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## "THERE COMES A TIME . . ."

When the Editor put forward to the Council of the International Badminton Federation his proposal that the Federation should publish a periodical for the purpose of disseminating international news he knew that he himself would be unable to steer the publication through for more than a relatively short period of years. After seven years in the editorial chair the time has now come to hand over the reins.

We believe that "World Badminton" has served some good purpose, and we are encouraged to think this from the letters which we have received, and of course also from the number of subscribers. Originally it was not intended that the publication should become a magazine, but only a periodical news bulletin of eight pages. But the editor's typewriter became inclined to run riot a little, and the original 12-page issue soon became an established 20.

But though the present editor is retiring, "World Badminton" will continue. The Council of the I.B.F. feels that it is a necessary adjunct to the Federation's purposes, and after this issue the magazine will appear under the editorship of Mr. Lorne Wortman, and it will be published in Canada.

Mr. Wortman is a former President of the Canadian Badminton Association. He has represented his association at General Meetings of the Federation, and has for the past two years been a valued member of the Council of the I.B.F. Mr. Wortman has shown himself as a man of considerable drive, from the results of which Canadian Badminton has in recent years derived much success, and we feel sure that he will use those same talents in the pages of the new "World Badminton". We extend to him our best wishes in every respect.

Clearly, the transfer of the editorship and management of the magazine from England to Canada will require certain changes to be made, and these will be considered and decided upon at the Federation's forthcoming Annual General Meeting at Auckland, New Zealand.

Equally clearly, current subscribers will receive such further issues of the magazine as may be due to them in satisfaction of the subscriptions which they have paid, and all subscribers will in due course be circularised of future arrangements. This includes those whose subscriptions may expire with the present issue.

The retiring editor would like to thank all subscribers for their support which has been much appreciated, and without which "World Badminton" could not have become a viable proposition. He would also like to thank all who have supplied information for its columns, and the advertisers too, as well as, last but not least, our really painstaking printers, Messrs. J. A. Jennings Ltd., who have so co-operatively and helpfully produced every issue since the birth of the magazine.

Your retiring editor has already received an invitation to contribute to the new publication, and he hopes to be able to do so, for, despite his handing over the responsibility and the reins, his interest in the promotion of Badminton is by no means at an end.

No doubt, the new magazine will undergo certain changes of one sort or another—that is inevitable—but it is hoped that all past subscribers will support the new regime by renewing their subscriptions when they fall due.

In the meantime the editor sends his best wishes to all for every future success on and off the courts of what is rapidly becoming one of the most popular of all sports which man has devised for his pleasures.

The All-England Championships

# Both Singles Champions Dethroned

## England and Indonesia Win Two Titles and Japanese One

Neither singles champion of 1977 succeeded in retaining the much coveted title when the 68th annual All-England Championships were held at Wembley from March 15th to 18th. The men's doubles was, however, successfully defended, but neither winners of the other two events competed with their former partners.

The champions were :—

Men's Singles—Liem Swie King  
(Indonesia)

Ladies' Singles—Mrs. G. M. Gilks  
(England)

Men's Doubles—Tjun Tjun and J. Wahjudi  
(Indonesia)

Ladies' Doubles—Miss M. Takada and  
Miss M. Tokuda (Japan)

Mixed Doubles—M. G. Tredgett and  
Mrs. J. P. Perry (England)

Rudy Hartono, the great Indonesian, made a welcome return to the scene of his eight former victories after having been absent a year earlier, and though he proceeded as far as the final of the men's singles, he did not appear to be quite the same sharp errorless player of four or five years ago, though he is still only 27 years of age. He featured in the most sensational match of the tournament.

This was in the third round when he clashed with the unseeded Swede, Sture Johnsson, who had been a most prominent contender on many former occasions. Johnsson had not been seeded owing to lack of data during the current season, a state of affairs due to his having undergone an operation some months earlier.

### A Great Singles Match

To anybody who might have had the privilege of witnessing the play at all the major tournaments of the season, it is possible that he might have listed this match as the best of all. Hartono took the first game to 9 which would appear to have been an accurate measure of the rating of the two, but Johnsson got more into the struggle on the change of ends, and his fine footwork and twinkling feet helped him materially to even the score to 10. But as the Indonesian forged ahead in the third game, no-one could have foreseen the climax and the tragedy to come. The Indonesian led in that third game by several points right up to 13 when the Swede staged a remarkable comeback to level the score. Hartono set to 5, but in a very few minutes Johnsson reached 4-1, playing superb and very confident badminton in a display of physical fitness quite remarkable for a man over 30. He was thus at match-point, and a great sensation appeared imminent.

But the former champion regained the service and collected three points to give himself a match-point for the first time.

There ensued a long rally; Johnsson caused the Indonesian to go down on one knee near the net-post and had the whole court open for his winning stroke, though he had to take it quickly. Unluckily for him, he steered the shuttle a few inches out over the side-line, and the match was Hartono's. No words could adequately describe the closing features of this extremely high class encounter which had the whole of the many thousands of spectators quite breathless and speechless with interest. The great champion of the past had escaped by the slenderest margin possible.

Obviously disappointed though he was, Johnsson took his misfortune extremely well; he is certainly, and always has been, one of the game's greatest sportsmen, and that he should have failed in what would have been his greatest achievement ever, and at a time when he was regarded "on the way out" of the very top class, must have been quite heart-rending. For Hartono it was great relief!

No subsequent match of the tournament could have rivalled that Thursday encounter, nor did it, as all the eight seeds reached the last eight, though Svend Pri had to fight all the way to beat the New Zealander, Bryan Purser. The latter went for the Dane as though he had never heard of him and made many winning smashes to Pri's backhand side-line, many of which helped him to take the first game. He continued his refreshingly aggressive play, but Pri equalled the games and then got a good lead in the third before Purser got back into the picture with his fine smash. But Pri was a relieved man when he got home to 12 after a fine spectator's match.

### Three Indonesian Semi-finalists

Pri went out in the next round to Liem Swie King, another Indonesian Thomas Cup player, to whom he could give unexpectedly little opposition. Liem was on top all the way. The third Indonesian to reach the semi-final, Ie Sumirat, looked in danger when the Swedish champion, Thomas Kihlström, had a very good first game win, but the third was all Indonesian.

The holder, Flemming Delfs, got into trouble in this round when the wily Indian, Prakash Padukone, showed what he could do. The latter won the first game to 5 before the Dane could assert his expected authority, but the third game was a close affair. Hartono took the recently crowned Danish champion, Morten Frost Hansen, into camp, for the Dane was quite unable to worry the great man as he had Liem Swie King a year earlier. 8 and 7 was all he could collect.

Delfs, who had had a poor season for a world champion, was in the hunt against

Hartono only very briefly, and that was when the Indonesian had run up a colossal lead of 15-7, 14-8, at which stage Delfs succeeded in notching four points in one hand, and there seemed a possibility of another dour third game, but it was not to be. Liem got by Sumirat, and there was to be repeated the same final as two years before.

But it was one of the least interesting matches when the two top Indonesians met. It commenced differently with Hartono running into a 10-7 lead, but thereafter he collected only three more points! They were all in the second game, and all after Liem had obtained an 8-love lead. Hartono made many errors quite unusual for him, and Liem Swie King had relatively little to do to win his first All-England. It will be remembered by many that two years earlier their meeting had been similarly disappointing with the reverse result.

### Mrs. Gilks Regains Ladies' Title

In the ladies' singles Mrs. Gilks regained the trophy she had won in 1976, and she did it with the loss of only one game, to the Japanese holder, Miss Hiroe Yuki, to whom she had lost in the final a year earlier. When they met again in the semi-final the English lady built up a strong lead of 7-2, but then lapsed into errors to allow Miss Yuki to get to within a point of the game, but Mrs. Gilks recovered just in time. The second game went to Japan fairly comfortably, but Mrs. Gilks was always ahead in the third which she won without qualms.

Only one of the seeds failed to get through the early rounds. This was the Indonesian, Miss Verawaty, who went out to the Dane, Miss Inge Borgström, in a strong finish, but it was another Japanese, Miss M. Takada, who got through to the last eight where her compatriot, Miss Yuki, quickly finished her off.

In the other half of the draw, the winner was Miss Saori Kondo, one of Japan's latest discoveries. She was a fine fighting player who overcame first game losses in all of her last four matches, always to finish strongly. Miss Karen Bridge, the English junior, was the first to test the bespectacled Nipponese, and she did so with great aplomb in the third round.

Later Miss Joke van Beusekom tested the Japanese similarly, but it was left to the speedy Canadian, Miss Wendy Clarkson, to carry the struggle against Miss Kondo to the bitter end. Miss Clarkson had upset all expectations by eliminating Miss Lene Köppen, winner of the World title last May. She did this quite deservedly with a degree of confidence enviable in one so young. The score of 11-8, 6-11, 11-8 shows their long

encounter. Miss Clarkson also won the first game from Miss Kondo in the semi-final, but Japanese grit was much to the fore in the closing stages, though the match was not over until the last point.

In the final, Mrs. Gilks ran away with the first game in exactly six minutes as she quite outplayed Miss Kondo. But, as customary, the Japanese got more into the fight in the second game. Here she led 5-4 and held on for a long time at the end as she saved four match-points against her at 10-9. But it was a short match in reality and lasted only 20 minutes in all.

So, for the first time on record, the coveted All-England trophy was presented to an English player who had steadfastly refused all the season to represent her country. She had entered the Championships as an independent player, which she was, of course, entitled to do. But her victory did not cause quite the same overall local enthusiasm as it had done on her former success.

#### Doubles Trophies are Won Outright

As had happened in all but one of the past six years the men's doubles final was fought out between two great Indonesian pairs, and this time Tjun Tjun and Johan Wahjudi, by their fourth success in five years, removed the trophies from competition, a feat which had been last accomplished by Erland Kops and Henning Borch in 1969. The final against Ade Chandra and Christian was a much better one than the score of 12 and 8 might indicate, being full of very rapid hitting and excellent recoveries. Neither pair had suffered the loss of a game to reach the last stage, though the Swedes, Bengt Fröman and Thomas Kihlström, might have won the second from the eventual champions.

Again in this event all but one of the seeded couples came through to their appointed places in the draw. The exception was the Japanese combination of N. Ikeda and S. Togano who were rather summarily dismissed by the Englishmen, David Eddy and Kevin Jolly, who in the next round had to ward off match-points against the South Africans, Alan Phillips and John Abrahams. All the other matches appeared to go as predicted, and mostly in two games at that.

#### More Japanese Champions

In five of the previous seven years Japan had provided the ladies' doubles champions, and this year she repeated the dose, though with an entirely different pair to hitherto. The Misses Tokuda and Takada were top-seeded and they justified the confidence, though they had some very narrow encounters in doing so. They actually lost no game throughout five rounds, but four of their ten games went to extra points, the most notable of their matches being when they just got the better of the Indonesian pair of the Misses Widiastuty and Masli by 18-14, 18-14.

Two seeded pairs failed to reach the quarter-finals. The first to fall were Miss Yuki and Miss Kondo who were upset by England's Mrs. Sutton and Miss Webster to 10 and 13. Then the Dutch couple, Miss van Beusekom and Mrs. Ridder, fell most unexpectedly to the Canadians, Miss Clare Backhouse and Mrs. Youngberg, by 15-6,

18-17. The winners went on to an even greater victory over the top-seeded Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Statt whom they beat after three long games. The left-handed Miss Backhouse was quite a revelation in these matches and Mrs. Youngberg gave her great support. After that they took the first game of their semi-final against the Japanese, Misses Ueno and Yonekura. The former had been one of the champions a year earlier, and her 19 year-old partner showed herself to be a great prospect. All the same, the Canadians hunted them all the way to game-all before capitulating.

#### The Mixed Doubles

New champions were crowned in the mixed doubles when England's Mike Tredgett triumphed after three times before reaching the final. He was partnered by Mrs. Perry, and both played extremely well, notably in the final against the Danes, Steen Skovgaard, who was at times rendered quite powerless, and Miss Köppen. The English pair were always on top of the world champions.

Here, three pairs failed to justify the seeding committee's expectations. B. Gilliland and Mrs. Flockhart of Scotland and J. D. Eddy and Mrs. Sutton both fell to Rob Ridder and Mrs. Ridder of the Netherlands, surprisingly comfortably in the latter case, and the Swedes, Lar Wengberg and Miss Anette Börjesson, went out in two long games to Steen Fladberg and Miss Pia Nielsen of Denmark. Only one of the last seven matches went to a third game. This was when Tredgett and Mrs. Perry met Pri and Mrs. Gilks, to whom they dropped their only game in a long match.

#### Some General Matters

The whole tournament was sponsored by Messrs. John Player and Sons whose assistance was greatly valued.

An innovation, caused by an alteration in the I.B.F.'s Tournament Regulations, and quite novel in England, provided for an optional rest of five minutes after the second game of any match, and this caused a few slight delays to the normal programme, which in the timing sense was nevertheless helped by a few unfortunate walk-overs in the early rounds, so that in actual fact play was finished each night a little earlier than usual in the past few years.

The usual qualifying rounds were held on the four courts of the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club during the whole of the preceding weekend, and here there were places in the main draw for those players and pairs not accepted straight into Wembley. One such player, C. P. H. J. Bacon, justified the space required in the programme for all his initials by actually winning three matches at Wembley, two in the men's doubles and one, and nearly another, in the mixed where he and Miss Linda Darken came very close to upsetting the Riders who later reached the semi-final. Bacon's men's partner was G. J. G. Taylor. Neither had previously enjoyed such success.

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## Late News

# European Championship Results

At Preston, England, April 9th to 15th:—

#### International Team Championship

*Division I* — **England** beat Sweden, 4-1; beat Netherlands, 3-2; beat Denmark, 3-2. **Denmark** beat Netherlands, 4-1; beat Sweden, 3-2. **Sweden** beat Netherlands, 4-1.

*Division II* — **German F.R.** beat Scotland, 4-1; beat U.S.S.R., 4-1. **Scotland** beat U.S.S.R., 4-1.

*Division III* — **Ireland** beat Wales, 4-1; beat Norway, 4-1; beat Austria, 5-0. **Norway** beat Austria, 4-1; beat Wales, 4-1. **Wales** beat Austria, 5-0.

*Division IV* — **Belgium** beat Switzerland, 3-2; beat Portugal, 5-0; beat Italy, 5-0. **Switzerland** beat Portugal, 5-0; beat Italy, 5-0. **Portugal** beat Italy, 5-0.

*Challenge Ties for promotion* — Netherlands beat German F.R., 3-2. U.S.S.R. lost to Ireland, 1-4. Austria beat Belgium, 3-2.

#### Individual Championships

##### MEN'S SINGLES

*Semi-finals*—F. Delfs (Denmark) beat S. Johnsson (Sweden), 17-14, 15-9. T. Kihlström (Sweden) beat R. P. Stevens (England), 7-15, 15-4, 15-8.

*Final*—Delfs beat Kihlström, 10-15, 15-6, 15-12.

##### LADIES' SINGLES

*Semi-finals*—Miss L. Köppen (Denmark) beat Miss A. Börjesson (Sweden), 11-0, 11-2. Miss J. A. Webster (England) beat Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands), 9-12, 11-1, 11-8.

*Final*—Miss Köppen beat Miss Webster, 11-4, 9-11, 11-0.

##### MEN'S DOUBLES

*Semi-finals*—T. Kihlström and B. Fröman (Sweden) beat J. D. Eddy and E. H. Sutton (England), 15-9, 15-5. R. P. Stevens and M. G. Tredgett (England) beat S. Karlsson and C. Nordin (Sweden), 15-12, 10-15, 15-4.

*Final*—Stevens and Tredgett beat Kihlström and Fröman, 15-6, 15-5.

##### LADIES' DOUBLES

*Semi-finals*—Mrs. J. P. Perry and Mrs. A. E. Statt (England) beat Miss I. Borgström and Miss P. Nielsen (Denmark), 17-14, 15-11. Miss J. A. Webster and Mrs. B. Sutton (England) beat Miss J. van Beusekom and Mrs. M. Ridder (Netherlands), 13-15, 15-10, 15-7.

