



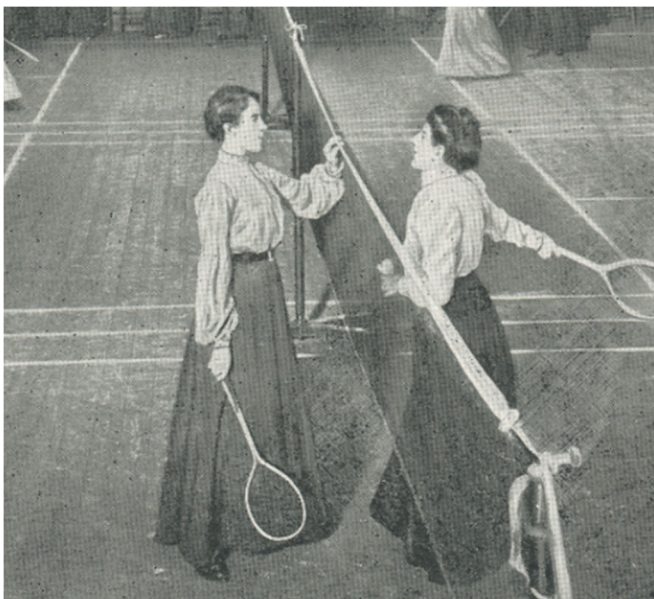
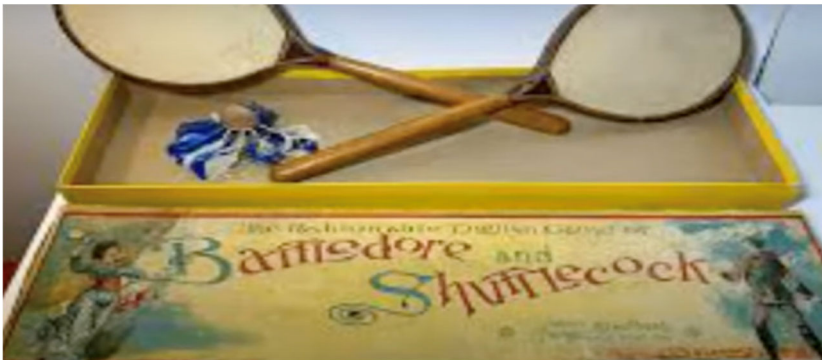
ISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION SOUTHERN SECTION (CIF-SS)

136th Historical "Tidbit" by Dr. John S. Dahlem

BADMINTON IN THE CIF-SS



Invented by British military officers in India in the mid-1800s, badminton soon spread to the rest of the world. Though badminton clubs sprouted up in the United States in the late 19th century, the sport never really took off on the competitive level, as it was overshadowed by the more popular racket sport, tennis. The game is named for Badminton, the country estate of the dukes of Beaufort in Gloucestershire, England, where it was first played about 1873. The roots of the sport can be traced to ancient Greece, China, and India, and it is closely related to the old children's game battledore and shuttlecock.





How'd Ya Like to Play **Badminton** With These Gals?
Step right up to the Los Angeles Athletic Club tonight then for the first annual county tournament to under way there this evening. The two fair players who got their signals crossed are Lois Jean Payne, left, and Edith Bricker. The squad on the right includes Dorothy Feltzok, Edith Bricker, Lois Jean Payne and Lillian Doughty. It is only lately that **badminton** has become the rage locally, although Canadians and Britons have played it for centuries under the name of battledore and shuttlecock.

SPORTS

Los Angeles Times

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 23, 1933.



Solons and Sheiks to Start Warfare Today

TROJANS TAKE EASY WORKOUT

S.C. Squad Limbers Up at Pratt, Kan.

