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BREAKS WITH TRADITION

Ever since the International Badminton Federation was founded 42 years ago its General Meetings have been held in London either at the end of June or early in July, and the business of the year has then been transacted insofar as the voices of the member-organisations are concerned. This year there is a break with tradition in that the meeting will be held at Bangkok during the course of the Thomas Cup ties to be contested in the Thailand capital.

In the past the meetings have been affairs of their own and not associated with any playing function. While the venue, or the date for that matter, can in no way affect Badminton players in general, it does seem an eminently sound idea to fix them in conjunction with some big playing event, as for instance Thomas Cup or Uber Cup inter-zone ties, and, perhaps even more so, the World Championships which will be instituted in a year's time.

Mention of some of the matters to be discussed at this year's meeting at Bangkok is made in this issue. Many of them are purely administrative and concern mainly the internal running of the work of the Federation.

THE THOMAS CUP

On matters affecting the playing of the game, the issue is different and the interests of thousands of people are involved. Into this category comes the organisation of contests for the Thomas Cup and Uber Cup as an example. Both, when started, in 1948 and 1956 respectively, were organised to be held only every three years. At that time the game was, compared to the present, still almost in its infancy, though nobody realised this then, so much advance has since been made.

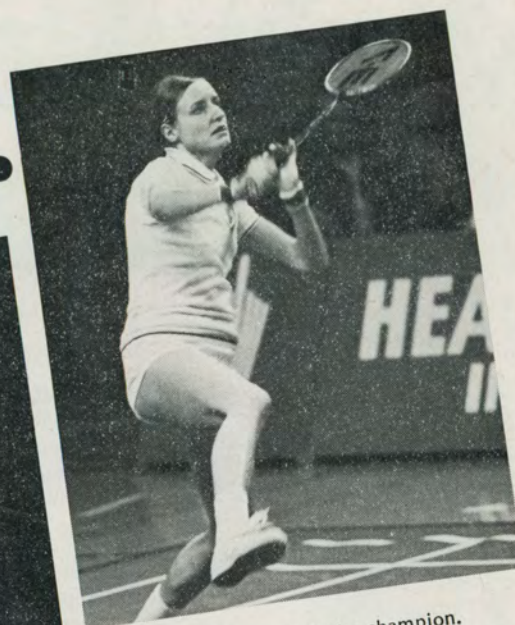
It is therefore of no surprise that thought is now to be devoted to more frequent contests. The Canadian Badminton Association has proposed that both trophies should be fought for annually. The Council feels that every two years, each alternately, would be preferable. One may feel sure that there will be support at least for more frequent competition, whatever the interval.

The Canadians have also asked that World Championships be held every year, instead of every third year as recently decided upon. For an official World Championship tournament to be held successfully, one must ensure that each time it is held its participants will include all the world's leading players; otherwise the venture cannot be truly successful. To stage such a playing event annually may be asking a little too much, not only of the top players, but also of the various national organisations financially.

To overcome some of the difficulties in this respect, the Canadians would like to see the Thomas Cup and the Uber Cup contested at the same time as the World Championships, thereby envisaging quite a long playing festival of perhaps three weeks every year. Would this not take up too much time of a player's annual leave? We rather think so, and fear therefore that few would be the nations which would always be able to be represented by their very best. If the best teams cannot always be selected, then the contests become almost meaningless.

We shall see what the views of all national organisations are. Whatever they decide will be carried out.

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- All England Badminton Championships
- European Badminton Championships
- in 1976



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That's the name of the game.

Many Great Matches at the All-England

Rudy Hartono's Eighth Singles Success—Mrs. Gilks Wins Three Titles

The 66th All-England Championships took place at the Empire Pool, Wembley, from March 24th to 27th. The entries were the most numerous ever received, and the attendance of the public was also a record, all this despite the absence of official representatives from several Asian countries. Nevertheless, more than twenty countries had players in the draw sheets.

Rudy Hartono, who had already enjoyed seven successes in the men's singles, came, saw and conquered again to create a new record which surpassed anything which had gone before — but what a narrow conquest it was! His great, and only, tormentor was the big Dane, Flemming Delfs, whom he encountered in a drama-packed semi-final on the Friday evening which held the huge crowd of over 8,000 in high suspense for the 65-minute match.

Delfs played the game of his life, although the Indonesian could not be said to be quite the same great man he been a few years earlier. Their first game gave no indication of the tenseness which was to follow. Hartono won it to 10, but after that he was rather outplayed by the brilliant strokes of his adversary, amongst which were some beautiful backhand smashes with a very disguised direction. After 36 minutes they were game-all, and then the Dane got right on top with a commanding 6-1 lead. This meant that he had won 21 points to Hartono's 8 since the end of the first game. At this stage play was held up for only a very short while whilst the Indonesian applied a plaster to a blister on his foot.

Flemming Delf's Great Threat

This certainly gave him a little more confidence, and from 8-2 he reduced his opponent's lead to 10-8. Yet Delfs was by no means done as he went on to 13-9 with a look of great confidence, both in expression and movement. It is hard to say whether Delfs allowed his concentration to lapse a little at this stage or not, but certainly Hartono caught him at 13, and then went on with undisguised relief to take the match at 18-15. It had been magnificent and exciting Badminton, and both players received a great ovation after a most sporting match.

One did not know it then, but that match was the real final. Hartono's ultimate opponent, Liem Swie King, gave him no sort of opposition on the Saturday, though on the latter's form in preceding matches he might have been expected to have dominated the exchanges. Liem had shown a rare turn of speed when beating the holder, Svend Pri, and Sture Johnsson, and he had certainly been more impressive than Hartono.

Nor did Hartono play at his best in the final, but then he never had to; it was as though the great man had come to notch a new record and no compatriot was going to intervene in satisfying the ambition.

Only six of the eight seeds came through to the quarter-final. The two who had failed were England's Ray Stevens, who never found himself against Germany's Wolfgang Bochow, and Tjun Tjun,

the Indonesian no. 3 who scratched for no apparent reason except to save himself for the doubles on the following day. Fortunately, his section included the Swede, Thomas Kihlström, who might well also have been seeded, and who thereby easily came through to the last eight. There he met one of his most frequent rivals, Flemming Delfs, who indicated that it was this time his turn to finish on top.

Of the remaining seeded players, Paul Whetnall went down to Hartono which was no surprise, but the Englishman did much better than the 5 and 5 score might indicate. Whetnall gained the service on very numerous occasions but found it difficult to score when he did serve. Hartono was a little too accurate and faster.

Liem Swie King, a Future Champion

As has already been mentioned, the holder of the title, Svend Pri, went down to Liem Swie King in what was a very engaging match. The Indonesian showed a tremendous speed of foot and a very effective and hard smash which enabled him to outgun Pri at the start when he gained a lead of 10-2. But the Dane recovered — he is often a slow starter — and caught his opponent at 13-all. After many exchanges Pri reached 4-3 in the setting, but then served into the net. This was a very costly mistake, for Liem then went out at once and quite ran away with the second game.

The speedy Indonesian, a sure champion at no distant date, similarly had little trouble with Johnsson once he had notched the opening game. The Swede had well extinguished Indonesian hopes of a third semi-finalist when he proved well able to defeat Amril Nurman who had previously comfortably eliminated Bochow. So we came to the disappointing final when Liem showed none of his real talents at any time.

The men's doubles in its early stages ran entirely in accordance with expectations. All the seeded pairs lined themselves up in the fourth round except for one. David Eddy had to scratch through a severe injury in his first round singles against Kihlström, his place being taken by the Dane Klaus Kaagaard as E. H. Sutton's partner. They were beaten by the aggressive play of the Englishmen, Alan Connor and William Kidd, who then went on to extend Bengt Fröman and Kihlström, one of Europe's acknowledged best pairs, for more than an hour. They were in the hunt right to the end, too.

A Famous Swedish Victory

The fortunate Swedes had only half an hour to recover before tackling the holders, Tjun Tjun and Johann Wahjudi, the acknowledged top pair in the world and the holders for the past two years. Here both Swedes played the game of their lives in a match which produced some of the fastest play ever seen. The Indonesians have become world-renowned for their fast aggressive hitting. In this match the two Swedes really outthit them. Their play was quite fantastic; some of their winning shots seemed incredible, and they kept their standard up right to the end in a most enthralling match which they won, 18-13,

18-14. They were given a really tremendous ovation at its conclusion, and they can never be expected to play so consistently so well again.

It would have been sad had they faltered in the final against Pri and Steen Skovgaard, but they nearly did, many times. The Swedes gained the first game after being 5-11 down, and then they reached 14-7 in the second when they had two match-points. At 14-12 they had six more. After setting, the Danes saved a further four before Fröman and Kihlström finally got home. Pri had shown wonderful defence, but his young partner, brilliant as he can be, made a number of errors at very critical times in the exciting finish.

Mrs. Gilks' Successes

And now we must come to the ladies' events. They were, of course, dominated by the success of Mrs. Gilks who won all three titles open to her. She enjoyed a magnificent tour-de-force. Once before she had won the ladies' doubles and once before the mixed. This year she completely overcame the jinx that had seemed to dominate her ever since she had been a junior.

But she had no cake-walk in the singles. In the fourth round she was in dire distress against Miss Joke van Beusekom. The Dutch lady won the first game to 8, and quite on merit as the play went. Mrs. Gilks took the second to love in very quick time, but Miss van Beusekom then re-asserted herself as she climbed to 7-3 in the third, four points from victory. The strain seemed too much and Dutch errors started to flow, and Mrs. Gilks' agony of mind was soon over.

After a bad start Miss Lene Köppen extended Mrs. Gilks all the way in the second game of their semi-final, but the final against Mrs. Lockwood was soon over. Five minutes sufficed for the first game and eighteen minutes for the whole match. The loser never got into the fight, and one must hope that she will have forgotten the experience as soon as possible.

Mrs. Lockwood, who had won the title three years earlier, is a bit of an enigma, and her scores at Wembley demonstrate this quite forcibly. After quite a severe struggle against Miss Anette Börjesson, the Swedish national champion, she simply annihilated both her next two opponents to reach the final.

An Interesting Comparison

There was an interesting comparison in the ladies' events between English and Indonesian players, bearing in mind what happened in last year's Uber Cup tie when Indonesia defeated England by 5 matches to 2. Then, Miss Taty Sumirah had defeated Mrs. Lockwood in three games. This time the English lady beat her rival to 1 and love! In Jakarta Miss Widiastuty had just lost to Mrs. Gilks in three long games, but at Wembley the Indonesian was beaten by the Canadian, Mrs. Youngberg, to 4 and 8. The latter was then comfortably disposed of by Miss Köppen. Before losing so badly to Mrs. Lockwood, Miss Sumirah had defeated two other English internationals in Mrs. Whetnall and Miss Jane Webster, but in each case only after three games.

In doubles Jakarta had seen three victories out of four for Indonesia. At Wembley there was only one Indonesian pair, and that had lost in three games to Mrs. Lockwood and Miss Nora Gardner, who were then upset by Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Whetnall who really had little difficulty in winning the whole event.

All these results tend to confirm the view that the English ladies had not done themselves justifiably in the Uber Cup, though it could be stated that the reverse situation might have been held to apply to the Indonesians at Wembley, but the marginal differences scarcely support such a contention with complete assurance. Of course, much depends on environment, and it is perhaps best to leave things at that, though the subject is interesting.

Maywald's Lost Opportunity

The mixed doubles gave Mrs. Gilks her third success. Here she was partnered by Derek Talbot, her successful partner of three years earlier. They had some stiff struggles on the way, and they were certainly lucky to overcome the German, Roland Maywald, and his English partner, Miss Barbara Giles. The latter were within a point of success in two games, and only a missed "sitter" deprived them of success. Both played magnificently and frequently had the eventual champions in considerable trouble. Maywald is a most engaging and fine mixed player, and Miss Giles a far better one than she is sometimes credited.

In the semi-final Bochow and Mrs. Zizmann of Germany did well against Talbot and Mrs. Gilks as far as game-all, but then lost their effectiveness. But there is no doubt about it, Talbot and his partner provide a very complete pair. Unfortunately, there were no Indonesian pairs in the event. Had he played Tjun Tjun would have tested anybody with his remarkable speed across the court.

Finally, the whole tournament, which also embraced enormous qualifying rounds in all the events, went exceedingly well. For the thirtieth year Mr. H. A. E. Scheele had been appointed referee, and several others of long experience were most prominent in the overall organisation.

MEN'S SINGLES

(limited to 64 players)

Third Round

- *R. Hartono (Indo.) beat D. R. Hunt (E) 15-5, 15-4.
- *P. E. Whetnall (E) beat B. Wackfelt (Swe.) 15-11, 15-4.
- *F. Delfs (D) beat D. Talbot (E) 15-12, 17-16.
- T. Kihlström (Swe.) beat M. Frost Hansen (D) 15-6, 15-10.
- *S. Pri (D) beat F. Harboe (D) 15-4, 15-2.
- *Liem Swie King (Indo.) beat M. J. Wilks (E) 15-0, 15-8.
- A. Nurman (Indo.) beat W. Bochow (G) 15-8, 15-2.
- *S. Johnsson (Swe.) beat J. Helledie (D) 15-8, 15-6.

Fourth Round

- Hartono beat Whetnall 15-5, 15-5.
- Delfs beat Kihlström 15-9, 3-15, 15-6.
- Liem Swie King beat Pri 18-17, 15-2.
- Johnsson beat Nurman 15-5, 15-6.

Semi-finals

- Hartono beat Delfs 15-10, 7-15, 18-15.
- Liem Swie King beat Johnsson 15-10, 15-2.

Final

- Hartono beat Liem Swie King 15-7, 15-7.

LADIES' SINGLES

(limited to 48 players)

Third Round

- *Miss T. Sumirah (Indo.) beat Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (E) 11-6, 8-11, 11-3.
- *Miss J. A. Webster (E) beat Mrs. I. Gerlatzka (G) 11-2, 8-11, 11-6.
- *Mrs. M. Lockwood (E) beat Miss A. Börjesson (Swe.) 11-8, 10-12, 11-6.
- Miss W. Clarkson (C) beat Mrs. E. B. Nielsen (E) 11-6, 11-5.
- Mrs. J. Youngberg (C) beat *Miss T. Widiastuty (Indo.) 11-4, 11-8.
- *Miss L. Köppen (D) beat Mrs. E. Stuart (Swe.) 11-4, 11-3.
- *Miss J. van Beusekom (Neth.) beat Miss K. S. Bridge (E) 11-7, 11-1.
- *Mrs. M. A. Gilks (E) beat Miss P. Nielsen (D) 11-2, 11-2.

Fourth Round

- Miss Sumirah beat Miss Webster 12-10, 2-11, 11-0.
- Mrs. Lockwood beat Miss Clarkson 11-1, 11-1.
- Miss Köppen beat Mrs. Youngberg 11-1, 11-5.
- Mrs. Gilks beat Miss van Beusekom 7-11, 11-6, 11-8.

Semi-finals

- Mrs. Lockwood beat Miss Sumirah 11-1, 11-0.
- Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Köppen 11-0, 12-10.