*Final*—Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Statt beat Miss Webster and Mrs. Sutton, 15-7, 15-7.

##### MIXED DOUBLES

*Semi-finals*—S. Skovgaard and Miss L. Köppen (Denmark) beat B. Gilliland and Mrs. J. Flockhart (Scotland), 15-4, 15-4. M. G. Tredgett and Mrs. J. P. Perry (England) beat R. Ridder and Mrs. Ridder (Netherlands), 15-8, 15-5.

*Final*—Tredgett and Mrs. Perry beat Skovgaard and Miss Köppen, 15-9, 15-10.

# All-England Championship Scores

## MEN'S SINGLES

### Third Round

S. Pri (D) beat R. Purser (N.Z.) 13-15, 15-8, 15-12.

Liem Swie King (Indo.) beat Torben Nielsen (D) 15-4, 15-2.

T. Kihlström (Swe.) beat M. J. Wilks 15-9, 15-4.

I. Sumirat (Indo.) beat K. Zeniya (J) 15-1, 15-3.

P. Prakash (I) beat M. Tsuchida (J) 15-5, 18-14.

F. Delfs (D) beat C. Lunberg (Swe.) 15-2, 15-3.

M. Frost Hansen (D) beat H. Fahrenholz (D) 15-8, 15-8.

R. Hartono (Indo.) beat S. Johnsson (Swe.) 15-9, 10-15, 18-17.

### Fourth Round

Liem Swie King beat Pri 15-10, 15-5.

Sumirat beat Kihlström 6-15, 15-8, 15-4.

Delfs beat Prakash 5-15, 15-8, 15-11.

Hartono beat Frost Hansen 15-8, 15-7.

### Semi-finals

Liem Swi King beat Sumirat 15-11, 15-13.

Hartono beat Delfs 15-7, 15-12.

### Final

Liem Swi King beat Hartono 15-10, 15-3.

## LADIES' SINGLES

### Third Round

Mrs. G. M. Gilks beat Miss Y. Yonekura (J) 11-5, 11-6.

Miss A. Tokuda (J) beat Mrs. E. B. Nielsen 11-3, 11-1.

Miss H. Yuki (J) beat Mrs. E. Ziebler (G) 11-2, 11-4.

Miss M. Takada (J) beat Miss I. Borgström (D) 11-3, 11-8.

Miss J. van Beusekom (Neth.) beat Miss P. Nielsen (D) 11-7, 11-0.

Miss S. Kondo (J) beat Miss K. Bridge 8-11, 11-5, 11-4.

Miss W. Clarkson (C) beat Miss E. Ueno (J) 11-2, 11-8.

Miss L. Köppen (D) beat Miss J. A. Webster 11-3, 11-5.

### Fourth Round

Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Tokuda 11-0, 11-7.

Miss Yuki beat Miss Takada 11-3, 11-3.

Miss Kondo beat Miss van Beusekom 9-11, 11-7, 11-2.

Miss Clarkson beat Miss Köppen 11-8, 6-11, 11-8.

### Semi-finals

Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Yuki 12-11, 5-11, 11-3.

Miss Kondo beat Miss Clarkson 5-11, 11-6, 11-7.

### Final

Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Kondo 11-1, 11-9.

## MEN'S DOUBLES

### Third Round

Tjun Tjun and Wajudi (Indo.) beat H. Fahrenholz and P. Nielsen (D) 15-3, 15-1.

J. D. Eddy and K. R. Jolly beat A. Phillips and J. Abrahams (S.A.) 12-15, 17-16, 15-6.

B. Fröman and T. Kihlström (Swe.) beat D. R. Hunt and P. J. Pennekett 15-1, 15-6.

S. Pri and J. Helledie (D) beat C. P. H. J. Bacon and G. J. G. Taylor 15-3, 15-3.

R. P. Stevens and M. G. Tredgett beat B. R. Purser and R. H. Purser (N.Z.) 17-16, 15-6.

F. Delfs and S. Skovgaard (D) beat G. McMillan and K. Parsons (S.A.) 15-4, 15-11.

M. Tsuchida and Y. Iino (J) beat E. H. Sutton and D. Talbot 15-4, 15-4.

Ade Chandra and Christian (Indo.) beat S. Fladberg and M. Frost Hansen (D) 15-10, 15-4.

### Fourth Round

Tjun Tjun and Wajudi beat Eddy and Jolly 15-12, 15-5.

Fröman and Kihlström beat Pri and Helledie 15-7, 8-15, 15-9.

Delfs and Skovgaard beat Stevens and Tredgett 15-5, 15-11.

Ade Chandra and Christian beat Tsuchida and Iino 15-10, 15-4.

### Semi-finals

Tjun Tjun and Wajudi beat Fröman and Kihlström 15-5, 15-13.

Ade Chandra and Christian beat Delfs and Skovgaard 15-5, 15-7.

### Final

Tjun Tjun and Wajudi beat Ade Chandra and Christian 15-12, 15-8.

## LADIES' DOUBLES

### Third Round

Miss A. Tokuda and Miss M. Takada (J) beat Mrs. J. Flockhart and Miss P. Hamilton (S.A.) 15-5, 15-9.

Mrs. G. M. Gilks and Mrs. P. H. Ferrington beat Mrs. V. Winter-Martini and Mrs. E. Zwiebler (G) 15-6, 15-6.

Miss T. Widiastuty and Miss R. Masli (Indo.) beat Mrs. L. Bostoffe and Mrs. I. Rietveld Nielsen (D) 15-6, 15-9.

Mrs. B. Sutton and Miss J. A. Webster beat Miss H. Yuki and Miss S. Kondo (J) 15-10, 15-13.

Miss I. Borgström and Miss P. Nielsen (D) beat Miss A. Börjesson and Mrs. E. Stuart (Swe.) 15-12, 15-10.

Miss E. Ueno and Miss Y. Yonekura (J) beat Miss K. S. Bridge and Miss K. T. Puttick 15-5, 15-11.

Miss C. Blackhouse and Mrs. J. Youngberg (S) beat Miss J. van Beusekom and Mrs. M. Ridder (Neth.) 15-6, 18-17.

Mrs. J. P. Perry and Mrs. A. E. Statt beat Miss Verawaty and Miss I. Wigoeno (Indo.) 15-9, 12-15, 15-11.

### Fourth Round

Miss Tokuda and Miss Takada beat Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Ferrington 15-8, 17-15.

Miss Widiastuty and Miss Masli beat Mrs. Sutton and Miss Webster 17-15, 15-4.

Miss Ueno and Miss Yonekura beat Miss Borgström and Miss Nielsen 15-7, 12-15, 15-4.

Miss Blackhouse and Mrs. Youngberg beat Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Statt 17-15, 10-15, 15-11.

### Semi-finals

Miss Tokuda and Miss Takada beat Miss Widiastuty and Miss Masli 18-14, 18-14.

Miss Ueno and Miss Yonekura beat Miss Blackhouse and Mrs. Youngberg 11-15, 15-10, 15-3.

### Final

Miss Tokuda and Miss Takada beat Miss Ueno and Miss Yonekura 18-16, 15-6.



Photo: L. C. H. Ross

**LIEM SWIE KING**  
of Indonesia, winner of the All-England singles title.

## MIXED DOUBLES

### Third Round

S. Skovgaard and Miss L. Köppen (D) beat E. H. Sutton and Miss J. A. Webster 15-9, 15-6.

R. Maywald and Mrs. V. Winter-Martini (G) beat H. Fahrenholz and Mrs. I. Rietveld Nielsen (D) 15-3, 15-4.

J. D. Eddy and Mrs. B. Sutton beat K. Parsons (S.A.) 15-2, 12-15, 15-6.

R. Ridder and Mrs. Ridder (Neth.) beat R. A. Rofe and Miss K. S. Bridge 15-10, 15-4.

D. Talbot and Miss K. T. Puttick beat R. H. Purser (N.Z.) and Miss K. Whiting 15-11, 11-15, 15-3.

S. Pri (D) and Mrs. G. M. Gilks beat C. Lunberg and Miss B. M. Larsson (Swe.) 15-6, 15-8.

S. Fladberg and Miss P. Nielsen (D) beat L. Wengberg and Miss A. Börjesson (Swe.) 17-14, 17-14.

M. G. Tredgett and Mrs. J. P. Perry beat B. R. Purser (N.Z.) and Mrs. A. M. Palmer 17-15, 15-5.

### Fourth Round

Skovgaard and Miss Köppen beat Maywald and Mrs. Winter-Martini 15-12, 15-4.

Ridder and Mrs. Ridder beat Eddy and Mrs. Sutton 15-4, 15-8.

Pri and Mrs. Gilks beat Talbot and Miss Puttick 15-12, 15-4.

Tredgett and Mrs. Perry beat Fladberg and Miss Nielsen 17-15, 15-8.

### Semi-finals

Skovgaard and Miss Köppen beat Ridder and Mrs. Ridder 15-4, 15-8.

Tredgett and Mrs. Perry beat Pri and Mrs. Gilks 7-15, 15-11, 15-9.

### Final

Tredgett and Mrs. Perry beat Skovgaard and Miss Köppen 15-7, 15-4.

(C) Canada; (D) Denmark; (G) Germany (West); (I) India; (Indo.) Indonesia; (J) Japan; (Neth.) Netherlands; (N.Z.) New Zealand; (S.A.) South Africa; (Swe.) Sweden.

All other players are English.

# Japan is Favourite for Uber Cup

## Interzone Ties Take Place at Auckland in May

The current Uber Cup contest has reached its final stages, and the five inter-zone ties will take place at Auckland, New Zealand from May 13th to 20th when the various zone winners together with Indonesia, the holder, and New Zealand, the home country, will compete for the much coveted Ladies' International Trophy.

The schedule of ties is as follows:—

**New Zealand v. U.S.A.** on May 13th

**Japan v. Australia** on May 14th

**Indonesia v. New Zealand or U.S.A.** on May 16th

**Japan or Australia v. Denmark** on May 17th

**Final tie** on May 20th.

From the above it will be noticed that none of the finally competing nations has objected to a re-draw for the ties—indeed all were in favour of it—and so the committee of the I.B.F. has concurred with the above result.

Forecasts would indicate that the United States team is likely to be too strong for the New Zealanders and that Japan should have little difficulty in overcoming the Australian ladies. This should produce semi-final ties between Indonesia and the U.S.A., with the former likely to have a distinct edge on the Americans. The Japan v. Denmark tie could be a reasonably close one, though the Japanese must be clear favourites for success; their doubles pairs must be regarded as superior to the Danish, and this should be enough to turn the tide in their favour.

### Only One Japanese Defeat

Similarly, Japan must be considered as highly likely to win back the trophy when the final tie is reached. It will be recalled that Japan won the trophy at her first attempt in 1966, and since then she has suffered only one defeat, though that was at the hands of Indonesia in Jakarta three years ago when she went down by 5 matches to 2.

Quite frankly, we feel that never before has the outcome of the different ties been so easy to forecast, though there can of course be "many a slip" possible.

In reaching the inter-zone stage the Japanese had a real fright when opposing the Malaysians at Kuala Lumpur, only winning in the sixth match, at which stage she conceded the last match. As we have not yet received the official results it is impossible to comment on them, but singles losses by two such well-known players as Miss Kondo and Miss Yuki seem more than remarkable.

In the European Zone Denmark finally triumphed over England (without Mrs. Gilks) by 5 matches to 2 in what was a much closer encounter than that final score might indicate, for five of the seven matches were extremely hard-fought and close affairs. England took a clear risk in including Mrs. Lockwood who was regarded as sufficiently recovered from two operations, though she had not played competitively at all since the preceding May. On the day she started poorly but rallied strongly. Observers felt that she would have won a third game against Miss Pia

Nielsen had she been able to equalise the games.

In the earlier rounds the Netherlands had enjoyed a most unexpectedly comfortable win over Canada, but were then robbed of the help of Mrs. Ridder owing to illness when opposing England a week later. Had Mrs. Ridder been able to play anything might have happened, and the Dutch would certainly not have lost by anything like a 6-1 score.

At the moment of writing only two teams have reportedly been already nominated. They are as follows:—

**Denmark**—Miss S. Berg, Miss I. Borgström, Mrs. L. Bostofte, Miss L. Köppen, Miss P. Nielssen and Mrs. I. Rietveld Nielsen

**New Zealand**—Mrs. A. Bramfield, Mrs. R. Denton, Mrs. M. Livingston, Miss A. Ross, Mrs. L. Shirley and Mrs. A. Sinton.

Of the foregoing, Miss Alison Ross is new to international honours.

## EUROPEAN ZONE

### 2nd Round

#### Netherlands 5; Canada 2

At Haarlem on February 7th. Scores (Netherlands names first):—

**Singles**—Miss J. van Beusekom lost to Miss W. Clarkson, 3-11, 11-6, 10-12. Mrs. M. Ridder beat Mrs. J. Youngberg, 11-8, 11-7. Miss H. de Kort beat Miss B. O'Brien, 11-3, 11-5.

**Doubles**—Miss M. Oskam and Mrs. M. Ravelli beat Miss S. Crawford and Miss C. Backhouse, 15-9, 15-11; lost to Mrs. J. Youngberg and Miss W. Clarkson, 15-9, 12-15, 11-15. Miss J. van Beusekom and Mrs. M. Ridder beat Mrs. Youngberg and Miss Clarkson, 15-4, 15-8; beat Miss Crawford and Miss Backhouse, 15-7, 11-15, 15-6.

Mr. H. Nakken (Netherlands) and Mrs. J. Miller (Canada) captained the teams and Mr. J. de Keuning (Netherlands) was honorary referee. Miss S. Robbe (Netherlands) and Miss J. Falardeau (Canada) were also nominated but did not eventually play.

### 3rd Round

#### Denmark 7; Scotland 0

At Perth on January 12th. Scores (Danish names first):—

**Singles**—Miss L. Köppen beat Mrs. J. Flockhart, 11-2, 11-4. Miss P. Nielsen beat Miss P. Hamilton, 11-8, 11-9. Miss I. Borgström beat Miss A. Johnstone, 3-11, 11-7, 11-6.

**Doubles**—Miss L. Köppen and Mrs. I. Rietveld Nielsen beat Mrs. J. Flockhart and Mrs. C. Stewart, 15-7, 15-11; beat Miss P. Hamilton and Miss A. Johnstone, 18-13, 15-6. Miss P. Nielsen and Miss I. Borgström beat Miss Hamilton and Miss Johnstone, 15-10, 15-2; beat Mrs. Flockhart and Mrs. Stewart, 15-7, 11-15, 15-10.

Mrs. E. Jörgensen (Denmark) and Mr. I. Hume (Scotland) captained the teams and Mr. C. C. Reddie (Scotland) was honorary referee. Mrs. L. Bostofte and Miss S. Berg (Denmark) and Miss J. Reid and Miss C. Heatly (Scotland) were also nominated but did not eventually play.

### England 6; Netherlands 1

At Washington (England) on February 16th. Scores (England names first):—

**Singles**—Miss J. A. Webster lost to Miss J. van Beusekom, 9-11, 3-11. Miss K. S. Bridge beat Miss H. de Kort, 11-7, 11-7. Mrs. J. P. Perry beat Miss M. Oskam, 11-4, 11-6.

**Doubles**—Mrs. J. P. Perry and Mrs. A. E. Statt beat Miss H. de Kort and Mrs. M. Ravelli, 15-7, 15-1; beat Miss J. van Beusekom and Miss M. Oskam, 15-5, 15-7. Mrs. B. Sutton and Miss J. A. Webster beat Miss van Beusekom and Miss Oskam, 5-15, 15-9, 18-15; beat Miss de Kort and Mrs. Ravelli, 12-15, 17-15, 15-1.

Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman (England) and Mr. H. Nakken (Netherlands) captained the teams and Mr. C. C. Reddie (Scotland) was honorary referee. Miss P. M. Kilvington (England) and Mrs. M. Ridder and Miss S. Robbe (Netherlands) were also nominated but did not eventually play.