Bill Graber Rests Because of Ailing Leg

BY BILL HENRY
KANSAS CITY, May 22.—"You say" said Mr. Luther Anderson, the above vice-president in charge of

Joe Savoldi Thrown With Marital Lock

BUCHANAN (Mich.) May 22. (AP)—Joe Savoldi, heavyweight wrestler and former Notre Dame football star, married Miss Lois Poole of Henderson, Ky., here yesterday. The bride gave her age as 20 years. It was the third marriage

M'NEELY LEADS FIGHTING BAND

Sacs in Ugly Mood After Beaver Drubbing

Vittmen Expect to Gain in Three-Week Stand

BY BOB RAY
Led by their fightin' manager, Mr. Earl (One Punch) McNeely, the Sacramento Senators, still rubbing

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD

Entries Close Saturday for Indoor Event

Badminton players in Southern California are busy this week tuning up for the first annual indoor tournament of Los Angeles county to be staged next week at the Los Angeles Athletic Club. Aileen Allen is in charge of the play and announces that all entries must be filed not later than Saturday night.

"We are anxious to make this, the first indoor tournament in local history, one that appeals to all players, whether they be stars or beginners," said Mrs. Allen. "As a matter of fact there are not many great players in Los Angeles. All of us are really just beginning to play the game and thus everybody who enters the tournament will have about an equal chance of winning."

Play will commence next Monday evening at the Los Angeles Athletic Club and will continue through Wednesday night, all matches to take place in the evening.

Players from **badminton** clubs of Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Pasadena, Black-Foxe Military Academy and the L.A.A.C. are expected to take part in addition to many unattached performers. Anybody is eligible to play in the tournament.

PETERSON KAYOS MULLER
CARDIFF (Wales) May 15. (AP)—Peterson, British heavyweight champion, knocked out Hein Muller of Germany in the first round of a fifteen-round bout here tonight.



Beatrice Hall, L.A.A.C.

JUST ANOTHER WAY TO LOSE YOUR TEMPER

How's your **badminton** game?

If you haven't pursued the elusive shuttlecock and pretty nearly busted your back swinging at it, you haven't lived.

At least, that's what I'm told.

The jolly old game has Hollywood, Pasadena and Beverly Hills all atwitter and most of the folks are entering the tournament that Aileen Allen is holding at the L.A.A.C. next week.

She's got so many entries now she doesn't know what to do with them, including several representatives of the nobility.

I wonder if they swear when they miss.

Annual Fete Of Girls' Society

The annual lawn fete of the Girls' Friendly society of St. Luke's church will be held on the church grounds, Monday, June 18, opening at 3 o'clock. Attractive, useful and fancy articles will be offered for sale by the different groups of girls, as well as cooked foods, punch and candy.

A buffet supper will be served at 6 o'clock. In the evening three clever plays will be produced by the high school groups. **Badminton** and other games will be played on the lawn during the afternoon.

The first mention of CIF-SS Badminton was in 1938

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10. Anaheim High School has been granted a sanction to hold a badminton tournament and asked that for this year the winner be declared the Southern California Badminton Champion.

Moved by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Hamilton that the Anaheim Badminton Tournament winner be declared the Southern California Champion for this year provided the tournament is open to all C. I. F., Southern Section members on equal terms. Carried.

1938 Anaheim High School Yearbook



DECK SPORTS

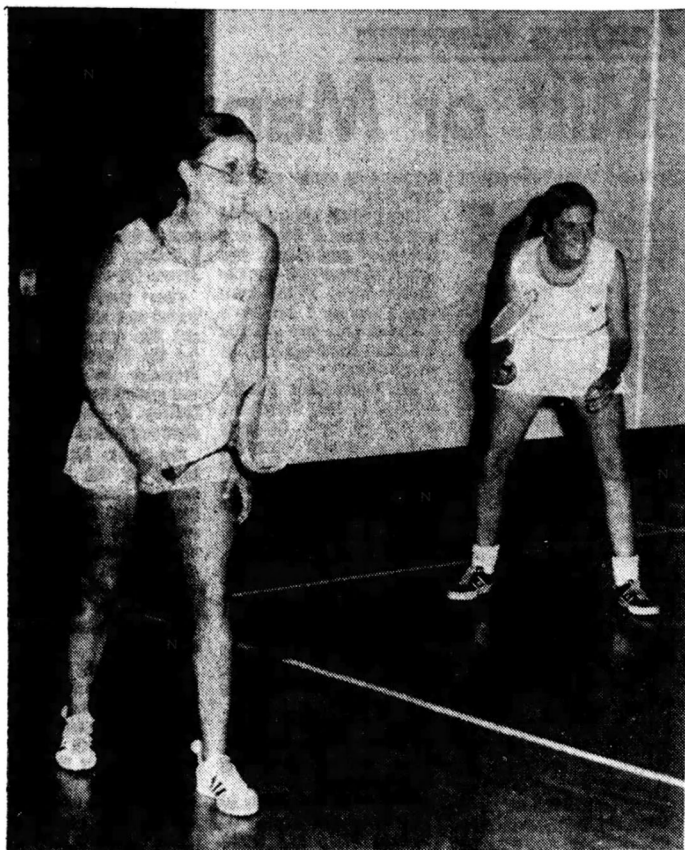
With the changes being made in the athletic facilities, especially the new girls' athletic field, the schedule has also been expanded to include more activity in informal games. Archery became a popular sport during the year.

