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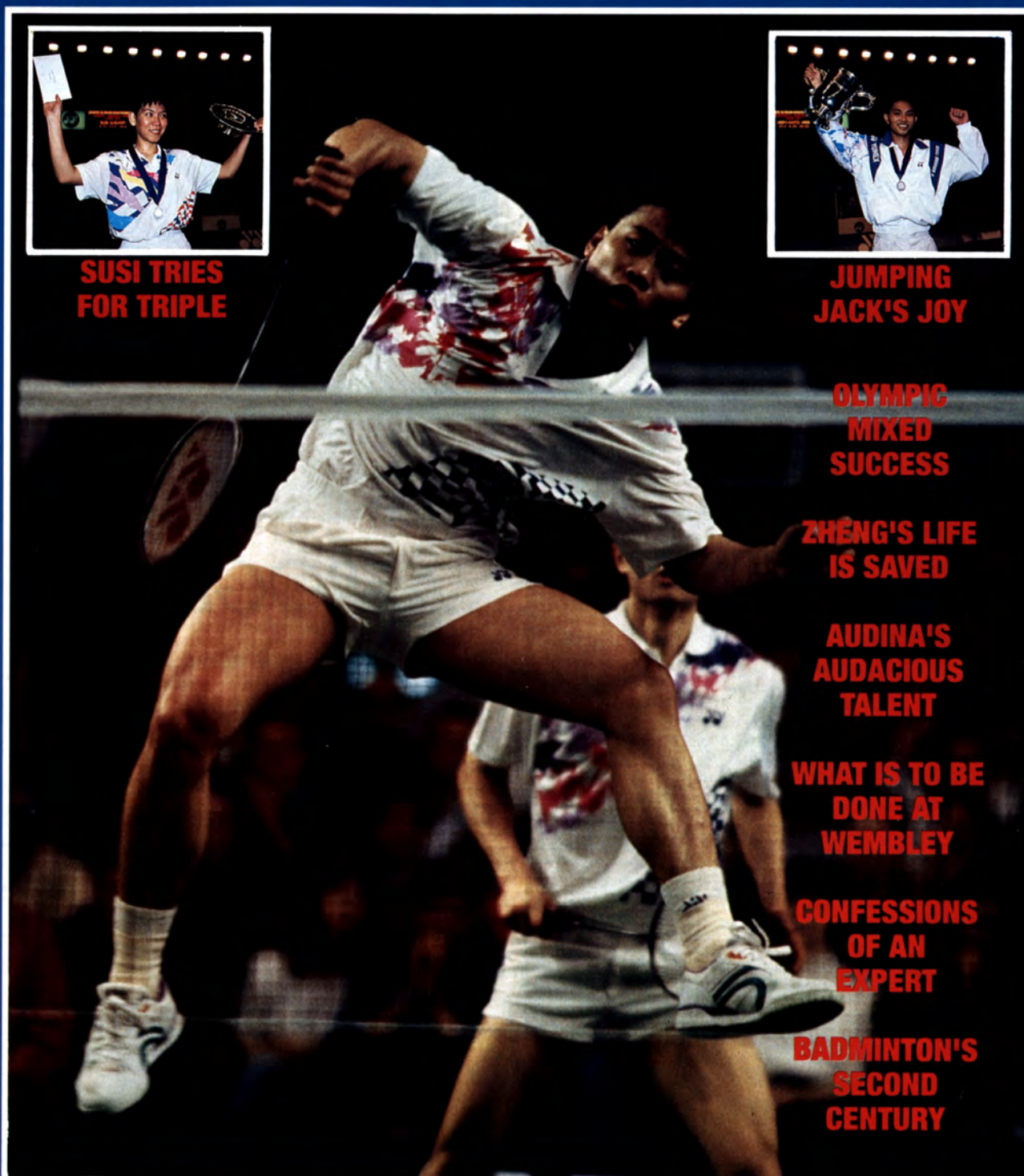
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FRONT COVER: China's Chen Hongyong (foreground) and Chen Kang. Inset: Arbi and Susanti with the All-England singles trophies



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THE BEST NEWS for badminton players in recent times has been inclusion of mixed doubles in the Olympic Games. It is important to record the work of the badminton ambassador at large, Craig Reddie, and the determination of the IBF Council with its agent, the Chairman's board, which refused to surrender any of its goals.

The other piece of recognition is gratefully due to the IOC Director of Sports Gilbert Felli who expressed an important understanding and political stance at the Sydney GAISF meeting. Felli said, "... we have to say that it is not many sports where the mixed doubles is very good for an Olympic sport.

"But we also have to take care of the sport where it is very good and must discuss with the people of this sport. If we realise that it is the best event ... of the sport we should have it. If we don't take it as an Olympic sport maybe it is going to split between men and women."

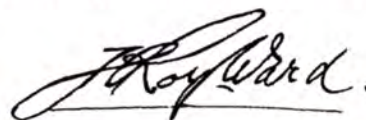
Badminton does not overlook the significance to its progress of Juan Antonio Samaranch, who witnessed the best badminton ever played — and it was mixed doubles at the last World Championships.

Now it is interesting that the scoring system is being investigated. No-one denies the right to question any part of our sport but there should not be change just for the sake of change, like the length of women's skirts.

Badminton always had the tie-breaker which was adopted in another form by tennis. Now the more sedate game of lawn bowls is seriously looking at the badminton 'setting'. Squash Rackets moved its scoring from nine to fifteen points on its men's circuit.

However, have there been thoughts of changing ends at eight (for men) or to six (for women) to give the sponsors some viewing time, and allow the "expert" commentators an opportunity to tell the players "how to win"? And what about Gillian Clark's idea of a one minute time-out in each game?

Badminton is in the Olympics, and has five other major events. So it should get the scoring settled forthwith and present the game as a major sport with a good image and not a recreation at a church picnic.



Second century of badminton

ORGANISED badminton begins its second century well placed for a period of "solid growth and development," said Arthur Jones, President of the IBF, in his annual report.

Jones was commenting on the international situation in which badminton finds itself one hundred years after its birth as an administrative entity (in a terraced house in Portsmouth, England in 1893). About 41 years after that, the same English organisation spawned the IBF.

"During the last 50 years the fascination of hitting a shuttle has gripped the peoples of five continents," said Jones. "It was fitting therefore that 1992 not only witnessed memorable competitions, but also leaves the Federation financially, administratively and mentally poised for a period of solid growth and development."

The viewing figures at the Olympics topped one billion, the Thomas and Uber Cups had record entries and outstanding matches, South Africa returned to international competition, and Indonesia set a high standard with the first world junior championships. The first IBF Executive Director, David Shaw, inherited business committee

activities ably built up by Craig Reddie over ten years.

The one disappointment was the absence of mixed doubles at the Olympics in Barcelona. "A major part of our game, founded in involvement of the family, continues to be sacrificed because of external pressures far removed from the point in question," said Jones. (Mixed doubles has now been accepted for Atlanta).

Research is being done on other scoring systems and ranking lists. "I suspect the majority are not willing to accept another scoring system and that supporters of an alternative ranking system do not appreciate the value of what has already been done, preferring instead a system open to manipulation."

Jones added, "... if I had one wish for the future, it would be that everyone involved raises their eyes to think of just one level above" ... club members to region, regional organisers to nation, nations to the IBF, and those in the IBF to badminton in the context of world sport.



Arthur Jones

PENALTIES PREPARED

Penalties to be imposed for players' withdrawals from events are likely to be agreed and prepared for approval at the World Championships in Birmingham.

A major part of the work of the IBF's Open Committee has been involved with this and the framing of appropriate regulations, says a y s Chairman Tom Bacher in his annual report.

If the efforts of the Open Committee and of the Rules and Laws Committee do result in the passing of a penalties procedure by the IBF Council, it will be an important step forward. Players' withdrawals after the closing date for entries, and also during tournaments, created serious problems in the qualifying period for the Olympics.

Some withdrawals may have been made for tactical reasons to enhance world ranking prospects. Occasionally these even took place after a player

had won a round or two, and departed with little medical evidence to justify it.

Bacher also welcomed the work being done on the players' code of conduct, which is almost complete. "We remain concerned" says Gill Clark, the chairperson of the Badminton Players Federation in her report, "that this code, along with rules for Grand Prix tournaments, will not be effective until a procedure for the imposition of penalties or fines is agreed by the IBF council."

She may soon have her wish. However her report identifies a "cause for regret: as a result of the (Olympic) qualifying regulations imposed by the IBF, some of the unique qualities of friendship between competitors in our sport were abandoned." A working group is currently considering the regulations for Atlanta in 1996.



Gill Clark

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INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

1993	Week ending	Prize Money	G.P. star rating	Event
June	6th			SUDIRMAN CUP (25-30/5) AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (31/5-6/6) Birmingham, England Mediterranean Cup (ITA) Europe vs Asia (Belfast, N. Ireland 8/6) 1st Blumenau Tournament (Blumenau, BRA 10-13)
	13th			XVII SEA Games (SIN 12-20)
July	4th			Panamerican Championships (Guatemala City, GUA 27/6-4/7)
	11th			Island Games (Badminton Event) (Isle of Wight ENG 3-10)
	18th	US\$180,000	*****	Malaysian Open (Kuching 13-17) Maccabiah Games, (Badminton Event) (Holon, ISR 7-14)
	25th	US\$166,000	*****	Indonesian Open (Jakarta 21-25) 17th World Games for the Deaf (Sofia, BUL 24/7-2/8)
August	8th			Botswana Invitation (Gaborone 6-8)
	15th			Carebaco Championships (BAR 7-14)
	22nd			Euro Challenge (Vienna, AUT 20-22) Indian Ocean Island Games (SEY 21-29)
				3rd Sao Paulo University Tournament (Campinas BRA 14-15, 21-22)
September	5th	US\$155,000		WORLD CUP (1-5) New Delhi (IND) Danube Cup Team (Debrecen, HUN 28-29)
		US\$31,000		Hamburg Cup (Hamburg, GER 3-5) New Zealand International (Hamilton 31/8-4/9)
	12th			Australian International
	19th			Wimbledon (ENG)
	26th	US\$35,000		Canadian Open Cyprus International
				Uppsala International (SWE 17-19)
				U.S. Open (Los Angeles 20-26) Mauritius
				Europe Cup (Kristiansand, NOR)
October	3rd	US\$60,000		Romanian Junior (Timisoara 24-26)
	10th			German Open (Leverkuseu, 30/9-3/10) Czech (Kladno, 30/9-3/10)
	17th			Mozambique Junior
	24th			Dutch Open 3rd Brazil International (9-12)
	31st	US\$10,000		Danish Open Finnish Open Turkish (Ankara 25-29)
				Slovenia (Ljubljana, 22-24)
November	7th			Russian Open (Moscow 29-31) Czech Junior
	14th			Hong Kong Open Hungary (Budapest 5-7)
	21st			China Open Norwegian (12-14 Sandefjord)
	28th			Thailand Open (Bangkok 16-21) Bulgaria (Sofia 19-21)
				8th Sao Paulo Cup (Sao Paulo 13-14, 20-21)
December	5th			Scottish Open (Glasgow 24-28) Romanian (Bucharest 26-28)
	12th			Welsh (Cardiff 2-4)
	19th			Irish (Dublin 10-12)
				Tanzania
				WORLD GRAND PRIX FINALS (15-19) Spain
1994				
January	16th			Chinese Taipei Open Portuguese (Lisbon 14-16)
	23rd			Japan Open Finlandia Cup (Kladno, TCH)
February	30th			Korean Open Reserved for National Championships
	6th			Fajr (Tehran, IRI)
	13th			La Chaux-de-Fonds (SUI 10-13)
March	27th			THOMAS & UBER CUP PRELIMINARIES (20-27)
	6th			Swiss Open (Basel 2-6)
	13th			Swedish Open Iceland
	20th			Dutch Junior
	27th			All England
April	3rd			German Junior
	17th			French Open (Paris 24-27) Polish International (Kielec 31/3-3/4)
				European Senior Championships (den Bosch, NED 10-17)
				Asian Championships
				African Senior Championships
May	24th			Israel
	1st			Austrian International (Pressbaum)
	8th			Victor Cup (Salzgitter, GER 29/4-1/5)
				3rd World University Championships (Prague, CZE 29/4-1/5)
				Malta International
				Bermuda (4-7)
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Mixed delight at Atlanta

by RICHARD EATON

THE International Badminton Federation scored a far bigger triumph than many people realised when it succeeded in having mixed doubles added to the programme for the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996.

This success will help preserve something delightful in the traditional character of badminton by having included an event demonstrating physical strength is not always the dominant ingredient.

At the same time it pioneers something rare in modern professional sport, by showing that men and women can compete together well. Both sexes are also involved together in equestrian, archery and shooting — but many of them are part-timers or amateurs.

The success has also changed the political climate within the International Olympic Committee (IOC). To accept mixed doubles the IOC executive board overturned the recommendation of the Programme Commission headed by former tennis chief Philippe Chatrier, who had opposed mixed doubles in racket sports.

It may even have rescued the women's game. Gill Clark, chairperson of the players' association, certainly thinks so. "This is wonderful news of huge significance for the future of badminton."

Jon Holst-Christensen and Grete Mogensen, the new All-England mixed champions, could benefit from the Atlanta decision if they continue their partnership



Craig Reddie, Badminton politician extraordinary, and Olympic negotiator

It is far more important than is generally understood," she said.

"It has not just helped to save mixed doubles. It has probably helped save the whole of the women's game. Some of the leading tournaments, especially in the Far East, had been considering going over to men only events. Now there should be a lot more incentive to put extra funding into the women's game."

The breakthrough was announced by IOC Sports Director Gilbert Felli, who stuck to his undertaking at the 1991 GAISF conference in Sydney, that "we

Thomas Lund, world's best mixed player



have to take care of the sport where it (mixed doubles) is very good." He had been replying to a question from IBF Vice President Roy Ward (Editor of World Badminton) who challenged the IOC to introduce mixed doubles within the established Olympic quota of 192 players.

Felli added: "If we don't take mixed doubles as an Olympic event maybe badminton is going to split between men and women." IBF Honorary Life Vice President Craig Reddie, the strongest advocate for the inclusion of mixed doubles, highly commended the integrity of Gilbert Felli in recognising the best interests of the sport.