Final

- Mrs. Gilks beat Mrs. Lockwood 11-0, 11-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES

(limited to 38 pairs)

Third Round

- *F. Delfs & E. Hansen (D) beat R. Ridder & P. Ridder (Neth.) 15-4, 15-9.
- *R. Maywald & W. Braun (G) beat K. M. Andrews & C. J. Beacom (E) 15-4, 15-4.
- *R. P. Stevens & M. G. Tredgett (E) beat G. McMillan & J. Abrahams (S.A.) 17-14, 15-12.
- *S. Pri & S. Skovgaard (D) beat A. J. Britton & R. S. McCoig (Scot.) 15-2, 15-6.
- G. A. Connor & W. Kidd (E) beat W. Bochow (G) & P. E. Whetnall (E) 15-8, 15-12.
- *B. Fröman & T. Kihlström (Swe.) beat K. T. Ho & Ng Tat Wai (M) 15-7, 18-14.
- *P. Petersen & P. Walsöe (D) beat D. P. Bridge & T. B. Stokes (E) 15-10, 15-10.
- *Tjun Tjun & J. Wahjudi (Indo.) beat M. Andersson & L. Wengberg (Swe.) 15-3, 15-2.

Fourth Round

- Maywald & Braun beat Delfs & Hansen 8-15, 15-12, 15-3.
- Pri & Skovgaard beat Stevens & Tredgett 15-6, 15-6.
- Fröman & Kihlström beat Connor & Kidd 10-15, 15-10, 15-11.
- Tjun Tjun & Wahjudi beat Petersen & Walsöe 15-11, 15-10.

Semi-finals

- Pri & Skovgaard beat Maywald & Braun 18-15, 15-8.
- Fröman & Kihlström beat Tjun Tjun & Wahjudi 18-13, 18-14.

Final

- Fröman & Kihlström beat Pri & Skovgaard 15-12, 17-15.



RUDY HARTONO
All-England Men's Singles
Record Holder

LADIES' DOUBLES

(limited to 28 pairs)

Second Round

- *Miss T. Widiastuty & Miss R. Masli (Indo.) beat Miss M. Myhre & Miss S. Mølgaard Hansen (D) 15-8, 15-7.
- Miss B. Giles & Mrs. E. B. Nielsen (E) beat Miss P. Davies & Miss R. Heywood (E) 15-2, 15-8.
- *Mrs. M. Lockwood & Miss N. C. Gardner (E) beat Miss S. E. Coates & Miss P. Smiles (E) 15-5, 15-10.
- Miss I. Borgström & Mrs. P. Kaagaard (D) beat Miss M. van der Walt & Miss G. Botes (S.A.) 15-8, 15-4.
- Miss K. Redhead & Miss J. A. Webster (E) beat Miss B. Lord & Miss G. Thatcher (S.A.) 13-15, 15-9, 15-9.
- *Miss J. van Beusekom & Miss M. Luesken (Neth.) beat Miss L. L. Götsche & Miss L. B. Pedersen (D) 15-4, 15-4.
- Mrs. K. Kucki (G) & Mrs. A. M. Palmer (E) beat Miss H. Gram & Miss L. Larsen (D) 15-5, 15-3.
- *Mrs. M. A. Gilks & Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (E) beat Miss A. Börjesson & Mrs. E. Stuart (Swe.) 15-1, 15-5.

Third Round

- Miss Widiastuty & Miss Masli beat Miss Giles & Mrs. Nielsen 15-6, 18-16.
- Mrs. Lockwood & Miss Gardner beat Miss Borgström & Mrs. Kaagaard 15-1, 15-7.
- Miss van Beusekom & Miss Luesken beat Miss Redhead & Miss Webster 15-7, 15-9.
- Mrs. Gilks & Mrs. Whetnall beat Mrs. Kucki & Mrs. Palmer 15-1, 15-4.

Semi-finals

- Mrs. Lockwood & Miss Gardner beat Miss Widiastuty & Miss Masli 13-15, 18-14, 15-6.
- Mrs. Gilks & Mrs. Whetnall beat Miss van Beusekom & Miss Luesken 15-6, 15-11.

Final

- Mrs. Gilks & Mrs. Whetnall beat Mrs. Lockwood & Miss Gardner 15-10, 15-10.

WHY TAIWAN PLAYERS DID NOT COMPETE IN THE ALL-ENGLAND

As had happened in 1975, Taiwan players had entered in the All-England Championships. There were to have been five of them, three men and two ladies. A year ago they had had no difficulty in obtaining the necessary visas to their passports. This time how different it was. The applications were made through the necessary British authorities in Hong Kong, as there is no British Embassy or Consulate in Taiwan. They were made as early as last December, and the Badminton Association of England was requested to give whatever support to them which might be required by the British government. This was duly done, both to the Foreign Office and to the Home Office, both of which had also requested some confirmation as to the purposes of the visit.

Times without number, enquiries on the telephone were made as to progress in the issue of the visas. Always, one was told that the applications were "under consideration", and this state of affairs went on until the players had actually arrived in Europe, for they desired to compete in

several other tournaments on the European continent.

At one stage the B.A. of E. was informed that there existed no reason why the visas should be declined, at another that it all depended upon the joint action agreed by the European Economic Community, but the applications continued to be "under consideration" right up until the day before the All-England Championships were due to commence. The British government authorities would neither grant the visas, nor would they refuse them!

In the meantime, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China lodged protests about Taiwan players being allowed to visit Britain, and Britain's Foreign Office officials stated quite openly that the British Government did not wish to antagonise relations with mainland China, which, in their opinion, the issue of the visas would do, notably because the British Foreign Secretary was shortly due to visit Peking, and trade relations might be damaged!

It was in vain put to the Foreign Office that it was quite astonishing that the British Government should be influenced by another nation's government as to who should be permitted to enter Great Britain!

In the meantime, the Taiwan players arrived in Denmark and played in the Danish Open Championships. They went to Switzerland and played in the Swiss Championships. Later they played in the French Championships, so all the talk about E.E.C. agreements had nothing to do with the matter!

The Championships came along and the Taiwan players had perforce to be scratched.

The British Foreign Office in the meantime had asked the travellers to make further applications when they were in Denmark, which they did, although earlier it had been stated that this was unnecessary as the original applications would remain in force.

It speaks very badly for the British authorities that they would neither issue the visas nor decline them. It speaks even worse for them when, after the Championships, the Foreign Office stated that as the Championships had then been completed, the applications were considered "to have lapsed"!

The People's Republic of China claims, of course, that Taiwan is a province of China. This is, one believes, also the official view of the United Nations, though even if one might accept that view it may be asked why there should be protests about "Chinese" players taking part in any tournament abroad.

The Taiwan players did not come to Europe to engage in any sort of political activity. They came only to play Badminton, just as they had done a year earlier. They did not even represent Taiwan or even the Republic of China. They were not a team at all, for all the tournaments which they desired to play in are for individuals, not for teams at all. The Taiwan Badminton Association is a member of the I.B.F., and therefore any players belonging to it are eligible to take part in tournaments promoted by other I.B.F. members.

Questions on the subject have been asked in Britain's House of Commons, and will undoubtedly continue to be.

MIXED DOUBLES (limited to 48 pairs)

Third Round

- *S. Skovgaard & Miss L. Köppen (D) beat K. Kaagaard (D) & Miss J. van Beusekom (Neth.) 15-13, 15-9.
- T. A. Goode & Mrs. A. M. Palmer (E) w.o. *J. D. Eddy & Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (E) retired.
- *M. G. Tredgett & Miss N. C. Gardner (E) beat B. Fröman (Swe.) & Mrs. P. Kaagaard (D) 15-12, 15-5.
- L. Wengberg & Miss A. Börjesson (Swe.) beat M. J. Wilks & Miss K. Redhead 15-10, 9-15, 15-10.
- E. H. Sutton & Miss J. A. Webster (E) beat R. S. McCoig (Scot.) & Mrs. M. Lockwood (E) 15-11, 15-6.
- *W. Bochow & Mrs. M. Zizmann (G) beat R. Ridder & Miss M. Luesken (Neth.) 15-9, 15-8.
- *R. Maywald (G) & Miss B. Giles (E) beat B. Kjaergaard Nielsen & Miss S. Mølgaard Hansen (D) 15-8, 15-10.
- *D. Talbot & Mrs. M. A. Gilks (E) beat J. Abrahams & Miss B. Lord (S.A.) 15-10, 15-9.

Fourth Round

- Skovgaard & Miss Köppen beat Goode & Mrs. Palmer 18-14, 15-10.
- Tredgett & Miss Gardner beat Wengberg & Miss Börjesson 15-6, 15-2.
- Bochow & Mrs. Zizmann beat Sutton & Miss Webster 15-4, 15-2.
- Talbot & Mrs. Gilks beat Maywald & Miss Giles 12-15, 18-17, 15-8.

Semi-finals

- Tredgett & Miss Gardner beat Skovgaard & Miss Köppen 15-10, 15-11.
- Talbot & Mrs. Gilks beat Bochow & Mrs. Zizmann 15-12, 8-15, 15-4.

Final

- Talbot & Mrs. Gilks beat Tredgett & Miss Gardner 15-9, 15-12.

* Seeded player or pair

(C) Canada; (D) Denmark; (E) England;
(G) West Germany; (Indo.) Indonesia;
(M) Malaysia; (Neth.) Netherlands;
(S.A.) South Africa; (Swe.) Sweden.

The Thomas Cup Finals

All is now ready for the inter-zone stages of the current contest for the Thomas Cup which will take place at Bangkok over late May and early June with the following schedule:—

- May 25 and 26—New Zealand v. Malaysia
- May 27 and 28—Thailand v Canada
- May 29 and 30—Denmark v winner of first tie
- May 31 and June 1—Indonesia v winner of second tie

June 4 and 5—Final tie

Four of the countries named have won the various zones: Thailand comes into the contest at this stage as she is the host country, and Indonesia is, of course, the holder of the trophy.

At the moment of writing only New Zealand has nominated its team which is identical with that which defeated Australia last September. The Kiwis should be capable of extending Malaysia to the limit, as also should Canada when she plays Thailand, though the two Asian nations must be considered as slight favourites to reach the semi-final stage.

Whatever may happen in the early ties, it must be contended that the likely finalists will be Denmark and Indonesia, with the holders being likely to have too many big guns for the Danes to overcome. Such a final would be a repetition of that of 1973 at Jakarta when Indonesia retained the trophy by 8 matches to 1.

Four of the inter-zone contestants featured

in the same stage last time, the exceptions being Malaysia and New Zealand, but both had been there in the preceding contest of 1970. Absent this time is India whose team suffered a very close defeat in the Asian Zone at the hands of Malaysia.

The details of ties played and reported since our last issue follow.

ASIAN ZONE

Japan's Easy Victory over Korea

Having already beaten Hong Kong without loss of a match, Japan enjoyed a very comfortable victory over Korea to qualify for the inter-section tie of the Asian Zone. The tie marked the first appearance of the Koreans in the Thomas Cup.

Japan 9; Korea 0

At Tokyo on January 24th and 25th. Scores (Japanese names first):—

Singles—K. Zeniya beat Han Sung Ki, 15-6, 15-1; beat Lee Eun Koo, 15-4, 15-4. I. Kojima beat Lee Eun Koo, 15-9, 18-13; beat Han Sung Ki, 15-4, 15-8. M. Tsuchida beat Lee Ok Hyun, 15-3, 15-5.

Doubles—Y. Iino and M. Tsuchida beat Han Sung Ki and Kim Bong Sub, 15-4, 15-2; beat Lee Ok Hyun and Kim Eui Kon, 15-2, 15-1. N. Ikeda and S. Toganoo beat Lee Ok Hyun and Kim Eui Kon, 15-3, 15-1; beat Han Sung Ki and Kim Bong Sub, 15-5, 15-8.

N. Ikeda (Japan) and Lee Ok Hyun (Korea) captained the teams and Y. Naitoh (Japan) was honorary referee.

India's Very Narrow Loss

Malaysia's defeat of India in the third round of the Asian Zone was accomplished only by one of the narrowest escapes in any ties in the history of the Thomas Cup contest. The winning margin was 5 matches to 4, and this was eventually achieved after India had at different times led by 3-0 and 4-2. Not only that, but in the subsequent three matches there were as many as five set games, four of which went to Malaysia. At no stage, however, did India come within hailing distance of chalking up the elusive fifth success which would have given her the right to entertain Japan in the zone final.

Play took place at Ludhiana in the Punjab, and here the Indian champion, Prakash Padukone, showed superb form as he easily won both his singles ties. He was well supported by the veteran Dinesh Khanna who, after defeating the Malaysian no. 1 on the first day, went down only after two set games in his second singles at the crucial stage when his team led by 4 matches to 2.

Prakash was also responsible with his partner, Asif Parpia, for India's only doubles success, and these two, in the last match of the tie, ran the top Malaysian pair to game-all in the vital decisive encounter. But if Prakash was the outstanding singles player of the tie, the Malaysian pairs were able to carry their team through to final success.

Malaysia 5; India 4

At Ludhiana (Punjab) on February 14th and 15th. Scores (Malaysian names first):—

Singles—Saw Swee Leong lost to Prakash Padukone, 4-15, 3-15; beat Dinesh Khanna, 17-15, 17-15. Phua Ah Hua lost to Dinesh Khanna, 15-11, 5-15, 13-18; lost to Prakash, 4-15, 8-15. J. Selvaraj beat I. Manindergi, 15-2, 15-8.

Doubles—J. Selvaraj and Moo Foot Lian lost to Prakash Padukone and Asif Parpia, 5-15, 15-12, 12-15; beat D. Ahuja and P. Gangoli, 18-16, 15-7. Cheah Hong Chong and D. Soong beat Ahuja and Gangoli, 15-6, 15-9; beat Prakash and Parpia, 17-14, 15-18, 15-7.

P. Gunalan (Malaysia) and T. N. Seth (India) captained the teams and Naurattan Singh (India) was honorary referee.

Malaysia's Zone Victory

Malaysia won the Asian Zone by beating Japan by 6 matches to 3 in the inter-section final tie which was played off at Kuala Lumpur at the beginning of April. It was an exceedingly close affair, one of the closest ever staged in the competition, with six of the matches going to three games and two of them being decided only after setting in the third.

Malaysia gained a 3-1 lead on the first day, but only just as the fourth match might easily have evaded her pair in the final stages, Japan equalised affairs on the Saturday after two very close opening singles, but then Kinji Zeniya, after winning the first game from Phua Ah Hua, collapsed badly in the remaining two to give the home team a 4-3 lead which was soon consolidated with victories in both remaining doubles.

It was the third Thomas Cup clash between the two countries, both previous meetings having also gone Malaysia's way. Her team had beaten the Japanese by 6-3 at Jakarta in 1966-67, the year she last won

the cup, and by 5-4 at Tokyo three years ago.