### Final Round

#### Denmark 5; England 2

At Copenhagen on March 30th. Scores (Danish names first):—

**Singles**—Miss L. Köppen beat Miss J. A. Webster, 11-4, 11-2. Miss I. Borgström lost to Miss K. S. Bridge, 11-5, 4-11, 8-11. Miss P. Nielsen beat Mrs. M. Lockwood, 11-0, 12-10.

**Doubles**—Miss L. Köppen and Mrs. I. Rietveld Nielsen beat Mrs. B. Sutton and Miss J. A. Webster, 5-9, 15-17, 18-14; beat Mrs. J. P. Perry and Mrs. A. E. Statt, 13-18, 15-4, 17-14. Miss P. Nielsen and Miss I. Borgström lost to Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Statt, 13-18, 15-10, 12-15; beat Mrs. Sutton and Miss Webster, 15-12, 15-4.

Mr. E. Jörgensen (Denmark) and Mrs. G. C. K. Hashman (England) captained the teams and Mr. A. E. ter Metz (Netherlands) was honorary referee. Mrs. L. Bostofte and Miss S. Berg were also nominated for Denmark but did not eventually play.

## ASIAN ZONE

### Final Round

#### Japan 4; Malaysia 3

At Kuala Lumpur on April 8th. Unofficially reported scores (Japanese names first):—

**Singles**—Miss S. Kondo lost to Miss S. Ng, 11-12, 4-11. Miss H. Yuki lost to Miss C. Teh, 11-8, 10-12, 4-11. Japan won the third string match.

**Doubles**—Miss A. Tokuda and Miss M. Takada beat Miss S. Ng and Miss Ong Ah Hong, 15-11, 15-4; beat Yap Hei Lin and Miss C. Teh, 15-5, 15-2. Miss E. Ueno and Miss Y. Yonekura beat Miss Ng and Miss Ong Ah Hong, 15-8, 15-8; retired to Miss Yap Hei Lin and Miss Teh.

Miss H. Amano (Japan) and Mr. Yong Swee Onn (Malaysia) captained the teams and Mr. Tham Seng Thai (Malaysia) was honorary referee. Miss Khaw Mooi Eng and Miss Leong Choi Lean were also nominated for Malaysia but did not eventually play.

# International Match Results

## European Teams are Busy

### Denmark's Narrow Victory over Sweden

Denmark repeated her 4-3 success over Sweden when the two Scandinavian countries clashed in their 38th annual international encounter, but it was an exceedingly close affair. Excitement started from the very beginning when Svend Pri beat Thomas Kihlstrom in front of 2,400 spectators by 18-17 in the third game after trailing by as much as 8-love. He made a marvellous recovery from such a losing position, and his success became magnified late in the evening when the Swedes managed to win all of the last three matches after Denmark's 4-love lead.

Morten Frost Hansen, only recently crowned as the Danish national champion, had another good win, this time over Sture Johnsson, and then Denmark wrapped the fixture up with comfortable successes in both the ladies' and mixed doubles matches.

But then occurred the biggest sensation of the whole season—the singles defeat of Miss Lene Köppen at the hands of Miss Anette Börjesson. The Swedish lady undoubtedly played above herself, and Miss Köppen equally had an off-day, but the result must stand—11-8, 0-11, 12-9, for the former Swedish national champion.

The Swedes then captured both men's doubles, as expected perhaps in the top match, but decidedly unexpectedly in the second when the young pair of Claes Nordin and Stefan Karlsson got the better of Pri and Jesper Helledie, winners of the Netherlands Championships only a week earlier.

### DENMARK 4; SWEDEN 3

At Copenhagen on February 19th. Scores (Danish names first):—

S. Pri beat T. Kihlström, 9-15, 18-15, 18-17. M. Frost Hansen beat S. Johnsson, 15-5, 11-15, 15-8.

Miss L. Köppen lost to Miss A. Börjesson, 8-11, 11-0, 9-12.

F. Delfs and S. Skovgaard lost to B. Fröman and T. Kihlström, 5-15, 17-18. S. Pri and J. Helledie lost to C. Nordin and S. Karlsson, 10-15, 15-12, 10-15.

Miss P. Nielsen and Miss I. Borgström beat Miss B. M. Larsson and Miss A. Lundh, 15-9, 15-6.

S. Skovgaard and Miss L. Köppen beat L. Wengberg and Miss A. Börjesson, 15-2, 15-11.

### Sweden Beats Germany's Young Team

Sweden defeated West Germany by 5 matches to 2 in the two countries' annual international encounter, held this year at Brunswick. Both teams contained a number of young players "capped" for the first time; indeed the Germans had three such, including one, Harald Klauer, who is only 17. Both countries are clearly mustering new forces to replace players who have been carrying the national colours for some years.

### WEST GERMANY 2; SWEDEN 5

At Brunswick on March 2nd. Scores (German names first):—

M. Schnaase lost to S. Johnsson, 15-18, 15-5, 9-15.

G. Simon lost to T. Angarth, 12-15, 10-15.

Mrs. E. Zwiebler lost to Miss A. Börjesson, 1-11, 11-5, 7-11.

G. Simon and R. Heyer lost to C. Nordin and S. Karlsson, 6-15, 6-15. O. Rosenow and H. Klauer lost to C. Lundberg and O. Eriksson, 8-15, 7-15.

Mrs. V. Martini and Mrs. E. Zwiebler beat Miss B. M. Larsson and Miss A. Lundh, 17-16, 15-4.

M. Schnaase and Mrs. V. Martini beat L. Wengberg and Miss A. Börjesson, 15-9, 15-5.

### Dutch Beat Scots in Close Encounter

The Netherlands gained a good victory over Scotland in a fixture played just prior to the International Championships of the Netherlands. Play occurred at Groningen before a very good crowd in what was the first international fixture played in the far north of the Netherlands.

On the Scottish side A. J. Dawson did very well to extend Rob Ridder as well as he did, and Don Travers made an excellent international debut, but Ridder, Mrs. Ridder and Miss van Beusekom were a little too much for the visitors, though J. Ansari and B. Gilliland had a very good win over Rob Ridder and H. Leidelmeyer to offset the three Dutch singles successes.

### NETHERLANDS 5; SCOTLAND 2

At Groningen on February 9th. Scores (Netherlands names first):—

R. Ridder beat A. J. Dawson, 6-15, 15-2, 15-9.

G. van der Vlugt beat B. Gilliland, 15-5, 15-3.

Miss J. van Beusekom beat Miss P. Hamilton, 11-9, 11-5.

R. Ridder and H. Leidelmeyer lost to J. Ansari and B. Gilliland, 11-15, 15-12, 8-15. B. Ridder and G. van der Vlugt lost to F. D. Gow and D. Travers, 5-15, 9-15.

Miss J. van Beusekom and Mrs. M. Ridder beat Mrs. J. Flockhart and Mrs. C. Stewart, 15-10, 15-10.

R. Ridder and Mrs. Ridder beat B. Gilliland and Mrs. J. Flockhart, 15-5, 6-15, 15-5.

### England's Annual Defeat of the Scots

The 49th annual encounter between England and Scotland took place at Glasgow with the customary result, a comfortable victory for England, this time by 7 matches to nil. It was the tenth "whitewash" in the last eleven years, though in times gone by there had been a number of closer scores, but the Scots have never yet upset the "hated Sassenachs".

The English team was without at least four of its usual top players, and in consequence some unusual pairings were on court in all the doubles matches. Colours were awarded for the first time to Mrs. S. Whittaker.

### SCOTLAND 0; ENGLAND 7

At Glasgow on January 19th. Scores (Scottish names first):—

R. Conway lost to D. Talbot, 7-15, 11-15. A. J. Dawson lost to K. R. Jolly, 17-16, 4-15, 4-15.

Miss P. Hamilton lost to Miss P. M. Kilvington, 4-11, 4-11.

B. Gilliland and F. D. Gow lost to D. Talbot and J. D. Eddy, 11-15, 1-15. J. Ansari and G. Hamilton lost to M. G. Tredgett and P. Bullivant, 8-15, 3-15.

Mrs. J. Flockhart and Mrs. C. Stewart lost to Miss J. A. Webster and Mrs. S. Whittaker, 9-15, 7-15.

B. Gilliland and Mrs. J. Flockhart lost to M. G. Tredgett and Mrs. A. E. Statt, 18-16, 10-15, 8-15.



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### THE TOP MIXED DOUBLES PAIR OF 1978

M. G. Tredgett and Mrs. J. P. Perry of England who, since winning the Swedish Championship in January, have added the Netherlands, All-England and European titles to their successes. During the period they suffered only one defeat, at the hands of R. Ridder and Mrs. Ridder in the German final. They avenged that loss twice very convincingly at the European Championship meeting, and both, notably Mrs. Perry, have enjoyed other notable successes in men's and ladies' doubles respectively.

# On the Side Lines

## Some Notes and News from All Parts

Congratulations to Rudy Hartono and his wife on the birth at Jakarta on March 8th of a son. It is to be hoped that amongst his christening presents was a miniature racket so that he may make early attempts to emulate the great feats of his father. A few weeks before the above event there occurred the marriage of Hartono's sister, Miss Utami Dewi, the Indonesian Uber Cup player. She was married in Surabaya to Chris Kinard, the former American national champion. Congratulations to both. Mr. and Mrs. Kinard have made their home in Jakarta.

We hear that Derek Talbot, the well known England international, is to occupy himself during the European off-season by writing a textbook on the game. We understand that the book will be intended for advanced players, and we can think of no more suitable author than the famous Englishman who has been equally adept at singles, doubles and mixed, for he has over the past few years won many international and national titles in all three branches of the game. The book will be published next year.

Congratulations to those two stalwart Danish internationals, Klaus and Pernille Kaugaard, on the birth recently of a daughter, their first child. As between them the two happy parents have played in as many as 47 international fixtures for Denmark, we feel safe in predicting a fine sporting future for the little girl.

Since the game has in recent years made very rapid strides in the Caribbean countries, it comes as no surprise to hear that an association has now been set up in the island of Grenada. As Barbados and the Cayman Islands have also recently shown interest in hitting shuttles, it seems that the still very young Caribbean Regional Badminton Confederation may soon rival some of the other international and continental organisations in existence.

From Jamaica comes news that Mr. Richard Roberts has resigned from the presidency of the Jamaica B.A. after having held office for six years. Before becoming President Mr. Roberts was for a considerable number of years honorary secretary of his national organisation, and to him must be attributed much of the success in boosting the game in the whole of the Caribbean region where he was one of the main protagonists in forming the Caribbean Confederation. Mr. Roberts' successor will be Mr. Frank Parslow, another hard worker for the game who, like Mr. Reg Cardozo, the honorary treasurer now in his twentieth year of office, will be well remembered by those who took part in the Commonwealth Games tournament at Kingston in 1966. Mr. Roberts has been elected an honorary life member of the Jamaica B.A. in recognition of his services to Jamaican Badminton.

"The Shuttle" is the name of the frequent air service between London and Glasgow. What therefore could have been more natural to the fertile Scottish mind than that persuasion should have been

exerted over British Airways to sponsor the "British Airways Shuttle Tournament" at Bellahouston at the end of April. The tournament, an invitation one, was to be used as a trial for the selection of the Scottish Commonwealth Games team.

July seems an unusual month for a big tournament to be held in the mid-summer heat of Canada, but the Pan-American Badminton Confederation have granted to the Canadian B.A. the opportunity to hold the Pan-American Junior Championships at Vancouver during the second week of that month. Four age groups will comprise the meeting, under 18, under 16, under 14 and under 12, and they will all also have international team contests as well. Several countries are expected to enter teams.

During the English close season last year the B.A. of England appointed the well known Mrs. Hashman, formerly Miss Judy Devlin, as chairman of its international selection committee in a kind of "supremo" position. The experiment of not appointing the more usual selection committee has not been the success it may have been hoped for, and Mrs. Hashman's contract, due to expire in June, has not been renewed. She was advised that her responsibilities would cease after the European Championships in mid-April, and that a resuscitated committee of five, of which she was invited to be one, would take over from then onwards. Highly unfortunately, Mrs. Hashman has taken the decision in a strange way and deliberately selected her own England team for the Commonwealth Games which she handed to the press, despite instructions that the new committee would be responsible for choosing the team. The austere London "Times" took the opportunity to give Badminton, and this matter in particular, several inches of space on its

front page! It is sad that the great player that Mrs. Hashman was should depart from from her first incursion into administration in this way.

Congratulations to Shoichi Toganoo and his wife on the arrival in March of their first child. Both proud parents are well known Japanese internationals, and Mrs. Toganoo, the former Miss Etsuko Takenaka, has four times been a winner of the All-England ladies' doubles title as well as the World title last year. She was also the All-England singles champion in 1970.

At its recent Annual General Meeting the New Zealand B.F. elected the well-deserving R. K. (Dick) Vallance a Life Member of the Federation in recognition of his multifarious services to the game in his country over many years. He becomes the 11th person so to be honoured, and the fourth from the old-established Wellington B.C., the first club to be formed in the New Zealand capital. His three Wellington predecessors were Miss Nancy Fleming, and Messrs. George Vincent (for years honorary secretary of the N.Z.B.F.) and Henry Lubransky. Appointed as a new panel of national selectors were Messrs. D. B. Higgins, J. E. Robson and N. R. Thompson, all past internationals. Mr. P. D. Skelt retired from the panel after 15 years in office.

Just as we go to press we have cause to welcome the arrival on April 12th of a son, Bart Jan, to Mrs. Margot Kramer, the former Miss ter Metz and well known Dutch player. The new arrival results in Mr. Emile ter Metz, the enthusiastic honorary secretary of the European Badminton Union, becoming a grandfather. Sincere congratulations all round.

Mention of the European B.U. is a reminder that that body has allotted the next European Championships to the Netherlands. The event will take place in April, 1980, and the venue is likely to be an enormous new hall in Rotterdam.



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MISS SAORI KONDO

Japan's new top singles player who was runner-up in the All-England Championship. She is a worthy addition to Japanese strength.

# English and Danes Share Dutch Titles

## Netherlands Championships Attract Big International Entry

English and Danish players shared the honours in the annual International Championships of the Netherlands which were again held at the large sports hall at Beverwijk over the second weekend of February, while Canada and Scotland runners-up in two of the events.

That the tournament was a thoroughly fine international one was emphasised this year with the participation of representative players from Japan, South Africa, New Zealand and Taiwan as well as all the leading European countries. The entries were enormous with totals of 84 in the men's singles and 65 in the ladies'. Qualifying rounds, very nearly equal in size to the main events, were held in all but mixed doubles.

Flemming Delfs regained the men's singles title which he had won in both 1975 and 1976, and his success in this tournament was in fact the first which he had gained in any tournament since winning the World Championship in the previous May. But his victory at Beverwijk was not an entirely satisfactory one, as far as the final was concerned. Here he met his old adversary, Svend Pri, who had beaten him almost every time that the two had met in the current season, and there were naturally many such occasions.

### An Unsatisfactory Final

Pri had dethroned last year's winner, Derek Talbot, convincingly and Delfs had dropped a game to another Englishman, Ray Stevens. When the two Danes met, both were service-faulted a number of times at the very beginning of their match, and this seemed to take the heart out of them to an extent that both stopped playing at one juncture. On resumption each won a game in what was a poor match, so that it was only in the third that a real battle ensued. It was all very disappointing to the really huge audience.

Mrs Gilks took the ladies' singles in one of her rare court appearances, but she played only three matches to do so, although there were 42 in the main draw. A bye and a much criticised walk-over from Mrs. Perry gave her this easy passage. The sensation of the event was the Canadian, Miss Wendy Clarkson, who took a game off Mrs. Gilks and then quite demolished the further aspirations of Sweden's Miss Anette Börjesson after the latter had beaten the top-seeded Miss van Beusekom by 11-8, 6-11, 11-9.

### Canadians' Improved Results

Generally, the Canadians did much better than in their preceding Uber Cup tie. Mrs. Youngberg gained full revenge for her defeat by Mrs. Ridder, as did Miss Barbara O'Brien over Miss Hanke de Kort. Miss O'Brien was then just beaten by England's Miss Karen Bridge, the reigning European junior champion, who was later able to extend Miss Börjesson to two set games. Another Canadian to impress was the 16 year-old Miss Jeanne Falardeau who ran Miss Clarkson to a 7 and 7 match.