The revival which mixed doubles should now enjoy will come too late for Chung Myung-Hee, one of the best doubles players, women's or mixed, that the world has ever seen. The South Korean did not compete in Barcelona partly because mixed doubles was excluded from badminton's Olympic debut.

But it could be of considerable help to Denmark's Thomas Lund, regarded by many as the finest doubles player in the world at the moment, and certainly the most successful man at mixed. It should be a great stimulus to China, Indonesia and South Korea, who may put as much into mixed as they have the other four events, and an encouragement to those areas of the globe where mixed has always been a traditional event.

It will also help keep that very special flavour of so many badminton tournaments at all levels, in which both sexes mingle happily. A blow has been struck simultaneously for unity and equality.

Chung Myung-Hee — a chance to late





Susi tries for triple triumph



Susi Susanti — triple trier

A RECORD ENTRY AT THE WORLDS

THE biggest badminton event in the game's history is the World Championships at the National Indoor Arena, Birmingham, England, from May 25th till June 6th. The deadline date for entries revealed a total of 46 countries for the tournament, which is sponsored by the soft drinks company, 7-UP.

The total increased to exactly 50 countries after the IBF clarified last moment details with Mexico, Peru, Nepal and others. Many new nations have emerged since the previous World Championships, at Copenhagen in 1991, enjoyed a record 48 participating countries. Thus Birmingham will see visitors from Belarus, Slovakia, Ukraine, Slovenia, Lithuania and Kazakhstan.

An important reason for the growing size and success of the World Championships is the growing status of the Sudirman Cup team event. It started in Jakarta in 1989 and proved popular in the way it highlighted an under-exposed aspect of the sport in Copenhagen.

This happened when South Korea took the title, thanks to its expertise in doubles. The Sudirman Cup has the format of one each of the five disciplines of badminton — men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles. The Koreans won through its strength in the three doubles events.

In so doing, South Korea avenged their defeat in Jakarta which had occurred in one of the most dramatic matches of all time. They led the home team Indonesia 2-0, and then in the third contest reached match point when Lee Young Suk was a game and

10-6 up against Susi Susanti.

Incredibly, Susanti saved the point, the game and the match, and Indonesia recovered to win 3-2. But the South Koreans were superior in Copenhagen, and interest has mushroomed to see whether either of these two nations, or the Chinese, or the improving Danes will win it this time.

The Koreans will be without four doubles legends, who have retired — Park Joo-Bong, Kim Moon-Soo, Hwang Hye-Young and Chung Myung-Hee, but have some good replacements. The Indonesians, with Susanti now the Olympic champion, and with a brilliant new star in Heryanto Arbi, may be slight favourites — but for the first time the Sudirman Cup could be a genuine four-horse race.

The individual events have too many possible title candidates to name them all, but this proliferation should ensure the second week is a big success. Among the questions to be answered are whether Arbi can add the World to the All-England title he won in March, perhaps with Denmark's Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen as the most dangerous challenger; and whether Olympic champion Susanti can fend off South Korea's Bang Soo-Hyun and China's Ye Zhaoying, both of whom have beaten her this year.

China's two world singles champions, Zhao Jianhua and Tang Jiahong have lost ground, but could yet make their mark in Birmingham. Zhao has retired from singles but says he will try to win the mixed doubles, (a new Olympic event in Atlanta). Tang lost her all-England title when she was

beaten by Bang, but is still good enough to make a strong defence of her world women's singles title.

If Susanti wins the women's singles as the seedings say she should, she will complete a unique trio of titles — Olympic, All England and World Championship.

The men's and mixed doubles have possible winners from several countries, with Thomas Lund and Jon Holst-Christensen of Denmark, Ricky Subagja and Rexy Mainaky of Indonesia, and Chen Kang and Chen Hongyong of China, making it a particularly fascinating men's event. But Chung So-Young, who won the Olympic title with Hwang Hye-Young and the all England title with Gil Young-Ah, will be clear favourite to take the women's doubles title back from China.

Meanwhile Carlton Sports, Britain's badminton equipment specialists, have signed a sponsorship agreement for the World Championships, which includes the provision of Carlton branded products.



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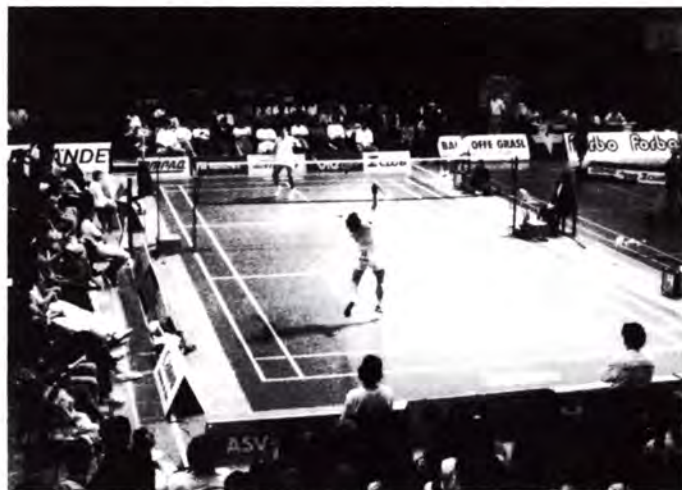
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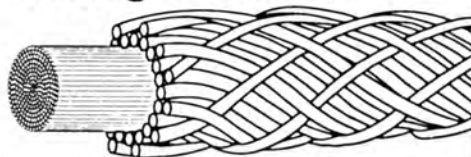
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SUSI SUSANTI shared the singles titles at Wembley in March not with her boyfriend Allan Budi Kusuma as in Barcelona in August, but with another compatriot who became labelled as Jumping Jack Flash.

He hadn't even qualified for the Olympics. He leapt from relative obscurity to become the world's outstanding player within weeks in the first half of 1993. Yet it was not this kind of elevation, but a spring-heeled ability to hurtle ceilingwards and launch rubber-spined attacks from round the head that gained him the nickname. It was Heryanto Arbi, the most exciting new star in years.

Jumping Jack's leap to fame

His 15-7, 4-15, 15-11 victory over Joko Suprianto occurred in the first all-Indonesian men's final for 15 years and made it only the second time in the tournament's history that Indonesians had won both the singles titles.

But then no Indonesian women's singles player other than the slim-limbed, flint-willed, admirable Susanti has ever held the All-England. By winning it back she captured it for the third time.

Nevertheless her 4-11, 11-4, 11-1 success over South Korean Bang Soo-Hyun, a repeat of the Barcelona final, was rather a disappointment. Susanti got well on top with her metronomic style — as in the Olympics — after an indifferent start. "I was nervous. The burden of being gold medallist is still heavy," she explained.

The men's final was often brilliant, even though it was played in a standoffishly muted atmosphere. Indonesian squad manager Leo Wiranata had rather downplayed Suprianto's long-term prospects with his pre-final remarks, but it was the older man who won the rally of the match late in the third game and who looked capable of snatching the title when he came from 1-8 down to lead 9-8.

At that stage an injury to Arbi appeared likely to scupper him. Five rallies previously he had been allowed a two-minute break to summon a pain-killing

spray and an ankle sock and to sit courtside making repairs. With the match tilting away from him he decided to ignore the discomfort and launch himself back into an airborne blitz.

A jump smash return of serve won the service back at 8-9, a breathtaking retrieve got him to 9-9, and another jump smash return, hit at a stunningly sharp angle down to the backhand, advanced Arbi to 10-9.

Suprianto won the most extraordinary exchange of all, a zigzag series of fantastic reflex jabs at 13-9 that at last woke the crowd up the quality of the play and elicited a great grin from the second seed.

But the last laugh, only moments later, was Arbi's. He won his first match point with another fast flat jabbing rally and was soon in the interview room answering questions as to how he could have risen to the top so quickly.

"By training hard at home," he answered, a little predictably, and then added: "I wanted to show I am a successor of old generations." This referred in particular to the great Liem Swie King, three times a former All-England champion, from whose club he comes. He watches videos of Liem. Some say he looks like Liem, at least when he is producing his "Jumping Jack" smashes. "Yes, I have tried to copy him," Arbi agreed.

Mr. Wiranata still reckoned



Jumping Jack (top, bottom, left and bottom right) leapt to the All-England title with spectacular jump smashes, but was not afraid to stoop, or dive, to conquer. Heryanto Arbi is captured by the camera in three different guises.

STEADY SUSI'S SUCCESS

the match of the tournament had not been this one, but Arbi's semi-final against Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen. Certainly the battle of the two 21-year-olds was a pointer to the future, and perhaps an indicator of the destination of the world title.

It was also a wonderful contrast in styles. The tall Dane's smothering reach and sudden steeply angled attacks looked capable of upsetting the acrobatic top seed, especially in the first game in which he led 6-2 and 10-7, and held two game points at 17-16.

Unaccountably Stuer allowed a high serve to drop in, letting Arbi back to 17-17; and although the second game was also an intriguing tussle, a more confident Indonesian increasingly found ways to jerk his less flexible opponent around.

Earlier Arbi had won in straight games against the World Grand Prix titleholder Rashid Sidek, the Danish Open champion Darren Hall, and the young Chinese player Hu Zhilan. Although he had needed three games to get past the Netherlands' capable Jeroen van Dijk in the first round, this may have been partly because he needed time to adjust to Wembley's unusually swirling drift and the temperate climate.

Four seeds departed early. They were South Korea's Lee Kwang-Jin (to Kent Waede Hansen of Denmark) in the first round, (Thailand's Sompol Kukasemkij (to Patrik Andreasson of Sweden) in the second round, and Kusuma (to Foo Kok-keong of Malaysia) and another Indonesian Hermawan Susanto (to Liu Jun of China) both in the third round.

The defence of Liu Jun, whose capture of the title had been derided last year, thus went a round further than expected. Foo, the alleged "old man" who became the surprise of the tournament, stopped Liu and went on to the semi-finals, despite having trailed on the first day by 4-8 in the final game to England's Anders Nielsen.

Susanti stands, Susanti stretches. Above she is alert to return serve; right she is elastic to return a drop.





BITTER BLOW FOR BENGTTSSON

Two titles for Jon Holst-Christensen

ALL ENGLAND (continued)

No such carnage emerged from the women's singles. The only seed who failed to reach the quarter-finals, Huang Hua, had withdrawn injured before the tournament began. This allowed the Commonwealth champion from England, Fiona Smith, into the last eight despite the disturbed nights she had been spending with her baby son Oliver.

"If you had asked me a couple of years ago whether I could play to that level with only this amount of sleep I would have said it was impossible," Smith said. "But the body adapts."

Otherwise it was a women's singles of revenge. Susanti avenged herself upon Bang for her defeat in January in Seoul, and in the semi-finals upon Ye Zhaoying for a defeat in the same month in Tokyo. Bang avenged herself in the other semi-final for last year's controversial final loss from match point up against world champion Tang Jiu-hong.

The women's doubles saw Chung So-Yung win the title for the fourth time — with a fourth different partner. This was Gil Young-Ah, whose sturdy performance made her good enough to replace

successfully the great Hwang Hye-Young, with whom Chung won Olympic gold.

Yao Fen and Lin Yanfen thus lost their All-England title to the South Korean combo in a final of long drawn out rallies and interminable clearing. The other leading Chinese pair, Nong Qunhua and Zhou Lei, were upset by the English pair of Julie Bradbury and Sara Sankey; but the seeded English, Gill Clark and Gillian Gowers, were brought down in the third round by the promising young Indonesians Finarsih and Lili Tampi.

The men's doubles final was easily the best, and had the most emotion-charged atmosphere. This was perhaps because it provided the first European winners of this title for ten years. But it also saw Thomas Lund and Jon Holst-Christensen recover thrillingly from 1-9 down in the final game to beat the second-seeded Chinese pair, Chen Kang and Chen Hongyong, 10-15, 15-2, 15-10.

The two Danes, whose progress had been halted by injury to Holst after winning the world silver in Copenhagen two years ago, are now

challenging to become the world's best pair. Their other Wembley victories included the third-seeded Chinese, Huang Zhangzhong and Zheng Yumin, and Indonesia's Ricky Subagja and Rexy Mainaky, the favourites, whom they overcame 18-13, 15-8 in the quarter-finals.

Most thought Lund would become this year's only winner of two All-England titles, but it turned out to be Holst. He won the mixed doubles with Grete Mogensen, whom he had telephoned for hours to persuade out of retirement. How glad she must be that he did.

They only triumphed, however, after Lund and Sweden's Catrine Bengtsson, the top seeds, retired at 1-8 in the first game. Bengtsson hopped stork-like from the court with a twisted ankle, rolled over by the advertising boards, and was agonisingly helped away.

Two months previously the player she had replaced, Lund's regular partner Pernille Dupont, had collapsed on court in Taipei with a knee injury. Would Lund want a third partner, one wondered? If so, who would

possibly volunteer now to line up with Mr. Jinx!



