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## *Preface*

Badminton is one of the most popular game in Malaysia. It was a game played in all the states in the Peninsula and in Sabah and Sarawak before the Formation of Malaysia. In villages, kampongs and towns throughout the country, the game was played in open air courts. It was popular because of the small space required and comparatively low cost of equipment needed and it attracted many participants from boys and girls in both the urban and rural area. It was therefore not strange that newly independent state, the Federation of Malaya, should dominate in this game in the 1940s when Sir George Thomas donated the Thomas Cup for International Team Competition for men. In the first International competition held in November 1948, the Federation of Malaya became the world champion playing against participating countries at that time such as United Kingdom, Denmark, U.S.A. and India.

In this book, Mr. Ho Ah Chon has compiled press reports and articles, and many photographs mostly taken by himself on events concerning badminton in Sarawak occurring in 1952-1964.

Mr. Ho Ah Chon was during this period personally involved with badminton in Sarawak. He was a player and good exponent of this game. He was an active participant in the development of this game in the state. He was Honorary Treasurer in 1952 and held that post until he took over as Chairman of the Kuching Badminton Association and in that capacity a Vice-President of the Sarawak Badminton Association of which the late Datuk Teo Kui Seng was President.

Badminton fans will find much of interest in this book. It contains not only pictures of events but also photographs of many well known players and local personalities such as Kho Kui Leong, Ismail Hassan, Ibrahim Tambi, Lim Khiok Seng, Lau Han Choon and many others including V.I.Ps who officiated in various events. Two well known badminton Malaysian badminton players, Wong Peng Soon and Ong Poh Lim (a Sarawakian who migrated to Malaya), who helped Malaya in winning the Thomas Cup, are also featured in this book.

As one interested in the game, I find it of much interest and I commend it to all those interested in the development of this game in this country.



Tan Sri Datuk Ong Kee Hul

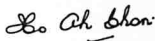
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## A Distinguished Sarawak Sportsman



*Mr Ong Poh Lim and His Trophies*

Sarawak has come into the limelight in the last few years in the field of badminton. An outstanding player with an international reputation is Ong Poh Lim, the 34 year old son of Mrs Ong Kheng Hong and the late Mr Ong of Kuching, Sarawak. Poh Lim a student of St. Thomas's School, Kuching, took a serious interest in badminton only after the visit to Kuching in 1937 of the two Singapore Champions Leow Kim Fat and Yap Chin Tee.

During 1938-1941 he was the Sarawak Singles and Doubles Champion. He was beaten in the first round in the Malayan Championship in which he took part for the first time in 1941, but won the Leong Sim Nam Plate.

In June 1947 he went to Singapore to work as well as to avail himself of every opportunity of improving his play and was greatly assisted by Yap Chin Tee, then considered to be a very good badminton player of Singapore.

To crown his victories he won the triple championship in the Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles in the Singapore Badminton Associa-

tion's Open Championship Tournament, 1952.

Poh Lim is now well on the road to the World Champion. He has on more than one occasion beaten the present holder of the title, Wong Peng Soon. Swiftiness of movement, stamina and a quick eye are the weapons of Poh Lim's armoury. His action in play is often not very grateful but in the fast play which is a feature of high class badminton grace of movement cannot always be maintained. His secret weapons are crocodile service and extremely hard smashing.

Poh Lim is very young and has before him several years more in which to add to his already distinguished badminton career; more laurels than most players can ever hope to win.

Sarawak is indeed proud of Poh Lim who has been declared the Sportsman of the year and will watch his progress with the greatest interest.

In 1948 he was selected to represent the All-Malayan Chinese Badminton team to take



*Mr. Ong Poh Lim with the Thomas Cup.*

part in the Chinese Olympic in Shanghai and was also selected to represent Malaya for the Thomas Cup.

In his first European tour in 1949 he won the Irish Open Singles and, with Kee Fong the Doubles Championships.

Back in Malaya, he won in 1950 the All Malayan Doubles Championship, with Ismail bin Marjan and won also the Singapore Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

His second European tour in 1951 resulted in him winning the French Open Singles and Doubles Championships and the Danish Open Championship. He was also the runner up both in Singles and Doubles of the all England Chamionships. Played in Surrey he won the Open Doubles Championship with Ismail bin Marjan. In the same year he won the open Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championships in Singapore.

The 1952 Thomas Cup Championships are still recent history and the yeoman services of Poh Lim were to a large measure responsible for the retention of the Cup in Malaya for the second year in succession. Besides winning all the matches, both Singles and Doubles, it was left to Poh Lim to score the winning point which gave Malaya the victory!

Following his brilliant success in the Thomas Cup tournament in Singapore, Poh Lim with Ismail bin Marjan went on to confirm their claim to Malaya's top double pair in the final of the International tournament played in Kuala Lumpur.

He won also the handsome Brands Challenge trophy for Singles and shared the trophy for the doubles with Ismail bin Marjan in the Singapore Badminton Association's open invitation tournament at the new Singapore Badminton hall.

## Venus Badminton Party Entertains Poh Lim And Marjan 1953.



*A group photograph taken at Inche Mohamed's residence.  
Ismail Marjan is fourth from left. On his left is Mr Wee Hood Teck. Ong Poh  
Lim is fourth from right.  
Photo by Ho Ah Chon.*

Ong Poh Lim and Ismail bin Marjan, Malayan Thomas Cup badminton players were entertained to a reception given by the members of the Venus Badminton Party at Inche Mohamed bin Haji Bakri's residence at Datu's Road last Friday night, at which about twenty people including the members of the Venus Badminton Party were present.

Speaking on behalf of the President and the members of the Venus Badminton Party, the sports Captain, Mr Arshad said, "this is a unique occasion for us as this gathering is graced the presence of such well-known badminton players as our honoured guests".

Mr Arshad added, "We are really honoured by the presence of Mr Ong Poh Lim and Inche Ismail bin Marjan. In Mr Ong Poh Lim, we are proud that Sarawak has so far

produced a brilliant player and in Inche Ismail bin Marjan we are equally proud to see that he has made a good name in the world of sports for the Malays as a whole".

He expressed the hope that the two players would come to Kuching again. In conclusion he thanked Inche Mohamed bin Haji Bakri for the use of his house for the happy gathering.

Mr Chia Bok Gee replying on behalf of the guests thanked the members of the Venus Badminton Party for giving the reception and he also thanked Mr Wee Hood Teck for sponsoring the visit of the two distinguished players to Kuching.

Both Ong Poh Lim and Ismail bin Marjan left Kuching for Singapore by the Bidor last Saturday.



*Ho Ah Chon and Ismail bin Marjan on board the Bidor.*



*Standing Mrs. Ong (Poh Lim's mother), Ong Poh Lim, Wee Hood Teck, Ismail bin Marjan, Soh Peng Hin, Chua Sip Yam, Goh Hock Guan, Admund Ang (squaring), Chia Bok Gee, Arshud bin Usop, Kho Kai Leong and Boal bin Uls.*



*Happy World Stadium along Padungan Road.*

## Result Of Exhibition Matches

Ong Poh Lim and Ismail Marjan, who are now in Kuching, played their first of a series of Exhibition Matches at the Happy World Nightingale Cafe last Wednesday evening. The first session started at 6.15 p.m. with an opening Singles Match between Ong Poh Lim and Ismail Marjan in which each player won a set. In the Doubles Match between Ong Poh Lim and Ismail Marjan and Kuching's Pitani bin Manan and Kho Kui Leong, the visiting pair took the game with little difficulty. With their tricky and fast serving, perfect combination and terrific smashes, they were too much for the boys here. However, Kuching's players have nothing to lose. The second session in the evening's exhibition started off 9.15 p.m.

The Result of last Wednesday's Matches is as follows:-

### First Session; Singles:

Ong Poh Lim vs. Ismail Marjan 15-12, 12-15;  
Ong Poh Lim vs. Ho Ah Choon 15-1, 15-4;  
Ismail Marjan vs. Richar Chan Swee Kheng 15-5, 15-6.

### Doubles:

Ong Poh Lim and Ismail Marjan vs. Pitani and Kho Kui Leong 15-0.

### Second Session; Singles:

Ong Poh Lim vs. Ismail Marjan 9-15, 15-10;  
Ibrahim Tambi vs. Lim Khio Seng 15-10, 15-1.  
Arshad vs. Awg. Ali 21-20.

Doubles: Ong Poh Lim and Ismail Marjan vs. Pitani and Kho Kui Leong 15-0; 15-7.

The last Exhibition Matches were sheduled to be played off last night.

## New Committee Members-Elected KUCHING BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

New Committee members of the Kuching Badminton Association for the year 1952 have been elected at a general meeting held in the premises of the "Zaida" the headquarters of the Sarawak Government Asian Officers' Union on Monday afternoon.

More than fifty people were present and the schools were also well represented.

The following gentlemen have been elected:- President: Mr Teo Kui Seng; vice President: Messrs. Tan Kai Choon, A.R. Snelus, C.B. Horn and William Tan; Hon Secretary: Mr Lau Han Choon; Hon. Assistant Secretary: Mr Matthew Hon; Hon. Treasurer: Mr Ho Ah Chon; Hon. Auditor: Mr chin Nyit Joon; Hon. Assistant Superintendent: Mr Michael Chen; Committee: Messrs. Chan Swee Kheng, Ong Kee Pheng, Pitani bin Manan, Wee Peng Kiat, Satem bin Sulong, Boid bin Ulis and Simon Hon.

It is stressed that the appointments of the above named gentlemen are subject to their acceptance.



Mr Teo Kui Seng

The Sarawak Tribune approached Mr Teo, the President-elect yesterday morning and replying to a question by your correspondent, Mr Teo said he had as yet not received any official information regarding this subject.

Asked if he was prepared to serve as President Mr Teo said he would and added that he would do his best to promote the interests of the Association.

## CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION K.B.A. TEAM To Visit Simanggang

Some changes in the constitution of the Kuching Badminton Association were effected following a general meeting held last Saturday in the premises of Messr. The Sarawak Steamship Co. Ltd., Hun Yeang Street. The meeting was presided over by the Presiden, Mr Teo Kui Seng.

In an interview with the Tribune yesterday the Hon. Secretary, Mr Lau Han choon said that under the amended rules, much of which were being brought in line with the rules and constitution of the Singapore Badminton Association, there would be two Vice Presidents instead of the former number of four. The number of committee members was reduced from seven to five while the status of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent was abolished to be replaced by the Board of Referees. The amendment are subject to the approval of the Registrar of Societies.

The office bearers for 1953 are as follows:- President: Mr Teo Kui Seng; Vice Presidents: Mr Tan Kui Choon, Mr C.B. Horn; Hon. Secretary: Mr Lau Han Choon; Hon. Treasurer: Mr Ho Ah Chon; Asst. Hon. Secretary: Mr Chan Swee Keng; Committee Members: Messrs. A.R. Snelus, Michael Chen, Satem bin Sulong, Ong Kee Pheng and Pitani.

The general meeting also confirmed the visit of Ong Poh Lim and party to take place early in April.

It is learned from Mr Lau that an invitation has been extended by the Resident, Second Division, Mr A.F.R. Griffin through Mr A.R. Snelus, to the Association to send a team to tour Simanggang during the Easter holidays. Mr Lau is to head a party of seven (subject to leave being granted him) and will leave Kuching in the "La Fe" next Thursday, returning on Monday. Members of this party will be chosen on the merits of the last tournament held here. Should there be inadequate response the Secretary has been empowered to use his discretion.

A recent report said that Sibn is sending a team to participate in the Coronation Inter-Division competition here and Simanggang may send an all-Second Division team on this occasion.

31st March 1953

December 5 1952



The Cup donated by the Kuching Badminton Association for the Inter-stations Badminton Competition during Coronation Week.

## KBA To Select Team For Inter-Station Badminton Competition

### Handsome Cup And Medallions Arrive

On Monday evening the Kuching Badminton Association held their Committee Meeting, under the Chairmanship of Mr Teo Kui Seng, in which discussion took place on the syste to be used on the forth-coming Coronation Inter-Station Badminton Competition. The sytem, either knock-out or league, shall be decided later when all the out-stations' representatives have arrived in Kuching.

In the meantime it was also decided to hold a contest among the Kuching players to select the best to represent this town. Those entering for the Singles event will be 8 persons, namely - Kho Kui Leong, Ibrahim Tambi, Michael Chen, Pitani bin Manan, Lim Kioh Seng, Ho Ah Chon, Richard Chan Swee Kheng and Awang Ali; and for the Doubles are — Michael Chen and Pitani, Tan Choon Huat and Wee Bok Hee, Lau Han Choon and Kho Kui Leong, Ibrahim Tambi and Awang Ali. The team for Kuching shall consist of 3 Singles players and 4 Doubles players.

The large, handsome silver cup (see Sat. Picture Supplement), which is stated to measure over two feet high, and the medallions, al made by Messrs. Winton's of Singapore, have arrived here by the Rajah Brooke specially for this competition.

Concerning the venue of play the KBA officials are now discussing with the management of the Happy World for their Stadium to be used, but should this not be possible an alternative place would probably be the flat ground in front of the Nightingale Cafe.

In an interview with the Tribune, the Hon. Secretary of the Association, Mr Law Han Choon said: "It is the aim of the Association that appeals for donation from supporter should be curtailed as far as possible and that while a tournament involves certain expense, it was thought that the Happy World Stadium would enable the Association to run a tournament and pay its way out of the gate collections.

"The stadium was originally expected to be available at the end of last April. On that supposition arrangements were then made for the visit of Mr Ong Poh Lim and party. But as it transpired, the stadium was not available and although now completed, certain requirements have not been met with and therefore, any hope of it being available thi year is ruled out."

On a survey of other suitable venues, the Maderasah Melayu Hall is only available for not more than one week end. Due to other places being unavailable, the Management Committee have decided not to proceed with any tournament for 1953.

11th December, 1953.

## K.B.A. Proposes State Tournament

District Officers Ask To Help

The Hon. Secretary of the Kuching Badminton Association, Mr Lau Han Choon has disclosed that at a recent Committee meeting of the Kuching Badminton Association, it was proposed that a contribution to the Coronation celebrations in Kuching next June be made in the form of a State Tournament.

Such an event, if successfully carried out will be the first of its kind and it is felt, will go a great way towards the fostering of interest in this game on a colony-wide basis.

The Association has communicated with all District Officers soliciting their assistance in making public this proposal as widely as possible and in particular to interested individuals or clubs.

Teams of a minimum of 4 or a maximum of 7 players are invited and matches shall consist of 3 singles and 2 doubles. The Hon. Secretary is prepared to give further information on this subject on application to him.

January 27, 1953.

## Kuching Won Inter-Station Badminton Competition at P.W.D. Garage Batu Lintang Road 1953



*The Kuching and Sibul Badminton Teams with Mr Teo Kui Seng, President of KBA (Standing fourth from right). Tribune Picture*



*Mrs Teo Kui Seng Gave Away The Coronation Cup To Mr Ho Ah Choon Captain Of Kuching Team. 1953. Mr Lau Han Choon The Secretary Looking On*

Kuching Badminton Team beat Sibul Team in the Inter-Station Badminton Competition Finals last Friday afternoon and thus became the holder of the handsome Trophy, presented by the Borneo Company Limited. The score was five games to nil.

The first Singles match started at 3.30 p.m. Kho Kui Leong took the match easily beating Awang Ali Basah (Sibu) by 15.4, 15.0 Kuang Ik Ung, (Sibu) played a fine game in the second Singles match and after taking the lead beat Pitani in the first set. In the second set Pitani took the lead. Kuang Ik Ung managed to catch up with him and drew on

level at 11-all. Pitani played steadily and snatched a 15-12 victory from Kuang Ik Ung. Pitani won the third set easily.

Lim Khiok Seng, a promising young player, played a superb game. He beat Mohd. Morshidi, also young player, easily in the two sets.

In the fourth match Lau Han Choon and his partner Kho Kui Leong beat Abang Wylly and Awang Ali Basah easily.

Kuang Ik Ung and Mohd. Morshidi played well in the last match. They lost the first set to Ibrahim Tambi and Awang Ali but, took the second set, and they almost took the last set when they were leading by 11-10.

But they were a fault and Ibrahim and Awang Ali managed to catch up and snatched a 18-15 victory in the end.

After the conclusion of the Competition Mrs Teo Kui Seng gave away the handsome Trophy to the Captain of the Kuching Team, Ho Ah Choon.

The Results are as follows (Kuching players mentioned first).

Singles: Kho Kui Leong beat Awg. Ali Basah 15-4, 15-0; Pitani beat Kuang Ik Ung 9-15, 15-12, 15-5; Lim Khiok Seng beat Mohd. Morshidi 15-3, 15-3. Doubles: Lau Han Choon and Kho Kui Leong beat Abg. Wylly and Awg. Ali Basah 15-5, 15-7; Ibrahim Tambi and Awg. Ali beat Kuang Ik Ung and Mohd. Morshidi 15-13, 17-18, 18-15.



## The following is a line-up of the seven players selected to represent Kuching and also of the Non-playing Captain and Coach:-



Kho Kui Leong, also a student of the St. Thomas's School and a member of the Ding Ding Badminton Party, is the current K.B.A. Open Singles Runner-Up. He was the K.B.A. Open Singles Champion in 1952. Last year he was the St. Thomas's School Open Single Champion.

Both Kui Leong and Khiok Seng are the sons of Well-known footballers, Mr Kho Eng Seng and Mr Freddie Lim respectively. Like their fathers who are well-known to the older generation the two boys are also promising footballers and they have been representing their school in the K.F.A. League soccer fixtures.



Chan Khiok Hian, the Non-Playing Captain and Coach for the Kuching Team, is well-known to local badminton enthusiasts. He and Lau Han Choon are the current K.B.A. Doubles Runners-Up. During his younger days he had taken many badminton honours. In 1936 he became the St. Thomas's School Singles Runner-Up, the K.B.A. Singles Runner-Up and he won the Chinese Open Single Championship. In 1949 he took the Sarawak Union Club Open Singles Championship and the Doubles Championship partnering Han Choon. In 1950 he and Han Choon became the K.B.A. Double Champions. He is also a keen tennis player and last year he and Wee Chiang Khoon won the Coronation Doubles Championship during the tournament held at the Sarawak Club Court.



Lim Khiok Seng, a student of St. Thomas's School, Kuching, and a member of the Ding Ding Badminton Party, is the current K.B.A. Open Singles Champion. He wrested the honours from Kho Kui Leong, his team-mate, when he defeated the latter during the K.B.A. Tournament held last month. Khiok Seng was the Runner-Up in the St. Thomas's School tournament held in 1953.



Ho Ah Chon, one of the star players of the Arrow B.P., is a promising badminton player. During the trial matches he beat Arshad and Pitani. He also took part in the Open Singles, Open Doubles and Mixed Doubles in this year's K.B.A. tourney.

Pitani bin Manan, several times a Doubles Champion, has been a very keen badminton player. In 1952 he partnered Michael Chen to take the K.B.A. Doubles Championship honours. In 1952 he was the St. Michael's Catholic Association Singles Runner-Up and a Doubles Champion, and in 1953 he was the Singles Champion and Doubles Champion partnering Arshad. A member of the Venus B.P. both he and Arshad have given much support to their Party during the Inter-Party Tournaments.

Arshad bin Usop an old student of the St. Thomas's School and one of the star players of the Venus Badminton Party partnering Pitani bin Manan is the current K.B.A. Doubles Champion. In 1951 he was the Zaida Open Singles Runner-up in 1953, he was the St. Thomas's School Singles Runner-Up. In 1952, he was the St. Michael's Catholic Association Singles Runner-Up and the Doubles Champion (partnering Pitani bin Manan). He is also a star player of the Pasokan Melayu soccer team.

Arshad also took part in the K.B.A. Tournament this year but was eliminated by Ibrahim bin Tambi in the Quarter Final. It is interesting to note that he beat Khiok Seng during the Inter-Party Tournament.

Sim Lang Siew is a member of the Ding Ding B.P., one of the promising new players he fought his way brilliantly throughout the preliminary rounds in this year's K.B.A. Tournament to qualify to the Semi-Final meeting Kui Leong. He was, however, beaten by Kui Leong.

Ibrahim bin Tambi, K.B.A. 1952 Open Singles Runner-Up, is a member of the B.G.S. Badminton Party. Ibrahim and his brother Bujang bin Tambi, took the All-Malay Open Doubles Championships in 1948 and 1949 held at Kpg. Boyan and Kpg. Gersik respectively. In 1952 he beat Michael Chen in the K.B.A. Semi-Final tournament to qualify for the Final meeting Kho Kui Leong. In this year's K.B.A. tourney he beat Arshad in the Quarter Final but was eliminated by Khiok Seng in the Semi-Final.

## Kuching Retains Coronation Cup



*The picture shows the Non-playing captain and Coach of Kuching team Chan Khioh Hian, holding the Cup after winning it on Monday 27th September. With him are from left to right: Ho Ah Chon, Sim Lang Stew, Ibrahim Tambi, Kho Kui Leong and Lim Khioh Seng - the players who successfully defended the Cup this year.*

*-INTERNATIONAL STUDIO PICTURE*

By defeating Sibu in the final of the Inter-Station Badminton Tournament on Monday, (H. H. The Rajah's Birthday), Kuching again won the Coronation Cup for the second successive year by 3-2. This Cup, to be won in 3 years, was first played for the last year during the Coronation Celebrations, and Sibu was also the runners-up in the series.

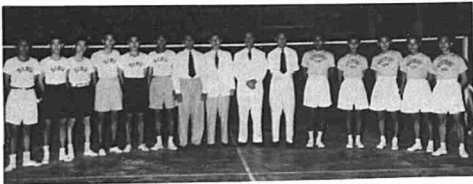
Sibu put up a dogged fight in one of the Singles and one of the Doubles. The 5 matches played last Monday evening at Happy World Stadium were watched by a record crowd which at a conservative guess could not be less than 2,000 people of all races and sexes, including many out-stations visitors.

Commencing at 7.25 p.m. sharp the first Singles between Kho Kui Leong and Ali Basah appeared to be simply a walkover for Kho, who is one of the outstanding fast racquet wielders of this town. He made Ali Basah look like a novice in the sport. The two matches were soon over in 11 minutes and Kho won by 15-2, 15-3.

A few minutes later the second Singles

players were on the field. It was almost a repetition of the first match as Lim Khioh Seng, this year's Kuching B.A. Champion, played 'hide and seek' with Hamdan Lim always caught the visiting player on the minutes. It was a delight to see Lim's finesse in his back-hand and slicing diagonal shots.

Then followed a titanic struggle between the third Kuching Singles player, Ho Ah Choon, and the stubborn Sibu champion, Kuang Ik Ung. To the last minute the decision of this tough duel between two evenly matched first-class players hung on a hairsbreadth. Either of them might have gained the upper hand. But by rallying strongly in the second set Kuang went on to win by 3-15, 15-8, 18-13. It would not be wrong to say that Ho fought every inch of the way and not a single point was wasted. The crowd watched with tense feelings and applauded every brilliant shot and they sighed when a grazing shot failed to tumble down the opposite side. This was one of the best games seen in the Tournament. Both must be congratulated for putting up an excellent display.



*The Hon'ble guest Mr Snelus (9th from left) was kindly invited and witnessed the matches and gave away the trophies at the conclusion of the competition.*

*Competitors were (L/R) Hamdan Hamid, Lim Ung Hui, Stephen Liew, Leong Tong Soon, Kuang Ik Ung, Ali Basah with Team Manager Mr Lee Kui Choi (Sibu Team), Ibrahim bin Tambi, Sim Leng Siew, Kho Kui Leong, Lim Khiok Seng and Ho Ah Chon.*

In the first Doubles between Lim Khiok Seng and Kho Kui Leng for Kuching and Ali Basah and Lim Eng Eng for Sibu the visitors again proved themselves to be tough fighters. But unfortunately, they were over-whelmed by superior players who gave them no respite at all. In the first set Lim and Kho began with a gain of 5 loves but a few minutes later the Sibu pair chased up. Then the Kuching pair took another 2 points which Sibu again levelled up and went on to add another 3 points making the score 7-10 in their favour. But this time Kuching put on top pressure with net plays and pretty placings which left the visiting pair standing still. Thus Kuching levelled up and within the next few minutes they got the match at 15-13.

Changing their style of play the Kuching pair ran off with a string of 9 points before the visitors could even get a single point. Forging ahead once more Kuching added another 4 points, with Sibu making frantic efforts to make a fight of it. But they could only get another 4 points before they had to admit defeat by 15-5.

The last match of the evening between Ibrahim bin Tambi and Sim Lang Siew of Kuching and Kuang Ik Ung and Liong Tong Soon of Sibu was won by the latter pair in two

sets 16-18, 5-15. The Sibu pair combined very well and played splendidly to win. But the Kuching pair struggled very hard though they could not stem the tide against them.

At the conclusion of this match Mr Lau Han Choon, the Official Referee of the Final, made a speech. He gave thanks to the Happy World for allowing the Tournament to be held at their Stadium and all those who have given their assistance to make this year's games a success.

Then Mr A. R. Snelus was called upon to speak to the gathering. Congratulating the players of all stations for their spirited display and the trouble and expenses they had gone through to participate in the Tournament Mr. Snelus declared that he had enjoyed very much to see the tough displays especially the match between Simanggang and Sibu for the Semi-final in which Stephen Liew and Wee Guan Chai fought a mighty battle.

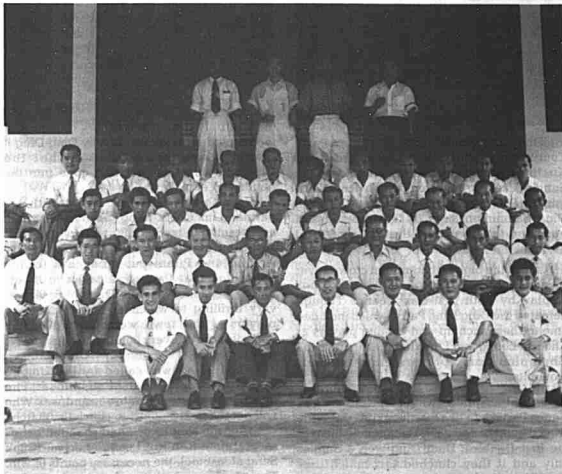
Mr Snelus then presented the Coronation Cup to the Captain of Kuching's Team, Mr Chan Khiok Hian, and after that he gave away the medals to all the players in the Final of both sides. Mr Lan Han Choon called for 3 cheers for Mr Snelus which were responded to heartily by the crowd.



*The Kuching Coach Chan Khiok Hian 2nd row (centre) with Kuching's teams players.*



*The President Mr. Teo Kui Seng last row 3rd from left with all the officials.*



*Picture shows the 'Getting Together' party for officials and players at the residence of Mr. Teo Kui Seng the President of K.B.A. sitting in the middle as seen from the first row on the steps of the main entrance of the Sarawak Steamship Company's bungalow at Reservoir Road, Kuching.*

## Venus Party Captures 1954 Championship



The Championship of the Inter-Party Tournament, sponsored and organised by the Kuching Badminton Association, was on Sunday evening captured by the Venus Badminton Party when they defeated the Ding Ding Badminton Party by 3-2 in a series of hard fought battles at the Happy World Stadium.

One of the biggest badminton crowds ever seen here wated with thrills and plenty tough display by both first-class teams. Though defeated the Ding Ding Party, which included among them such up-and-coming players as Kho Kui Leong and Lim Khiok Seng, gave the Champion party players many anxious moments.

The atmosphere was very tense when Venus Party won two Singles at this stage the crucial point to decide the Championship was the first Doubles. Ding Ding won a Singles only and if they clinched this match they would have a chance to win. But luck against them, as Boid and Yohana (the clown) smashed and clowned their way to victory in to sets.



When this match was lost by Ding Ding it was a foregone conclusion that the Championship this year had gone into the hands of Venus Party.

Despite this Kho Kui Leong with his partner Lim Khiok Seng, was underterred, and seemed to be determined to win the last Doubles of the evening. Unexpectedly Arshad and Pitani put up such a terrific opposition that they were taken to 3 sets before the game was won. The rubber set was very thrilling to watch as four of the best players of this town were pitched on the opposite courts. Every point was fought to the fullest degree.

When 12-all was called by the Umpire everyone was held in a suspense. The question in many spectators' mind was-Who will get the next 3 points to clinch the match?

After the shuttlecock had changed hands several time Kho Kui Leong and Lim Khiok Seng at last took the necessary points to win. The player on both courts were bathed in sweat and their faces showed obvious grimness and determination. It was a mighty struggle.

# K.B.A. Annual Tournaments 1954

## GOOD RESPONSE

The Kuching Badminton Association will hold its Annual Badminton Tournaments commencing from tomorrow night, the first match of which will start at 7.30 p.m.

The fixtures for the Tournaments have already been drawn up and they will be announced in these columns.

It is learned that all the matches will be played off at the spacious Happy World Stadium.

Response to this year's tournaments has been good and to cope up with the season it has been drawn that some of the matches will be played off on Sunday morning commencing from 9.00 to 11.00. It is also interesting to note that lady badminton enthusiasts, though very few, will participate in the Mixed Doubles matches.

Those taking part are Misses: Kho Kui Hui, Shirley Sim, Wee Chai Siok, Aminah Abu Bakar and Rose Linang.

Five Badminton Parties - Ding Ding, B.G.S., Venus, Arrow and Bian Seng - will contest for the Inter-party honours.

Fixtures for the Kuching Badminton Association Annual Tournaments to be played off at the Happy World Stadium are as follows:-

### TONIGHT: Open Singles:

7.30 p.m. Sim Lang Siew vs. Boid bin Ulis.

### Junior Singles

8.00 p.m. Kang Chin Huat vs. Wee Kang Joo.

8.30 p.m. Kadir vs. Wee Chiew Hoon.

9.00 p.m. Dennis Tan vs. Mohd. Sulaiman.

9.30 p.m. Yeo Lip Hiang vs. Raphael Hon.

### Open Doubles

10.00 p.m. Bidari Mohd & Lee Gut Hin vs. Busrah & Matnor.

### TOMORROW (Sunday)

#### Junior Singles

9.00 a.m. Lim Mai vs. Cyril Chong

9.30 a.m. James Wee vs. Lee Hun Hoon.

10.00 a.m. Sim Ann Lee vs. Abu Bakar.

10.30 a.m. Anthony B. Thien vs. Salleh.

11.00 a.m. A.S. Barlow vs. Chua Leong Ann.

7.30 p.m. Hamdan vs. Mohd. Narawi.

8.00 p.m. Awg Ali Bohan vs. Ong Guan

Tiong.

8.30 p.m. Sidi vs. Chong Siew Ming.

9.00 Kong Fen Khiong vs. Lim Ung Hui.

### Open Doubles

9.30 p.m. Ibrahim Tambi & Awg. Ali Bohan vs. Lim Khiok Seng & Sim Lang Siew.

### Mixed Doubles

10.00 p.m. Ho Ah Chon & Miss Kho Kui Hua vs. Bidari Mohd & Miss Shirley Sim.

Official Umpires for tonight's matches are Abang Samat and Mr Simon Hon. For Tomorrow: Morning session: Mr Chew Ee Tiong and Night session Messrs. Chan Swee Kheng and Mathew Hon. For Monday's session: Messrs. Jackie Baw and Arshad bin Usop.

It is learned that no charge will be made for entrance into The Happy World STADIUM during the preliminary rounds which will take place in the course of next week or so. The Management Committee have come to this decision in order to encourage as many spectator and badminton enthusiasts to come and watch the matches.

A nominal charge will, however, be made on the Final Night and this will be announced later.

## Results

Matches played on 7th August:

Open Singles: Sim Lang Siew beat Boid bin Ulis: 10-15, 15-7, 15-11.

Open Doubles: Bidari and Lee Gut Hing beat Busrah and Matnor: 15-11, 15-8. Ibrahim and Awang Ali Bohan beat Khiok Seng and Lang Siew: 5-15, 15-13, 15-11.

Junior Singles: Wee Kang Joo beat Kang Chin Huat: 15-8, 15-10. Wee Chiew Hoon beat Kadir: 18-14, 15-8. Dennis Tan beat Mohd. Sulaiman: 15-5, 15-2. Raphael Hon beat Yeo Lip Hiang: 15-8, 15-9.

Matches played on 8th August: Junior Singles: Lim Mai beat Cyril Chong: 9-15, 15-10, 15-12. James Wei beat Lee Hun Boon: 15-8, 12-15, 15-11. Sim Ann Lee beat Abu Bakar: 15-8, 9-15, 15-12.

Anthony B. Thien beat Salleh: 15-12, 15-12. Chua Leong Ann beat A.S. Barlow: 15-9, 15-0. Mohd. Narawi beat Mohd. Hamdan: 15-10, 15-9. Awg. Ali Bohan beat Ong Guan Tiong: 15-7, 15-5. Chong Siew Ming beat Sidi: 15-12, 15-10.

Lim Ung Hui beat Kong Fen Khiong: 5-15, 17-14, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles: Ho Ah Chon and Miss Kho Kui Hua beat Bidari and Miss Shirley Sim

15-3, 15-7.

10th August, 1954.

Tonight's K.B.A. Annual Badminton fixtures are:-

Junior Singles: 7.30 p.m. Mohd. Narawi vs. Awg. Ali Bohan. 8.00 p.m. Chong Siew Ming vs. Lim Ung Hin. 8.30 p.m. Awg. Hj. Zaidel vs. Chan Ah Leng.