Ping pong and badminton have become the favorite deck sports. Of the two, badminton has been exciting more interest. There is no organized game schedule for these activities. Participation is absolutely voluntary. Equipment is available both at noon and after school.

Along with ping-pong and badminton, there are shuffle board, ring toss, darts and checkers to present a mild form of recreation.

The first official CIF-SS CO-ED Badminton Championship was in 1972 on an individual basis and team wise in 1976 when Mira Costa High School defeated Los Altos 4-1. The coach for Mira Costa was Sylvia Holley. There was one division in 1976 and 1977. The Championships expanded to two divisions (4-A and 3-A) from 1978 to 1992. It continued a two division Championship titled Division 1 and Division 2 from 1993 to 1998. From 1999 to 2006 there was only one Division (1). Team Championships ended in 2006 when there were not enough team to compete (CIF-SS 3500.2 – 20% rule). Championship competition was held in Girl's Singles, Boys Singles, Girls Doubles, Boys Doubles and Mixed Doubles. Badminton was the only sport where girls and boys played together for a Championship starting in 1980.

2023 - 2024 SPRING SPORTS CALENDAR							Updated March 11, 2024	
SPORT	FIRST CONTEST	SOP DATE	LAST LEAGUE CONTEST	LAST ALLOWABLE CONTEST	# OF SCRIMMAGES	# OF CONTESTS	CIF-SS PRELIMINARIES	CIF-SS FINALS
Badminton	Feb. 24	March 31	May 3	May 4	2	24	N/A	N/A
Individual State Qualifying Tournament								May 10 - 11
Individual State Regional								May 18



CIF FINALISTS — Vicki Baumgartner (L) and Nancy Aandahl (R) of Rowland High School went all the

way to the CIF Badminton Finals before losing the doubles title to two girls from Mira Costa.



Although Los Altos couldn't win the CIF badminton championship this season, it did produce the top individual player.

Eckman, a senior who has been the most valuable player in the Sierra League for three straight years, won the singles title in a tournament involving 32 top players.

Dale Ferber, assistant badminton coach, said Eckman is "one of the new breed of girls—an all-around athlete."

Ferber said Eckman is an outstanding volleyball player and also excels in softball, although she passed up that sport this year to concentrate on badminton.

Eckman led Los Altos to second place in CIF competition. Los Altos lost in the finals to Corona del Mar.



Nan Eckman

Last Badminton Team Champions

Villa Park High School – 2006

Coach Bob Malaythong

Khan Bob Malaythong



Howard Bach and Bob Malaythong (USA)



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CIF SOUTHERN SECTION BADMINTON HISTORY

In 1972 the CIF Southern Section added the sport of girls badminton as part of their mission to increase the number of sports and opportunities for girls in high school sports. Badminton became the first, and still only, truly Co-Ed CIF sport in 1980. CIF Southern Section badminton maintained about 100 schools participating through the 1990s, when the numbers began to drop. Universities eliminated the sport and the opportunities for post high school play diminished.