Chung So-Yung (above left) retained the women's doubles with her new partner Gil Young-Ah (in background). Jon Holst-Christensen (smashing, above right) won the men's doubles with Thomas Lund and the mixed with Grete Mogensen after Catrine Bengtsson's sad accident (immediately above)

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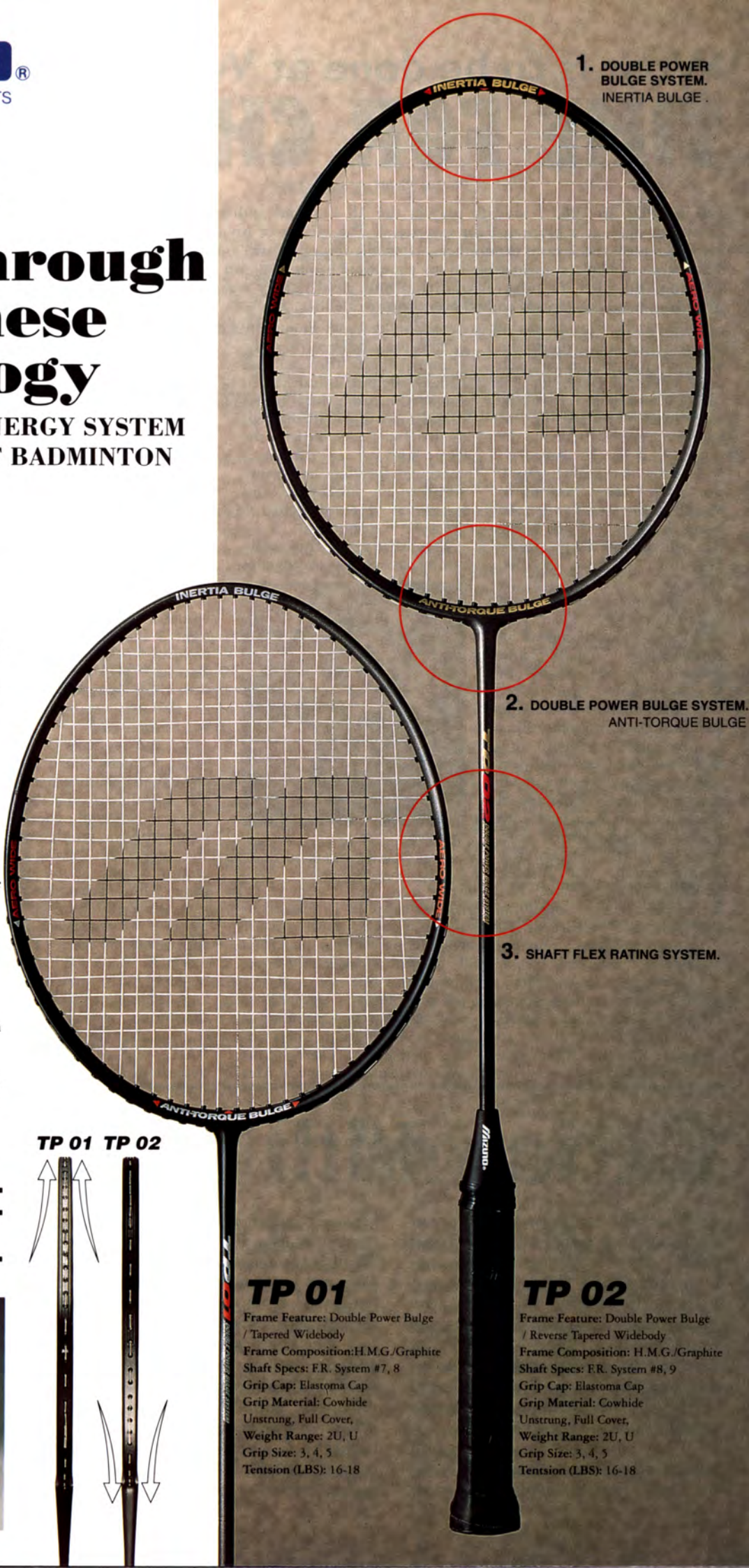
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What is to be done at Wembley? TIME FOR CHANGE

by SANJAY SHARMA

FROM 1975 to 1982 I used to play at the All England and from 1987 I have come to the championships as a journalist for my paper, The Hindu of Madras. Coming to Wembley was always a pleasant, heady experience. After all, though I was no big shakes as a shuttler, the generation of players world-wide in my time were brought up on a diet of badminton where the All England with its culture, tradition and rich history was sacrosanct. It was the most glamorous and prestigious annual event in the calendar.

The All England was a pilgrimage, not just for the champions of the present who came to corner glory, but also for the geniuses of a bygone era. . . whose grace, tactics and court presence had added to the magic and charisma of badminton at the All England. For me therefore, coming to Wembley these past years, was as much to see and talk to the likes of Erland Kops, Rudy Hartono, Gillian Gilks, Heather Nielsen, Eddy Choong, Nora Perry, etc., as it was to do my job as a journalist. And I always, always enjoyed all this, the great and knowledgeable crowd of Wembley arena, which came year after year to fill up the stands. They made everything so memorable.

It is in this context that I was shocked to see the empty stands this year. Where was that crowd that was drawn like a magnet to the All England every third week of March? There was hollowness this year, just no flavour in the ambience. The major ingredient that made the tradition and culture of All England great was somehow missing.

The Badminton Association of England press office supplied me with advanced sales figures of Wembley box office to compare past five years and they make for dreadful,

depressing reading. Popularity of this lovely game seems to be plummeting in the land that named, organised and helped spread the badminton gospel round the world. History tells us that India gave birth to the game and we in this sub-continent therefore have every right to be concerned and alarmed at what is happened to the game in the the UK.

Something is drastically wrong, as the advanced sales



Erland Kops, one of the time greats, used to be surrounded by spectators at Wembley

figures supplied to me tell us that the paying spectators are down almost 25 per cent from 1992 and a shocking 50 per cent from 1991.

I was told many reasons as to why people were not coming to see the All England. There was a deep recession. There are the World Championships in May

and June and people are saving for Birmingham. Once we get a top class British player you will see Wembley packed again . . . and so on. Well, I am afraid I do not find such reasons all that convincing simply because on TV so many things are happening suggesting the contrary.

Rugby, soccer, snooker — any matches shown on TV had packed stands. How come the recession has not hit these sports? And Wimbledon goes from strength to strength without a British champion in sight. I am sure even after the Madras prawns and the Bombay Duck played havoc with the English cricket team, the next Ashes against Australia will be a sell-out.

No, it is not recession or any other problem that is playing chaos with badminton in the UK. I really feel the IBF and BAE are not really coming to terms with the problems, with the need to change the character and scope of the game. More interest has to be generated by the game, as many worried observers are suggesting, as sport becomes more TV oriented. What should be done? Well, I am sure more knowledgeable and saner heads than mine must be pondering the problem in the IBF and BAE. Still, however hypothetical they may sound,



The All England minus the crowds

here are a few suggestions.

After much persuasion from Indian Olympic Association and from sports federations, the government of India has agreed that TV time must be allotted to minority sports. Badminton, as a minority sport in a country where apart from cricket every sport is a minority, is now assured of up to 30-40 hours of coverage every year including live coverages of senior/Junior Nationals. Maybe the British Olympic Association and BAE can try something similar.

If TV demands, scoring pattern should be changed to make the game more exciting. Rather than winning points on serves, winning points on every rally with service changing hands every three points seems more practical, with a men's singles match of best of five games and each game of 15 points. This will make badminton more talent and stamina oriented rather than just stamina oriented as it is today. An old Indian proverb says, "To survive and prosper, one must and should change one's way of thinking." Badminton seems to be fast reaching that crossroad. If change is not sought, its very existence in UK, as the spectators' non-presence at the All England shows, is threatened. That would be a big blow to the game world-wide.

Giving with one hand —

All-England attendances were down by only two percent more than predicted, according to the Events Director of the Badminton Association of England, Tom Marrs. The overall reduction in spectators was 17% since 1992 — and 15% of that had been predicted, because of the proximity of the Wembley event to the World Championships two months later in Birmingham.

"What happened was perhaps to be expected," said Marrs. "There is no way our tournament or our sport

can be compared with major sports or events, like Test match cricket or Wimbledon tennis."

Marrs' responses to criticisms in Sanjay Sharma's article have been several. Most important was to point out that there are only about five sporting events in Britain which television will pay to cover (like Test matches and Wimbledon); the others either get nothing, or have to pay themselves to get any TV coverage. The All-England is in the latter category, and £41,000 was the

cost of getting television for Saturday's finals alone.

As for government assistance, more could be done in Britain by financial methods than by legislation. Whilst India's laws requiring TV coverage of minority sports might be admirable, such dictates are unlikely to take root in the current economic and political climate of Britain. However Sharma's criticisms could be redirected towards the desirability of a change of government attitudes



Li Jun may have the ability to capture another big title, as his abilities shown here suggest. Above he reaches high in attack. Below he stays steady and balanced whilst stretching in defence



Liu Jun — so late but still so good

Liu Jun caused a sensation by winning the 1992 All-England title, beating his compatriot Zhao Jianhua, the top seeded world champion, in the final. It enabled him to qualify for the Olympic debut of badminton in Barcelona last July. He defended his All-England title by unexpectedly beating the Olympic bronze medallist Hermawan Susanto before going out in the quarter-finals. But what sort of person is Liu Jun? JACKIE ROWAN finds out more about him.

LIU JUN did not actually start playing badminton until he was 15 years old. It is very rare in China to start playing so late and become so good.

Before he discovered his talent for badminton he played football in Jiangxi. His father is a volleyball coach for the Jiangxi team and his brother, Liu Wen, (26) also plays volleyball.

Liu, who is 24, was introduced to badminton by his mother. She coached him until his move to Beijing at the age of 18 and recently she spent some time as the United States Badminton Association's national coach.

When he is not training, Liu Jun still enjoys playing football. He also likes photography and listening to music, especially love songs. When asked if he sings he replies he does Karaoke but only when he is alone! It seems there is a mixture of ingredients in his soul as he also like romantic films as well as horror.

Liu Jun will compete in the World Championships and in a men's singles event in which there are many top players of a similar standard, Liu Jun has as much chance as anyone of snatching the title. He has beaten all of the top players, including Ardy Wiranata, Wu Wenkai, Hermawan Susanto, Heryanto Arbi and Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen —

most of them more than once. He feels he can beat everyone if he makes more effort and trains harder. He also feels he can improve his game over the next year.

Liu Jun now has four World Grand Prix titles under his belt and also a World Championship Bronze Medal from Copenhagen in 1991. He considers last year's All England title was his best result although he says in China this is not recognised as an achievement as much as, say, the World Championships, Thomas Cup or Olympic Games.

Although Liu has beaten Ardy Wiranata on many occasions he cites him as the player he admires most, mainly because of Ardy's outstanding fighting spirit. Liu's method of beating Ardy is to attack him.

Liu Jun is a friendly an open person and enjoys seeing familiar faces and making friends. He is keen to improve his English so he can communicate more. The English he speaks now he has taught himself. When asked who was his best friend he said he liked everyone, but when pushed he said his best friend is Zhao Jianhua.

and taking with the other

towards funding.

"It's disgraceful the way the Sports Council dispenses £52 million with one hand, and with the other take far more than that back in Value Added Tax," Marrs claimed. "With this year's World Championships we will almost pay as much in VAT to the government through ticket sales as we receive in grant aid. The government pays peanuts, and takes so much out in VAT and corporation tax."

As for changes in badminton

scoring, Marrs is not unsympathetic to experiments. Nor has the IBF rejected the idea. But the successful badminton countries of the Far East understandably seem unwilling to agree to scoring changes whilst they are doing so well competitively and financially. They may also dispute that scoring changes would help other countries.

Marrs concedes that Sharma's article may have a point about marketing. "This is our weakness," he admitted. "But there are reasons

for it. I am completely a one-man band, with some part-time help. We have to live within our budget and staffing time.

"And proper marketing means money. Operating within a governing body rather than something like IMG means you have to be involved with things like inter-county championships and other events. And there are only so many hours in the day. So then it comes down to priorities. Where do we spend the time and the money?"

RECORD ENTRY AT FRENCH OPEN Hendrawan and Yao Yan spring surprises in

Paris

by BRUNO BERT

With a new record entry of 278 players, a large crowd of about 4,000 on Sunday, and some exciting finals, the 1993 French Open may be considered as successful as its predecessors.

Most of the players from 23 countries were rather young but of great promise. Among them were some experienced stars, including four Olympic medalists. The two strongest teams were from China and Indonesia, to the great pleasure of the tournament sponsor, Tang Freres, who trades in Far East food products.

For the new European players the main lesson to be learned, looking ahead to the Atlanta Olympic Games, is that their Asian opponents will be as hard to beat as those of the past generation.

The men's singles was the most interesting event, although (or because?) the final brought together two unseeded and little known players, the Indonesian, Hendrawan, and the Dane, Soren Nielsen. Most of the seeded players fell during the early rounds, such as the Europeans, Jeroen Van Dijk, Oliver Pongratz, Robert Liljequist and the top seeded Chinese player, Dong Jiong.

The latter was beaten in three close games by the eventual winner Hendrawan. The brilliant Indonesian subsequently eliminated another Chinese,

Ge Cheng (a kind of Zhao double) and in the semi-final, Peter Bush. The Englishman, very sound during his previous matches, was unable to resist Hendrawan's skill.

Soren Nielsen came to Paris determined to further his claim to international representative honours. This he succeeded in doing by beating the Indonesian Lioe Tiong Ping and the Swede Rickard Magnusson (both in three games), the

the quarter-finals, and the top four the semi-finals. Ye Zhaoying, ranked three in the world, seemed to have the best chance after defeating her team mate Hu Ning. However, the surprise came from fellow teenager Yao Yan. She demolished Indonesia's Minarti Timur before appearing more resilient than her tall opponent in the final.

It was less surprising to see three Chinese pairs in the women's doubles semi-

without losing a game even to the top-seeded Chinese Yu Yong and Liu Di. Their last opponents were Haditono and Sugiono, who had more difficulty in reaching the final, especially in the quarter-finals against the excellent English pair of Hunt and Robertson.

Only a few days after the announcement of its introduction at the Atlanta Olympic Games, the mixed doubles had particular interest. Once again the European's are warned, some good Asian pairs are candidates for medals.

The Chinese combination of Liu Jianjun and Wang Xiaoyuan, along with Chen Xingdong and Sun Man played the final of the 1992 French Open. Both were defeated this year by Indonesian pairs, respectively Miranat and Eliza and Gunawan and Tendeau.

It was interesting to see the latter, heaped with honours in level doubles but rarely playing together, with the notable exception of a success in a World Cup. Miranat and Eliza are one of the best pairs in the world, and continued to show it by winning the title.



Confirming their leadership, Yao Fen and Lin Yan Fen

Austrian Jurgen Koch, the Indian Gopi Chand, and the last Chinese player, Lin Liwen, again in three games.

The final was expected to be close. Hendrawan was dominant at the start, playing a fast game and very sharp at the net. But the brave Dane, supported by the crowd, came back fighting to take the second game 18-14. The decider was evenly balanced, until the Indonesian speeded up the last rallies to take the title.