Open Singles: 9.00 p.m. Kho Kui Leong vs. Ho Ah Chon. 9.30 p.m. Chew Ee Tiong vs. Michael Hon. 10.00 p.m. Thang Meng Siang vs. Bidari bin Mohd.

Umpires for tonight's matches

Results of the Kuching Badminton Association Annual Tournaments held at the Happy World Stadium last Monday night are as follows:-

JUNIOR SINGLES; Wee Keng Joo beat Kong Yun Chong 15-10, 15-4. Wee Chiew Hoon beat Dennis Tan 15-12, 11-15, 15-5. Lim Mai beat Raphael Hon 15-11, 10-15, 17-14. James Wei beat Sim Ann Lee 15-0, 15-10. Chua Leong Ann beat Anthony B. Thien 15-9, 15-9.

OPEN DOUBLES: Chan Khiok Hian and Lau Han Choon beat Wee Bok Hee and Kho Kui Leong (walk over).

It is learned that as from tonight the first match in the K.B.A. tournaments will begin half an hour earlier than as scheduled in the programme.

Tonight's Fixtures are as follows:-

OPEN SINGLES: 7.00 p.m. Chan Swee Kheng vs. Sim Lang Siew.

JUNIOR DOUBLES: 7.30 p.m. Kong Fen Khionf & Kong Yun Chong vs. Lee Hun Boong & Soon Poh. 8.00 p.m. Mohd. Hamdan & Mohd. Sulaiman vs. Sidi & Salleh. 8.30 p.m. A.S. Barlow & Raphael Hon vs. Lim Mai & Chai Ah Lim. 9.00 Ong Guan Tion & Wee Kong Leng vs. Kang Chin Huat & Lim Ung Hui. 9.30 p.m. Awg. Hadam & Abd. Raman vs. Kadir & Umar.

Umpires for Tonight's matches are Messrs. Bujang Tambi & Bidari bin Mohd.

The results of the Kuching Badminton Association Annual Tournaments held at the Happy World Stadium last Tuesday night are as follows:-

OPEN SINGLES: Kho Kui Leong beat Ho Ah Chon 15-3, 15-8. Chew Ee Tiong beat Michael Hon 15-15, 15-4. Bidari bin Mohd. beat Thang Meng Siang (walk over).

JUNIOR SINGLES: Awg. Ali Bohan beat Mohd. Narawi 15-12, 15-4. Lim Ung Hui beat

Chong Siew Ming 15-12, 15-8. Chan Ah Leng beat Awg. Hj. Zaidel 15-9, 15-1.

Tonight's matches are as follows:-

OPEN SINGLES: 7.00 p.m. Ibrahim Tambi vs. Yohana. 7.30 p.m. Arshad bin Usop vs. Pitani bin Manan.

JUNIOR DOUBLES: 8.00 p.m. Chua Leong Ann & Chong Siew Ming vs. Tang Seng Chai & Wee Chew Teck. 8.30 p.m. Chan Ah Leng & Wee Chiew Hoon vs. Anthony B. Thien & James Wei.

OPEN SINGLES: 9.00 p.m. Lee Gut Hing vs. Lim Khiok Seng. 9.30 p.m. Mathew Hon vs. Haji Abdullah.

Umpires for Tonight's Fixtures are Mr. William Chew and Abang Samat.

The Results of the Kuching Badminton Association Annual Tournaments held at Happy World Stadium on last Wednesday and Thursday night are as follows:-

11th August: OPEN SINGLES.

Sim Lang Siew beat Chan Swee Kheng 15-11, 9-15, 15-3.

JUNIOR DOUBLES:

Kong Fen Khiong & Kong Yun Chong beat Lee Hun Boong & Soon Poh 15-7, 15-7. Sidi & Salleh beat Mohd. Hamdan & Mohd. Sulaiman 14-17, 17-16, 15-3. Lim Mai & Chai Ah Lim beat A.S. Barlow & Raphael Hon 17-15, 15-10. Kang Chin Huat & Lim Ung Hui beat Ong Guan Tiong & Wee Kong Leng 15-10, 12-15, 15-8. Awg. Hamdan & Abd. Rahman beat Kadir & Umar 15-3, 7-15, 15-12.

12th August: OPEN SINGLES:

Ibrahim Tambi beat Yohana 15-5, 15-1. Arshad b. Usop beat Pitani b. Manan 15-11, 15-10. Lim Khiok Seng beat Lee Gut Hing 15-0, 15-2. Haji Abdullah beat Mathew Hon 18-7, 14-15, 15-6.

JUNIOR DOUBLES:

Chua Leong Ann & Chong Siew Ming beat Tan Seng Chai & Wee Chew Teck 15-2, 15-5. Chan Ah Leng & Wee Chiew Hoon beat Anthony B. Thien & James Wei 15-2, 16-17, 15-11.

Fixtures for Tonight and Tomorrow are as follows:

TONIGHT: JUNIOR DOUBLES:

7.00 p.m. Lim Mai & Chai Ah Lim v. Kang Chin Huat & Lim Ung Hui.

MIXED DOUBLES:

7.30 p.m. Kho Kui Leong & Miss Wee Chai Siok vs. Arshad b. Usop & Miss Aminah Abu Bakar.





**OPEN DOUBLES:**

7.30 p.m. Mathew & Michael vs. Ho Ah Chon & Augustine.

**JUNIOR SINGLES:**

8.30 p.m. Lim Mai vs. James Wei.

9.00 p.m. Lim Ung Hui vs. Chan Ah Leng.

**TOMORROW: OPEN SINGLES:**

(Quarter Final)

9.00 a.m. Kho Kui Leong vs. Chew Ee Tiong. 9.30 a.m. Ibrahim Tambi vs. Arshad b. Usop. 10.00 a.m. Bidari Mohd. vs. Sim Lang Siew.

10.30 a.m. Lim Khiok Seng vs. Haji Abdullah.

**JUNIOR DOUBLES:**

11.00 a.m. Awg. Hamdan & Abd. Rahman vs. Chan Ah Leng & Wee Chiew Hoon.

**9.30 p.m. MIXED DOUBLES:**

Pitani & Miss Rose Linang vs. Ho Ah Chon & Miss Kho Hui Hua. The other fixture will be decided on the results of last night and tonight's matches.

Umpires for Tonight's games are Messrs. Jackie Baw and Chew Ee Tiong, and Tomorrow morning session: Mr Arshad Usop; night session: Messrs. Mathew Hon and Pitani b. Manan.

18th August 1954

The remaining four matches in the Semi-finals of this year's Kuching Badminton Association 1954 Annual Tournaments - two singles and two doubles - have been played off on Monday evening at the Happy World Stadium.

With the completion of all the Semi-finals in the Open Singles, Open Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Junior Singles and Junior Doubles the fixtures are all set in readiness for the

Finals, which will take place very shortly. It is understood that the officials of the KBA are holding talks on what date to hold the Finals for which a nominal entrance charge will be made to watch the grand event.

In the Semi-finals of the Open Doubles played off on Sunday, 15th August evening, Pitani and Arshad comfortably beat Boid and Yohanan; whereas Khiok Hian and Han Choon defeated Ibrahim and Awg. Ali Bohan after playing three sets.

Other results in the same evening were:-

Mixed Doubles - Kho Kui Leng and Miss Wee Chai Siol beat Arshad and Miss Aminah Abu Bakar in 3 sets; and Pitani and Miss Rose Linang vanquished Ho Ah Chon and Miss Kho Kui Hua.

Junior Singles - Wee Chiew Hoon went down to James Wei in the top section while Chan Ah Leng defeated Chua Leong Ann.

The remaining Semi-finals matches played off in the next evening were most interesting and all of them, without any exception proved to be stubborn fights from service to the last victory.

Kho Kui Leong had an easy victory over Sim Lang Siew whom he beat 15-0, 15-2. By this win he will meet Lim Khiok Seng in the Finals of the Open Singles.

After a thrilling see-saw battle in the first set Ibrahim Tambi conceded a walk over to Lim Khiok Seng in the second set. It was a very close fight after deuce was called in the first set but Ibrahim considered it wise to give up as he was rather exhausted after struggling so hard in the first set, which he lost by 15-17. Youth, stamina and masterful strokes won the match for Lim.

The two Junior Doubles matches proved no less exciting than the Singles; and both Semi-final matches were taken to 3 sets each. Chua Leong Ann and Chong Siew Ming won over Kong Fen Khiong and Kong Yun Chong by 15-8, 6-15, 15-12 mainly through steadiness and powerful smashes. After the rubber set it could be anyone's game, but hard smashes by the young Chua Leong Ann coupled with steady net-plays by his partner, Siew Ming, wore their opponents down. Every point in this set was grimly fought for without any quarter being given or asked for.

The next Junior Doubles Semi-final that evening between Kang Chin Huat and Lim Ung Hui and Chan Ah Leng and Wee Chiew Hoon was one of the hardest fought for battles seen in this year's badminton competitions.

The air reached electrifying pitch as the last set was fought for point by point and inch by inch. Neither pair cared to concede a single service.

In fact the two Junior Doubles pairs were evenly matched with Chan Ah Leng and Wee Chiew Hoon a slight shade better because of their steadiness. Ah Leng's beautiful back

hand lobs were counter-balanced by the left-handed and fast returns of Chin Huat on the opposite court. But Chin Huat and Ung Hui lost in the last set because of carelessness and wrong anticipation. Chiew Hoon's cross-court smashes also aided his partner, Ah Leng, to clinch the match. The close struggles between these two pairs could be seen from the points:- 15-10, 14-18, 11-15, the match went to Chan Ah Leng and Wee Chiew Hoon.

The 'rubber' set was most exciting to watch as Ah Leng and Chiew Hoon extended themselves all-out to catch up for arrears until deuce was called. Then by tactical net rallies they went on to win the set. Securing a few points in the early services of the decisive third set they were fought to a standstill by their opponents. At this stage every single point was bitterly strived for, as services changed hands every few seconds. Then Chin Huat and Ung Hui lost themselves into an erratic spell in which they lost many points when either of them hit into the net. These careless points were most vital in the last minutes and owing to them they lost the match.

## KUCHING BADMINTON DOUBLES DECIDED

The two Doubles Finals matches for the Junior and Open titles in the Badminton Tournament for this year, sponsored and organised by the Kuching Badminton Association were decided on Tuesday at the Happy World Stadium.

The crowd that evening was disappointingly small, but all those who watched the keen struggles of the players were rewarded with a thrilling time.

In the first Junior Doubles match of the evening Chan Ah Leng pairing Wee Chew Hoon rallied strongly in the rubber set to win the title for this year. They managed to beat a strong pair, Chua Leong Ann and Chong Siew Ming, by 4-15, 18-14 and 15-12 in 41 minutes.

The other title, Open Doubles, was won by Arshad and Pitani against such valiant fighters as Chan Khiok Hian and Lau Ah Choon, in two sets.

The Doubles was decided in 37 minutes and the score, 15-7, 18-15, did not show the hard struggles between the two pairs.

3 minutes after the start of the Junior Doubles both sides ran into a series of woodshots, but Chua Leong Ann and Chong Siew Ming, being the steadier, forged ahead to win

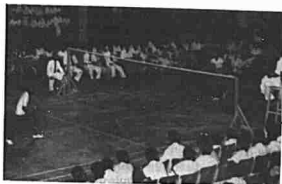
3 points. As more mistakes were committed by their opponents, Chan Ah Leng and Wee Chiew Hoon, they again gained another 3 points.

In spite of this Ah Leng and Chiew Hoon exerted all they could and gained only 4 points as their opponents ran off with another 5 points after another 5 minutes. At this stage Leong Ann and Siew Ming brought into play their hard smashes which gave them the set at 15-4.

The first set took only 10 minutes. Serving first Leong Ann and Siew Ming took 2 points in the second set before services changed hands. As Ah Leng and Chiew Hoon failed to convert their services their opponents extended them and gained another 2 points.

The services again changed hands and this time Ah Leng and Chiew fought determinedly to get 2 points, but a pretty drop-net shot by Leong Ann scored another point.

Now came the bitter struggle as Ah Leng and Chiew Hoon put all they had into play and secured 2 more points. At this phase Leong Ann either smashed out or netted thus causing the score to be even now 6-6.



With clever placings and cross-court smashes Leong Ann and Siew Ming got another 2 points, but after a miscalculation of a shot which dropped on the baseline the services now changed hands.

This time Ah Leng and Chiew Hoon made no mistake. Calmly and forcefully they gained another 3 points, which showed the score to be 9-8 in their favour.

After the change over Leong Ann and Siew Ming took another point to even the score again, which was now 9-9. Then pressing with powerful smashes Chiew Hoon gained another point for his side but that was evened when Ah Leng smashed out in the changeover. This made the score 11-11.

When his side had gained another point Ah Leng fell under the net and services changed hands. Leong Ann and Siew Ming then attempted to smash their way out they met still resistance from Chiew Hoon who made many wonderful retrieving shots. Anyway Leong Ann and Siew Ming were now ahead at 13-12. Then Leong Ann made a woodshot and caused the point to even to 13-13.

At this decisive phase the game was closely watched as Ah Leng and Chiew Hoon smashed and placed accurately to take necessary 5 points to win the set at 18-14.

Commencing strongly in the rubber set Ah Leng and Chiew Hoon secured 4 points in a row before services changed hands. Combining beautifully Leong Ann and Siew Ming, however, gained 2 points when Chiew Hoon's smashes either went out or netted.

Then both sides made strong rallies and in the struggle Ah Leng and Chiew Hoong forged ahead to take 4 more points while their opponents got another point only.

At this stage Leong Ann and Siew Ming rallied again and scored 7 points to make the score 11-8 in their favour.

Some mistakes were made by Chiew Hoon and in the desperate rallies by both sides the points crept to 11-11.

The situation appeared to be tense at this phase and owing to their calmness Ah Leng and Chiew gained 2 more points when their opponents defaulted and their smashes went wide.

Leong Ann and Siew Ming failed in their services which after the changeover caused them to lose another 1 point. The score was now 14-11 in favour of Ah Leng and Chiew Hoon.

The remaining point was as elusive to them as quick silver. In spite of the best the tired Leong Ann and Siew Ming pair could do they could gain only a point and after the change over Leong Ann carelessly netted and gave the set and match to Ah Leng and Chiew Hoon. The score for the rubber was 15-12 in favour of the latter (an account of the Doubles match will appear tomorrow).

The Open Doubles between Arshad and Pitani on the one side and Chan Khiok Hian and Law Han Choon on the other, played on Tuesday night at the Happy World Stadium, Padungan, was a terrific tussle.

In the first few minutes Khiok Hian and Han Choon secured 6 points to their opponents' but Arshad and Pitani by putting on near-net smashes and the mistakes made by Khiok Hian and Han Choon evened the score soon.

Continuing their same tactics Arshad and Pitani combined well and gained another 4 points whereas Khiok Hian and Han Choon, despite many services failed nothing more than a point.

The services changed hands several times and Arshad and Pitani added 2 more points to their score making it this time 12-7. Finally by powerful smashes near the net and shot into the net by Han Choon the set went to Arshad and Pitani at 15-7.

Beginning the second set with powerful smash Han Choon got a point for his side, which was increased to 2 points by Khiok Hian with a pretty drop shot.

After the changeover another such drop was miraculously returned by Arshad at the net thus causing him to gain a point. Then bringing their powerful smashes into play he and Pitani evened the scored at 2-2.

Following this Arshad and Pitani went on to gain another 3 points, but Khiok Hian and Han Choon placed nicely to even the score

gain to 5-5.

When Khiok Hian and Han Choon missed several shots and netted Arshad and Pitani gained another 2 points. Soon Khiok Hian won 3 more points for his side with steep smashes. Allowing their opponents to gain only a point Khiok Hian and Han Choon placed and lobbed beautifully to gain 3 more points. The score was now in their favour at 11-8.

After the changeover of services Arshad and Pitani exploited some mistakes by their opponents and scored 3 points to even the score at 11-11.

The services changed hands at this stage 3 times before Khiok Hian and Han Choon gained another 2 points. But Arshad and Pitani fought back furiously to even the score again to 13-13.

After deuce was declared Khiok Hian

scored 2 straight points for his side before the service changed hands. Then placing cleverly Arshad got 2 points to even the score again, making it 2-2.

Encouraged by their success Arshad and Pitani lobbed and made many kills near the net to secure the set and the match as well at 18-15.

The Singles and Mixed Doubles Finals of the KBS annual tournament will be held at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 4th September, and prominent and social people of this town were invited to attend this event as well as watch the prize distributions. The Open Singles Final will be between Kho Kui Leong and Lim Khiok Seng; and Junior Single Final between James Wei and Chan Ah Leng; and the Mixed Doubles Final between Kho Kui Leong and Miss Wee Chai Siok and Pitani b. Manan and Miss Rose Linang.

## Governor Presents Prizes in Exciting Finals

*September 6, 1954*

At the conclusion of the Finals of the Kuching Badminton Tournament for this year, sponsored by the Kuching Badminton Association, on Saturday night at about 10.10 p.m. H.E. The Governor graciously gave away the prizes to the winners of the various events.

After the distribution of prizes three rousing cheers were given to H.E. by the large gathering which numbered not less than 1,000.

The largest crowd ever seen in local badminton tournaments watched with much excitement and keen interest the tough duels among local badminton champions, some of whom displayed first-class strokes and champion tactics. The Happy World Stadium, in which the games were held, resounded with loud cheers and hand-claps.

The first match that evening was the Open Singles Final between Kho Kui Leong and Lim Khiok Seng, in which the latter triumphed by 15-6, 7-15 and 7-15, in a grim battle that lasted 17 minutes.

James Wai vanquished Chan Ah Leng in the second match of the evening, Junior Singles Final, by 15-5, 9-15, and 15-10 in a great tug-of-war tussle for 46 minutes.

Finally in the Mixed Doubles match, between Kho Kui Leong and Miss Wee Chai

Siok on one side and Pitani bin Manan and Miss Rose Linang on the other, the former mixed pair won after a keen fight which was extended also to 3 sets. Kho and Miss Wee won by 11-15, 15-6, 15-6 in 33 minutes.

### THE PLAYS IN BRIEF

The tough fighter, Lim Khiok Seng, unexpectedly mastered the much fancied Kho Kui Leong in the rubber set by changing his tactics of half-court placings to near-net plays. Feeling rather out of form Kho could do nothing right in the second and rubber sets and thus he lost the game. Both of them belong to the same party — Ding Ding Badminton Party and if combined would be quite formidable and hard to beat.

By placing carefully Lim began by running away with 3 loves, but Kho adopted same tactics with a powerful cross-court smash and not even. Then as Lim became erratic at this point Kho went on to add 2 more points making the score 5-3 in his favour.

After exchanges of services Kho again raced ahead and added 5 more points to his score. He made a beautiful net placing when Lim failed to return.

Fighting back fiercely Lim gained 3 more points by diagonal smashes and placings which put them beyond the reach of Kho.

Then Lim again ran into mistakes and smashed out or into the net, allowing Kho to collect the points to win the set 15-6.

In the second set Kho served first and netted which was followed by another patch of mistakes, Lim scored 2 points. After Kho secured a point when Lim put into the net Lim changed his tactics and went on to take 3 more points.

The wonderful rallies by Lim thrilled the crowd. Services changed hands several times before Lim got another 2 points by a smash.

Serving first Lim gained 3 points in succession when Kho either put out or into the net Kho then brought his smashes into play and with careful placings he evened the points of 3-3.

This was followed by a wonderful net shot by Lim which skimmed the net and toppled over leaving Kho standing. Now Lim changed his tactics to diagonal net-plays which caught Kho on the wrong foot every time. By doing these Lim forged ahead to 9-3 in his favour, before he was stopped.

Through a powerful smash Kho gained another point and then Lim netted, adding another point, making the score 9-5 with Lim still on top.

Lim now increased his lead by a smash and placings and Kho made a woodshot also thus marking the score 12-5. Finally after Kho had gained 2 more points by smashes Lim went onto win with clever placings by 15-7. Lim thus became the Open Singles Champion for 1954 by winning 2-1.

The next match — Junior Singles Finals — was a harder fought game than the first match; and the duels between the two evenly matched players, James Wei and Chan Ah Leng, turned into a tug of war in the last two sets. Sometimes services changed hands several times before a score was made.

Using his exquisite near-net drops James Wei scored 2 points before Chan could catch up. Then James brought in some diagonal smashes into play and increased his lead to 7-2.

Chan, however, was quite steady and by placing a shot carefully he got another point, which was increased by backhand smashes to 4-8 in favour of James.

Once more James applied his smashing power and gained a point. But Chan tried his best to return whatever was put on him. His retrieving prowess at this phase was wonderful to watch. Unfortunately he ran into a patch

of mistakes when he netted and lobbed out thus causing his opponent's score to mount to 11-5.

James clinched the set by using pretty near-net drops which stopped Chn altogether. James won the by 15-5.

At the first few minutes from the start of the second set James made several mistakes when he either smashed out or netted causing him to lose 4 loves to Chan.

After gaining only 2 points James again played erratically and Chan scored repeatedly to make the score 7-2, which was increased to 14-6 in similar fashion.

Services at this stage changed hands several times. James rallied strongly by some pretty net-drops and gained 3 more points. After that Chan allowed him no respite and went on to take the set by 15-9.

Repeating similarly Chan scored a string of 4 points before James caught him in the rubber set. Chan increased his points to 9-4 in his favour. But James fought back vigorously at this phase with several hard smashes and clever placings which left Chan standing. The score was not 9 all.

Services changed hands many times before another point was scored by either. A backhand smash by Chan was disallowed, and James gained a point by a net-drop which Chan failed to return.

At the final stage James put more efforts into his returns, and due to some wrong anticipations by Chan, James went on to win the set and the match as well by 15-10.

The Mixed Doubles Final was altogether a different affair to the other two Finals. There was some humorous sequences as the ladies failed to return even a simple shot.

Kho Kui Leong and Miss Wee Chai Siok defeated Pitani and Miss Rose Linang solely through the strong and tactical play of Kho. Though Miss Wee made many mistakes at the beginning she made amend with some wonderful perpendicular smashes at the rubber which confused and in the end vanquished their opponents. Miss Rose Linang should be credited with a good service but she was nervous at the end.

Kho Kui Leong and Pitani were strong pillars for those ladies to lean upon. With more practice and plays in public these young girls should make the grade.

Pitani and Miss Rose won comfortably in the first set as Miss Wee made many woodshots and Pitani smashed and placed cleverly

to outwit Kho. The result was 15-11.

The position of play was reversed as Kho and Miss Wee improved considerably when they smashed and lobbed and placed beautifully to win the set at 15-6.

In the rubber set Kho and Miss Wee secured a string of 5 loves at the start before their opponents could get a point. But Pitani put in some hard smashing and placings to get 4 points with help of Miss Rose.

Smashing powerfully Kho and Miss Wee forged ahead to gain another 3 points. Then the two pairs changed sides. After that Kho and Miss Wee again brought in 2 more points with pretty net plays. Pitani got one point on his side with a beautiful drop which caught Miss Wee on the wrong foot.

But Kho and Miss Wee combined very well

at this stage and they lobbed and smashed in wonderful synchronisation that left practically no chance to their opponents. Miss Wee hook-smashed two nice shots and secured two points for her side. The crowd roared with appreciation. At this stage Miss Rose seemed to be nervous and she failed to return some simple shots, which Pitani could not get with his left hand.

When the score reached 14-5, the game point, excitement reached its highest point. But Pitani and Miss Rose fought back stubbornly; and they scored another point when Kho smashed on the ground.

When services changed hands for the last time Pitani made a final mistake and put the shuttlecock into the net thus giving set and match to Kho and Miss Wee at 15-6.

## K.B.A. SINGLES CHAMPION

The finals of the annual tournaments sponsored by the Kuching Badminton Association will be held tonight at the Happy World Stadium commencing at 8 p.m.

The Open Singles Final will be between Kho Kui Leong and Lim Khiok Seng and Junior Singles final between James Wei and Chan Ah Leng. The Mixed Doubles final will

be between Kho Kui Leong and Miss Wee Chai Siok and Pitani bin Manan and Miss Rose Linang.

His Excellency The Governor who will be present at the Games tonight, has graciously consented to present the prizes after the games.



*Lim Khiok Seng, winner of the Kuching Badminton Association's Open Singles Championship, receiving his trophy from H.E. the Governor last Saturday night.*

# Kuching Badminton Association Annual Open Championship 1955

## EXCITING FINALS



*The Acting Chief Secretary, Mr J.C.H. Barcroft is seen above in the two pictures presenting the trophy to the winners of the Men's Singles and Men's Doubles competition. - Tribune Pictures.*

On Tuesday night one of the largest badminton crowds ever seen locally estimated to be about a thousand watched with keen interest and undiminished excitement, the four remaining important Finals of this year's Kuching Open Men and Ladies' Badminton Championships played at the Happy World Stadium.

Highlight's of the matches played that evening were the Senior Open Singles and Ladies Open Singles Finals: In the former Kho Kui Leong, the Challenger and Runner-up of last year's games, captured the crown from the defending Champion, Lim Khiok Seng, after 3 hard, gruelling sets of 15-12, 8-12, 15-12. Both players were exhausted after the titanic struggle with the decision hanging on a slender thread.

The Ladies Open Singles was set up for the first time in the history of local badminton and though there were few entries, as Mr Lau Han Choon stated in his introduction, the two finalists, Miss Kho Kui Hua and Miss Shirley Sim, acquitted themselves very well. Both gave indications of some promising strokes and with more experience, game-consciousness and careful coaching they should go far in the future. After some lengthy rallies and

tenacious fight Miss Kho defeated Miss Sim by 9-11, 11-1, 11-3 and thus beame the first lady Champion of this game.

Incidentally Miss Kho Kui Hua is the sister of Kho Kui Leong and both of them have succeeded in capturing the two important titles for this year.

Other Finals — the Junior Singles and Veteran Doubles — were also excellently played and from the former two new, energetic players, Barnabas Chia and Sim Ah Lee (a left-hander) came into the limelight in local shuttlecock game.

By using skilful drop-shots and base to base smashes Barnabas Chia trounced Sim Ann Lee by 15-5, 15-11 to become this year's Junior Champion.

In Veteran Doubles Final S.A. Barlow and Mathew Hon beautifully and accurately beat Abang Bolhasan and Simon by 15-8, 15-3, to become the veteran doubles champions for this year.

Soon after the conclusion of play Mr Lau Han Choon, Secretary of Kuching Badminton Association, gave thanks to Mr J.C.H. Barcroft, the Acting Chief Secretary, for his kind presence.





*Barnabas Chia, the Junior Singles champion received his trophy from Mr J.C.H. Barcroft.*



*Mr S.A. Barlow received his trophy as the Veteran Champion.*



*Miss Kho Kui Hua the Ladies Open Singles Champion.*

To H.E. The Governor for the donation of a cup for the Inter-Party Championship, and to the Happy World for the use of the Stadium. Also he expressed gratitude to those who had given their assistance in all forms, financially, physically and morally.

Mr S.A. Barlow, President of the Association then spoke next in which he also tendered his thanks to Mr Barcroft and all those for their presence. Finally he said he hoped the interest shown by all would be the same in the Inter-Station Tournament and he had to thank those who sent in their entries.

Upon invitation Mr J.C.H. Barcroft addressed the gathering in which he expressed thanks to the President, and Managing Committee of the KBA and Happy World for giving them such a pleasant entertainment. Badminton, he asserted, was the

most popular sports in Southeast Asia an a natural game of Sarawak. He stated that he had watched the game played in this country for over a quarter of a century, and he was astonished, thrilled and delighted to see the high standard of play here.

He said that everyone was impressed by the excellent and exciting Senior Open Championship game and the Champion lost the title gallantly to the challenger. In conclusion he said that the spirit displayed was a fine tradition of Sarawak.

Mr Barcroft then gave away the prizes to the winners of all events, including the Inter-Party Tournament, at the conclusion of which Mr Lau Han Choon asked for 3 cheers for Mr Barcroft which was responded to loudly by the crowd.

## Kuching Enters Final



*Kuching's non-playing captain Chan Khiok Hian receiving the trophy from the Governor, Sir Anthony Abell.*

By defeating Limbang last Sunday afternoon by 4 matches to one Kuching was qualified to play Sibü last evening in the Final of the K.B.A. Inter-Station Badminton Tournament for the Coronation Cup. Sibü enters the Final after beating narrowly the Second Division, players of which put up a gallant fight, last Sunday evening.

In all matches vast crowds of all races, including a large number of outstation visitors, watched with keen interest the tremendous fights put up by the cream of this country's shuttlecock champions for the great honour.

A summary of the results so far are as follows:- Saturday afternoon: Limbang beat Sarikei by 4-1 matches; Saturday night: Sibü beat Mukah by 5-0 matches; Sunday afternoon: Kuching beat Limbang by 4-1 matches; and Sunday evening: Sibü beat Second Division by 3-2 matches.

The semi-final between Sibü and the Second Division was a most exciting and close affair; and the latter showed a never-say-die spirit which was truly appreciated by the huge crowd on Sunday evening. The appolauded the gallant efforts of the players from Simanggang area who fought till the last ditch.

In this close battle anew discovery was seen for the first time — powerful smasher and a left hander too. He is Eddy bin Wahab, a young, diminutive spirited smasher. He should be able to go far if provided with the right opposition and training.

Details results of the Semi Final on Sunday evening were as follows: (Sibü mentioned first) Ali Basah beat Wee Guan Chai by 15-5, 8-15, 18-14; Leong Tong Soon lost to Eddy b. Wahab by 9-15, 10-15; Lum Ung Eng bet Au Lah Man by 15-11 15-11 in the Singles; and in the Doubles Ali Basah & Nor b. Hj. Mat lost to James Chai & Edmund Voon by 11-5, 11-15; Leong Tong Soon & Lim Ung Hui beat Jol Kipli b. Topeng & Kho Tse Eng by 15-9, 11-15, 15-7.

Watched by a huge crowd of not less than 2,000 including distinguished guests headed by the Governor, Sir Anthony Abell, Sir Marshal, Sir Francis and Lady Fressanges, Kuching easily beat Sibü by 4 matches to one in the Final of the Inter-Station Badminton Tournament on Monday night at the

Happy World Stadium to retain the Coronation Cup for the third year in succession.

The first Singles match between Kho Kui Leong of Kuching and Lim Ung Hui of Sibü commenced at about 9.10 p.m. and after a few minutes of exchanges it was evident that Lim could not withstand the skilful placings and cross-court smashes of Kho, who took the first set comfortably without conceding a single point. The second set was almost a repetition of the first except that Lim succeeded to his credit in securing 3 points from the local Champion.

In the second Singles Lim Khiok Seng, the Kuching slice specialist and runner-up of local Opens Championship this year, also had an easy passage over his Sibü opponent, Leong Tong Soon, whom he defeated by 15-3, 15-6. Similar to Kho Kui Leong, Lim also made his opponent run about the court.

Quite unexpectedly in the third Singles Sim Leng Siew, who partnered Lim Khiok Seng to win the Kuching Doubles Championship this year, prayed superbly and accurately to beat Kuang Ik Ung of Sibü by 15-2, 15-6. This easy win was quite an upset for it was at first thought that Kuang, who is the top-notch Sibü star, would secure this match or give a tough opposition. By winning this match Kuching will thus keep the Cup here for another year.

A close fight was expected in the Doubles when Kho Kui Leong and Lim Khiok Seng met Lum Ung Png and Ali Basah of Sibü as the same pairs met last year when the latter nearly won the game after a tough 3-set battle. The Kuching pair, however, combined so well that their opponents were totally bewildered and convincingly defeated by 15-0, 15-1.

Consolation came to Sibü when their other Doubles pair, Leong Tong Soon and Kuang Ik Ung beat Arshad Usop and Pitani Manan by 15-11, 15-9. Though the Kuching pair were expected to win, being one of the best pairs in town, they were erratic and their smashes were all neutralised by the wonderful retrieving power of the Sibü pair.

Before calling on the Governor to give away the prizes, the KBA President, Mr S.A. Barlow expressed his thanks to all those present and congratulated the players for their admirable display.

Sir Anthony also congratulated the teams and in particular Kuching on the high standard of play and expressed the hope that our players would one day be able to participate in games in Singapore and Malaya. He commented also on the hospitality shown by the KBA to outstation teams. The prizes were then presented.

## Visit of the Singapore Junior Badminton Team



*The Singapore Junior Badminton Team arrived Kuching airport on 1/8/1956. First row L/R Mr K.G. Cherian (Team Manager) with players Leong Gun Chan, Ng Kim Hock Hashim bin Haron, Pang Yew Hock were met by the President and Officials of K. B. A. on their arrival.*

The manager is Mr K.C. Cherian, the treasurer of the Singapore Badminton Association.

### NG KIM HOCK

Age 22, Junior Champion 1954. Runner-up, Singapore Schoolboys Tournament. Reached the Semi-Final in Malayan Schoolboys' Singles, 1955.

Ng Kim Hock is essentially a stroke player and is very pleasing to watch.

His style and type of play is the correct one to adopt in Singles play.

In entails great accuracy and physical fitness.



*Players of the Singapore Junior Badminton Team and Sarawak Selected Team.*

### HASHIM BIN HARON

Age 23, one of the best of the Malay players. Played for Singapore Malays in the Malayan Inter-State Final. In the all Malayan Malays Doubles Championship, he was runner-up.

Hashim Haron is an all-round player, possessing all the fundamental strokes necessary to make a first-class player. He is equally good in Singles and Doubles.

