beat Judith Meulendijks (NED) 11:0 11:9, Peng Ju Ju (TPE) beat Gong Ruina (CHN) 4:11 11:7 11:9, Yu Hua (CHN) beat Lee Soon Deuk (KOR) 11:3 8:11 11:1 **Semi-finals:** Papat beat Lee 4:11 11:5 11:3, Yu beat Peng 11:4 6:11 11:3 **Final:** Yu beat Papat 11:7 11:3

Men's doubles

Quarter-finals: Endra Mulyajaya & Hadi Saputra (INA) beat Lee Sang Ki & Woo Hyun Ho (KOR) 18:13 15:6, Chan Chong Ming & Gan Wye Teck Jeremy (MAS) beat Ove Svejstrup & Kasper Odum (DEN) 15:11 12:15 15:11, Huang Shih Chung & Chien Yu Hsiu (TPE) beat Tang Soo Sen & Yap Wee Meng (MAS) 15:6 15:1, Yim Bang Eun & Kim Yong Hyun (KOR) beat Tommy Sorensen & Thomas Rojkaer (DEN) 15:4 15:7 **Semi-finals:** Gan & Chan beat Suputra & Mulyajaya 18:14 15:8, Huang & Chien beat Kim & Yim 15:11 15:7 **Final:** Gan & Chan beat Huang & Chien 18:17 15:7.

Ladies' doubles

Quarter-finals: Britta Andersen & Jane Jacoby (DEN) beat Y Yunita & A. Anita (INA) 15:13 15:7, Lu Ying & Zhan Xubin (CHN) beat Lee So Young & Park So Yun (CHN) 15:10 9:15 15:10, Chung Jae Hee & Yim Kyung Jin (KOR) beat Chor Jooy Yee & Lim Pek Siah (MAS) 15:10 15:9, Gao Ling & Yang Wei (CHN) beat Ella Karachkova & Janna Chernenkaja (RUS) 15:2 15:4 **Ladies' doubles:** Lu & Zhan beat Jacoby & Lu 15:7 15:12, Gao & Yang beat Chung & Yim 12:15 15:10 15:11 **Final:** Gao & Yim beat Lu & Zhan 15:12 15:8

Mixed doubles

Quarter-finals: Cheng Rui & Gao Ling (CHN) beat Kristian Langbak & Jane Bramsen (DEN), Zhu Feng & Zhou Mi (CHN) beat Endra Mulyajaya & Vita Marisa (INA) 18:14 15:8, Rizall & Neneng Setiawati (INA) beat Michael Jensen & Lone Mork (DEN) 15:5 15:10, Wang Wei & Lu Ling (CHN) beat Ove Svejstrup & Britta Andersen (DEN) 16:17 15:11 15:9 **Semi-finals:** Cheng & Gao beat Zhu & Zhou 15:8 17:14,



World Grand Prix Finals 1996

Men's singles

Semi-finals: Fung Permadi (TPE) beat Indra Wijaya (INA) 15:6 15:8, Sun Jan (CHN) beat Allan Budi Kusuma (INA) 15:9 15:10

Final: Permadi beat Sun 15:12 15:8

Ladies' singles

Semi-finals: Susi Susanti (INA) beat Camilla Martin (DEN) 11:1 11:3, Sun Jan (CHN) beat Budi Kusuma 15:9 15:10

Final: Susanti beat Ye 11:4 11:1

Men's doubles

Semi-finals: Ricky Sugaja/Rexy Mainaky (INA) beat Chandra Wijaya/Sigit (INA) 15:10 15:6, Cheah Soon Kit/Yap Kim Hock (MAL) beat Denny Kantono/Antonius (INA) 15:5 15:6

Final: Subagja/Mainaky beat Cheah/Yap 15:4 15:9

Ladies' doubles

Semi-finals: Ge Fei/Gu Jun (CHN) beat Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen/Marlene Thomsen (DEN) 15:8 10:15 15:7, Eliza/Rosiana Zelin (INA) beat Qin Yiyuan/Tang Yongshu (CHN) 15:6 15:11

Final: Ge/Gu beat Eliza/Zelin 15:4 15:4.

Mixed doubles

Semi-finals: Michael Sogaard/Rikke Olsen (DEN) beat Thomas Stavngaard/Ann Jorgenson (DEN) 18:13 15:6, Trikus Heryanto/Minarti Timur (INA) beat Peter Axelsson/Catrine Bengtsson (SWE) 15:4 17:16

Final: Sogaard/Olsen beat Heryanto/Timur 15:10 15:11

SUSANTI & PERMADI

Prix Badminton Finals

BY THOMAS KOH OF THE STRAITS TIMES, SINGAPORE

But the Dane was clearly not at his best in Bali. After his whirlwind success at the Atlanta Olympics, he has been flooded with requests for interviews and offers to endorse everything from health drinks to breakfast cereals. Along with success comes a burgeoning bank account and Hoyer-Larsen will move to London in January of the New Year to seek some tax relief. He said: "The taxation rate is 68 per cent in Denmark. I have to think of my family's future and make some savings for them. In London, the rate is 25 per cent and they don't tax you for what you make outside England."

Indonesia's Ricky Subagja and Rexy Mainaky and China's pairing of Ge Fei and Gu Jun showed the form that took

them to the Olympic men's and women's doubles golds in Atlanta as they crushed their respective opposition in the final. The Danish pair of Michael Sogaard and Rikke Olsen won the mixed doubles title after downing the Indonesian defending champion pair of Trikus Heryanto and Minarti Timur.

But it was not all work and no play in Bali. The players unwinded by playing beach soccer and volleyball at the five-star Bali Hilton International's sun-soaked beach. Indonesia's Hermawan Susanto impressed with his goal-scoring feats and looked like an "Eric Cantona" in the making while Danish doubles star Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen showed some fancy spikes and earned a nice tan in the process.

There's no stopping China's Olympic Gold medallists Ge Fei and Gu Jun



Olympic bronze medallists, Denny Kantono and S Antonius, lost in the semi-final to Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Kim Hock of Malaysia



Ricky Subagja and Rexy Mainaky with their coach and mentor, Christian



China's rising star Gong Zhichao



The STAR Sports commentary team in action



CLEAN SWEEP FOR ASIA

Sue Ashton and Hans Moller report from the third World Junior Championships held in Silkeborg, Denmark. All photos by Preben B. Soborg



Unseeded Indian, Aparna Popat sensationally reached the women's singles final.

Aparna Popat is probably a name you have not previously come across, but it's one that you'll come to hear a lot of. She didn't win the gold medal in Silkeborg but she certainly stole the show in the world's biggest junior event played in the heart of the Danish lake district.

Popat was tipped by Morten Frost early on as a player to watch and she proved him right before losing to 17-year-old Yu Hua of China in a one-sided final. "I think I was just lucky to reach the final," said the demure Indian girl from Bombay, who now lives in Bangalore and is coached by former All England champion Prakash Padukone.

But it was not luck that won the unseeded 18-year-old a silver medal. A combination of talents reminiscent of Prakash and a gritty determination saw her through to the quarter-finals where she dismissed Europe's last hope in the women's singles, Judith Meulendijks of the Netherlands. She came from behind to beat Lee Kyong Won of Korea in the semi-finals where the Danish crowd really got behind her, probably because she had spent a month in Denmark preparing with former

Danish star, Michael Kjeldsen.

"I still can't believe what's happened to me, I can't believe that I reached the final," said Popat after the match "Yu didn't allow me to play my normal game but without taking anything away from her, I did play very badly. I've just telephoned Prakash and told him that I didn't play well. Even so, he's delighted that I reached the final but I feel as if I have been in a dream - it was only luck."

Yu Hua's gold medal was one of four picked up by China in the tournament where more than 500 matches were played by players from 50 countries in two halls over six days.

In the men's singles, top seed Yudi Suprayogi from Indonesia didn't live up to expectations and after a struggle in the round of the last 16 against Yap Yong Jyen of Malaysia, went out to the 6th seed and the gold medal winner, 18-year-old Zhu Feng of China in the next round.