Malaysia 6; Japan 3

At Kuala Lumpur on April 2nd and 3rd. Scores (Malaysian names first):—

Singles—Saw Swee Leong beat K. Zeniya, 17-14, 15-6; lost to I. Kojima, 15-11, 16-17, 11-15. Phua Ah Hua beat Kojima 15-11, 6-15, 15-10; beat Zeniya, 8-15, 15-3, 15-6. Moo Foot Lian lost to M. Tsuchida, 11-15, 15-10, 15-18.

Doubles—J. Selvaraj and Moo Foot Lian lost to N. Ikeda and S. Togano, 16-18, 15-8, 7-15, beat Y. Iino and M. Tsuchida, 15-5, 18-17. D. Soong and Cheah Hong Chong beat Iino and Tsuchida, 7-15, 15-4, 18-15; beat Ikeda and Togano, 15-5, 15-6.

P. Gunalan (Malaysia) and N. Ikeda (Japan) captained the teams and Teh Gin Sooi (Malaysia) was honorary referee.

EUROPEAN ZONE

Denmark's Dramatic Victory over Sweden

Denmark won the European Zone for the tenth successive time when her team beat Sweden in the final tie in what was probably the most drama-packed Thomas Cup tie of all time. Play occurred in the K.B. Hall at Copenhagen late in March with both countries making three changes in their nominated six players from those taking part in the preceding round.

The first day ended with each country winning two matches, and half way through the following evening Sweden had established a lead of 4 matches to 2, only to find the Danes coming from behind to snatch all three remaining encounters with the loss of only one game, and that dramatically in the last of the nine. So, at one time the score read 4 matches each and game-all in the decisive match between the top pairs of the two countries.

More than two thousand spectators crowded the hall each night, and the receipts, probably a record for an international fixture in Denmark, totalled over fifty thousand Kroner (about £5,000).

In the opening match Sture Johnsson drew first blood for Sweden by a solitary point after leading 12-3 in the third game against Flemming Delfs, but Svend Pri equalised matters when beating the new Swedish champion, Thomas Kihlström. The two doubles matches were divided, the new pairs of both countries going down fairly comfortably in each case.

At the commencement of the second day Kihlström asserted himself with an unexpected and comfortable win over Delfs, and then Sweden's Bruno Wackfelt, playing in his first international, astonished all concerned by getting the better of the experienced Elo Hansen, a result which made the betting odds on the final result very much in favour of Sweden whose team could then be held to have the possibility of capturing any of the three remaining encounters!

The most likely Swedish success to be expected was that of Sture Johnsson over Svend Pri who had only recently been able to return to competitive play following his serious accident of the preceding September. Both these players have tremendous fighting reputations, and Pri certainly enhanced his that evening with a splendid victory in two games to keep his country in the contest.

The new Danish pair then beat the new Swedish one to put the teams on equality,

and all depended on the match between Delfs and Hansen and Kihlström and Fröman. This proceeded slowly to game-all but on the change of ends, the Swedish pair fell away and allowed the Danes to gain a valuable 7-1 lead which they were quite unable to overcome.

Denmark 5; Sweden 4

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

Singles—F. Delfs lost S. Johnsson, 15-12, 6-15, 16-17; lost to T. Kihlström, 8-15, 8-15. S. Pri beat Kihlström, 12-15, 15-4, 15-6; beat Johnsson, 15-11, 15-9. E. Hansen lost to B. Wackfelt, 11-15, 15-6, 8-15.

Doubles—F. Delfs and E. Hansen beat M. Andersson and L. Wengberg, 15-6, 15-9; beat B. Fröman and T. Kihlström, 15-12, 11-15 15-6. J. Mortensen and J. Helledie lost to Fröman and Kihlström, 9-15, 8-15; beat Andersson and Wengberg, 15-8, 15-11.

E. Jørgensen (Denmark) and K. C. Overgaard (Sweden) captained the teams and O. Mertz (Denmark) was honorary referee. S. Skovgaard was also nominated for Denmark but did not eventually play.

AMERICAN ZONE

Canada Defeats Mexico in Final

With the aid of superior doubles play Canada defeated Mexico in the final of the American Zone at Mexico City and thus qualified to oppose Thailand at the inter-zone stage at Bangkok. The margin of victory was 6-3.

All four doubles fell to the Canadians, three of them with considerable ease, and although Roy Diaz Gonzalez showed himself to be the best singles player of all, his compatriot, Jose Icaza, was not equal to holding James McKee and Mike Epstein in the other top matches. It was apparent that Mexico made a mistake in not selecting Victor Jaramillo for one of the top berths, for he beat Wayne MacDonnell in the third string match, and there is clearly little to choose between the three Canadian singles players.

Canada gained a 3-1 lead on the first night, but it was not until the eighth match that she obtained a final victory.

Canada 6; Mexico 3

At Mexico City on February 14th and 15th. Scores (Canadian names first):—

Singles—M. Epstein lost to R. Diaz Gonzalez, 9-15, 10-15; beat J. M. Icaza, 15-12, 15-2. J. McKee beat Icaza, 15-3, 15-11; lost to Diaz Gonzalez, 2-15, 9-15. W. MacDonnell lost to V. Jaramillo, 13-15, 16-18.

Doubles—C. Ratanasaengsuang and R. Kanchanaraphi beat V. Jaramillo and R. Jaramillo, 15-2, 15-4; beat R. Diaz Gonzalez and J. Palazuelos, 15-12, 15-1. J. Paulson and J. McKee beat Diaz Gonzalez and Palazuelos, 12-15, 15-11, 15-6; beat Jaramillo and Jaramillo, 15-5, 15-3.

J. Carnwath (Canada) and R. Diaz Gonzalez (Mexico) captained the teams and F. Molinar (Mexico) was honorary referee. R. Arredondo was also nominated for Mexico but did not eventually play.

Mexico v. Peru — Addendum

The details of the Mexico v Peru tie published in our last issue failed to add the names of the nominated reserve players on either side. They were Francisco Ortiz for Mexico and J. Jimeno and J. Zavala for Peru. We were not aware of this information at the time.

The European Championships

Dublin Tournament Was Outstanding Success

Denmark Wins Team Event and English Players four Individual Titles

The fifth biennial European Championship tournament took place most successfully at Dublin during the week ending April 10th. As in each of the past two festivals, the programme was divided into two halves, the first two days being devoted to the international team championship and the following three days to the individual events.

The team event underwent some changes from the past. One of these was an undoubted improvement, whereas the other was very questionable. In the past there had been a top division consisting of the five leading nations of Europe, with the rest of the entrants competing amongst themselves in a very complicated, and to some extent unsatisfactory, arrangement designed to try to rank the countries in a numerical grading right down the line. Our report of the preceding Vienna tournament criticised this, and we were glad this year to see the adoption of three full league systems which we had then put forward. Nevertheless, we were disappointed to find that in the creation of these divisions, according to considered standard, the top division had been reduced from five teams to four. Four teams were also placed in the second category, with the remaining five entrants in a third division.

In the past the team emerging as the best from the rather confusing and perplexing lower division system in vogue had been automatically promoted to Division I and the lowest in that grade automatically relegated. This year challenge ties took place between the bottom teams and those at the top of the immediately lower division, a much more satisfactory arrangement and one which created great enthusiasm.

The reduction of the top division to four teams permitted little scope for a team to recover from one disappointing result, for clearly each team had only three ties, instead of four, on its schedule. Furthermore, we would suggest that there are more than four nations in Europe which have claims for top status, and this was clearly proved in the general results, of which anon.

Denmark's Championship

At the end of the team contests Denmark was declared the winner of the Rosenbom Trophy which had been won by England on each of the two previous occasions. One says "declared" because some considerable time elapsed between the hitting of the final shuttle and the said declaration which was announced only after nearly all the more than two thousand spectators had departed.

One fancies that with five teams competing there would have been a clear mathematical difference between the top two teams, which there was not on this occasion. Denmark, England and Sweden had all tied, each with two successes and one loss. All had beaten West Germany. The first two had each won 9 matches and lost 6 with Sweden's match record being not so good. According to the regulations, the next means of decision was by the difference in

games won and lost. Denmark had won 20 and lost 14; England's record was 21 to 15. So this, too, was identical, and the Championship was decided, per regulation, by the result of the tie between the two nations.

So, congratulations to the fighting Danes who really snatched eventual success from the very jaws of likely defeat. England should have won, but her team failed at the final hurdle.

Denmark and England were scheduled to meet in the last round of ties, with England being well up on ties, matches and games, and being a very clear favourite to retain her title. An examination of the match results will show clearly what occurred, and the matches were played in the order shown. Nobody would have confidently imagined that Mrs. Gilks would have lost both her matches, but that is what happened, and Miss Köppen was good value for her singles success, as she and Steen Skovgaard were in the vital mixed match. Three days later both these results were reversed in the finals of the individual events.

A Great Victory for the Netherlands

At the same time that this was going on the Dutch were challenging West Germany for the latter's place in the top division in two years' time. This, too, was sensational and was decided by the final mixed encounter between Germany's Wolfgang Bochow and Mrs. Zizmann and Holland's Rob Ridder and Miss Luesken. The former pair had enjoyed some outstanding results previously. They had beaten Derek Talbot and Mrs. Gilks as well as the Swedish pair and had only very narrowly lost to Skovgaard and Miss Köppen. They had also been semi-finalists at the preceding All-England Championships. In contrast the record of the two Dutch had been quite moderate in comparison. Yet on this occasion they tore through the German defences with Bochow having a very off-day.

One must, while congratulating the Dutch on their unexpected success, sympathise with West Germany. Hers is not at all a second division team. A nation which can boast of a team including such as Bochow, Roland Maywald, Willy Braun, Mrs. Zizmann and Mrs. Steden seems hard done by to be relegated because of one bad day. This provides another reason why the European top division should revert to containing five teams.

Unlike top division affairs, there were no surprising results in the lower spheres of play. The Netherlands were easy winners of Division II, just as Wales were well beaten all round; indeed, the Welsh having been placed in this division seemed a surprise in itself, but this was apparently due to their having gained a very slight marginal superiority on results at Vienna as compared to the Irish team of that year. When the Irish challenged them in the play-off the Welsh won only one match, though another was quite a close thing. The result made for much enthusiasm amongst the huge Irish crowd.

The Irish were very comfortable winners of Division III where they lost only two matches, both to Norway, and one fancies that, had they been given the chance, Norway too would have upset Wales in a promotional struggle. The other three teams were well below that of the two leaders. Belgium won only one match out of twenty, and the Swiss relied a little too much on Miss Liselotte Blumer, a youngster of only 18 who, with the tiniest bit of luck, might have won all her four singles. Considering that two of her opponents were Miss Barbara Beckett of Ireland and Miss Kari Histøl of Norway, to both of whom she lost only after setting in the third game, she had a very good record for one so inexperienced in the higher grade of international play. Both Belgium and Switzerland were competing for the first time, and their players no doubt gained much from the experience.

In two years' time one can expect more than the 13 teams which played at Dublin. Absent this year were Czechoslovakia, Finland and Yugo-Slavia, whilst Portugal and more from Eastern Europe may well enter the lists. One would hope to see them do so, notably the German Democratic Republic. With twenty teams, there could comfortably be four divisions of five teams each. Twenty is not too many to anticipate, and so we can only hope that the present intention of having only four teams to a group gets changed very quickly.

The Individual Events

In the individual championships Flemming Delfs won the men's singles for Denmark for the first time. In his successful assault on the title he lost no game, and indeed nobody reached double figures off him. His victory was no surprise, though he was clearly helped by the other top seed, Sture Johnsson, being defeated in a real thriller by Wolfgang Bochow. But the big German was unable to ward off Elo Hansen in their early Saturday morning semi-final. Hansen probably never expected to beat his team-mate in the final, and he was never in the hunt.

Only two of the seeded players failed to reach the last eight. The sensational Swede, Thomas Kihlström, scratched, and Derek Talbot was annihilated by Bochow, 15-2, 15-4. The Englishman has not shone in singles for some time, and his seeding was surprising. There were altogether 50 players from 14 countries in the draw. The latter included Yugo-Slavia which had not entered the team event.

Mrs. Gilks retained her ladies' singles honours. She also lost no game, though Miss Lene Köppen ought to have won the second one in the final, for she had the chances to do so. Here again, only two seeds failed to make the grade. Miss Joke van Beusekom scratched, and Mrs. Zizmann of Germany went out in her first match to a Russian, Miss Zvonareva, 9-11, 11-6, 11-3. The latter was then comfortably disposed of by Mrs. Whetnall who went on to reach the semi-final and thereby gave England three players in that round.

Like Mrs. Gilks, Miss Köppen had no trouble in getting to the final. She lost even fewer points on the way than did Mrs. Gilks, 21 compared to 32. The English lady had been extended to 7 and 8 by Sweden's Miss Anette Börjesson in the third round.

England's Ray Stevens and Mike Tredgett captured the men's doubles for England. In their last two matches they beat the much vaunted holders, W. Braun and R. Maywald of West Germany, and their compatriots, E. H. Sutton and D. Talbot who had removed by sheer brilliance the reigning All-England champions, Bengt Fröman and Thomas Kihlström, as well as Delfs and Hansen. This was a fine record for an unseeded pair, though it is only right to point out that the 26-pair entry permitted only four to be seeded.

The two English pairs rather dominated the ladies' doubles with Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Whetnall comfortably winning the final. The seeding in this event was surprising, and it was noteworthy that Mrs. Zizmann and Mrs. Steden of West Germany, who had been placed at the foot of the draw, went out to Scotland's Mrs. Flockhart and Mrs. Stewart. The latter were called on to save match-points against them in the second game; having done so, they successfully asserted a certain dominance in the proceedings.

In the mixed doubles the two top-seeded pairs duly reached the final, and there Talbot and Mrs. Gilks just won the title for the third straight time — a magnificent achievement over a period of five years. Skovgaard and Miss Köppen, however, gave them, one feels, more of a harassment than they would have liked, and the Danes, or more particularly Skovgaard, had only themselves to blame for their defeat. Skovgaard, as is his wont, was brilliant and erratic throughout the final two games, and, added to that, he showed some unreliable judgment about allowing shuttles

to hit the floor. Time and time again his hope and optimism was at fault. Nevertheless, the player of the match was Talbot whose play was extremely reliable, notably in the critical stages at the finish. What sang-froid he showed in moments of adversity! But there were some other matches which deserve mention. After their epic affair in the team championship, Rob Ridder and Miss Marjan Luesken had taken inspiration as, unseeded, they swept their way through to the semi-final with two-game defeats of two seeded couples, to wit Maywald and Mrs. Steden (15-6, 18-14) and Whetnall and Miss Giles. In contrast to that Dutch tour-de-force, their team victims, Bochow and Mrs. Zizmann, were dismissed most surprisingly by the Scots, W. Gilliland and Mrs. Flockhart, in three games. But the latter could not hold Sutton and Mrs. Whetnall who beat them 18-14, 15-10, which was really quite a meritorious score. But perhaps the strangest match, by the score at any rate, was that which saw Fraser Gow and Mrs. Stewart of Scotland just survive the assault of the Germans, M. Schnaase and Mrs. Kucki, by 2-15, 18-17, 18-14.