Pri and Jesper Helledie took the men's doubles. They were in a critical situation against the Japanese pair in the semi-final before gaining command, and then lost the first game of the final to the Englishmen, Stevens and Mike Tredgett, before gaining complete ascendancy in a match quite dominated by Pri in the later stages. The runners-up had reached the final only after an 18-17 third game against their compatriots, Mike Wilks and Peter Bullivant, who had reached the semi-final when Steen Skovgaard and Delfs withdrew owing to the former having pulled a muscle.

Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Statt were good value for their ladies' doubles success. They were rather too good for Mrs. Gilks and her non-international partner, Mrs. Ferrington, in the final. The latter pair had done well to eliminate the Dutch holders, Miss van Beusekom and Mrs. Ridder, in three games.

Tredgett and Mrs. Perry conceded no game in their successful attack on the 44-strong mixed entry. Their final opponents, the Scots, Billy Gilliland and Mrs. Flockhart, had also lost no game to get there but they had been materially helped by Skovgaard's withdrawal after he and Miss van Beusekom had overcome the challenge of Stevens and Mrs. Gilks.

### MEN'S SINGLES

**Fourth Round**—S. Pri (Denmark) beat K. R. Jolly (England) 15-6, 15-7. D. Talbot (England) beat S. Johnsson (Sweden) 10-15, 15-8, 15-10. R. P. Stevens (England) w.o. Y. Iino (Japan) retired. F. Delfs (Denmark) beat J. Helledie (Denmark) 15-8, 15-2.

**Semi-finals**—Pri beat Talbot 15-7, 15-6. Delfs beat Stevens 15-1, 11-15, 15-8.

**Final**—Delfs beat Pri 15-3, 1-15, 15-7.

### LADIES' SINGLES

**Fourth Round**—Miss A. Börjesson (Sweden) beat Miss K. Bridge (England) 12-9, 12-10. Miss W. Clarkson (Canada) beat Miss J. Webster (England) 11-6, 11-5. Mrs. J. Youngberg (Canada) beat Mrs. M. Ridder (Netherlands) 11-7, 5-11, 11-4. Mrs. G. M. Gilks (England w.o. Mrs. N. P. Perry (England) retired.

**Semi-finals**—Miss Clarkson beat Miss Börjesson 11-2, 11-3. Mrs. Gilks beat Mrs. Youngberg 11-0, 11-7.

**Final**—Mrs. Gilks beat Miss Clarkson 11-3, 8-11, 11-6.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

**Third Round**—S. Pri and J. Helledie (Denmark) beat B. Fröman and L. Wengberg (Sweden) 15-7, 15-13. Y. Iino and M. Tsuchida (Japan) beat D. Travers and J. Ansari (Scotland) 15-4, 6-15, 15-4. R. P. Stevens and M. G. Tredgett (England) beat G. McMillan and K. Parsons (South Africa) 15-11, 15-4. P. Bullivant and M. Wilks (England) w.o. F. Delfs and S. Skovgaard (Denmark) retired.

**Semi-finals**—Pri and Helledie beat Iino and Tsuchida 5-15, 15-13, 15-9. Stevens and Tredgett beat Bullivant and Wilks 15-9, 9-15, 18-17.

**Final**—Pri and Helledie beat Stevens and Tredgett 9-15, 15-1, 15-5.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

**Third Round**—Mrs. N. P. Perry and Mrs. A. Statt (England) beat Miss S. Berg and Miss J. Boyer (Denmark) 15-4, 15-4. Miss H. de Kort and Mrs. M. Ravelli (Netherlands) beat Miss K. Bridge and Miss K. Whiting (England) 15-10, 15-10. Mrs. G. M. Gilks and Mrs. P. Ferrington (England) beat Miss J. Faledeau and Miss B. O'Brien (Canada) 15-5, 15-7. Miss J. van Beusekom and Mrs. M. Ridder (Netherlands) beat Mrs. B. Sutton and Mrs. S. Whittaker (England) 15-13, 15-6.

**Semi-finals**—Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Statt beat Miss de Kort and Mrs. Ravelli 5-15, 15-13, 15-9. Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Ferrington beat Miss van Beusekom and Mrs. Ridder 15-11, 4-15, 15-6.

**Final**—Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Statt beat Mrs. Gilks and Mrs. Ferrington 15-9, 15-7.

### MIXED DOUBLES

**Fourth Round**—S. Skovgaard (Denmark) and Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands) beat R. P. Stevens and Mrs. G. M. Gilks (England) 14-18, 15-8, 15-7. B. Gilliland and Mrs. J. Flockhart (Scotland) beat S. Fladberg and Miss P. Nielsen (Denmark) 18-17, 15-5. J. D. Eddy and Mrs. B. Sutton (England) beat R. Ridder and Mrs. Ridder (Netherlands) 18-15, 10-15, 15-9. M. G. Tredgett and Mrs. J. P. Perry (England) beat L. Wengberg and Miss A. Börjesson (Sweden) 15-11, 15-6.

**Semi-finals**—Gilliland and Mrs. Flockhart w.o. S. Skovgaard and Miss van Beusekom retired. Tredgett and Mrs. Perry beat Eddy and Mrs. Sutton 15-12, 15-8.

**Final**—Tredgett and Mrs. Perry beat Gilliland and Mrs. Flockhart 15-8, 15-9.

## Europeans Tour Japan

At the invitation of the Nippon B. A. a team of twelve prominent European players enjoyed a two-weeks tour of Japan at the end of January to compete in matches with the leading Japanese. The travelling team consisted of four Danes, four English, two Dutch and two Swedes, and was an extremely strong side.

Friendly or exhibition matches were played at quite a number of Japanese provincial centres against the Japanese, and all these meetings resulted, one way or the other, in 3-2 scores. Whereas both world singles champions, Flemming Delfs and Miss Lene Köppen went through this series undefeated, it was remarkable that the former All-England doubles champions, Bengt Fröman and Thomas Kihlström, were twice defeated by M. Tsuchida and Y. Iino.

The Japanese tried out quite a few players with their intention of building up their team to challenge for the Uber Cup, and since the Japanese won seven of the twelve purely ladies' matches, the local authorities must have been justified in anticipating some good Uber Cup results.

At the conclusion of the tour an Invitation Tournament was staged at the Olympic Stadium in Tokyo when the visiting players captured three of the events. No mixed doubles were played throughout the tour, and it seems that the Japanese are not very keen on this branch of the game, a pity as it would seem that their players might well be able to excel at it.

The tournament results are appended. All the visitors took part in the doubles events, but only four players were involved in each of the singles.

**Men's Singles**—F. Delfs beat R. P. Stevens, 7-15, 15-7, 15-6. T. Kihlström beat K. Zeniya, 11-15, 15-10, 15-10. (Final) Kihlström beat Delfs, 9-15, 15-13, 15-10.

**Ladies' Singles**—Miss L. Köppen beat Mrs. J. P. Perry, 11-4, 11-3. Miss S. Kondo beat Miss J. van Beusekom, 11-4, 11-4. (Final) Miss Köppen beat Miss Kondo, 12-10, 11-5.

**Men's Doubles**—N. Ikeda and S. Toganoo beat R. P. Stevens and E. H. Sutton, 15-12, 15-12; beat T. Kihlström and B. Fröman, 15-6, 15-13. F. Delfs and S. Skovgaard beat K. Zeniya and M. Nakai, 15-8, 15-7; beat M. Tsuchida and Y. Iino, 15-12, 15-3. (Final) Delfs and Skovgaard beat Ikeda and Toganoo, 15-9, 15-2.

**Ladies' Doubles**—Miss L. Köppen and Miss I. Borgström beat Miss H. Yuki and Miss S. Kondo, 15-3, 18-17; beat Miss J. van Beusekom and Mrs. M. Ridder, 18-14, 15-11. Miss E. Ueno and Miss Y. Yonekura beat Mrs. J. P. Perry and Mrs. B. Sutton, 18-16, 11-15, 15-7; beat Miss A. Tokuda and Miss M. Takada, 12-15, 15-4, 18-17. (Final) Miss Ueno and Miss Yonekura beat Miss Köppen and Miss Borgström, 18-13, 15-9.

# The International Championships of Germany

## Foreigners Provide all Finalists in Huge Meeting at Oberhausen

There was a fine entry, mainly European, in the 23rd annual International Championships of Germany which took place at Oberhausen from March 3rd to 5th. The entry was sufficiently large for qualifying rounds to be held in both singles events, and, judging from the doubles draws, it would seem that the entries were restricted in number.

English players, of whom quite a large number were in the lists, captured both singles events and the ladies' doubles as well, with the other two events going to Sweden and the Netherlands.

Ray Stevens became men's singles champion, and he took the honours convincingly, losing only one game to the Dane, Steen Fladberg, in an early round. In the semi-final he had a fine win over the top-seeded Sture Johnsson of Sweden. His final victim was the young Swede, Stefan Karlsson, who with the non-appearance of India's Prakash, top-seeded at the bottom of the draw, had had much the easier half to plough through.

### Her First Title

Miss Jane Webster won her first major international title when taking the ladies' singles. She too dropped only one game, and that to the German national champion, Mrs. Zwiebler, but the feature of the left-handed English girl's success was her strong finishing. In the final against Mrs. Ridder of the Netherlands her strong smash enabled her to recover and win the second game from 0-9 down.

Sweden's much improved Miss Anette Börjesson was unable to justify her top-seeded place in the draw. She was well beaten by England's Uber Cup reserve, Miss Paula Kilvington. Mrs. Ridder was the other top-seed, and she had several long struggles to reach the final, notably against her compatriot, Miss Hanke de Kort, who succumbed only after a very long struggle (11-9, 7-11, 11-9).

In the men's doubles the two Swedes, Ola Eriksson and Christian Lundberg, captured the event from an unseeded position, a very notable performance. They started off by upsetting the leading English pair of Eddie Sutton and Derek Talbot, 15-6, 17-14, and finished strongly by overcoming their fourth pair of seeded opponents,

Stevens and Mike Tredgett, convincingly in the final to register their best success to date.

Two English pairs fought out the final of the ladies' doubles, and Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Statt repeated their success in the Dutch Championships when they dethroned last year's winners. Neither final pair conceded any game on the way.

The well known strong fighting characteristics of Rob Ridder and his wife were much to the fore as this rising Dutch pair won the mixed doubles in a series of very tough matches as their scores will show. It was no mean feat to overcome such strong pairs as were J. D. Eddy and Mrs. Sutton (England) who were the holders, R. Maywald and Mrs. Zizmann (West Germany), and Tredgett and Mrs. Perry (England), the latter pair top-seeded and reaching the final with no great difficulty. The other top-seeded pair, the mercurial Steen Skovgaard of Denmark and his English partner, Mrs. Statt, were eliminated by Germany's unseeded Gerd Kucki and Mrs. Winter-Martini (11-15, 15-7, 18-13) in what was clearly a creditable success.

Though there were quite a number of Danish players on hand, it was unusual to find none of them in the last rounds of a top European championship tournament, but it is noted that none of Denmark's top three exponents, Svend Pri, Flemming Delfs and Miss Lene Köppen competed.

### MEN'S SINGLES

**Third Round**—S. Johnsson (Sweden) beat R. Purser (New Zealand), 15-5, 15-3. R. P. Stevens (England) beat J. Helledie (Denmark), 18-14, 15-4. M. Schnaase (West Germany) beat U. Rost (West Germany), 15-11, 15-4. S. Karlsson (Sweden) beat P. G. Kidger (England), 15-6, 15-7.

**Semi-finals**—Stevens beat Johnsson, 15-11, 15-9. Karlsson beat Schnaase, 11-15, 15-8, 15-12.

**Final**—Stevens beat Karlsson, 15-5, 15-8.

### LADIES' SINGLES

**Third Round**—Miss P. M. Kilvington (England) beat Miss A. Börjesson (Sweden), 11-4, 11-4. Miss J. A. Webster (England) beat Mrs. E. Zwiebler (West Germany), 8-11, 11-6, 11-3. Mrs. J. P. Perry (England) beat Mrs. L. Bostofte (Denmark), 6-11, 11-3, 11-8. Mrs. M. Ridder (Netherlands) beat Miss K. S. Bridge (England), 12-11, 11-7.

**Semi-finals**—Miss Webster beat Miss Kilvington, 11-6, 11-5. Mrs. Ridder beat Mrs. Perry, 11-9, 11-6.

**Final**—Miss Webster beat Mrs. Ridder, 11-3, 12-11.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

**Third Round**—R. P. Stevens and M. G. Tredgett (England) beat B. Gilliland and F. D. Gow (Scotland), 18-16, 18-16. J. Helledie and S. Fladberg (Denmark) beat R. Maywald and K. H. Zwiebler (West Germany), 15-13, 4-15, 15-13. J. D. Eddy and K. R. Jolly (England) beat S. Skovgaard and H. Fahrenholz (Denmark), 8-15, 15-8, 15-12. O. Eriksson and C. Lundberg (Sweden) beat H. Lösche and M. Schnaase (West Germany).

**Semi-finals**—Stevens and Tredgett beat Helledie and Fladberg, 18-13, 15-3. Eriksson and Lundberg beat Eddy and Jolly, 10-15, 15-12, 15-5.

**Final**—Eriksson and Lundberg beat Stevens and Tredgett, 15-6, 15-6.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—Mrs. J. P. Perry and Mrs. A. E. Statt (England) beat Miss M. Christensen and Mrs. L. Bostofte (Denmark), 15-12, 15-9. Mrs. B. Sutton and Miss J. A. Webster (England) beat Miss S. Berg and Miss L. Götsche (Denmark), 15-7, 15-13.

**Final**—Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Statt beat Mrs. Sutton and Miss Webster, 17-15, 15-5.

### MIXED DOUBLES

**Third Round**—R. Maywald and Mrs. M. Zizmann (West Germany) beat G. Kucki and Mrs. Winter-Martini (West Germany), 12-15, 15-13, 15-10. R. Ridder and Mrs. Ridder (Netherlands) beat J. D. Eddy and Mrs. B. Sutton (England), 12-15, 15-11, 15-12. B. Gilliland and Mrs. J. Floekhart (Scotland) beat D. Talbot and Miss K. Puttick (England), 15-5, 15-8. M. G. Tredgett and Mrs. J. P. Perry (England) beat K. Garbers and Mrs. K. Kucki (West Germany), 15-8, 15-4.

**Semi-finals**—Ridder and Mrs. Ridder beat Maywald and Mrs. Zizmann, 16-18, 15-3, 18-16. Tredgett and Mrs. Perry beat Gilliland and Mrs. Floekhart, 15-7, 15-5.

**Final**—Ridder and Mrs. Ridder beat Tredgett and Mrs. Perry, 11-15, 15-5, 15-10.

## Thomas Cup Draw is Made

The draw for the 1978-79 contest for the Thomas Cup, insofar as three of the zone were concerned, was made by the Council of the I.B.F. at its meeting in Haarlem, Netherlands, on February 12th. There are eight entries in the European Zone, six in the Asian, and three in the Australasian, compared to 7, 9 and 4 in the last contest of 1975-76. The draw for the Pan-American Zone will not be made until May 18th when it may well be that one or more of the absentees this year may have challenged therein.

Belgium and Norway have returned to the fray in Europe after having been absent for some years, and Finland has stayed out. In the Asian Zone, one misses Burma, Hong Kong and Korea, though Thailand has returned. In 1975 Thailand was exempt until the inter-zone stage owing to her staging the final ties in her country. In the Australasian Zone, Japan has returned, but Iran and Taiwan have not come in. As it happened both retired last time without playing.

The inter-zone ties will take place in

Indonesia, the land of the champion nation in May, 1979, and that country is of course exempt from competition until that stage.

It would be idle to sum up prospects at this early date, so we will conclude by quoting the details of the draw and the dates by which the various ties must be played off.