Nonetheless, participation in badminton in California grew with the diversification of our population through migration from Asian countries. Even so, the Southern Section considered dropping badminton altogether. The sport thrived however in other sections throughout the state of California. One by one, other CIF Sections added the sport. Appealing to "a population that does not commonly receive CIF Championship opportunities," CIF State added badminton as a State Conference Championship sport in 2016. Qualifying players from the Southern Section play in the Southern California Regional Championships against players from as far south as San Diego and as far north as Fresno.

As a result, the number of high schools participating in CIF badminton competition in the Southern Section has been increasing, with a number of schools reviving old programs and others joining for the first time. Universities and Colleges have also increased their offering of the sport through organized clubs and club teams. The CCCAA (State of California Community Colleges) offer badminton as a Varsity Sport in the spring each year.

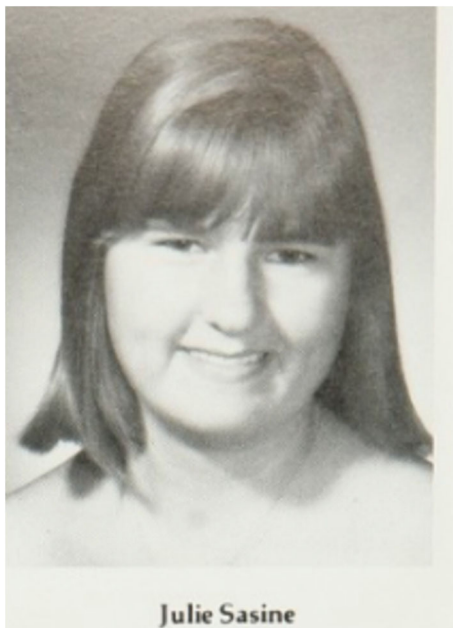
Over the years, the Southern Section has produced many USA junior and adult national champions and even a couple of Olympic Games participants. We look forward to this new era of growth and participation.

FIRST CIF-SS GIRLS DOUBLES BADMINTON CHAMPIONS
1972 - MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL



Julie Sasine

Sarah Thaves



Julie Sasine





PREP **BADMINTON** SOUTHERN SECTION DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP

Katella's Revised Lineup Can't Stop Lakewood

By MELANIE NEFF
SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CYPRESS—Katella's first loss of the season came in its last match of the season as the Knights were upset Thursday by third-seeded Lakewood, 11-8, in the Southern Section Division II **badminton** final.

Top-seeded Katella (19-1) had defeated Lakewood (16-2) earlier in the season, but this time the Lancers' depth was too much for the Knights. Katella Coach Dave Green shuffled his lineup in mixed doubles and the results were promising: the Knights took a 3-2 lead.

By splitting up his two top players Ying **Chansawangpuvana** and Ed Soetanto, Green hoped to strengthen his lineup.

Quoc Vuong and **Chansawangpuvana** had to go three games, but defeated Aileen Yumul and Sokhom Oum, 15-10, 8-15, 15-6. Soetanto and Cindy Duong had a tough

match, but came out on top, 3-0, 14-15, 15-9.

"We did what we wanted in mixed doubles," Green said. "Our kids played well, but they just played better. We knew it was going to be close. If we played again next week, we might beat them."

Katella, which has relied upon **Chansawangpuvana** and Soetanto to carry them through the season, got the usual reliable play from the two, as they picked up the only victories in singles for Katella.

Chansawangpuvana, the Southern Section singles champion, finished off her senior season undefeated, without dropping a game. In Thursday's matches she swept by Yumul and Savinh Pou, 11-1, 11-2, to close her high school career.

"We wouldn't have made it this far without Ying," Green said. "She is the main reason we are here."

Soetanto, the Southern Section runner-up in singles, also swept his matches, but it didn't come easy. In his first match with Tony Meas, Soetanto dropped the first game, 15-10, before rallying to win Game 2, 15-14. In the final game, Meas, suffering from leg cramps, took an 8-1 lead, before Soetanto slowly chipped away at the score, winning 15-9.

A turning point for Lakewood came in boys' doubles, with the Lancers ahead, 7-6.