The mixed final already referred to was a fine match with which to conclude an epic week of excellent play under perfect conditions and excellent organisation where the only shortcoming was the apparent difficulty in deciding the identity of the champion nation in the team contest!

Individual Results

MEN'S SINGLES

Fourth Round—W. Bochow (West Germany) beat S. Johnsson (Sweden), 14-17, 15-11, 17-16. E. Hansen (Denmark) beat R. P. Stevens (England), 3-15, 15-11, 15-7. P. E. Whetnall (England) beat R. Maywald (West Germany), 15-3, 15-8, F. Delfs (Denmark), beat M. Schnaase (West Germany), 15-5, 15-1.
Semi-finals—Hansen beat Bochow, 9-15, 15-9, 15-8. Delfs beat Whetnall, 15-9, 15-7.
Final—Delfs beat Hansen, 15-4, 15-7.

LADIES' SINGLES

Fourth Round—Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England) beat Mrs. V. Winter (West Germany), 11-5, 11-4. Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England) beat Mrs. L. Bostofte (Denmark), 12-9, 11-8. Mrs. M. Lockwood (England) beat Miss M. Luesken (Netherlands), 11-1, 11-8. Miss L. Köppen (Denmark) beat Miss E. Kranz (West Germany), 11-0, 11-0.
Semi-finals—Mrs. Gilks beat Mrs. Whetnall, 11-5, 11-2. Miss Köppen beat Mrs. Lockwood, 11-5, 11-5.
Final—Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Köppen, 11-6, 12-11.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Third Round—W. Braun and R. Maywald (West Germany) beat M. Anderson and L. Wengberg (Sweden), 15-8, 15-5. R. P. Stevens and M. G. Tredgett (England) beat R. Ridder and P. Ridder (Netherlands), 15-12, 15-6. D. Talbot and E. H. Sutton (England) beat F. Delfs and E. Hansen (Denmark), 15-9, 15-10. B. Fröman and T. Kihlström (Sweden) beat B. E. Jones and D. Colmer (Wales), 15-3, 15-11.
Semi-finals—Stevens and Tredgett beat Braun and Maywald, 15-9, 15-17, 15-9. Talbot and Sutton beat Fröman and Kihlström, 15-13, 15-9.
Final—Stevens and Tredgett beat Talbot and Sutton, 13-15, 15-12, 15-6.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Third Round—Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England) beat Mrs. L. Bostofte and Miss J. Föge (Denmark), 15-0, 15-2. Mrs. K. Kucki and Mrs. V. Winter (West Germany) beat Miss Shevchenko and Miss Litvincheva (U.S.S.R.), 15-5, 15-7. Mrs. M. Lockwood and Miss N. Gardner (England) beat Miss H. de Kort and Mrs. M. Ravelli (Netherlands), 15-7, 15-5. Mrs. J. Flockhart and Mrs. C. Stewart (Scotland) beat Mrs. M. Zizmann and Mrs. B. Steden (West Germany), 8-15, 18-17, 15-10.
Semi-finals—Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Whetnall beat Mrs. Kucki and Mrs. Winter, 15-7, 15-6. Mrs. Lockwood and Miss Gardner beat Mrs. Flockhart and Mrs. Stewart, 15-7, 15-8.
Final—Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Whetnall beat Mrs. Lockwood and Miss Gardner, 15-8, 15-4.

MIXED DOUBLES

Fourth Round—D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England) beat W. Braun and Miss E. Kranz (West Germany), 15-9, 15-7. R. Ridder and Miss M. Luesken (Netherlands) beat P. E. Whetnall and Miss B. Giles (England), 15-6, 15-12. M. G. Tredgett and Miss N. Gardner (England) beat F. D. Gow and Mrs. C. Stewart (Scotland), 15-6, 15-12. S. Skovgaard and Miss L. Köppen (Denmark) beat E. H. Sutton and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England), 15-2, 15-6.
Semi-finals—Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat Ridder and Miss Luesken, 15-7, 15-12. Skovgaard and Miss Köppen beat Tredgett and Miss Gardner, 9-15, 15-7, 15-4.
Final—Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat Skovgaard and Miss Köppen, 6-15, 15-12, 17-15.

European Championships PAST WINNERS

at	Team Championship
1968 Bochum	—
1970 Port Talbot	—
1972 Karlskrona	England
1974 Vienna	England
1976 Dublin	Denmark

Men's Singles

1968 S. Johnsson (Sweden)
1970 S. Johnsson (Sweden)
1972 W. Bochow (West Germany)
1974 S. Johnsson (Sweden)
1976 F. Delfs (Denmark)

Ladies' Singles

1968 Miss I. Latz (1) (West Germany)
1970 Mrs. E. Twedberg (Sweden)
1972 Miss M. Beck (2) (England)
1974 Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England)
1976 Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England)

Men's Doubles

1968 J. D. Eddy and R. A. Powell (England)
1970 E. Hansen and P. Walsöe (Denmark)
1972 W. Braun and R. Maywald (West Germany)
1974 W. Braun and R. Maywald (West Germany)
1976 R. P. Stevens and M. G. Tredgett (England)

Ladies' Doubles

1968 Miss M. B. Boxall (3) and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England)
1970 Miss M. B. Boxall (3) and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England)
1972 Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman (England)
1974 Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Miss M. Beck (2) (England)
1976 Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England)

Mixed Doubles

1968 A. D. Jordan and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England)
1970 J. D. Eddy and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England)
1972 D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England)
1974 D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England)
1976 D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England)

(1) now Mrs. Gerlitzka; (2) now Mrs. Lockwood; (3) now Mrs. Allen.

Including the team championship, England has won 17 titles; Sweden and West Germany 4 each, and Denmark 3.

European Team Championship

DIVISION I

Final Table	Ties		Matches		Games
	W	L	W	L	
Denmark	2	1	9	6	20 14
England	2	1	9	6	21 15
Sweden	2	1	7	8	17 19
West Germany	0	3	5	10	13 23

Denmark won the championship because, ties and matches won and the difference between games won and lost being equal, she won the tie against England with which she was otherwise equal.

DETAILED RESULTS

England 4; Sweden 1—P. E. Whetnall lost to S. Johnsson, 4-15, 7-15. Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat Miss A. Börjesson, 11-3, 11-3. R. P. Stevens and M. G. Tredgett beat B. Fröman and T. Kihlström, 10-15, 15-6, 15-10. Mrs. M. Lockwood and Miss N. Gardner beat Mrs. E. Stuart and Miss Börjesson, 15-8, 15-4. D. Talbot and Mrs. Gilks beat Kihlström and Mrs. Stuart, 15-10, 14-17, 15-5.

Denmark 4; West Germany 1—F. Delfs beat M. Schnaase, 15-9, 15-7. Miss L. Köppen beat Miss E. Kranz, 11-5, 11-0. Delfs and E. Hansen beat R. Maywald and W. Braun, 15-12, 15-12. Mrs. L. Bostofte and Miss J. Föge lost to Mrs. M. Zizmann and Mrs. B. Steden, 9-15, 3-15. S. Skovgaard and Miss Köppen beat W. Bochow and Mrs. Zizmann, 18-14, 11-15, 18-15.

England 3; West Germany 2—Whetnall beat Schnaase, 15-5, 15-4. Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Kranz, 11-0, 11-2. Stevens and Tredgett lost to Maywald and Braun, 15-7, 9-15, 7-15. Miss Gardner and Mrs. Whetnall beat Mrs. Zizmann and Mrs. Steden, 18-14, 15-13. Talbot and Mrs. Gilks lost to Bochow and Mrs. Zizmann, 15-9, 11-15, 15-18.

Sweden 3; Denmark 2—Johnsson beat Delfs, 15-2, 15-6. Miss Börjesson lost to Miss Köppen, 2-11, 3-11. Fröman and Kihlström beat Delfs and Hansen, 15-4, 15-9. Mrs. Stuart and Miss Börjesson lost to Miss Köppen and Miss S. Mølgaard Hansen, 15-8, 15-8. Kihlström and Mrs. Stuart beat Skovgaard and Miss Mølgaard Hansen, 15-8, 7-15, 18-16.

Sweden 3; West Germany 2—Johnsson beat Schnaase, 15-2, 15-6. Miss Börjesson beat Miss Kranz, 10-12, 11-6, 11-3. Fröman and Kihlström beat Maywald and Braun, 6-15, 15-13, 18-15. Mrs. Stuart and Miss Börjesson lost to Mrs. Zizmann and Mrs. Steden, 14-17, 15-11, 7-15. Kihlström and Mrs. Stuart lost to Bochow and Mrs. Zizmann, 6-15, 7-15.

Denmark 3; England 2—Delfs beat Whetnall, 16-17, 15-13 15-6. Miss Köppen beat Mrs. Gilks, 11-4, 12-10. Delfs and Hansen lost to Stevens and Tredgett, 15-12, 9-15, 11-15. Mrs. Bostofte and Miss Föge lost to Miss Gardner and Mrs. Whetnall, 7-15, 2-15. Skovgaard and Miss Köppen beat Talbot and Mrs. Gilks, 15-6, 15-9.

DIVISION II

Final Table	Ties		Matches	
	W	L	W	L
Netherlands	3	0	12	3
Scotland	2	1	8	7
U.S.S.R.	1	2	7	8
Wales	0	3	3	12

RESULTS

Netherlands beat Wales, 4-1; beat Scotland, 4-1; beat U.S.S.R., 4-1.
Scotland beat Wales, 4-1; beat U.S.S.R., 3-2.
U.S.S.R. beat Wales, 4-1.

The following players represented their country in the above ties:—

Netherlands—R. Ridder (3), C. Wortel (3), P. Ridder (2), G. de Vogel (1), Miss J. van Beusekom (3) and Miss M. Luesken (3).

Scotland—R. Conway (3), J. Ansari (3), F. D. Gow (3), A. J. Britton (2), W. Gilliland (1), Mrs. J. Flockhart (3), Mrs. C. Stewart (3) and Miss P. Hamilton (1).

U.S.S.R.—A. V. Skripko (3), V. M. Shvachko (3), K. V. Wavilov (1), Miss Shevchenko (3), Miss Litvincheva (2), Miss N. I. Damaskina (2), Miss A. I. Zvonareva (2) and Mrs. L. N. Markova (1).

Wales—S. Gulley, B. E. Jones, D. Colmer, Mrs. A. Dickson, Mrs. S. Brimble and Mrs. S. M. Alfieri (3 each).



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FIVE FAMOUS IRISH INTERNATIONALS OF THE PAST

All were All-England champions, and as such had been invited to present the medals at Dublin. Left to right:—

- J. F. Devlin, winner of 18 titles, including six singles, between 1922 and 1931.
- T. H. Boyle, men's doubles winner in 1939.
- Mrs. S. F. Peard (née Devlin), six ladies' doubles successes between 1954 and 1966.
- I. C. Maconachie, mixed doubles champion of 1937.
- J. L. Rankin, men's doubles winner in 1939.

All are wearing All-England Championship-winning colours.

DIVISION III

Final Table	Ties		Matches	
	W	L	W	L
Ireland	4	0	18	2
Norway	3	1	16	4
Austria	2	2	10	10
Switzerland	1	3	5	15
Belgium	0	4	1	19

RESULTS

Ireland beat Austria, 5-0; beat Norway, 3-2; beat Belgium, 5-0; beat Switzerland, 5-0.
Norway beat Belgium, 5-0, beat Austria, 4-1; beat Switzerland, 5-0.
Austria beat Switzerland, 4-1; beat Belgium, 5-0.
Switzerland beat Belgium, 4-1.

The following players represented their country in the above ties:—

Ireland—J. Taylor (4), J. Scott (4), C. McIlwaine (2), P. Moore (2), W. Thompson (2), Miss B. Beckett (4) and Mrs. D. Cunningham (4).

Norway—P. Thoresen (4), H. Ringdal (4), H. Sperre (2), H. Nettli (2), Miss K. Histøl (4), Miss A. Svarstad (4) and Miss E. Thoresen (4).

Austria—R. Pum, J. Ratheyser, Miss B. Reichman and Miss I. Potocnik (4 each).

Switzerland—C. Heiniger (4), K. Schoch (4), E. Andrey (3), R. Heiniger (2), Miss L. Blumer (4) and Miss M. Drapel (4).

Belgium—J. P. Baudiin (4), D. Kaiser (4), J. Jaury (2), E. Lecomte (2), Miss F. Kaiser (4) and Miss K. Ballisager (4).

CHALLENGE TIES

Between Divisions I and II

West Germany lost to Netherlands, 2-3—M. Schnaase beat R. Ridder, 15-10, 15-12. Miss E. Kranz lost to Miss J. van Beusekom, 11-5, 2-11, 2-11. R. Maywald and W. Braun beat C. Wortel and G. de Vogel, 15-1, 15-5. Mrs. M. Zizmann and Mrs. B. Steden lost to Miss van Beusekom and Miss M. Luesken, 15-8, 16-17, 12-15. W. Bochow and Mrs. Zizmann lost to R. Ridder and Miss Luesken, 8-15, 7-15.

Between Divisions II and III

Wales lost to Ireland, 1-4—S. Gulley beat J. Taylor, 15-10, 15-9. Mrs. S. Brimble lost to Miss B. Beckett, 5-11, 3-11. B. E. Jones and D. Colmer lost to P. Moore and W. Thompson, 15-6, 13-15, 13-15. Mrs. S. M. Alfieri and Mrs. A. Dickson lost to Miss Beckett and Mrs. D. Cunningham, 2-15, 10-15. Jones and Mrs. Alfieri lost to J. Scott and Mrs. Cunningham, 12-15, 6-15.

Details from Dublin

The playing facilities for the European Championships could scarcely have been bettered. The tournament took place on four courts laid out over the two covered courts of the Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club. Plentiful stands for over 2,000 spectators ran the full length of two sides of the arena, and they seemed full more often than not, such was the local enthusiasm.

Added to the foregoing, the off-court facilities at the club were absolutely superb, and it would certainly be difficult for them to be bettered.

The tournament was sponsored by Toblerone, and the accredited representatives of this firm did far more for the comfort and enjoyment of all present than just to provide the appreciated financial assistance. One very neat little advertising dodge was dressing all the linesmen in track-suits with the name of the sponsor embroidered on the back for all to see.

Under the directorship of Mr. F. W. Peard, a former and very prominent Irish international of the past, the organisation was quite remarkably successful in every respect. All the officials, and there were large numbers of them, wore blazers in the well known chocolate colours of the Fitzwilliam L.T.C. It was quite a coincidence that these colours might have been thought to have related to the chocolate-manufacturing sponsor.

During the week President O'Dalaigh, President of the Republic of Ireland, received Messrs. Stuart Wyatt (President of the I.B.F.), Stellan Mohlin (President of the European B.U.), A. G. Trapnell (President of the B.U. of Ireland) and Frank Peard at his residence. It was unfortunate that the President found it impossible to attend the Championships as had been hoped he would.

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The draw for three of the five individual championship events was the first in the world to be done by the alternative method recently evolved by the honorary secretary of the I.B.F., and approved by the latter, whereby the byes are spread over all the four quarters, instead of all being at the top and the bottom of the draw. Without adopting the new method it would not have been possible to have segregated all of the four entrants from each country into different quarters as is mandatory in the regulations for international championship tournaments. As a result, the draw for the men's and ladies' singles and the mixed doubles looked very strange indeed to eyes accustomed to the usual method.