### ASIAN ZONE

Western Section—India\* v. Pakistan, the winner to play Thailand (exempt to the semi-final); Singapore\* v. Sri Lanka, the winner to play Malaysia (exempt).

### AUSTRALASIAN ZONE

New Zealand\* v. Japan; Australia\* a bye.

### EUROPEAN ZONE

Belgium a bye; Scotland v. England\*; the winner of these three to play Sweden (exempt); Netherlands\* v. Norway, the winner at home to the Federal Republic of Germany; Denmark exempt.

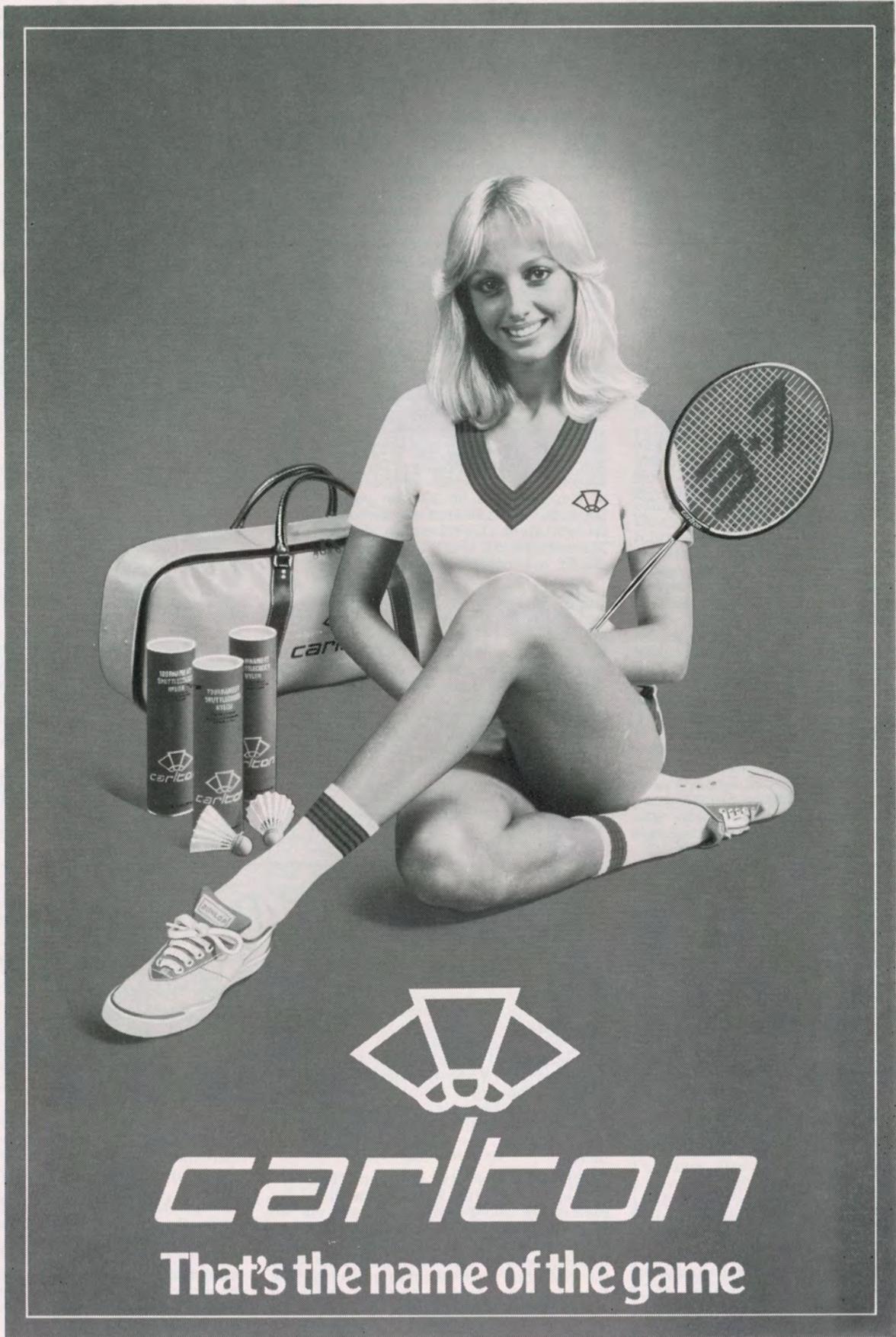
\* denotes choice of courts per Regulation 8.

### New Zealand's

#### Commonwealth Games Team

The New Zealand Badminton Federation has announced its team to compete in the Commonwealth Games at Edmonton, Canada, from August 4th to 12th. It will consist of R. Livingston, B. M. Purser, R. H. Purser, S. Wilson, Mrs. A. Bramfield, Mrs. M. Livingston and Mrs. A. Sinton. Mrs. Denton was not available for selection.

Richard Purser and Mrs. Bramfield will have the distinction of having represented New Zealand on every occasion since Badminton was first included in the Games in 1966.



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# The Dimensions of the Service Court

## Czechoslovak Arguments in Favour of the Change in Doubles

By J. R. BENES

I beg to refer to your article "Do We Want to Alter the Service Court?" published in the July/August 1977 issue of "World Badminton", no. 30, p.12, which gave an analysis of the probable results expected if the same service court were to be used in doubles as in singles, such as proposed by the Czechoslovak Badminton Association.

I would point out first, that there were two Czechoslovak proposals presented at the I.B.F. Annual General Meeting at Malmö concerning the service law, i.e. one, which was defeated, to simplify Law 14(a) on serving, and the other to alter the service court. The intention was to propose a possible solution to the lasting arguments to the serving in doubles, but one proposal without the other is less convincing.

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

### Difference over the Years

In this respect, I am not quite convinced, that the Laws of Badminton as devised eighty years ago and meant to be also adequate for ladies with broad hats and long skirts, must be in all respects equally ideal for top athletes today. Moreover, until February 1907 the laws contained a provision, saying that "the game of badminton may also be played by three or four players a side; in this case the game consists of 21 aces" (see *Badminton Gazette* 1957/58, no. 3, page 72). The multi-side provision was deleted in 1907, but the "21 aces" have remained valid, though hardly applied in today's competitions.

There seems little interest to explore the laws and see if they could be simplified and the game made more attractive for spectators, with one exception, i.e. the much argued service law in doubles. In "Badminton Gazette", for example, there were 14 letters to the Editor from September 1974 to December 1976 which commented on the service in doubles, but the arguments have lasted much longer, as evident from a letter by

Mr. C. S. Minard: "From my very detached viewpoint I am amazed to see that the arguments on the service rule continue in the same manner as they did 50 years ago." (*Badminton Gazette*, 1974, December, page 92).

The Czechoslovak proposal to change the law was based primarily on opinions expressed by expert umpires and coaches.

*Thirteen further quotations of opinions, some of them extremely lengthy, published in the "Badminton Gazette", have been omitted owing to the exigencies of space. The majority concerned themselves only with the enforcement of the current service law. Only three of them made mention of the possibility of moving the long service line back, none of them to a distance of more than one foot or 30 centimetres. The Czechoslovak proposal was for an increase backwards of 2 feet 6 inches (76 centimetres). This would change the depth of the service court from 13 feet (3.96 metres) to 15 feet 6 inches (4.72 metres), an increase of very nearly 20%, in depth only of course. It does not seem to us that lessening the width of the service court would be a comparative counteracting compensation to the receiver.—Editor.*

The above arguments are perhaps conclusive enough and are quoted to show that the Czechoslovak proposal has not based on any national interest. We have not much experienced the problem of doubtful serving in Czechoslovakia. In home competitions the matches are generally not umpired and all is left on the fairness of the players and they have to play fair, because they are watched by other competitors and it is worse to be suspected of cheating than to lose a game. Problems arise if there is an umpire, because all what is doubtful is up to his decision and not up to the fairness of the players.

### Objections to Changes

It seems that the main objection against the proposal is, that the Laws of Badminton have to cover all standards of play and if the same service court were used in doubles as in singles, it would cause, that the slow-movers and elderly players would have to feel that they must stand almost in the middle of the service court to be sure of being able to deal with any manner of the service. This is true, but exactly the same applies in singles, where the receiver is alone, with no partner to cover the subsequent smash, clear or drop and still nobody claims that the service court is too deep to comply with the lower standards of play.

It may be noted, that the area of the service court in doubles is 12.078 sq. metres, in singles 12.225 sq. metres, i.e. with a difference of only 0.147 sq. metres, while the area to be covered in singles rallies is 34.706 sq. metres, regardless the standard of the player.

Another objection is that the change would give too many advantages to the server, but aren't the chances equal in singles? Moreover, if according to Law 11 "only one player of the side beginning a game shall be entitled to serve in its first innings", wasn't the opinion of the law-makers that this provision should outbalance the advantages which the server used to have before the serving law has been made ever-tougher?

In investigations which I carried out, faults were recorded which resulted from service or return, i.e. when no further rally was played, in actual play of men's singles, at the top level of national competitions and at the bottom level, i.e. modestly advanced players, mostly not playing in competitions.

In 50 matches there were 72% of cases where no more than service or return were played at the top level and only 21% at the bottom level. At the top level, the receiver was in nearly all cases toeing the front service line, at the bottom level the position was some 50 cm behind the front service line.

A comparatively smaller number of test matches was played at both levels with the service court for singles valid for doubles. The rate of faults resulting from service or return could be compared with singles. Hardly any change resulted at the bottom level, while at the top level there was much more smashing with longer rallies and the play was more strenuous. At the beginning high serves or high clears from low serves prevailed, with resulting smashing. Later, receivers were trying to return low serves in a way to make smashing difficult or impossible by adequate placement or trajectory. It should be noted, that the experience may be different if the players have some time to practice under the changed law or if they have no previous practice at all.

### Inconclusive Opinions

The opinion of top players seems not to be conclusive, as when asked, they have primarily in mind their own personal advantage or disadvantage if the law is changed. In some cases serving or receiving may be just their strong point. They generally think that the change might be interesting, but as the law is still valid and there are competitions on all week-ends, there is not much time to experiment.

Modestly advanced players were mostly in favour of the change. Their reasons are that when they have an opportunity to play doubles against a better player who is an attacking receiver they have no chance left, while in singles the serving and receiving still gives them a chance to play a rally.

The laymen spectators, asked on their opinion on the two alternatives, were much more impressed by frequent smashing rallies than by low serving.

To conclude, I think that using the same service court in doubles as in singles may lead to simplification of the service laws and better spectacle of doubles for the public. In all cases where a radical change of the laws is considered, it might be useful for the I.B.F. Rules and Laws Committee to devise an adequate standardized method of testing and investigating, in which all member associations could participate. The summarized results might be more conclusive.

# World Badminton Federation is Formed

## Hong Kong Meeting Results in Clash with I.B.F.

As noted in our last issue, the meeting convened by Mr. Teh Gin Sooi and his "Preparatory Committee" to form officially the World Badminton Federation (W.B.F.) duly took place at Hong Kong on February 24th when delegates representing 13 Asian and six African associations assembled to form the new organisation as a direct head-on clash with the International Badminton Federation.

Additionally to the official delegates taking part in the meeting it is learned that observers from several other countries were also present. These came from the Badminton associations of Malaysia, India, Mexico, France, Slovenia, West Germany, Austria and Sweden, though they appear to have had no part in the proceedings. It is noted that there were no representatives in either category of those attending from Japan or Indonesia.

The meeting proceeded to adopt a number of interim statutes and elected a number of officers who included a Thaiander as President, a Chinese as Deputy President, Mr. Teh Gin Sooi as Honorary Secretary, and Mr. Timothy Fok of Hong Kong as Honorary Treasurer. Two vice-presidents, one from Thailand and the other from Tanzania, were elected with three such appointments being left vacant for the time being. Three Asians and two Africans were elected to the Council where seven places were also left vacant.

At the same time and place the advertised "World Invitation Championships" tournament was held. Here seventeen nations are reported to have entered competitors. They were from eleven Asian nations, excluding such as Indonesia, Japan, India and Malaysia, and from six African countries. The latter were Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Nigeria, Tanzania and Zambia, all of which are members of the I.B.F.

There were 42 players in the men's singles and 22 pairs in the men's doubles, but the other events each had only eight and even fewer entrants or pairs. Chinese players won four of the events in which China also supplied the runners-up, but the mixed doubles went to a Hong Kong pair which beat a Chinese combination in the final.

### Players' Tournament Disqualification

In conformity with a decision passed earlier by the Council of the I.B.F. in accordance with the latter's tournament regulations all the competitors at Hong Kong have now rendered themselves ineligible to compete in any tournament or other competition sanctioned directly or indirectly by the I.B.F. The attention of all members of the I.B.F. had been drawn to this regulation as long ago as November 3rd when the threat of the formation of the rebel body had been made known, so there exists no reason why it should not be implemented.

The decision to disqualify players from I.B.F. sanctioned events may seem hard on the individual who may perhaps, but only perhaps, have been unaware of the prevailing situation, but that cannot be helped. A player must stick to the administrative decisions reached by his own national governing body, in just the same way as he cannot compete in, for instance, the Thomas

Cup if his national organisation does not challenge or decides to withdraw.

The earliest big tournament which could possibly be affected by players' ineligibility seems to be the Commonwealth Games at Edmonton in August for which all six African nations, the names of which have been quoted, as well as Hong Kong, Sri Lanka and Singapore are eligible to compete.

The formation of a body which is intended to rival and to damage the 44 year-old I.B.F. will certainly be discussed at the I.B.F. Annual General Meeting at Auckland, New Zealand, on May 18th, and it is highly probable that those national organisations which have registered themselves as members of the W.B.F. will be asked to withdraw from one federation or the other. It is quite impossible for any national body to belong to two world bodies, a fact which does not require explanation.

It is sad indeed that in such a universally popular sport as is Badminton there should occur activities such as have been chronicled. The whole business has been fomented largely by the dissatisfaction on the part of a number of Asian organisations, led on by their national governments for political reasons, at the failure of the I.B.F. to expel the Taiwan B.A. from membership. The dissatisfied organisations

blame the Council of the I.B.F. for their annoyance, but the retention of Taiwan's membership has, of course, been due to past general meetings which have not seen fit to expel the Taiwan B.A., for which motion, presented annually for some years now, there has never been the required three-quarters majority.

Another cause of dissatisfaction on the part of the dissident associations is their failure to persuade the I.B.F. in general meeting to discontinue the existing voting structure of from one to three votes per organisation. They want "one nation, one vote."

### A.B.C. Resigns from I.B.F.

On the day following the inaugural meeting of the new World Badminton Federation there was held an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Asian Badminton Confederation. Here the meeting resolved to withdraw its membership of the I.B.F. The Asian Confederation was affiliated as an international organisation without a vote at the I.B.F., and its resignation has no bearing on the individual membership of the various national organisations.

Many of these national organisations will undoubtedly be represented at the Annual General Meeting of the I.B.F. in Auckland next month when their intentions may become a little clearer.

## Czechs and Germans Take Polish Honours

The 3rd Polish International Championships were held in a new modern hall at Bukowno near Katowice on the 3rd and 4th December. The participants included players from the German Democratic Republic, the USSR, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and 22 Polish players. Quite a lot of publicity attended the championships and a part of the finals were televised.

The promising 18 years old Czech, Michal Maly, surprised when he captured the titles both in singles and doubles, where he was partnered by another young Czech, K. Lakomy. Maly reached the final of the singles without conceding a game and after having eliminated the top seeded Edgar Michalowski from the G.D.R. In the final, he defeated the Soviet champion Konstantin Vavilov in a severe struggle, after having dropped the first game and having been extended in the second. The other Soviet player Nickolay Peshekhonov went out to Edgar Michalowski in the round before the semi-final in three games.

In men's doubles, the climax was in semi-finals, when the Czechs Maly and Lakomy defeated the Soviet champions, Vavilov and Peshekhonov, in a long struggle. The final was less exciting and the Czechs won against Edgar Michalowski and M. Franz from the G.D.R. in two games, though extended in the second.