The story was different in the ladies' singles. Seven seeds out of eight reached

final. Yao Fen and Lin Yanfen confirmed their current world leadership in dominating the world champion Nong Qunhua and her new partner Zhou Lei. The best challengers to the might of the Chinese were the Dutch pair of Eline Coene and Erica Van den Heuvel, who ousted Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen and Lotte Olsen of Denmark and then forced Nong and Zhou to three games in the semi-final.

The men's doubles was an Indonesian affair, the eventual winners Kantono and Antonius having an untroubled course to the final,



Ya Zhaoying — surprise defeat



Rubber armed champion — Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen, the new European threat on the world circuit (left). Women's winners — Bang Soo-Hyun in singles (top) and Chung So-Young with Gil Young-Ah in doubles (immediately above).

Thomas wins with a rubber arm

SWEDISH OPEN REPORT
by ROGER JOHANSSON

This year's Swedish Open was organised for the third time in Taby, Stockholm. Next year the competition will be held in the old university city in Lund in southern Sweden only a few kilometres away from Malmö. After three years the small details were well in hand and well taken care of and the final remark made by the referee Hans Lenkert was, "I have never been involved in such a quiet event with such nice players."

Participants came from more or less all major badminton nations, Korea and Denmark having the largest contingents, and India appearing with a completely new team of 15 young players. Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand came with their strongest players. Only the Chinese top players were missing.

It should be noted that highlights from the tournament were broadcast in the Gillette Sport Special series which is seen in 104 different countries and 145 different TV networks.

Despite this good media support, there were not enough sponsors.

The tournament itself did not provide many real upsets but some results are worth mentioning. In the men's singles the final was played between the two Danes, Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen and Poul-Erik Hoyer-

Larsen. This was an interesting contest with Thomas in the lead most of the time and Poul-Erik coming after him towards the end of each game. Thomas took a big lead in the third game but somehow knew that he could win his first grand prix title even though Poul-Erik's intense chase created a thrilling situation. Struggling with a very obvious "rubber arm" towards the end of the game. Thomas managed to win 15-7, 14-17, 15-13. Let's all congratulate the ambitious Dane on this victory. On his way he defeated Rashid Sidek in three games and the young Swedish champion Thomas Johansson, who in turn had defeated Fung Permadi from Indonesia in three games.

The women's singles final was played between the two Koreans Bang Soo Hyun and Lee Heung Soon, with Bang winning in two straight games.

In the men's doubles the two Indonesians Rexy Mainaky and Ricky Subagja played fast and aggressively and in the semi-finals defeated the Sideks, Jalani and Razif, 15-10, 15-8. This was followed up with 15-12, 15-10 win in the final against the Swedish pair of Peter Axelsson and Par-

Gunnar Jonsson. It was a good match but the Indonesians were quicker.

In the women's doubles the two top seeded pairs played the final. The Koreans, Chung and Gil, defeated the Swedish pair Lim and Magnusson, two straight games, 15-9, 15-11.

Finally the mixed proved to be the new partners' event in which the Danish-Swedish combination of Thomas Lund and Catrine Bengtsson played the Anglo-Swedish pair of Gillian Gowers and Peter Axelsson in the final. Gowers and Axelsson had in the semi-final defeated Jonsson and Maria Bengtsson which was a surprise. Gowers and Axelsson had only had a short time to practise together but experienced players as they are, they started out very well in their first tournament together.

The result in the final was Lund and Catrine Bengtsson winning 15-4, 15-10. We will all be looking forward to seeing these new pairs in future tournaments. Sweden had players in three out of five finals which was a positive thing in attracting the spectators all through the tournament.

Confessions of an expert

by HANS MØLLER

HOW easy is it to become an expert? I confess that I have never been national champion in badminton. Nobody has ever considered my name for the All-England qualification. In fact I don't remember ever having won just a minor tournament (even for media people). I can't tell the players whether to move half a step forward or two steps backward. I attended years ago a course for umpires, but failed to turn up for the examination and I was scrapped after the match on the only occasion when I was a linesman.

But they call me expert of badminton! They say it in IBF, they write it in the press and they even occasionally tell it on television.

I daresay that, thanks to badminton, I have close friends in most parts of the world from Japan to USA and from Iceland to Australia, and quite a few of them know me so well that they must realise I am no expert.

Now in (semi) retirement the thought has struck me: is it because these people want to be kind to me or have I misled them during almost 40 years I have followed badminton?

No. I think the answer has to be found somewhere else. As a journalist I have been one of these relatively few but lucky people that has access to facilities that bring my words out in the great big world. A lot of people can do it better and I sometimes ask myself why my words, my opinions are better than porter Brown's or teacher Nagono's. They are not, but I have become an "expert" because I have got what they haven't: access to the right facilities.

Facing that responsibility I have always endeavoured to write what is fair whether or not it contradicts other opinions. Some of my judgements may have proved wrong, but I got a lift during the Thomas/Uber Cup qualification competition in Ostend in 1984 when I was approached by an African official who asked me: "Are you the Hans Møller?"

I had to admit I was and asked why he was apparently pleased to meet me.

"You are the only one who deals with controversial matters and criticises the IBF if necessary in World

Badminton," he said.

OK. Since then World Badminton has acquired more professional management, but it leads me to play a little with the chief editor's idea. This is to write a few articles of the funny and unforgettable experiences I have had during those 40 years.



Words of Wisdom — Hans Møller (right) catches the ear of Camilla Martin, the Danish national champion.

I'm writing in English (at least I try to), IBF's official language. English is said to be easy to learn but mind you there are many pitfalls. We "outsiders" often discover our deficiency in the language as my Indian friend Shri Ram Chadha pointed out when telling us that there is no egg in an eggplant, neither pine nor apple in pineapple, that sweet breads are meat and sweet meats candy. Quite a lot and quite a few are alike, and overlook and oversee are opposites; not

to mention that when you wind up your watch you start it, but when you wind up your speech you end it.

Yes, the English language can be illogical and difficult, but can also cause trouble to the people that speak it every day.

When going to the big badminton events in Great



"Oh yes Sir. Here we have a Mr. Frank with somebody"

Trouble can also occur among people like myself who do not speak English every day. My pronunciation differs from the native pronunciation and if you go to the Far East you will find another accent. When these two deviations meet you will sometimes get the most funny incidents — as for instance when after a hard day in China I joined two of the Danish badminton leaders in the restaurant in the hotel in Beijing.

"Could we have three Irish Coffees please."

"Yes sir" answered the waiter and returned with three glasses containing hot coffee and ice cream.

"We didn't order that."

"Yes sir, you asked for three ice-coffee."

Not to mention my friend who asked for pastry and got a fried plaice — for dessert!

The Japanese have problems with 'L' and 'R' in the latin alphabet. They used to issue a lanking list instead of a ranking list, and another of the funniest examples was heard recently when a Japanese explained the absence of a countryman who was fighting an erection. —???

Yes he tries to get enough votes to become chairman.

Another linguistic problem is pronunciation of names and I often wonder how the Asian players understand when they are called to the court in a European tournament (and vice-versa) — but I'll return to names in the next article.

Britain the Danish media people used to book accommodation together, and one year when we arrived at the hotel everybody got his room except Denmark's radio reporter, my good colleague Frank With.

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SEQUENCE OF SURVIVAL — Photographer Edwin Lewing's circle of pictures show how Zheng Yumin's life was saved after his unexpected collapse in the first game of the second doubles when the drama started. Zheng instantly collapsed and became unconscious. Picture 4 (below) illustrates the ring of officials hand-in-hand around the court, protecting Zheng and his stretcher. Picture 6 (below) shows the stretchered exit. Picture 7 (top right) accompanies the visit to Zheng's hospital bedside of Lu...



Zheng's

by TITUS K. KURNIAWAN

IMAY HENDRA was serving to Zheng Yumin with the score at 2-0 in the first game of the second doubles when the drama started. Zheng instantly collapsed and became unconscious.

The way he fell, with his left hand thrown up, made some people think he had cramp. But when he started twitching and trying to swallow his tongue, pandemonium broke loose.

Many panicked and the tournament's medical service did not appear to know what to do. Luckily there were two doctors in the crowd, who came to the court and checked Zheng's pulse. This was almost undetectable and very weak.

One of the medics, Dr. Mohan, said Zheng had suffered "involuntary

contraction of muscles and was unable to breathe". He was given chest massage, and mouth to mouth resuscitation but did not respond. The situation was critical.

At that stage three more doctors from St. Johns Ambulance service rushed on to give electric shock treatment, which may have saved him. Within five minutes the medical crew from Tang Shiu Kin Hospital arrived, with proper emergency equipment, including oxygen. Then he was safe.

The lesson to be learnt is that every tournament must have oxygen available, as well as the usual physiotherapy and antiseptic supplies. Zheng had been in good health, without any hints of doubt in his medical report in February, yet nearly





the ABC championships. Picture 1 (top left) shows medics cautious about turning him over, lest his condition worsen. Picture 2 (middle left) sees Zheng receiving doctors. Picture 5 (above) depicts IBF Vice-President Titus Kurniadi reporting overseas, accompanied by Richard Avery of International Management Group. Shengrong (nominee of IBF President). Seventeen days later Zheng returned to Beijing. Picture 8 (below right) speaks for itself.

Life saved

DI and SANJAY SHARMA

lost his life. Many officials and players were in tears.

Zheng regained consciousness in Tang Shiu Hospital, and ABC Secretary General Punch Gunalan was able to announce at a press conference that the player "was breathing, though shallowly." Within an hour he was able to feel pin-pricks and doctors on duty announced: "We see no reason why Yumin will not make a full recovery."

There will however be a question mark over his future as a player. Chinese coach Huang Zhiqiang was as puzzled as anyone about the incident. "All our players have tests twice a year," he said, "and he had no previous symptoms". A more detailed report on any possible medical

deficiencies since birth was awaited.

Indonesia had been leading China 2-1 at the time of Zheng's collapse. Further competition was abandoned and the match awarded 3-2 to Indonesia. There was no ceremony for the winners, even though one had been prepared.

Indonesian coach Indra Gunawan summed up the general sentiment. "Sure, we wanted to win but not like this. Between our players there is a lot of rivalry on court. Sometimes bitter too, but off the court they are all friends. My players are deeply shocked at what has happened. We all sincerely hope and pray Yumin recovers fully and soon."

Exactly the wishes of the entire badminton fraternity.



Seiko Asian Championships

by SANJAY SHARMA

THE \$30,000 Asian men's team championships, sponsored by Seiko and played at the magnificent Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Hong Kong, not only attracted the best players who played great matches, but will be remembered for the Zheng Yumin drama which robbed the finals of a truly great finish.

INDONESIA'S TITLE AFTER ZHENG FALLS



Huang Zhanzhong and Zheng Yumin (right) before Zheng's collapse

China had won the two previous ABC men's championships in 1987 at Samarang and in 1989 at Shanghai, when they boasted the combined geniuses of Yang Yang, Zhao Jianhua, Xiong Guobao, Tian Bingyi, Li Yongbo, etc. In those years the Chinese had an unbeatable line-up in any team championships.

But come 1992, the once mighty Chinese squad was seen to have declined. Of course the retirements of the above named had much to do with it. The Thomas Cup loss to Malaysia last year revealed the vulnerability of the Chinese.

The Indonesians, sensing their first victory over the Chinese for a long time, packed into their team the sensational Heryanto Arbi, Ardy Wiranata, Alan Budi Kusuma, Hermawan Susanto, Rexy and Ricky — the very best — to wrest the title from China (who included Liu Jun, Wu Wenkai, Chen Kang, Chen Hong Yong and Yumin).

Predictably, these two teams reached the finals after winning through their

respective groups and a semi-final knockout. Leading Group B, after defeating South Korea, Chinese-Taipei and Thailand, Indonesia defeated Thomas Cup champions, Malaysia 3-2 in the semi-finals.

The entire Sidek clan was conspicuous by its absence in this Malaysian ABC campaign. Foo Kok-Keong lost to Heryanto Aroi 6-15, 15-18 in first singles while Ardy Wiranata overcame a stiff first game challenge from Yong Hock Kin to win 15-13, 15-4. Ricky Subagja and Rexy Mainaki put the issue beyond doubt when they hammered Cheah Soon Kit and Soo Beng Kiang 15-6, 15-10. After an unbeatable 3-0 lead, Indonesia lost the last two inconsequential matches.

China led Group A with thumping victories over Malaysia, Hong Kong and Japan to clash with the surprise semi-finalists, Chinese-Taipei. They finished second in Group B with victories over South Korea and Thailand. After China whitewashed Chinese-Taipei 5-0 the stage

was set for an electrifying finals clash for the \$11,000 top prize. The show of friendship between the Taipei and China teams with players posing for photographs with each other, was much appreciated by the crowd.

The organisers could not have asked for a better final to promote, as the packed stadium suggested. The sentiments of the local Hong Kong Chinese were openly in favour of their future compatriots from across the harbour. With Bagus Setiadi being replaced in second doubles by Hermawan Susanto because of a thigh injury China had a special chance of winning the second doubles, with the first doubles poised to go either way.

The pundits were betting on the tie going full distance to the last singles match between Ardy Wiranata (not on his best form) and the 1992 Chinese national champion, Wan Zhengwen, who had also won the 1992 French Open. Had the outcome gone to the last match in a highly charged and emotional atmosphere, anything might have happened.

A highly confident Heryanto Arbi, who had never beaten Wu Wenkai in three previous encounters, said before the match: "I am playing well and I am going to win." Sure enough he was at his sensational best in a 32 minute match in which he demolished Wenkai 15-3, 15-8. Arbi, though right handed, plays a game reminiscent of Zhao Jianhua. Those powerful high leaps gave Arbi great steep angles and he dominated the net. Wu Wenkai had no chance as Arbi won the first game after leading 13-1.

The Chinese left-hander was more in the contest in the second game, even taking the lead briefly 6-4. But such was the scorching pace set by Arbi, that Wenkai just wilted under the pressure. This was indeed a command performance.

But strangely enough the world's number one pair Rexy and Ricky, who had beaten Chen Kang and Chen Hong Yong six times out of seven and who were expected to beat the top Chinese pair again, played below their best. Rexy especially made a lot of mistakes, playing soft shots from the baseline which Hong Yong, magical on the net, devoured with glee. Indonesia did lead 4-0 and 9-4 in the second game but could not stop the two Chens from winning 15-12, 18-13.