Publicity for the tournament in the Irish newspapers was tremendous, and the knowledgeable reports by Vera McWeeney in "The Irish Times" occupied nearly half a large page daily. They probably did much to create the huge audiences so often on hand, and we were reliably told that the Fitzwilliam Club had never had such large crowds on its premises before.

It was a wonderful idea of the Irish organising committee to arrange for the prize medals to be presented by five great Irish players of the past, the qualification being to have won an All-England title. These five honoured players were Messrs. Frank Devlin, Tom Boyle, Jim Rankin and Ian Maconachie, all inter-war champions, and Mrs. Peard, the former Miss Sue Devlin. They were all given a fine welcome on the final day as, one by one, they stepped forward to honour the champions of today.

Apart from the prize medals, there were two new trophies to present. Both were large pieces of Connemara marble, from the west of Ireland, with a large silver shuttle surmounting the whole. One is called the "Ireland Trophy" for men's singles, and the other the "Toblerone Trophy" for ladies' singles. Both are perpetual trophies to be held by the winners until the next championships. Hitherto there had been no championship trophies.

One severely criticised thing in Dublin was the withdrawal of quite a prominent player from all the individual events, after having played in the team event, because of alleged dissatisfaction at the seeding. It was claimed, we understand, that the withdrawal was on the orders of the player's national association. If this was so, it is strange that the whole team was not withdrawn. We have always held the player concerned in high esteem as regards sportsmanship, so the action was more than surprising and must in after-thought have been regretted. Seeding is not an easy task at all, and it can rarely have happened that it can have pleased every competitor in any tournament. Its object is basically to separate the strongest players from one another so as to avoid the possibility that all might, for instance, be drawn in the same quarter or eighth of the draw. If a player feels a little slighted by the seeding, he or she should go on court and prove the committee wrong.

Dublin's big badminton week finished on a high note with the entertainment of more than 300 at a dinner and dance at the nearby Leopardstown Race Course where all players and officials were the guests of "Toblerone" at a most enjoyable function.

Chinese are Beaten at Bangkok

Asian Tournament has many Surprises

The much-publicised "Asian Invitation Championships" which took place at Bangkok from March 24th to 27th in furtherance of the Asian Badminton Confederation's decision that its members should boycott the All-England Championships which took place on the very same dates, was highlighted by the numerous defeats suffered by the leading Chinese players at the hands of Indonesian and Thai representatives.

Above all, the tournament showed that it can no longer be claimed that the Chinese possess the best players in the world. Of the four events on the programme the Chinese won only one, the ladies' singles. In two of the events, men's singles and doubles, Chinese were runners-up.

The men's singles was dramatically won by the Indonesian, Ie Sumirat, who is presently ranked fourth in his country. In the semi-final the 26-year-old Indonesian beat the present Chinese champion, Tang Hsien-hu, by 15-6 in the third game, and in the final he overcame the much-vaunted Hou Chia-chang, also after three games in which the last was set. Hou Chia-chang had won the Chinese title many times before Tang recently took over the top position.

A third Chinese, Lin Shin-chuan, was defeated by the Indian Prakash (17-15, 15-12), whilst the fourth, Luang Chin, lost very easily to his compatriot, Hou, in the semi-final.

In the men's doubles things went even worse for the Chinese. One of their two pairs, that composed of Hou and Lin Shin-chuan, went down to the Thais, Bandit Jaiyen and Pichai Kongsiritavorn, in two games, and the other, after reaching the final with considerable difficulty, lost to the Indonesians, Christian and Ade Chandra, fairly comfortably.

Chinese Ladies Also Beaten

More sensations occurred in the ladies' events. Miss Verawaty, an 18-year-old Indonesian girl, eliminated two Chinese in the persons of Miss Liu Hao (12-10, 11-3) and the reigning Chinese champion, Miss Chen Yu-niang, also in two games. The Indonesian giant-killer reached the final where she was defeated in three games by the Chinese no. 2, of which she won the first. The fourth Chinese, Miss Fu Chun-ee, was beaten by the Malaysian international, Miss Sylvia Ng.

In the small ladies' doubles entry only one Chinese pair reached the semi-final. There it was beaten by a Thai pair in two games, and they in turn similarly lost the final to the Malaysians, the Misses Ng and Ang. The other Chinese lost badly, 15-4, 15-6, to the second Thailand pair who were unable to extend the eventual champions.

In all, eleven nations, all from Asia of course, took part in the tournament. More had been expected but the players from Burma, Iran and Sri Lanka failed to appear. More notable was the absence of the leading Japanese and Malaysian men, who were due to meet in a vital Thomas Cup tie the following week, and all the best Japanese ladies, the Misses Yuki, Takenaka, etc.

So, clearly China is no longer the force that she once was on court. The fact of the matter is that their very outstanding players have got a little older and can therefore no longer stand the pace set by younger opponents. Tang, for instance, owns to being 37 which is certainly an age at which few players can hold their own in the top company. Others too are well in their thirties.

Ie Sumirat, the hero of the week's play, was a reserve player, properly nominated, in the Indonesian Thomas Cup team which met Canada in 1970, but he was not selected for the 1973 ties. In the World Invitation Tournament at Jakarta in 1972 he had been prominent with easy wins over both Flemming Delfs and Sture Johnsson, after which he lost to Svend Pri in three games.

Indonesia's new find amongst the ladies, Miss Verawaty, had not hitherto accomplished anything to compare with her Bangkok exploits. She played in the All-England Championships of 1975, but only in doubles where she and Mrs. Soedaryanto were comfortably beaten by Mrs. Whetnall and Miss Boxall. She was subsequently not selected for the Indonesian Uber Cup team, but we shall surely hear more of her.

MEN'S SINGLES

Fourth Round—Tang Hsien-hu (China) beat Abu Bakar (Malaysia), 15-8, 15-4. I. Sumirat (Indonesia) beat P. Prakash (India), 15-6, 15-4. Luang Chin (China) beat S. M. Zalni (Singapore), 15-9, 15-8. Hou Chia-chang (China) beat Dhani (Indonesia), 15-7, 15-11.

Semi-finals—Sumirat beat Tang, 15-9, 12-15, 15-6. Hou beat Luang Chin, 15-2, 15-5.

Final—Sumirat beat Hou, 12-15, 15-8, 18-15.

LADIES' SINGLES

Third Round—Miss Liang Chiu-hsia (China) beat Miss Holly (Indonesia), 11-2, 11-6. Miss S. Ng (Malaysia) beat Miss P. Sirisriro (Thailand), 11-5, 8-11, 11-4. Miss Verawaty (Indonesia) beat Miss T. Kingmanee (Thailand), 11-9, 12-10. Miss Chen Yu-niang (China) beat Miss R. Damayanti (India), 11-1, 11-5.

Semi-finals—Miss Liang beat Miss Ng, 11-2, 11-4. Miss Verawaty beat Miss Chen, 11-3, 12-9.

Final—Miss Liang beat Miss Verawaty, 8-11, 11-0, 11-5.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Third Round—Christian and Ade Chandra (Indonesia) beat P. Prakash and D. Ahuja (India), 15-8, 15-5. B. Jaiyen and P. Kongsiritavorn (Thailand) beat Hou Chia-chang and Lin Shin-chuan (China), 15-8, 15-12. P. Sakuntaniyom and P. Soparajee (Thailand) beat Ahmad Bakar and Tan Eng Han (Singapore), 11-15, 17-15, 15-5. Tang Hsien-hu and Luan Chin (China) beat J. Panichatkul and S. Suharitdamrong (Thailand), 18-17, 11-15, 15-12.

Semi-finals—Christian and Ade Chandra beat Jaiyen and Kongsiritavorn, 15-8, 15-3. Tang and Luan Chin beat Sakuntaniyom and Soparajee, 16-17, 15-10, 15-4.

Final—Christian and Ade Chandra beat Tang and Luan Chin, 15-8, 15-10.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals—Miss S. Ng and Miss R. S. Ang (Malaysia) beat Miss P. Boonthanom and Miss S. Jittarivakul (Thailand), 15-5, 15-3. Miss T. Kingmanee and Miss P. Sirisriro (Thailand) beat Miss Liang Chiu-hsia and Miss Fu Chen-ee (China), 18-14, 15-8.

Final—Miss Ng and Miss Ang beat Miss Kingmanee and Miss Sirisriro, 15-9, 18-14.

MIXED DOUBLES

This event was not played.

The Annual General Meeting of the I.B.F.

Many Administrative Proposals Feature Long Agenda

The 1976 Annual General Meeting of the International Badminton Federation will take place in Bangkok, Thailand, on June 2nd, the first time in more than forty years that the parliament of the game will have a venue other than London.

Though the agenda is, as has now become customary, a very long one, most of resolutions are of an administrative nature which concern the Rules of the Federation and need therefore not be gone into in great detail.

On the matter of membership, the Swedish B. A. has again tabled a motion to seek the resignation of the Taiwan B.A., though this is again done "with great reluctance". Its main purpose, so it is understood, is to avoid long discussions on what can be termed the China issue.

A number of national organisations have proposed another old resolution to the effect that each member should have only one vote instead of the prevailing scale of from one to three, largely in accordance with its own membership. This has failed to obtain the requisite two-thirds majority on several occasions in the past, and may therefore fail again.

Czechoslovakia has proposed that the present rule governing termination of membership be altered from the requirement of a three-fourths majority to one of a simple majority. The same organisation has given notice that if this fails to be adopted it will then propose that the membership of South African B.U. be terminated. This is "based on the principles and resolutions of the United Nations Organisation", despite the fact that the principles of the I.B.F. are in no way connected with them.

There are two very minor alterations proposed to the Laws of Badminton, neither of which, if carried, will affect the playing of the game at all.

Canada's Sweeping Thomas Cup Proposal

The Canadian B.A. has proposed a big change in the conduct of the contests for the Thomas Cup and the Uber Cup. Not only would Canada like to see both take place annually, instead of triennially, but the proposer would like both to take place at the same time and at the same or nearby venue as the World Championships. In effect this means also that World Championships should be held annually, and that there would be a festival of about three weeks' duration every year, which is rather a lot for amateur players. Absence from home could in many cases be longer because of acclimatisation problems.

The Council of the Federation has asked for opinions as to whether it would be preferable and fairer for Uber Cup ties to be played on the same basis as those for the Thomas Cup. That is to say that ties should be spread, unless otherwise mutually agreed, over two days with nine matches composing a tie instead of the present seven. The Council is also asking for views as to making both contests biennial instead of triennial.

The Council has put up a further set of proposed Regulations governing Amateurism to which all affiliated organisations should adhere basically. Organisations would be permitted to make them stricter if they wanted. These regulations set out clearly what an amateur player may and may not do, and such a set is vital to the game if Olympic inclusion is sought, as it is. The proposals include a maximum of the equivalent of Swiss Francs 500 as the value of any one prize in tournaments, and the banning of players signing commercial contracts without the permission of their national organisation. Up to now, the sole regulation laid down by the Federation is that all national organisations must lay down their own definition of amateur status. These could, of course, vary tremendously from country to country.

Czechoslovakia has also proposed a set of regulations which are not very different, and the proposer claims that this set is based on the Eligibility Code of the Olympic Rules.

The New Zealand Badminton Federation has proposed that the I.B.F. should give its blessing to the game being included in the proposed "World Games" to take place at Houston, Texas, in February, 1978. These were originally intended to be held at Manila, Philippines, next year, but they have been postponed. The World Games are being promoted by a self-appointed or-

ganisation for the benefit of sports not so far included in the Olympic Games.

Mr. Stellan Mohlin of Sweden has been proposed by the Council for election as President. He has been a vice-president since 1969 and a prominent member of the Council since 1964.

Five gentlemen have been proposed for election to vice-presidency, for which there are two vacancies. They are Messrs. E. S. Jarrett (U.S.A.) who lost a similar seat a year ago, O. Mertz (Denmark), S. Mohlin (if he is not elected President), A. Verstoep (Belgium) and C. Wattanasin (Thailand).

Mr. H. Valken has been proposed for re-election as honorary treasurer, a post he has now occupied for eight years, and the same gentleman and Mr. Teh Gin Sooi of Malaysia have both been proposed as honorary secretary in succession to Mr. H. A. E. Scheele who does not wish to stand for re-election.

Mr. Scheele has been proposed both as an honorary life vice-president, after having served as honorary secretary for 38 years, and also as an advisory vice-president (a newly proposed office) which would give him a seat on the Council.

The Swedish association has asked that the 1977 Annual General Meeting take place at Malmo during the World Championships scheduled for that city in May, an eminently sound suggestion.

Scotland's World Invitation Tournament

The Scottish Badminton Union staged its 14th World Invitation Tournament at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow on March 19th and 20th, the week preceding the All-England Championships, when players from Canada, England, Indonesia, the Netherlands, West Germany and Scotland put on some sparkling play for the benefit of the customary large Scottish audiences.

Having now got a little acclimatised to local conditions, the Indonesian champion, Liem Swie King, revenged himself thoroughly for his defeat by Paul Whetnall in the England-Indonesia international two days earlier, but there was a big surprise in the ladies' singles when Miss Wendy Clarkson of Canada upset Miss Taty Sumirah. Indonesia's Uber Cup no. 1. This was quite the best result ever accomplished by the young Edmonton girl who displayed some beautiful footwork and stroking which bodes well for her future. She was, however, unable to withstand the greater experience of Mrs Lockwood in the final.

Confirming their greater reputation as a pair, Tjun Tjun and Johan Wahjudi had no trouble in annexing first prizes in the men's doubles, but their compatriots, the Misses Masli and Widiastuty, were not quite good enough to withstand England's Mrs. Whetnall and Miss Nora Gardner in the ladies' event. Mike Tredgett and Miss Gardner were comfortable winners of the mixed.

For the first time ever this tournament contained no Danish or Swedish players, a fact very much regretted and due to those nations having arranged their vital Thomas Cup tie on the same week-end. This was not due to any lack of co-operation, but entirely because of the very congested European programme at the time.

MEN'S SINGLES

S. Subagio (Indonesia) beat M. Schnaase (West Germany), 18-17, 15-5. W. Bochow (West Germany) beat R. P. Stevens (England), 15-10, 15-10. P. E. Whetnall (England) beat Subagio, 15-3, 15-18, 15-5. Liem Swie King (Indonesia) beat Bochow, 15-9, 15-4, and (in final) beat Whetnall, 15-5, 15-3.