### LEONG YUN CHAN

Age 26, has done well in Singapore Junior Tournaments. Has to his credit a victory over Robert Lim, the present Junior Champion. Plenty of stamina and a good trier.

Yun Chan is about the hardest hitter in the team.

### PHUN YEW HONG

Age 20, started to play at the age of 16. Reached the Semi-Final in the Singapore Junior Doubles Championship 1955.

Yew Hong is also an all-round player. He is temperamental and in form is very difficult to beat.



*The Hon'ble guest Mr J. C. H. Barcroft (with the facing the camera) standing in between Kuching and Singapore team before the match.*

*Extreme left Mr Barlow, next Mr Tan Choo Huat (Kuching coach) with Kuching players Sim Leng Siew, Lim Khiok Seng, Kho Kui Leong, Chew Ee Tiong, Michael Hon and Ho Ah Chon.*

## SINGAPORE JUNIOR DEFEATED

A selected badminton team representing Kuching defeated the visiting Singapore Junior team by a wide margin of four matches to one in their first game at the Happy World Stadium before a fairly large crowd.

The Kuching team won all the three Singles and one Double losing the other Double to the visitors.

There would be another game held for three Singles and two Doubles between Kuching team and Singapore Junior team at the Happy World Stadium on 10th August evening starting at 7.30 p.m.

Kuching won the first Single in the first match of the evening when Sim Leng siew defeated Ng Kim Hock (Singapore) by 17-14, 15-4.

Ng though losing the first set gave Sim quite a hard time especially towards the end of the set.

In the second set Sim played a more steady game and taking the lead throughout and won comfortably at 15-4.

The battle of the shuttlecocks was seen in the Second Singles between Kho Kui Leong (Kuching) and Hashim Haron (Singapore).

Hashim a powerful player took the lead of Kho, who had more forceful smashes to his credit soon hit hard to the point, took the lead and won the first set comfortable at 15-5.

In the Second Set Kho with his forceful smashes sent his opponent down to nine points. Hashim, however, gained three points at a stretch but soon lost the service to Kho. Hashim later gained another three points at a stretch, Kho who had six points ahead at 12-6 rallied hard to win the set and game at 15-6.

Highlights of the game was the third Singles between Lim Khiok Seng (Kuching) and Leong Yun Chan (Singapore).

Lim broke the tense moment after the service had changed hands for three times. With speed and accuracy Lim later scored nine points to his credit.

Leong managed to get only one point. Lim won the set comfortably at 15-1.

Lim took the second set at 15-8 and won the match.

Hashim Haron and Pang Yew Hong (Singapore) won the first Double for Singapore by beating Michael Hon and Ho Ah Chon 15-12, 15-8.

Kho Kui Leong and Lim Khiok Seng (Kuching) who were hard nut to crack won the Second Double to fourth match for Kuching by defeating Ng Kim Hock and Leong Yun Chan comfortably 15-1, 15-8.

## Kuching Retained Coronation Cup 1956



Giving a wonderful display of scintillating badminton and showing perfect form and styles, Kuching, representing 1st Division, successfully retained the Coronation Cup for the fourth year in succession, when they defeated Sibu by 5-nil in the Finals of the Inter-Division Badminton tournament at the Happy World Stadium. A capacity crowd watched enraptured by miraculous displays put up by the local team, but the Sibu players must be credited for showing admirable fighting spirit till the last point.

As Lim Khiok Seng, champion of Kuching, was in his form, his opponent Awang Ali Basah simply had no chance at all against such brilliant precession like back hand flicks, dropshots and base to base drives. The game lasted for only 17 minutes. No doubt Kho Kui Leong of Kuching had given a good lesson to Lee Tze Min of Sibu with his most aggressive style of play and his powerful smashes, which were seldom returned by his opponent. But Lee must be credited with his plucky

attempts, which sometimes turned out right. He could however, get only 5 points out of Kho in this match which ended after 19 minutes.

The third Single between Sim Leng Siew of Kuching and Kuang It Ung of Sibu was one of the most thrilling to be seen in this series. The first set appeared to be a win for Kuang, but Sim levelled up after 7 points behind and then pushed on coolly and firmly to win by 2 points. With Kuang exhausted Sim had an easy passage in the second set.

Applying lightning tactics and soft net shorts Kho Kui Leong and Lim Khiok Seng of Kuching secured an easy victory over Awang Ali Basah and Mohd. Nor of Sibu in the Doubles. Kuang It Ung battle in the first set of the Second Double match, but Pitani Manan and Ibrahim combined too well to be denied their success. The second set was an easy win for the Kuching pair.

The trophies were distributed by Mr A.R. Snulus, Acting Financial Secretary, at the conclusion of the tournament.

## Inter Station Coronation Cup Tournament



*The Simanggang Team*



*The Sibuh Team*



*The Sarikei Team*

## 'Get Together' Party 1956



*Mr Lau Han Choon, S.B.A. Secretary*



*Mr S.A. Barlow, S.B.A. President*



*A group photograph of all the participants for the tournament and the officials at the residence of Mr. S.A. Barlow.*

## Three Badminton Players

# For Malayan Championships



Three Kuching's top badminton players are leaving Kuching by the "Rajah Brooke" today on their way to Ipoh, Federation of Malaya, to take part, for the first time in the Malayan Open Badminton Championships to be held in Ipoh on Thursday next, August 22. The Championships are expected to finish on August 25.

The three local players are Lim Khiok Seng, Kho Kui Leong and Sim Lang Siew.

Mr S.A. Barlow, President of Sarawak Badminton Association, is to fly to Singapore on Tuesday next, August 20 and on the following day to accompany the boys to Ipoh.

Lim Khiok Seng has been drawn to meet Lim Wei Lon of Singapore in the Men's Singles top section in the first round. I do not think that Khiok Seng will have any difficulty in winning this match. Khiok Seng is the current Kuching's Singles Champion. He won the title for the first time from his schoolmate Kho Kui Leong in 1954. He lost the title to Kui Leong the following year but regained it last year and retained it this year.

Kho Kui Leong has been drawn to meet Omar Manap of Johore in the Men's Singles bottom section in the first round. Here again, there is every possibility of Kui Leong winning this match. Kui Leong was the Kuching's Men Singles Champion in 1952, 1953 and 1955.

Sim Lang Siew has been drawn to meet a seasoned player in person of Abdullah Piruz in the Men's Singles bottom section in the first round. Lang Siew will have to put a lot into this match and it is difficult to see how he can survive this test. However, one can never tell. I hope he will keep his head cool and try his best in spite of the odds against him. He is the current Men's Singles Runner-up.

Khiok Seng and Kui Leong have been drawn to meet Eddie Choong and Johnny Heah Hock Heng in the bottom section of the first round in the Men's Doubles. Both Eddie

Choong and Johnny Heah are classified as "foreign players". Eddie is the current All-England Champion. He has returned to Malaya from England.

Khiok Seng and Kui Leong are bound to make headline news if they can beat Eddie and Johnny. I am sure our boys will give their opponents a hard fight, provided they settle down. I hope they will, if opportunity arises, study their opponents' tactics and tricks.

This is the first time that Sarawak in post-war years, is taking part in the Malayan Open badminton championships. Though we do not expect them to bring home the coveted trophies, as much as we want to the trip to Malaya will be a great experience to them.

Credit should go to those responsible for making this trip possible and for providing the opportunity for our local players to gain more practical experience which will ultimately help them to improve further their play to international standard.

It will be remembered that before the second world war Ong Poh Lim, who was then residing in Sarawak, took part for the first time in the Malayan open championships. His first attempt that time was, on the whole, successful and thought he was knocked-out in the first round in the Malayan Championships, he won the Leong Sin Nam Plate for Sarawak for the first time.

Ong Poh Lim has recently promised to make arrangements for our local players to have the opportunity of playing friendly matches with players in Johore and Singapore after the championships.

This gesture on the part of Poh Lim is most appreciable, I am sure, by badminton followers not only in Kuching but throughout the country.

The Malayan Open Championships will be followed up very closely by the people of Sarawak (E.L.A.).



The Sarawak Badminton Association, I understand, has invited three of the local badminton players in Kuching for serious training in anticipation of taking part in the Malayan Open Badminton Championship which will be held in August next.

The Malayan Championship, which is under the auspices of the Perak Badminton Association, will be held at Ipoh from August 22 to August 25.

The Sarawak Badminton Association is proposing to send two of the best local players for the Malayan championship, and there is possibility of sending a third member to take part in Junior Championship.

The dates for the Malayan Open Championship have been confirmed by Mr Teoh Seng Khoon, Hon. Secretary to the Perak Badminton Association. Mr Teoh, in a letter to Mr Lau Han Choon, Hon. Secretary to the Sarawak B.A., has written that the dates for the Malayan Championship have been put forward because the original dates will clash with the Merdeka Games which will be held in Kuala Lumpur. The maximum number of entry for each event in four and entries close on July 6. The Merdeka Games will be held in celebration of the attainment of Independence within the Commonwealth by the Federation of Malaya.

(BY EDMUND ANG)

## BADMINTON

One of the biggest upsets in the current badminton tournament sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association played at the former Happy World Stadium was seen at last Monday night's games when Kho Kui Leong, last year's Runner-up, was narrowly beaten by Sim Lang Siew in two straight sets. Sim Lang Siew now goes to the semi-final to meet Ho Ah Chon who beat Lee Han Boon in the quarter final.

Lim Khiok Seng, the current Champion, is still a class of his own and having beaten Thang Meng Siang in the semi-final now goes to the final.

In the Women's Doubles tournament Wee Chai Siok and Kho Kui Hua having beaten Shim Nyuk Khiun and Rose Mary Yong now go to the final to meet Jeanne Sim and Alice Hon.

In the Junior Singles Sim Hiok Kheng who had fought his way brilliantly in the preliminary rounds is now qualified to the final. Richard Leong and L.H. Chong will meet in the semi-final tomorrow to qualify for the final.

The following are the results of last Monday night's play:-

Women's Doubles: Wee Chai Siok and Kho Kui Hua beat Shim Nyuk Khiun and Rose Mary Yong 15-6, 15-11;

Men's Singles: Ho Ah Chon beat Lee Han Boon 18-13, 15-7, Sim Lang Siew beat Kho Kui Leong 18-15, 17-14 and Lim Khiok Seng beat Thang Meng Siang 15-4, 15-1.

Junior Doubles: Sim Hiok Kheng and Richard Leong beat Song Chee Ming and Chia Kee Wei 15-0, 15-4, and Lim Ee Chiat and Lau Kheng Wen beat Thian Hock and Tan Ah Lay 15-8, 15-9.

## BADMINTON FIXTURES

Tonight's fixtures commencing at 7.30 p.m. are as follows:-

Men's Doubles: 7.30 p.m., Kho Kui Leong and Tan Choon Huat vs. Pitani bin Manan and Michael Hon.

8.00 p.m. Ho Ah Chon and Lau Han Choon vs. Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Lang Siew.

Women's Singles: 8.30 p.m. Alice Hon vs. winner of last night's match between Song Miaw Cheng and Kho Kui Hua.

9.00 p.m. Thelma Baird vs. Jeanne Sim.

Veteran Singles: 9.30 p.m. Bujang bin Tambi vs. Matthew Hon. Official Referee: Mr Ho Ah Chon. Umpires: Abang Samat and Mr Kho Say Hock.

## 17th May, 1957

There is a break tonight in the current Badminton Tournament sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association in preparation for the Finals which will be held tomorrow night at the former Happy World Stadium.

In last Wednesday night's play Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Lang Siew beat Ho Ah Chon and Lau Han Choon. They are now qualified to the final in the Senior Doubles division. The other finalists are Pitani bin Manan and Michael Hon who were given a walkover by Kho Kui Leong and Tan Choon Huat.

Alice Hon and Song Miaw Cheng engaged in one of the closest matches ever seen

in the current season when they met in the Women Singles semi-final last Wednesday night. Alice won by only one point in the rubber set to qualify for the final. Meeting Alice in the final will be Jeanne Sim who beat Thelma Baird in the semi-final last Wednesday.

Mathew Hon who was given a walkover by Bujang bin Tambi in the Veteran Singles semi-final met Tan Choon Huat in the final last night.

## RESULTS

Results of last Wednesday night's play were as follows:-

Senior Doubles: Pitani bin Manan and Michael Hon beat Kho Kui Leong (walkover); Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Lang Siew beat Ho Ah Chon and Lau Han Choon 15-10, 15-7.

Women Singles: Alice Hon beat Song Miao Cheng 11-12, 12-11, 12-11; Jeanne Sim beat Thelma Baird 11-7, 11-3.

Veteran Singles: Matthew Hon beat Bujang bin Tambi (walkover).

## 18th May, 1957

The current Badminton Tournament sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association will be highlighted by the final matches to be held tonight at the former Happy World Stadium commencing at 7.30.

The Finals will be graced by the presence of the Governor, Sir Anthony Abell who at the conclusion of the games, will give away the Trophies to the finalists of this season's tournament.

The finals for tonight's games are the Men Singles, Senior Doubles, Women Singles, Women Doubles and the Junior Singles.

The other final-Junior Doubles, Veteran Singles, and Mixed Doubles — were held last Thursday night.

Sim Lang Siew, who defeated Ho Ah Chon in the rubber set in the semi-final last Thursday night, will meet Lim Khiok Seng in the Men Singles final tonight.

Sim Lang Siew and Lim Khiok Seng will then meet Pitani bin Manan and Michael Hon in the Senior doubles final.

Richard Leong, having defeated L.H. Chong in the Junior Singles semi-final match last Thursday night, will meet Sim Hiok Kheng in the Junior Singles final. These two

potential players are the current Junior Doubles Champions.

In the Women Singles, Alice Hon will meet Jeanne Sim and in the Women Doubles they will meet Wee Chai Siok and Kho Kui Hua.

## LAST THURSDAY NIGHTS PLAY

Richard Leong had little difficulty in defeating L.H. Chong in the Junior Singles semi-final match last Thursday night to qualify for the final Richard, who combined brilliantly with Sim Hiok Kheng defeated Lim Ee Chiat and Lau Kheng Wen comfortably to become the current Junior Doubles Champions. Undoubtedly the two up and coming youngsters were the best Junior pairs and their opponents were no match to them. Their court work was superb and their attacks and defence magnificent. Richard Leong and Sim Hiok Kheng will battle tonight in the Junior Singles final for the honour to be the Junior Singles Champion.

Sim Lang Siew, who lost the first set, put more pressure in the last two sets to beat Ho Ah Chon in the Men Singles semi-final. Lang Siew dominated the play with his court work. Ah Chon, though on the weaker side as far as stamina was concerned, fought gallantly to the finish. Credit must go to him for his fine sporting spirit.

Matthew Hon, though well advanced in his age, put up a gallant show when he met Tan Choon Huat in the Veteran Singles final.

Kho Kui Leong and Wee Chai Siok had to concede a walkover to Michael Hon and Jeanne Sim in the Mixed Doubles final. Kui Leong, it is understood, could not play due to health reason.

## RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Last Thursday night's results at a glance were as follows:-

Junior Singles (Semi-final): Richard Leong beat L.H. Chong 15-8, 15-7.

Men Singles (semi-final) Sim Lang Siew beat Ho Ah Chon 6-17, 15-6, 15-9.

Junior Doubles (Final) Sim Hiok Kheng and Richard Leong beat Lim Ee Chiat and Lau Kheng Wen 15-5, 15-0.

Veteran Singles (Final) Tan Choon Huat beat Matthew Hon 15-4, 15-1.

Mixed Doubles (final) Michael Hon and Jeanne Sim beat Kho Kui Leong and Wee Chai Siok (walkover).

## The Inter-Party Badminton Tournament 1957

The Inter-Party Badminton Tournament sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association this year started last Saturday evening at the former Happy World Stadium.

The first game of the evening was played between Arrow 'A' Badminton Party and Santubong Party, in which the latter was trounced by five matches to nil.

The second game was played between Medarasah Melayu and Ding Ding. The former team was trounced by five matches to nil.

The winners last Saturday night — Arrow 'A' B.P. and Ding Ding B.P. — will now meet in the second round scheduled to be played off in the later stage of tonight's games.

The first game in tonight's fixtures will be played off between New Jersey B.P. and Constabulary B.P. commencing at 7 o'clock.

As indicated by the results, last Saturday night's play was entirely a one sided affair. Santubong team was totally outplayed by Arrow 'A' team which comprised seasoned players like Ho Ah Chon, Tan Choon Huat, Gilbert Chung and Lau Han Choon. But credit must go to the losers for their sporting spirit and for having fielded a team to come to Kuching in spite of the odds against them. This is the first time that Santubong has fielded a team to compete in any Inter-Party tournament, and I hope that the players will not feel discourage in not winning any match. Some of them have quality, strokes and drives.

In the second game between Medarasah Melayu and Ding Ding, the former was out-classed by the Ding Ding which has been competing in previous Inter-Party tournament. It was expected that the Ding Ding could win the game very easily.

The Medarasah Melayu team — comprising comparatively young 'blood' — should have no cause to complain for not winning any match. This is also the first time that the team has competed in this tournament. I should say that the boys have plenty of guts and their efforts in fielding a team is most commendable. I should like to mention here that there is a promising player in the team in the person of Abang Drahman. He lost the first set by a small margin to Thang Meng Siang, but come up brilliantly in the second set to win at 15-6. He was, however, outwitted by Meng Siang in the rubber set especially in

the serving. He should make a point here and study the tricks of other players. With this corrected he could improve his standard.

The full results of last Saturday night's games are as follows:-

Arrow 'A' B.P. beat Santubong B.P. by five matches to nil (Arrow 'A' players mentioned first): Ho Ah Chon beat 'Olo' Shii Eng Siang 15-0, 15-4; Tan Choon Huat beat Sabri bin Mahidi 15-1, 15-2; Gilbert Chung beat Shukri bin Mahidi 15-7, 15-6; Ho Ah Chon and Lau Han Choon beat 'Olo' Shii Eng Siang and Anthony Ali Udin 15-7, 15-7; and Tan Choon Huat and Gilbert Chung beat Shamsudin Ali and Bidin Abdullah 15-2, 15-12.

Ding Ding BP beat Medarasah Melayu by five matches to nil (Ding Ding players mentioned first): Sim Lang Siew beat Ibrahim 15-2, 15-2; Chew Ee Tiong beat A.B. Othman 15-1, 15-2; Thang Meng Siang beat Abang Drahman 15-10, 6-15, 15-10; James Wei and Sim Ann Lee beat Ibrahim and Wan Omar 15-0, 15-4; Chew Ee Tiong and Thang Meng Siang beat A.B. Othman and Abang Drahman 15-7, 15-8.

New Jersey Badminton Party and Arrow 'A' Badminton Party was now qualified to enter the Semi Final of the Inter-Party Badminton Tournament sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association. The two teams will meet in tonight's Semi Final at the former Happy World Stadium commencing at 7 p.m.

New Jersey, comprising very young players, surprisingly defeated the Constabulary BP by four matches to one last Monday night. Though still in their teens the New Jersey players are not new players. They have been competing in the recent Junior Tournament. The team consists of Lim Ee Lian and his brother Lim Ee Chiat, both left-handed players, Lim Bok Leng, Law Kong Wen and Lim Swee Yong.

Lim Ee Chiat and Law Kong Wen are in fact the current Junior Doubles Runners up.

Badminton fans will be interested to know that the Lim brothers are cousins of world famous badminton player, Ong Poh Lim, and it is no surprise that the game is in their blood. They are in fact the two best players in the team.

The boys have their own style of play but the only drawback is that they are inclined to

get worried when they are losing points.

In the first game Ee Lian and Ee Chiat won the first two Singles matches against Bobby Tan and Hussein respectively.

Simon of Constabulary B.P. scored one match for his team when he defeated Lim Bok Leng. He lost the first set but came up magnificently in the second and rubber sets.

Lim Ee Chiat and Law Kong Wen, playing the first Doubles match against Hussein and Omar, won the first set. They were beaten in the second set but managed to hold the rein and won the rubber set. It was by no means a comfortable win for Lim and Law. Hussein and Omar partnered well here but the New Jersey boys had the advantage of having more powerful drives, which Hussein and Omar failed to return occasionally.

Lim Ee Lian and Lim Swee Yong won the fourth match for New Jersey when they beat Bobby Tan and Elli comfortably. It was more or less a one sided match here.

The second game of the evening between Ding Ding and Arrow 'A' was a much livelier and gruelling affair.

Arrow 'A' came up very well and played gallantly inspite of the very stiff opposition from Ding Ding. Arrow one one Singles and two Doubles, against Ding Ding two Singles.

In the first match between Gilbert Chung (Arrow) and Thang Meng Siang (Ding Ding) the former played determinedly to win a well deserved match.

Gilbert fighting point by point managed to hold on to the lead until 13-10. Meng Siang caught up with him and drew on level at 13-13. A duce of five was called and Gilbert again took the lead at 4-2. Meng Siang again drew on level at 4-4. The service changed hands several times before Gilbert Chung, putting up his best, won the set at 18-17. The second set was also a gruelling one. Here Meng Siang gave a very stiff opposition, but Gilbert played brilliantly and steadily to hold on the lead and took the set at 15-12.

by EDMUND ANG

Arrow lost the second Singles match when Sim Lang Siew (Ding Ding) beat Ho Ah Chon in two straight sets. It was by no means an easy win for Lang Siew and it was sheer determination on his part to win the match for Ah Chon did not give up so easily. I should say that Ah Chon was a game loser. The score at this stage was one-all.

Ding Ding later took the lead at two matches to one when Chew Ee Tiong defeated Tan Choon Huat (Arrow). Both are well seasoned players but Ee Tiong was indeed a very hard nut to crack. Choon Huat though still having the quality in him lacked the energy.

Ho Ah Chon and Lau Han Choon (Arrow) played the first Doubles against Sim Lang Siew and Thang Meng Siang. In spite of the stiff opposition from Lang Siew and Meng Siang, Ah Chon and Han Choon combined well to beat their opponents in two straight sets. Ah Chon, with the support of Han Choon, put up his best form especially towards the end of the second set when Lang Siew and Meng Siang tried every trick to pin them down. Here the two pairs fought hard to gain point by point drawing on level several times. A duce of three was called when they drew level at 14-all. Lang Siew and Meng Siang took the lead at 1-0. Ah Chon and Han Choon later drew on level at 1-1 and after the service had changed hands several times managed to win the set and the match for Arrow, making the score at two-all.

The last match — the second Doubles between Gilbert Chung and Tan Choon Huat (Arrow) and James Wei and Sim Ann Lee (Ding Ding) — was the decisive one.

The Arrow's combination was better and Gilbert and Choon Huat dominated the play throughout the two sets inspite of the hard attack made by James and Ann Lee. James was the much harder player in the Ding Ding pair.

It is rather difficult to predict for sure which team will win tonight's match between Arrow 'A' and New Jersey.

If Arrow keep up to last Monday's form there is every possible chance of them beating New Jersey. As I have said the New Jersey boys are inclined to worry when they lose ground.

Arrow 'A' Badminton Party is now in the Final of the current Inter-Party Tournament sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association for the Sir Anthony Abell Cup.

Arrow 'A' defeated New Jersey B.P. by a wide margin of four matches to one in the Semi Final last Wednesday night at the former Happy World Stadium.

Arrow 'A' played very well in this year's Inter-Party tournament. The team trounced Santubong B.P. by five matches to nil in the Preliminary Round last Saturday evening.

and cleared one of the strongest obstacles when it defeated the Ding Ding B.P. by a narrow margin of three matches to two in the Second Round last Monday evening.

Determination, hard work and better control of the play contributed to its success in the second encounter.

Winners of last night's Semi Final between Posts & Telegraphs and White Eagle will have the honour of meeting Arrow 'A' in tonight's FINAL to be played off at the former Happy World Stadium commencing at 7 p.m. sharp.

Mr A.R. Snelus, Deputy Chief Secretary, has kindly consented to give away the Trophy to the winning team at the conclusion of the Final tonight.

The Finalists are requested to be at the stadium at about 6.45 p.m. so as to enable the game to start at 7 p.m. sharp.

All members of the public are cordially welcomed to the final. There will be no gate collection.

## THE PLAY

The play on the whole was quite a lively affair. The New Jersey boys rallied hard at their opponents but Arrow 'A' players being seasoned and experienced had the game under their control throughout most of the play. The New Jersey boys, who are still in their teens, however, lacked this experience.

Gilbert Chung, Ho Ah Chon and Tan Choon Huat (all of Arrow 'A') won all the three Singles against Lim Ee Lian, Lim Bok Leng and Lim Ee Chiat respectively.

Gilbert Chung played a steady game when Lim Ee Lian rallied hard in the first set. Gilbert after winning the first set at 18-14 dominated the play and won the second set comfortably at 15-3.

Ho Ah Chon easily defeated Lim Bok Leng in two straight sets in the second match. Bok Leng was rather poor in his returns and net shots.

Tan Choon Huat playing the third match against Lim Ee Chiat, the most promising player of the lot, had the play under control throughout most of the two straight sets, in spite of the draw back of not having enough stamina. Ee Chiat gained most of his points through his drop shots and his accurate backhand drives but lost more points through lack of controlling the shuttle.

Ho Ah Chon and Lau Han Choon playing the first Doubles against Lim Ee Lian and Lim Swee Yong won the first set. The New Jersey pairs did not give in so easily and rallied hard to win the second set at 15-12. Ah Chon and Han Choon had the control of the play in the rubber set and won it at 15-7.

Lim Ee Chiat and Lim Bok Leng, combined well when they met Gilbert Chung and Tan Choon Huat in the second Doubles. They

## ARROW GETS ABELL CUP



*The Arrow 'A' Badminton Party, winner of the Sarawak Badminton Association Inter Party Tournament 1957.*

lost the first set at 15-12 but later avenged their defeat in the second set at 15-12. Playing confidently the boys later won the rubber set at 15-9.

## RESULTS

The full results of last Wednesday night's game are as follows:

Arrow 'A' beat New Jersey by four matches to one (Arrow players mentioned first):

Singles: Gilbert Chung beat Lim Ee Lian 17-14, 15-3; Ho Ah Chon beat Lim Bok Leng 15-5, 15-2; Tan Choon Huat beat Lim Ee Chiat 15-8, 18-14.

Doubles: Ho Ah Chon and Lau Han Choon beat Lim Ee Lian and Lim Swee Yong 15-8, 12-15, 15-7; Gilbert Chung and Tan Choon Huat lost to Lim Ee Chiat and Lim Bok Leng 15-12, 12-15, 9-15.

(By Edmund Ang)



*Captain of the Arrow 'A' Badminton Party, Ho Ah Chon receives the Sir Anthony Abell Cup for Mr A. R. Snelus, the Deputy Chief Secretary at the conclusion of the Inter Party Badminton Tournament on 21/6/1957.*

Arrow 'A' Badminton Party snatched a well-deserved victory over Posts and Telegraphs B.P. to win the Sir Anthony Abell Cup at the Final of the Inter-Party Tournament at the former Happy World Stadium last Friday evening.

The Tournament was sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association.

Arrow 'A' B.P. won the Final by a narrow margin of three matches (two Singles and one Doubles) to two (one Singles and one Doubles).

This year's Inter-Party Badminton Tournament was a tremendous success. With the exception of three all the games were keenly contested. Much of its success was probably due to the association's foresight in spreading

most of the best players to play for different teams instead of grouping all of them together to form one very strong team. Another contributing factor was the facilities and opportunities accorded to the junior players and government departments to participate in the competition. This resulted in a record number of entries for the tournament; there were altogether twelve parties competing.

It is also interesting to note the high standard and enthusiasm of a great number of players from among the junior teams. This is, indeed an encouraging and stimulating sign for the country and Kuching in particular, and with more experience and self confidence they could rapidly catch up with their senior and more experienced players.

## THE PLAY

Post and Telegraphs B.P. consisting of Lim Khiok Seng, Ibrahim Tambi, Awang Ali and Kadir, was favoured to win the Final last Friday. The P. & T. was dead set in winning two Singles and one Doubles. However, there was a slight mistake on the part of the P. & T. in the formation of the draw for the Singles matches. Had the team played in the same formation — Awang Ali, Ibrahim Tambi and Lim Khiok Seng — in that order, the game would have been in its favour. Another factor which attributed to its failure was the fact that Gilbert Chung (Arrow) fought magnificently and gallantly in spite of being attacked by a stomach cramp at the end of the second set and during the whole of the rubber set. Ibrahim Tambi who had the advantage of beating Gilbert in the rubber set was perhaps over confident. The decision to win the game depended, therefore, very much on the first Singles.

Tan Choon Huat (Arrow) a veteran player knowing that he could not possibly beat Lim Khiok Seng in the second Singles played very lightly, reserving his stamina for the second Doubles.

The game was in Arrow's favour when Ho Ah Chon playing the third Singles beat

Awang Ali in two straight sets at 15-9, 15-4. The score at this stage was two matches in favour of Arrow and one match for Post & Telegraphs.

Post and Telegraphs drew on level two all when Lim Khiok Seng and Ibrahim Tambi beat Ho Ah Chon and Lau Han Choon in two straight sets. Khiok Seng and Ibrahim were on the attack most of the time, but Ah Choon and Han Choon returned most of their shots. The P. & T. players were undoubtedly the better pair.

Gilbert Chung and Tan Choon Huat had little difficulty in beating Awang Ali and Kadir in the last match of the evening. Choon Huat knowing that Gilbert, half crippled due to his stomach cramp in Singles match, covered ground very well. They won the set and the match at 15-8, 15-9.

## RESULTS

The results of the Final between Arrow 'A' and Posts & Telegraphs are as follows (Arrow players mentioned first):

Singles: Gilbert Chung beat Ibrahim Tambi, 11-15, 17-14, 15-12; Tan Choon Huat lost to Lim Khiok Seng 1-15, 0-15; Ho Ah Chon beat Awang Ali 15-9, 15-4.

## Kuching Retains Coronation Cup 30/7/57



Mrs S.A. Barlow, wife of the President of the Sarawak Badminton Association, presenting the Coronation Cup to Ho Ah Chon, Captain of the Kuching Team.

Kuching retains the Coronation Cup for the fourth time in succession when it defeated Sibü in the Inter-Station Badminton Tournament by a narrow margin of three matches to win at the former Happy World Stadium last Sunday evening.

The Tournament was sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton association.

Kuching won all the three Singles matches and Sibü won both the Doubles matches.

Kuching was represented by the following players:

Ho Ah Chon (Captain), Sim Lang Siew, Che Ee Tiong, Pitani bin Manan, Michael Hon, Sim Hiok Kheng and Richard Leong.

Sibü was represented by Hassan bin Manan (Captain), Awang Ali Basah, Ling Tong Soon, Kuang Ik Ung and Mohd. Nor.

The Coronation Cup was first competed for in 1953 in coming won the initial tournament and since then has never yet lost the Cup to any other outstation teams.

The purpose of having such a tournament is to provide opportunity for all the outstations team memoration of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The competition was then played at the present P W D. Garage and Workshop at Batu Lintang Road which was then not yet fully completed and occupied. All the various team throughout the outstation to come together to compete in a spirit of friendly rivalry thereby helping to foster the interest and improve the standard of play in this particular field of sports. Sarawak is not lacking in such talent and indeed has produce one of the world's famous and leading badminton players of our times — Ong Poh Lim.

Sarawak will be represented at the forth coming Malayan Open Badminton Championships scheduled to be played at Ipoh in August where the players will be competing against the world's famous players — the Malayan Thomas Cuppers.

## THE PLAY

The play on the whole last Sunday was a thrilling affair especially in the earlier part when the issue was still undecided.

Sibü was indeed very un fortunate in losing the game by just one match inspite of its efforts during at least two of the three Singles matches.

Sibü, however, lost at the three Singles but played very well in winning the two Doubles.

The first match of the evening was between Ho Ah Chon (Kuching) and Awang Ali Basah (Sibü). Ho Ah Chon played his best that night. He won the first set at 15-11. Awang Ali, who apparently was a little nervous played steadily in the second set and won it at 15-11 after leading all the way through. The decision depended on the rubber set. Ah Chon and Awang Ali battled point by point and in the early stages of the rubber set the two players drew level four times with Ah Chon leading by one point. Awang Ali caught up and levelled at 4-all before losing the service. Ah Chon rallied hard and scored three points before losing the service. Awang Ali later failed to score any point, but later scored three points to trail behind Ah Chon at 7-8. Ah Chon

dominated the play from then on and slowly and surely gained the lead by at least six points to win the set and the match for Kuching.

Sim Lang Siew playing the second match for Kuching against Ling Tong Soon (Sibü) had no difficulty in winning the second match. Ling Tong Soon who had been playing in such tournament was apparently not in form in the first set. He came up quite well in the second set but Lang Siew was leading by a wide margin.

The issue depended on the third Singles between Chew Ee Tiong and Hassan bin Manan (Sibü). Had Hassan won this match Sibü would have won the Cup. Hassan is no stranger in Kuching having won many titles to his credit when he was here some years back before he was transferred to outstation. He still had the quality, strokes and plenty of tricks but stamina was giving him away. He won the first set at 15-6. Chew Ee Tiong avenged his defeat and took the second set at 15-8. Hassan inspite of rallying hard at Chew Ee Tiong fought a losing battle. Chew won the set and the match for Kuching at 15-8 in the rubber set.

Kuang Ik Ung & Ling Tong Soon (Sibü) partnered very well in the first Doubles against Pitani bin Manan and Michael Hon. They were undoubtedly the better pair. They won at 16-8, 15-8.