Lakewood's No. 2 doubles, Tin Vo and Borin Eam upset Katella's No. 1 Vuong and Toan Pham, 15-4, 15-8, putting the Lancers up, 8-6. Pham and Duong got the only victory for Katella in girls' doubles, beating Lakewood's No. 1, Tina Ouch and Poravam Mao. Pham and Duong took the first game in a tiebreaker at 18-12, then shutout Ouch and Poravam, 15-0, in the final game of the match.



ROBERT LACHMAN / Los Angeles Times

Katella's Edward Soetanto goes up for a shot during 10-15, 15-4, 15-9 victory over Tony Meas.

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ORANGE COUNTY

PREP ROUNDUP

Villa Park Moves to Head of **Badminton** Class

Garden Grove's dominance in Orange County **badminton** officially came to an end Thursday when Villa Park beat the Argonauts, 10-9, in a nonleague match at Garden Grove.

It was the final match between Villa Park's Mike **Chansawangpuvana** and Garden Grove's Trong Nguyen in boys' singles that decided the outcome.

Chansawangpuvana, a freshman, battling through leg cramps, took the first game, 15-10, and then shut out Nguyen, 15-0, winning the only boys' match for Villa Park (5-0).

"That was so exciting," Villa Park Coach Sherry Smith said. "We knew it was going to come down to the very end."

The Villa Park girls' team won all eight of their matches in singles and doubles.

There was no chance in singles for the Argonauts (4-1), whose top player, Jamie Kong, was out with an injured Achilles' tendon. Amy Nguy and Bonnie Wong dropped only 10 points combined in singles for Villa Park. In girls' doubles, Cynthia Tran, last year's Times Orange County Player of the Year,



GLENN KOENIG / Los Angeles Times

Garden Grove's Hong Ton returns a shot to Amy Nguy during Thursday's match. Nguy won, 11-4, 11-0.

**2006 BADMINTON TEAM FINAL SEASON LEAGUE STANDINGS
AS REPORTED BY LEAGUE COORDINATORS 5-6-2006**

<u>ALMONT LEAGUE</u>	League	Overall
Mark Keppel	9-0	13-0
Alhambra	6-3	10-3
Pasadena	3-6	3-6
Pasadena Poly	0-9	0-9

EMPIRE LEAGUE

Cerritos	8-0	dnr
Cypress	5-3	dnr
Kennedy	5-3	9-4
Loara	2-6	dnr
Century	0-8	dnr

GARDEN GROVE LEAGUE

Garden Grove	9-0	14-0
La Quinta/Westminster	6-3	9-4
Bolsa Grande	3-6	7-7
Santiago/Garden Grove	0-9	0-9

IVY LEAGUE

Redlands	9-0	9-0
Colton	6-3	6-4
Redlands East Valley	2-7	dnr
Poly/Riverside	1-8	dnr

MISSION VLY LEAGUE

El Monte	8-0	dnr
South El Monte	6-2	dnr
Arroyo	4-4	dnr
Rosemead	2-6	dnr
Mountain View	0-8	dnr

MONTVIEW LEAGUE

Azusa	12-0	13-3
Gladstone	10-2	10-4
Sierra Vista	8-4	9-4
Baldwin Park	6-6	7-7
La Puente	3-9	3-11
Bassett	2-10	3-10
Workman	0-12	0-13

MOORE LEAGUE

Long Beach Wilson	10-0	12-2
Poly/Long Beach	8-2	9-3
Millikan	6-4	7-8
Lakewood	4-6	4-9
Jordan	2-8	3-10
Compton	0-10	0-10

<u>SAN ANOTNIO LEAGUE</u>	League	Overall
Wilson/Hacienda Heights	10-0	13-0
Diamond Bar	8-2	11-2
Rowland	5-5	7-5
Nogales	4-6	9-7
Ayala	2-8	5-10
West Covina	1-9	2-13

FREELANCE

Villa Park	13-0
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'Like most people, I thought it was a backyard game. But it's much harder than people know. People think you just hit the birdie back and forth, but world-class players can hit it from anywhere on the court to anywhere they want to.'