Indonesia got a 2-1 lead through Olympic champion Alan Budi Kusuma, who looked a couple of pounds overweight but, was still crafty enough to make Liu Jun dance to his tune. Though the match went to three games, Kusuma always looked in command in his 15-6, 17-18, 15-4 win. Kusuma's tactics of rotating Liu Jun between the deep backhand baseline, where the Chinese player was uncomfortable, and the



DUO AND DOUBLES — Two net shots and two partnerships. Indonesian heroes Heryanto Arbi (top left) and Allan Budi Kusuma (top right) show their balance on the backhand; Singapore's Hamid Khan and Lim Boon Leng show a defensive formation (centre right) and India's Praveen Kumar and Rajiv Bagga, an offensive formation (bottom right).

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forehand net corner, paid continuous and rich dividends. At times Liu Jun did unleash some aggressive hits but Kusuma's defence was on a song.

But this keenly fought and thoroughly absorbing tussle between the two super-powers came to a premature end when, with a score at 2-0 in the first game of the second doubles (the fourth match), the Chinese doubles specialist Zheng Yumin keeled over with what appeared to be a cardiac arrest. Indonesian Imay Hendra was serving at 0-2 when Yumin fell with a sickening thud.

This unhappy incident cast a pall over the stadium. The prize distribution ceremony was aborted and Indonesia were declared winners of the match and the tie. There were chaotic scenes but fortunately, Yumin was able to survive. Hong Kong seems to be a jinxed venue for last year a Malaysian umpire collapsed and died in the Thomas Cup preliminaries. A tearful Huang Zhanghong was later consoled when he heard his partner Yumin was out of danger.

This was the first time the ABC had been played in two divisions with the lesser powers of the continent competing in division two. India won this ten-nation category, beating Singapore 5-0 to lift the \$3,000 prize money.



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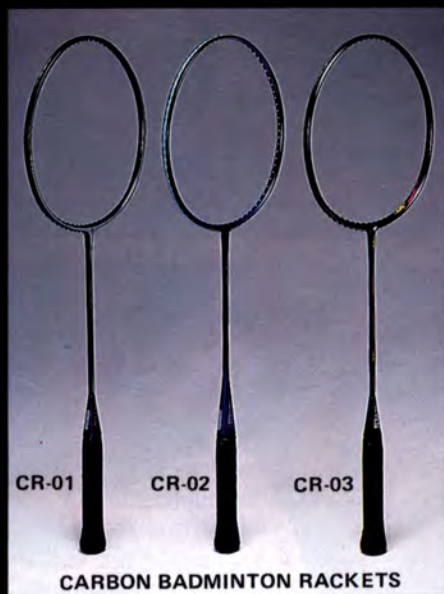


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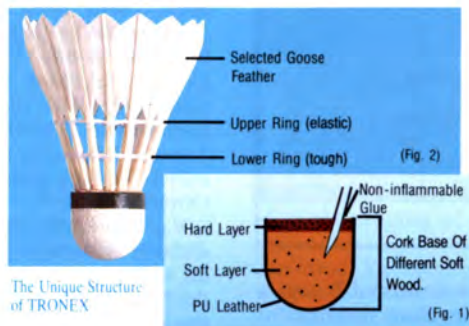
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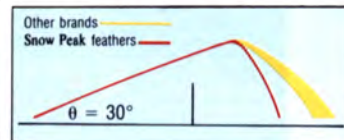


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WORLD NEWS



DENMARK — Poul-Erik Høyer's and Jon Holst-Christensen's club, Lillerød, won the Danish team championship for the first time **writes Hans Møller**. In the final Lillerød beat Thomas Lund's and Jan Paulsen's club, Kastrup 7-1.

A team match consists of 13 encounters and after seven victories the champion is found. After two mixed doubles, two women's singles and four men's singles it was all over.

Thomas Lund and Jon Holst, who form one of the best men's doubles in the world, played on each side of the net in mixed doubles. Holst and Ann Jørgensen beat Lund and Charlotte Madsen 15-8, 15-5.

In the play-off for the bronze medal Morten Frost's club, Herning, won 7-4 against Gentofte the team champions for the last four years, whose most notable players are Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen and Pernille Nedergaard. The latter was not taking part due to the foot operation that also prevented her playing in the All-England.

HUNGARY — Marketa Koudelkova won three titles and was a member of the winning Czech side in the team event at the Hungarian Junior Championships in Budapest, **writes Lajos Csanda**. Six nations, the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania,

Slovakia, Slovenia and Hungary entered. The team tournament opened the three-day event, and coaches were able to try some variations one week before the European Junior Championships in Sofia.

Six teams were divided into two groups headed by the Hungarian A team and the Czech Republic. The Slovaks did not arrive before the game started, so they were substituted by Slovenia B. There were easy wins for two seeded teams in the group matches.

The final brought a very close contest between the two group winners. Labodi beat Severa and then Czechs won the mixed. Odor won a very close match 11-12, 12-10, 11-8, against Cihlarova in the girl's singles and Hungary led again. Hungary then lost both the doubles, so the Czech Republic became the winners by 3-2.

The Czechs continued their success in the individual tournament. In the boy's singles, Kostecky had an easy win against Labodi 15-0, 15-5. It was different in the girl's singles for after winning the first game 12-10, Odor lost the next two 8-11, 10-12 to Koudelkova.

The only gold won by the Hungarians was the boy's doubles, through Labodi and Cseti. Koudelkova gained the next title in the girl's doubles with her partner Cihlarova. She crowned her performance by winning the mixed doubles with Kostecky.

SWITZERLAND — World number 27 Jeroen Van Dijk (pictured right gave a demonstration of outstanding all round badminton in the Pavillon des Sports of La Chaux-de-Fonds,

writes Jean Philippe Rawyler. During four days, the tournament was a great success. Officials of the 16 federations and the players were satisfied with their Swiss journey of 1993.

This year, the men's singles offered the best moments. Chris Bruil, despite losing to his Dutch compatriot Van Dijk in the final by 15-8, 16-18, 11-15, showed high class smashing. It was a risk-taking style which allowed him to eliminate successively the Czech Thomas Mendrek, the Englishman Peter Bush and the German Oliver Pongratz.

Van Dijk for his part, showed a diabolic efficiency, proving that his title of national champion of the Netherlands and his place in the semi-final in the recent Swiss Open in Basel was not lucky.

The final of the all-Danish women's singles lasted no more than half an hour. Anne Sondergaard defeated her compatriot Lotte Thomsen in two short games, 11-3, 11-6, — a surprise because Thomsen had eliminated the top seeded Dutch player Astrid Van der Knaap in the semi-final.

In the doubles, it was the turn



of the English. Joanne Wright and Tracy Dineen, and Chris Hunt and Mike Adams, all showed themselves quite unrelenting. In the mixed doubles the winners were old acquaintances, Ron Michels and Sonja Mellink.

At the end of the tournament, the event director Ashis Sen Gupta confessed that he would make the "big trip" again. The appointment is fixed!

CANADA — Celebrating the 40th year of the MAAA invitation Championships, most of the Canadian elite players from British Columbia to New Brunswick, put on an excellent show whilst competing for \$10,000, **writes Carole Charnutzky**.

The men's singles final match between Marco Desjardins and Jamie Dawson (who so many times had been the finalist in both singles and doubles) was no disappointment for Marco's fans, as he kept Dawson at bay in a very physically demanding first game. Dawson's many accurate place-



ments combined with his ability to read the tactical challenges of the determined fiery Desjardins, eventually enabled him to take the first game 18-13. The second game saw Dawson take a commanding lead 13-1 against a very tired Marco Desjardins, eventually winning it 15-6.

Denyse Julien and Sian Deng (both pictured above), are familiar to the women's singles scene, and are always a thrill to watch. Both were fresh and very much in good form for the finals, but Sian's faster movement and more explosive offensive brought her to an 11-5, 12-10 victory over Julien.

The women's doubles finals brought a new team of young Milaine Cloutier and Robbyn Hermitage. Both showed much promise for the future, even though Julien and Sian won the match 15-12, 15-8.

Mike Bitten's third victory in four years, and Bryan Blanshard's fifth victory in six years, earned them the men's doubles title 15-10, 15-8 against Anil Kaul and David Humble.

Sian's win in the mixed doubles with Anil Kaul over Darryl Young and Denyse Julien, concluded the championships with a "triple crown" . . . well deserved for this totally dedicated player and coach.



POLAND — The XVIII Lotto Polish International Championships was held, **writes Jadwiga Slawska-Szalewicz**. Principal sponsors were the biggest companies in Poland, PKO BP, Lotto, Damis of Warsaw, Polish Airlines, Lot (the official sponsor of Polish sport) Level, Selko, Warsaw Sunset Suits from Poznan.

Players from nine countries took part, with 98 players including 17 from Indonesia and 19 players from Denmark. With the absence of the Russian team all the finalists were either Indonesians or Danes. In the women's singles Anne Sondergaard won the title, having played the most difficult matches against Djaelawijaya in the first round



Andrea Odor the best Hungarian Junior player

and Meiluawati in the final. In men's singles Tiong Ping Lioe became the champion having played the best of the tournament against Patrik Andreasson of Sweden in the semi-final which lasted 100 minutes.

Jack Hankiewicz caused a nice surprise for the home country, beating Peter Bush of England and fighting hard against Mainaki of Indonesia in the quarter-final. In men's doubles Kantono and Antonius of Indonesia won with no problems although their second game against the Danish juniors Laugesen and Roos satisfied all enthusiasts. Olympic men's doubles silver medalist Rudy Gunawan of Indonesia, won almost by himself in the mixed doubles needing only a little help from his partner Rosiana Tendean.

PORTUGAL — The European circuit started its second half after a rather long interval, with the eighth of the 13 events, the 28th International Championships of Portugal, held in Lisbon with participation of 69 players from six countries, **writes Josef Benes**. The finals of all five events provided duels between players of Russia and Hong Kong, in which the Russians captured four trophies, the only one escaping them being in men's doubles.

Andrei Antropov (pictured below) took the men's singles beating Wong Wai Lap in the semi-finals and Chan Kin Ngai in



the final, never conceding double points. But his two victims took revenge in the doubles, when they overcame him and Nikolai Zuev in three games.

Marina Andrievskaja captured the singles and in partnership with Marina Yakusheva the women's doubles. Wong Chun Fan was the runner-up in both events, partnered by Chung Hoi Yik in doubles.

The two Marina's became both double champions, when Yakusheva and Zuev beat Chan Siu Kwong and Chung Hoi Yik in the final of mixed doubles.

DENMARK — A new executive director for sports activities was announced in April by the Danish Badminton Association (DBF), **Hans Møller**. The new role is a

combination of chief coach and administrator of various functions, mainly connected to the licensed players. But if the post is new, the first name to take office on July 1st is certainly not. It is Morten Frost (pictured right at the All-England).

As a player Frost was at the top for 15 years and reached the final of the World Championship in men's singles in 1985 and 1987. He also won four All England, two European and nine national titles.

He finished his international career after the World Championships in Copenhagen in 1991 and returned to Denmark after seven years in England. For a while he became managing director of a design company in Herning, before moving to Copenhagen.

"Badminton is my favourite occupation, I think I know a little about it and when this opportunity turned up I simply could not resist it. I applied and was lucky enough to get the job," says Frost who will again be seen in the big arenas all over the world — but from now on outside the courts.

The contract with DBF is for three years, with options. "I will use all my efforts to make my new job a success. I have a lot of ideas and visions for Danish badminton. With all the promising youngsters we have, it is my aim to keep Denmark top of Europe — and give the Asians an extra challenge" says the 35-year-old Frost.

ZAMBIA — The first All-Africa junior championships were held at the Nkana Mine Badminton Hall in Kitme, centre of the Zambian copperbelt, **writes A.R.T. De Silva**. The initiative is dependent for funding on a large number of private companies. Entries were received from South Africa, Mauritius, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Tanzania. South African players were favourites for team and individual events.

Foreign players were obliged to make a short internal flight from Lusaka to Ndola, and were then met and taken to Kitme by road. The playing hall had three courts, a wooden floor and a roof about 30 feet high. Adjacent was a hall with two practice courts.

The team event consisted of each of the five disciplines, boys singles and doubles, girls singles and doubles and mixed doubles, with players able to participate in a maximum two events. In individual events three players per country per event were allowed, except for the host country, which was allowed twice that number.

ENGLAND — Bumper early ticket sales for the World Championships — sponsored by 7-UP and due to take place at the National Indoor Arena in May and June 1993 — have boosted the image of Birmingham as Britain's sporting capital not long



after the staging of the world gymnastics championships at the National Exhibition Centre, **writes Caroline Searle**.

"We broke six-figures very early in the sales campaign", said the championships marketing director David Eddy, himself a former England international. "We are hoping that the trend continues. And that the merchandise clothing is also snapped up", he added.

THE NETHERLANDS — The 27th "AMOR" tournament staged in Groningen, attracted many entrants, but most of the main contenders for European circuit honours in singles events were missing, **writes Josef Benes**.



The Russians captured two events, the Indonesians, Danes and Dutch one each.

The men's singles saw the upsets of the two top seeded Indonesians, Lioe Tiong Ping and Hendrawan, but their compatriot Marleve Mainaki took the trophy instead. The main surprise was the victorious march of Scotland's Jim Mair to the final.

In women's singles Denmark's Camilla Martin (pictured above)

had little difficulty in taking the title, though she was extended by Indonesia's Meiluawati in the quarter-finals.

The men's and women's doubles went to top seeded Russian pairs of Antropov and Zuev and Ivanova and Martynenko respectively, though exactly half of the matches which they contested went to three games. The only winners who dropped no games in the tournament were the home pair of Van Dalm and Van Hooren, who took the mixed doubles.

HONG KONG — Several new faces were elected to office at the Asian Badminton Confederation annual meeting during the Asian Championships — creating a new team that appears geared to play an even greater role in world badminton, **writes Karen Koh**.

The officers (pictured below) are: President, Tong Yun Kai (Hong Kong); Vice-presidents — Ram Chadha (India), Abdullah Fadzil (Malaysia), Sisithikul Phiansak (Thailand), Tirto Utomo (Indonesia), Wang Wenjiao (China), Chung Jung-Moon (South Korea); Secretary General, Punch Gunalan (Malaysia); Treasurer, Chew Beng Keng (Singapore).