The final lasted just over 90 minutes with Zhu taking on Rudy Ignatius, ranked junior No1 in Indonesia. After losing the first game 16-17 Zhu took the second serving straight through from 4-4 to win 15-4 and the third 15-6. "It was the longest match I have ever played" said Zhu "I played Rudy earlier this year in Indonesia and beat me then."

The only real European threat to the Asian dominance of the women's doubles event in the latter stages, came from Denmark's Jane Jacoby and Britta Andersen who reached the semi-final before falling to Lu Ying and Zhan Xubin of China, who then lost to team-mates Gao Ling and Yang Wei in final.

The mixed doubles was an all-China final, Wang Wei and Lu Ying beating Cheng Rui and Gao Ling but it was Malaysians Gan Wye Teck Jeremy and Chan Chong Ming against Huang Shih Chung and Chien Yu Hsui of Taipei, in the best of all the finals, who prevented China getting a clean sweep. Coming from 11-0 down in the first game, the Malaysian 13th seeds beat the unseeded pair from Taipei 18-17 15-7.

So, even though this was the first time that the World Junior Championships had been played outside Asia, it did not stop an ominous clean sweep by the Asian countries who already dominate the sport at senior level.

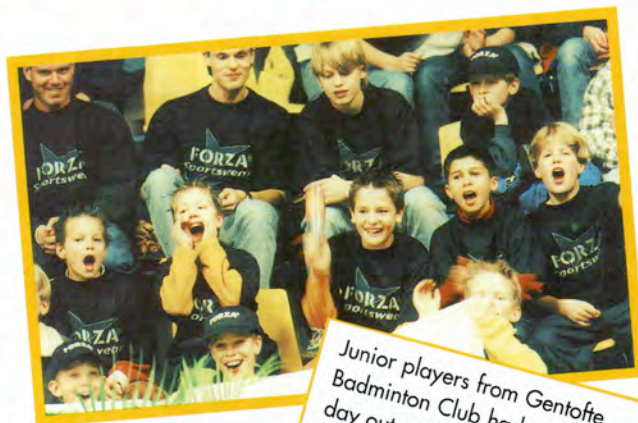
OUT OF AFRICA

Despite a 36 hour journey fraught with problems like forgotten passports, immigration officials and little money, three Zambian players finally arrived in Silkeborg although they were too late to take part in the main tournament. However, a chance meeting on a train and a helping hand from Danish coach Morten Carlsen got Mabel, 17, Eli, 16 and Roger 18 to the hall just in time to play in the consolation event.

"We are so grateful to Morten," said Roger, who comes from the mining town of Kitwe. "Without him we just wouldn't have made it on time, he even organised rackets, shirts and shorts for us." "Where I come from, you rarely see rackets and shuttles in the shops because they are too expensive. My father, who is a miner, earns an average of 90,000 Kwacha a week (about US\$90). If you are lucky enough to spot a badminton racket they cost at least 80,000 Kwacha each."

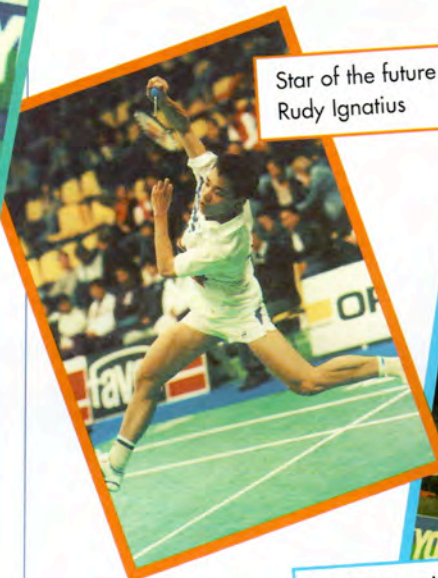
Zhu Feng

Gan Wye Teck Jeremy and
Chan Chong Ming



Junior players from Gentofte
Badminton Club had a great, noisy,
day out at Silkeborg.

Star of the future – Indonesia's
Rudy Ignatius



Malaysian victory for Gan and Chan



China's Yu Hua won the women's
singles title demolishing Popat in
a one-sided final.



China's Xia Xuanze is also a
promising star of the future.



(From L to R) Li Yongbo, Luan Jin
and Sompol Kukasemkij



JUNIOR TOURNAMENT FOR GROWN-UPS

At first glance, the World Junior Championships could have been mistaken for a grown-up event.

The teachers and coaches present were made up of famous names of recent years and most acknowledged that there is quite a difference between the youngsters of today and those of a decade ago. "I think they have learned the value of having an education as well as playing badminton," said Sompol Kukasemkij, now a coach in his native Thailand.

Former All England champion Luan Jin who now coaches in Chinese-Taipei, felt that today's youngsters have better technical skills and are stronger. "I also feel they are more grown up and more responsible than when I was a junior," he added.

But China's former World Champion Li Yongbo didn't agree. "I do not think their concentration is as same as in the old days though," he said "they move better and quicker but I personally don't think that racket skills have improved. I also think there is more reward for winning these days which makes players more selfish - they're doing it more for themselves than for their country."

"I am very impressed by the girls who I think have improved more than the boys in recent years" said Morten Frost "But all things being equal, I don't think that at the same age, I could have competed with these players. When I was 18 I was a little shrimp and would have been putty against the big and physically well-equipped youngsters we see here today."

Wang Wei won
doubles title.



INDONESIA'S ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL

Paul Pawlaczyk reports from California on the US Open, the biggest individual prizemoney event in badminton history.

Indonesia's dominance of badminton has been well documented in recent years. However, at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, the badminton juggernaut was knocked from its pedestal, landing only one gold medal compared to two in 1992 and winning nothing in the men's singles, the event where they won all three medals in Barcelona.

Perhaps this below-par performance in Atlanta inspired the Indonesians when they returned to the United States for the 1996 Hong Ta Shan US Open in Orange County, California last September. A second motivating factor may have been the record \$200,000 prize purse, making the US Open the biggest individual prizemoney tournament in badminton history. Whatever the reason, Indonesia played impassioned badminton in Orange, taking four out of five titles.

The medals parade began in men's doubles as youngsters Chandra Wijaya and Sigit proved they could soon join the world's elite.

Unseeded and unranked going into the competition, they blasted through intense competition including the No1 seeds Antonius and Denny Kantono, bronze medallists in Atlanta, in the semi-finals. At their strongest with Sigit at the net and Wijaya at the rear, they faced Malaysia's Olympic silver medallists, Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Kim Hock in the final.

Cheah and Yap were scheduled on a midnight flight home the same night, but judging by their performance, they had mentally departed far earlier. Yap, who typically jumps through the roof despite his 5'5" frame, was grounded whilst Cheah had no sting in his smashes. The youthful and energetic Indonesian seized their advantage and won the title 18-16, 15-10. "We didn't have our concentration" said a dejected Cheah "The Indonesians are young and fast and we were still a bit tired from our semi-final match against Kim Dong Moon and Ha Tae Kwon."

Next on centre stage for Indonesia was 17-year-old sensation Mia Audina. Seeded No1 following her silver medal performance in Atlanta, Mia was riding high. She breezed through the first three rounds of the competition using her apparent effortless footwork and patented round-the-head smashes to dominate her opposition by a combined score of 66-9.

In the final she met the 2nd seed Camilla Martin, whom she knocked out of the Olympic quarter-finals. Though the Danish girl was obviously hungry for revenge Mia refused to be denied her first major title, winning 11-5, 11-9.

"I'm very happy to finally win my first major event," said a triumphant Audina "Hopefully, there are many more titles to come."

Indonesia's third title was in the men's singles with Joko Suprianto proving that he deserved his No1 world ranking by beating Olympic gold medallist Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen 15-13, 15-13. "Joko has very good speed and I made too many unforced errors" said Hoyer "This was my first tournament after the Olympics so I was a little off, but I am slowly coming back."

Suprianto's US title paired with the Indonesian title earlier the same month marked a return to the top for the 29-year-old from Jakarta following his disappointing performance at the Atlanta Olympics, where he lost in the quarter-finals to Rashid Sidek of Malaysia.

Rosiana Zelin and Eliza won Indonesia's fourth and final title, easily beating England's Julie Bradbury and Joanne Goode 15-6, 15-5.