Awang Ali Basah and Mohd. Nor (Sibü) also had no difficulty in beating Sim Hiok Kheng and Richard Leong, who were out of form.

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## WINNERS



Winners of the finals of the Open Badminton Tournament held last Saturday night at the former Happy World Stadium seen here with the Shield and Trophies which they have won. The picture shows: (from row left to right) Richard Leong, Sim Lang Siew, Lim Khiook Seng and Sim Hiok Kheng (Back row left to right) Kho Kui Hua, Chai Siok, Jeannie Sim and Michael Hon.

Tribune Picture





*Jeanne Sim, 1957 Women Singles badminton champion, receiving her Trophy from the Governor, Sir Anthony Abell, at conclusion of the Open Badminton Tournament, at the former Happy World Stadium last Saturday.*

Lim Khioi Seng, Kuching's Badminton Champion, retained the Men's Singles title for two successive years when he beat his partner in the Doubles, Sim Lang Siew, in two straight sets last Saturday night at the former Happy World Stadium.

The Open Badminton Tournament for this year was sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association.

Lim Khioi Seng won the Shield in 1954 but lost it to Kho Kui Leong in 1955.

If by winning the title for three successive years, he can keep the shield, donated by Mr Fong Pin Chee, for good.

Lim Khioi Seng and Sim Lang Siew also won the Silvia-Lilian Challenge Cup for the Senior Doubles title when they beat Pitani bin Manan and Michael Hon in a close match.

Wee Chai Siok and Kho Kui Hua, 1955's Women's Doubles Champions, retained their title when they beat Jeanne Sim and Alice Hon in two close straight sets.

The Women's Singles Challenge Trophy donated by Mr Ang Cheng Hoe went to Jeanne Sim when she beat Alice Hon.

Sim Hiok Kheng won the Junior Singles title when he defeated Richard Leong in a close match.

The first match of the evening last Saturday was between Jeanne Sim and Alice Hon in the Women's Singles final. Jeanne led throughout most of the play until she was on level at 9 all. Jeanne, a steady, cool player, with forceful smashes, was unfortunate when her smashes were too low. Alice, on the other hand, took the situation quite calmly but was frequently at fault in hitting the shuttle resulting in her losing points. However she drew on level at 9 all and lost the first set by only one point. Jeanne corrected her mistakes and went to victory comfortably in the second set.

The highlight of the evening's games was seen in the Senior Doubles between Lim Khioi Seng and Sim Lang Siew and Pitani bin Manan and Michael Hon. The two pairs battled their way point by point in the first set. Both pairs were equal to the

occasion with Pitani and Michael leading by 8-5. Khioi Seng and Lang Siew put more determination in their strokes and smashes and after drawing on level at 8-all gained four more points at a stretch. Down 8-12 Pitani and Michael took their share and levelled at 12-11. The next few moments were a matter of anybody's game and Pitani and Michael went on to victory at 15-13. The second set was equally exciting with both the two pairs fighting point by point. Khioi Seng and Lang Siew took the second set at 15-12. The rubber set was an easy win for Khioi Seng and Lang Siew. Here they saw their chance of victory as Pitani was apparently losing his stamina after rallying hard during the first two sets. The winners won by 15-3.

Richard Leong nearly created an up-set when he beat Sim Hiok Kheng by 15-2 in the second set after losing the first set by only one point in the Junior Singles. The rubber set was a decisive one. Hiok Kheng though the more forceful player frequently made mistakes in his lob shots which went out of court. He won the rubber set and the match when a deuce was called after levelling at 14-all.

Wee Chai Siok and Kho Kui Hua, 1955's Women's Double Champions, after training during most of the play in the first drew level at 14-14. Luck was against Jeanne Sim and her partner, Alice Hon who after leading when a deuce was called lost the first set to Chai Siok and Kui Hua. The second set was, by no means, an easy win for Chai Siok and Kui Hua. They won the set and match by only three points.

The climax of the tournament was seen in the Men's Singles between Lim Khioi Seng and Sim Lang Siew. The two players thrilled the spectators with their beautiful strokes and forceful smashes. Both rallied hard point by point. Lang Siew gave Khioi Seng some anxious moments in the first set. The second set was a comfortable win for the Champion, Khioi Seng.

## RESULTS

The results of the Finals were as follows:-  
Women's Singles for the Ang Cheng Hoe's Challenge Trophy:

Jeanne Sim beat Alice Hon 12-11, 11-1;

Senior Doubles for the Sylvia-Lilian Challenge Trophy:

Lim Khioi Seng and Sim Lang Siew beat Pitani bin Manan and Michael Hon 13-15, 15-12, 15-3;

Women's Doubles: Wee Chai Siok and Kho Kui Hua beat Jeanne Sim and Alice Hon 17-16, 15-12;

Junior Singles: Sim Hiok Kheng beat Richard Leong 18-17, 2-15, 17-15;

Men's Singles for the Fong Pin Chee's Shield: Lim Khioi Seng beat Sim Lang Siew 17-14, 15-3.

(by E.L. ANG) 20th May, 1957

## Five Titles Retained



*Thelma Baird and Mary Ong winners of the Women's Doubles, receiving their trophy from the Governor, Sir Anthony Abell. — Tribune Picture*



*Tribune pictures show the Governor, Sir Anthony Abell giving to S. A. Barlow (partner of Matthew Hon) away trophies winner of the Veteran Doubles event*



*Jeanne Sim, winner of Women's Singles.*



*Lam Khiook Seng, winner of Men's Singles.*

Aim scored the first point when he served in the second set.

It was then a real tussie by the two pairs with the two brothers leading well ahead. But Barlow and Matthew rallied at 5-11, and with smashes, lobs and good clearances fought back point by point to a deuce.

Tension then became unbearable and the two brothers were denied a straight set victory when Barlow and Matthew turned the tables on them at 18-14 in a strenuous game lasting 20 minutes.

The rubber set took 15 minutes every one of which was filled with thrills to the cheering of the spectators, ending in victory for Barlow and Matthew at 15-10.

## WOMEN'S SINGLES

Jeanne Sim, the attractive young lady who has been frequently seen on the courts, and Women's Singles champion, 1957, continues to rest on her laurels when she beat Thelma Baird in straight set of 11-6, 11-7 in the Women's Singles.

Jeanne took the first service to score 2 points before Thelma could gain a stroke which the latter lost when she netted in drop from the base.

Jeanne was leading throughout the match in 9 minutes from 2-0 to 6-1 and finally 9-6, 10-6 and 11-6.

The second match lasted only 6 minutes.

## JUNIOR SINGLES

None had left the stadium without being impressed by the masterful backhand shot of Lim Siew Yang who proved far too strong an opponent for Drahman, the hero of the previous night in a Junior Doubles when he was partnered by Matnor.

Lim outclassed his opponent in 24 minutes by 15-8, 15-12.

## SENIOR DOUBLES

Lim Khiok Seng, the star of the evening and his partner Sim Lang Siew made a very good pair to beat Pitani Manan and Michael Hon 16-17, 15-7, 15-11 to retain the Men's Senior Doubles title.

Lim and Sim persisted and fought on with a lion's determination to force Pitani and Michael to bow out of the court in rubber set which lasted exactly 50 minutes.

Prizes were given away to the winners at the conclusion of the tournament by the Governor, Sir Anthony Abell.

Mr Lau Han Choon, Secretary of the Sarawak Badminton Association, speaking on behalf of his Committee, thanked the Governor, for his welcomed presence annually at the Open Badminton Competition sponsored by the association. He wished all sports enthusiasts would follow the example of the Governor by rendering assistance to the Association morally and financially.

## FINALISTS



The Finalists of the Veteran Singles, Mixed Doubles and Junior Doubles in the S.B.A. Open Badminton Tournament, 1957, are seen photographed here at the conclusion of last Thursday night play held at the former Happy World Stadium.

(Front row): Richard Leong (second from left) and Sim Hiok Kheng (extreme right), the current Junior Doubles Champions; and Lim Ee Chiat (extreme left) and Lau Kheng Wen

(second from right) the current Junior Doubles Runners-up.

(Back row left to right): Tan Choon Huat and Matthew Hon, the current Veteran Singles Champion and Runner-up respectively; Michael Hon and Miss Jeanne Sim, Mixed Doubles Champions and Miss Wee Chai Siok and Kho Kui Leong, Mixed Doubles Runners-up.

*Tribune Photo.*

## Wong Peng Soon Arrived Miri on Tuesday August 13, 1957



*Mr. Wong Peng Soon, the retired unofficial world champion arrived at Lutong was met by Mr. Arumugam and Mr. Micheal Chan ex-Kuching champion.*



*Mr. Wong Peng Soon M. B. E. (sitting middle) with the Chairman and Committee members of the Miri District Amateurs Athletic Association on 15/8/1957.*

The Miri District Amateur Athletic Association had arranged and sponsored the visit of Mr. Wong Peng Soon. The exhibition of the badminton game was officially fixed on Thursday, August 15 from 7.30 to 9.30 pm at the Rice Mill Godown, Rice Mill Road. Among those players whom he met are the Seria/Brunei Champion, Ex Kuching Champion and the Miri Champion. He is expected to proceed from Miri to Seria on August 17th and later to Brunei on 24/8/57 where he will also play a series of exhibition matches with local players there.



*Mr. John Fisher Resident of the Fourth Division declared the exhibition open.*



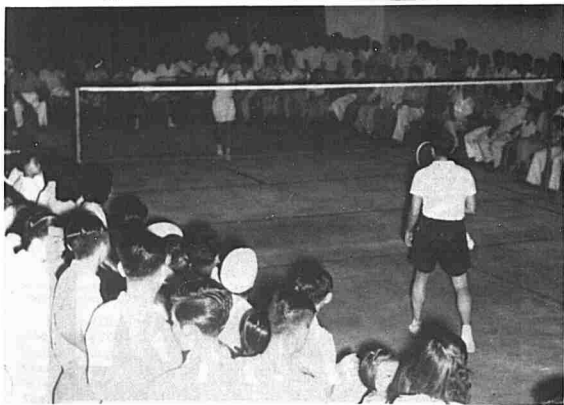
*Mr Wong Peng Soon (3rd person from left to right) taken a photograph with local players.*

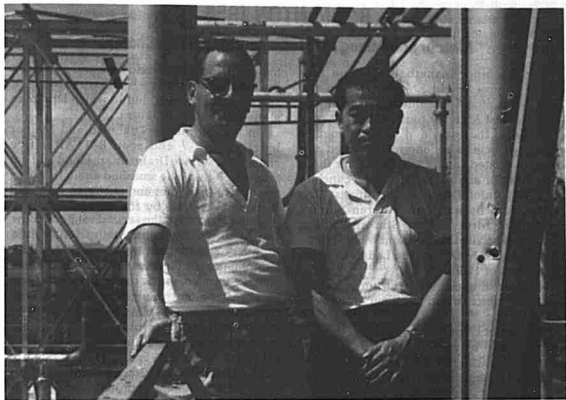


*Mr. Wong Peng Soon taken a pictures with the Chairman, committee members of Miri Amateur Athletic Association as well as the players before the match!*

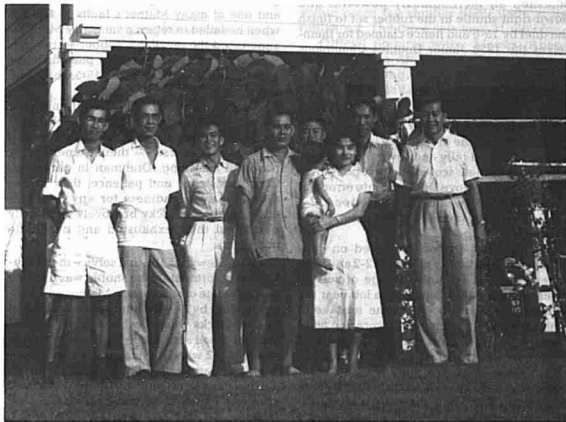


*Exhibition match between Mr. Wong Peng Soon and Ho Ah Chon in progress.*





*Mr. Wong Peng Soon M. B. E. visiting the Lutong Shell refinery plant.*



*Mr. Wong Peng Soon and friends paid a courtesy call to Mr. & Mrs. Liew Kian Hin at his residence in Seria 1957.*

**Matnor and Abang Drahman Junior Doubles Champ**

The Kuching Basketball Stadium (the former Happy World Stadium where the Open Badminton Tournament was held) was the scene last Monday night of keenly contested finals that provided local badminton fans a spectacle to be long remembered and where in heated tussles that lasted for three hours, Matnor and Abang Drahman clinched the 1958 Junior Doubles Champions; Tan Choon Huat became the Veteran Singles Champion; Miss Shirley Sim and Pitani Manan the Mixed Doubles and Miss Thelma Baird and Miss Mary Ong the Ladies Doubles Champions of 1958.

Number of spectators who turned up to watch the matches had not been as many as expected.

The Junior Doubles played between Matnor partnered by Abang Drahman and Yen Boon Siew partnered by Yet Ming Yu featured the highlight of the night's game and to the first pair's credit they drew roaring applause from the onlookers when Drahman smashed an incredulously powerful and down-right shuttle in the rubber set to finish the duel by 15-6 and hence claimed for themselves the 1958 Junior Doubles Champions title.

**JUNIOR DOUBLES:**

Matnor and Abang Drahman beat Yen Boon Siew and Yet Ming Yu 15-9, 5-15, 15-6.

Matnor took the first service in the first set and after a good rally and several changes of service Boon Siew scored the first point by a clear cut which drove Drahman into error and from 1-0 Boon Siew and Ming Yu led on to 2-1 before Drahman smashed to the base to take the service.

Matnor and Drahman played on confidently and cautiously to level at 2-2 and soon to lead by 3-2, 4-2 until change of service when Matnor failed to pick up a lob near the sideline and again by the same mistake of Matnor, Ming Yu managed to score one point making it 3-4. However, Matnor and Drahman kept on rallying and took the service soon; from 4-3, they led on to 5-3; there was then a tough fight displayed by both sides and after some dramatic and shock-filled seconds Ming Yu and Boon Siew, by tactics of lobs, smashes and clears, managed

to level 5-5 for the second time and even took the lead for the first time by 6-5 when Ming Yu served a right centre shuttle which Drahman made no attempt to return.

In the 5th minute Drahman and Matnor levelled at 7-7 and soon 8-8. After five changes of service Drahman smashed and got it to lead 9-8 and he smashed again to widen the gap 10-9. Matnor and Drahman stretched the set in a service by 15-9 in 15 minutes.

From the start of the second set Boon Siew and Ming Yu were in a better form while Drahman and Matnor appeared rattled. The former pair took the lead 4-0 in three minutes before Ming Yu struck the wood to lose one point. After some changes of service, Boon Siew and his partner, playing more actively — smashing, clearing, lobbing and tapping wonderfully and beautifully — were leading 4-1 to 7-1, 7-3, 8-3, 8-5, 9-5, 11-5, 12-5, 13-5. Boon Siew and Ming Yu were determined for a rubber set while Matnor and Drahman rallied desperately. A woodshot by Drahman gave Boon Siew and partner the match point and one of many Matnor's faults in this set when he failed to return a smash by Ming Yu announced the inevitable rubber set.

Boon Siew and Ming Yu played determinedly well to win this set by 15-5 which also lasted for 15 minutes.

Tension mounted. Who would enjoy the prestige of sitting on the laurels of the 1958 Junior Doubles Champions. Matnor and Drahman of course — their tremendously powerful smashing, Drahman in particular, their persistence and patience, their quickness and ever-readiness for any attack in addition to some lucky but lovely taps easily outplayed their exhausted and desperate opponents.

Boon Siew took the first service in the rubber but unfortunately the shuttle was hit wide and a change of service saw Matnor and partner leading by 1-0, 2-0 but they were stopped in their tracks when Drahman hit wide; and another wood shot made by Matnor put the result as 1-2 with Drahman and Matnor leading by a narrow margin. Drahman and his partner kept on rallying and there was a good spell in which they widened the gap fast yet steadily, 3-2, 4-2, 5-2, 6-2, 7-2. The strokes which were ostensibly seen in the second set



had gone. But, no! They rallied, they smashed and they drew nearer to 6-7 before they lost the service.

A change at side of 8-6 speeded Matnor and Rahman to their victory. They led from 8-6, to 9-6, 10-6, 11-6 and after two changes of service Matnor and his partner stretched the set in a service to win their hard fought but well deserved victory by 15-6. Junior Doubles Champions, 1958 - Matnor and Drahan — roaring applause from the spectators and big smiles creased their faces as they stepped out of the court.

#### **VETERAN SINGLES:**

Tan Choon Huat beat Mathew Hon 15-6, 14-17, 15-4.

Tan Choon Huat, 1958 Veteran Champion and Mathew Hon the Runner-up retained their former titles respectively after a 36 minutes 'life and death' duel in which Michael was outclassed by his opponent, not so much in superior skill but rather by the latter's staying power, persistence and endurance.

Tan took the first set in 11 minutes by 15-6, while Hon forced him to go into the rubber set by stretching three points in a most thrilling and fast deuce 17-14. The set lasted 18 minutes.

Resumption of the rubber set saw Hon exhausted and totally beaten by his opponent's fast, chopping yet accurate smashing. It took only 7 minutes to finish the set 15-4.

#### **LADIES DOUBLES:**

Thelma Baird and Mary Ong beat Jeanne Sim and Alice in straight set 15-6, 15-9.

Thelma and Mary showed themselves a much better pair by every means. Super badminton was now and again played by them to the cheers of the spectators. Thelma, whose clever and tricky drops and clears, coupled with Mary's fast and powerful smashing drove their opponents into rattles and errors round the court. There was a lack of combination in Jeanne and Alice, runners-up of the Ladies Doubles last year. In the two sets Thelma and her partner took the lead throughout to claim their victory.

#### **MIXED DOUBLES:**

Shirley Sim and Pitani Manan beat Wee Chai Siok and Kho Kui Leong 12-15, 15-4, 15-10.

The defeat of Kui Leong and Chai Siok (the 1957 Mixed Doubles Champions), was very obviously due to the fact that too much had to rely on Kui Leong and that Pitani's smashing proved vitally effective and indefensible. Shirley, nevertheless, partnered Pitani well though she lost many careless services. She was active and ever ready for Kui Leong's lobs and smashes which were mostly directed to her. Chai Siok looked somewhat weak and sluggish in moving to pick up within reach the shuttles particularly at the rubber set. The three sets took 31 minutes.

Official umpires were: Messrs. Abang Samat and Ho Ah Chon, Official linesmen: Chew Ee Tiong, Kang Chin Huat, Cyril Chong, Lim Fee Lian, Yeo Ee Tiong, Yap Ah Boo, Abang Bolhassan, Wan Hossien, Safri Awang, Safuan Ulis, Abg. Drahan, Awang Zawawi.

## September 1, 1958 Badminton Fixtures and Results

Fixtures for the Open Badminton tournament to be played at the Kuching Basketball Stadium are as follows:-

7.00 p.m. Pitani Manan vs. Michael Hon, Hussian Awang vs. Anthony.

7.30 p.m. Kho Kui Leong vs. Chew Ee Tiong, Marzuki vs. Lim Khiok Chuan.

8.00 p.m. Sim Hiok Kheng vs. Lee Hun Boon, Anthony Chew vs. Yusof Tari.

8.30 p.m. Sim Lang Siew vs. Morshidi Sarok, Wan Hossien vs. L.N. Chong.

9.00 p.m. Miss Tan Choon Geok vs. Miss Jeanne Sim, Ibrahim Tambi vs. M.S. Chang.

9.30 p.m. Miss Alice Hon vs. Miss Shim Nyuk Rhuin, Lim Khiok Seng vs. Sim Ann See.

Results of the Open Badminton Tournament played off last Saturday evening at the Kuching Basketball Stadium were as follows:-

Anthony Liew & Lim Khiok Chuan beat Graham Wood & Lim Ee Liang (12-15, 15-7, 15-8), Sim Boo Kheng & Akil Hiprawi beat Bujang Sulaiman & Safuani (15-9, 9-15, 15-9), Au Loh Man & Sim Peng Siang beat Leong Yun Lee & Sim Soon Long (15-9, 15-8), Kho Guan Liang & Phang Sui Kim beat Abang Sulaili & Supian (15-8, 15-10), Chua Leong Bee & Idris A.B. beat Rambli & Ali Jaral (15-2, 15-0), Anthony & Halo beat Matthew Wee & Chang Ah Tee (15-4, 15-3), L.H. Chong & H.S. Lee beat Hussian Awang & Bobby Tan (15-12, 15-5), Ali Sahari & Abd. Rahim Sahri beat Ibrahim Den & Ali Abu Bakar (15-7, 18-15), Yen Boon Siew & Yet Ming Yu beat Patrick Nyaring & Matthew Teruman (15-0, 15-6), Fadil Hj. Led & Bedin Tujit beat Kho Kee Huat & Thay Peng Siang (15-9, 15-10), Kho Kui Hong & Loh Chee Jin beat Tan Hee Hian & Yap Chai Leong (15-12, 15-5), Lim Yee Ling & John Lim beat Yusoff Hanipah & Jack Sparrow (15-6, 15-6).

The results of the current Open Badminton Tournament played off last Friday night at the Kuching basketball Stadium were as follows:-

Anthony Liew beat Kasy Marican, 15-4, 15-9, Yusof Tari beat Eddie, 15-2, 15-5, Wan Hossien beat Sim Boo Kheng, 15-10, 15-10, L.H. Chong beat Ali Jara'ee, 15-3, 15-1, Lim Bok Leng beat Safri Awang, 15-11, 15-12, Lim Siew Yeng beat Au Loh Man, 15-7, 18-13, Hussian Awang beat Asa Mawi, 15-11, 2-15, 15-7, Anthony beat Bujang Bakri, 15-2, 15-4, Marzuki beat Kho Kui Hong, 8-15, 15-4, 15-7.

Lim Khiok Chuan beat Bujang Sulaiman, 15-4, 15-8.

### September 2, 1958

Fixtures for the Open Badminton tournament to be played at the Kuching Basketball Stadium are as follows:-

7.00 p.m. Kho Kui Hong & Loh Chee Jin vs. Lim Yee Ling & John Lim; Marzuki & Kwang Ik Ung vs. Lim Chong Beng & Tan Chai Sun.

7.30 p.m. Lim Siew Yang & Lim Boh Leng vs. Awang Ahmad & Bujang Bakri; Sim Boo Kheng & Akil Hiprawi vs. Kho Guan Liang & Phan Sui Kim.

8.00 p.m. Augustine Song vs. winner of Pitani Manan or Michael Hon, Gabriel Hon & Alfred Hon vs. Saffri Awang & Ariff Sedi.

8.30 p.m. Bidari Mahd vs. Awang Ali, Ali Sahari & Abd Rahim Sahari vs. Yen Boon Siew & Yet Ming Yu.

9.00 p.m. Ho Ah Chon vs. Richard Leong, Chuan Leong Bee & Idris A.B. vs. Anthony & Halo.

9.30 p.m. Winner of Kho Kui Leong or Chew Ee Tiong vs. winner of Sim Hiok Kheng or Lee Han Boon, Matnor & Abang Drahman vs. K. Salleh & A. Taha.

Results of the Open Badminton tournament played off last Sunday evening at the Kuching Basketball Stadium are as follows:-

Sim Boo Kheng & Akil Hiprawi beat Anthony Liew & Lim Khiok Chuan (15-7, 15-6), Kho Guan Liang & Phang Sui Kim beat Au Loh Man & Lim Peng Siang (walk over), Lim Siew Yang & Lim Boh Leng beat Kassim Wahid & Yusuf Tari (15-3, 15-2), Awang Ahmad & Bujang Bakri beat Mat Kawi & Denny (15-7, 15-9), Saffri Awang & Ariff Sedi beat Wan Hossien & Kasy (13-15, 15-8, 15-7), Ali Sahari & Abd Rahim Sahari beat L.H. Chong & H.S. Lee (15-11, 15-11), Yen Soon Siew & Yet Ming Yu beat Fadil Hj Led & Bedin Tujit (15-5, 15-6), Matnor & Abang Drahman beat Janubli Bolhassan & Jawa Akip (15-9, 15-3), K. Salleh & A. Taha beat Eddie & Phillip Chua (15-2, 15-9), Marzuki & Kwang Ik Ung beat Majani Pawi & Habel Hasah (15-0, 15-0), Lim Chong Beng & Tan Chai Sun beat Ajus Sirat & Hanapi Abg Gani (15-6, 15-0).

### September 9, 1958

Fixtures for the Open Badminton Final Competition to be played this evening at the Kuching Basketball stadium are as follows:-

7.30 p.m. Junior Singles:- Lim Siew Yang

vs. Abang Drahman.

8.00 p.m. Men Singles: Kho Kui Leong vs. winners of either Lim Khiok Seng or Lim Ee Chiat.

8.30 p.m. Veteran Doubles:- S.A. Barlow & Matthew Hon vs. Aini & Sobeng.

9.00 p.m. Ladies Singles:- Miss Jeanne Sim vs. Miss Thelma Baird.

9.30 p.m. Men Doubles:- Lim Khiok Seng & Sim Lang Siew vs. Pitani Manan & Michael Hon.

NOTE:- Trophies will be given away to winners by the governor, Sir Anthony Abell at the conclusion of the tournament.

Results of the Open Badminton tournament played off last Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at the Kuching Basketball Stadium are as follows:-

#### FRIDAY

Abang Junit & Ong Seng Aik beat T. Donnelly & R.G. Maddison (15-1, 15-1), Tan Choon Huat & Wong Ngie Loke beat Simon Hon & Sim Joo Sek (15-8, 15-5), Ibrahim Tambi & Awang Ali beat Sim HioK Kheng & Richard Leong (15-10, 18-15), S.A. Barlow & Matthew Hon beat Bujang Tambi & Chan Mah Khiok (15-6, 15-1), Miss Thelma Baird beat Miss Shim Nyuk Khium (15-5, 11-7), Miss Wee Chai Siok & Kho Kui Leong beat Miss Jeanne Sim & Michael Hon (9-15, 18-16, 15-11), Aini & Sobeng beat Abang Drahman & Simon (15-4, 15-4), Miss Jeanne Sim beat Miss Shirley Sim (11-7, 7-11, 11-3), Lim Siew

Yang beat Marzuki (15-12, 5-11), Miss Shirley Sim & Pitani Manan beat Miss Thelma Baird & Ho Ah Chon (15-5, 15-6), Tan Choon Huat & Kho Kui Leong beat Morshidi Sarko & Aladdin Lamus (15-3, 15-6).

#### SATURDAY

Tan Choon Huat beat Simon Hon (W.O.), Matthew Hon beat Bujang Tambi (15-12, 15-0), Lim Khiok Seng beat Bidari Mohd (15-1, 15-1), Lim Khiok Seng & Sim Lang Siew beat Tan Choon Huat & Kho Kui Leong (4-15, 15-12, 15-9), Kho Kui Leong beat Sim Lang Siew (15-6, 11-15, 17-14), Lim Ee Chiat beat Ibrahim Tambi (15-12, 15-3), Pitani Manan & Michael Hon beat Ibrahim Tambi & Awang Ali (15-12, 15-3), Abang Drahman beat Anthony Liew (17-14, 17-18, 15-9).

#### SUNDAY

Yen Boon Siew & Yet Ming Yu beat Lim Siew Yang & Lim Bok Leng (15-12, 7-15, 15-12), Miss Shirley Sim & Pitani Manan beat Miss Mary Ong & Lau Han Choon (15-8, 15-6), Lim Ee Chiat beat Ho Ah Chon (15-12, 15-4), Miss Wee Chai Siok & Kho Kui Leong beat Miss Tan Choon Sek & Au Loh Man (15-4, 15-9), S.A. Barlow & Matthew Hon beat Abang Junit & Ong Seng Aik (15-6, 15-11), Aini & Sobeng beat Tan Choon Huat & Wong Ngie Loke (9-15, 15-12, 15-11), Matnor & Abang Drahman beat Marzuki & Kwang Ik Ung (w.o.).

## Finals End S.B.A. Tournament Five Titles Retained

September 11, 1958

By Lim Nai Teck



*Sim Lang Siew (left) and Lim Khiok Seng seen here with their trophies, retain their title as Senior Doubles Champion in the S.B.A. Open Tournament which ended last Tuesday night. Lim Khoik Seng also retained his Men's Singles title. — Tribune picture.*

Lim Khiok Seng, the current Badminton Singles Champion, once again proved his superiority over all local badminton talents to retain his title, when he beat an equally tough opponent, Kho Kui Leong, in straight sets in the Men's Singles Final of Open Badminton Tournament played off at the Kuching Basketball Stadium, Padungan, last Tuesday night.

Nearly two thousand fans packed the stadium to watch five finals which began with the Veteran Doubles Championship match.

Certainly the most thrilling final of the evening was the battle between Lim Khiok Seng and Kho Kui Leong for the Singles Championship where Lim Khiok Seng's steadiness, clear cuts and court craft clearly registered well against the powerful smashing of his opponent who was rather erratic at times. Khiok Seng's absolute calm, persistence and superior skill totally ran down Kui Leong to exhaustion in straight sets of 15-9, 15-12.

Kui Leong was ahead of Khiok Seng in the first set when he took the first service and lead on from 1-0 to 4-0 before Khiok Seng could take a stand and smash to gain a service.

A faulty return by Kui Leong gave Khiok Seng the first point with Kui Leong leading steadily on. Khiok Seng's brilliant court craft kept Kui Leong running round the court but Kui Leong however managed to stop Khiok Seng from getting another point with the service. Khiok Seng in turn killed Kui Leong's service and the change gave Khiok Seng two points in a row to narrow the margin by 3-4.

Then Kui Leong once again displayed his accurate and piercing smashes to take over service and lead on to 8-3 before he was stopped in his tracks by Khiok Seng. From 3-8 Khiok Seng marched on to 8-8. A change of service gave Kui Leong another point and that was as far as he could go in the first set, for Khiok Seng levelled at 9-9 and after four changes of service went on to win the set by 15-9 in 11 minutes.

Although showing strains of the first set in which he was toyed about by Khiok Seng, Kui Leong put up a magnificent performance in the second set in that with his chopping smashes and tricky returns he managed to take the lead by 2-0, 3-1, 4-1, 5-2 and 8-5 before Khiok Seng could really master the situations. With his masterly display of lobs and cuts, Khiok Seng took one point after another to level at 8-8 and then to lead to 10-8. A vital smash to the right base line gave Kui Leong the change to level 10-10.

Tension then mounted. Both players played steadily and marched forward inch by inch with Khiok Seng working Kui Leong out with his court craft. From 10-10 Khiok Seng went on to 13-10. Two wood shots by Khiok Seng put Kui Leong up to 12-13 before the change of service. Khiok Seng gained to points with the change before Kui Leong recovered it at 12-14. But Kui Leong who was apparently well worked out by Khiok Seng

was showing signs of desperation and exhaustion that he made no attempt to receive Khiok Seng's service towards the end of the gruesome fight of court craft, skill and stamina in 23 minutes.

## VETERAN DOUBLES

S.A. Barlow and Matthew Hon retained their title as Veteran Doubles Champion which they held in 1956 (there being no competition for this event last year), when they beat Aini and his brother Sobeng 12-15, 18-14, 15-10.

Matthew, unlike the previous night, was active all round the court, and coupled with Barlow's brilliant cuts and drops at the net outplayed the brothers and won a victory that was hard fought for.

The two brothers played brilliantly and cautiously in the first set which they won in 15 minutes.

## Postmen Win First Badminton League Appreciation To All Expressed

August 24, 1959

The Kuching Badminton League — the first time such a tournament was held here — concluded on August 20. Altogether thirteen teams participated in the tournament sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association for the Challenge Cup donated by The Chartered Bank here.

And winner of the tournament, which began in May this year, was the Posts & Telegraphs Badminton team captained by Lim Khiok Seng. Runners-up in the competition was the St. Thomas's team with 42 points against P & T's 46, out of 48 points.

To mark the successful conclusion of the competition as well as to farewell Miss Thelma Baird, who is leaving Sarawak shortly, the President of the SBA and Mrs Tan Han Boon gave a buffet party at their residence at Reservoir Road last night at which more than a hundred people, including players, team officials and guests and officials of the SBA, attended.

It was also at the reception that the trophies were presented to the winners and runners up by Mrs K.C. Gillett.

In his address at the gathering, Mr Tan, after welcoming the guests and giving the two-fold reason for the occasion, spoke of the excellent response to the tournament and the cultivation of sporting spirit through sporting activities.

He said: "We all know that through the medium of sporting activities friendly relations are fostered and that it provides the opportunity for our young men and women to cultivate the proper sporting spirit. This spirit, we must not only maintain, but must also encourage without faltering."

He asserted that with their support, the SBA should do it.

Mr Tan then took the opportunity to express the SBA's deep appreciation to Miss Baird and her band of helpers for the splendid way in which the tournament had been organised and for all the hard work they had put in to make it a success it was.

Mr Tan assured Miss Baird who is one of the vice presidents of the SBA and Chairman of the Sub-committee responsible for the running of the competition, that when she left

Sarawak, she would be leaving behind her a long stream of friends who were going to miss her a lot.

He wished that she should through providence, pay Sarawak a visit in future.

Mr Tan also expressed his thanks to Mr L.C. Harding for "being instrumental in persuading the Chartered Bank to donate the very handsome challenge Cup for the competition."

Miss Baird replied in appropriate terms and said that thanks were due to all members of her committee for the success of the tournament.