LADIES' SINGLES

Miss W. Clarkson (Canada) beat Miss T. Sumirah (Indonesia), 12-9, 11-2. Mrs. M. Lockwood (England) beat Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands), 12-10, 11-3, and (in final) beat Miss Clarkson, 11-7, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

R. P. Stevens and M. G. Tredgett (England) beat J. Ansari and A. J. Britton (Scotland), 15-18, 15-7, 15-9. Tjun Tjun and J. Wahjudi (Indonesia) beat W. Bochow and R. Maywald (West Germany), 15-7, 15-6, and (in final) beat Stevens and Tredgett, 15-6, 15-5.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Mrs. P. E. Whetnall and Miss N. Gardner (England) beat Mrs. M. Lockwood (England) and Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands), 15-9, 15-0, and beat Miss R. Masli and Miss T. Widiastuty (Indonesia), 16-18, 15-10, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES

S. Subagio and Miss R. Masli (Indonesia) beat F. D. Gow and Mrs. C. Stewart (Scotland), 15-9, 4-15, 15-8. M. G. Tredgett and Miss N. Gardner (England) beat C. Dalgliesh and Miss W. Clarkson (Canada) 15-10, 15-7, and (in final) beat Subagio and Miss Masli, 15-3, 15-4.



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On the Side Lines

Some Notes and News from All Parts

The sympathies of the Badminton world will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ferry Sonnevile on the sudden death of their son, also known as Ferry, in London on April 26th. He was only 20 years of age and had been studying engineering in London. Mr. and Mrs. Sonnevile hastened to London to attend the Requiem Mass where quite a large number of young Ferry's friends were also present.

We hear that Mr. A. G. Trapnell will this year step down from heavy administrative office within the Badminton Union of Ireland very shortly. He has been President of that body for the past four or five years, and before that he had been a most conscientious honorary secretary, a post he had been first elected to in 1955. He was not even a newcomer to office then, for he had been honorary treasurer before that. Geoff Trapnell has in his time done a lot for Irish Badminton, and he will certainly be missed in the administration in his country. Let one not also forget that he was also for eleven years a keen member of the Council of the I.B.F. from which he resigned owing to other work in 1972. One of his last actions on behalf of Irish Badminton was to meet every single team of players and many others who arrived at Dublin Airport for the recent European Championships.

As successor to Mr. Trapnell, the new President will be Mr. Patrick Marks who hails from Munster, the southernmost province of the Republic of Ireland. We wish him well and congratulate him on his forthcoming election.

One of the most interesting visitors to Dublin during the European Championships was Mr. J. Frank Devlin, whose name is perhaps associated in the minds of the young principally as the father of the two sisters, Mrs. Peard and Mrs. Hashman. But Frank Devlin as a player in his time was equally as great as either of his daughters, for over a period of ten years he was the winner of as many as 18 All-England titles, which is two more than were gained by Mrs. Hashman for whose skill he was to a great extent responsible, certainly in her formative years. It was most interesting listening to Mr. Devlin, who now claims 76 years of age—and a very fit 76 he is too—on comparisons of the present-day players with those of his own time which were right through the twenties. He agrees that the game has speeded up, in the matter of hits per second, very much, yet he feels that his own generation, given all the present modern equipment, could have more than just extended them. Comparisons are, of course, almost impossible, but the opinions expressed do deserve the greatest consideration. Serving was rather better and more accurate in days gone by, thought Mr. Devlin, and with this we must agree. Similarly, there was perhaps a little more accuracy on many strokes, but then generations ago a player had more time for his shot than he gets now, notably in doubles.

Not since he won his last All-England title in 1931 has Mr. Devlin visited those Championships, but he hopes to rectify that omission very shortly, for he and Mrs. Devlin have now bought a house in Dublin where they intend to take up permanent residence. Until recently they were living in Baltimore.

The South African team which recently visited Europe to take in many of the international tournaments was a most popular one, and one hopes that some of the younger members will have had the opportunity to improve their game, strong though it may already be. Apart from participation in tournaments, the eight players also enjoyed team-fixtures with quite a number of teams in Britain as well as on the continent. Their manager, Mr. Denis Velcich, did a fine job not only for the players under his jurisdiction but also as a roving representative of his country.

Congratulations on his recent marriage to Herr Helmut Altmann, administrative secretary of the Deutscher Badminton Verband. He is not nearly as well known as, in his position, he ought to be, but then he has been in office for little more than a year, so one may hope that he will soon have the opportunity of making himself personally known outside his own country.

We hear that the Bermuda Badminton Association has recently applied to join the Caribbean Regional Badminton Confederation. If acted upon favourably, this could be of great help to the Bermudians, though it may be thought that the Atlantic islands can hardly be regarded as within the Caribbean. In any case, they can join the recently formed Pan-American Badminton Confederation, which they will almost certainly do.

Very many people will be most sorry to hear that Mr. H. (Bill) Holwill has now retired from the Badminton scene. For nearly thirty years he had been on the staff of Reinforced Shuttlecocks Ltd (R.S.L.) and as such had become known to countless players and others, literally, all over the world. And he has been a very great help to many. It is therefore no wonder that at the recent All-England and European Championships he was the recipient of a number of farewell presents. We wish Mr. Holwill well, and Mrs. Holwill, the same of course, in his retirement, but we shall be most surprised if he does not still continue his off-court association with the Badminton world. Everyone will hope so.

We hear that the Pakistan Badminton Federation proposes to stage a special tournament at Karachi next December as part of the celebration of the centenary of the birth of the founder of the Pakistan nation, Qaid-i-Azam Mohamed Ali Jinnah.

The dates seem quite suitable as far as the Badminton calendar is concerned, and therefore the event should be well patronised.

The next Asian Badminton Confederation Championships, or Asian Championships as they used to be known, will, we understand from Indian advices, be staged at Hyderabad next October.

From Taiwan we hear that Mr. Hao Kan-tseng has recently resigned the honorary secretaryship of the Taiwan Badminton Association after eighteen years in office, but he will not leave the Badminton scene at all, as he has been elected as the first honorary vice-president of the Association. Mr. Hao's successor is Mr. Shen-fu Chang. At the same time as Mr. Hao retired, the Association also lost its twenty-year-long President, General Peng Meng-chi, who has been succeeded by Mr. Hsu Nai. General Peng has been made the Honorary President as a reward for his past services.

The New Zealand Badminton Federation recently honoured Miss Nancy Fleming after her 25 years of service on the management committee with the presentation of a set of silver goblets, a presentation which she must richly deserve for all her work which includes that of being one of three national selectors for many years. Miss Fleming was, we believe, the first New Zealander to play outside Australasia. This was in 1950 when she was a semi-finalist in the singles at the All-England Championships. Since that date she has captained several N.Z. Uber Cup teams with considerable success, and we are very glad to hear that she has no intention of retiring from the Badminton scene, for she has been of immense value to her country's Badminton.

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Svend Pri Regains Danish Open

Miss Köppen's Comfortable Ladies' Success

European players dominated the 24th Danish Open Championships which took place at Copenhagen from March 13th to 16th in contrast to the previous year when Indonesians had won four of the five titles at stake. Unfortunately, there were no Indonesian players on hand this time as their players curtailed their annual visit to Europe. Nevertheless, there were nine countries well represented, and they included several from each of Mexico, Taiwan and the U.S.S.R. Players from the last two played in Copenhagen for the first time.

The lone successful defender was Miss Lene Köppen who had little real trouble in gaining the ladies' singles for Denmark, as none of England's leading ladies were on hand—a great pity.

The men's singles saw a most welcome return to form of Svend Pri who accounted for frequent rivals in P. E. Whetnall of England, Sture Johnsson of Sweden and, in the final, Flemming Delfs, the last two of whom had been seeded above him. In each case Pri lost the first game but finished strongly to give him much confidence in his coming defence of his All-England title.

The men's doubles escaped the Danes as England's Thomas Cup pair of J. D. Eddy and E. H. Sutton went through the event without loss of a game, though they were well extended by most of their opponents. It was unfortunate that the Swedes, Bengt Fröman and Thomas Kihlström, had to scratch.

The Netherlands gained the ladies' doubles through the medium of the Misses Luesken and van Beusekom, and this pair came through very comfortably. The other top seeds, the Misses Giles and Webster of England, went out in the semi-final to Denmark's Misses Köppen and Inge Borgström.

Favourites from the beginning, Steen Skovgaard and Miss Köppen took the mixed, also without conceding a game though Fröman and Mrs. Kaagaard extended them all the way.

Some of the Russians and Taiwan players got through a round here and there. Of the former, their men's pair composed of A. Skripko and W. Schwatschko took a game off Sweden's new Thomas Cup pair of M. Andersson and L. Wengberg, and the Taiwan lady champion, Miss Yu Yuk-geor, proved too good both for Miss Giles and Miss Gudrun Ziebold, the 1975 German champion, before being eliminated by Miss Luesken.

MEN'S SINGLES

Fourth Round—S. Johnsson (Sweden) beat G. Hansen, 3-15, 15-1, 15-2. S. Pri beat P. E. Whetnall (England), 13-18, 15-12, 15-4. E. Hansen beat J. Helledie, 15-12, 15-12. F. Delfs beat T. Kihlström (Sweden), 15-5, 5-15, 15-7.

Semi-finals—Pri beat Johnsson, 13-15, 15-6, 15-4. Delfs beat Hansen, 15-4, 15-4.

Final—Pri beat Delfs, 9-15, 15-5, 15-10.

LADIES' SINGLES

Fourth Round—Miss L. Köppen beat Miss A. Börjesson (Sweden), 11-9, 11-0. Miss M. Luesken (Netherlands) beat Miss Yu Yuk-Geor (Taiwan), 11-3, 11-6. Miss E. Kranz (West Germany) beat Mrs. L. Bostofte, 11-7, 11-6. Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands) beat Mrs. M. Zizmann (West Germany), 11-0, 11-4.

Semi-finals—Miss Köppen beat Miss Luesken, 11-1, 11-0. Miss van Beusekom beat Miss Kranz, 11-5, 11-3.

Final—Miss Köppen beat Miss van Beusekom, 11-4, 11-1.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Fourth Round—J. D. Eddy and E. H. Sutton (England) beat S. Karlsson and G. Perneklo (Sweden), 15-11, 17-14. P. Petersen and P. Walsöe beat M. Andersson and L. Wengberg (Sweden), 15-4, 16-18, 15-10. B. Fröman and T. Kihlström (Sweden) beat J. Mortensen and J. Helledie, 15-9, 15-11. F. Delfs and E. Hansen beat R. P. Stevens and P. E. Whetnall (England), 15-1, 15-11.

Semi-finals—Eddy and Sutton beat Petersen and Walsöe, 15-9, 15-12. Delfs and Hansen w.o., Fröman and Kihlström retired.

Final—Eddy and Sutton beat Delfs and Hansen, 15-13, 15-11.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Third Round—Miss B. Giles and Miss J. Webster (England) beat Miss P. Nielsen and Miss S. Johansen, 15-6, 15-11. Miss L. Köppen and Miss I. Borgström beat Miss G. Ziebold and Mrs. V. Winter (West Germany), 15-7, 15-13. Miss E.

Kranz and Mrs. M. Zizmann (West Germany) beat Miss L. L. Göttische and Miss L. B. Pedersen, 18-17, 18-15. Miss J. van Beusekom and Miss M. Luesken (Netherlands) beat Miss H. Gram and Miss J. Föge, 15-1, 15-1.

Semi-finals—Miss Köppen and Miss Borgström beat Miss Giles and Miss Webster, 15-9, 18-17. Miss van Beusekom and Miss Luesken beat Miss Kranz and Mrs. Zizmann, 15-12, 15-6.

Final—Miss van Beusekom and Miss Luesken beat Miss Köppen and Miss Borgström, 15-12, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES

Fourth Round—J. D. Eddy and Miss B. Giles (England) beat P. Nielsen and Miss H. Gram, 15-2, 15-2. W. Bochow and Mrs. M. Zizmann (West Germany) beat W. Lund and Miss B. M. Larsson (Sweden), 15-2, 15-8. R. Ridder and Miss M. Luesken (Netherlands) beat E. H. Sutton and Miss J. Webster (England), 12-15, 15-11, 15-3. S. Skovgaard and Miss L. Köppen beat B. Fröman (Sweden) and Mrs. P. Kaagaard, 18-14, 18-16.

Semi-finals—Eddy and Miss Giles beat Bochow and Mrs. Zizmann, 15-9, 15-11. Skovgaard and Miss Köppen beat Ridder and Miss Luesken, 15-12, 15-11.

Final—Skovgaard and Miss Köppen beat Eddy and Miss Giles, 15-8, 15-4.

(Unless otherwise mentioned all players are Danish)

Four English Wins in Germany

English players won four of the five titles in the 21st International Championships of Germany which took place at Mülheim in the Ruhr from March 5th to 7th. The lone event escaping the English team was the men's doubles which was won by Sweden's Thomas Kihlström and Bengt Fröman, but they were severely extended in the final by England's Ray Stevens and Mike Tredgett.

Paul Whetnall showed a fine return to his best form when capturing the men's singles. In turn he beat Kihlström very comfortably, Sture Johnsson even more so after conceding the opening game, and in the final he overcame Flemming Delfs without loss of a game. These were, up to the time of the tournament, his best results of the season.

Mrs. Gilks had another long struggle to overcome Miss Lene Köppen in the ladies' singles final as she had to come from behind after dropping the first game. German players had some outstanding successes in this event as Mrs. Zizmann quite overwhelmed an unfit Mrs. Lockwood after just losing the first game, and she went on to take the opening game from Miss Köppen, though she could get no further. Then, Miss Eva Maria Kranz had an unexpected success over Miss van Beusekom, but after that she was no match for Mrs. Gilks.

Germany's best chance of capturing a title was expected to be in the men's doubles through Roland Maywald and Willy Braun, but they just failed against Stevens and Tredgett. A fine German win was that of Horst Lösche and Michael Schnaase over the fancied Danes, Delfs and Elo Hansen, but they went down badly to the Swedish winners afterwards.

Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Whetnall were relatively easy winners of the ladies' doubles in which event England's Misses Barbara Giles and Jane Webster enjoyed success over Miss van Beusekom and Miss Luesken.

The mixed was spoiled by an injury to Derek Talbot, but the consequent English default was avenged by Tredgett and Miss Nora Gardner who had a meritorious success over Steen Skovgaard and Miss Köppen in the final. On their way there, Wolfgang Bochow and Mrs. Zizmann had threatened them all the way.

MEN'S SINGLES

Fourth Round—S. Johnsson (Sweden) beat D. Talbot (England), 15-5, 15-12. P. E. Whetnall (England) beat T. Kihlström (Sweden), 15-10, 15-2. R. P. Stevens (England) beat E. Hansen (Denmark), 15-7, 15-3. F. Delfs (Denmark) beat C. Wortel (Netherlands), 15-6, 15-3.

Semi-finals—Whetnall beat Johnsson, 12-15, 15-3, 15-6. Delfs beat Stevens, 15-7, 15-5.

Final—Whetnall beat Delfs, 17-14, 15-10.

LADIES' SINGLES

Fourth Round—Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England) beat Miss A. Börjesson (Sweden), 12-9, 11-1. Miss E. Kranz beat Miss J. van Beusekom, (Netherlands), 5-11, 11-8, 11-2. Mrs. M. Zizmann (West Germany) beat Mrs. M. Lockwood (England), 10-12, 11-1, 11-0. Miss L. Köppen (Denmark) beat Miss M. Luesken (Netherlands), 11-6, 11-4.