Mrs. Monika Cassens of the G.D.R. won, most convincingly, all the three titles open to her, partnered in the ladies' doubles by Mrs. Angela Michalowski and in the mixed by Edgar Michalowski. The ladies' singles and mixed doubles provided an all-G.D.R. final.

Of the Polish players, Miss Anna Zysk and the mixed pair of L. Markowicz and

Miss E. Utecht reached the semi-finals. Miss Zysk eliminated two Soviet players, Miss I. Pologova and Miss A. Zvonarieva.

### MEN'S SINGLES

**Quarter-finals**—Edg. Michalowski (G.D.R.) beat N. Peshekhonov (U.S.S.R.) 7-15, 15-4, 15-8. M. Maly (Czechoslovakia) beat M. Franz (G.D.R.) 15-0, 15-2. K. Vavilov (U.S.S.R.) beat I. Bereknyei (Hungary) 15-7, 15-3. J. Schimpke (G.D.R.) beat J. Papp (Hungary) 15-0, 15-1.

**Semi-finals**—Maly beat Edg. Michalowski 15-8, 15-7. Vavilov beat Schimpke 10-15, 15-3, 15-9.

**Final**—Maly beat Vavilov 8-15, 18-13, 15-12.

### LADIES' SINGLES

**Quarter-finals**—Mrs. M. Cassens (G.D.R.) beat Miss N. Maksakova (U.S.S.R.) 11-3, 11-2. Miss E. Cserni (Hungary) beat Miss E. Utecht (Poland) 11-6, 11-3. Miss A. Zysk (Poland) beat Miss A. Zvonarieva (U.S.S.R.) 11-5, 11-8. Mrs. A. Michalowski (G.D.R.) beat Miss E. Wojtkowska (Poland) 11-0, 11-2.

**Semi-finals**—Mrs. Cassens beat Miss Cserni 11-5, 11-6. Mrs. A. Michalowski beat Miss Zysk 11-3, 11-2.

**Final**—Mrs. Cassens beat Mrs. A. Michalowski 11-2, 11-6.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—Edg. Michalowski and M. Franz (G.D.R.) beat I. Bereknyei and J. Papp (Hungary) 15-5, 15-11. M. Maly and K. Lakomy (Czechoslovakia) beat K. Vavilov and N. Peshekhonov (U.S.S.R.) 15-8, 6-15, 15-8.

**Final**—Maly and Lakomy beat Edg. Michalowski and Franz 15-4, 18-15.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—Mrs. M. Cassens and Mrs. A. Michalowski (G.D.R.) beat Miss A. Zvonarieva and Miss N. Maksakova (U.S.S.R.) 15-6, 15-7. Miss I. Pologova and Miss T. Damaskina (U.S.S.R.) beat Miss E. Cserni and Mrs. I. Bödecs (Hungary) 15-7, 10-15, 15-3.

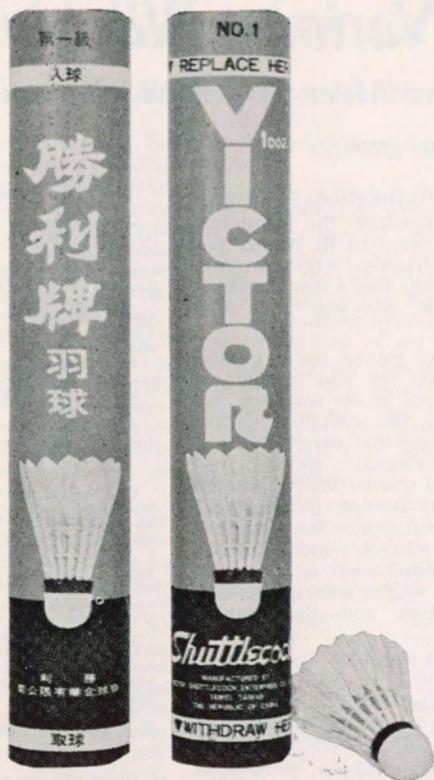
**Final**—Mrs. Cassens and Mrs. Michalowski beat Miss Pologova and Miss Damaskina 15-6, 15-7.

### MIXED DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—Edg. Michalowski and Mrs. M. Cassens (G.D.R.) beat L. Markowicz and Miss E. Utecht (Poland) 15-3, 15-5. J. Schimpke and Mrs. A. Michalowski (G.D.R.) beat K. Vavilov and Miss N. Maksakova (U.S.S.R.) 15-7, 15-6.

**Final**—Edg. Michalowski and Mrs. Cassens beat Schimpke and Mrs. A. Michalowski 15-12, 15-6.

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# Players from Eleven Nations Play in Prague

## Eastern and Western Europeans Meet in Czech Championships

By J. R. BENES

The 6th Czechoslovak International Championships held from the 7th to 10th October last in Prague, again provided a significant start to the European playing season, with the participation of 80 players from eleven countries, i.e. Austria, Denmark, England, German Democratic Republic, German Federal Republic, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Sweden, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

England and Sweden joined the tournament for the first time, and if Belgium, France, Switzerland and the U.S.S.R., former contestants who were missed this time, participate again in the future, as may be expected, then the number of participating nations may well increase to 15, which would be a remarkable success in view of the short history of the championships.

Among other features, the tournament has become a regular meeting place for players and officials of Eastern and Western European countries, of which some have up to now been unable to meet at European tournaments. As the strongest European badminton nations generally use the occasion to send their young prospective players instead of their "utmost tops", there have usually been no clear favourites, which adds to the interest of the tournament.

The honours were well divided and only Miss Inge Borgström of Denmark and Mrs. Cassens with Mrs. A. Michalowski of the G.D.R. succeeded in retaining last year's titles.

### Unexpected Singles Winner

In the men's singles, the main surprise was Willy Nilsson of Sweden, who was drawn in the qualifying rounds, due to his home ranking and lack of known results. It was only there where competition was not much weaker that he conceded a game to the promising young Czech, R. Holobradý (last year's victor over Wolfgang Bochov). In the main tournament, however, he eliminated with comparative ease in two games consecutively R. Maywald (G.F.R.), Lacina (Czechoslovakia), Fladberg (Denmark), his compatriot L. Wengberg and in the final last year's winner, M. Schnaase (G.F.R.).

Miss Borgström (Denmark) retained her singles title. Mrs. Cassens (G.D.R.) who had previously gathered most victories in the Czechoslovak Championships, had a long struggle to defeat Miss Pia Nielsen (Denmark), but went out to Mrs. Ridder after the latter had eliminated Mrs. Zizmann (G.F.R.) and Miss Meier (Denmark).

Peter Bullivant and Michael Wilks (England) were very comfortable winners of the men's doubles. The runners-up were, rather surprisingly, the twin brothers Edgar Michalowski and Erfried Michalowsky of the G.D.R. (who astonishingly spell their names differently), who defeated M. Schnaase and R. Maywald (G.F.R.) in three games.

The ladies' doubles were again dominated by Mrs. Cassens and Mrs. A. Michalowski (G.D.R.), who conceded no game throughout despite the strength of some of their opponents.

In the mixed doubles neither top seeded pair, M. Schnaase and Mrs. Zizmann

(G.F.R.), and Edgar Michalowski and Mrs. Cassens (G.D.R.) reached the semi-final round. The honours went to R. Ridder and Mrs. Ridder (Netherlands) who conceded only one game and then had a comparatively easy victory over R. Maywald and Mrs. Steden in the finals.

The Czech players gained some notable victories in the qualifying and preliminary rounds and had some close matches, but were unable to reach the semi-finals in any of the events. The fact that players such as both Edgar Michalowski and Erfried Michalowsky, Wortel (Netherlands), van der Vlugt (Netherlands), Berden (Yugoslavia), Piet Ridder (Netherlands), R. Maywald (G.F.R.), Schimpke (G.D.R.) and Hjulmand (Denmark) were eliminated in the first round of the men's singles clearly indicates the tense competition and the growing standard of entries.

### MEN'S SINGLES

**Quarter-finals**—M. Schnaase (G.F.R.) beat L. Sránek (Czechoslovakia), 15-8, 15-6. G. Helsholt (Denmark) beat M. Wilks (England), 15-6, 10-15, 15-7. L. Wengberg (Sweden) beat R. Ridder (Netherlands), 15-2, 15-4. W. Nilsson (Sweden) beat S. Fladberg (Denmark), 15-4, 15-12.

**Semi-finals**—Schnaase beat Helsholt, 18-16, 15-13. Nilsson beat Wengberg, 15-4, 15-6.

**Final**—Nilsson beat Schnaase, 15-7, 15-9.

### LADIES' SINGLES

**Quarter-finals**—Miss I. Borgström (Denmark) beat Mrs. A. Michalowski (G.D.R.), 11-6, 11-0. Mrs. B. Steden (G.F.R.) beat Miss S. Berg (Denmark), 12-10, 10-12, 12-11. Mrs. M. Ridder (Netherlands) beat Miss K. Meier (Denmark), 7-11, 11-5, 11-5. Mrs. M. Cassens (G.D.R.) beat Miss Pia Nielsen (Denmark), 11-8, 5-11, 11-8.

**Semi-finals**—Miss Borgström beat Mrs. Steden, 11-3, 11-1, 11-4. Mrs. Ridder beat Mrs. Cassens, 11-7, 11-7.

**Final**—Miss Borgström beat Mrs. Ridder, 11-2, 11-4.

## The Swedish Championships

In our last issue we were able to quote the final results only of the Swedish Open Championships at Stockholm which ended on January 8th. The entry included most of the leading players from Canada, Denmark, England, Netherlands, Norway and, of course, Sweden. We are now able to quote, for the record, the results of the later rounds.

### MEN'S SINGLES

**Fourth Round**—F. Delfs (Denmark) beat R. P. Stevens (England), 15-4, 15-0. T. Kihlström (Sweden) beat M. Frost Hansen (Denmark), 15-13, 15-6. J. Helledie (Denmark) beat R. Ridder (Netherlands), 15-3, 15-2. S. Pri (Denmark) beat T. Angarth (Sweden), 15-7, 15-5.

**Semi-finals**—Delfs beat Kihlström, 15-8, 15-9. Pri beat Helledie, 15-13, 15-8.

**Final**—Pri beat Delfs, 15-13, 15-8.

### LADIES' SINGLES

**Third Round**—Miss L. Köppen (Denmark) beat Mrs. I. Rietveld Nielsen (Denmark), 11-4, 11-8. Mrs. L. Bostofte (Denmark) beat Mrs. M. Ridder (Netherlands), 11-1, 2-11, 11-5. Miss J. A. Webster (England) beat Miss P. Nielsen (Denmark), 11-2, 11-1. Miss J. van Beusekom (Netherlands) beat Miss S. Berg (Denmark), 8-11, 12-11, 11-6.

**Semi-finals**—Miss Köppen beat Mrs. Bostofte, 11-3, 11-4. Miss Webster beat Miss van Beusekom, 11-7, 11-5.

**Final**—Miss Köppen beat Miss Webster, 11-5, 11-2.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

**Third Round**—R. P. Stevens and M. G. Tredgett (England) beat S. Fladberg and J. Helledie (Denmark), 15-9, 17-16. F. Delfs and S. Skovgaard (Denmark) beat O. Eriksson and C. Lundberg (Sweden), 15-0, 18-16. M. Frost Hansen and S. Pri (Denmark) beat E. H. Sutton and D. Talbot (Eng-

### MEN'S DOUBLES

**Quarter-finals**—M. Schnaase and R. Maywald (G.F.R.) beat H. O. Birkholm and H. Hjulmand (Denmark), 7-15, 18-14, 15-11. Edg. Michalowski and Erfr. Michalowsky (G.D.R.) beat L. Sránek and M. Sránek (Czechoslovakia), 15-8, 18-13. P. Bullivant and M. Wilks (England) beat P. Lacina and K. Holobradý (Czechoslovakia), 15-4, 15-4. S. Fladberg and G. Helsholt (Denmark) beat W. Nilsson and L. Wengberg (Sweden), 15-11, 15-13.

**Semi-finals**—Edg. Michalowski and Erfr. Michalowsky beat Schnaase and Maywald, 15-9, 6-15, 15-10. Bullivant and Wilks beat Fladberg and Helsholt 15-6, 15-6.

**Final**—Bullivant and Wilks beat Edg. Michalowski and Erfr. Michalowsky, 15-11, 15-5.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

**Quarter finals**—Mrs. M. Cassens and Mrs. A. Michalowski (G.D.R.) beat Miss H. de Kort and Mrs. M. Ravelli (Netherlands), 15-4, 15-5. Miss K. Bridge and Mrs. D. Underwood (England) beat Mrs. I. Bödecs and Miss E. Cserni (Hungary), 15-7, 15-1. Mrs. B. Steden and Mrs. M. Zizmann (G.F.R.) beat Miss A. Lundh and Miss B. M. Larsson (Sweden), 15-7, 15-4. Miss I. Borgström and Miss P. Nielsen (Denmark) beat Miss J. Hubertová and Miss T. Pravdová (Czechoslovakia), 15-8, 15-2.

**Semi-finals**—Mrs. Cassens and Mrs. Michalowski beat Miss Bridge and Mrs. Underwood, 15-6, 15-9. Mrs. Steden and Mrs. Zizmann beat Miss Borgström and Miss Nielsen, 15-13, 15-7.

**Final**—Mrs. Cassens and Mrs. Michalowski beat Mrs. Steden and Mrs. Zizmann, 15-10, 15-12.

### MIXED DOUBLES

**Quarter-finals**—Erfr. Michalowsky and Mrs. A. Michalowski (G.D.R.) beat M. Schnaase and Mrs. M. Zizmann (G.F.R.), 15-6, 15-13. R. Ridder and Mrs. Ridder (Netherlands) beat S. Fladberg and Miss P. Nielsen (Denmark), 15-6, 16-18, 15-2. P. Bullivant and Miss K. Bridge (England) beat H. Hjulmand and Miss S. Berg (Denmark), 17-14, 15-7. R. Maywald and Mrs. B. Steden (G.F.R.) beat Edg. Michalowski and Mrs. M. Cassens (G.D.R.), 15-9, 8-15, 15-6.

**Semi-finals**—Ridder and Mrs. Ridder beat Erfr. Michalowski and Mrs. Michalowski, 15-2, 15-5. Maywald and Mrs. Steden beat Bullivant and Miss Bridge, 15-5, 15-9.

**Final**—Ridder and Mrs. Ridder beat Maywald and Steden, 15-5, 15-9.

land), 15-12, 10-15, 15-11. B. Fröman and T. Kihlström (Sweden) beat P. Bullivant and M. J. Wilks (England), 15-6, 15-9.

**Semi-finals**—Delfs and Skovgaard beat Stevens and Tredgett, 15-7, 15-10. Fröman and Kihlström beat Frost Hansen and Pri, 15-3, 18-16.

**Final**—Delfs and Skovgaard beat Fröman and Kihlström, 15-18, 15-8, 15-8.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

**Second Round**—Miss J. van Beusekom and Mrs. M. Ridder (Netherlands) beat Miss S. Berg and Miss J. Boyer (Denmark), 15-8, 15-12. Mrs. B. Sutton and Miss J. A. Webster (England) beat Miss L. Köppen and Mrs. I. Rietveld Nielsen (Denmark), 15-11, 15-10. Mrs. J. P. Perry and Mrs. A. E. Statt (England) beat Mrs. L. Bostofte and Miss M. Cjristensen (Denmark), 15-7, 15-7. Miss I. Borgström and Miss P. Nielsen (Denmark) beat Miss P. M. Kilvington and Mrs. S. Whittaker (England), 15-1, 15-8.

**Semi-finals**—Miss van Beusekom and Mrs. Ridder beat Mrs. Sutton and Miss Webster, 15-9, 6-15, 15-3. Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Statt beat Miss Borgström and Miss Nielsen, 15-7, 15-9.