The only non-Indonesian title went to the unseeded Koreans Kim Dong Moon and Chung So Young, who bombed England's Chris Hunt and Denmark's Helene Kirkegaard 15-5, 15-7. Kim, mixed doubles gold medallist in Atlanta, retained the title he won in 1995 with his Olympic partner Gil Young Ah.

American players did better than expected with Chinese-born Kevin Han from Colorado Springs and Andrea Edstrom, also from Colorado, reaching the round of the last 16. Han took world ranked No12 Ong Ewe Ock of Malaysia to three sets.

"I felt that I played well" said Han after his match "But I just didn't have enough left to finish him off." Edstrom who lost 12-9, 11-6 to Denyse Julien of Canada said: "I feel I'm getting closer to the top level players all the time. I was in there the entire match and there wasn't a time I felt totally out of control."

One of the highlights was the grand opening ceremony, which featured a Chinese lion dance along with a demonstration match between KRZY FM's morning anchor man John Fox and former Californian Interscholastic Federation star Ying Chansawangpuvana.

More than 2,000 spectators packed the Orange County Badminton Club, including hundreds of flag-waving Indonesian, Malaysian and Korean fans screaming for their heroes during the finals, which were televised throughout Asia by Star TV.

"This was the most successful US Open in history," said USBA vice president and organising committee chairman Paisan Rangsitkitho "I was pleased with my staff who had worked so hard and the crowd were magnificent. Hopefully we will be able to top this next year."

The event would not have reached its high level of success without the help and support of the Hong Ta Group, Yonex Corporation and other supporting sponsors of the USBA. The USBA would also like to thank Justian Suhandinata, chairman of the IBF's Development Committee who played such a crucial role in the staging of the 1996 Hong Ta Shan Open.

Kevin Han

An authentic Chinese Lion Dance was included in the opening ceremony.



Chairman of Hong Ta Shan Group, Ted Sioeny

IBF Vice President & Development Committee Chair, Justian Suhandinata

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Chairman of the US Open Organization Committee, Palsan Rangsitkpho



Why we must opportunity in

Madame Lu Shengrong, IOC Member, President of the International Badminton Federation and one of the few female presidents of an international federation, was recently asked to address the World Conference on Women and Sport. This is what she had to say...

"The role of women in sport has always been important to me, so much so that I wrote to President Samaranch suggesting that the IOC set up a commission to deal with the special problems concerning women's participation in the Olympic movement.

I also recommended a special foundation for the development of women's sport, particularly to take a lead in the training of female administrators, coaches, medical personnel and athletes.

My third recommendation was that measures should be taken to guarantee opportunities for women to participate in the Olympics. In making the recommendations, I was able to draw on my experience within an international federation.

International federations are undoubtedly the most important pillar of the Olympic movement. All shoulder the responsibility of ensuring women equal rights in the participation and administration of their chosen sport.

The IBF have taken positive steps to redress the gender balance in sport. Aside from my role as president, two of our key committees, finance and world ranking are chaired by women.

One of our major competitions, the Sudirman Cup, is the world mixed team championships and our World Grand Prix circuit is composed of tournaments for all five events. Indeed, badminton is

one of the few sports where men and women play together and, in the case of mixed doubles, compete with and against one another on court. This particular aspect was given proper recognition when mixed doubles was included as an Olympic discipline for the Centennial Games in Atlanta. Another Atlanta achievement was the fact that of our quota of 192 athletes, exactly one half were women.

Our development committee is playing its part too. Last year an IBF woman coach from Scotland, Alison Fulton, in conjunction with Olympic Solidarity, conducted a course in Iran for 30 Moslem women. For Alison this course highlighted the numerous problems faced by women athletes in many parts of the world. Naturally, they all have to overcome prejudice and inequality in so many aspects of their career, but a great number are also forced to battle against their cultural, political and religious backgrounds.



Lu Shengrong wants equal opportunity for women in all sports.



Reina de Beer of the Netherlands heads the IBF's Finance Committee.

Photo: Stephen J. Line

Photo: Proben B. Soborg

give women an equal all sports.

This is where international federations must lead the way. But it is imperative that they put their own houses in order before tackling the global problem. We need to advocate the promotion of female administrators to more prominent positions within our organisations and to encourage positive discrimination in recruitment programmes.

We should also ensure that the international federations support initiatives such as this conference by sending representatives who are dealing with this important issue on a regular basis. I feel that if we lead by example then our national members will be more inclined to follow suit. With administrators in place the focus should then switch to the development of female athletes.

Again, the international federations are perfectly placed to ensure that their members give women the same opportunities as men in every aspect of their career. Training, competition, rewards, recognition and promotion.

International federations must encourage gender equality by setting ground rules. Similarly, recognition should be given to members who are making a conscious effort to improve the lot of women in their country.

International federations could also influence sponsors towards equal deals for men and women. Unfortunately, in this day and age, so many athletes are not given the opportunity to realise their full potential because they do not have sufficient sponsorship. This is especially true for female athletes, traditionally less prominent in the international arena.

It is, however, a vicious circle: without exposure, there is unlikely to be sponsorship; without sponsorship, there almost certainly is no exposure. The onus is on international federations to persuade sponsors that women's sport can be just as exciting, and profitable, as men's.

There are two other groups poorly represented: women coaches and officials. Again the responsibility for change lies with international federations. Conscious efforts must be made to recruit and retain female coaches. Many will have worked their way through the ranks and can, therefore, appreciate the additional pressures faced by their female students.

The same can be said of female officials. Too few officials at international events are women. We must do all we can to support those we already have and to find ways of increasing their numbers. An initiative, such as childcare provision, could make all the difference to a coach who wishes to pursue an international career.

For this reason the IBF is giving full support to the training of officials for this year's 2nd Islamic Countries' Women Sports Games in Pakistan.

The task facing international federations is daunting. But we should not, however, feel that we have to face it alone. The most effective way to bring about change would be for federations to work together and thus exert greater influence. Joint initiatives, targeting regions or countries, could prove valuable in promoting the changes we want. Each federation would bring their own experiences, influences and ideas to the project, ensuring that the requirements of individual areas are taken into consideration.

We are all familiar with the difficulties faced by athletes from certain religions and cultures. For them, even to train is an achievement and can result in public condemnation. While for many of us this is inconceivable, we could not become complacent. There is not one country in the world which can claim that its female athletes are given the same opportunities as their male colleagues.

The responsibility for implementing and maintaining change has been given to international federations. It is a challenge we welcome."



Alison Fulton conducted a course in Iran – pictured here with her students.

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MEN'S SINGLES

1. ERICSSON Daniel	SWE	250
2. HAGBERG Martin	SWE	220
3. KALDAU Niels-Christian	DEN	180
SILVA Fernando	POR	180
5. VANNESTE Pedro	BEL	180
6. KOCH Jürgen	AUT	140
7. BENGTSSON Henrik	SWE	140
8. JANUM Peter	DEN	120
PALYAMA Dicky	NED	120
10. WENGBERG Rasmus	SWE	110

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1. BERG Tanja	DEN	300
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During the last two weeks in May, Scotland will be hit by badminton-mania as all eyes focus on the World Championships at Glasgow's Scotstoun Centre.

Scotland's first world championships promise to be a never-to-be-forgotten occasion, and the wheels of organisation are already turning fast.

Committees have been set up, more than 250 volunteers have been recruited, and upwards of 3,000 spectators are expected to watch the greatest shuttle show on earth.

The team event, the Sudirman Cup, will be from May 19-24, with the individual championships following on from May 25 until June 1 when all the individual finals, with the exception of the mixed (on Saturday, May 31) will provide a superb climax.

In Glasgow, Denmark's Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen will be a man on a mission. Olympic, European and All England, champion, he will be aiming to continue his remarkable winning streak by lifting the world title.

Hoyer-Larsen is treading impressively in the footsteps of his compatriot, Morten Frost. For like Morten, here is a European capable of taking on, and beating, Asian players. His form is a great fillip for European badminton and the prospect of the drum-thumping, whistle-blowing Danish crowd taking on the fanatical Chinese, Koreans and Indonesians in the spectator stakes promises to be almost as entertaining as the play.