Semi-finals—Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Kranz, 11-0, 11-0. Miss Köppen beat Mrs. Zizmann, 10-12, 11-2, 11-5.

Final—Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Köppen, 5-11, 11-6, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Third Round—W. Braun and R. Maywald beat G. Kucki and K. H. Garbers, 15-11, 15-7. R. P. Stevens and M. G. Tredgett (England) beat S. Skovgaard and P. Walsöe (Denmark), no score quoted. H. Lösche and M. Schnaase beat F. Delfs and E. Hansen (Denmark), 15-11, 12-15, 15-9. B. Fröman and T. Kihlström (Sweden) beat J. Mortensen and J. Helledie (Denmark), no score quoted.

Semi-final—Stevens and Tredgett beat Braun and Maywald, 14-17, 15-3, 15-12. Fröman and Kihlström beat Lösche and Schnaase, 15-7, 15-0.

Final—Fröman and Kihlström beat Stevens and Tredgett, 17-15, 17-15.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Third Round—Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall (England) beat Mrs. M. Ravelli and Miss H. de Kort (Netherlands), 15-3, 15-6. Mrs. K. Kucki and Mrs. V. Winter beat Miss E. Kranz and Mrs. M. Zizmann, 18-14, 15-9. Miss B. Beckett (Ireland) and Mrs. I. Gerlatzka w.o., Miss N. Gardner and Mrs. M. Lockwood (England) retired. Miss B. Giles and Miss J. Webster (England) beat Miss J. van Beusekom and Miss M. Luesken (Netherlands), 15-12, 15-4.

Semi-finals—Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Whetnall beat Mrs. Kucki and Mrs. Winter, 15-5, 15-3. Miss Giles and Miss Webster beat Miss Beckett and Mrs. Gerlatzka, 15-2, 15-8.

Final—Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Whetnall beat Miss Giles and Miss Webster, 15-11, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES

Fourth Round—D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks (England) beat C. Wortel and Miss M. Luesken (Netherlands), 15-8, 15-7. S. Skovgaard and Miss L. Köppen (Denmark) beat W. Braun and Miss B. Beckett, 15-10, 15-10. K. Kucki and Mrs. V. Winter beat H. Lösche and Miss J. Vogel, 15-12, 15-6. M. G. Tredgett and Miss N. Gardner (England) beat W. Bochow and Mrs. M. Zizmann, 16-17, 15-6, 15-12.

Semi-finals—Skovgaard and Miss Köppen w.o., Talbot and Mrs. Gilks retired. Tredgett and Miss Gardner beat Kucki and Mrs. Winter, 15-2, 15-6.

Final—Tredgett and Miss Gardner beat Skovgaard and Miss Köppen, 15-9, 15-10.

(All players are German unless otherwise stated).

Letters to the Editor

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

The Asian Boycott

Dear Sir,

I read with lack of interest once again another of your misleading editorials (February/March 1976) attacking the Asian Badminton Confederation for their decision to boycott the All-England Championships. Firstly, I should like to point out that the "only 16-year-old Asian Badminton Confederation" represents over three-quarters of the badminton players in the world. Furthermore, this decision was unanimous. The main reason for this action was not purely the "China issue" as you keep on writing but it was more so directed against the Badminton Association of England for their active role, with the help of a minority of National organisations with three votes, in retaining the differential voting system solely for their selfish interest. So, please do not mislead the badminton readers by writing editorials on the basis of democratic decisions taken at the Annual General Meetings as this is not the case. The Asian Badminton Confederation and other fair minded members of the I.B.F. (incidentally a large majority of National Organisations as indicated by the voting at the last Annual

General Meeting) consider these decisions as nothing but a farce as it does not present a true consensus of all the National Organisations present at the meetings.

Secondly, I should like to comment on Mr. D. L. Bloomer's article on "Twenty-five Years at the Kelvin Hall". The relevant part of the article was interesting to read but I regret very much that the irrelevant part which followed under the heading "But, where is Badminton now" proves beyond doubt that our former President has been wandering in the wilderness too long to notice the wind of change in the International Badminton Scheme.

The "petty power drunks in the International Game" he refers to are, in my opinion, those arch "politicians" who initiated and now advocate the retention of this archaic, undemocratic and farcical differential voting system which Mr. Bloomer himself deeply believes in! Therefore, his one-sided criticism does not help the issue. So, Mr. Bloomer, please wake up to reality and let us make an effort to achieve unity without delay as time is fast running out. The only way one could achieve this is to change the existing rule on voting entitle-

ment to "A National Organisation shall have one vote". This is not asking too much!

Yours sincerely,

R. BALASUPERAMANIAM

Dar-es-Salaam, March, 1976.

The writer of the above letter is, and has been for the past seven years, a vice-president of the I.B.F. In that capacity he was present at both of the last two Annual General Meetings of the Federation. He should know, therefore, that all decisions were reached strictly according to the Rules of the Federation.

At the last count (1975) of the numbers of players under the jurisdiction of the organisations belonging to the I.B.F., it was shown that they totalled just over 720,000. The details were published in "World Badminton" of October, 1975. Of the total figure less than 200,000 belonged to organisations in membership with the Asian Badminton Confederation. This is less than 28% of the whole, a proportion rather smaller than the three-quarters claimed. Perhaps the claim included China, which is, however, not a member of the I.B.F. That country's membership figures, whatever they may be, cannot be considered when discussing affairs within the Federation.

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International Match Results

Sweden's Victory over Denmark

Sweden gained what was regarded at the time as a most significant victory over Denmark by 4 matches to 3 when the two countries met in their annual international fixture. They were due to meet in the Thomas Cup a month later, and the men's matches could clearly be regarded as a dress rehearsal for the more important clash.

As it happened, Sweden won all of the four purely men's matches on the programme, and all except the top men's doubles in two games at that. Sweden's new star, Thomas Kihlström, now raised to the no. 1 position following his winning of the Swedish national singles championship two weeks earlier, enjoyed a rousing victory over Flemming Delfs, and Sture Johnsson overcame Svend Pri, still not fully fit, by a very similar score.

In the men's doubles, Bengt Fröman and Kihlström had a tough struggle before getting the better of Delfs and Elo Hansen, and then came the unexpected success of the new Swedish pair of Mats Andersson and Lars Wengberg over Steen Skovgaard and Per Walsöe. After a close first game the Swedes were all over their opponents in the second. That tied the contest up as a victory for Sweden.

Both ladies' matches provided easy victories for Denmark whose pair also took the mixed match comfortably.

This was only Sweden's second victory over her neighbours in 36 attempts in a fixture which dates back to 1937-38. We made a mistake a year ago when reporting that Denmark had never been defeated, for Sweden won the 1973 contest similarly by the odd match.

A new landmark occurred in that the fixture took place at Rønne on the Danish island of Bornholm, this being the first international ever staged there. Oddly, Bornholm is geographically much nearer to Sweden than it is to Denmark, being only 22 miles (35 kilometres) off the Swedish coast. It has been in Danish hands since 1660 after having previously been Swedish property.

DENMARK 3; SWEDEN 4

At Rønne on February 21st. Scores (Danish names first):—

F. Delfs lost to T. Kihlström, 2-15, 12-15. S. Pri lost to S. Johnsson, 4-15, 13-15.

Miss L. Köppen beat Miss A. Börjesson, 11-4, 11-1.

F. Delfs and E. Hansen lost to B. Fröman and T. Kihlström, 7-15, 15-11, 10-15. S. Skovgaard and P. Walsöe lost to M. Andersson and L. Wengberg, 14-18, 1-15.

Miss L. Köppen and Miss I. Borgström beat Miss A. Börjesson and Mrs. E. Stuart, 15-6, 15-3.

S. Skovgaard and Miss I. Borgström beat B. Fröman and Mrs. E. Stuart, 15-11, 15-4.

England Defeats Indonesia

England defeated Indonesia in the first ever mixed international between the two countries when their teams met at Washington, County Durham, England, on March 18th. The score was 5-2, and on the day the home team was good value for its success, though it must be recorded that the Indonesians had arrived in Europe only two days beforehand. They were also without the help of Rudy Hartono who had remained in London practicing for the coming All-England Championships.

A crowd of over 2,000 witnessed what

was only the second international fixture to be played in the northeast of England, and they got good value for their money, even if several of the matches were a little one-sided.

ENGLAND 5; INDONESIA 2

At Washington, Co. Durham, on March 18th. Scores (England names first):—

P. E. Whetnall beat Liem Swie King, 15-6, 3-15, 15-9. R. P. Stevens lost to Tjun Tjun, 15-5, 12-15, 11-15.

Mrs. M. Lockwood beat Miss T. Sumirah, 11-4, 11-6.

R. P. Stevens and M. G. Tredgett lost to Tjun Tjun and J. Wahjudi, 16-17, 12-15. J. D. Eddy and E. H. Sutton beat Liem Swie King and S. Subagio, 15-4, 15-9.

Mrs. M. A. Gilks and Mrs. P. E. Whetnall beat Miss R. Masli and Miss T. Widiastuty, 15-8, 15-3.

D. Talbot and Mrs. M. A. Gilks beat J. Wahjudi and Miss R. Masli, 15-8, 15-3.

Denmark Vanquishes West Germany

On the eve of the Danish Open Championships Denmark met West Germany in an official international fixture and her team emerged successfully with the loss of only one game in the seven matches contested. This was in the top men's doubles when the Wiesbaden pair of Torsten Winter and Hugo Wilmes came really close to beating Flemming Delfs and Elo Hansen, to whom they only lost after setting in the third game.

DENMARK 7; WEST GERMANY 0

At Hörsholm on March 11th. Scores (Danish names first):—

F. Delfs beat M. Schnaase, 15-10, 15-10. S. Pri beat T. Winter, 15-4, 15-8.

Miss L. Köppen beat Miss E. M. Kranz, 11-3, 11-1.

F. Delfs and E. Hansen beat T. Winter and H. Wilmes, 11-15, 15-9, 18-13. S. Pri and S. Skovgaard beat W. Bochow and M. Schnaase, 15-5, 15-8.

Miss L. Köppen and Miss I. Borgström beat Miss E. M. Kranz and Mrs. M. Zizmann, 15-7, 15-7.

S. Skovgaard and Miss I. Borgström beat W. Bochow and Mrs. M. Zizmann, 15-4, 18-16.

West Germany Defeats Scotland

In the return fixture to that at Zweibrücken a year earlier when the Germans had won 4-3, West Germany defeated Scotland on Dumfries by the same score again. The home team did much better than might have been expected against their rather formidable opposition. They won the ladies' doubles and the mixed, as well as the second men's doubles encounter.

After the Germans had already won the first three matches, the Scots shone more brightly, and Nicol McCloy fought doggedly against Wolfgang Bochow whose success, achieved with greater difficulty than the score would indicate, gave the Germans the vital 4-2 lead. Fraser Gow and Mrs. Stewart reduced this with a fine two-game win in the last match.

SCOTLAND 3; WEST GERMANY 4

At Dumfries on March 23rd. Scores (Scottish names first):—

R. Conway lost to M. Schnaase, 2-15, 3-15. N. H. McCloy lost to W. Bochow, 6-15, 9-15.

Mrs. J. Flockhart lost to Miss E. Kranz, 4-11, 6-11.

F. D. Gow and W. Gilliland lost to R. Maywald and W. Braun, 11-15, 15-10, 8-15. J. Ansari and A. J. Britton beat M. Schnaase and G. Kucki (scores unreported).

Mrs. J. Flockhart and Mrs. C. Stewart beat Mrs. M. Zizmann and Miss E. Kranz, 15-13, 6-15, 15-11.

F. D. Gow and Mrs. Stewart beat R. Maywald and Mrs. K. Kucki, 16-7, 17-14.

Ireland Wins and Loses

As part of her build-up for the European Championships, Ireland played two home internationals in March against Scotland and Wales. There were three new caps in the Irish team in Brian McKee, Bill Thompson and Frazer Evans and, in addition, Mrs. Dorothy Cunningham was making her second international appearance—seven years after her debut. In contrast, Miss Yvonne Kelly first represented her country in 1956.

As expected, Ireland were outclassed by 7-0 by Scotland, with only the men's doubles pairs providing the spectators with any excitement. However, they both cracked and lost disappointingly in three games. Even without Bob McCoig, Scotland still has many class players—notably Frazer Gow and Mrs. Stewart in the mixed—and is prepared to give good youngsters a chance. Billy Gilliland was very impressive and has come on well this season.

The following Saturday, Cork proved a happier hunting-ground and Wales were decisively beaten 6-1. The young Irish team, strengthened by the return of Miss Barbara Beckett, played with much more assurance and the wins of McKee and Thompson were particularly gratifying. McKee was always in control against Howard Jennings and won handily. Thompson played many good shots but also showed that he still lacks the patience required for good singles play. However, he needed all his determination to overcome Stephen Gully when it looked as if he might lose in two games.

I.B.

IRELAND 0; SCOTLAND 7

At Dublin on March 6th. Scores (Irish names first):—

B. McKee lost to N. H. McCloy, 8-15, 1-15. B. Thompson lost to R. Conway, 11-15, 5-15.

Miss H. J. Young lost to Mrs. J. Flockhart, 1-11, 3-11.

C. McIlwaine and J. Scott lost to J. Ansari and J. Britton, 11-15, 18-15, 9-15. F. Evans and B. Thompson lost to F. D. Gow and W. Gilliland, 11-15, 15-13, 9-15.

Mrs. D. Cunningham and Miss Y. Kelly lost to Mrs. J. Flockhart and Mrs. C. Stewart, 5-15, 7-15.

J. Scott and Mrs. D. Cunningham lost to F. D. Gow and Mrs. C. Stewart, 8-15, 1-15.

IRELAND 6; WALES 1

At Garryduff, Cork, on March 13th. Scores (Irish names first):—

B. McKee beat H. R. Jennings, 15-8, 15-8. B. Thompson beat S. Gully, 8-15, 18-16, 15-8.

Miss B. Beckett beat Mrs. A. Dickson, 11-1, 11-3.

C. McIlwaine and J. Scott beat B. Jones and D. Colmer, 15-4, 10-15, 15-12. P. Moore and B. Thompson beat H. R. Jennings and J. Brimble, 15-7, 15-6.

Mrs. D. Cunningham and Miss Y. Kelly beat Mrs. A. Dickson and Mrs. S. Alfieri, 15-10, 17-14.

J. Scott and Miss B. Beckett lost to B. Jones and Mrs. S. Alfieri, 15-3, 7-15, 6-15.

Scotland's Victory over the Netherlands — A Correction

In our last issue we reported Scotland's success in her international fixture with the Netherlands by 4 matches to 3. Two of the matches were, however, wrongly reported, due to misinformation over long-distance telephone. We would therefore like to put the record straight.

The Scottish ladies, Mrs. Flockhart and Mrs. Stewart, did not defeat Miss van Beusekom and Miss Luesken in the match to which we drew special attention. The Dutch ladies won it, 15-3, 17-16. On the other hand, Scotland did win one of the three singles which we reported as having gone the Netherlands' way. The exception was the victory of R. Conway over G. van der Vlugt by 13-15, 15-12, 15-8. We apologise to all concerned for the errors.