**Final**—Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Statt beat Miss van Beusekom and Mrs. Ridder, 15-5, 15-6.

### MIXED DOUBLES

**Third Round**—M. G. Tredgett and Mrs. J. P. Perry (England) beat J. Helledie and Miss I. Borgström (Denmark), 15-8, 15-8. L. Wengberg and Miss A. Börjesson (Sweden) beat R. Ridder and Mrs. Ridder (Netherlands), 15-5, 15-9. E. H. Sutton and Miss J. A. Webster (England) beat B. Kjaergaard Nielsen and Mrs. I. Rietveld Nielsen (Denmark), 15-9, 15-3. S. Skovgaard and Miss L. Köppen (Denmark) beat M. J. Wilks and Mrs. B. Sutton (England), 15-1, 15-11.

**Semi-finals**—Tredgett and Mrs. Perry beat Wengberg and Miss Börjesson, 15-0, 15-6. Skovgaard and Miss Köppen beat Sutton and Miss Webster, 15-1, 15-11.

**Final**—Tredgett and Mrs. Perry beat Skovgaard and Miss Köppen, 15-2, 15-9.

# The I.B.F. Annual General Meeting

## Important Issues to be Discussed at Auckland

There are many important issues to be discussed at the 1978 Annual General Meeting of the I.B.F. which is due to take place at Auckland, New Zealand, on May 18th. The agenda is an extremely long one and lists as many as 47 different items. Fortunately, not all are such that require comment, for quite a number are only rule changes for the purposes of clarification.

The future of "World Badminton" features early on the agenda, largely on the financial aspect, and another financial proposal comes from Sweden whose association desires a 100% increase in subscription rates to the Federation so that councillors' travelling expenses may be met in full.

The Taiwan question looms large under the heading of Membership. Sweden has again proposed the Taiwan Association's expulsion because its membership "prevents a development of the sport today." The Council has also tabled a motion to call upon Taiwan's expulsion if the Taiwan B.A. does not agree to remove the letters "R.O.C." after its name. Arising further from Taiwan's membership the Council has proposed a change in the Federation's rules to prevent a member from bringing any dispute with the Federation before a Court of Justice. Instead, it is proposed that any dispute must be "referred to an Arbitration Tribunal appointed by common consent". This seems a sensible motion, if only

for financial reasons, and will surely be adopted.

Another Council proposal is sought to grant permission to the Council "to suspend the rights of any member which acts directly against the Federation or the purposes of the Federation". This is a clear effort to act against those members supporting any outside organisation acting against the jurisdiction of the I.B.F.

The Law on the subject of continuous play and the now-acceptable 5-minute interval is up for re-drafting, and the Scottish B.U. will propose wording alterations to the law relating to the delivery of the service.

The unfortunate draw for the inter-zone ties of the current Uber Cup contest has precipitated a change in how that draw shall be done in future. A mild form of seeding is proposed.

The current regulations governing amateurism loom large on the order sheet. The Council has made certain proposals to clarify procedure, and the Swedish association has tabled a motion of a somewhat complicated nature to permit players to do almost anything if they do not mind being disqualified from Olympic participation, subject of course to the approval of a player's national organisation.

Though he has now been in office for the customary two years, Mr. Stellan

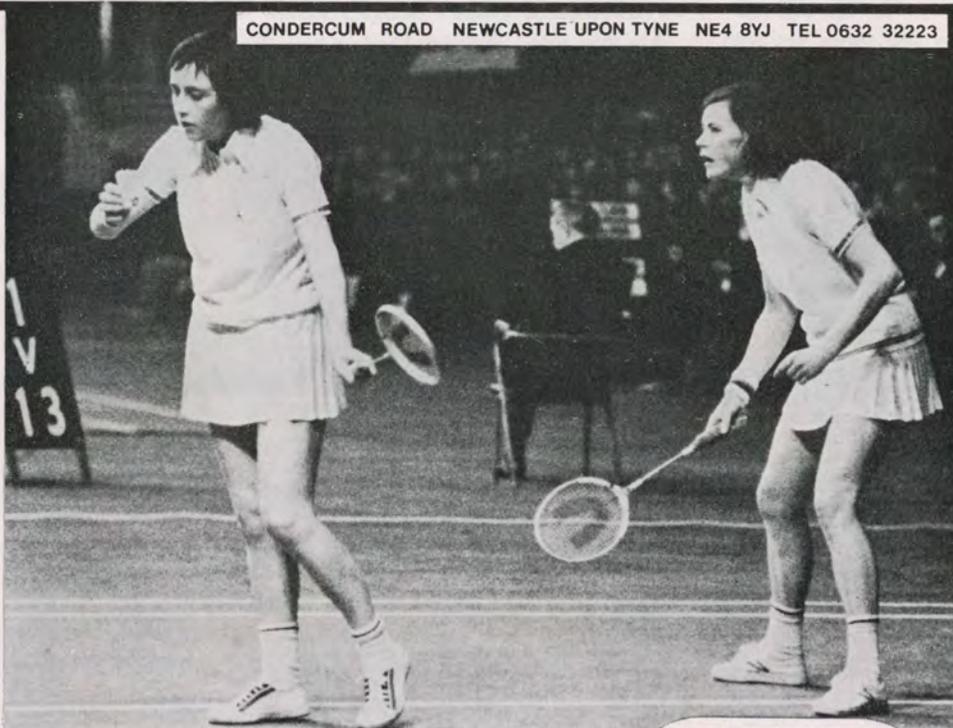
Mohlin will be proposed for re-election as President by the Council for a further year. He is the only nominee. The two retiring vice-presidents, Mr. S. R. Chadha and Dr. Sudirman, of India and Indonesia respectively, will be proposed for re-election, as will Mr. Herman Valken as both honorary secretary and honorary treasurer. No other nominations for these positions have been received.

It is proposed that the 1979 meeting should take place in Indonesia during the course of the Thomas Cup inter-zone ties to be held at Jakarta.

The Report of the Council for 1977 shows that there were 54 national organisations in full membership, and also six international organisations and 15 associate members. Financially, 1977 showed a loss of £1136, and this is mainly attributed to the holding of an Extraordinary General Meeting in September and an additional Council meeting, but the deficit must also have been largely attributable to there having been no Thomas Cup receipts over the year.

It will be a long drawn-out meeting, and it must be hoped, considering the importance of several of the motions that the venue of New Zealand, so distant to so many members, will not have an adverse effect on the normal representation of the member-organisations.

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# European National Championship Results

## Morten Frost Hansen, Champion of Denmark

There were numerous surprises in the Danish National Championships at Copenhagen in February. The greatest were the victories of Morten Frost Hansen, the 19 year-old who had made such a fine impression at the 1977 All-England Championships, over both Svend Pri and Flemming Delfs. He played remarkably well to earn his title, and according to the Danish "Badminton" thoroughly deserved his successes.

A further surprise occurred in the men's doubles where the near-veteran Elo Hansen and Bo Kjaergaard Hansen completely vanquished Flemming Delfs and Steen Skovgaard in the final after the latter pair had beaten Pri and Frost Hansen equally comfortably.

Miss Lene Köppen was, as usual in the past few years, easily "facile princeps" in the ladies' singles, but she and Mrs. Imre Rietveld Nielsen were upset in the doubles by the younger pair of Miss Pia Nielsen and Miss Inge Borgström. Skovgaard and Miss Köppen, as expected, took the mixed title without much ado.

### MEN'S SINGLES

**Semi-finals**—M. Frost Hansen beat S. Pri, 15-5, 18-13. F. Delfs beat J. Helledie, 15-9, 15-2.

**Final**—Frost Hansen beat Delfs, 9-15, 15-6, 15-4.

### LADIES' SINGLES

**Semi-finals**—Miss L. Köppen beat Mrs. L. Bostofte, 11-2, 11-1. Miss I. Borgström beat Miss P. Nielsen, 11-3, 11-1.

**Final**—Miss Köppen beat Miss Borgström (no scores available).

### MEN'S DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—B. Kjaergaard Nielsen and E. Hansen beat P. Nielsen and H. Fahrenholz, 4-15, 15-12, 17-16. F. Delfs and S. Skovgaard beat S. Pri and M. Frost Hansen, 15-9, 15-7.

**Final**—Kjaergaard Nielsen and Hansen beat Delfs and Skovgaard, 15-9, 15-5.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—Miss I. Borgström and Miss P. Nielsen beat Miss L. Göttsche and Miss C. Pilegaard, 15-2, 15-6. Miss L. Köppen and Mrs. I. Rietveld Nielsen beat Miss M. Christensen and Miss H. Guldborg, 15-6, 15-5.

**Final**—Miss Borgström and Miss Nielsen beat Miss Köppen and Mrs. Rietveld Nielsen, 15-11, 3-15, 15-5.

### MIXED DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—S. Skovgaard and Miss L. Köppen beat M. Neergaard and Miss L. Göttsche, 18-14, 15-8. J. Helledie and Miss I. Borgström beat S. Fladberg and Miss P. Nielsen, 15-13, 9-15, 15-11.

**Final**—Skovgaard and Miss Köppen beat Helledie and Miss Borgström (no scores available).

## New Champions in Sweden

Both singles title changed hands at the Swedish National Championships in February. Thomas Kihlström regained the men's trophy he had won once before, two years ago, and Miss Cecilia Jeppsson, until recently a junior, became ladies' champion for the first time. All three doubles events ran more to form.

In the final of the men's singles Kihlström overcame Sture Johnsson who had taken the title for the eleventh time in 1977. The holder had only recently returned to competition following a leg operation and he had a hard struggle to overcome Thomas Angarth by 15-6, 7-15, 18-14, in the fourth round.

Miss Jeppsson, whose great improvement during the season had given her a top-seeded place, lost no game throughout. The holder, Miss Anette Börjesson, was eliminated by the former champion, Mrs. Stuart, after a long struggle, and the latter extended Miss Jeppsson all the way in her efforts to

take the title for what would have been the thirteenth time.

In taking the men's doubles for the sixth consecutive time, Bengt Fröman and Kihlström had a narrow squeak against Willy Nilsson and Gert Perneklo to whom they lost their only game. The ladies' doubles champions had to play only two matches to retain their honours, while in the mixed Lars Wengberg won again, though this year with a different partner. He and Miss Karin Lindquist beat his last year's partner in the final.

### MEN'S SINGLES

**Semi-finals**—T. Kihlström beat S. Karlsson, 15-11, 15-7. S. Johnsson beat M. Palrud, 15-1, 15-1.

**Final**—Kihlström beat Johnsson, 15-9, 17-14.

### LADIES' SINGLES

**Semi-finals**—Mrs. E. Stuart beat Miss A. Börjesson, 8-11, 11-7, 11-9. Miss C. Jeppsson beat Miss A. Lundh, 11-0, 11-6.

**Final**—Miss Jeppsson beat Mrs. Stuart, 12-11, 12-9.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—S. Karlsson and C. Nordin beat O. Eriksson and C. Lundberg, 15-9, 15-9. B. Fröman and T. Kihlström beat W. Nilsson and G. Perneklo, 12-15, 15-11, 15-12.

**Final**—Fröman and Kihlström beat Karlsson and Nordin, 15-12, 15-11.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—Miss C. Jeppsson and Miss C. Andersson beat Miss L. Axelsson and Miss A. Bergman, 15-8, 15-3. Miss B. M. Larsson and Miss A. Lundh beat Miss C. Karlsson and Miss K. Lindquist, 51-11, 15-9.

**Final**—Miss Larsson and Miss Lundh beat Miss Jeppsson and Miss Andersson, 15-6, 15-4.

### MIXED DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—C. Nordin and Miss A. Börjesson beat G. Perneklo and Miss C. Andersson, 16-18, 15-7, 15-10. L. Wengberg and Miss K. Lindquist beat M. Olsson and Miss B. M. Larsson, 15-11, 15-10.

**Final**—Wengberg and Miss Lindquist beat Nordin and Miss Börjesson, 15-10, 9-15, 15-7.

## All Belgian Titles Change Hands

All five titles changed hands when the 30th annual Belgian National Championships were held at Brussels in February. This was quite a remarkable occurrence in view of the fact that four of them were defended, the exception being the men's doubles when J. P. Bauduin (who now became singles champion for the first time) did not defend with his former partner, though he was successful again.

Other first time champions were in the ladies' doubles, won by the Misses Ruth Williams and Maria de Sy, and in the mixed captured by José Isasi and his wife from the ten-times winners, Herman Moens and his sister, Mrs. Cairns.

### MEN'S SINGLES

**Semi-finals**—J. P. Bauduin beat H. Moens, 15-8, 15-9. M. Gosset beat D. Gosset, 15-10, 15-11.

**Final**—Bauduin beat M. Gosset, 15-6, 18-17.

### LADIES' SINGLES

**Semi-finals**—Miss F. Kaiser beat Miss M. de Sy, 11-8, 11-5. Miss R. Williams beat Mrs. G. Cairns, 11-5, 11-4.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—D. Gosset and M. Muraille beat H. Moens and R. van Meerbeek, 7-15, 15-12, 15-7. J. P. Bauduin and J. Isasi beat M. Gosset and J. Jaury, 15-11, 15-8.

**Final**—Bauduin and Isasi beat Gosset and Muraille, 15-11, 18-15.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—Miss M. de Sy and Miss R. Williams beat Miss A. de Miguel-Vives and Miss S. Entwistle, 15-5, 15-6. Mrs. V. Isaisi and Mrs. J. Jacques beat Mrs. G. Cairns and Miss F. Kaiser, 10-15, 15-4, 18-17.

**Final**—Miss de Sy and Miss Williams beat Mrs. Isasi and Mrs. Jacques, 7-15, 15-7, 15-11.

### MIXED DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—J. Isasi and Mrs. Isasi beat R. van Meerbeek and Miss Hermal, 15-12, 12-15, 15-6. H. Moens and Mrs. G. Cairns beat J. Jaury and Miss C. Bene, 15-4, 15-9.

**Final**—Isasi and Mrs. Isasi beat Moens and Mrs. Cairns, 15-12, 6-15, 15-10.

## West German Titles are Well Divided

The complete retirement of Mrs. Steden from competitive play resulted in four of the German National Championship titles changing hands, only Michael Schnaase, who won the men's singles for the third successive time, retaining his honours. The meeting took place at Mülheim at the end of February.

Winner of the ladies' singles for the first time was Mrs. Zwiebler, the former Miss Eva-Maria Kranz, but she had quite a struggle to overcome the challenge of Mrs. Martini in the final.

Roland Maywald was the only double winner in the tournament, and his success in the two doubles events was no surprise, though he had new partners in both. He gained his ninth national success.

### MEN'S SINGLES

**Semi-finals**—K. H. Zwiebler beat G. Kucki. M. Dchnaase beat T. Winter (no score quoted).

**Final**—Schnaase beat Zwiebler, 15-10, 17-14.

### LADIES' SINGLES

**Semi-finals**—Mrs. E. Zwiebler beat Miss E. Weber. Mrs. V. Martini beat Miss J. Vogel (no scores quoted).

**Final**—Mrs. Zwiebler beat Mrs. Martini, 12-10, 12-9.

### MEN'S DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—R. Maywald and K. H. Zwiebler beat G. Kucki and K. H. Garbers, 15-8, 5-15, 17-14. M. Schnaase and H. Lösche beat T. Winter and H. Wilmes, 15-12, 15-3.

**Final**—Maywald and Zwiebler beat Schnaase and Lösche, 15-5, 15-12.

### LADIES' DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—Mrs. K. Kucki and Mrs. V. Martini beat Mrs. M. Zizmann and Mrs. E. Zwiebler, 15-12, 6-15, 15-11. Miss J. Vogel and Miss E. Weber beat Miss A. Schwabe and Mrs. I. Morsch, 6-15, 15-7, 15-8.

**Final**—Mrs. Kucki and Mrs. Martini beat Miss Vogel and Miss Weber, 15-9, 15-10.

### MIXED DOUBLES

**Semi-finals**—H. Lösche and Mrs. M. Schulta Jansen beat K. H. Garbers and Mrs. K. Kucki, 6-15, 15-4, 15-4. R. Maywald and Mrs. M. Zizmann beat G. Kucki and Mrs. V. Martini (no scores quoted).