She also spoke of the overwhelming response and the good sporting spirit shown by all the 13 participating teams.

She gave credit to P & T for their success and to the runners-up for their creditable performances.

Referring to the Sarawak Club Team, Miss Baird said the team had shown great sportsmanship and had not given a single walk-over although it had been beaten very badly in the tournament.

Miss Baird was also presented with a memento in the form of a set of Sheaffer pens by members of the SBA Committee.

In accepting the gift with thanks, Miss Baird said it would be a constant reminder and that would make her write to her friends.

She said she would never forget Sarawak and would make every effort to come back, even though for a short visit.

The final positions of the Badminton League are as follows:-

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Posts & Telegraphs	24	23	1	-	103	17	46
St. Thomas's School	24	21	3	-	97	23	42
Kuching Youth Club	24	20	4	-	83	37	40
Ding Ding Sports Club	24	18	6	-	85	35	36
St. Joseph's School	24	15	8	1	76	39	31
Maderasah Melayu	24	15	9	-	69	51	30
Chartered Bank	24	11	13	-	51	69	22
Borneo Co	24	10	13	1	52	63	21
Simit Sports Club	24	8	16	-	42	78	16
Medicals	24	7	17	-	37	83	14
Chung Hua School	24	3	20	1	30	85	7
Police	24	3	21	-	35	85	6
Sarawak Club	24	-	23	1	10	105	1



Lim Khook Seng, captain of the Post & Telegraphs team receiving The Chartered Bank challenge Cup from Mrs K. C. Gillen.



Miss Thelma Baird receiving the S. B. A. gift from Mr Peter Chve.

# BADMINTON: Championships

## BADMINTON: Results

The results of the current badminton championships sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association held at the former Happy World Stadium are as follows:-

**Wednesday, Sept. 16, Junior Singles:** I.A. Bakar bt. Omar Anton 15-7, 15-3; G. Wood bt. Zainudin Hanapi 15-6, 15-8; Lim Bok Leng bt. Kho Bok Seng 13-15, 18-15, 15-15; Kadir Mohd. bt. Omar Hj. Japar 15-11, 15-8; George Lau bt. Peny Alidin 15-5, 18-17; Abdul Kadir bt. Ibrahimdeen 15-0, 15-4; Abang bin Ali bt. Yusuf Tari 15-5, 17-15; Hj. Mahali Hj. Kawi bt. Jonny Lim 15-5, 15-7; Wan Hossain bt. Shy Ying Siang 15-10, 15-5; Median Ghani bt. Choo Wee Fong 11-15, 15-10, 15-3; Victor Yeo bt. Pelit 12-15, 18-17, 18-16; and Tan Chai Seng bt. Bolhassan Dollah 15-2, 15-2.

**Thursday, Sept. 17, Junior Singles:** Julian Wee bt. T.A. Jawawi 15-3, 15-2; Ali Sahaidi bt. Michael Lee 18-13, 15-9; Hussein bt. Salleh Wahab 15-4, 15-0; Sulong Murad bt. Sim Choo Nam 15-7, 15-5; A. Rahim Sahari bt. Arif Sedi 15-8, 15-10.

**Veteran Singles:** Tan Choon Huat bt. Ong Say Teng 15-1, 15-5; Edmund Voon bt. Jepon bin Kadir 15-7, 15-5; Tan Ken bt. C.C. Chiew 15-2, 15-9; Ong Seng Chiang bt. Sim Joo Sek 15-4, 13-15, 15-3; Hassan Manan bt. Smos bin Ali 15-0, 15-3; Bujang Tambi bt. Simon Hon (w.o.); Chan Chin Ann bt. Sobeng bin Hassan 15-10, 15-4; Matthew Hon bt. M.W. Swyny 15-10, 15-10.

**Friday, Sept. 18, Junior Doubles:** Abang Sulaiman and Ahmad Salleh bt. Wan Morshidi and Bolhassan 15-4, 15-3; Abang and Basri bt. Edgar Wee and Yong Teck Hee 15-12, 15-7; Abang Suhaili and Kasyd Merican bt. Choo Wee Fong and Henry Wei (w.o.); Zamri and Ali Suhaidi bt. M. Ali and A. Rahim 15-7, 15-6; Law Kay Chuan and Goh Lee Miang bt. Awang Jaya and Akil Hiprawi 15-8, 17-18, 15-12; Michael Lee and Victor Yeo bt. Wan Hossain and Philip Chia 7-15, 15-13, 15-11; William Minggu and Khioh Kiong bt. Fadil Hj. Led and Jalir Tijit 11-15, 15-9, 15-12; Lim Ee Lian and Lim Bok Leng bt. Sim Boo Kheng and Cyril Chong 15-3, 15-7; Julian Wee and Leslie Choo bt. Graham Wood and Gerry Parr 15-4, 15-3; Bujang Kassim and Ahmad Hamid bt. Rosli and Ramli Omar 15-5, 15-6; Ang Joo Lim and Kho Kui Heng bt. Pelit

and Sulong Murad 18-13, 15-3; Omar Hj. Japar and M. Dahalan bt. M. German and R. Charpie 15-7, 15-2.

**Saturday, Sept. 19, Veteran Doubles:** Chan Ghim Ann and Ong Say Teng bt. Sim Joo Sek and Chin An Onn 15-2, 15-11; S. Hon and E. Voon bt. Jepoa and Kadir 15-5, 15-2; Matthew Hon and Ong Seng Chiang bt. Abang Bolhassan and Chan Mah Kiok 15-4, 15-18, 15-9; Hassan Manan and Sobeng Hassan bt. M.W. Swyny and C.C. Chiew 15-1, 15-2.

**Senior Doubles:** Lin Siew Tang and Joseph Lee bt. Yeh Meng Yee and Wan Boon Siew 16-17, 15-10, 18-14; Ibrahim Tambi and Hussian bt. Hassan Manan and Bidari 15-3, 15-10; Sim Hiok Kheng and Richard Leong bt. Sim Ann Lee and Tan Choon Huat 15-18, 6-15, 15-6; Matnor Munir and Abang Drahman bt. Husrah and Yohana 15-2, 15-6.

**Junior Doubles:** Yusuf Tari and Arif Sedi bt. Ahmad Elit and Tan Chai Seng 18-14, 15-5; Idris A. Bakar and Chua Leng Bee bt. Choo Boon Chai and John Cheung 15-9, 13-18, 16-7; Taha and Bidi bt. Anthony and partner (w.o.); Abdul Kadir and Adenan bt. Bujang Amat and Ahmad and A. Jolhi 15-8, 15-4.

## Fixtures

Monday's Fixtures are as follows:-

**Junior Doubles:** Between winner of Kwang Ik Ung and Marzuki vs. Abang Sulaiman and Ahmad Salleh; match and winner of Abang and Basri vs. A. Hamdan Sahari and A.K. Mustapha match; Abang Suhaili and Kasyd Merican vs. Zamhari and Ali Suhaili; Law Kai Chuan and Goh Lee Miang vs. Michael Lee and Victor Yeo; William Minggu and Khioh Kong vs. L. Belian and Lim Bok Leng; Julian Wee and Leslie Choo vs. Bujang Kassim and A. Hamid; Ang Joo Lim and Kho Kui Hong vs. Omar Japar and M. Dalhan; Yusuf Tari and Arif Sedi vs. winner of K. Mohd. and Mohd. Tazuddin vs. Idris A. Kaba and Chua Leng Bee; between winner of C. Ingun and Ben. Majang vs. Taha and Bijin, and A. Kadir and Adenan vs. Hassan and D. Tan match.

**Senior Doubles:** Lim Siew Yang and J. Lee vs. Lim Khioh Seng and Sim Leng Siew; Lim Ee Chiat and Kho Kui Leong vs. Matnor Munir and A. Drahman.

**Veteran Singles:** Tan Choon Huat vs. Edmund Voon; Tan Ken vs. Ong Seng Chiang; Hassan Manan vs. Simon Hon; Chan Ghim Ann vs. Matthew Hon.

September 23, 1959

### BADMINTON:

Kuching, Tuesday:- Results of the current Sarawak Badminton Association badminton championships played at the former Happy World stadium are as follows:-

**Sunday, Sept. 20, Senior Singles:** Sim Khiok Kheng bt. Awang Ali 15-5, 16-17, 15-3; Richard Leong bt. Matnor Munir 15-12, 15-5; Lim Siew Yang bt. Chew Ee Tiong 15-7, 12-15, 15-11; Kho Kui Leong bt. Hassan Manan 15-6, 15-9; Ibrahim Tambi bt. M.S. Thang (w.o.); Sim Ann Lee bt. Morshidi Sarok 15-3, 15-1; Abang Drahan bt. Bidari Mohammed 15-11, 15-10; Lim Ee Chiat bt. Sim Leng Siew 15-7, 15-7.

**Junior Doubles:** Abang Sulaiman and Ahmad Salleh bt. Kwang Ik Ung and Marzuki 15-6, 16-18, 15-3; Abang and Basri bt. A. Hamdan and A.K. Mustapha 15-11, 15-8, I.A. Bakar and Chua Leong Bee bt. Mohammed and Mohd Tazuddin 15-6, 8-15, 15-9; Abdul Kadir and Adenan bt. Hassan and David Tan 15-2, 15-12.

**Monday, Sept. 21, Junior Doubles:** Abang Sulaiman and A. Salleh bt. Abang and Basri 15-10, 15-9; Zamhari and Ali Suhaidi bt. Abang Suhaili and Kasdy Merican 15-6, 15-9; Law Kay Chuan and Goh Lee Miang bt. Michael Lee and Victor Yeo 15-11, 15-5; Lim Ee Lian and Lim Bok Leng bt. William Ming-gu and Khioh Kiong 15-2, 15-1; Julian Wee and Leslie Choo bt. Bujang Kassim and Ahmad Hamid 8-15, 15-8, 15-7; Ang Joo Lim and Kho Kui Hong bt. Omar Japara and Mas-leh Dalahan 15-3, 15-9; Idris A. Bakar and Chua Leong Bee bt. Yusuf Tari and Arif Sedi 15-11, 15-12; Abdul Kadir and Adenan bt. Taha and Bidin 15-8, 15-4.

**Senior Doubles:** Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Leng Siew bt. Joseph Lee and Lim Siew Yang 15-4, 15-7; Lim Ee Chiat and Kho Kui Leong bt. Matnor Munir and Abang Drahan 15-8, 15-12.

**Veteran Singles:** Tan Choon Huat bt. Edmund Voon 15-1, 15-1; Tan Kew bt. Ong Seng Chiang 15-7, 15-5; Hassan Manan bt. Simon Hon (w.o.), Matthew Hon bt. Chan Ghim Ann (w.o.).

### Tonight's Fixtures

Fixtures for Wednesday are as follows:

**Junior Singles:** 7 p.m. Julian Wee vs. Ali Sahardi; 7.30 p.m. Hussain vs. S. Murad; 7.30 p.m. A.R. Sahari vs. B. Nazarie Alek.

**Ladies Singles:** 8 p.m. Aminah Abuk Bakar vs. Lee Wang Hua; 8 p.m. Marong Ong vs. Shirley Sim.

**Ladies Doubles:** 8.30 p.m. Lee Wang Hua and Aminah Abu Bakar vs. Jeannie Sim and Shirley Sim.

**Senior Singles:** 9 p.m. Sim Hiok Kheng vs. Lim Khiok Seng; 9 p.m. Lim Siew Yang vs. Kho Kui Leong; 9.30 p.m. Ibrahim Tambi vs. Sim Ann Lee; 9.30 p.m. Abang Drahan vs. Lim Ee Chiat.

**Veteran Doubles:** Chan Ghim Ann and Ong Say Teng vs. Tan Choon Huat and Chan Khioh Hian.

September 25, 1959

Kuching, Thursday:- The current badminton open championships sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association are drawing to an end.

By tomorrow night most of the games will have reached the semi-finals.

The championships, which began on Sept. 15, are based on the knock-out system. All matches are played off on the former Happy World stadium.

The Ladies Doubles will be played tomorrow night.

Results of last night's matches are as follows:-

**Junior Singles:** Julian Wee bt. Ali Suhardi A. Bakar 15-7, 15-4; Hussain bt. Sulong Murad 15-3, 15-7; A. Rahim Sahari bt. B. Nazarie Alek 15-1, 15-3.

**Ladies Singles:** Lee Yang Hua bt. Aminah Abu Bakar (w.o.); Shirley Sim bt. Mary Ong (w.o.).

**Veteran Doubles:** Tan Choon Huat and Chan Khioh Hian bt. Chan Ghim Ann and Ong Say Teng 15-7, 15-10.

**Ladies Doubles:** Jeannie Sim and Shirley Sim bt. Lee Wang Hua and Aminah Abu Bakar 15-7, 15-18, 15-11.

**Senior Singles:** Lim Khiok Seng bt. Sim Hiok Kheng 15-0, 15-1; Kho Kui Leong bt. Lim Siew Yang 15-0, 15-11; Ibrahim Tambi bt. Sim Ann Lee 15-9, 15-12; Lim Ee Chiat bt. Abang Drahan 15-6, 15-5.

### Tonight's Fixtures

Friday's fixtures are as follows:

**Junior Singles, Quarter-final:** 7 p.m. winner of match between S. Bolok and Zamhari vs. winner of match between Adenan vs. Chua



Leong Bee; and winner of match between Safri Awang vs. Goh Lee Miang vs. winner of match between Mohd. Tazuddin and Lim Bok Leng. 7.30 p.m. winner of match between Kadri Mohammed and Abdul Kadir vs. winner of match between Wan Hossain and Median Ghani; and winner of match between Tan Chai Seng and Julian Wee vs. winner of match between Hussain and A.R. Sahari.

**Junior Doubles; Semi-final:** 8 p.m. winner of Abang Sulaiman and A. Salleh vs. Zambari and Ali Suhardi vs. winner of Law Kay Chuan and Goh Lee Miang vs. Lim Ee Lian and Lim Bok Leng; and winner of Leslie Choo and Julian Wee vs. Ang Joo Lin and Kho Kui Hong vs. winner of I.A. Bakar and Chua Leong Bee vs. Abdul Kadir and Adenan.

**Veteran Singles; Semi-final:** 8.30 p.m. Tan Choo Huat vs. Tan Ken and Hassan Manan vs. Matthew Hon.

**Veteran Singles; Semi-final:** 9 p.m. Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Leng Siew vs. Sim Hiok Kheng and Richard Leong; and Ibrahim Tambi and Hussain vs. Lee Ee Chiat and Kho Kui Leong.

**Senior Singles:** 9.30 p.m. Lim Khiok Seng vs. Richard Leong.

**Ladies Doubles:** Wee Chai Siok and Kho Kui Hua vs. Jeannie Sim and Shirley Sim.

September 26, 1959

### Championship Finals, September 26, 1959

Kuching, the 1959 Sarawak Championships, sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton

Association, will reach their climax tonight (Saturday) and tomorrow when the semi-finals and finals of all the events except the Ladies Doubles will be played off at the former Happy World Stadium.

The Sarawak Badminton Association is expecting a large crowd to witness these matches, but there is ample seating accommodation to ensure that everyone will get a first class view of the games.

Chairs close to the court will be priced at 50 cents while admission to the stadium will be 20 cents.

Mrs J. Rochester has kindly consented to give away the prizes at the conclusion of the championships tomorrow night.

### Results

Results of the matches played on Thursday are as follows:-

**Junior Singles, Third Round:** Chua Leong Bee bt. Adenan 15-6, 15-6; Zamhari bt. Sekeran Bolok 15-5, 12-15, 15-8; Lim Bok Leng bt. Tazuddin 15-2, 18-17; Goh Lee Miang bt. Safri Awang 15-10, 15-11; Wan Hossein bt. Median Ghani 15-2, 15-4; Abdul Kadir bt. Kadri Mohd. 15-12, 11-15, 15-12; Hussain bt. A. Rahim Sahari 15-8, 15-4; and Julian Wee bt. Tan Chai Seng 18-17, 15-3.

**Junior Doubles, Quarter-Finals:** Lim Ee Lian and Lim Bok Leng bt. Law Kay Chuan and Goh Lee Miang 15-10, 15-4; Abang Sulaiman and Ahmad Salleh bt. Zamhari and Ali Suhardi 15-8, 15-12.

## Open Badminton Championships end Lim Khiok Seng Retains Supremacy



*Lim Khiok Seng, who is this year's Senior Singles badminton champion, is seen here receiving the New Zealand Insurance Co's challenge cup from Mrs J. Rochester, wife of the manager of the Company in Kuching.*

The Open Badminton Championships Tournament sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association ended on 27/9/59.

Unlike previous year's finals, it was attended by a poor crowd.

This does not, however, indicate that enthusiasm in the game of badminton is waning.

On the contrary, interest and enthusiasm in badminton, especially among the Juniors, is on the increase. This is evident in the large number of entries for this year's championships.

Lim Khiok Seng retained his supremacy when he beat hard-hitting left-hander Lim Ee Chiat in straight sets in the Senior Singles final last Sunday night, thereby winning the New Zealand Insurance Co's new challenge cup for this section.

It will be remembered that Khiok Seng won the old challenge cup for winning the Senior Singles titles for three successive years — 1956 to 1958.

The Senior Doubles title, which had been previously held by Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Lang Siew since 1956, changed hands this year.

The Sylvia cup for this section was won by Kho Kui Leong and Lim Ee Chiat who beat

Sim Hiok Kheng and Richard Leong in the final.

Hiok Kheng and Richard Leong beat Khiok Seng and Lang Siew in the semi-final the previous night to vie for the title.

The Junior Singles challenge cup donated by the Eagle Sports Co. in Bangkok, through its agents, the Rex Bookstore, was won by Hussain, who beat Chua Leong Bee in straight sets.

Lim Ee Lian and Lim Bok Leng won the Junior Doubles title when they beat Idris A. Bakar and Chua Leong Bee.

Jeannie Sim retained her Ladies Singles title when she beat Kho Kui Hua in straight sets. Jeannie and Shirley Sim won the Ladies Doubles when they beat Wee Chai Siok and Kho Kui Hua.

Jeannie who partnered Khiok Seng in the Mixed Doubles had little difficulty in winning the title from Kho Kui Leong and Wee Chai Siok.

Tan Choon Huat, who held the Veteran Singles last year, was this year beaten by Hassan bin Manan.

Choon Huat and Chan Khiok Hian won the Veteran Doubles by beating Edmund Voon and Simon Hon.

Spectators last Sunday night were treated to a thrilling battle of the shuttlecock between the reigning Senior Singles Champion and the challenger, Lim Ee Chiat, in which each player was trying to outplay and outclass the other.

There were terrific smashes and hard rallies seen. Ee Chiat, an up-and-coming player, gave Khiok Seng some anxious moments. Khiok Seng, however, kept his head cool.

**Junior Doubles:** Lim Ee Lian and Lim Bok Leng bt. Idris A. Bakar and Chua Leong Bee 18-15, 15-12, 18-15.

**Veteran Singles:** Hassan bin Manan bt. Tan Choon Huat 8-15, 15-12, 18-15.

**Veteran Doubles:** Tan Choon Huat and Chan Khiok Hian bt. Edmund Voon and Simon Hon 15-1, 15-3.

**Ladies Singles:** Jeannie Sim bt. Kho Kui Hua 11-8, 11-2.

**Ladies Doubles:** Jeannie Sim and Shirley Sim bt. Wee Chai Siok and Kho Kui Hua 15-3, 9-15, 15-5.

Idris A. Bakar and Chua Leong Bee bt. Abdul Kadir and Adenan 15-11, 15-8; Ang Joo Lim and Kho Kui Hong bt. Julian Wee and Leslie Choo 15-8, 15-12.

## Tonight's Fixtures

Saturday's fixtures are as follows:-

**Junior Singles Semi-final:** 7 pm: Zamhari or Chua Leong Bee vs. Goh Lee Miang or Lim Bok Leng.

**Ladies Singles Semi-final:** 7 pm: Lee Wan Hua vs. Jeannie Sim.

**Senior Singles Semi-finals:** 7.30 pm: Kho Kui Leong vs. Lim Khiok Seng or Richard Leong; and Ibrahim Tambi vs. Lim Ee Chiat.

**Veterans Doubles Semi-finals:** 8 pm: Tan Choon Huat and Chan Khiok Hian vs. Matthew Hon and Ong Seng Chiang; and Simon Hon and Edmund Voon vs. Hassan bin Manan and Sobeng bin Hassan.

**Junior Singles Semi-finals:** 8.30 pm: Abdul Kadir or Wan Hossein vs. Julian Wee or Hussain.

**Mixed Doubles Semi-final:** 8.30 pm: Lim Khiok Seng and Jeannie Sim vs. Lim Ee Chiat and Shirley Sim.

**Ladies Singles Semi-final:** 9 pm: Kho Kui Hua vs. Shirley Sim.

**Veteran Singles Final:** 9 pm: Tan Choon Huat or Tan Ken vs. Hassan bin Manan or Matthew Hon.

**Junior Double Final:** 9.30 pm: Abang Sulaiman and Ahmad Salleh or Lim Ee Lian and Lim Bok Leng vs. Idris A. Bakar and Chua Leong Bee or Ang Joo Lin and Kho Kui Hong.

## Tomorrow's Fixtures

**Sunday's Senior Singles Final:** 7 pm: Lim Khiok Seng or Richard Leong vs. Kho Kui Leong vs. Ibrahim Tambi or Lim Ee Chiat.

**Junior Singles Final:** 7.30 pm: Zamhari or Chua Leong Bee or Goh Lee Ming or Lim Bok Leng vs. Abdul Kadir or Wan Hussein or Julian Wee or Hussain.

**Veterans Doubles Final:** 8.00 pm: Tan Choon Huat and Chan Khiok Hian or Matthew Hon and Ong Seng Chiang vs. Simon Hon and Edmund Voon or Hassan bin Manan and Sobeng bin Hassan.

**Ladies Singles Final:** 8.30 pm: Lee Wang Hua or Jeannie Sim vs. Kho Kui Hua or Shirley Sim.

**Senior Doubles Final:** 9 pm: Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Leng Siew or Sim Hiok Kheng and Richard Leong vs. Ibrahim Tambi and Hussain or Kho Kui Leong and Lim Ee Chiat.

**Mixed Doubles final:** 9.30 pm: Kho Kui Leong and Wee Chai Siok vs. Lim Khiok Seng and Jeannie Sim or Lim Ee Chiat and Shirley Sim.

The referees appointed for the semi-final and final matches are Messrs. Joseph Lee, Goh Cheng Kiat, G.W. Wood, Lee Han Boon, Arshad, Kang Chia Huat, Kui Chong Hin and Cyril Chong.

## S.B.A. Hopes To Send Team For Asian Badminton Games In Malaya Inter-station Tournament Will Be Held In November

Kuching, Tuesday — The Sarawak Badminton Association hopes to send a Sarawak Representative team to compete in the Asian Badminton Confederation competition to be held in Malaya next year.

This was announced by the president of the S.B.A., Mr. Tan Han Boon last Sunday night.

Mr. Tan was speaking at the finals of the open badminton championships just concluded.

He also announced that the inter-station tournament would be held in November this year, this would be followed by a visit of a Sarawak team to play a series of friendly matches with players in North Borneo towards year's end.

Mr. Tan said the selection of players for the Asian badminton games would be based on the results of the inter-party league, the annual open championships, and the inter-station tournament.

He therefore advised players to train hard so that they might not only be chosen to represent Sarawak but also to be able to keep Sarawak colours flying.

Earlier, Mr. Tan said he was very glad to say that the annual championships this year had been well supported not only by competi-

tors but also by referees and linesmen who rendered voluntary services without which the championships could not have been concluded successfully.

Mr. Tan said: "Badminton, as we all know, is a game of skill and stamina and by having constant practices and keen competitions young and promising players are moulded."

Judging from the standard of the players during the inter-party tournament and the annual open championships, he said he was confident that there was quite a number of young and promising players who could do great credit to Sarawak in the international field of badminton.

"This, in my opinion, is no exaggeration, but only the passage of time will show."

Mr. Tan thanked donors for their generous donations of trophies for the tournament, and in particular the New Zealand Insurance Co for the Open Senior Singles Challenge Cup; the Eagle Shuttle Cork Co for donating, through its agents the Rex Bookstore, a new challenge cup for the Junior Singles.

He also thanked the public in general for its support and Mrs. J. L. Rochester, wife of the Kuching Branch Manager of the N.Z. Insurance Co., who kindly consented to give away the prizes to the winners.

# Eight Young Top-players Selected To Represent Sarawak First Inter-Colony Badminton Competition:



*Mr. Lee Swee Hock*



*Sim Hiok Kheng*



*Lim Ee Chat*



*Richard Leong*



*Hossen Awang*



*Chua Leong Bee*



*Lim Swee Yang*



*Abang Drahman*



*Goh Lee Miang*

## Team Leaving For Jesselton Next Week

The Sarawak Badminton Association has named eight young top Kuching players to represent Sarawak at the first Inter-Colony badminton competition to be held in Jesselton, capital of British North Borneo.

The Sarawak team will leave here for Jesselton next week, and it will be led by the vice-president of the S.B.A., Mr. Lee Swee Hock, as a non-playing team manager.

The competition will be held at the Jesselton Community Centre on Friday, Dec. 18 and Sunday, Dec. 20.

The team comprised: Sim Hiok Kheng (captain); Lim Ee Chat (vice captain); Richard Leong Kok Wai; Lim Swee Yang; Abang Drahan bin Bolhassan; Goh Mee Liang; Chua Leong Bee and Hossen Awang.

### TEAMLINE-UP

**SIM HIOK KHENG**, 19, has been playing badminton for nearly three years and during this time acquitted himself well. He won the Junior Singles title in 1957 as well as the Doubles in partnership with Richard Leong with whom he has been playing together during their school days at St. Thomas's. They also won the Doubles title in the Kuching Youth Club Badminton Competition in 1958 but were runners-up in the SBA Open Doubles Championships this year.

**RICHARD LEONG**, 19, an old scholar of St. Thomas's is full of determination and can adapt himself well in both singles and doubles events. He was runner-up to Sim Hiok Kheng in the Junior Singles in 1957 Championships.

**LIM EEE CHIAT**, 17, has never looked back since he took up the game seriously in 1956. Partnering Lau Kheng Nerg, he was the runner-up in the Junior Doubles in 1957 and has made tremendous improvements since then. With Kho Kui Leong this year, he won the Doubles title in the Open Championships and was runner-up to Lim Khiok Seng in the Open Singles in this year's Open Championships.

**HOSSEN AWANG**, 21, the oldest member of the team, is the current Open Junior Singles Champion. Attached to the Sarawak Constabulary Hossen has been shuttle chasing since 1955. He was the Kuching Police Badminton Singles Champion last year and was captain of the Police team in the SBA Inter-Party League this year.

A student of St. Thomas's **CHUA LEONG BEE**, 17, has been hard at the game since 1957 and came out as runners-up in both the singles and doubles events in the Junior Championships this year. Like Lim Ee Chiat, he is a member of the St. Thomas's team in the Inter-Party tournament this year.

**LIM SWEE YANG**, an up and coming 16-year player from St. Joseph's School, won the Junior title only a year after he took up the shuttle game in 1957. He was his school's badminton champion too in 1958. He also played for his school in the inter-party tournament this year.

**ABANG DRAHMAN**, 19, first played badminton in 1956 and has entered every tournament sponsored by the SBA. He was the runner-up to Lim Swee Yang in the 1958 Junior Singles but won the Doubles event that year in partner with Matnor Munir. He is a student of the Maderasah Melayu here.

Another 16-year-old, **GOH LEE MIANG** is a product of the Chung Hua School No. 1 who only started playing last year. He played a big part in the school team's activities in the inter party tournament this year. A very graceful player, Lee Miang should improve with more competitive play.

The only way of finding out the strength and calibre of North Borneo's badminton champions was by inviting Sarawak's shuttle-chasers over.

Thus a new page has been written in the history of North Borneo badminton when the first inter-colony badminton competition was staged at the Community Centre on Dec. 18 and Dec. 20 before capacity crowds.

Verdict of the two-night's play: Outstanding Success. More than that. The visiting Sarawakians have proved themselves the greatest ambassadors of sport.

#### Excellent Conduct

The Excellent conduct on and off the badminton floor brought swift praise from all officials and players and enthusiasts of the feather game here.

But the greatest moment of triumph for the North Borneo Badminton Association happened a few minutes before the inauguration of the first Inter-colony competition.

As North Borneo's captain Sim Poh Lim handed over the 'Cup of Friendship' to Sarawak's captain, Sim Hok Kheng, on behalf of the North Borneo Badminton Association, a spontaneous wave of cheer greeted this NBBA sporting geture.

#### **Potential Thomas Cuppers**

On the play itself, Sarawak has a team that can be moulded into a potential Thomas Cup side. These 16 and 17 year olds from Kuching, given proper coaching and handling, should be good enough to participate in the Asian Badminton Confederation championships for the Tunku Abdul Rahman cup this year and in the Thomas Cup competition in 1961.

North Borneo's champions were defeated but not disgraced. And certainly not badly shaken and disconcerted at their six-three set-back. Any talk of their lack of fighting spirit is not only irritating but utter bunkum.

#### **Formidable Strokes**

The North Borneo players have thoroughly picked up one or two finer points of the game from their youthful conquerors from Kuching — the deadly winning smash and strong backhand flicks, from the backcourt. These two formidable strokes, the Colony's shuttle-chasers must develop in order to be good badminton players.

In the return encounter to be played either at Jesselton or Sandakan or at Kuching in August this year following the second Colony wide Badminton Championships, it is confidently expected that North Borneo's representatives will give a better account of themselves.

#### **Crowd Cheered**

During the first night, the Sarawakians were putting on displays of top-class badminton unequalled in North Borneo at the moment. And when Sarawak took a substantial three-one lead at the end of the first night's play, the crowd cheered for the North Borneans when Gilbert Chung, 3rd Singles, narrowed the gap to four-three in favour of Sarawak. It could have been the turning point of the series had the Colony Doubles champions Sim Poh Lim and Lai Wui Ming beaten the Sarawak pair in the first doubles to level the count at four-four.

It was a toss-up in the third set when scores were deadlocked at 7-7, 9-9, 10-10 before the Sarawakians reeled off the remaining five points in a row to make victory certain for Sarawak. During their stay here in the capital, the visitors were feted to receptions given in their honour by the North Borneo Badminton Association. There were toasts of friendship and greetings all round.

*January 4, 1960  
By Bill Funk,  
Jesselton*

## North's Badminton Teams Arriving Wednesday

July 26, 1960

Kuching, Mon.— The vanguard of the North Borneo Badminton Association's teams who will be playing a series of games in the Inter-Territorial badminton competition, is expected to arrive in the capital on Wednesday from Jesselton.

This is the second inter-territorial badminton tournament being held and the first Schoolboys Inter-Territorial organised.

Leading the team will be Mr. Tan En Liat, Vice-President of the North Borneo Badminton Association and President of the Sandakan Badminton Association.

Known as Mr. Badminton he has been the mainstay in promoting the feather game in that Colony, and has been Sandakan Representative in the first Home Cup badminton competition between Jesselton and Sandakan. He has also raised the standard of badminton in Sandakan which has been the Number One town as far as this

game is concerned.

Mr. Tan, who arrived here today (Monday) by MAL Dakota, is accompanied by Mr. H.G. Verghese who is the Honorary Secretary of the NBBA contingent. One member of the team, Mr. Francis Rajah, is expected to arrive tomorrow from Brunei.

The rest of the officials and teams will arrive here by the Keringau on Wednesday. The players comprise Messrs. Gilbert Chung, Hiew Yun Man, Henry Chin, Lee Thien Su, Sim Poh Lim, and Jaafar bin Ampong.

The student players are Chan Shu Duan, Chan Sia Tong, Tan Gek Seng, Wong Tung Chean and Lua Wui Meng.

Mr. Johnny Chin, Mr. Ignatius Stephen (who will be covering for the press) Madam Koh Seng Eng and two other students Tan Gek Chuan and John Pang will be accompanying the teams here.

Here are pen pictures of some of the leading players in the visiting teams:



Gilbert Chung



Henry Chin



Hiew Yun Man



Lee Thien Su

**Gilbert Chung** who hails from Kuching, is one of Jesselton's leading players. He was champion in 1958, losing only to Francis Rajah in 1959 and 1960, and is essentially a Singles player.

**Henry Chin** of the Government Trade School, **Lee Thien Su** of All Saints Secondary School and **Hiew Yun Man** of La Salle Secondary School, are all promising youthful players who need competitive experience to improve on their games. They are the three boys chosen from Jesselton to take part in the Sarawak/North Borneo schoolboys competition.

In the North Borneo team are two very good players, Lai Wui Meng and Francis Rajah.

Lai, 18, of St. Mary's School, Sandakan,

won the North Borneo Singles title this year beating Veteran Chan Tin Chua in straight sets, and is one of the most promising and stylish players North Borneo has produced. He is predicted to go for if given the opportunity for proper coaching. He is current Sandakan's Singles and Doubles champion and has represented Sandakan in several Home Cup Games.

Francis Rajah, former champion of Raffles Institution, Singapore, is recognised as Jesselton's top player, but failed to reach the finals in North Borneo championships. He was however, satisfaction in beating both Lai Wui Meng and Chan Tin Chua in Home Cup Games last Easter. Two Years Jesselton's Singles champion, he beat Gilbert Chung in the final on both occasions.



## Selection On Merits

The President of the SBA, Mr. Tan Han Boon said the players were chosen on their merits and performances during the competitions this year.