In the team championships, all the Scottish fans will be trying to bring the house down in support of their team as they bid to retain a place in the world's top 15 and stay in the Third Division.

With Glasgow City Council having formed such a close liaison with the Scottish Badminton Union in terms of organisation, there will be plenty of entertainment.

Pat Lally, Glasgow's Lord Provost, is expected to be appointed chairman of the Championship Committee.

The highlight of the whirl of social activities will be a civic dinner on the final night - June 1 - while it is expected that the minister of Sport, Raymond Robertson, will host a reception during the championships.

Prince Edward, the SBU's Royal Patron, is certain to attend the tournament and the SBU look forward to welcoming IBF President Madame Lu Shengrong.

On the playing side, eight practice courts and eight tournament courts will be in operation throughout, while a number of sponsors are already on board.

Trakman are to provide clothing for both officials and volunteers. Horizon Software will help out with the massive network of results and information, while Yonex will supply the shuttles.

Perhaps the greatest benefit for Glasgow and Scottish badminton, is that the championships will be beamed around the world on television. The International Management Group have been responsible for selling the TV rights and there will be saturation coverage throughout Asia.

"The momentum is starting to build and it promises to be a brilliant fortnight for all concerned," said Anne Smillie, chief executive of the SBU and the person responsible for bringing the whole extravaganza together.

The next few months will involve a great deal of time, effort and hard work but it promises to be a great event.



Photo: Peter Richardson

Prince Edward - seen here dancing with Sweden's Christine Magnusson - is expected to attend the World Championships.

BY ELPETH BURNSIDE

THE AGE OF THE SUPERCOACH

The start of a new Olympic cycle also marks the end of the latest round of 'musical chairs' for many national coaches.

Time was when only a few national associations had their own professional full-time coaches but since badminton's elevation to full Olympic status this has become de rigueur for most teams. Australia have just appointed their new coach from Denmark to take them through to the Sydney Olympic Games 2000.

Many, but not all, of the new appointments at this level reflect the need for experience of the game at international level. This has led to many high profile coaching positions for ex-top international players in 1996, such as Jonas Herrgaard (Switzerland), Steve Butler (USA), Dan Travers (Scotland) Steve Baddeley and Park Joo Bong (England) but this is not always the case.

The need for manager-coaches with a high level education and knowledge of the technical side of the sport continues, but perhaps the most important aspect of the national coach's skill is now in management and personnel management. Other recent appointments, such as Claes Johansson from Sweden and Denmark's Henrik Lyngby, reflect this need.

As budgets grow and the new jobs entail the co-ordination of a number of different expert personnel, such as doctors, sports scientists, physiotherapists or education counsellors, the coach-manager becomes more of a co-ordinator.

It is unreasonable to expect the coach to be expert in all these fields, but as playing performances improve and the standard of top play is driven ever higher, experts must be consulted

on each aspect that affects performance. The new role of the national coach is to manage these different facets which, when combined, lead to excellence in performance on the court.

In Asia, ex-international players like Yang Yang and Han Jian, have been on the staff for many years but often only in an on-court role. These players have learned their management skills through a hands-on approach to working with the team and some have risen to take on the top role of coach/manager in their country.

It is significant that I refer to the role of the coach and manager as one professional person as these normally remain separate only under an amateur system in the modern badminton world. As wages increase to levels previously unheard of in badminton - more than

US\$60,000 per year in several cases - these top positions are bound to attract higher qualified coaches in the future.

Where is this leading for the next generation of coaches? Firstly, it is certain that more countries will begin to employ more than one full-time coach. Secondly, we can expect to see more ex-players obtaining sports science degrees and coaching qualifications before embarking on a career in coaching. Take Peter Bush, who is currently working in Denmark.

Why is this you may ask? The answer is simple. As salaries move higher it is increasingly only sports ministries who can pay and therefore employ the national coaches. These government agencies need to see qualifications on paper as well as experience of the international game before they part with the tax-payer's money!

This can only be a good thing for the game - raising standards to achieve even higher levels of playing performance in more countries. It is better for spectators, better for television, better for the game and of course helping its development.

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SWEET & SOAR

Super-coach Retno Koestjah tells Brigitta Isworo why she believes her Olympic silver medal star Mia Audina can be the next Susanti.

HOW THE PARTNERSHIP HAS BLOSSOMED

Retno has been coaching Indonesia's soaring star Mia Audina since late 1993 and in that time she has come to know and understand the daughter of Rivan Tjiptawan almost as much as her mother. "In the beginning the talent scout spotted her because she was beating all the older players in her age group," said Retno.

At first Mia was under Susanti's coach Liang Chiu Shia then she came under Retno's guidance.

She brought with her special qualities like:

- her own brand of strokes and trickery
- her marvellous anticipation
- and her incredible determination

But with that she was also smart enough to grasp Retno's instructions straight away. "She is so strong-willed that it is hard for anyone to stop her," said the bespectacled 54-year-old. "She certainly isn't a 'yes man' which means it isn't always easy handling her. You need special expertise. Sometimes she seems lazy but on other occasions she works hard to master something. Basically, she is a player who knows what she needs."

"But I believe that Mia has everything it takes. She could be the next Susanti and I believe she will be," said Retno. "She is a champion in the making."

Being a coach is only Retno's sideline. Her full-time job is as a civil servant in the Ministry of Education.

But her love of badminton is unstoppable so much so that every day she coaches in the Pelatnas (national camp) at Cipraying in Jakarta and she is also head coach at the Jaya Raya club where several of Indonesia's top players play - Susanti, Denny Kantono, Finarsih and the like. Consequently she gets in to her office about once a week!



A typical day begins at 4am when she goes to Cipraying. At noon she continues with her club and at night she finally relaxes by watching television or playing with her pets - five dogs and two singing birds.

"Sometimes I just put on a tape of birds singing and then my birds do the same and sing along with the tape. They're lovely," says Retno, who lives with her 86-year-old father and her nephew.

RETNO'S PLAYING DAYS

Until she was 14 Retno played almost every sport... volleyball, swimming, basketball, football, softball. But at 14 she started playing badminton and after just two years burst into the Indonesian Uber Cup team. That was back in 1959 and she stayed in the team right through to the 1972 finals in Tokyo.

But the writing was on the wall in 1969 when she injured her knee in a Uber Cup practice session. "I got injured but I still played on and won!" she said with a big smile. But then the team was beaten in the challenge round of the Uber Cup by holders Japan.

But by then she had experienced a variety of playing conditions and had the perfect credentials to become a successful coach. "First of all a coach must have patience and determination and most of all has to be firm. 'If not, the players will be against us straight away. 'Secondly, we have to give players motivation and we have to show we believe in them.'"

A winning recipe from a winning coach.

It still hasn't quite sunk in...Retno, the former All England women's doubles champion of the 1960's, is now Retno, the coach of the Olympic silver medallist Mia Audina. She didn't believe it before the Atlanta Games, not with her charge being the youngest in the competition as well as possibly the worst prepared because her mother had been in hospital with heart trouble before Atlanta.

"We didn't have a target," recalls Retno, hot foot from coaching some Indonesian girls at the Pelatnas PBSI courts. "The preparation was so little because her mother was in hospital for some time during the Olympic build-up. 'The gloomy situations were gradually changed for the better because Mia realised she had to overcome the weakness which had led to the recent defeats by her compatriots Kartika and Sentosa. 'I just told her the facts. I asked her to substitute her sadness with a great fighting spirit instead. She had to use her success to help make her mother stronger.' Mia certainly took note and did just that! In doing so she did what Retno herself had done in winning that 1968 All England title with Minarni (now her sister-in-law).

Then, in the aftermath of the Scheele scandal, there was no coach, no money, no equipment and the officials didn't believe in the players. But Retno and Minarni showed them.

"The situation at the time was so challenging," recalled Retno. "We had no money at all because the organisers at first didn't agree with our plan to go to England." Things were so bad they even had to sell their rackets to buy food. Not just them but other Indonesian stars like Mulyadi, Darmadi and even Rudy Hartono, one of the great All England champions.