David Freeman Pasadena High School – 1940
Known as the “Pasadena Flash” – Considered best ever in
California

Wilmington Daily Press Journal
 Mon, Mar 07, 1938 ·Page 4

David Freeman Wins Badminton Title

By United Press

PASADENA, March 7. —(U.P.)—**David Freeman**, 17-year-old school-boy and son of a local minister, last night captured the California State **badminton** championship by upsetting Don Eversoll of Los Angeles, 13-15, 15-8, 15-6.

Women's singles honors were won by Mrs. Del Barkhuff of Seattle, the national champion, who defeated Shirley Stuebgen of Berkeley, the defender, 11-16, 11-3.

David Freeman; Badminton Great Became a Surgeon

By MYRNA OLIVER
 TIMES STAFF WRITER

Dr. **David Freeman**, an accomplished neurosurgeon who as a young man won eight championship **badminton** titles, has died. He was 80.

Diagnosed last April with Merkle cell carcinoma, Freeman died in San Diego Hospice on June 28.

Freeman maintained a successful neurosurgery practice in San Diego for more than 40 years, working out of his office across from Balboa Park.

"I always did operations a lot faster than the next guy," he told the San Diego Union in 1986. "I used to do 16-hour operations in 12 hours."

By the time he established his medical practice in the mid-1950s, those fast hands had already brought him an international reputation.

Raised in Pasadena, Freeman scored his first triumph with a racket in tennis. In his early teens, he won the national junior singles tennis championship. He was also a formidable squash and table tennis player before taking up **badminton** at age 13.

"**Badminton** was built for me," he once told an interviewer, "probably because I was quick more than anything else. I wasn't powerful. I wasn't fast—I couldn't run very fast, but I was quick and I had good [hand-eye] coordination."

Freeman dominated men's **badminton** for 14 years. He won seven U.S. **badminton** championships—1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1947, 1948 and 1953—and in 1949 brought the country its first world championship, winning men's singles at the prestigious All-England Championships. The English competition was considered the unofficial world title contest until 1977, when World Championships were instituted.

"His colorful style, darting and whirling around the court to return his opponent's shots," according to the Hickok Sports biography Web site, "has been described . . . as resembling a Cotmanche war dance."

Freeman was inducted into the International **Badminton** Federation Hall of Fame in 1997, and the Breitbard Hall of Fame at the San Diego Hall of Champions in Balboa Park in 1958.

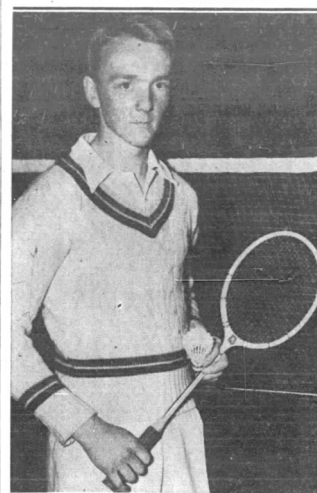
He was educated at Pasadena Junior College, Pomona College, where he was president of the student body, Harvard Medical School and the University of Michigan. He served two years in the Army Medical Corps just after the end of World War II.

Freeman is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Addie; a daughter, Diana Peterson of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.; two sons, Reese of Roseburg, Ore., and Dave of Arcadia; and four grandchildren.

Services will be scheduled in September.



KING OF BADMINTON



David Freeman, winner of national **badminton** singles championship last week-end in New York, is en route to his home in Pasadena with the coveted title.

Wide World photo

Southern Section
Academics / Integrity / Athletics

TO: Badminton Coaches/ Athletic Directors

FROM: Mike West, Commissioner of Athletics

SUBJECT: HL Corporation Continues Sponsorship

We are pleased to announce that HL Corporation will be continuing its support of the 2024 Southern Section Badminton Season. HL has supported CIF-SS Badminton for many years and will continue to do so for many more.

The HL Condor SYN-35 Condor Yellow Medium will be the official shuttlecock for the CIF-SS Badminton Season.

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HL can also provide other services for your team, such as clinics or exhibitions. Please do not hesitate to check out this valuable resource.