Lau Teng Chuan (Singapore) and Karen Koh (Malaysia) have been appointed as staff at the ABC Secretariat in Kuala Lumpur.

A coaching seminar was also conducted in conjunction with the championships, which heard of plans to award certificates to the coaches of national associations and to honour outstanding coaches who have contributed to the advancement of the sport in Asia.



WORLD NEWS

ICELAND — The Iceland International, held in Reykjavik, has for a few years now, been an international event, and many foreign players entered from Scandinavia and Europe, **writes Hrolfur Jonsson.**

The system of play was that if you lost your first match, you were put in an extra group and there you played on. This provided a good chance for less strong players to play against foreign players or the best in Iceland, and still have a chance of more matches.

In the final of the men's singles, were Steve Butler, of England, and Broddi Kristjansson of Iceland (pictured below). Butler who had an easy win 15-3, 15-2, was the best player in the tournament and was never threatened.

Elsa Nielsen of Iceland, and Lorraine Thomas of England, played the women's singles final, in which there was an Icelandic victory, the only one in the finals. Elsa won 11-8, 11-4 without major difficulties.

The same can be said about the men's doubles as about Butler in men's singles. The English pair of Dave Wright and Julian Robertson were the best, and were never in trouble in their matches. In the final they beat Broddi Kristjansson and Oli B. Zimsen, both of Iceland, by 15-2, 15-4.

By contrast Mike Brown, the Englishman who is the coach in Reykjavik, and Peter Smith, also of England, had a great fight in the men's singles. It lasted almost two hours, but had the full attention of the audience all the time and the players earned many

cheers for their performances. Brown was eventually a tired winner by 15-6, 15-17, 15-4.

One surprising win, in the men's doubles, went to Iceland's Huang Weicheng and Gudmundur Adolfsson, over Peter Smith and Steve Butler of England, by 13-18, 15-13, 15-11.

The women's and mixed doubles also went to England, with the winners being Lorraine Thomas and Kerry McKittrick and Dave Wright and Lorraine Thomas.

THE NETHERLANDS — The Dutch Junior International attracted players from all over the world, and each year the number of participating countries increases, **writes Jos Esveld.** This time the sixth tournament, at the famous Haarlem club 'Duinwijk', saw Italy, Hungary and Canada join the list of participants that also comprised Japan, Sweden, England, Indonesia, Denmark and The Netherlands. Among the reasons for the success were the pool system (increasing the number of matches played), the hospitality, the Saturday dinner and disco, and the excellent standard of play.

The men's and women's singles and women's doubles went to Indonesian players, who were supported by a very large and enthusiastic group of spectators waving their red and white flags. When the end of a match was near, the famous "habis" (meaning "finish") was heard. Manager Mr. Arisanto must have been happy with the results.

Michael Tedjakusuma, after a

tough quarter-final with Sweden's Rasmus Wenberg, won the men's singles by beating Budi Santoso 17-14, 15-7. The women's singles went to the remarkable 13-year-old Mia Audina, who beat the top seeded Ita Ardwiadini. And the women's doubles was won by Emma Ermawati and Indarti Issolina who beat Japan's Chikako Nakayama and Takae Masumo.

The men's doubles was won by Janek Roos and Jim Langesen of Denmark and in the mixed Roos won again, this time partnered by Rikke Olsen.



ITALY — Rodolfo La Rosa was re-elected President of the Italian Badminton Federation for the next four years at the annual meeting in Rome, **writes Livio Spinelli.** Six new members of the national board were elected: Lorenz Waldner, Christof Dejaco, Sgr Boggia Marcello Franceschino, Sandro Bernabei, Cosimo Bergantino.



Mr. La Rosa (above) gave a big push to the development of Italian badminton over the past four years during which there have been growth rates of more than 150 per cent, according to official statistics. He was also successful in enhancing the standard of Italian play, thanks partly to the signing of an agreement with the Badminton Federation of the People's Republic of China. This resulted in the appointment of Wu Tian Xiang as Italian national team coach and in exchanges with Chinese players of top level.

Mr. La Rosa also signed an agreement with the Italian national television company which was brought about the broadcasting each month of badminton all over Italy and elsewhere. He has been working on a project staged by the European Badminton Union to develop the sport in Southern European countries. His most important goal over the next five

years is the official recognition of the Italian Badminton Federation by the country's national Olympic committee.

AUSTRALIA — Next September more than 15,000 athletes, including approximately 500 badminton players, will travel to Brisbane, to participate in the World Masters Games. This event, which has the potential to be the biggest and best mature age multi-sporting event ever held, will attract participants from all over the globe. The 13-day competition runs from September 26th to October 8th with competition offered in 30 sports at venues in Brisbane and surrounds. The badminton competition is open to players aged 35 years and over and will run over 11 days from September 26th-30th and October 1st-6th. One of the beauties of the event is that it offers mature aged badminton players competition against others of a similar age and skill — and they will be competing for medals.

Players will compete in three divisions — representative (international, national, zone, etc.), club representative and social, and in age groups of 35-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, and 60 years plus for individual competition. The teams competition is divided into age groups of 35-44, 45-54 and 55 plus. The same divisions apply as for individual competition. The minimum number of team members will be three men and three women, and the maximum five men and five women.

Entry to the World Masters Games is \$US125 and all entries must be received at the World Masters Games headquarters in Brisbane by July 15th, 1994. Special travel and accommodation packages are available through selected travel agents. If you would like to know more, write to General Manager, World Masters Games, Locked Bag 1994, GPO Brisbane, Q 4001.

SWEDEN — Thomas Johansson, a 23-year-old from Gothenburg won the men's singles title at the Swedish national championships, **writes Roger Johansson.** Johansson beat the far more experienced Jens Olsson in the semi-finals, and he played his club mate Patrik Andreasson in a final in which both played with such fighting spirit that they competed to the verge of vomiting. It is noticeable that the three strongest male players in Sweden are all over 190 centimetres tall. Maybe this gives an idea about the development of the game.

The finals of the Swedish national team championships were played in April in Gothenburg between Ferm and Persson and Gothenburg won after two hard matches, the first ending 5-5 and the second producing an 8-2 victory.



BELGIUM — More than 225 competitors took part in the increasingly successful BC Cardinal Mercer tournament in Braine-L'Allend, which was organised in several series, **writes Bernard van Eyll**. Belgian players, who were in the majority, won most of the highest categories, but also notable was the complete domination of the two Guatemalan men, Kenneth Erichsen (pictured below) and Moises Altalif.



Erichsen won the men's singles and together they won the men's singles brilliantly, without dropping a game. Belgian spectators admired the technical control and superior physical fitness of these two players who were able to fulfill the experience gained with the help of their Olympic Committee and the Guatemalan Badminton Federation.

The women's singles was won by the Mouscron player Isabelle Lefevre, at the expense of overseas competitors who should become increasingly had to beat, especially Emma Lipschütz, the 15-year-old Swede.

This tournament makes no secret of its ambition to become a bigger, middle-range international tournament. This may seem daring to say in Belgium because with 21,000 players, badminton remains a little known sport without the reputation it enjoys in Nordic countries and in the English-speaking nations.

Nevertheless there has been an increase in members for the past ten years in the Belgian Federation and the Flemish and French speaking leagues. Furthermore the success of this tournament shows, and the Cardinal Mercin Club will try to promote it to still higher levels.

AUSTRIA — The Austrians had a very successful tournament in the Nommix International at the Sacre Coeur Pressbaum, in the heart of the Vienna Woods, **writes Horst Kullnigg**. They won the women's singles and achieved second and third places in other events. Irina Serova, once of the Soviet Union and now Austrian won a thrilling final against Astrid van der Knaap, the top seed from The Netherlands, after earlier beating Suzanne Louis-Lane, the second seed from England.

Serova underlined herself as the heroine of the tournament by reaching the mixed doubles final with Heinz Fischer, losing only to the favourites, Nick Ponting and Joanne Wright of England.

The men's singles saw the top seeded Patrik Andreasson of Sweden beaten by Hans Sperre of Norway in the quarter-finals, and instead Chris Bruil of the Netherlands became champion, beating another Swede Tomas Johansson in the final.

The women's doubles went to the Danish pair of Anne Sondergaard and Lotte Thomsen, and England's Nick Ponting took two titles when he also won the men's doubles with Simon Archer.



Heinz Fischer and Irina Serova, runners-up mixed doubles

Players from 22 countries took part with umpires from 20 countries. The finals were broadcast by Austrian national television and organisation of the tournament by ASV Pressbaum was excellent. It was staged with the patronage of the Landeshauptmann of Lower Austria, Dr. Edwin Proll, represented during the finals by Gerhard Böhm, a member of the Lower Austrian parliament and the Mayor of Pressbaum, Dr. Otto Hartmann.

AUSTRALIA — Hong Kong's 22-year-old Ngan Fai created badminton history when she won four gold medals at the Arafura Festival Games in Darwin, **writes Roy Ward**. Ngan Fai was in Hong Kong's undefeated team for the Arafura Cup, which was not defended by Sabah, and won her first gold medal.

Then, on the final day, it was gold, gold, gold as she completed the individuals treble with straight games wins in the singles and the

doubles with Tinny Tung. In spite of a slight hiccup in the mixed doubles with Tam Kai Chuen, when they lost the second game, it was finally victory with 15-9, 6-15, 15-5.

However the crowd, sometimes more than 250, had the biggest thrill from the sparkling performance of the bouncing Balinese Chandra Berata who won gold in the singles and men's doubles. Chandra quickly grabbed an 8-1 lead in the singles with great leaps and smashing which brought instant applause from the high school children in whose gymnasium the event was being held.

Nineteen years ago the whole area had been flattened by a cyclone and the gymnasium was part of the rebuilt Nightcliff High School. Chandra's plucky colleague, Putra Yulinetra, fought back to 12-13 before losing the first game 15-12 although after that there was no match for Chandra.

Artana Yasa joined Chandra for the doubles for 32 minutes of exciting men's doubles in which the Balinese smashed their way past Hong Kong's Ma Che Kong and Tam Kai Chuen for 15-5 in the first game. Ma and Tam looked comfortable with a 5-2 lead in the second game but the Balinese levelled at 8-8 where the service changed 12 times before Chandra and Artana broke clear for 15-9 and the gold medal.

SPAIN — I came to Spain from China in 1989 to train players for the Olympic Games in Barcelona, and now I am continuing my work with the Rus-2 de Xativa badminton club in Valencia, **writes Yang Chen Xiang**.

At the moment this club has two promising junior players, Sergio Llopis and Ana Ferrer, who are both 14 years old. These players were selected by Spain to play in the Latina Cup tournament, with good results in singles and other events.

Llopis became men's singles champion, and with Ferrer won the mixed doubles in the Spanish junior championships in Santurce. They are now going to play in the European junior championships, at under 16 level, in Belgium.

I think if these two players increase their efforts and continue training hard they have a bright future in international badminton. They have been included in the squads for the next Olympic Games.

Results of the Latina Cup in Caldas da Rainha, Portugal — Under 21: Portugal 4, Spain 3; Portugal 6, France 1; Spain 5, France 2 (Portugal the winners). Under 18: France 4, Portugal 3; Spain 4, France 3; Portugal 4, Spain 3 (France the winners on games). Under 16: Spain 7, Portugal 0; Spain 5, France 2; France 6, Portugal 1 (Spain the winners).

CANADA — The outstanding athlete at the Quebec Masters Invitation event was Damon Chawla, a former Thomas Cup hero for India, **writes Carole Charnutzky**. He won the men's singles and doubles titles at the Montreal Badminton and Squash Club on two artificial hips!

Mac "Mr. Badminton" Tessier initiated, hosted, organised and competed in this inaugural tournament, which attracted 70 players in five age categories. To complete his success, Mac Tessier also won doubles events in the 65 plus and 70 plus categories.

If many tournaments are played in overheated climates and facilities, this one by contrast had the golden agers battling with a 42 centimetre snowfall and 60 to 80 kilometre winds to reach the venue.

With free beer all weekend, a Saturday banquet and dance, more than 120 prizes and medals for the winners in the open and consolation rounds, good times, warm friendships and happy memories marked this event. Our appreciation to the committee, administration and volunteers — we hope this will become an annual event. But will there be other Mac Tessiers?



Left to right— Standing: Mac Tessier, Damon Ghawla; sitting: Russ Mullan, Ralph Wintle

The following is a list of the winners:

Women's singles: 35+ Jacqueline Rivard, 45+ Monette Dubé.

Men's singles: 40+ Seng Phet Banghit, 50+ Wilfrid Côté, 60+ Pierre Dugal, 65+ Damon Chawla.

Women's doubles: 35+ Susan Norris and Ginette Dubé, 45+ Monette Dubé and Louise Gagné, 55+ Jean Miller and Rosemary Addison.

Men's doubles: 40+ Allan Stefanik and Robert Lecompte, 50+ Wilfrid Côté and Mark Grantham, 60+ Ray Cornish and Mark Grantham, 65+ Mac Tessier and Damon Chawla, 70+ Mac Tessier and Gilbert Allen.

Mixed doubles: 40+ Ginette Dubé and Robert Lecompte, 50+ Solange and Wilfrid Côté, 60+ Shirley Froese and Ray Cornish.



BADMINTON TERRACE has been on safari in the North and North West of Australia, where badminton clubs Kununurra and Alice Springs are 1600 kilometres from the cosmopolitan city of Darwin.

"The Alice" south of Darwin is a club of 50 players and east of Darwin by 650 kilometres is Nhulunbuy, which has 40 players. Kununurra is closer to Darwin but its affiliations are with Perth (Western Australia) which is 2500 kilometres away to the south.

Darwin is a city of about 100,000 people and every two years organises the Arafura Festival of sports for competitors who come from areas roughly between the Tropics of Capricorn and Cancer.



Graeme Higgins (above) is a person from the 23rd parallel (South) where he is a computer systems manager. His recreation is badminton, with umpiring and coaching his hobbies. He joined the Australian Air Force in George Town (Tasmania) and headed to the tropical town of Townsville, a distance of 3000 kms, and then west by 1500 kms to Alice Springs where he has been for nearly five years.