Thirty years on it was just as tough for Mia. "We didn't have enough preparation and we had to do all the things we didn't do in Jakarta," said Retno. "So Mia had to practice more in Atlanta to master her shots.

"Even so, I said to myself 'it's impossible'. She had done so little practice, her concentration was poor and she was lacking in spirit."

But once the Olympic tournament got under way things began to change, little by little, round by round. Amazingly she won her first match in straight sets, beating the experienced Christine Magnusson 11-6 11-1. But she put in a shaky performance in the next round, only beating Britain's Kelly Morgan 12-9 in the third.

Then came a really big test in the shape of Denmark's Camilla Martin - and no-one was betting on the outcome. It took an hour and another three sets before Mia finally got the better of the All England semi-finalist 11-6 8-11 11-5.

At last her fans could see how dangerous her overhead was and how tricky her late returns from nearly behind the line. It looked more like the old Mia Audina.

Mia gained heart, too, from the surprise defeat of Chinese No 1 Ye Zhaoying. Her height and speed counted for nothing on this occasion against the never-say-die Korean Kim Ji-Hyun, who took just two sets to win 11-5 12-11.

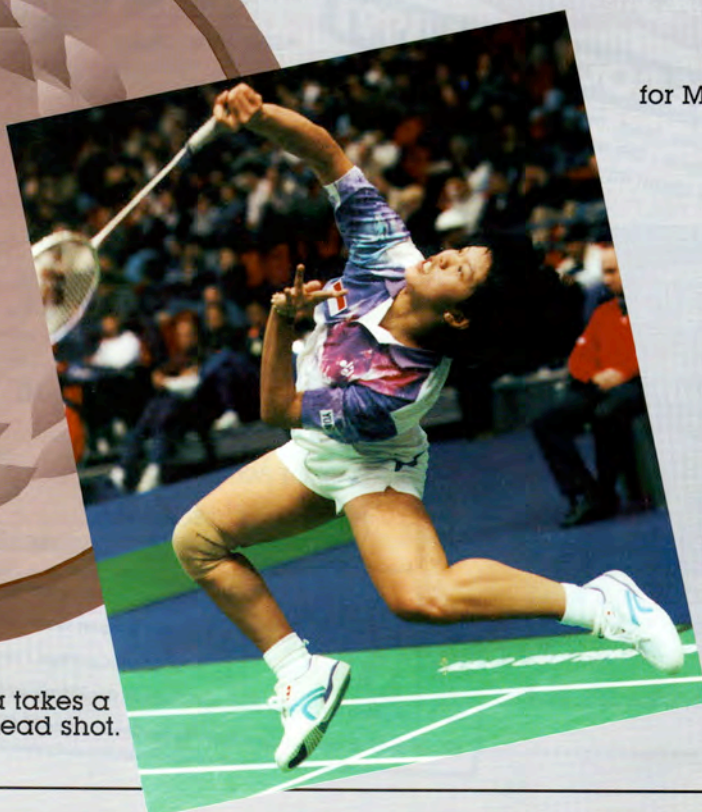
Mia's Silver Lining

"From that moment Mia was confident enough to believe that she could win a medal," says Retno. Initially her self-belief made her strong. Then came the determination to make everyone pay for the surprise defeat of her mentor, Susi Susanti.

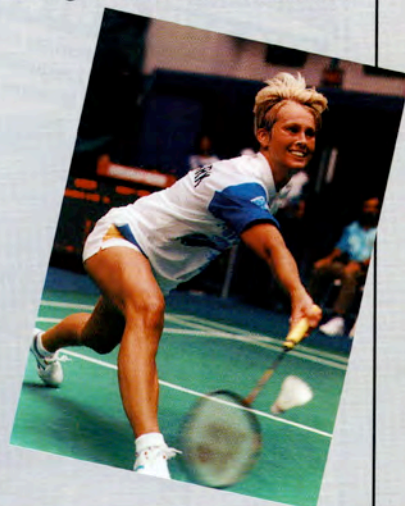
Susanti, the golden girl of Barcelona, had been beaten 9-11 8-11 in the semi-final by her great Korean rival, Bang Soo Hyun. It was now up to Mia.

She defeated Kim in the semi-final in three sets and said afterwards: "I did it for my mother, I did it for my God and I did it for Indonesia" But there was to be an upset on this twisting turning Olympic road. Suddenly the pressure got to Mia, now through to the final and she became tense. "Before the final I couldn't eat at all," admitted the teenager. The fairytale didn't quite have the ending she wanted and she lost to Bang 6-11 7-11 in a little over 30 minutes. But Retno firmly believes that the future is very bright indeed for Indonesia's shining new star.

It was a test of strength for Mia against Camilla Martin



Mia takes a round-the-head shot.





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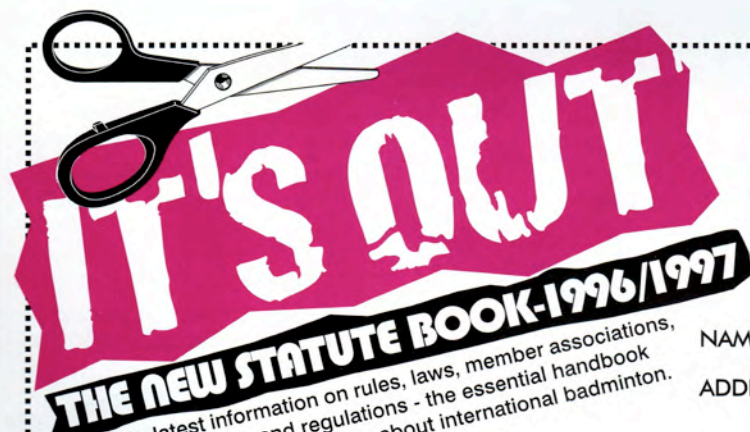
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ONE DOWN, AND ONLY 260 MILLION MORE AMERICANS TO WIN OVER

by badminton convert Julie K Miller of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

YES, badminton really is an Olympic sport. It is a phrase I repeated at least once a day for two years prior to the '96 Games in Atlanta.

So, that should give you an idea of the chasm of ignorance the United States Badminton Association faces in its quest to introduce the world's fastest racket sport to Americans.

For two years, I endured jokes from my friends and colleagues about the sport that I had volunteered to cover for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution during the Olympics.

They laughed when I began telling them all the fascinating facts that I had learned: like the shuttlecock travels up to 200 mph when hit by players like Ricky Subagja and

Rexy Mainaky and that shuttlecocks were made with real goose feathers. It needed me to produce a Yonex feather shuttlecock to show the sceptics the difference between the flimsy plastic birdies they've played with in their backyards and a real shuttle. When it came time to make fun of goofy athletics, badminton was always paired with synchronized swimming as the sports least likely to get any respect. But synchro capitalised in the US with its photogenic competitors and especially by winning a gold medal.

You see nothing gets the American spirit soaring like a winner. And that is what US badminton needs more than anything, someone to pin its hopes on and to cheer for. Kevin Han's performance proved that in the Olympics. The crowd went nuts when he won the first game of his match. Imagine if he had progressed through the tournament to get to the final. My guess is that the USBA and the IBF would have had a little more success with NBC in getting some TV airtime if an American had half a chance to beat someone.

If badminton supporters want to change the sport's image in the USA - a backyard diversion to be played while juggling a beer and a hot dog - a complete overhaul is required.

The USBA certainly seem to understand that with their hiring of Cliff Mc Peak as executive director. McPeak took volleyball out of obscurity and stamped its image on to the American psyche. McPeak has some great ideas about how to do the same thing for badminton but unfortunately the quickest way - through television exposure - costs millions of dollars that the USBA doesn't have. If TV won't cover badminton in the Olympics, then the sport is not likely to get much free broadcast time for smaller events.

Missing the opportunity to showcase the sport to millions of children and their parents means the USBA will have to work that much harder to kickstart its real challenge: to get youngsters to play the game at school and in recreational leagues the way they do soccer, baseball, basketball and grid iron.

But there really is no incentive for American parents to get behind badminton the way they do, for say, Little League baseball. There are only a few school-based programmes in the country; there are no college scholarships; and no superstar role models.