No outstation players were included because it was impossible to judge their standards said Mr. Tan as no inter-station badminton tournament was held this year owing to lack of response. Except for Kuching, Bau, Simunjan and Simanggang, no other stations had made any indication to participate in the tournament which was scheduled to have been played off last month. Because of the expense to be incurred, the tournament had to be called off and it was hoped that more response would be received next year, said Mr. Tan.

### Credit

Mr. Tan also gave credit to Miss Thelma Baird, a Past President of the SBA, for "paving the way" for such a visit.

Although the visit was more of a friendly nature, Mr. Tan hoped that the young players would acquit themselves well for preparation of future inter-territorial competitions with the experience gained from such visit.

Mr. Tan also spoke of the inter-territorial badminton tournament to be inaugurated in Jesselton next year and the prospect of sending a Sarawak team to participate in the Asian Badminton Confederation for the Tunku Abdul Rahman \$10,000 Gold Cup.

He declined to make any comment on the prospect of this competition against the North Borneans but remarked that the team would certainly encounter a strong opposition and he hoped that the players could show well there.

### Strict Training

He also disclosed that the team was undergoing strict training under Mr. Lau Han Choon, the SBA's honorary coach, for the coming games.

Mr. Tan said it was regrettable that both Lim Khiok Seng, the current Singles Champion, and Kho Kui Leng were not able to join the team. Kho, he said could not obtain leave of absence, while Lim would also be going to Jesselton with other members of the Post & Telegraphs Department for similar games and football.

### N.B. Players

North Borneo will be represented by the following:

SINGLES: Chan Tin Chua (Sandakan); Lai Wui Meng (Sandakan); Gilbert Chung (Jesselton).

DOUBLES: Sim Poh Lim and Lai Wui Meng (Sandakan); Chin Siu Pin and Yong Chen Tong (Tawau).

The competition will be played on the Thomas Cup system when two singles and two doubles matches will be played off on the first night and the remaining three singles and two doubles matches on the second night.

## They Proved Themselves Great Ambassadors



*Picture shows North Borneo captain, Sim Poh Lim presenting the "Cup of Friendship" to Sarawak captain, Sim Hiok Kheng (right) before the official intercolony badminton competition began.*

## Sarawak Wins Second Inter-Colony Badminton Games



*Tribune pictures show Mr. Lau Han Choon, Honorary Coach, receiving the championship trophy on behalf of the Sarawak team from Lady Waddell*



*Francis Raja Captain of North Borneo team receiving the trophy from Lady Waddell.*

The games, sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association, were played off at the former Happy World stadium at Padungan Road on Friday night and last night, and attended by a fairly large number of spectators.

The seven-strong North Borneo contingent, though beaten, put up a gallant fight and displayed a good sporting spirit throughout the two evenings.

And in the words of the S.B.A. President, Mr. Tan Han Boon last night that despite their defeat, "our friends from North Borneo have shown us how a good loser can command the respect and goodwill of others."

Mr. Tan said: "The standard of sportmanship displayed by them and also by our team have shown us that given the opportunities, young people can rise to the occasion and the worthy to be called first-class sportsman.

"Though this tournament is two years old, I felt that the bond of friendship between our two countries has been fairly established and that this could be carried further by closer integration," Mr. Tan added.

The first Inter-Territorial badminton tournament was held in Jesselton last year

when Sarawak won by six games to three.

The S.B.A. President, speaking at the opening ceremony last Friday night said this was the first occasion that the S.B.A. had the opportunity of playing host to players from North Borneo.

He thanked the North Borneo Badminton Association for the hospitality accorded the Sarawak players.

The standard of badminton in Borneo territories had risen considerably in the past years and he hoped that the two associations would be able to take part in the forthcoming Asian Badminton Confederation tournament to be held in Malaya, said Mr. Tan.

Also included in the North Borneo team is a group of students who are taking part in an inter-port schoolboys competition held at the same venue tonight.

Following the tournament the boys from the North will be taken care of the First Divisional Youth Council which will organise educational tours to various places of interest and also will conduct a talk on Youth Activities in Sarawak.

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*Tribune pictures show (top) the Sarawak team with the honorary coach Mr. Lua Han Choon (left), Ibrahim Tambi, Lim Ee Chiat, Sim Hiok Kheng, Sim Leng Siew, Kho Kui Leong and Lim Khiok Seng; and (bottom) the North Borneo team (from left) Lau Wui Meng, Gilbert Chung, Jaapar bin Ampong, Raymond Tan, Chan Shu Duan, Sim Poh Lim and Francis Rajah (capt).*

The play on the whole was interesting. There was an upset in the first night's play when Francis Rajah, captain of the North Borneo contingent, after winning the first set and after leading by a wide margin of 14-4 in the second set made a terrible mistake in allowing Lim Ee Chiat to catch up and draw on level. Ee Chiat playing confidently won the set by 17-14. Rajah was leading in the rubber set, but Ee Chiat smashed his way to draw level at 6-6. The two players played vigorously after that and Ee Chiat, with his powerful smashes and plenty of energy, gradually gained ground to win the set and the match from Rajah.

The second night's play saw another upset for North Borneo when Gilbert Chung (formerly of St. Joseph's School, Kuching), after winning the first set over Sim Leng Siew had to retire due to stomach cram, in the second set.

One of the best Doubles matches seen was between Sim Poh Lim and Raymond Tan of N.B. and Lim Khiok Seng and Ibrahim Tambi last night. The Sarawak pair won the first set but the North Borneo pair put up a terrific good fight to win the second set.

Khiok Seng and Ibrahim won by a very narrow margin of 18-13 in the rubber set.

Lady Waddell, wife of the Governor of Sarawak, gave away the prizes to the two teams.

#### Results

Results of the two night's play are as follows (S'wak players mentioned first):-

#### Friday night:

**SINGLES:** Lim Khiok Seng beat Lua Wui Meng 15-12, 15-0; Lim Ee Chiat beat Francis Rajah 7-15, 17-14, 15-6.

**DOUBLES:** Kho Kui Leong and Sim Hiok Kheng beat Sim Poh Lim and Raymond Tan 15-3, 15-9; Lim Khiok Seng and Ibrahim Tambi beat Francis Rajah and Gilbert Chung 15-2, 15-3.

#### Saturday night:

**SINGLES:** Sim Leng Siew bt. Gilbert Chung (G. Chung reired in the second set due to stomach cram after winning the first set by 15-10); Lim Ee Chiat bt. Chan Shu Duan 15-9) 15-3) Lim Khiok Seng bt. Francis Rajah 15-3, 15-3.

**DOUBLES:** Lim Khiok Seng and Ibrahim Tambi bt. Sim Poh Lim and Roymond Tan 15-11, 10-15, 18-13; Kho Kui Leong and Sim Hiok Kheng bt. Francis Rajah and Jaafar bin Ampong 15-8, 15-7.

## Badminton Championships Begin Tonight

Kuching. — The annual badminton open championships sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association will begin tonight.

The competition will be played off at the Chung Hua School No. 3 stadium (formerly the Happy World) at Padungan beginning at 7 p.m. sharp.

60 entries, of which 41 are for the Singles, have been received for the Junior Division. In the Senior Division, there are nine entries for the Singles and twelve for the Doubles.

In the Veteran Section, only five entries have been received for the Singles. In the Mixed Doubles, only two entries have been received. Only two ladies have entered for the Ladies' Singles.

### Tonight's Fixtures

Tonight's Fixtures are as follows: (All players are requested to be on time for their matches).

7.00 p.m.: William Chai vs. Ong Khoon Ho; Peter Ong vs. Ali Suhardi Bakar.

7.30 p.m.: George Lau vs. Madian; Koh Kui Hong vs. Eddie.

8.00 p.m.: Kho Bok Seng vs. Chao Tse Chaw; Hassan Morshidi vs. Kasy Marican.

8.30 p.m.: Sim Kwang Ming vs. Michael Ong; Ley Boon Hee vs. Daniel Wee.

9.00 p.m.: Bobby Tay vs. Graham Wood; Wan Hossein vs. Sim Khiok Chuan.

9.30 p.m.: Yeo Jit Beng vs. Aldred Chia; Vincent Ven vs. Yong Teck Hee.

10.00 p.m.: Bujang Suleiman vs. Gabriel Hon; and Hj. Mahli Hj. Kawi vs. Bujang b. Kassim.

### Tomorrow night's Fixtures:

7.00 p.m.: Anthony Ee and Johnny Ang vs. Ang Joo Lim and James Chan; Kho Kui Hong and Yong Teck Hee vs. Chin Thian Hon and David Tan.

7.30 p.m.: Michael Raju and Eldred Goh vs. Chan Gim Ann and Choo Boon Chai; Wan Hossein and Bujang Suleiman vs. William Yeo and William Chai.

8.00 p.m.: Kasy Marican and Eddie Suhaili vs. Kadri Mohammad and Haji Mahli; Bobby Tay and Yeo Jit Beng vs. Hassan Morshidi and Wan Tai Ming.

8.30 p.m.: Michael Ong, and Peter Ong vs. Vincent Ven and Vincent Salleh; Gabriel Hon and Alfred Hon vs. Law Ah Law and Sim Kwang Ming.

9.00 p.m.: Kho Bok Seng and Kho Shuh Kiat vs. Goh Lee Miang and Anthony Liew. Ho Ah Chon vs. Richard Leong.

9.30 p.m.: Chew Ee Tiong vs. Hassan bin Manan.

10.00 p.m.: Lim Siew Yang vs. Sim Ann Lee.

September 3, 1960

## Promising Young Players Seen at First Night's Games

### S.B.A. Badminton Open Championships:

Kuching, Sunday:- The First Round of the current badminton open championship sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association started off punctually at 7 o'clock last night at the former Happy World stadium.

Those taking part in last night's games are in the Junior section and judging from the play the standard of game performed is higher than that of last year.

Potential Players have been noted by the honorary coaches (Mr. Chan Khiok Hian — strokes and Mr Ho Ah Chon — physical) and their names are being taken into the list of the S.B.A. training scheme.

By far the most interesting match seen last night was between Daniel Wee and Ley Boon Hee, both of St. Thomas' School. The two boys are still under 15 years of age and the strokes which they had performed could be classified as quite 'seasoned'. Young as they are their chances of going to the top are very bright.

The Senior matches are being played tonight and they promise to be more interesting.

The selection of players to represent Kuching at forthcoming Inter-division championships will be made at a later stage.

Admission to the stadium is by tickets available at the gate at 20 cents per person.

The results of last night's games are as follows:-

William Chai bt. Ong Kho Ho 15-5, 15-9; Ali Suhardi Bakar bt. Peter Ong 15-3, 15-5; George Lau bt. Madian 15-11, 15-10; Eddie bt. Kho Kui Hong 15-4, 15-7; Chao Tze Chaw bt. Kho Bok Seng 15-2, 15-7; Hassan Morshidi bt. Kasy Marican 18-13, 15-6; Sim Kwang Ming bt. Michael Ong 15-3, 17-15; Daniel Wee bt. Ley Boon Hee 15-9, 17-15; Graham Wood bt. Bobby Tay 15-10, 15-7; Lim Khiok Chuan bt. Wan Hossein 15-6, 15-2; Yeo Jit Beng bt. Alfred Chai 17-15, 15-8; Vincent Ven bt. Yong Teck Hee 15-11, 15-6; and Bujang Sulaiman bt. Gabriel Hon 15-5, 15-11.

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## Monday Night's Fixtures

### Junior Singles:

Tomorrow night's fixtures are as follows:-

7.00 p.m.: William Chai vs. Ali Suhardi Bakar; George Lau vs. Eddie.

7.30 p.m.: Chao Tze Haw vs. Anthony Liew; William Yeo vs. Hassan Morsidi.

8.00 p.m.: Sim Kwang Ming vs. Daniel Wee; Graham Wood vs. Anthony Ee.

8.30 p.m.: Dennis Wee vs. Ong Kok Cher; Choo Boon Chai vs. Vincent Salleh.

9.00 p.m.: Vincent Chong vs. Chin Thiam Hon; Kadri b. Mohammed vs. Law Ah Lah.

9.30 p.m.: Lam Siong Ann vs. Goh Lee Miang; Lim Khiok Chuan vs. Yeo Jit Beng.

10.00 p.m.: Vincent Ven vs. Bujang Sulaiman.

### Senior Doubles:

10.30 p.m.: Eddy Wahab and Yohana vs. Wee Chew Teck and Chang Boo Hiok.

## SBA Badminton Open Championships: 'Old Timers' Maintain Supremacy

Kuching, Monday:- The badminton 'old timers' maintained their supremacy in badminton to beat much younger and robust opponents last night. They are Hassan bin Manan and Ho Ah Chon.

Both players beat their opponents in the rubber set in the Senior section of the current open championships sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association at the former Happy World stadium.

Ho Ah Chon, 38 who has not been taking part in serious competition for some time, met Richard Leong, 19, in the first Senior Singles last night.

The matches started in favour of Ah Chon who took the lead at 9-5 with his accurate placings. Richard though possessing youthful energies wasted a lot of shots. However, he trailed at 10-12 after gaining five points in a single service. Ah Chon with his past court experience controlled the game and won the first set at 15-10.

In the second set Richard had exceptionally reserved energy and won the game at 15-9 quite comfortably with his powerful and accurate smashes.

### Acrobatic Students Stunts

Richard was favoured to win the rubber set in view of his age and stamina. But Ho performed acrobatic stunts to save several difficult shots.

Ah Chon, showing no sign of lack of stamina, led 13-8 though there were some struggle for services at this instance. When he led by 14-8 his opponent had played almost out of breath. Richard, however, strongly persevered to keep going and played exceptionally well to gain point in the 35 minute battle. He could not force a deuce and Ah

Chon scored the last few points to win the set and the match.

Ah Chon will play tomorrow night and it will be interesting to watch whether he will repeat his performance.

The other match in the Senior Singles was between Chew Ee Tiong, 32, and Hassan bin Manan, 44.

Ee Tiong, well known for his 'stubbornness' — not for his manner but for the continuous efforts to save all the difficult shots — won the first set from Hassan at 15-6 with little difficulty.

But in the second set Hassan, popularly known in badminton circle as 'The Iron Lung Player', turned the table against his opponent to win at 15-3. His win as mainly due to his base line and drop shot play.

### Remarkable Form

For his age, Hassan showed a remarkable form not only in his stamina but also in court work.

The two players thrilled the spectators in the rubber set. Hassan concentrated hard on his favourite backhand base line strokes, and the accuracy of his shots caught Ee Tiong out of position. After a tough rally Hassan won the set at 15-11. Hassan is favoured to win the Veteran Singles.

Lim Siew Yang, a young and promising player from St. Joseph's School, created another upset in beating seasoned Sim Ann Lee by 15-12, 15-9 with his powerful smashes and steadiness. He is considered a potential players.

### Results

The results of last night's play are as follows:

### Junior Doubles:

William Yeo and William Chai bt. W. Hossein and Bujang Sulaiman w.o.

Ang Joo Lim and James Chan bt. Anthony Ee and Johnny Ang 15-10, 15-5.

Kho Kui Hong and Yong Teck Hee bt. Chin Thian Hon and David Tan 15-3, 15-6.

Chan Gim Ann and Choo Boon Chai bt. Michael Raju and Eldred Goh 15-2, 15-6.

Vincent Ven and V. Salleh bt. Michael Ong and Peter Ong 15-10, 15-8.

Kadri Mohammad and Hj. Mahli bt. Kasy Marican and Eddie Suhaili w.o.

Bobby Tay and Yeo Jit Beng bt. Hassan Morshidi and Wan Tai Ming 15-12, 15-6.

Law Ah Lah and Sim Kwang Ming bt. Gabriel Hon and Alfred Hon 15-12, 15-11.

Goh Lee Miang and Anthony Liew bt. Kho Bok Seng and Koh Shuh Kiat 15-9, 15-3.

### Senior Singles:

Ho Ah Chon bt. Richard Leong 15-10, 9-15, 15-13, Ibrahim Tamby bt. Morshidi Sarak

15-4, 15-4, Lim Siew Yang bt. Sim Ann Lee

15-12, 15-9, Hassan bin Manan bt. Chew Ee

Tiong 6-15, 15-3, 15-11.

*September 6, 1960*

## Badminton Notes:

*September 7, 1960*

### Junior 'Stars' Put Up Smashing Show

Kuching, Tuesday:- Junior players last night put up a smashing show in the current Sarawak Badminton Association open championships played off at the former Happy World stadium.

The Association's chief honorary coach, Mr. Lau Han Choon, was at the games last night to watch the fine display by the junior players — Eddie Wabah from Simanggang, Daniel Wee and Vincent Ven were prominent.

Eddie who is in the capital for a Training Course had taken the opportunity to participate in the open championships. A left-hander he captured the first set easily by beating George Lau 15-2. George made the mistake in delivering the shots to Eddie's left. Eddie won the second set at 15-11.

Ali Suhaili, a seasoned junior player, is this year showing great improvement. He gave his opponent, William Chai a tough time last night. William, though fast in his delivery, shot wide; losing the first set at 12-15. The picture changed in the second set when William, after realising that Ali is a left-hander, snatched the set at 15-5. In the rubber set William took the advantage of Ali's lack of stamina and played net shots most of the time to win the set at 15-3.

Daniel Wee met a tougher opponent last night in the person of Sim Kwang Ming. But after getting over his nervousness played well to draw on level at 8-all after trailing by six points. After a steadier play he won the first set at 15-10.

The second set was a thriller to watch and each player rallied hard to score point by point and drew level at 10-all. At 11-10 in favour of Daniel, the service changed hands for more than half an hour, but Daniel smashed his way through and with a tricky shots won the set at 15-11. It would be interesting to see him play in his next match.

Graham Wood did well in the first round. At his second play against Anthony Ee, Graham had the advantage of his height and playing net drops to tire his young opponent had little difficulty in winning the first set at 15-6. One of the best European players in town Graham showed his opponent many outstanding shots and controlled the game all the time to win by 15-9.

Vincent Salleh from the Medical and Health displayed the effectiveness of his smashes when he met Choo Boon Chai who tried his best. But he latter could not meet the onslaught and lost the set at 3-15. Vincent continued with his accurate and powerful smashes to take the game at 12-nil in the second set. After making some mistakes he won the set at 15-2.

Anthony Liew, another promising player who hails from the P & T, has a height advantage to almost every shot sent by Chao Tze Chaw. He sent many surprises but Tze Chaw never gave up and sent many high, accurate base line shots to gain points to reduce the deficit at 10-11. Anthony was the more superior player and after a hard rally won narrowly at 15-13. In the second set Tze Chaw

slackened and lost the set at 5-15.

Lim Khiok Chuan, Khiok Seng's younger brother, followed his brother's style in foot work and strokes, but unfortunately his opponent, Yeo Jit Beng was a much tougher player and was trailing at 3-10.

Playing skilfully, Jit Beng won the set at 15-6. The picture in the second set changed when Khiok Chuan attacking Jit Beng's weak points took the lead at 10-1 in six minutes. Jit Beng, however, struggled hard to save the situation and managed to gain ground at 8-12, but Khiok Chuan was determined to win and took the second set 15-9.

In the rubber set the two players fought like Trojan to gain points. They drew twice at 11-all and at 13-all. Lim Khiok Chuan made more mistakes and Jit Beng managed to control the game to win the set by a narrow margin of 18-15.

Bujang Sulaiman in his usual hop and hit style met Vincent Ven who is an unorthodox player with his 180 degrees turn before performing a smash. Many a time Vincent caught Bujang unaware with his unorthodox style of saving a shot. His accuracy and powerful smashes gave him the chance to lead at 10-5 and after a hard rally won the set at 15-10.

In the second set, Vincent put up a snatching save like that of Eddie Chung and led at 5-0 in a short time. Beautiful spoon-placing helped him to gain many points, but Bujang put up a strong challenge and trailed at 10-14. Vincent, however, snatched the victory at 15-10.

The results of last night's play are as follows:-

#### Junior Singles:

William Chai bt. Ali Suhardi Bakar 12-15, 15-5, 15-3; Eddie bt. George Lau 15-5, 15-11; Anthony Liew bt. Chao Tze Chaw 15-13, 15-5; William Yeo bt. Hassan Morshidi 15-8, 15-10; Daniel Wee bt. Sim Kwang Ming 15-10, 15-11; Graham Wood bt. Anthony Ee 15-6, 15-9; Ong Kok Chee bt. Denis Wee 15-8, 15-7; Vincent Salleh bt. Choo Boon Chai 15-3, 15-2; Chin Thian Hon bt. Vincent Chong 15-7, 15-2; Goh Lee Miang bt. Lam Siong Ann 15-11, 15-0; Kenneth Law bt. Kadri Mohamad 11-15, 15-9, 18-15; Yeo Jit Beng bt. Lim Khiok Chuan 15-6, 9-15, 18-15; Vincent Ven bt. Bujang Sulaiman 15-10, 15-10.

Eddy Wahab and Yohanna bt. Wee Chiew Teck and Chang Boon Hiok 15-11, 0-15, 15-10.

## Last Year's Doubles Runners-Up Beaten

Kuching, Thursday:- Ibrahim Tamby and Sim Ann Lee last night created an upset when they defeated last year's Doubles Runners up Sim Hlok Kheng and Richard Leong in the current open championships sponsored by the Badminton Association at the former Happy World stadium.

There were some very thrilling games seen at last night's play and four matches were won in the rubber set.

The tournament is coming towards the end and the final matches will be played off on Monday evening, Sept. 22, beginning at 7 o'clock. A good crowd is expected to attend the finals when the cream of the local badminton players will vie for the top position in the various sections.

### The Play

The best players will be selected to represent First Division to play in the forthcoming Inter-Division competition scheduled to be held on Sept. 17 to 19 and also to represent Sarawak in the Asian Badminton Confederation next year.

The first match was played between Yeo Jit Beng and Vincent Ven. Jit Beng, a new player who hails from the Kuching Youth Club group, has shown himself to be a stayer in his previous plays.

Though a new player he possesses very beautiful cross-court shot and good placing tactics.

Vincent, an unorthodox player, met with some difficulty at the start and after trailing at 2-3 chased up to take the lead by 6-3. He had the better of the strokes and flat shots which gave his opponent little chance to retrieve the shots, but Jit Beng after picking up his mistakes chased up to 8-9 and later draw level at 10-all. Vincent playing skillfully scored three more points and later won the set by 15-all.

The two players rallied hard and their service changed hands many times at 2-all. Vincent in displaying some tricky shots led by 8-4. Jit Beng concentrated on his base line shots and smashes to level at 8-8 and later to lead by 10-9 and steadily gained points with his net drop shots to snatch a victory by 15-10 from Vincent.

The rubber set was in favour of Jit Beng from the start and having smashed his way

through scored 9-nil. Vincent, by now had worn out, tried his best to regain his confidence and managed to score only one point to break the 'egg'. Jit Beng placed his shots well to gain more points and won the set and the match by 15-7.

William Chai, a fast and accurate player, gave the Simanggang lad, Eddie Wahab, some hard time at the start, and soon led by 8-4. But, Eddie played on the base line shots and smashes to draw level at 9-9. Eddie, however, was worn out and this gave William the chance to lead and snatch a victory at 15-9.

In the second set Eddie regained his energy and concentrated on the base line shots to fire his opponent. This resulted in William hitting wide to trial at 0-9. Continuing his tactics — base line to net - Eddie soon by 12-4 and won the set by 15-5.

The rubber set provided a thrill when both players tried to get the upper hand over the other. William led by 7-4, but Eddie played steadily to draw level at 7-7. After some hard rally they draw at 10-all. Eddie's cross-court and flying shots had won him more points to lead by 13-11. William rallied hard with his beautiful cross-court shots to draw level and later to lead by 17-13. Eddie chased up and drew level at 17-17. The match, at this stage, was at its crucial point. Eddie had only one decisive point to score to win the match from William, and this he did by placing a beautiful net shot.

Goh Lee Miang was slowing in warming up when he met Vincent Salleh and the later soon led by 8-7 with his fast court work. After drawing level at 8 all Vincent drove more powerful smashes to lead by and later won by 15-11.

Lee Mian thrilled the spectators in the second set and after regaining his form soon put his fast opponent out of position most of the time to win easily at 15-6.

In the rubber set Vincent Salleh soon led by 5-1 from Lee Miang, one of the toughest junior players. He maintained his lead at 14-9 and at this point made mistakes in his base line shots which went wide most of the time.

Lee Miang seeing his opponent getting tired seized the chance to control the game after five exchanges of services gained ground to win the set and match at 15-9.



As usual Daniel Wee, a very young player, was nervous at the start when he met Ong Kok Chee and soon trailed 1-7. After a long rally he still trailed at 5-10 but a change of shuttle drove more accurately to gain two more points at 7-10. Kok Chee, however, had the better of the game with his well placed shots and led by 13-8. Kok Chee who possessed more powerful shots won the set by 15-9.

Daniel, who was not in his best previous form last night, was trailing behind Kok Chee throughout the second set. Kok Chee's favourite base line and cross-court and net drop shots gave him more points to win the set and match by 15-5.

Hassan bin Manan, favoured to win the Veteran Singles, won easily over Hamdan Sirat by 15-1, 15-1 last night.

Kho Kui Leong and Lim Ee Chiat, current Senior champion pair, combined well and had little difficulty to take the lead and win the set by 15-3 in less than five minutes over Michael Hon and Bujang Kassim. They repeated their performance in the second set to win by 14-6 in seven minutes. Judging from the play, it can be safely said that the match was a one sided affair. It would be interesting to watch them play in the final to see whether they can retain their title.

In the other Veteran Singles John Storey delivered some beautiful net drop shots when he met Tan Kiew, but the latter player gained points with his base line and cross court shots to lead by 12-4 and with a few more net drops won the first set by 15-4.

In the second set John played determinedly, but Tan Kiew's more accurate placings had helped the latter to lead by 5-1 and with his base line and net drop shots further led by 8-1. John scored a few more points but lost the set and match by 4-15.

Sim Hiok Kheng and Richard Leong began well when they met Ibrahim Tamby and Sim Ann Lee and soon led by 10-3. Both never let a high shot go without returning with a terrific smash which found its mark well. They won the first set by 15-5.

The picture changed in the second set when Ibrahim and Ann Lee got the better of the play and soon led by 7-4 and with more smashes added another two points to make it 9-4. Hiok Kheng and Richard lost confidence and they were caught out of position several times losing more points. They had to concede defeat to Ibrahim and Ann Lee at 4-15.

Drawing one set each the two pairs played vigorously in the rubber set and Ibrahim and Ann Lee had the game under their control and after leading all the way through snatched a victory over last year's Doubles champion by 15-7.

Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Leng Siew, of the Ding Ding B.P.; combined well and soon led by 9-0 from Ho Ah Chon and Yong Swee Yang, a much slower pair. Khiok Seng and Liang Siew smashed their way through to win quite comfortably by 15-5.

Repeating their fast smashes Khiok Seng and Liang Siew met a stiffer resistance from Ah Chon and Swee Yang in the second set. The former pair, however, led by a narrow margin all the way to win at 15-11.

#### **Result**

The results of the last night's play are as follows:

#### **Junior Singles:**

Yeo Jit Beng bt. Vincent Ven 11-15, 15-10, 15-7; Eddie Wahab bt. William Chai 9-15, 15-5, 18-17; Ong Kok Chee bt. Daniel Wee 15-9, 15-8; Goh Lee Miang bt. Vincent Salleh 11-15, 15-6, 15-9.

#### **Senior Doubles:**

Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Liang Siew bt. Ho Ah Chon and Yong Siew Yang 15-5, 15-11; Ibrahim Tamby and Sim Ann Lee bt. Sim Hiok Kheng and Richard Leong 5-15, 15-4, 15-8; Lim Ee Chiat and Kho Kui Leong bt. Michael Hon and Bujang 15-3, 15-6.

#### **Veteran Singles:**

Hassan bin Manan bt. Hamdan Sirat 15-1, 15-1; Tan Kiew bt. J.F. Storey 15-4, 15-14.

*September 9, 1960*

## Open Championships Finals On Monday

KUCHING, Friday:- The badminton open championships sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association will be concluded on Monday evening.

The finals will be played off at the Chung Hua School No. 3 (formerly the Happy World) at Padungan Road beginning at 7 pm sharp.

Judging from the previous games which have been decided, a very interesting evening is promised on Monday, and it is hoped that as many people as possible will attend the finals to see the cream of Sarawak's badminton player play.

Lim Khiok Seng, the current Singles champion and undoubtedly still Sarawak's best player, has not yet been defeated and his supremacy will be tested for the second successive year by an up-and-coming challenger, last year's runner-up, Lim Ee Chiat.

Ee Chiat last night best Sim Liang Siew by a narrow margin of 15-6, 6-15, 15-13 in the semi-final to qualify for the final.

In the Senior Doubles, Lim Ee Chiat and Kho Kui Leong will be strongly challenged by Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Liang Siew at the final Khiok Seng and Leng Siew last night beat Ibrahim Tambi and Sim Ann Lee by 15-10, 15-5 to qualify for the final.

In the Junior Singles, Eddie Wahab from Simanggang has played very well and having beaten Yeo Jit Beng 15-3, 15-7 last night is now qualified to enter the final to meet Goh Lee Miang.

Lee Miang last night defeated Ong Kok Chee 15-11, 15-9 in the semi-final to enter the final.

Hassan bin Manan has played well during the preliminary rounds, and having beaten S.A. Dawood in the semi-final last night is now qualified to enter the final to meet Tan Kien in the Veteran Singles section. He beat Dawood by 15-1, 15-2.

In spite of his age (he's 44) Hassan, popularly known as the 'Iron Lung' player for his stamina, has been in the best of form and it will be interesting to see whether he will be able to keep it up till the end.

Kho Kui Hong partnering Yeo Teck Hee played two matches last night to enter the final in the Junior Doubles section. In their first play, they beat Bobby Tay and Yeo Jit Beng by 15-1, 15-1.

They later defeated William Yeo and William Chai 15-7, 15-13 to qualify for the

final to meet Goh Lee Miang and Anthony Liew.

Lee Miang and Anthony also played two matches last night beating firstly, Law Ah Lah and Sim Kwang Ming 15-2, 15-8 and later beating Ali Suhardi and Abang Sulaiman by 15-10, 15-8.

### Result

#### Veteran Singles:

Hassan bin Manan S.A. Dawood 15-1, 15-2.

#### Junior Doubles:

William Yeo and William Chai bt. Kadri Mohammad and Haji Mahli w.o.; Kho Kui Hong and Yeo Teck Hee bt. Bobby Tay and Yeo Jit Beng 15-1, 15-1; Goh Lee Miang and Anthony Liew bt. Law Ah Lah and Sim Kwang Ming 15-2, 15-8; Kho Kui Hong and Yeo Teck Hee bt. William Yeo and William Chai 15-7, 15-13; Ali Suhardi and Abang Sulaiman bt. Vincent Ven and Vincent Salleh 15-13, 12-15, 15-12; Goh Lee Miang and Anthony Liew bt. Ali Suhardi and Abang Sulaiman 15-10 15-8.

#### Senior Singles:

Lim Khiok Seng bt. Sim Hiok Kheng 15-9, 15-3; Lim Ee Chiat bt. Sim Leng Siew 15-6, 6-15, 15-13.

#### Junior Singles:

Eddie Wahab bt. Yeo Jit Beng 15-3, 15-7.

#### Senior Doubles:

Lim Ee Chiat and Kho Kui Leong Bt. Othman and Drahman 15-6, 15-4; Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Leng Siew bt. Ibrahim Tambi and Sim Ann Lee 15-10, 15-5.

### Monday's Finals Fixtures

7.00 p.m.: Women's Singles: Jeannie Sim vs. Kho Kui Hua. Ref. James Chan.

7.30 p.m.: Junior Singles: Eddie Wahab vs. Goh Lee Miang. Ref. Graham Wood.

8.00 p.m.: Mixed Doubles: Lim Ee Chiat and Kho Kui Hua vs. Lim Khiok Seng and Jeannie Sim. Ref. C.Chong.

8.30 p.m.: Veteran Singles: Hassan bin Manan vs. Tan Kien. Ref. Arshad bin Yusop.

9.00 p.m.: Senior Singles: Lim Khiok Seng vs. Lim Ee Chiat. Ref. Ho Ah Chon.

9.30 p.m.: Junior Doubles: Kho Kui Hong and Yeo Teck Hee vs. Goh Lee Miang and Anthony Liew. Ref.

10.00 p.m.: Senior Doubles: Lim Ee Chiat and Kho Kui Leong vs. Lim Khiok Sen and Sim Leng Siew. Ref. Ho Ah Chon.

Admission to the championships will be by tickets at 50 cents (seats) and 20 cents (gallery) per person. Competitors are kindly requested to be in time for their fixtures.

September 10, 1960

## Khiok Seng Retains Supremacy For The Fifth Successive Year



*Lim Khiok Seng receiving the New Zealand Insurance Company Cup from Mr. Lee Swee Hock, vice president of the S.B.A., at the conclusion of the open championships finals last Monday evening at the former Happy World Stadium. Looking on is Mr. Tan Han Boon, president of S.B.A.*

September 13, 1960

Khiok Seng first won the title from Kho Kui Leong in 1954. He lost the championships to Kui Leong the following year but regained it in 1956. Since then he has stayed on top and on winning the championships for three successive years in 1958 won the Fong Pin Chee Challenge Sheild outright.

Last year he again won the championship and won a new challenge trophy — the New Zealand Insurance Company Cup — which he now retains for the second year in succession.