**Final**—Maywald and Mrs. Zizmann beat Lösche and Mrs. Schulta Jansen, 15-2, 15-7.

## The 24th Finnish Championships

The 1978 National Championships of Finland took place at Helsinki on February 11th and 12th. Lars-Henrik Nybergh won the men's singles for the seventh time in eight years, the last five consecutively, and Miss Raija Koivisto took the ladies' singles for the third straight time, though she had a tremendous struggle in the final against the four-times former champion, Mrs. Wiola Renholm, before getting home.

All the doubles changed hands, though Nybergh repeated his men's successes of the past two years with a different partner, Thomas Westerholm, who along with Miss Peggy Falcken won a national title for the first time. Final results:—

**Men's Singles**—L. H. Nybergh beat J. Degerth, 15-5, 15-6.

**Ladies' Singles**—Miss R. Koivisto beat Mrs. W. Renholm, 10-11, 11-5, 11-9.

**Men's Doubles**—L. H. Nybergh and T. Westerholm beat D. Monthen and C. J. Nybergh, 15-0, 15-10.

**Ladies' Doubles**—Mrs. W. Renholm and Miss P. Falcken beat Miss R. Koivisto and Mrs. A. L. Wiklund, 15-8, 15-7.

**Mixed Doubles**—J. Degerth and Mrs. W. Renholm beat D. Monthen and Mrs. B. Valtonen, 15-11, 15-5.

**Knut Engebretsen Dominates Norwegian Championships**

Knut Engebretsen was the hero of the Norwegian National Championships, held at Sandefjord from February 3rd to 5th, when he regained the men's singles and doubles titles each of which he had won twice in the past. He also won the coveted Reidar Cup, a permanent challenge trophy.

Miss Else Thoresen, still a junior, retained her ladies' singles cup, also won the ladies' doubles and was runner-up in the mixed doubles. Miss Anne Svarstad was another double winner.

Terje Osthaassel became the only new champion when he and Engebretsen dethroned the men's doubles winners for the previous four years, Petter Thoresen and Haakon Ringdal.

It was the 24th holding of the tournament which was inaugurated in 1938-39.

Final results:—

**Men's Singles**—K. Engebretsen beat P. Thoresen, 15-13, 12-15, 15-11.

**Ladies' Singles**—Miss E. Thoresen beat Miss K. Histøl, 12-10, 3-11, 11-7.

**Men's Doubles**—K. Engebretsen and T. Osthaassel beat P. Thoresen and H. Ringdal.

**Ladies' Doubles**—Miss E. Thoresen and Miss A. Svarstad beat Miss K. Histøl and Miss K. Torp.

**Mixed Doubles**—H. Ringdal and Miss A. Svarstad beat H. Sperre and Miss E. Thoresen.

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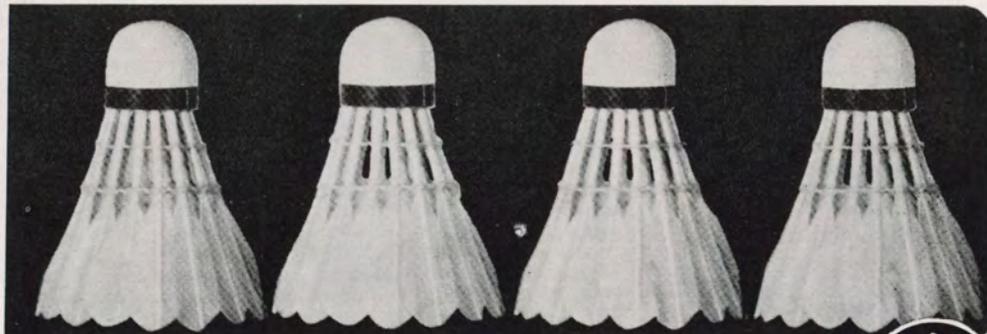
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# Looking Round the World

## Caribbeans Discuss Badminton Politics

The Annual General Meeting of the Caribbean Regional Badminton Confederation (CAREBACO) was held in Aruba on the 18th February and delegates from Jamaica, Bermuda, Surinam, Trinidad & Tobago and Aruba attended. The delegates from Guyana and Curacao were unable to attend.

The main item on the Agenda which came up for discussion was the question of CAREBACO members joining the proposed World Badminton Federation which is being set up in opposition to the existing International Badminton Federation (I.B.F.) due to the latter's failure to expel Taiwan R.O.C. The Meeting decided to defer joining the W.B.F. for the time being but the situation would be closely watched however. The Meeting further decided to support an ultimatum given by the I.B.F. to Taiwan calling on that country to drop R.O.C. from its name or face possible expulsion from the I.B.F.

The election of officers also took place and the new President of the Confederation is Mr. Henk Illes who is also President of the Surinam Association. He succeeds Mr. Leslie Dookbie of Trinidad, who had been President for the past six years, and who did not seek re-election. The post of Vice-President goes to Winston Charles of Trinidad while Rick Altman of Aruba is the new Sec./Treasurer replacing Richard Roberts of Jamaica who did not seek re-election. Members of Council are Mr. Frank Parslow of Jamaica and Mrs. Louise Leslie of Bermuda. Guyana and Curacao will also be represented on the Council.

The meeting also updated the Tournament Regulations for the Caribbean Championships and observed one minute's silence for Ro Caster, the Surinam Champion and former Caribbean Champion who had died suddenly a few weeks earlier. A special trophy in memory of Caster will be awarded annually to a junior player in the Caribbean Championships who shows the best qualities of sportsmanship.

The meeting confirmed the venue for the 1978 Caribbean Championships which will be held in Surinam from 12th to 19th November, 1978.

(Officially submitted)

## 25 Years of German Badminton

In celebration of a quarter of a century of Badminton in West Germany the Deutscher Badminton Verband recently issued a most interesting illustrated commemorative magazine-style booklet full of the most detailed statistics of the game in their country.

The association was founded on January 18th, 1953 with 14 clubs as original members. From that small number, which in all claimed only 120 active players, the total affiliations have now grown to 900 clubs with more than 50,000 active players. This seems a matter for extreme congratulation and a greatly deserved "pat on the back" for the various administrators in Germany.

The booklet gives a full account of the formation of the Association at Wiesbaden where Dr. Hans Riegel, previously the founder of the big club at Bonn, was elected the first president. The statistics quote complete records of the German National Championships, the German International Championships, which commenced as early as 1955, and of numerous other domestic competitions. With justifiable pride are the many successes of German players abroad noted, as well as a summary of the 123 international fixtures against other nations. Of these Germany has won as many as 76.

Naturally, the names of the leading German players of the period are given much prominence, and these include the several Germans who have won European Championship titles. They are Wolfgang Bochow, Roland Maywald, Willy Braun and Mrs. Irmgard Gerlatzka. Mrs. Marieluise Zizmann has three times been a runner-up, once in each branch of the game.

The statistics of Germany's international players reveal that Bochow heads the men's list with 60 appearances. He is followed by Roland Maywald with 51, Braun with 43, and by Michael Schnaase, Gerd Kucki, Karl Heinz Garbers and Franz Beinvogel, all in the thirties. Amongst the ladies' are Mrs. Zizmann with 51 appearances, Mrs. Gerlatzka with 40, and Mrs. Brigitte Steden with 34.

May the D.B.V. achieve many more landmarks in its next 25 years! It has accomplished much in the first 25.

## Slovenians Win La Plume d'Or

Slovenia won the annual Plume d'Or international team competition for Yugoslavia for the second time when her team successfully defended the honours won for the first time last year. The tournament was held at Brussels on February 25th and 26th after having been held at Lausanne twice, Lisbon, Paris and Brussels once before.

The same five countries as last year participated, but the Swiss team, after having been runner-up in 1977, fell this time to fourth place with only a narrow victory over Portugal to their credit. The results of the ten ties were as follows:—

**Yugo-Slavia (Slovenia)** beat France, 5-2; beat Switzerland, 5-2; beat Portugal, 5-2; beat Belgium, 4-3.

**Belgium** beat Switzerland, 6-1; beat Portugal, 7-0; beat France, 5-2.

**France** beat Portugal, 5-2; beat Switzerland, 6-1.

**Switzerland** beat Portugal, 4-3.

## Danish Juniors Defeated

The Danish junior team suffered an unexpected defeat from Sweden by 4 matches to 3 in the annual Nordic Junior Championships at Dröbak in Norway, but in the following days they made amends by winning four of the five individual titles. The name of Jens Peder Nierhoff seems a likely one to be heard of in the future as does that of Miss Lena Axelsson of Sweden. They became the respective singles champions. The latter is only 16.

## OBITUARY

### H. R. Banks

We greatly regret to record the death suddenly at Lausanne on February 17th of Richard Henry (Harry) Banks who was, up to the time of his passing, the technical director of the International Olympic Committee. He was 63 years of age. He had been for some time very closely in touch with leading members of the Council of the I.B.F. on the subject of Badminton's inclusion in the Olympic Games, to which he was most sympathetic, helpful and encouraging to an extent that he always gave the impression of being greatly interested.

Mr. Banks was an Englishman, and before his appointment in 1973 to I.O.C. he had been the administrative secretary to the International Amateur Boxing Association.

He left a widow and a son and daughter to whom sympathies are expressed.

### R. Caster

The death of Ro Caster, the current Men's Singles Champion of Surinam and twice Caribbean Singles Champion, was announced at the end of January by the Surinam Badminton Association.

His untimely death has come as a shock to his many friends, not only in Surinam but throughout the Caribbean where he was highly admired and respected. Caster who formerly went by the name of Ro Ebecilio dominated the badminton scene in Surinam from as far back as 1966 when he first won the Surinam National Championships. When the Caribbean Championships were inaugurated in 1972 he became the first Caribbean Singles Champion and again won the title in 1973.

R.D.R.

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**China Question** — The Council received reports on the steps being taken to form a new break-away world body. Asian members of the Council stressed that the only solution to the present difficulties would be the expulsion of the Taiwan Badminton Association but that such expulsion should only be proposed within the Rules of the Federation.

It was agreed that the continued use of the name Taiwan, plus the letters R.O.C. was inflammatory and unacceptable and it was unanimously agreed that Taiwan be instructed to remove the offending letters. Council will propose to the Annual General

Meeting in New Zealand that the Taiwan Badminton Association be expelled unless the letters R.O.C. are dropped.

**'Open Badminton'**—Proposals have been made to the Annual General Meeting to effectively legalize 'open Badminton'. Council decided that if these proposals failed they would offer to investigate the whole question with particular reference to Olympic inclusion and the different pressures toward future development and control of the game in different parts of the world.

**Membership**—An application for affiliation as a Temporary Associate Member has been received from the Asociacion Gallega de Badminton (Spain). A notice of this application has been forwarded to all national organisations in accordance with Rule 7(a).

The Asian Badminton Confederation has resigned its membership as an International Organisation. This in no way affects the membership of the various national organisations which may have belonged to it.

**National Open Championship Dates, 1978 - 79**

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

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

**May, 1978**

- 6-7 International Championships of Slovenia at Ljubljana  
(M. B. Zaletel, Kidriceva ulica 6, Ljubljana 61000, Yugo-slavia)
- 8-13 Malta International Championships  
(N. Worley, 7 Princess Flats, Princess Margaret Street, Msida)
- 10-13 Bermuda Open Championships  
(Mrs. S. P. Colclough, P.O. Box 730, Devonshire 4)
- 13-21 \*Uber Cup Inter-Zone Ties in New Zealand
- 27-29 Portuguese Open Championships at Lisbon  
(L. Barroso, Rua Arco do Cego 90-5e, Lisbon)

**June, 1978**

- 15-17 Mozambique Open Championships at Beira  
(Fed. Mozambicana de Badminton, P.O. Box 301, Beira)

**July, 1978**

- 12-16\* Pan-American Junior Championships at Vancouver, Canada

**August, 1978**

- 3-12 \*Commonwealth Games at Edmonton, Canada
- 27-2 Sept. New Zealand Championships at Christchurch  
(G. Robertson, P.O. Box 2685, Wellington)
- 28-1 Sept. Australian Championships at Melbourne  
(Hon. H. R. Ward, 10 Hillside Grove, Frankston 3199, Victoria)

**October, 1978**

- 2-7 South African Championships at Port Elizabeth  
(J. Viljoen, P.O. Box 5393, Walmer, Port Elizabeth 6065)

**November, 1978**

- 4-5 Hungarian International Championships at Budapest  
(P. Razo, H-1113 Budapest, XI Bockasai ut 38.III.I)
- 12-19 \*Caribbean Championships at Paramaribo, Surinam
- 29-2 Dec. Canadian Open Championships at Toronto  
(D. M. Follinsbee, 333 River Road, Ottawa, Ontario K1L 8B9)

**January, 1979**

- 27-28 \*Helvetia Cup at Klagenfurt, Austria

**February, 1979**

- 9-11 International Championships of the Netherlands at Beverwijk  
(Nederlandse Badminton Bond, Spaarne 13, Haarlem)
- 23-25 Belgian International Championships at Brussels  
(R. Neyns, Rue Kelle 77, 1150 Brussels)

**April, 1979**

- 14-19 \*European Junior Championships at Mülheim/Ruhr, Germany
- 15-16 All-Israel Open Championships at Ashdod  
(J. Geffen, 4/1 Nordau Street, Ashdod)

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

**NATIONAL RANKING LISTS**

**Federal Republic of Germany**

**MEN'S SINGLES**

1. M. Schnaase
2. K.-H. Zwiebler
3. R. Maywald
4. T. Winter
5. K. Geisler
6. G. Kucki
7. H.-W. Niesner
8. (H. Lösche (F. Hotze
10. G. Simon

**LADIES' SINGLES**

1. Miss E. Zwiebler
2. Miss V. Winter-Martini
3. Mrs. E. Weber
4. Mrs. J. Vogel
5. Miss M. Jansen
6. Miss A. Schwabe
7. Mrs. M. Rixen
8. Mrs. B. Igel
9. Mrs. H. Krickhaus
10. Mrs. P. Herrmann

**MEN'S DOUBLES**

1. R. Maywald and K.-H. Zwiebler
2. H. Lösche and M. Schnaase

**LADIES' DOUBLES**

1. Miss V. Winter and Miss A. Schwabe  
Mrs. E. Weber and Mrs. J. Vogel  
Mrs. M. Zizmann and Mrs. E. Zwiebler

**MIXED DOUBLES**

1. R. Maywald and Mrs. M. Zizmann
2. G. Kucki and Mrs. V. Winter

**Hungary**

**MEN'S SINGLES**

1. Imre Bereknyci
2. Ference Rolek
3. József Papp
4. István Englert
5. Béla Jankovich
6. György Vörös
7. János Cserni
8. András Révész
9. Tibor Jován
10. László Rammer

**LADIES' SINGLES**

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2. Mrs. Ildiko Bödecs
3. Miss Erzsébet Németh
4. Miss Eva Pozsik
5. Miss Zsuzsa Gläser
6. Miss Ildikó Vigh
7. Miss Eva Dargai
8. Miss Julia Dudics
9. Miss Andrea Legerszky
10. Miss Erzsébet Gindert  
Miss Eva Vigh

**Jamaica**

**MEN'S SINGLES**

1. Victor Ziadie
2. Sammy Leyow
3. Keith Palmer
4. Paul Nash
5. George Hugh

**LADIES' SINGLES**

1. Miss Jennifer Haddad
2. Miss Christine Chung
3. Miss Carol Leyow
4. Miss Marie Leyow

**Norway**

**MEN'S SINGLES**

1. Knut Engebretsen
2. Petter Thoresen
3. Haakon Ringdal
4. Geir Dahl
5. Terje Dag Osthassel
6. Jan Eftedal

**LADIES' SINGLES**

1. Miss Else Thoresen
2. Miss Kari Histöl
3. Miss Anne Svarstad
4. Miss Kjersti Torp
5. Miss Kristin Rasmussen

**MEN'S DOUBLES**

1. P. Thoresen and H. Ringdal
2. H. Nettli and H. Sperre
3. G. Dahl and J. Eftedal
4. K. Engebretsen and T. D. Osthassel
5. O. J. Kobbe and V. Meum

**LADIES' DOUBLES**

1. Miss E. Thoresen and Miss A. Svarstad
2. Miss K. Histöl and Miss K. Torp

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