A huge part of McPeak's success with volleyball hinged on developing winning teams. The USBA has reset its goal of an American medal in the 2004 Olympics. Eight years seems a long way off, but when you look at the time spent in other countries to build a first-class programme, it's a blip on the screen.

Yet in America, the land of 30-second commercials, eight years can seem like an eternity. We want instantaneous gratification and our attention spans are about as long as a Nike commercial. So badminton needs to work fast.

I don't want to sound like it's hopeless. There are a few bright spots: the opening of Don Chew's centre in Orange County, California, which held the US Open featuring the game's biggest prizemoney, the hiring of Steve Butler as national coach at the Olympic training centre in Colorado Springs, where the nation's best players will live and practice for the 2000 Olympics and beyond.

And the game itself has so much going for it: fast, fun and will keep you fit. Over the past two years, I have become a true fan of the game. So that's one down, only 260 million Americans to go.



EVEN A HURRICANE CAN'T PUT THE WIND UP THE PAN AM YOUNGSTERS.

BY ANDREW RYAN

Whoever said it was difficult to play badminton in a hurricane! When Hurricane Hortense hit the southeast coast of Puerto Rico it halted almost all the island's electrical supplies and, as it swept up the coast, parts of mountains caved in under the incessant rain. Almost all the island's 3.7 million inhabitants were left in the dark, hundreds became homeless and 20 people died.

When Hurricane Hortense moved on, 160 young players and officials from 11 Pan-American countries found themselves in a hotel with no light or power, no water except on the lowest floors, no sanitation and a badminton hall with no facilities either. What a pity when the Pan-Am Junior Championships had attracted a record entry in terms of both countries and players.

Play had been started in the team event, which in the Pan-Am Juniors, is played only at under 19 level at present. So players in under 17, 15 and 13 years had not yet hit a shuttle in competition in five days in Puerto Rico. Their only badminton had been played in the hotel corridors with the help of flash-lights!

When I managed to fly in from Miami the next day with two coaches, I found the tournament halted and delegates and officials frustrated with the situation. At the first opportunity (7 am next day) I met the President of the PABC and agreed three possible courses of action. A meeting of the 11 countries' delegates was called at the badminton hall and it was finally agreed that we would continue to play the tournament without lights - there were some windows which let in sufficient light to see the shuttle.

The decision to continue the event was made after careful consideration as it meant that everyone had to be extra careful about hygiene as the spread of illness and disease was already an issue with supplies of fresh water running out and toilets temporarily out of action.

Flights in and out of San Juan were still irregular but no delegations were pressured to stay, and only two players decided to return home.

Everyone set to work with coaches and delegates acting as line judges, umpires, match control and helpers to complete the event. The PABC executive committee worked hard to help with the event and complete their two days of intensive meetings to plan the future of their organisation during the next two years.

The PABC executive expressed their sincere thanks to the IBF for their help in the development area in providing shuttles for events such as this one, rackets for the developing countries as well as courses and all other elements of the IBF development plan. Special thanks are offered to the new president of PABC, Frederico Valdez, for his tireless efforts in recent months for Pan America.

IBF president Lu Shengrong arrived the next day after a tiring journey, involving a long delay in Chicago, to find the tournament well under way. She remained to the end of what turned out to be a fantastic event in which all events were completed as well as a coaching clinic which 86 players and coaches attended.

The coaching clinic dealt with three subjects

- 1) A practical session looking at differences between Pan-Am international juniors techniques and those of Asian and European international junior players.
- 2) A practical session on physical training for international junior players.
- 3) A theoretical session on preparation for international events such as these Pan-American Junior Championships and the World Junior Championships.

The IBF President's presence at the Pan-Am junior was appreciated by all and having their medals presented by Mme Lu and the president of the NOC of Puerto Rico was a great honour for the youngsters. The closing stages and finals of the tournament were played with the lights on as electric supplies had returned to San Juan at least, although intermittently.

Ten of the 11 countries entered were represented by players in the finals. The tournament ended with a party for the players and all members of the PABC badminton family, given at the magnificent Olympic House in San Juan and there were emotional farewells after the coaching clinic the following day.

Although many people contributed to the eventual success of the event, special mention must be made of Richard Erichsen, Rachel Ellis and the rest of PABC's executive committee and delegates from many of the countries as well as the two young coaches, Norway's Trond Waland and Sonja Mellink from the Netherlands.

The enormous problems associated with staging such an event under difficult circumstances did much to unite the badminton playing countries of Pan-America and was an example to everyone of what can be achieved when all 'pull together'. For results see results section.

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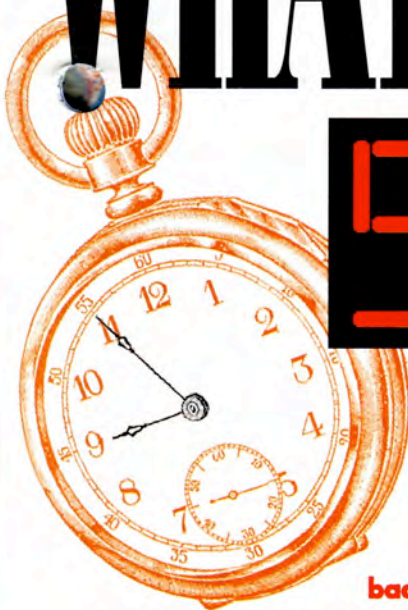
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WHAT'S THE SCORE?



Richard Eaton, who has witnessed scoring experiments in squash and table tennis, looks back on the Dutch open and explains why it's time for a change in badminton

It's five to nine and time for change. It's not, however, the morning commuters seeking the right platform. It's the Dutch Open with a new scoring system seeking the right formula to carry badminton into the next millennium.

According to Dutch head coach Martijn van Dooremalen, who analysed the experiment in detail, it was a success for everyone: television which had more intervals for advertisements and more crises in the action, players, who got more exposure, coaches, who got more mid-match moments during which to ply advice and spectators who saw more matches with heightened tension.

Van Dooremalen's questionnaires suggested as many as 80 percent of the spectators in The Netherlands were in favour of the new scoring and that the majority of players including Olympic Champion Poul-Erik Hoyer and tournament winner Sun Jun were in favour of it as well. The tournament organisers certainly regarded it a success.

Despite this, many will regard it sceptically. Some will feel it is too risky to make substantial alterations to a sport which has grown steadily in popularity for more than a century. Others, particularly in Asia, may consider it unnecessary to change something which is proving highly successful anyway.

But badminton is not attempting anything very different from that which other racket sports have been doing in adapting to a TV dominated era. Table tennis, one of the six biggest sports in the world with more than 150 affiliated countries, has tinkered with 11-up instead of 21-up scoring, and may do so again.

Squash has had point-per-rally scoring on its men's circuit, scrapping a hand-in hand-out system similar to badminton's and maintaining the change almost everywhere except Britain for the past eight years.

Table tennis, like badminton, has been concerned to increase the frequency of crises during games, while the Professional Squash Association believes its so-called American scoring is simpler and easier to understand than scoring only with one shot. It also makes the match appear to progress more quickly.

It's not as though badminton has not tried different things before. Several different versions of scoring have been tried in England, and Norway's national championships last year tried the five to nine system, by all accounts with some success. On the Saturday of the Dutch Open the hall was completely booked and on the Sunday three-quarters booked. It seems, therefore, that a lot of people - albeit mostly in Europe - are considering scoring changes very seriously.

Europe and the Americas need them. Sure, badminton is doing well in Asia. Sure, we may not want to meddle too much with a well-trying formula in this part of the world. Different versions of scoring can sit quite comfortably alongside each other, just as they do in rugby, cricket, snooker and other sports. Europe needs every reasonable device it can use to attract more TV and, on the evidence of the Olympic experience something very significant has to change if the United States is even to dream of giving badminton much television.

The Dutch Open had 90-second intervals between the five games of nine points, providing excellent opportunities for commercial breaks, for coaches to influence the course of the contest and for spectators to assimilate the action in more digestible sizes. The change also created an equal system in which women scored by the same method as men, something surely to be commended.

The experiment was not perfect. Some players said the games were too short. This made it difficult, so they claimed, to get into the flow of things. It will take time to adapt. Some may not do so.