It will be interesting to see whether Khiok Seng will be able to stay on top next year. If he does he will be the first Sarawakian to win a double in succession — it will be a record unrivalled by any badminton player either in pre-war or post-war badminton competitions in Sarawak.

Kiok Seng, who is attached to the Post & Telegraphs Workshop, Kuching is 24 years old and is still single.

Khiok Seng and his partner, Sim Leng Siew also won the Doubles title when they beat Kho Kui Leong and Lim Ee Chiat by a very narrow margin of 18-17, 17-15 last night, to regain the Sylvia-Lilian Challenge Trophy from Richard Leong and Sim Hiok Kheng.

They won the cup in 1955 but lost it to Kho Kui Leong and Tan Choon Huat in 1956. In

1957 and 1958 they won the Cup but failed to retain and to win it outright when they lost it to Richard Leong and Sim Hiok Kheng last year.

### The Play

Earlier in the final, Jeannie Sim conceded a walkover to Kho Kui Hua in the Women's Singles final Jeannie Sim and Lim Khiok Seng also conceded a walk-over to Kho Kui Hua and Lim Ee Chiat in the Mixed Doubles.

Goh Lee Miang, a promising young player from - Simanggang, beat Eddie Wahab, also from Simanggang, in the Junior Singles final. Eddie led by 5-0 from the start after Lee Miang, had made several mistakes. However, Lee Miang, though a little nervous, was accurate in his smashes to draw level at 5-5, and with Eddie shooting wide soon led by 8-5. Lee Miang later warmed up and returned more smashed to lead by 12-6. Eddie continued to make mistakes in his base line shots and lost the game to Lee Miang at 8-15.

In the second set Eddie soon took the lead by 2-1, but Lee Miang showing no sign of strain kept on to his net drop shots to worn out his opponent and scored points to lead by 6-2. Lee Miang placed his shots accurately to lead by 8-2, but at this stage, Eddie smashed to reduce the deficit to 7-8. Eddie had been very

fast in his placings and with a few more net drops levelled at 11-all. He tried his best to play base line and net to lead by 13-12. Later Lee Miang drew level at 13-13 for a deuce of five and after a hard rally won by 18-5.

Lim Khiok Seng had little difficulty in leading from the start by 2-nil. Ee Chiat, 19 drew at 3-3. The picture changed when Ee Chiat delivered more accurate smashes to lead by 5-4. He played steadily. Khiok Seng, however, was more superior in his delivery and after levelling at 5-5 led by 9-5. Ee Chiat, at this stage looking a little tired, hit out of court and gradually lost ground. Khiok Seng smashed accurately to win by 15-6.

Khiok Seng retrieved some very difficult shots delivered by Ee Chiat and led by 7-2. Ee Chiat with his 'flying' service gained two more points but Khiok Seng's master strokes and tremendous energy won the second set without much difficulty.

Hassan bin Manan, 44, was in good form last night when meeting Tan Kien in the Men's Veteran. Though meeting a fast player Hassan's tricky shots won him the points to win comfortably at 15-2, 15-2.

Goh Lee Miang and his partner Anthony Lew had little difficulty in winning the Junior Doubles when they met Kho Kui Hong and Yeo Jit Beng.

Kui Hong and Jit Beng had the better of the combination and after losing the first set were leading in the second set but half-way through Lee Miang and Anthony gained ground to take the lead and on playing steadily gradually had the control of the game to win by 15-11.

Perhaps the best game of the evening was the Senior Doubles between Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Leng Siew and Kho Kui Leong and Lim Ee Chiat.

On the whole it would have been Kui Leong and Ee Chiat's game but the crucial point Ee Chiat made mistakes in hitting wide. Both pairs had terrific smashes.

Kui Leong made a few wood shots and Khiok Seng and Leng Siew soon led by 3-nil. After failing to score during the two services Kui Leong and Ee Chiat were trailing by 0-6. Playing steadily Kui Leong and Ee Chiat gained two points and later trailed at 4-6.

The game became more exciting as both pairs played vigorously, each trying to outwit the other. After drawing level at 7-7 Kui Leong and Ee Chiat smashed their way through to lead by 11-7.

The play became more tense at his stage as Kui Leong and Ee Chiat hit hard to gain more points and Khiok Seng and Leng Siew rallied harder to catch up. During the heat of the excitement the leading pair made mistakes in shooting wide most of the time and Khiok Seng and Leng Siew draw level at 13-all for a deuce of five. The service changed hands after Khiok Seng and Leng Siew had led by 17-15. Kui Leong and Ee Chiat smashed hard to draw level at 17-17 but soon lost the service after failing to score the decisive point.

The players were more excited at this stage. A net drop shot by Ee Chiat had taken Khiok Seng by surprise. Khiok Seng smashed well out of Kui Leong's reach to score the decisive point.

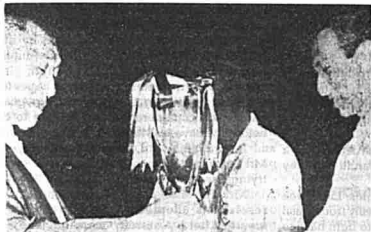
Both teams played hard in the second set and they drew five times till 14-14, when a deuce of three was called.

The game was in favour of Kui Leong and Ee Chiat at this stage but the service was over after they scored only one pointed.

Steadily Khiok Seng gained points when their opponents made mistakes and the game was over when Ee Chiat hit out.



*Hassan Manan, the Veteran Singles Champion*



*Goh Lee Miang, the new Junior Singles Champion*



*Sim Leng Siew and Lim Khook Seng, the Senior Doubles Champions*

The president of the Sarawak Badminton Association, Mr. Tan Han Boon warned badminton players not to be complacent about their standard of play if they were to reach International level.

Mr. Tan was speaking at the conclusion of the 1960 annual open championships last Monday evening.

He said the standard of play, according to the SBA's honorary coaches who were present during the tournament to watch and observe the players play, had improved considerably. That was a most encouraging sign, he added.

However, he warned, "This does not mean that we should be complacent about it if we were to reach international standard and to reach this we must."

Mr. Tan strongly urged players to train hard and to make good use of the training scheme which the Association had made available with the assistance of a team of coaches headed by Mr. Lau Han Choon.

He called upon the players to devote more time to practices if they were to reach the top, and to be a class player it required some sacrifice.

While congratulating the winners he paid tribute to the losers for their sportsmanships.

Mr. Tan thanked the organising committee chairman, Mr. Lee Swee Hock, the committee's honorary secretary, Mr. James Chan and committee members, for the smooth and efficient organisation of the tournament, the Information Office, the cup donors, referees and linesmen for their assistance. He also thanked Mr. Lee for kindly giving away the prizes.

## First Division Wins Trophy



*Tribune picture shows Lim Khiok Seng, captain of the first Division (Kuching) team, receiving the handsome trophy from Mrs. Barlow at the conclusion of the Inter-Division badminton tournament. Looking on are Mr. Tan Han Boon (right) and Mr. Peter Chye, president and honorary secretary respectively of the S. B. A.*

The Third Division team trounced the Fourth Division team by 5-0 to meet Kuching.

The First Division won all the three singles and the two doubles with a rubber-set each in the singles and doubles.

Lim Ee Chiat won the first singles in a rubber set from Hamden bin Hamid (Sibu) by 13-15, 18-13, 15-4.

In the Kuching second singles, Lim Swee Yang won the first set rather easily from Wasli bin Endin by 15-5 but he had to fight hard to make his opponent bow at 15-13. Lim all the time appeared to be 'taking-it-easy'.

The third singles for the night appeared to be a more interesting game in which veteran John Barlow (Sibu) fought to the last and would not give an inch to his youthful opponent Goh Lee Miang though he (Barlow) was completely exhausted. Barlow lost the match by 10-15, 8-15.

Sim Hiok Kheng and Kho Kui Leong won the first doubles from Tung Ing Siong and Rapa'ee bin Tarip (Sibu) in a rubber set by 12-15, 15-11 and 15-2.

Lim Khiok Seng and Ibrahim Tamby added the last point to the Kuching scoreboard by defeating Wasli bin Endin and Awang Ali Basah by 15-5, 15-3.

The trophy and medals were presented by Mrs. S.A. Barlow after the singles matches had been played off.

Mr. Tan Han Boon, the President of the Sarawak Badminton Association, also took the opportunity to express his thanks to the players and others who contributed to the smooth running of the competition.

Appreciating the sporting spirit displayed by players, Mr. Tan said: "It may be worth while for me to mention here that at the extra-ordinary General Meeting held this morning the Divisional representatives had shown the highest degree of close co-operation and understanding to enable us to solve the various problems for the benefit of the game.

"The standard of play displayed by our friends from Miri and Sibu have definitely shown improvement," added Mr. Tan. "If I may say so, to the extent of giving us hopes for our participation in the forthcoming Asian Badminton confederation competition to be held in Malaya in March or April next year.

In giving his word of advice to the players, Mr. Tan urged them to "Keep up and keep on trying harder for the next encounter."

Mr. Tan also disclosed that one of the resolutions adopted at the extraordinary meeting held yesterday morning was the proposal to hold the Inter-Division tournament, the Annual Championships as well as the Annual General Meeting in Sibu next year subject to approval.

This, said Mr. Tan would provide the opportunity for other Divisions to have the chance to enjoy this privilege also.

The final result of the competition is as follows:-

First Division (Kuching) won both matches played against Miri and Sibu five-nil each;

Third Division (Sibu) beat Miri four-one; but lost to Kuching.

Fourth Division (Miri) lost both matches played against First Division and Second Division.

*October 25, 1960.*

Kuching, Monday:- The results of last night's games in the current Kuching open badminton championships sponsored by the Kuching Badminton Association at the Padungan stadium are as follows:-

**Junior Singles:** Eric Ong bt. Chao Tze Chaw 18-17, 8-15, 15-8; Abang Shukri bt. Lim Kiok Chuan 10-15, 17-15, 15-3; Chin Thian Hon bt. Yeo Jit Beng 15-8, 15-0; Ismail Hassan bt. Vincent Wen 18-15, 15-2.

**Junior Doubles:** Rick and Eric bt. Toyok Murad and Neddy Carrol 15-2, 15-0; Ismail Hassan and Abang Shukri bt. Narawi b. Zen and Alfred Hon 14-17, 15-7, 15-2; Mohd. Tazudin and Lionel Lee bt. David Lee and Ng Shui Kim 15-2, 15-6; Ali Suhardi and Abang Sulaiman bt. Kadri Mohd. and Ariff Sedi 15-11, 17-14.

**Senior Singles:** Lim Swee Yang bt. James Wei 15-6, 15-3.

**Senior Doubles:** Goh Lee Miang and Wen Boon Siew bt. James Wei and Kho Kui Hong 15-10, 15-10.

7.00 p.m.: **Mixed Doubles:** Lim Ee Chiat and partner vs. Sim Leng Siew and Sim Ah Siok; Michael Hon and partner vs. Goh Lee Miang and Lucy Ho.

7.30 p.m.: **Senior Singles:** Sim Hiok Kheng or Hassan Manan vs. Sim Leng Siew or Lim Swee Yang; Lim Ee Chiat or Goh Lee Miang vs. Lim Kiok Seng or Sim Ann Lee.

8.00 p.m.: **Senior Doubles:** Goh Lee Miang and Wen Boon Siew vs. Lim Ee Chiat and Kho Kui Leong or Lim Khioh Seng and Sim Leng Siew; Hassan Manan and Ho Ah Chon vs. Ibrahim Tambi and Sim Ann Lee or Sim Hiok Kheng and Lim Swee Yang.

8.30 p.m.: **Junior Singles:** Eric Ong vs. Chin Thian Hong; Abang Shukri vs. Ismail Hassan.

9.00 p.m.: **Mixed Doubles:** Lim Swee Yang & Shirley Sim vs. Lim Ee Chiat and partner or Sim Leng Siew and Sim Ah Siok; Lim Khioh Seng and Leong Hui Chen vs. Michael Hon and partner or Goh Lee Miang and Lucy Ho.

**Official referees:** M/s. Hassan Manan, Cyril Chong, Sim Boo Kheng, James Wei. Linesman: Four each from Constabulary, St. Joseph's and Bornell Clubs.

July 25, 1961.

## Junior Finals Tonight

Kuching, Tuesday:- The current badminton open championship sponsored by the Kuching Badminton Association is drawing to

a close. All the games have been keenly contested, and the finals for the Junior Singles and Doubles and the Mixed Doubles will be played off tomorrow (Wednesday) night at the Padungan stadium. The games will begin at 7.30 p.m.

**JUNIOR SINGLES:** In the Junior Singles competition, there are quite a number of new players taking part, notably Abang Shukri and Ismail Hassan. This is the first year that they take part in the tournament. Ismail, who like his father, Hassan Manan, has done well in the games reaching the semi-finals meeting his Doubles partner, Abang Shukri in the bottom section.

In the top section Eric Ong meets Chin Thian Hon who received a bye in the second round. Both players are very promising and the clash will be in an interesting affair to watch.

The winners in these two sections will qualify for the finals.

**JUNIOR DOUBLES:** A new pair, Mohd. Tazudin and Lionel Lee, has reached the finals. The players are fast and aggressive and hope that they can keep up their score when they meet Ali Suhardi and Abang Suleiman. It should be noted that Ali Suhardi and Abang Suleiman are experienced players having played for a number of years in various competitive tournaments.

**SENIOR SINGLES:** There was an upset in this very important event. Both the by players failed to reach the semi-finals. Lim Ee Chiat was put to rubber set and lost the game to Goh Lee Miang and Sim Leng Siew lost a straight set to Lim Swee Yang.

**SENIOR DOUBLES:** Last year's winner, Lim Khioh Seng and Sim Leng Siew had an easy win over Lim Ee Chiat and Kho Kui Leong in a straight set and they are favoured to retain their title. In the bottom section, it will be a game between young players and experienced hands. Both are new combinations, and it's anybody's guess.

**LADIES SINGLES:** Miss Leong Hui Chen has reached the finals after having played only one game. She received a walk over from Voon Chen Moi. A new player, she will meet Anna Chin Nyuk Enn who hails from the Tarat Agriculture School. Anna Chin has so far eliminated her two opponents, and it will be interesting to see whether she will be able to make another score.

**MIXED DOUBLES:** This event has not been played, and all the pairs are new

combinations. It is anybody's guess as to who will be the champions.

#### Monday's Results

**Junior Doubles:** Mohd. Tazudin and Lionel Lee bt. Rick and Eric 15-3, 15-1; Ali Suhardi and Abang Suleiman bt. Ismail Hassan and Abang Shukri.

**Senior Singles:** Lim Khiok Seng bt. Sim Ann Lee 15-2, 15-2; Sim Hiok Kheng bt. Hassan Manan 15-9, 15-5; Goh Lee Miang bt. Lim Ee Chiat 15-11, 9-15, 15-2; Lim Swee Yang bt. Sim Leng Siew 15-10, 15-9.

**Senior Doubles:** Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Leng Siew bt. Lim Ee Chiat and Kho Kui Leong 15-9, 15-9; Sim Hiok Kheng and Lim Swee Yang bt. Ibrahim Tamby and Sim Ann Lee 18-13, 15-8.

**Ladies Singles:** Anna Chin Nyuk Enn bt. Sim Ah Hiok 11-2, 12-9; Leong Hui Chen bt.

Voon Chen Moi (w.o.).

#### Wednesday's Play

7.30 p.m.: **Mixed Doubles Final:** Lim Swee Yang and Shirley Sim or Lim Ee Chiat and partner or Sim Leng Siew and Sim Ah Hiok vs. Michael Hon and partner or Goh Lee Miang and Lucy Ho or Lim Khiok Seng and Leong Hui Chen.

8.00 p.m.: **Junior Singles Final:** Eric Ong or Chin Thian Hon vs. Abang Shukri or Ismail Hassan.

8.00 p.m.: **Junior Doubles Final:** Md. Tazudin and Lionel Lee vs. Ali Shukri and Abang Suleiman.

**Official referees:** Abang Samat, M/S. Arsad b. Usop, Kui Choon Hoon. Linesmen: Two each from P & T and Constabulary clubs.

July 26, 1961.

## Badminton Players For SibU



Kuching, Fri.- Four badminton players to represent Kuching at the Inter-Station Badminton Championships to be held in SibU as from today left Kuching by air yesterday.

The four selected are: Lim Khiok Seng, Sim Leng Siew, Sim Hiok Kheng and Goh Lee

Miang. Leading the term as team captain is James Chan.

Picture shows the four players (front row) from left: Sim Hiok Kheng, Sim Leng Siew, Lim Khiok Seng and Goh Lee Miang. In the back row are, from left: M/S. Lee Swee Hock, Ho Ah Chon and James Chan.



## Inter-Division Badminton Tournament:

### Kuching Beat SibU Four-One

Kuching, Wed:- Kuching team, representing the First Division, beat SibU side (Third Division) in SibU last night in the Inter-Division Badminton competition sponsored by the Sarawak Badminton Association.

Kuching won by four games to one - two singles and two doubles. The competition was held at the Ling Chu Ming Hall, Sacred Heart School.

Kuching took the lead when Lim Khiok Seng, Sarawak's ace player, and Sim Liang Siew beat Ing Siong and Wasli respectively in the first two singles matches.

Khiok Seng won the first match comfortably. Liang Siew won the first set but lost the second to Wasli, Sarawak's current runner-up. However, he played coolly in the rubber set and eventually won.

SibU scored its solitary match when Hamden snatched a victory over Goh Lee Miang in the rubber set.

Kuching soon took the lead when Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Liang Siew, the current Sarawak champion pair, won the third match against Wasli and Rapaiee.

Sim Hiok Kheng and Goh Lee Miang, the current doubles runners-up, fought hard to win the second and rubber sets by a close margin after losing the first set.

#### FULL RESULTS

Full results of the game are as follows (Kuching players mentioned first):-

**Singles:** Lim Khiok Seng bt. Ing Siong 15-2, 15-1; Sim Liang Siew bt. Wasli 15-7, 1-15, 15-7; Goh Lee Miang lost to Hamden 15-9, 7-15, 7-15.

**Doubles:** Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Liang Siew bt. Wasli and Rapaiee 15-5, 15-8; Sim Hiok Kheng and Goh Lee Miang bt. Hamden and Ing Siong 13-15, 15-10, 18-15.

The Kuching team is expected to return by air tomorrow.

## Sarawak Badminton Competitions:

### Khiok Seng Upholds Supremacy SibU Meets Kuching In Inter-Division Game

Kuching, Tuesday:- Lim Khiok Seng, Kuching's ace badminton player, upheld his supremacy last night when he beat Wasli of SibU in the singles finals in Sarawak Badminton Association open championship held in SibU. Kiok Seng won by 15-3, 15-6.

Khiok Seng and Sim Liang Siew won the doubles title when they beat Goh Lee Miang and Sim Hiok Kheng, also of Kuching, in the rubber set by 15-8, 11-15, 15-7.

The games were played off at the Ling Chu Ming Hall, Sacred Heart School.

Players from Miri, SibU and Kuching took part in the open championship held in SibU for the first time.

Following the open championship SibU and Miri players met in the Inter-Division competition resulting in a victory for SibU over Miri by four matches to one.

SibU will meet Kuching tonight to decide the champion.

This is also the first time that the Inter-Division badminton competition is being held outside Kuching which has won the tournament in previous years.

Results of the Inter-Division games are as follows (SibU players mentioned first).

**Singles:** Hamden bt. Idris 15-4, 15-1; Wasli bt. Theng Sai 15-2, 15-7; S.A. Barlow lost to Chin Peng 15-17, 15-9, 9-15.

**Doubles:** Ing Siong and Hamden bt. Shukaran and Sim Po Ho 15-2, 15-1; and Rapaiee and Wasli bt. Idris and Ismail 15-8, 15-8.

September 27, 1961

## New Badminton Body Formed

Kuching:- A new badminton association has recently been formed and registered in Kuching.

This new body, known as the Kuching Badminton Association's extra-ordinary general meeting held in October last year that each Division should have a Divisional Association to look after the interest of badminton players in each Division and also to promote competitions in its own Division.

President of the Kuching Badminton Association is Mr. Ho Ah Chon and the Vice President is Mr. Lee Swee Hock. Other office bearers are: Honorary secretary: Mr. James Chan; Honorary treasurer: Mr. T. Marimuthu; and Management committee members: Messrs. Jimmy Sim, Kiu Chiong Hoon, Sylvester Chai, Arshad bin Usop, Chew Ee Tiong, and David Lee.

At a recent meeting of the Management

Committee, the Association decided to (1) invite all badminton parties/clubs in Kuching previously affiliated to the Sarawak Badminton Association, as well as all other parties or clubs, to affiliate to the Kuching Badminton Association; and (2) to invite all badminton parties/clubs to take part in the inter-party league which has unfortunately been postponed due to reorganisation.

The affiliation fee is \$10 and those parties/and or clubs wishing to join are requested to submit their names and the affiliation fee to Mr. James Chan, c/o Constabulary Headquarters, Badruddin Road, Kuching (Telephone 2181 ext. 44) by March 30 at the latest.

The Association hopes that all badminton parties and clubs will give their full support and co-operation by being affiliated to the K.B.A.

## Entries For Badminton Championship Now Open

*June 27, 1961*

Kuching, Monday:- Entries for the forthcoming badminton open championships sponsored by the Kuching Badminton Association are now open, it is officially announced today.

The competition will be competed in the following events:- Senior Men's Open Singles and Doubles; Junior Men's Open Singles and Doubles; Veteran's Open Singles and Doubles for those aged 40 years and above.

Women's Open Singles and Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

In order that the competition can be run successfully, the management committee of the K.B.A. has decided that there shall be at

least six entries for each event.

The committee hoped that there will be a greater response this year particularly from the fair sex.

Fees for the Singles events are \$3 and Doubles \$5. These should be accompanied by Entry Forms which are obtainable from all affiliated Clubs/Parties and also from the Rex Bookstore, 28 Khoo Hun Yeang Street; Chiang Wah Onn, 23 Rock Road, and from Chop Mong Soon, 12-B, Wayang Street.

Entries forms and fees must be submitted to Mr. James Chan, c/o Constabulary Headquarters, Badruddin Road not later than July 8.

Those wishing to take part in the championships are requested to enrol now.

## Badminton Open Championship To Begin Tomorrow

*July 19, 1961*

Kuching, Tuesday:- The Kuching Open badminton championship sponsored by the Kuching Badminton Association will begin on Thursday, July 20, according to information received from the management committee.

Six events will be competed for. They are: Men's Senior and Junior Singles; Men's

Senior and Junior Doubles; Ladies Singles and Mixed Double.

Owing to insufficient entries, the other remaining events will not be competed.

The draw for the first round in the Junior Singles (Men) has been made and details of the draw for the other various events can be seen at the Stadium. However, programmes are being sent out to all competitors.

Officials referees and linesmen, to be provided for by each affiliated badminton club or party, are kindly requested to turn up as scheduled.

The competition will begin at 7 p.m. and the venue of play will be at the Padungan Stadium.

All players are requested to be punctual; grace of only ten minutes will be allowed.

March 21, 1961



Thursday night's play will be as follows:  
**Junior Singles:** 7 p.m.: William Chai vs. Eric Ong; William Yeoh vs. Eddie Kho;

7.30 p.m.: Peter Lo vs. Ariff Sedi; Abang Sulaiman vs. Ismail Hassan, 8.00 p.m.: Edwin Lee vs. Lionel Lee.

**Junior Doubles:** 8.00 p.m.: Rick Abd Eric vs. M. Michael and Ricky Ong.

8.30 p.m.: Kadri Mohamed vs. Neddy Carroll; Lim Khiok Chuan vs. Hassan Morshidi.

9.00 p.m.: Yeo Jit Beng vs. Toyok Murad; Abang Ali vs. Abang Shukri.

Official referees: Messrs. Sim Boo Kheng, Lim Khiok Seng, Goh Lee Miang and Sim Liang Siew, St. Thomas and Constabulary are to provide four linesmen each.

Miss Shirley Sim presented a bouquet to Lady Waddell on arrival at the Happy World Stadium.

## Inter-Party Badminton League

Kuching, Friday:- The current Inter-Party Badminton League sponsored by the Kuching Badminton Association is progressing well, and every team taking part in keeping to the scheduled matches.

The games are being played off nightly at the former Happy World Stadium (now Chung Hua School No. 3) at Padungan Road.

There is certainly a number of up-and-coming badminton players among the participants, notably boys from the St. Joseph's and

St. Thomas's Schools, and it is hoped that they will enter for the annual open championships this year.

After a week of continuous play, the positions of the various teams as at May 3 are shown in the table below with St. Thomas's taking the lead in the A Section and Combined Works in the B Section.

The table will show considerable changes in the next week or so when some interesting and hard fought matches are to be played.

Table showing position of Teams as at 3rd May 1961.

TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
<b>"A" SECTION</b>							
St. Thomas	4	4	-	-	12	8	8
P & T	3	3	-	-	12	3	6
St. Joseph	3	1	2	-	8	7	2
Combined Works	1	1	-	-	5	-	2
Medical & Health	5	1	4	-	9	16	2
Bornell	4	-	4	-	4	16	-
<b>"B" SECTION</b>							
Combined Works	3	3	-	-	11	4	6
B.L.T.C.	3	3	-	-	12	3	6
Constabulary	4	2	2	-	9	11	4
Agriculture	2	1	1	-	6	4	2
SESCO	4	1	3	-	7	13	2
St. Joseph	4	-	4	-	5	15	-

## Governor To Give Away Prizes



*Ho Ah Chon, president of K. B. A. welcomes the Governor, Sir Alexander Waddell and Lady Waddell*

Kuching, Wednesday:- The current Kuching open championship will be concluded tomorrow (Thursday) night when finals of the Ladies Singles and Doubles will be played. The game will begin at 7.30 p.m.

The Governor of Sarawak, Sir Alexander Waddell has kindly consented to give away the prizes to the winners of the various events, including the Inter-Party League tournaments, at the conclusion of the finals tomorrow.

All winners and runners-up in the "A" and "B", sections of the Inter-Party League are requested to nominate six players for presentation.

**JUNIOR SINGLES:** In the top section of the Junior semi-finals, Chin Thian Hon won the first game after a hard struggle with Eric Ong. On the resumption of play, Thian Hon pulled a leg muscle and consequently lost the second and rubber sets to his opponent.

The bottom section was a ding dong play all the way through. Abang Shukri after having lost the first set was determined to even up in the score. He succeeded in forcing a rubber with his youthful opponent, Ismail Hassan, and eventually won the rubber and the game. Ismail would have won the game had it not been for his wrong judgement.

**SENIOR SINGLES:** As was expected, both Lim Khioh Seng and Lim Swee Yang won their games in the semi-finals. They won convincingly in straight sets.

**SENIOR DOUBLES:** In the Double youth triumphed over experience. Sim Hiok Kheng and Lim Swee Yang beat the older pair Hassan Manan and Ho Ah Chon in straight sets. Last year's Doubles champions had an easy passage over Goh Lee Miang and Wen Boon Siew in straight sets also.

**MIXED DOUBLES:** The two finalists in the Senior Singles clashed once again in the Mixed Doubles. Khioh Seng, partnering Leong Hui Chen, a by in the second round, won the match against Michael Hon and Mary Young, winners of the first round. The match between Lim Swee Yang and

Shirley Sim and Lim Ee Chiat and Lo Siew Lin was a very interesting and hard fought game.

Both pairs were evenly matched, and after a rubber the game eventually went to Swee Yang and Shirley.

### Tuesday's Results

**Junior Singles:** Eric Ong bt. Chin Thian Hon 13-15, 15-5, 15-4; Abang Shukri bt. Ismail Hassan 4-15, 18-14, 15-10.

**Senior Singles:** Lim Swee Yang bt. Sim Hiok Kheng 15-2, 15-5; Lim Khioh Seng bt. Goh Lee Miang 15-8, 15-2.

**Senior Doubles:** Sim Hiok Kheng and Lim Swee Yang bt. Hassan Manan and Ho Ah Chon 15-6, 15-3; Lim Khioh Seng and Sim Leng Siew bt. Goh Lee Miang and Wen Boon Siew 15-2, 15-6.

**Mixed Doubles:** Lim Ee Chiat and Lo Siew Lin bt. Sim Leng Siew and Sim Ah Hiok 15-6, 15-3; Michael Hon and Mary Young bt. Goh Lee Miang and Lucy Ho 15-14, 15-8; Lim Khioh Seng and Leong Hui Chen bt. Michael Hon and Mary Young 15-8, 15-4; and Lim Swee Yang and Shirley Sim bt. Lim Ee Chiat and Lo Siew Lin 15-11, 11-15, 15-7.

### Thursday's Fixtures

**Ladies Singles Finals:** 7.30 p.m. Leong Hui Cheng vs. Anna Chin Nyuk Enn.

**Senior Singles Finals:** 8 p.m. Lim Swee Yang vs. Lim Khioh Seng.

**Senior Doubles Finals:** 8.30 p.m. Lim Khioh Seng and Sim Leng Siew vs. Lim Swee Yang and Sim Hiok Kheng.

**Official referees:** M/S. Arshad bin Usop, Abang Samat, Hassan Manan. Linesman: One each from P & T, Constabulary, St. Joseph's and Combined Works.



*Lim Khiok Seng is seen receiving the New Zealand Insurance challenge cup from the Governor, Sir Alexander Waddell at the conclusion of the open championships sponsored by the Kuching Badminton Association last Thursday night. Khiok Seng in winning the cup for three successive years now retained*

*it for good. Previous to this he also retained the Fong Pin Chee Shield for winning it for three years running. Looking on in picture is Mr. Ho Ah Chon, president of K.B.A. — Tribune picture.*

## Lim Khiok Seng Makes Badminton History

Lim Khiok Seng made badminton history in Sarawak last night when he became the champion for the sixth successive year — a record unsurpassed by any other badminton player in this country in post-war years.

Khiok Seng defended his (Senior Singles) title against a younger, more agile and potential challenger Lim Swee Yang. He won the game in straight set by 15-12, 15-8.

It was by no means a comfortable victory for Khiok Seng. Indeed his skill in the game, his judgement and temperament were tested to the fullest. But, like most champions do, he kept his head cool, and using the skill he has acquired outplayed his younger opponent.

Swee Yang, on the other hand, must be congratulated for his good sporting spirit. He could return most of Khiok Seng's smashes but he was weak in his net shots.

In the first set Swee Yang was leading by 4-0 but made mistakes and was later drawn to a level. They drew level six times during the course of the play. At 11-11 Khiok Seng attacked Swee Yang's weak point resulting in the latter making his returns wide letting Khiok Seng to gain three points at 14-11. After gaining only one point Swee Yang soon lost the service and from then onwards Khiok Seng scored the decisive point at 15-12.

The second set saw Khiok Seng gaining ground at 5-0 after the service changed hands five times. At this score Swee Yang caught up and gained four points in a row and at one stage was leading by two points. After drawing level at 7-7 Khiok Seng scored three points.

Though Swee Yang battled hard to get the better of the champion, it was apparent that the last stage was in favour of Khiok Seng who eventually won by 15-8.

Earlier in the evening, Leong Hui Cheng beat Anna Chin Nyuk Enn 11-5, 11-2 to win the Ladies Singles trophy.

Following this first game, the president of the Kuching Badminton Association, Mr. Ho Ah Chon, in a brief address thanked all the donors of the cups. He then gave a summary of activities which had been carried out by the Association.

Mr. Ho said the standard of play and sportsmanship shown at the open championships were high. From the winners, a team to

present Kuching to take part in the Inter-Station tournament to be played in Sibu next month, will be selected. After the Inter-Station competition, a team will later be selected to represent Sarawak to compete in the Asian Badminton Confederation Championships. The Governor stated that the Kuching Badminton Association deserved full support and added that every facility should be given for the promotion of this game. He also wished the Sarawak team every success in its participation in the Asian Games.



*Abang Shukri receiving the Eagle Challenge Cup from Sir Alexander for winning the Junior Singles Championships.*

In the Senior Doubles Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Leng Swee beat their opponents Lim Swee Yang and Sim Hiok Kheng in the first set at 17-14 after a duce of three. But they lost the second and rubber sets by 5-15, 7-15. The new pair were quick and very aggressive and the game was thrilling and exciting with some very long rallies.

In the Junior Singles Final played last Wednesday night, Abang Shukri bt. Eric Ong 15-9, 6-15, 15-3.

In the Junior Doubles, Ali Suhardi and Abang Sulaiman bt. Mohd. Tazudin and Lionel Lee 15-10, 18-14 to win the title.

Lim Swee Yang and Shirley Sim bt. Lim Khiok Seng and Leong Hui Chen 15-4, 15-8 in

the Mixed Doubles last Wednesday night.

In the Inter-Party League tournament, Posts & Telegraphs team won the 'A' Section for three successive years thereby winning The Chartered Bank Challenge trophy outright.

Combined Works teams scored a double; being runners-up in the 'A' section and winners in the 'B' section in the Inter-Party League.

Batu Lintang team was the runner-up in the 'B' section.

Final Positions

Inter-Party League Championships:

'A' Section: Winners: Posts & Telegraphs. (3rd successive year). Runners-up: Combined

Works.

'B' Section: Winners: Combined Works.

Runners-up: Batu Lintang Training College.

Open Championships:

Junior Singles: Winner: Abang Shukri.

Runner-up: Eric Ong.

Junior Doubles: Winners: Ali Suhardi and

Abang Sulaiman. Runners-up: Mohd. Tazudin and Lionel Lee.