Barbara Jesser (above) was an Ambassador for badminton at the Arafura Festival. She was a former doubles champion of South Australia and runner-up in the Australian doubles with Joy Twining. Barbara retired to Palmerston near Darwin nearly ten years ago and is secretary of the Northern Territory Badminton Association. She loves the warm weather. Through the dry season it is 30-35 degrees.

Joy Twining represented Australia in badminton and netball and the State of South Australia in badminton, tennis and netball and her interest in badminton remains as a National Umpire. Joy and her colleagues

Shirley Chambers and Greg Stanford were the visiting umpires at the festival.



Dr. Russell Williams and Dr. Subash Chandra

There are not many tournaments in the world where there are two doctors in charge. **Subash Chandra**, the physicist, and **Russell Williams**, the veterinarian, were respectively the referee and deputy referee. Subash arrived in Darwin 12 years ago, liked the casual atmosphere of the people and he has continued with his involvement in badminton.

Ganda Wijaya (below), the Bali coaching director, brought his team to the "Games" in a bid for success and ended with gold medals in the men's singles and doubles. Ganda is director of the



badminton centre in Bali where 18 youngsters from the 10-12 age group up to 18 plus are in training. About 20 per cent of the trainees are girls. Aqua mineral water is the major sponsor of the badminton centre which provides accommodation and schooling for the trainees.

Md. Yadie Riyadi was a student of Rudy Hartono, the former World Champion, and now 32 years of age is the Brunei National Coach. There are 22 in training for the Brunei team including eight juniors.

His team will participate in the South East Asia Games and future Asian Games with the goal being the four IBF major events of the future. He has been Brunei's coach for three years.

Phil van Haften is another Darwin immigrant from Perth and was the very helpful attendant to most things connected with the Festival, and deserved his plaudits.

Julie Tsui is the mother of children Benlee and Annie Lee and came from Taipei nearly three years ago to study English at the Darwin University. She won the women's singles of Northern Territory, in 1991 and the doubles in 1991 and 1992. She won a bronze medal in the doubles. She is also a competent umpire.

Saad Hashim (pictured below), a Malaysian journalist living in London, has become a familiar face at the All-England Championships since 1982. He started covering badminton after moving to England to work for the New Straits Times group, and now reports on sport and politics for the Malaysian Star.

Like most Malaysians, Hashim is proud of his country's achievement in winning the Thomas Cup in Kuala Lumpur last year, but holds some provocative views about it. "I have reservations about whether it means badminton is making progress in Malaysia," he says. "The benchmark for world supremacy has always been success abroad, and especially at the All-England. We have not won an All-England title for a long time."

"The Indonesians have ten singles players who are world beaters. But Malaysia depends so much on Rashid Sidek. Money has never been a problem in Malaysia, so it must be something in the system which is wrong."

Hashim says he is happy living in London with his wife and 12-year-old daughter. He wants changes for women in badminton. "I would like to see them play to 15 rather than 11," he says. "They would not mind that".



Lyn Choules (pictured below) is the face behind the headlines. More exactly she is the Publications Officer of the IBF, the person who for the past 15 months has, among her other tasks, been helping to make World Badminton that bit brighter and better. Ensuring contributions to the magazine from as many different countries as possible is one of our aims, and most days of the week Lyn can be found in the IBF's Cheltenham office, phoning, faxing, or writing to parts of the globe as far apart as Australia and Iceland.

"When I started I knew little about badminton, but having worked on World Badminton I have learnt a lot about the players and the game itself. I enjoy the job and find it very rewarding, especially helping with the magazine," Lyn says.



Lyn, who lists keep fit and reading among her hobbies, now hopes to extend her badminton experience. She is looking forward to attending her first World Championships, this month in Birmingham, where she will be helping to run the IBF office in the hotel. From time to time she wants to be able to escape to the arena itself to watch top class play for the first time, and, perhaps, meet the top players.



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Mia Audina, audacious at 13

MIA AUDINA — AN AUDACIOUS TALENT

by MARTIN GARTMANN

THE DBV and the local organiser, Bottrop BG, sent out the call, and youngsters from 17 nations responded, travelling to the Ruhrgebiet to demonstrate their skills in the German Junior Open.

From March 19th to 21st, they certainly made the feathers fly. This event had already taken place three times among the slagheaps and winding towers, and during this time it has grown to become Europe's largest youth tournament.

According to Michael Fishedick, the BG chairman: "The costs for the event are around 60,000 Deutschmarks, and it would not have been possible without the financial support provided by the town of Bottrop, North-Rhine Westphalia, and Ruhrgebiet initiative group."

However, there was also tremendous sadness among the active players and officials at the news of the unexpected death on March 9th of Bernd Steimle, who had been responsible for the junior players. In view of this, the fact that the tournament passed off without any hitches (and also the minute's silence before the finals) was a tribute to the memory of Bernd Steimle.

Treasurer Marlies Fishedick informed us that so many people wanted to play that 45 applications from Germany had to be turned down. "It really hurt me when I had to go to the bank to return the entry fees," she said. "Next year we are thinking of starting on Thursday."

In the men's singles Europe and Indonesia met each other in both semi-finals. Stephen

Isaac from England, who had been so impressive in the semi-final, played against the artful Tedjakusuma, who disheartened his opponent with some unbelievable shots. These caused the English player's concentration to lapse, resulting in a 15-6, 15-11 victory for the Indonesian. Denmark's Soegaard was more successful, winning the first set 15-9, and he only needed three points to reach the final when he recovered from 7-12 to 12-12 in the second set. But it was not enough; Santoso's greater reserves of strength helped him to win the match 9-15, 15-12, 15-8, and Santoso was the clear winner by 15-4, 15-5 in the all-Indonesian final.

In the women's singles: Nicole Grether lost to Michelle Rasmussen (Denmark) in the quarter-finals, as did Steffi Müller against finalist Ardwiandini (Indonesia). The 17-year-old Indonesian defeated the Netherlands' Conijn 11-0, 11-2 to reach the final. Despite this defeat Eline Coene, who is responsible for coaching FC Bayer Uerdingen in the German league, was more than pleased because her protégée had defeated Danish favourite Pedersen in the quarter-finals. Despite the fact that she is only 13, Mia Audina of Indonesia, well-known to connoisseurs of the game as a remarkable talent, moved easily into the final. Scores of 11-5, 11-3 meant that Michelle Rasmussen had no real chance. She also showed her compatriot Ardwiandini where her limitations lay, winning the title 11-3, 11-8.

Humby and Bush top

ENGLISH players finished top of both the singles lists at the end of the European circuit points standings for 1992/3. They were Peter Bush and Alison Humby.

A third English success saw Joanne Davies and Tanya Groves finish top of the women's doubles, but the Russians and an ex-Soviet player did well in the other doubles.

Andrei Antropov and Nikolai Zuev ended top of the men's doubles list; and Irina Serova, formerly of the Soviet Union and now of Austria, partnered Heinz Fischer of Austria to the head of the mixed doubles.

Final points standings:

Men's singles — 1, Peter Bush (England) 360 points; 2, Chris Bruil (Holland) 350; 3, Patrik Andreasson (Sweden) 320; 4, Andrei Antropov (Russia) 260; 5, Oliver Pongratz (Germany) 220; 6, Thomas Johansson (Sweden) 210; 7, Robert Liljequist (Finland) 190; 8, Peter Knowles (England) 180; 9, Anders Nielsen (England) 170; 10, Lasse Lindeloff (Finland) 170.

Women's singles — 1, Alison Humby (England) 420 points; 2, Irina Serova (Austria) 410; 3, Anne Sondergaard (Denmark) 320; 4, Tanya Groves (England) 310; 5, Lotte Thomsen (Den) 270; 6, Marina Andrievskaya (Russia) 240; 7, Sandra Dimbour (France) 190; 8, Helle H. Andersen (France) 190; 9, Karolina Ericsson (Sweden) 170; 10, Maiken Mork (Denmark) 170.

Men's doubles — 1, Andrei Antropov and Nikolai Zuev (Russia) 320 points; 2, Nick Ponting and Dave Wright (England) 240; 3, Jürgen Koch and Haral Koch (Austria) 230.

Women's doubles — 1, Joanne Davies and Tanya Groves (England) 410 points; 2, Anne Sondergaard and Lotte Thomsen (Denmark) 380; 3, Sandra Dimbour and Sandrine Lefevre (France) 210.

Mixed doubles — 1, Heinz Fischer and Irina Serova (Austria) 360 points; 2, Quinten van Dalm and Nicola van Hooren (Holland) 260; 3 equal, Lars Pedersen and Anne Mette Bille (Denmark), and Nick Ponting and Joanne Wright (England) all with 200 points.



Alison Humby (England)

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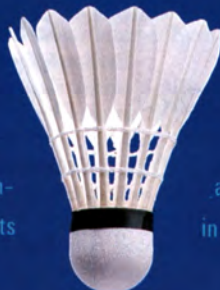


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WOMEN'S DOUBLES — Quarter-finals — N. Ivanova/J. Martinenko (RUS) bt N. Van Hooren/S. Mellink (NED) 8-15, 15-8, 15-3. C. Martin/P. Sorensen (DEN) bt J. Haldane/A. Travers (SCO) 15-4, 15-8. E. Van den Heuvel/M. Hoogland (NED) bt E. Allen/J. Allen (SCO) 15-4, 15-9. Catherine/R. Rosalina (INA) bt A. Sondergaard/L. Thomsen (DEN) 15-3, 15-9.

Semi-finals — Ivanova/Martinenko bt Martin/Sorensen 15-8, 15-11. Catherine/Rosalina bt Van den Heuvel/Hoogland 17-14, 9-15, 15-7.

Final — Ivanova/Martinenko bt Catherine/Rosalina 8-15, 15-7, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES — Quarter-finals — N. Zuev/M. Yakusheva (RUS) bt A. Gatt/A. Travers (SCO) 15-5, 15-8. Q. Van Dalm/N. Van Hooren (NED) bt K. Middlemiss/E. Allen (SCO) 18-15, 15-10. I. Paulus/S. Herawati (INA) bt M. Sandral/R. Broen (DEN) 15-2, 5-15, 15-12. R. Michels/E. Van den Heuvel (NED) bt G. Haldane/J. Haldane (SCO) 18-14, 15-9.

Semi-finals — Van Dalm/Van Hooren bt Zuev/Yakusheva 15-12, 15-9. Herawati/Paulus bt Michels/Van den Heuvel 18-16, 15-10.

Final — Van Dalm/Van Hooren bt Herawati/Paulus 15-3, 15-8.

AUSTRIAN INTERNATIONAL

Pressbaum, Austria
22-25 April, 1993

MEN'S SINGLES — Quarter-finals — H. Sperre (NOR) bt P. Andreasson (SWE) 18-17, 15-11. C. Bruil (NED) bt R. Liljequist (FIN) 15-9, 9-15, 17-14. K. Jonassen (DEN) bt B. Kristjansson (ISL) 15-5, 18-17. T. Johansson (SWE) bt R. Bagga (IND) 15-4, 2-15, 15-5.

Semi-finals — Bruil bt Sperre 15-11, 4-15, 15-12. Johansson bt Jonassen 11-15, 15-1, 15-6.

Final — Bruil bt Johansson 15-10, 15-12.

WOMEN'S SINGLES — Quarter-finals — A. Van der Knaap (NED) bt A. Humby (ENG) 11-3, 11-5. A. Sondergaard (DEN) bt K. Nilsson (SWE) 11-5, 11-7. I. Serova (AUT) bt L. Thomsen (DEN) 8-11, 11-4, 11-7. S. Louis-Lane (ENG) bt M. Pedersen (DEN) 11-3, 11-6.

Semi-finals — Van der Knaap bt Sondergaard 11-7, 11-3. Serova bt Louis-Lane 11-0, 12-10.

Final — Serova bt Van der Knaap 11-8, 11-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES — Quarter-finals — N. Ponting/S. Archer (ENG) bt P. Kreulitsch/H. Goetsch (AUT) 15-3, 15-3. M. Keck/S. Kuhl (GER) bt C. Bruil/R. Michels (NED) 15-8, 15-3. H. Koch/J. Koch (AUT) bt B. Kristjansson/A. Hallgrimsson (ISL) 15-10, 15-11. Q. Van Dalm/E. Van Dalm (NED) bt P. Andreasson/S. Osterberg (SWE) 15-7, 15-6.



Camilla Martin of Denmark

Semi-finals — Ponting/Archer bt Keck/Kuhl 15-8, 15-4. Van Dalm/Van Dalm bt Koch/Koch 11-15, 17-15, 15-8.

Final — Ponting/Archer bt Van Dalm/Van Dalm 15-5, 15-5.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — Quarter-finals — S. Dimbour/S. Lefevre (FRA) bt N. Van Hooren/S. Mellink (NED) 15-9, 5-15, 15-10. A. Sondergaard/L. Thomsen (DEN) bt E. Chaffin/S. Hardaker (ENG) 15-3, 14-17, 15-7. J. Wright/A. Humby (ENG) bt E. Lacinova/J. Lacinova (TCH) 15-5, 15-1. E. Coene/E. Van den Heuvel (NED) bt L. Sorensen/M. Rasmussen (DEN) 15-7, 15-4.

Semi-finals — Sondergaard/Thomsen bt Dimbour/Lefevre 15-2, 15-6. Wright/Humby bt Coene/Van den Heuvel 15-10, 15-7.

Final — Sondergaard/Thomsen bt Wright/Humby 15-13, 14-17, 15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES — Quarter-finals — N. Ponting/J. Wright (ENG) w/o T. Damgaard/R. Olsen (DEN). R. Michels/E. Van den Heuvel (NED) bt M. Keck/K. Stechmann (GER) 15-9, 15-4. H. Fischer/I. Serova (AUT) bt T. Waland/C. Silver (NOR) 10-15, 15-12, 15-10. S. Archer/S. Hardaker (ENG) bt S. Kuhl/S. Beissel (GER) 15-5, 15-8.

Semi-finals — Ponting/Wright bt Michels/Van den Heuvel 15-7, 11-15, 15-10. Fischer/Serova bt Archer/Hardaker 15-4, 5-15, 15-8.