Nevertheless the first signs seem to be clear - that for tournaments in parts of the world where badminton is battling to develop, a new scoring system can provide significant benefits. Indeed, some may want to take it a step further. Van Dooremalen does.

"I would like to see a further improvement by not having two serves in doubles," he said. "When you start a doubles match it is possible, with two consecutive serves, to get four, five, or six points, and then you are a long way ahead. So I would like to see doubles in which there is just one serve in each hand."

Next year it may be five to nine and time to change, and one hand at a time in Holland.

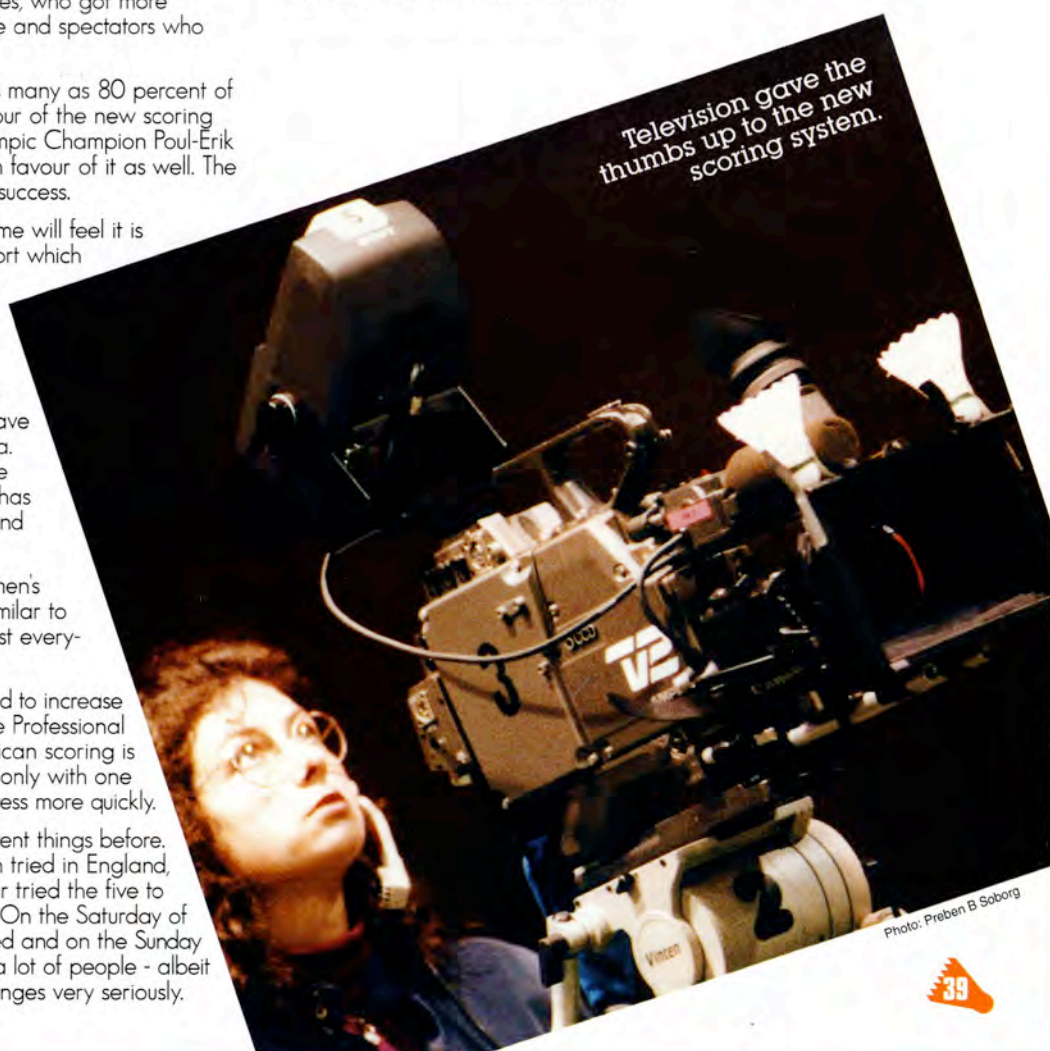


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WEDDING BELLS

Three of the world's top players were married recently – two to each other.

Pictured is Sweden's Christine Magnusson who married Max Gandrup of Denmark and taking their vows around the same time were Rexy Mainaky and childhood sweetheart Henny.



Brigitta Isworo of Kompas writes: More than 3,000 guests crowded the wedding of Indonesia's badminton heartthrob in the ceremony where both the bride and groom wore white.

Henny and Rexy were at school together and but went their separate ways when schooling finished. Sitting with them at their home Rexy said: "Henny was so popular that I didn't like to ask her out."

"He was always so shy," Henny interrupted "He used to put his head down every time he passed my house on the way to the stadium to badminton practice."

"Henny moved to Jakarta after finishing high school and I year later I moved their myself. I contacted her but she was pretty cool with me." joked Rexy

But love was smouldering and when Henny saw Eky - her pet name for Rexy - playing badminton some time later on television, she contacted him through a friend and they arranged to meet. It was however, not over a romantic candlelit dinner. Rexy said: "I was leaving the following day to play in a tournament in Japan and Henny went shopping to get some bits and pieces for me for my trip - I was so

impressed. While I was away I was frightened that I might lose her again so I called her every day. When I got back we met and three weeks later I asked her to marry me.

"She is everything I want in a woman - she even comes from my hometown. She is more mature than me and is a very steady influence. Marriage gives me a much more feeling of responsibility, I think it's even given me more self discipline - and I don't intend being married to affect my performance on the badminton court!

However in two tournaments in November, the China and Hong Kong Opens they failed to reach the final but they claimed it was lack of preparation.

Both Henny and Rexy admitted they are ready to start a family and she will give up her job as a secretary. Rexy hopes to play in the Sydney 2000 Olympics and will then settle for a job in coaching.

"I know that Rexy has lots of adoring female fans but I know he is completely faithful. I am happy for now to share him with his fans because I know he will be mine for the rest of my life".

INDONESIA TIGHTEN GRIP ON THE WORLD

In the world rankings issued on the 10 December, just before we went to press, the top five positions in each event were held by Indonesians.

Joko Suprianto still tops the men's singles, a position he has held since the 3 September, but shooting up to number three is Fung Permadi from Chinese-Taipei, following his wins in both the Hong Kong and China Opens.

Ge Fei, the 18-year-old from China leaps over team-mate Ye Zhaoying to take the number three slot in the women's singles with Mia Audina, the Olympic silver medallist and Susi Susanti holding on to the number one and two slots respectively.

Ricky Subagja and Rexy Mainaky take over the number one slot from team-mates Denny Kantono and Antonius, pushing Olympic silver medallists Cheah Soon Kit and Yap Kim Hock into third place.

Ge Fei and Gu Jun who held on to the number one slot in the women's doubles for over seven months are placed at number two behind Eliza and Rosiana Zelin from Indonesia, whilst Trikus Heryanto and Minarti Timur are being pressed for the number one slot by Denmark's Michael Sogaard and Rikke Olsen in the mixed doubles.

TOP FIVE SLOTS

Men's singles: 1 Joko Suprianto (INA) 2 Dong Jiong (CHN) 3 Fung Permadi (TPE) 4 Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen (DEN) 5 Rashid Sidek (MAS). **Women's singles:** 1 Mia Audina (INA) 2 Susi Susanti (INA) 3 Gong Zhichao (CHN) 4 Ye Zhaoying (CHN) 5 Wang Chen (CHN). **Men's doubles:** 1 Ricky Subagja/Rexy Mainaky (INA) 2 Denny Kantono/Antonius S (INA) 3 Cheah Soon Kit/Yap Kim Hock (MAS). 4 Chandra Wijaya/Sigit (INA) 5 Tony Gunawan/Rudy Wijaya (INA). **Women's doubles:** 1 Eliza/Rosiana Zelin (INA) 2 Ge Fei/Gu Jun (CHN) 3 Indarti Isoliana/Kantono Lomban (INA) 4 Qin Yiyuan/Tang Yongshu (CHN) 5 Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen/Marlene Thomsen (DEN). **Mixed doubles:** 1 Trikus Heryanto/Minarti Timur (INA) 2 Michael Sogaard/Rikke Olsen (DEN) 3 Nimpele Flandy/Rosalina Riseu (INA) 4 Chen Xingdong/Peng Zingyong (CHN) 5 Park Joo Bong/Ra Kyung Min (KOR)

THE STARS MAY HAVE BEEN MISSING

in more ways than one at the Scottish Open in November but they will all be heading for the new Scotstoun Centre in Glasgow come May when the 10th world championships are staged for the first time by Scots.