OBITUARY**K. G. Livingstone**

We much regret to record the passing on February 17th at his home in the south of Spain of Kenneth G. Livingstone at the age of 82. He had been a very well known player who had represented England in official internationals six times between 1928 and 1933 when the standard in England was extremely high. His playing career commenced before the first World War, and he was to be seen on court occasionally right up to the start of the second war. At his best Livingstone was a really fine men's doubles player, and in this branch of the game he won the Scottish Open men's doubles title with the late R. M. White in 1931.

But it was off the court that he accomplished a great deal for the benefit of the game and its players. For more than thirty years he was the circulation and general manager of England's "Badminton Gazette", a job he retained until his retirement from business took him to live in Spain some ten years ago.

Kenneth Livingstone, always known to all in the Badminton world as "Livy", was one of the founders of the Badminton Umpires Association of England, and both before and after that body had come to life he was a keen umpire who was always ready to officiate at tournaments. Many a

big match did he "take" at the All-England and other championships.

"Livy's" most lasting piece of work can be seen in every modern Badminton game, for it was his creative mind which originally proposed that "lets" on service should be abolished. He persuaded the B.A. of England on the point, and the latter persuaded the I.B.F. to adopt the change in 1958. It may seem strange to modern players to reflect that twenty years ago we had service "lets" just the same as is the case in Lawn Tennis. Never since their abolition has one heard of any criticism, and there can be no doubt that Kenneth Livingstone's brainchild has considerably improved the game, just as its adoption put an end to arguments as to whether a shuttle had touched the net or not.

"Livy" was always ready to place his considerable knowledge of the tactics of the game at the disposal of others, and the writer clearly recalls receiving numerous tips from him.

For the last thirty years of his working life Kenneth Livingstone had been on the staff of R.S.L., and his expert knowledge of the game was undoubtedly of great value to the firm, notably in its early days.

Mrs. Livingstone pre-deceased her husband by two days, and her passing no doubt hastened his departure. Née May Wordsworth, she was a descendant of the famous poet, William Wordsworth. The Livingstones left a son to whom the sympathies of the Badminton world are extended.

H.S.

Pan-American Badminton Confederation is Formed

The Pan-American Badminton Confederation was formed at a meeting held at Mexico City on February 13th during the course of the Mexico - Canada Thomas Cup tie. The national organisations of Canada, Mexico, Peru and the U.S.A. were all represented in person, and the six members of the Caribbean Regional Badminton Confederation were represented by the honorary secretary of that body. These six organisations, which are Aruba, Curacao (both in the Netherlands Antilles), Guyana, Jamaica, Surinam and Trinidad and Tobago, together with the other four organisations mentioned, formed the foundation members.

Mr. Victor Jaramillo Villalobos of Mexico was elected President, Messrs. L. Wortman (Canada) and R. D. Roberts (Jamaica) vice-presidents, and Miss B. Grebe (Mexico) honorary secretary. Additionally, Messrs. J. H. Van Praag (U.S.A.) and A. Salazar (Peru) were appointed to the Council.

A constitution will be adopted at a meeting in Jamaica on November 21st, and then, no doubt, the new Confederation will affiliate to the I.B.F.

Amongst the purposes of the Pan-American body will be the staging of Pan-American Championships, the co-ordination of tournament dates, and concerted efforts to obtain the inclusion of Badminton in the quadrennial Pan-American Games.

We wish the new body well, and feel sure that its formation is a step in the right direction.

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Flemming Delfs Wins Danish Singles Title

Flemming Delfs won his first Danish national singles title when the 46th championship tournament was held at the Glad-saxe Sports Hall, near Copenhagen, over the four days of February 7th to 10th. He beat Svend Pri, who had been quite at the top of the tree over the previous decade, in the final, but the holder was still not fully fit following his severe accident of the previous September.

Miss Lene Köppen won the ladies' singles for the fifth year running and showed herself to be a class above all her opponents.

Except in the men's singles, all the 1975 champions retained their honours, and so there were few major surprising results, even if some of the lower seeds failed to come through. Miss Inge Borgström showed her advance in her defeat of Miss Jette Föge by 11-3, 11-2, but she was on the wrong side in a big mixed doubles upset when, with Elo Hansen, she went down in three games, to the unseeded Sören Birkholm and Miss Birthe Rathsach in the second round.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals—S. Pri beat E. Hansen, 15-12, 10-15, 15-7. F. Delfs beat G. Hansen, 15-4, 15-9.
Final—Delfs beat Pri, 15-5, 15-12.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals—Mrs. L. Bostofte beat Mrs. I. Rietveld Nielsen, 12-9, 11-5. Miss L. Köppen beat Miss I. Borgström, 11-1, 11-4.
Final—Miss Köppen beat Mrs. Bostofte, 11-1, 11-0.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals—F. Delfs and E. Hansen beat S. Skovgaard and P. Walsöe, 8-15, 15-13, 15-12. J. Mortensen and J. Helledie beat S. Pri and P. Petersen, 15-11, 15-11.
Final—Delfs and Hansen beat Mortensen and Helledie, 10-15, 15-10, 15-2.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals—Miss L. Köppen and Miss I. Borgström beat Mrs. I. Rietveld Nielsen and Mrs. L. Bostofte, 15-9, 11-15, 15-10. Mrs. P. Kaagaard and Mrs. A. F. Christiansen beat Miss S. Mølgaard Hansen and Miss M. Myhre, 7-15, 15-11, 15-7.
Final—Miss Köppen and Miss Borgström beat Mrs. Kaagaard and Mrs. Christiansen, 15-1, 15-1.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals—S. Skovgaard and Mrs. P. Kaagaard beat P. Petersen and Miss A. Berglund, 15-5, 15-8. P. Walsöe and Miss L. Köppen beat S. Birkholm and Miss B. Rathsach, 15-8, 15-7.
Final—Skovgaard and Mrs. Kaagaard beat Walsöe and Miss Köppen, 15-9, 15-10.

Established Players Win in Finland

Only one new champion was crowned at the Finnish National Championships which took place at Helsinki on March 13th and 14th. This was Miss Raija Koivisto who took the ladies' singles. L. H. Nybergh won the men's event for the third successive year.

The finals results as follows:—

Men's Singles—L. H. Nybergh beat J. Degerth, 15-5, 15-11.

Ladies' Singles—Miss R. Koivisto beat Mrs. V. Renholm, 11-5, 11-3.

Men's Doubles—L. H. Nybergh and C. J. Nybergh beat J. Degerth and M. Suokari, 15-8, 17-16.

Ladies' Doubles—Miss S. Jormanainen and Miss M. Jaakkola beat Miss R. Koivisto and Mrs. A. L. Wiklund, 5-15, 15-10, 15-3.

Mixed Doubles—J. Degerth and Mrs. V. Renholm beat E. Lääkkö and Miss M. Jaakkola, 3-15, 15-12, 15-6.

Older Players Hold on in West Germany

Established players won all five titles in the 24th West German National Championships which took place at Rheinhausen over the week-end of February 22nd. The same situation had occurred a year ago, but, curiously, only one of the five titles was successfully defended.

Mrs. Zizmann was the most successful player as she captured all three events open to her, and she did so with the loss of only one game. This was in the singles to the former champion, Mrs. Gerlatzka, who went under in the third round by 11-5, 5-11, 5-11. Germany's new hope, top-seeded Miss Eva Maria Kranz, surprised by losing her first singles match to Miss Antonie Schwabe, 10-12, 3-11.

Wolfgang Bochow was unable to notch up what would have been a ninth singles triumph; he went down badly to Michael Schnaase in the final, but he regained the mixed with Mrs. Zizmann. Likewise, Miss Kranz gained some solace by being successful in the ladies' doubles for the first time.

A novel idea was the addition of special matches to establish 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th places in all the events, but from the number of walk-overs conceded in them it would seem that their addition was not too popular amongst the players.

MEN'S SINGLES

Semi-finals—M. Schnaase beat K. H. Zwiebler, 15-2, 15-2. W. Bochow beat R. Maywald, 15-12, 13-15, 17-14.

Final—Schnaase beat Bochow, 15-9, 15-2.

LADIES' SINGLES

Semi-finals—Mrs. M. Zizmann beat Miss A. Schwabe, 11-3, 11-2. Miss G. Zielbold beat Miss J. Vogel, 11-5, 11-7.

Final—Mrs. Zizmann beat Miss Ziebold, 77-9, 12-10.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Semi-finals—W. Braun and R. Maywald beat T. Winter and H. Wilmes, 15-6, 15-2. H. Lösche and M. Schnaase beat G. Kucki and K. H. Garbers, 10-15, 17-14, 15-5.

Final—Braun and Maywald beat Lösche and Schnaase, 15-9, 15-7.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Semi-finals—Mrs. K. Kucki and Mrs. V. Winter beat Miss M. Schulta and Mrs. K. Schäfers, 15-4, 15-5. Mrs. M. Zizmann and Miss E. Kranz beat Miss G. Zielbold and Mrs. B. Steden, 18-14, 15-9.

Final—Mrs. Zizmann and Miss Kranz beat Mrs. Kucki and Mrs. Winter, 17-14, 15-13.

MIXED DOUBLES

Semi-finals—W. Bochow and Mrs. M. Zizmann beat G. Kucki and Mrs. V. Winter, 15-4, 15-13. K. H. Garbers and Mrs. K. Kucki beat R. Maywald and Miss E. Kranz, 15-8, 18-16.

Final—Bochow and Mrs. Zizmann beat Garbers and Mrs. Kucki, 15-11, 15-9.

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3. Michel Gosset
4. Herman Moens
5. Gjörn Aagaard
6. Marc Muraille
7. Dominique Kaiser
8. B. TanHok Djie

LADIES' SINGLES

1. Miss Francoise Kaiser
2. Miss Kirsten Ballisager
3. Mrs. June Jacques
4. Miss Ruth Williams
5. Mrs. Gerda Cairns

MEN'S DOUBLES

1. Michel Gosset and Johannes Jeary
2. Jean-Pierre Bauduin and B. Tan Hok Djie

LADIES' DOUBLES

1. Miss Kirsten Ballisager and Miss Francoise Kaiser
2. Mrs. Gerda Cairns and Miss Marina Roosebrouck

MIXED DOUBLES

1. Herman Moens and Mrs. Gerda Cairns
2. Roger van Meerbeek and Miss Kirsten Ballisager

West Germany

MEN'S SINGLES

1. Michael Schnaase
2. Karl-Heinz Zwiebler
3. Roland Maywald (Wolfgang Bochow)
5. Torsten Winter
6. Horst Lösche
7. Karl Geisler
8. Werner Dietz
9. Gerd Kucki
10. Hans-Werner Niesner

LADIES' SINGLES

1. Miss Eva Maria Kranz
2. Mrs. Marieluise Zizmann
3. Miss Gudrun Ziebold
4. (Miss Jutta Vogel (Miss Elke Weber
6. (Mrs. Vera Winter (Miss Marie Luise Schulta
8. Mrs. Karin Kucki
9. Miss Antonie Schwabe
10. Miss Helga Zolnhöfer

MEN'S DOUBLES

1. W. Braun and R. Maywald
2. H. Lösche and M. Schnaase
3. (G. Kucki and K. H. Garbers T. Winter and H. Wilmes
5. W. Dietz and H. G. Weigand

LADIES' DOUBLES

1. Mrs. K. Kucki and Mrs. V. Winter
2. Miss E. M. Kranz and Mrs. M. Zizmann
3. Miss J. Schnelle and Miss J. Schiller
4. Mrs. K. Schäfers and Miss M. L. Schulta
5. Miss J. Vogel and E. Weber

MIXED DOUBLES

1. W. Bochow and Mrs. M. Zizmann
2. K. H. Garbers and Mrs. K. Kucki
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4. G. Kucki and Mrs. V. Winter
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MEN'S SINGLES

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7. Mrs. Erzsébet Wolf
8. Miss Andrea Legerszky
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I.B.F. Official Notices

Administration—The Council has appointed as a secretary, under the provisions of Rule 5(c), Mrs. V. S. Rowan, 7 Hartlebury Way, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England.

World Championships Committee—The Council has appointed from its number a sub-committee for the general organisation of the World Championships at Malmö, Sweden, next May. It will consist of Messrs. S. Mohlin (Sweden), P. E. Nielsen (Denmark) and A. E. ter Metz (European B.U.) to whom will be added two nominees of the Swedish Badminton Association. Mr. O. Mertz (Denmark) has been appointed honorary referee. A deputy referee will be appointed at a later date.

Next Council Meeting—The next meeting of the Council will take place at Bangkok, Thailand, on June 3rd.

Changes of Address — The following changes of address have been notified:—

Guyana—Mrs. Ismay Holder, 33 John Street, Lodge, Georgetown.

Ireland—Mrs. A. Kinkead, 28 Ballymacash Road, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.

Taiwan—Mr. Shen-fu Chang, address as before.

Vietnam—The national organisation quoted in the Statute Book is now defunct. We have been advised by the Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in Stockholm that Badminton is now administered by "Le Département Général des Sports et des Exercices Physiques, the address of which is 36 Rue Tran phu, Hanoi.

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5. Partho Ganguly (Madhya Pradesh)

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1. Miss Lata Kailash (Kerala)
2. Miss Noreen Padua (Kerala)
3. Miss Sujata Jain (Railways)

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National Open Championship Dates,

1976 - 77

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

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30-Sept. 3 Australian Open Championships at Adelaide
(K. McLaren, Trust Hour, Botanic Gardens, North Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia 5000)

September, 1976

6-11 South African Championships at Cape Town
(K. Ryan, P.O. Box 17056, Groenkloof, Pretoria)

7-11 New Zealand Championships at Rotorua
(G. Robertson, P.O. Box 2685, Wellington)

October, 1976

8-10 International Championships of Czechoslovakia at Prague
(J. R. Benes, 110 00 Praha 1, Stepanska 20, Prague)

November, 1976

5-7 Hungarian International Championships at Budapest
(Pál Rázsó, Rosenberg Hazarspar U.I., Budapest, V)

20-21 *Nordic Championships at Reykjavik

20-27 *Caribbean Championships at Kingston, Jamaica

27-28 International Championships of Austria at Weiz
(H. Kullnigg, Hauptstrasse 60a/4, A.3021, Pressbaum)

December, 1976

1-4 Canadian Open Championships at Toronto
(D. M. Folinsbee, 333 River Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K1L 8B9)

11-12 Reserved in Europe for National Championships

January, 1977

29-30 *Helvetia Cup at Leningrad

February, 1977

5-6 Reserved in Europe for National Championships of Belgium at Brussels
(R. Neyns, Avenue Rullens 30, B.1200 Brussels)

March, 1977

12-15 Danish Open Championships at Copenhagen
(The Secretary, Dansk Badminton Forbund, Idrættens Hus, 2600, Glostrup)

23-26 All-England Championships at Wembley
(The Secretary, Badminton Association of England, 44-45 Palace Road, Bromley, Kent, BR1 3JU)


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