Final — Ponting/Wright bt Fischer/Serova 15-9, 15-7.

Junior Championships/Tournaments

DUTCH JUNIOR

Haarlem, Netherlands
12-14 March, 1993

MEN'S SINGLES — Quarter-finals — M. Tedjakusuma (INA) bt R. Wengberg (SWE) 15-6, 12-15, 15-5. T. Sogaard (NED) bt J. Tholinsson (SWE) 15-2, 15-10. J. Laugesen (DEN) bt N. Calda (DEN) 15-2, 15-6. B. Santoso (INA) bt P. Gade (NED) 15-9, 15-8.

Semi-finals — Tedjakusuma bt Sogaard 15-3, 15-5. Santoso bt Laugesen 15-7, 15-1.

Final — Tedjakusuma bt Santoso 17-14, 15-9.

WOMEN'S SINGLES — Quarter-finals — I. Ardiantini (INA) bt M. Rasmussen (DEN) 11-5, 7-11, 11-3. I. Issolina (INA) bt M. Sorensen (DEN) 4-11, 12-10, 11-8. Y. Mizui (JPN) bt L. Sorensen (DEN) 12-9, 12-9. M. Audina (INA) bt R. Olsen (DEN) 11-3, 12-11.

Semi-finals — Ardiantini bt Issolina 11-6, 11-7. Audina bt Mizui 11-2, 11-2.

Final — Audina bt Ardiantini 5-11, 11-4, 11-6.

MEN'S DOUBLES — Quarter-finals — S. Sugiharjo/Sigit (INA) bt A. Kerst/M. Hannes (NED) 15-4, 15-6. T. Sogaard/T. Stavngaard (DEN) bt R. Doling/R. Mistri (ENG) 15-8, 8-15, 18-14. D. Eriksson/R. Wengberg (SWE) bt J. Thomsen/N. Calda (DEN) 10-15, 15-12, 15-2. J. Roos/J. Laugesen (DEN) bt A. Kolodynski/J. Niedzwiedzki (POL) 14-17, 15-3, 15-8.

Semi-finals — Sugiharjo/Sigit bt Sogaard/Stavngaard 9-15, 18-13, 15-11. Roos/Laugesen bt Eriksson/Wengberg 14-17, 15-3, 15-8.

Final — Roos/Laugesen bt Sugiharjo/Sigit 7-15, 15-2, 15-3.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — Quarter-finals — E. Ermawati/I. Issolina (INA) bt M.

Hansen/M. Rasmussen (DEN) 15-2, 15-4. L. Sorensen/S. Runesten (DEN) bt N. Piro/V. Rathgeber (NED) 15-9, 15-4. I. Kida/S. Ito (JPN) bt R. Pantaney/T. Hallam (ENG) 15-13, 15-12. C. Nakayama/T. Masumo (JPN) bt M. Sorensen/R. Olsen (DEN) 15-6, 15-6.

Semi-finals — Ermawati/Issolina bt Sorensen/Runesten 15-3, 6-15, 18-17. Hakayama/Masumo bt Kida/Ito 15-6, 15-6.

Final — Ermawati/Issolina bt Hakayama/Masumo 15-9, 15-4.

MIXED DOUBLES — Quarter-finals — T. Stavngaard/S. Runesten (DEN) bt R. Mistri/E. Chaffin (ENG) 15-9, 15-10. J. Tholinsson/P. Carlsson (SWE) bt J. Thomsen/G. Hildebrandt (DEN/NOR) 15-8, 15-6. R. Monteiro/M. Albinus (NED) bt A. Horn/P. Pettersson (SWE) 15-8, 15-10. R. Olsen/J. Roos (DEN) bt B. Reichel/V. Rathgeber (NED) 15-8, 15-5.

Semi-finals — Stavngaard/Runesten bt Tholinsson/Carlsson 15-9, 15-8. Roos/Olsen bt Monteiro/Albinus 15-4, 15-2.

Final — Roos/Olsen bt Stavngaard/Runesten 15-12, 12-15, 15-9.

HUNGARIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Budapest, Hungary
2-4 April, 1993

MEN'S SINGLES — Quarter-finals — J. Kostecky (CZE) bt J. Pelhani (SLO) 15-12, 15-10. E. Loze (LAT) bt V. Cseti (HUN) 11-15, 15-6, 15-6. M. Severa (CZE) bt A. Kovacs (HUN) 15-11, 15-7. T. Labodi (HUN) bt V. Fridrich (CZE) 15-11, 15-3.

Semi-finals — Kostecky bt Loze 15-5, 15-3. Labodi bt Severa 15-17, 18-14, 15-5.

Final — Kostecky bt Labodi 15-0, 15-5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES — Quarter-finals — A. Odor (HUN) bt J. Danhelkova (ROM) 11-8, 11-8. R. Cihlarova (ROM) bt M. Pohari (SLO) 12-11, 11-7. D. Feiferova (HUN) bt L. Zukauskaitė (LIT) 11-2, 11-3. M. Koudelkova (CZE) bt M. Slatnari (SLO) 11-7, 11-3.

Semi-finals — Odor bt Cihlarova 11-4, 11-7. Koudelkova bt Feiferova 11-1, 11-7.

Final — Koudelkova bt Odor 10-12, 11-8, 12-10.

MEN'S DOUBLES — Quarter-finals — J. Kostecky/M. Severa (CZE) bt G. Dosa/C. Retkes (HUN) 15-2, 15-3. L. Klemenci/S. Hawlina (CZE) bt P. Jankus/D. Lukosius (LIT) 15-11, 15-6. J. Pelhan/K. Hajsek (SLO) bt E. Loze/M. Kazaemaks (LAT) 15-6, 15-11. T. LaBodi/K. Cseti (HUN) bt V. Eridrich/K. Hajsek (SLO) 17-14, 15-3.

Semi-finals — Kostecky/Severa bt Klemenci/Hawlina 15-5, 15-5. LaBodi/Cseti bt Pelhan/Hajsek 15-9, 15-11.

Final — LaBodi/Cseti bt Kostecky/Severa 15-9, 18-16.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — Quarter-finals — A. Odor/M. Kesztelyi (HUN) bt T. Pelhan/M. Slatnari (SLO) 15-7, 15-6. J. Danhelkova/D. Feiferova (CZE) bt S. Szombati/A. Sulyok (HUN) 15-4, 15-5. M. Pohar/U. Jovan (SLO) bt J. Berinszki/G. Szombati (HUN) 15-5, 15-12. M. Koudelkova/R. Cihlarova (CZE) bt D. Kranjc/L. Bratina (HUN) 15-3, 15-0.

Semi-finals — Danhelkova/Feiferova bt Odor/Kesztelyi 15-7, 4-15, 15-11. Koudelkova/Cihlarova bt Pohar/Jovan 15-3, 15-2.

Final — Koudelkova/Cihlarova bt Danhelkova/Feiferova 15-9, 15-9.

MIXED DOUBLES — Quarter-finals — J. Kostecky/M. Koudelkova (CZE) bt Klemec/I. Pelhan (SLO) 15-7, 15-5. Fridrich/Danhelkova (SLO) bt Dosa/A.

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Pro-Saxon — Tournament
G.H. Gill — Champion Grade 77
RSL — Tourney No. 1
Tien Yu Shuttlecock — King Shuttle
Tenlux — AS 101 Top
Mizuno — Technoflite 400
Mizuno — Technoflite 500
Slazenger — Carlton Aerogear (Feather only)
Prima — International Grade

In addition to these shuttlecocks the following equipment has been approved for international play:

Nets: Victor
Net Posts: Erhard — standard rollable version
Court Mats: Nagase-Kenko — chemical
Taraflex — portable 3-piece
Pro Court — (Previously Forbo Bross)
Electronic Scoreboards: Mitsuba — computer controlled
badminton point display system

Sulyok (HUN) 15-7, 15-10.
Hnilicka/Cihlarova (SLO) bt J. Pelhan/M.
Pohar (SLO) 12-15, 15-6, 17-14. T.
LaBodi/M. Keszthelyi (HUN) bt
Severa/Feiferova (HUN) 10-15, 17-14,
15-7.

Semi-finals — Kostecky/Koudelkova bt
Fridrich/Danhelkova 15-8, 15-4. LaBodi/
Keszthelyi bt Hnilicka/Cihlarova 15-3,
15-11.

Final — Kostecky/Koudelkova bt LaBodi/
Keszthelyi 15-10, 15-5.

EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sofia, Bulgaria
11-17 April, 1993

MEN'S SINGLES — Quarter-finals — J.
Laugesen (DEN) bt J. Tholinsson (SWE)
15-4, 15-11. D. Eriksson (SWE) bt J.
Niedzwiedzki (POL) 15-4, 15-5. S. Isaac
(ENG) bt D. Karczmarczyk (POL) 15-11,
15-12. R. Wengberg (SWE) bt T. Sogaard
(DEN) 18-15, 15-10.

Semi-finals — Laugesen bt Eriksson 15-3,
15-8. Wengberg bt Isaac 15-3, 15-3.

Final — Laugesen bt Wengberg 15-9,
15-10.

WOMEN'S SINGLES — Quarter-finals —
M. Andrievskaja (RUS) bt E. Chaffin
(ENG) 11-4, 11-8. L. Sorensen (DEN) bt
B. Conijn (NED) 2-11, 11-4, 11-5. R.
Olsen (DEN) bt K. Morgan (WAL) 11-1,
11-6. M. Sorensen (DEN) bt B.
Beenhakker (NED) 11-6, 11-2.

Semi-finals — Andrievskaja bt Sorensen
11-8, 6-11, 11-6. Sorensen bt Olsen 11-0,
11-4.

Final — M. Sorensen bt Andrievskaja 11-8,
11-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES — Quarter-finals — J.
Laugesen/J. Roos (DEN) bt C. Wilson/G.
Brookie (SCO) 15-0, 15-3. R. Doling/B.
Mistri (ENG) bt T. Hornlund/J.
Tholinsson (SWE) 4-15, 15-10, 15-6. D.
Eriksson/R. Wengberg (SWE) bt A.
Kolodnyski/J. Niedzwiedzki (POL) 15-7,
15-4. T. Sogaard/Stavnsaard (DEN) bt S.
Stojanov/M. Popov (BUL) 15-1, 15-7.

Semi-final — Laugesen/Roos bt Doling/
Mistri 15-8, 15-12. Sogaard/Stavnsaard bt
Eriksson/Wengberg 15-8, 10-15, 15-11.

Final — Laugesen/Roos bt Sogaard/
Stavnsaard 15-12, 15-9.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — Quarter-finals —
L. Sorensen/R. Olsen (DEN) bt E.
Chaffin/T. Hardaker (ENG) 15-1, 15-10.
N. Grether/J. Beissel (GER) bt T.
Holgersson/A. Nilsson (SWE) 15-7, 17-15.
D. Runesten/M. Sorensen (DEN) bt B.
McEwan/E. Whiteford (SCO) 14-17,
18-16, 15-7. M. Kurochkina/O.
Karhushina (RUS) bt Pitro/Rathgeber
(GER) 15-9, 15-6.

Semi-finals — Sorensen/Olsen bt
Grether/Beissel 15-3, 15-7. Runesten/

Sorensen bt Kurochkin/Karhushina 15-6,
15-5.

Final — Sorensen/Olsen bt Runesten/
Sorensen 15-10, 15-5.

MIXED DOUBLES — Quarter-finals —
E. Albinus/R. Monteiro (NED) bt O.
Tzvetanov/s. Stojanov (BUL) 15-7, 5-15,
15-6. L. Carlsson/J. Tholinsson (SWE) bt
J. Beissel/Hannes (GER) 8-15, 15-7,
15-11. Hardaker/Boosey (ENG) bt M.
Andrievskaja /E. Kovalenko (RUS) 15-12,
18-17.

D. Runesten/Stavnsaard (DEN) bt T.
Pataney/R. Doling (ENG) 15-2, 15-8.

Semi-finals — Carlsson/Tholinsson bt
Albinus/Monteiro 18-15, 4-15, 17-16.
Runesten/Stavnsaard bt Hardaker/Boosey
15-11, 15-6.

Final — Runesten/Stavnsaard bt
Carlsson/Tholinsson 15-8, 15-8.

ARAFURA FESTIVAL GAMES

Darwin, Australia
25 April - 1 May, 1993

MEN'S SINGLES — Semi-finals — C.
Berata (BAL) bt Kong M.C. (HKG) 15-2,
15-2. P. Yulinetra (BAL) bt M. Kefut
(BAL) 15-7, 12-15, 15-10.

Final — Berata bt Yulinetra 15-12, 15-5.

WOMEN'S SINGLES — Semi-finals —
Ngan F. (HKG) bt Ng J. (HKG) 11-6,
11-1. Lam H.Y. (HKG) bt Anita (BRU)
11-6, 11-3.

Final — Ngan bt Lam 11-1, 11-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES — Semi-finals — C.
Berata/A. Yasa (BAL) bt A. Kittipong/ Yau
K.Y. (HKG) 15-11, 15-8. Ma C.K./Tam
K.C. (HKG) bt D. Kailani/Wong K.S.
(BRU) 15-3, 15-8.

Final — Berata/Yasa bt Ma/Tam 15-5,
15-9.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — Semi-finals —
Lam H.Y./Ng J. (HKG) bt J. Tsui/A. Astell
(HKG) 15-0, 15-2. Ngan F./Tung T.
(HKG) bt Surina/A. Dayangku (BRU)
15-1, 15-3.

Final — Ngan/Tung bt Lam/Ng 15-7,
15-11.

MIXED DOUBLES — Semi-finals — Ma
C.K./Tung T. (HKG) bt Zailani/Kartimah
(BRU) 15-7, 15-3. Tam K.C./Ngan F.
(HKG) bt Y. Riyadi/S. Fauziah (BRU)
15-1, 15-13.

Final — Tam/Ngan bt Ma/Tung 15-9,
6-15, 15-5.

TEAM RESULTS

- 1 Hong Kong 4/29
- 2 Bali 3/17
- 3 Brunei 2/18
- 4 Northern Territory Crocs 1/12
- 5 Northern Territory Buffs 0/4

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