It is the fourth successive world championships to be held in Europe and the sixth overall since it all began in Malmo in 1977.

Rightly or wrongly, the Olympic Games is turning badminton into a four-year cycle - as Gillian Clark explains elsewhere in this issue - so this could mark the last of the six-year 'cyclists'...namely those players capable of winning three world titles in a row.

And the world title is the crown a player really wants to win more than anything, isn't it?

Yes, three in a row has been done. But inevitably, only by a doubles player. Guan Weizhen in 1987, 1989 and 1991.

In singles Li Lingwei and Han Aiping have come closest with two wins and a runner-up each - and each stopping the other doing it!

Li beat Han in the 1983 final and beat Huang Hua in 1989 but lost to Han in 1987. Han beat Wu Jianqu in '85 for her other world title.

Yang Yang is the only man to have retained a singles title, winning in 1987 and 1989. But no-one has been close to a triple.

Of course, Heryanto Arbi could match Yang Yang's double this time but it is becoming increasingly harder to retain a title let alone win it twice.

Having said that two people head for Scotland chasing a hat-trick: Denmark's Thomas Lund and Indonesia's Ricky Subagja.

Lund won the 1983 mixed doubles title with Catrine Bengtsson in Birmingham then followed that by switching to his real-life partner Marlene Thomsen to win in Lausanne. Whether he can make it three, however, depends on how much emphasis he places on his men's doubles this time round - as well as how he copes with whatever combinations the Koreans come up with!

Of course Mr Subagja stands in Lund's way in the men's doubles and will be the better bet for the elusive hat-trick.

A winner in Birmingham with Rudy Gunawan in '93, by 1995 he was equally unbeatable with Rexy Mainaky.

Olympic glory showed they are still going strong and few would bet against them winning at Scotstoun.

And that would surely make Ricky the last of that dying breed...the six-year cyclist!

SHUTTLE PLEA FROM BEIRA

Mozambique is trying to develop their central training facilities in a bid to raise badminton standards.

Life at the Mozambique Badminton Federation revolves around the facilities of the three-court Beira Coaching Centre, based at the gymnasium of Pedagogico University in Beira City.

All national and international events are held at the centre, particularly as Beira City is in the heart of Mozambique.

The centre is used for training Beira's primary and secondary school children and also for training the junior and senior national squad members.

Training is run by three coaches - two Portuguese and one Mozambique - and all three attended a course in Durban run by the IBF during the All Africa Junior Championships.

The Federation rent their facilities off the university but recently spent US\$1330 to prepare for a coaching course.

But with limited resources, the big need right now is synthetic shuttles for use at the centre if any friendly manufacturer can help.

The finalists in the Mozambique Workers Day tournament in Beira City!



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BACK TO BACK TITLES FOR SUSANTI

After her triumph at the Lipton World Grand Prix Finals in Bali, Susi Susanti captured the last major title of the year by winning the World Cup in front of a home crowd in Jakarta the following week, beating Wang Chen of China 11-7, 11-4. Wang, the former World Junior Champion, had earlier beaten Mia Audina, the Olympic silver medallist, in a three-set semi-final whilst Susanti had beaten the World Champion from China, Ye Zhaoying, in her semi. Dong Jiong captured the men's singles title beating the emerging Jeffer R from Indonesia but the biggest surprise in the event was England's Darren Hall who beat Fung Permadi, Chen Gang and Pang Chen in the round-robin group matches to earn a place in the semi-final, where he then lost to Jeffer. In an all-Indonesian men's doubles final, Olympic bronze medallists Denny Kantono and S Antonius beat the scratch partnership of Rexy Mainaky and Sigit whilst in the women's doubles final China's Ge Fei and Gu Jun won their second title in a week beating compatriots Qin Yiyuan and Tang Yongshu. Sandiarto stepped in to partner Minarti Timur in place of the injured Trikus Heryanto in the mixed doubles and beat Flandy Nimpele and Rosalina Riseau in the second all-Indonesian final.

HOLD IT!

FLASH!

BANG!

...What A Picture

Arthur Jones on a photograph which will take you on a trip down Memory Lane.

One difficulty of working amid archive material is that it is so easy to be diverted from a particular task. Attempting to sort and classify the Federation's copies of *The Badminton Gazette*, I was brought to a halt by this photograph, taken in England 1891, of the Southsea Badminton Club first team. Not only did the photograph stop me in my tracks, but so did the name of Major S M C Dolby. For here at Southsea in Portsmouth was the cradle of today's game. Portsmouth has long had a strong connection with the British armed forces, who discovered the game in India. It had been played there from the 1860s and had superseded croquet in popularity. Badminton was first played in England on the South Parade Pier at Portsmouth in 1888. It was the United Services Badminton Club, which was formed by Major-General Rowland Wallace and Surgeon-General Byng Diruard. In 1889 other clubs were formed including two at Southsea and one in Bath.

It was Major Dolby who called a meeting at his house in Southsea in September 1893 and this brought about the formation of 'The Badminton Association'. This organisation adopted 'Laws of Badminton', the establishment of regular tournaments and the inauguration of 'The All England Championships' in 1899. In that year the three doubles events were played and in 1900 the two singles events were added.

In 1920 Dolby, by now a Colonel, was appointed a vice-president but sadly he died in his first year of office. The growth of the game both in Britain and abroad brought about the trio of meetings in 1934, when the Badminton Association disbanded and, at the same time, the International Badminton Federation and the Badminton Association of England came into being.

This chain of history was duly recognised in September 1993 when Madame Lu Shengrong, president of the IBF, unveiled a commemorative plaque on the house named 'Dunbar' at Waverley Road, Southsea, the former home of Colonel Dolby. Research by the BA of E had discovered the house, whose present owners were unaware of its badminton history or original name.

The photograph reveals a great deal more on closer inspection. Millions of words have been written about 'class' in British society but there is no doubt that it was very much a thing of the late Victorian era. Of the three gentlemen, one is a doctor and two are Army officers and I would guess that little badminton was played by those in the ranks.

Indeed, when I first started playing in the late 1940s, I was told that there were no "engine drivers" playing in the top clubs and the game was very "middle class."

Look as well, at the fashion of the time. Everyone wore a cravat; the gentlemen played in long trousers and three sported a heavy moustache. The ladies are wearing leg-of-mutton long sleeved blouses and long dark skirts. It is interesting to speculate whether Miss Roberts and the other ladies wore corsets when you consider the size of her wasplike waist. Everyone carries a tear-drop racket and the picture is obviously carefully posed in the photographer's studio. Scouring the records reveals no All England champion among the eight players. To my mind, however, they have a special place in the annals of organised badminton. They were there at the beginning and should be proud of the ever-evolving outcome.



SOUTHSEA BADMINTON CLUB FIRST TEAM, 1891.
Standing—Mr C H Houghton, Dr Cole-Baker, Major S M C Dolby, Captain St Clair.
Seated—Miss Gilbert, Miss Q Roberts, Miss K Miller, Miss Cockburn.

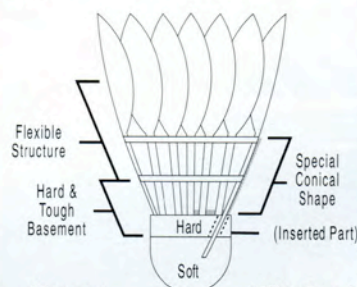
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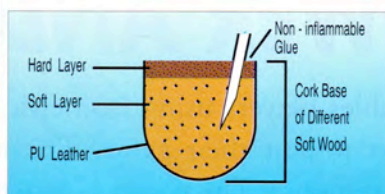
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