Mixed Doubles: Winners: Lim Swee Yang

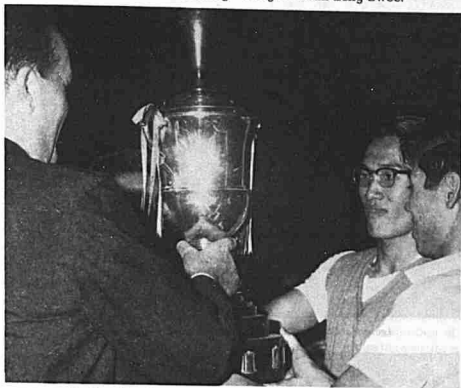
and Shirley Sim. Runners-up: Lim Khiok Seng and Leong Hui Chen.

Ladies Singles: Winner: Leong Hui Chen.

Runner-up: Anna Chin Nyuk Enn.

Senior Singles: Winner: Lim Khiok Seng, (6th successive year) Runner-up: Lim Swee Yang.

Senior Doubles: Winners: Lim Swee Yang and Sim Hiok Kheng. Runners-up: Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Leng Swee.



*Lim Swee Yang (nearest to camera) and Sim Hiok Kheng receiving the Sylvia-Lilian challenge trophy from the Governor for winning the Senior Doubles last Thursday night from Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Leng Swee. — Tribune picture.*

## BADMINTON

The Inter Party Badminton tournament which was sponsored by the Kuching Badminton Association has just been concluded and as was expected Posts & Telegraph won the 'A' Section and are now champions for the third year running, and I understand thereby won the cup outright — just another trophy for their trophy cupboard which must now be getting a bit overloaded — and of course the Badminton Association will now I presume be looking for another cup.

Combined Works came second having secured a walk-over from Medicals from the match scheduled for last Friday. St. Joseph's

came third followed by St. Thomas, Medical and Health and Bornell in that order.

In Section 'B' the league was won by Combined works, who had the same number of points as Batu Lintang but a better score average. Agriculture came third followed by Constabulary, St. Joseph and SESCO. SESCO gave two walk-overs one to Batu Lintang and the other to Agriculture.

This tournament has been a great success and the management Committee are most grateful to all the officials, referees and linesmen who have assisted in this success. The next tournament will be the Kuching Open Championships which is scheduled for later this month or July. When a definite date has been fixed an announcement will be

made both in the Press and by myself. The Committee naturally hope that as many players as possible will take the opportunity of competing and of course as many voluntary officials as possible would be most welcome. From the results of this tournament a team will be chosen to represent the First Division in the

Inter Station Championships to be held at Sibu later in the year.

*Extracts from Bob Chater's  
"Sports Round Up" broadcast  
cast Radio Sarawak on 2/6/61*



*Leong Hui Chen receiving her trophy for winning the Ladies Singles.*



*A prize for Combined Works B Section won the League competition.*





*Sarawak Open and Inter-Division Badminton Championships for 1962 sponsored by the Miri District Sport Council. Sitting in the centre is Capt. Gribble. O.B.E.*

## Badminton Championships In Miri

The 1962 Sarawak Open and Inter-Division Badminton Championships in which teams from the five Divisions of Sarawak took part for the first time, was officially declared open by Captain D.R. Gribble, Manager of the S.S.O.L. who is also one of the Patrons of the Miri District Sports Council, under whose organisation the Championships were being held.

The Opening Ceremony which was attended by a huge crowd of people including distinguished guests, was short, simple and impressive. 7.00 p.m. the 5 participating teams took up their position aside the Miri Community Hall. They then circled the Community Hall once before entering the Hall.

Mr. John Leong, the President, of the Miri District Sports Council, in his speech said that he was delighted to announce the commencement of the Championships until the 5th of September, 1962. He said that the people in Miri were extremely grateful to the Sarawak Badminton Association for giving them the great opportunity to play host for the first time in the running of this national event. On behalf of the people of Miri the Miri District Sports Council and its Badminton contingent, he heartily extended the warmest welcome to all badminton officials and players from the other four Divisions of Sarawak, and sincerely

wished that their brief stay in Miri Town would be very comfortable and enjoyable.

He said it is our fervent hope to make use of this opportunity to foster better relationship among youth and sportsmen, to renew old friendships and most important of all, unite together and continue to raise the standard of badminton in this country.

"Badminton is fully proved to be one of the most popular games in Sarawak by the fact that we have a complete representation of all Divisions taking part in this tournament and that Sarawak Badminton players have always acquitted themselves extremely well in international matches. Since badminton followers in Sarawak are countless especially among the younger people. I sincerely hope that from 1963 onwards events for ladies will also be included in this tournament."

In conclusion, he thanked Captain D.R. Gribble for having so kindly consented to perform the Opening Ceremony; Mrs. Fisher for graciously agreeing to present prizes to the deserved winners at the completion of the Championships; Messrs Sarawak Shell Oilfields Limited for the provision of accommodation for the visiting teams and other facilities; to the Miri District council for the use of the Community Hall; to the Lutong Recreation Club; the Local Boys Scouts

Association; all local firms; all sports loving people and well wishers for their energetic financial and material support; and lastly a big "Thank You" to the efficient and hard-working Organising Committee.

Captain D.R. Gribble before declaring the tournament open said that he reiterated what Mr. John Leong had said. He said that of late

Miri was very lucky to play host to other events such as the Table Tennis and Basketball Tournament. He hoped that sports in this country would grow from strength to strength so that Sarawak could take part in matches with other nations.

*September 29, 1962.*

## Kuching's Team

Kuching's top-notch badminton players will be playing in Miri in the Inter-Division Sarawak Open Championships from September 21 to 24.

The Kuching team which left for Miri by the 'Kunak' last Sunday comprises the following players:

Lim Khiok Seng (Captain); Sim Liang Siew; Lim Swee Yang; Sim Hiok Kheng; Chin Thian Hon and Ismail bin Hassan.

Another player, Lim Ee Chiat will play in the Sarawak Open Championships.

Mr. Ho Ah Chon, the President of the Kuching Badminton Association, is the team manager and will join the team in Miri on September 22.

The 1962 Sarawak Open and Inter-Division Badminton Championships came to a close after 5 hectic days of competition amongst the 5 teams from all the 5 Divisions of Sarawak.

The Championships were held for the first time in Miri under the auspices of the Miri District Sports Council. All the matches were played in the Miri Community Hall.

20 year old crew-cut left hander Lim Ee Chiat deservedly won the Single Champion title after a most exciting 3 set victory over his team mate Lim Swee Yang in the final played in the last night. The score was 15-7, 6-15 and 15-9. Earlier in the Semi-finals Lim Swee Yang, the Runner-up, turned the table and defeated Lim Khiok Seng, the defending champion.

The Doubles Champion title went to Lim Swee Yang and Sim Hiok Kheng who defeated their team mate rivals Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Liang Siew last year's holders, 15-7 and 15-7.

Kuching team retained the Inter-divisional title in the finals played by winning all the 5 matches (3 Singles and 2 Doubles) against the Simanggang team which became the runners-up. Sibu team was unfortunately placed 3rd.

At the closing ceremony, Mr. John Leong, the President of the Miri District Sports Council congratulated the winners. He said that the people in Miri were extremely lucky to have been able to witness the matches played for the first time in Miri with all the 5 Divisions in Sarawak. He urged the players, in particular players in 4th Division, to train hard and to aim at the 1963 Thomas Cup Tournament. He hoped that the proposed inter-Territorial Badminton Tournament would materialise in the near future.

Mrs. J.C.B. Fisher, wife of the Resident, 4th Division was then invited to give away the trophies and medals. Each team was presented a copy of the group photograph as souvenir by the M.D.S.C.

## Sarawak Badminton Team to Take Part At K.L. Championship



*L/R Front row: James Wei, Ho Ah Choon, Lim Khiok Seng, Sim Hiok Kheng.  
Second row: Lim Swee Yang, Sim Liang Siew, Hamden bin Hamid.*

The Sarawak's representative Badminton Team to the Asian Badminton Confederation Championships which was held in the new stadium at Kuala Lumpur left Kuching by air on Saturday, April 21, 1962.

The following is a picture biography of the players and officials:-

Lim Khiok Seng, of P. & T. Kuching, is the most outstanding player in the team and is the current Kuching and Sarawak National Open champion; was Open Singles champion in 1954, 1956, 1957, 1958 and 1960; equally effective in doubles, won the Open Doubles in 1957, 1958, 1960, partnering Sim Liang Siew; the pair won the 1961 Sarawak National Open Doubles in Sibü.

Lim Swee Yang aged 19, a student of St. Joseph's Kuching is the baby of the team; a very outstanding and stylish player, is the 1961 K.B.A. Open Doubles from Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Liang Siew

Sim Liang Siew of P.W.D. Kuching, is one of the most consistent players; outstanding in singles as well as doubles and partnering Lim Khiok Seng won the 1961 Sarawak National Open Doubles; was Doubles champion also in 1957, 1958 and 1960.

Hamden bin Hamid a Malay, is one of the

star players from Sibü; an outstanding singles player; represented Sibü in the inter-station tournaments since 1954; fared prominently in the recent trials.

Sim Hiok Kheng a very promising player from Kuching, a very useful player but excels in double; his deadly smash a tremendous asset; represented Kuching in the 1959, 1960 inter-colony tournaments against North Borneo, paired with Lim Swee Yang won the 1961 K.B.A. Open Doubles.

Ho Ah Chon the team's manager, is well known as all badminton enthusiast; is the K.B.A. President; was a very active player; was captain of Arrow BP which won the team championship in 1957 and also led Kuching team to victory in the inter-station tournament; in the same year accompanied Wong Peng Soon, the former world's champion to Brunei, Jesselon and Sandakan playing exhibition matches; as a player was noted for his great fighting spirit and stamina.

James Wei the non-playing captain is the K.B.A. honorary Secretary; a very keen player and an active official; led Combined Works teams which won the 1961 K.B.A. Junior League and were runners-up in the Senior League.

# CONSTITUTION OF THE ASIAN BADMINTON CONFEDERATION

## Name

1. The Confederation shall be known as the "ASIAN BADMINTON CONFEDERATION", hereinafter referred to as the Confederation.

## Objects

2. The principles and objects of the Confederation are:-
  - (a) To promote and safeguard the interests of badminton in Asia;
  - (b) To promote and manage Badminton Championship Tournaments in Asia excluding National Championships, and to make regulations therefore;
  - (c) To uphold the Laws of Badminton as at present adopted by the International Badminton Federation and to make recommendation for such alterations and additions thereto as may appear necessary or desirable;
  - (d) To strengthen the bonds of friendship between the existing National Organisations in Asia, and to encourage the formation of new National Organisations;
  - (e) To uphold the principles on which the Confederation is founded to take such measures as may appear expedient for advancing the interests of badminton, and generally to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the above objects or any of them.

## Constitution

3. The confederation shall consist of affiliated National Badminton Organisations or Associations of countries in Asia which are affiliated to the International Badminton Federation and which are signatory or which may hereinafter become signatory, to these rules, and which adhere to the rules and constitution of the confederation. Such Associations and Organisations are hereinafter referred to as "National Organisations".

## Language

4. The official language of the Confederation shall be English for the time being or a language known to the majority of the Confederation.

## Administration

5. The Confederation shall be governed by a Council in General Meeting assembled (hereinafter referred to as the Council), consisting of the following members:-

- (a) Elected members, comprising:-
  - (1) a President,
  - (2) three Vice-Presidents,
  - (3) an Honorary Secretary,
  - (4) an Honorary Treasurer

- (b) Nominated members, comprising one delegate from each affiliated National Organisation.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer shall retire bi-ennially, but shall be eligible for re-election. They shall assume office immediately after the conclusion of the bi-ennial General Meeting of the Council at which they are elected and remain in office until the conclusion of the bi-ennial General Meeting of the Council at which they retire.

## Standing Committee

6. (a) The Council shall appoint at its bi-ennial General Meeting a Standing Committee with full administrative powers to carry on the work of the Confederation between General Meetings of the Council comprising as follows:-
  - (1) The President (ex-officio),
  - (2) The three Vice-Presidents (ex-officio),
  - (3) The Honorary Secretary (ex-officio),
  - (4) The Honorary Treasurer (ex-officio),
  - (5) Three other members who shall be from three different affiliated Organisations.
- (b) The Standing Committee shall have powers to appoint sub-committees, with terms of reference and quorum, as may be deemed necessary.
- (c) The President shall preside at all Standing Committee Meetings. In his absence one of the Vice-Presidents shall take the chair; & if neither the President nor the Vice-Presidents are present, the meeting shall elect its own Chairman.
- (d) At all Standing Committee Meetings every member of the Standing Committee present shall have one vote. The Chairman shall have a vote and in case of a tie, shall have a casting vote.
- (e) Three shall form a quorum for a Standing Committee Meeting.

## Affiliation

7. Application for affiliation must be made on the prescribed form, and sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Confederation. All such an application shall be promptly notified by the Hon. Secretary of the Confederation to the Secretaries of all affiliated National Organisations and, in the absence of the receipt of a protest from any of the latter within a period of thirty days after despatch of such notification, the Standing Committee shall have power to affiliate the National Organisation concerned, the election to be reported to the Council at the next bi-ennial General Meeting. Should a protest be received from one or more National Organisations, the application shall be referred to the bi-ennial General Meeting of the Council.

## Delegates to the Council

8. (a) Each National Organisation shall be entitled to appoint one delegate to the Council.
- (b) The name and address of each delegate shall be sent in writing by the Secretary of the National Organisation he is to represent to the Hon. Secretary of the Confederation.
- (c) In addition to the official representation of a National Organisation at meetings of the Council, permission may be granted to not more than three members of the Executive Committee or like governing body of an affiliated National Organisation to attend general meetings of the Council without right to speak or vote, provided that written request from the Organisation concerned is made in advance.

#### **Subscription**

9. Each National Organisation shall pay an annual subscription of 6 Sterling or equivalent. A first subscription shall be payable immediately on election, and thereafter subscriptions shall be paid during the month of January of each year. A National Organisation whose subscription is in arrears shall not be entitled to representation at any General Meeting or on Committees.

#### **Account**

10. The financial year of the Confederation shall close on the 31st day of December, and an annual statement of account shall be prepared by the Hon. Treasurer and audited as soon as possible thereafter.

#### **Meetings of the Council**

11. (a) Bi-ennial General Meeting. A bi-ennial General Meeting of the Council shall be held once in two years not later than June at a venue to be decided upon at the last preceding bi-ennial General Meeting. The business of the bi-ennial General Meeting shall be:
  - (1) To confirm the minutes of the last bi-ennial General Meeting, and of any Extraordinary Meeting held since the last bi-ennial General Meeting.
  - (2) To receive the bi-ennial Report of the Confederation and pass the accounts, duly audited, for the preceding period.
  - (3) To consider any application for affiliation and to consider resignations if any.
  - (4) To consider and deal with any resolutions of which due notice has been given.
  - (5) To decide the date and place of the next bi-ennial General Meeting.
  - (6) To elect the President, three Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, and the Standing Committee.
  - (7) To appoint an Auditor or Auditors.
  - (8) To consider any other business that may be deemed necessary.
- (b) Extraordinary General Meeting. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Council may be convened at any time by the Standing Committee, or must be convened by the Hon. Secretary for a date within six weeks of the

receipt by him of a requisition in writing to that effect given by not less than three National Organisations. Every such requisition, and the convening notice, shall specify the business for which the meeting is to be convened, and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting.

- (c) At all meetings of the Council five shall form a quorum, and the President shall be the Chairman. In his absence the Chairman shall be elected from amongst the Vice-Presidents in the first instance and in the absence of the Vice-Presidents, the Meeting shall elect a Chairman from amongst the other members.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided in Rules 16 and 17, all questions shall be decided by a simple majority of the vote cast in respect of same. The Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote in case of an equal division of votes.

#### **Notice of Resolution**

12. Notice in writing of any resolution to be brought forward to a bi-ennial General Meeting must reach the Hon. Secretary of the Confederation not less than forty-five days before the date fixed for that meeting.

#### **Notice of Meeting**

13. Notice of every General Meeting stating the date, time and place thereof, and the business to be transacted thereat, shall be sent by the quickest postal service possible to the Secretary of each National Organisation, and to the members of the Standing Committee.

In the case of a bi-ennial General Meeting eight weeks notice at the least, and in the case of an Extraordinary General Meeting six weeks at the least shall be given, prior to the date fixed for such meetings. The Secretary of each National Organisation shall acknowledge receipt of such to the Honorary Secretary of the Confederation; but non-receipt of such notice by any National Organisation, or any individual, shall not invalidate the proceedings at any General Meeting.

#### **Nominations for Election to Council**

14. Nominations for election to the office of President, Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer may be made by any National Organisation. Such nominations must reach the Hon. Secretary of the Confederation not less than forty-five days before the date of the General Meeting, and must be accompanied by the written approval of the National Organisation of the country to which the nominee belongs.

#### **Resignations**

15. (a) Any National Organisation wishing to retire from the Confederation must give notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary of the Confederation on or before the 31st day of December in any year and in default will be held liable for the subscription for the ensuing year.

(b) If, in the opinion of three-fourths of the Council, it is desirable that any National Organisation shall resign from the Confederation, such National Organisation shall be duly notified to that effect by the Hon. Secretary of the Confederation and shall cease forthwith to be a member of the Confederation.

#### Dissolution

16. The Confederation shall not be dissolved except at a General Meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose and by a resolution carried by a majority of not less than three-fourths recorded in respect of the same. In the event of such dissolution any assets in hand shall be divisible equally between the National Organisations remaining in the Confederation.

#### Alteration of Rules

17. No alteration shall be made in the Confederation's Rules except at Council Meetings and any resolution embodying such alterations, or one having a like effect, must be carried by a majority of two-thirds of the votes recorded in respect of the same.

#### Definition

18. (a) A National Organisation is the body recognised by the Confederation as controlling the game in its own country.  
(b) The Council shall have power to recognise such frontiers as those politically recognised, as defining the territory governed by a National Organisation, and also to allow the combination of neighbouring non-independent territories with each other, or neighbouring country possessing an independent constitution.

### FORM OF APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION

Date: .....

To:  
THE HONORARY SECRETARY,  
ASIA BADMINTON CONFEDERATION

We, ..... (President)  
and ..... (Secretary)

being duly authorised for the purpose, hereby apply, on behalf of the .....

.....  
for election to membership of the Asia Badminton Confederation; and undertake that, in the event of election, to, and while retaining membership of, the Confederation, the aforesaid .....

.....  
will observe and bound by the rules of the Con-

.....  
ederation

(Signatures) .....

.....  
(To be signed by the President and Secretary of the National Organisation making the application).

### REGULATIONS FOR THE ASIAN BADMINTON CONFEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP (TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN'S GOLD CUP)

1. The Competition for the Tunku Abdul Rahman Gold Cup shall be called "The Asian Badminton Confederation Championship", and every National Organisation affiliated to the Asian Badminton Confederation shall be eligible to participate. Every such National Organisation is hereinafter referred to as a "Nation", and the Nation holding the Title is hereinafter referred to as the "Champion Nation".

#### General Conditions

2. The Competition shall take place in accordance with such regulations as the Council of the Asian Badminton Confederation (or a committee duly appointed for the purpose by the Council) may from time to time approve.

#### Management

3. The Competition shall be managed by the Asian Badminton Confederation, who shall appoint a Committee of Management for the purpose. The Committee of Management shall have power to co-opt other persons and also delegate any of its duties to sub-committees.

#### Competition

4. This Competition shall take place bi-ennially. The Competition shall take place at a time and place decided by the Asian Badminton Confederation by rotation in the alphabetical order from amongst its affiliated member organisations. Any country entitled to hold the Championship will be given one month to decide. The duration of the Championship shall be not exceeding two week time. The Championship shall be on a knock-out basis.

#### Filing of Entries

5. Any Nation eligible to compete and desirous of participating shall give notice in writing to the Hon. Secretary of the Asian Badminton Confederation before the closing date, enclosing an entry fee of 2 Sterling or equivalent or such sums as may be approved by the Council or Committee of Management.

#### The Draw

6. The draw, at which each competing Nation may be represented, shall be made by the Council or the Committee of Management. Particulars of such draws shall be notified to the Secretary of

each competing Nation. Failure to participate in the Competition as fixed by the Council or Committee of Management shall result in walk-over being awarded to the opposing Nation.

#### Shuttles

7. In all the ties, the Council or the Committee of Management shall choose the brand of shuttles to be used.

#### Appointment of Referee

8. At least ten days before the commencement of the Competition, a Referee, from whose decision there shall be no appeal, shall be appointed by common consent of the Nation competing, subject to the approval of the Council or the Committee of Management. Failing such appointment, the Council or the Committee of Management shall forthwith appoint a Referee.

#### Qualification of Players

9. The Competition shall be restricted to bona fide amateurs and a player shall be qualified to represent a nation provided that he shall have:-

(a) for the three months immediately preceding the date fixed for the commencement to the tie concerned been a bona fide member of a club affiliated directly or indirectly to the National Organisation.

(b) been born in, be a citizen of, or become a naturalised subject of the Nation concerned, or shall have resided therein for a period of two years preceding the date fixed for the commencement of the Championship.

When once a player has represented a Nation, he will, subject to (a) above, always be eligible to represent that nation and no other, except that always subject to (a) above, if two years shall have elapsed since a player last represented a nation he will be eligible to represent any other nation for which he might be qualified. He shall have been officially nominated to represent that nation and shall have accepted such nomination.

If a player shall have represented a nation and such nation is subsequently divided into two or more nations or is absorbed by another nation politically, such player shall, for the purpose of these regulations, be deemed from the date of such alteration not to have represented any nation.

#### Appointment of Captain

10. The National Association or corresponding organisation of each of the Nations concerned shall at least three days before the commencement of the Championship appoint a Captain of its Teams. In default of such appointment a Team shall forthwith choose its own Captain.

#### Nomination of Teams

11. (a) Each competing Nation shall at least three days before the date fixed for the Commencement of a Tie, or on the day following the completion of a preceding Tie affecting either Nation

whichever shall be the later, nominate to the Committee of Management, and to the opposing Nation, or the Captain of the opposing Team, not less than two, and not more than four players to represent it in such forthcoming Tie, without specifying who shall play in Singles and Doubles, and different players may be nominated by a Nation for each Tie.

(b) Each Captain shall, twenty-four hours before the time fixed for the commencement to play in each Tie, give notice of the composition of his Team to the Referee and the opposing Captain, and his Team shall be selected from the players previously nominated for the Tie.

(c) The Referee may sanction the substitution of another of the players nominated by a Nation for any Tie in the place of any player who, in the opinion of the Referee, is incapacitated by illness, accident, or other unavoidable hindrance. If such incapacitated player has been selected to play in both Singles and Doubles Matches different substitutes may be sanctioned therefore, and the Referee may also sanction alterations in the constitution of a Team consequent upon any player being so incapacitated except that, subject to the provisions of the following paragraph, no lateration in the constitution of a Team shall be allowed after play in a Tie has begun.

#### Constitution of Ties and Teams

12. (a) Each Tie shall be decided by the Combined results of our Men's Singles and one Men's Double Matches, and the Team which shall win the majority of the five matches comprising the Tie shall be the winner of such Tie.
- (b) In Singles, each Team shall, subject to Regulation 11 (c), consist of two players, the two players playing each against each of the opposing two players.
- (c) In Doubles each Team shall consist of a pair, who shall play against the opposing pair.
- (d) Each Match shall consist of the best of three games of fifteen points.

#### Order of Play

13. The order of play shall be as follows:-  
Two Singles matches to be played first followed by the Doubles, and followed by the remaining two singles. All matches are to be completed on the same day.

Any player shall be entitled to a rest of not more than thirty minutes between any two matches in which he may be drawn to play in succession. There shall be no interruption in the continuity of play in any match except that there shall be allowed an interval not exceeding five minutes between the second and third games of a match. Any player or pair absent or unwilling to play when required shall forfeit the match concerned which shall be scored as a win for the opponents.

#### Notification of Results

14. The Committee of Management shall notify the results of the respective Ties to the Council by

letter, on completion of the Championship, with complete scores of each match.

#### Admission Charges

15. The Council or the Committee of Management may at its discretion fix admission charges and issue a reasonable number of complimentary passes for officials and the Press.

#### Division of Expenses and Receipts

16. (a) For the whole Championship, the Asian Badminton Confederation shall be entitled to two-and-a-half per cent of the Gross Receipts.

(b) Thereafter, the balance shall be apportioned as follows:-

(1) Seventy-five per cent shall be set aside for the payment of the Travelling Expenses (as defined in Rule 19) of the Nations competing in the Championship.

(2) Out of the remaining twenty-five per cent shall be paid the General Expenses (as defined in Rule 18).

(3) Out of the remaining surplus, after making the payments allowed in clauses (1) and (2) above, shall be paid, as far as possible any balance of the Travelling Expenses or the General Expenses still outstanding.

(4) If the sum totally available under clause (1) to meet General Expenses, the deficiency shall be borne by the Nation which staged the Championship.

(5) If the sum totally available under clauses (1) and (3) above is insufficient to meet Travelling Expenses, they shall be paid in proportion.

(6) Any remaining surplus shall be paid as follows:-

- (i) Champion Nation one-third share.
- (ii) Challenger one-third share.
- (iii) All other competing Nations the one-third share which in turn is to be divided equally.

#### Gross receipts

17. Gross Receipts are all monies received after deduction of any Government and or Municipal taxes in respect of:-

- (a) Admission to the hall, courts and stands.
- (b) Sale of programmes.
- (c) Sale of used shuttles and equipment.
- (d) Advertising.
- (e) Contracts and any other sources of revenue.

#### General Expenses

18. General Expenses shall comprise:-

- (a) Monies paid to all persons engaged to supply goods specially for, or employed to render services in connection with a Tie.
- (b) Reasonable travelling and hotel expenses of

the Referee, as sanctioned by the Committee of Management.

(c) Cost of the necessary additional equipment to the court or courts and the shuttles used.

(d) Wages paid to ushers, gatemen, and to any other source for necessary additional labour.

(e) Insurance and advertising.

(f) Cost of any temporary stands erected for the purpose of the Championship.

(g) A reasonable sum or commission as rent for the use of the hall in which the Championship is played, as sanctioned by the Council or the Committee of Management.

#### Travelling Expenses

19. Travelling Expense shall be reckoned as first-class return steamer and train fares, with sleeping car or return air fares (tourist class if available) whichever is the less all at the lowest published rate, by the most direct route possible from their places of residence (or, if this is outside the country represented, then, in case of a nation playing in its own country, from the port of entry nearest to the residence abroad, and in case of a nation playing outside its own country, from the port of exit from the country represented nearest to the country where the Championship shall take place, but only if this does not exceed the fare from the player's actual residence) to the City where the Championship shall be held of not more than three players nominated by a Nation.

### BYE-LAWS GOVERNING THE ASIAN OPEN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Events

The Asian Open Badminton Championships shall be held bi-ennially and shall comprise the following events:

- (1) Men's Singles.
- (2) Men's Doubles.
- (3) Women's Singles.
- (4) Women's Doubles.
- (5) Mixed Doubles.
- (6) Junior Boys' Singles.
- (7) Junior Boys' Doubles.
- (8) Junior Girls' Singles.
- (9) Junior Girls' Doubles.

The age limit for Junior events to be 18 as on the last birthday on the closing date of entries.

#### Entries

2. (a) The Tournament shall be open to:

- (1) Amateur badminton players of Asian Badminton Associations affiliated to the Asian Badminton Confederation.
  - (2) Amateur badminton players of any other recognised National Organisation.
- (b) Entries shall be limited to four per event



- from each National Association.
- (c) Entry fees shall be 10 shillings or equivalent per event per player or such other sums which may be approved by the Asian Badminton Confederation.
  - (d) Entries must be sent through their respective National Associations.

#### Venue

3. The venue of the Championships shall be allocated by rotation in the alphabetical order from its affiliated member organisation by the Council of the Asian Badminton Confederation at its Bi-ennial General Meeting.

#### Hon. Referee

4. An Hon. Referee appointed by the Asian Badminton Confederation for the Championships shall be in charge of all the fixture. His decision shall be final in all matters regarding the Laws of Badminton.

#### Proceeds

5. (a) The Asian Badminton Confederation shall be entitled to 20% of the nett profits including the sales of programmes, etc.
- (b) The Asian Badminton Confederation will not be responsible for any loss incurred in the running of the Championships.

#### General Expenses

6. (a) All reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the arrangements made for the holding of the Championships shall be paid from out of the gross receipts.
- (b) For the purpose of these regulations, Gross Receipts are all monies received after deduction of any Government and/or Municipal Taxes in respect of:
  - (1) Admission to the Hall, Courts and Stands.
  - (2) Sale of Programmes.
  - (3) Sale of used shuttles and equipment.
  - (4) Advertising.
  - (5) Contracts and any other source of revenue.
- (c) General Expenses shall comprise:
  - (1) Monies paid to all persons engaged to supply goods specially for, or employed to render services in connection with the Championships.
  - (2) Reasonable travelling and hotel expenses of the Hon. Referee as sanctioned by the A.B.C.
  - (3) Cost of necessary additional equipment to the court or courts and shuttles used.
  - (4) Wages paid to ushers, gate-men and to any of the source for necessary additional labour.
  - (5) Cost of printing programmes, insurance

and advertising.

- (6) Cost of any temporary stands erected for the purpose of the Championships.
- (7) A reasonable sum or commission as rent for the use of the Hall as sanctioned by the A.B.C.

#### Seeding

7. The seeding of the players shall be the responsibility of the Tournament Committee of the Asian Badminton Confederation.

#### Draw

8. The draw shall be held in the Nation running the Championships but under the supervision of a member of the Standing Committee or any one approved by the Asian Badminton Confederation.

#### Duties and Responsibilities of the Nation Running the Championships

9. (a) Calling and receiving entries.
- (b) Submitting a full list of entries to the Secretary of the Asian Badminton Confederation.
- (c) Keeping a proper and audited statement of receipt and expenditure account of the Tournament.
- (d) Arranging for the best available playing conditions, seating accommodation, etc.
- (e) Purchasing of prizes for the winners and runners-up.
- (f) Appointing Umpires, Linesmen, etc.

#### Shuttlecocks

10. The brand of shuttlecocks to be used shall be decided by the Council of the Asian Badminton Confederation at its Bi-ennial General Meeting based on the recommendation of the National Organisation holding the Championship.

#### Fixtures

11. (a) Arrangements will be made to have the fixtures posted in the Hall where the Championships are to be held.
- (b) Competitor shall report to the Hon. Referee to confirm their fixtures and must be ready to play their matches five minutes before the scheduled time.
- (c) A player, failing to turn up at the scheduled time, may at the discretion of the Hon. Referee be scratched from the Championships.
- (d) The Umpire in charge of a match may disqualify any player for leaving the court without his permission.
12. The Asian Open Badminton Championship shall be run concurrently with the Asian Badminton Confederation Championship. The profits and losses of those Championship shall be amalgamated with those of the Asian Badminton Confederation Championship.

# STADIUM NEGARA

## GENERAL

The rapidly expanding city of Kuala Lumpur, with its population approaching three quarters of a million, sorely needed a multi-purpose stadium and the Stadium Negara has been designed to suit the needs of the capital as well as the National needs of the whole Federation. It is designed for complete flexibility, while retaining specialist features to suit each activity which will take place within it.

The Stadium is in the heart of Kuala Lumpur, standing on a hill in a commanding position and adjacent to Stadium Merdeka, the open-air stadium, which was constructed in 1957 for the independence celebrations of the Federation of Malaya. As with Stadium Merdeka the entrances have been designed on the radial principal in order to prevent crowd congestion. Another feature it has in common with Stadium Merdeka is that full advantage has been taken of hill site and the amphitheatre has been constructed as an earth bowl with concrete terraced seats resting on the sides of the bowl, thus effecting considerable economies.

As a sports arena, seating accommodation is provided on three levels for approximately 10,200 persons, while for boxing matches or stage shows, where the spectacle will be performed on a raised platform, seats may be placed on the floor of the arena giving a total seating capacity for 12,000 persons. To give additional flexibility a large number of the seats are of the folding type thereby providing an exhibition area of 80,000 square feet. Facilities are available for playing most indoor games including badminton, tennis, basketball and for gymnastic displays, stage shows, concerts, pageants, tournaments, ice shows, circuses and exhibitions.

The main entrance to the stadium is at the north, facing Davidson Road. The entrance level is slightly below the level of the middle terrace. This front entrance has a complex of rooms and contains the main foyer, a large air-conditioned gymnasium, a restaurant, kitchen, bars, a large assembly room, a VIP retiring room, dressing rooms, offices and a very large plant room.

## DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Special consideration has been given to

acoustics, particularly in relation to the electrically operated rising stage. This stage disappears below floor level for sporting event and is covered with folding seats. The whole arena and the upper promenade are served with a series of ducts providing sockets or electric power and lighting, telephones radio microphones, television cameras and rediffusion at frequent intervals below floor level. These serve the needs of sporting events as well exhibitions. Each exhibition stand has a readily accessible power supply while a large number of stand positions are also provided with water points for use in connection with flower shows, etc.

The climate of Malaya, which is hot and humid throughout the year, had an appreciable effect on the design of the stadium. The main amphitheatre is not air-conditioned, on grounds of initial cost as well as running costs which would place the stadium beyond the reach of many user organisations. General ventilation entailing large bulk air movement was also considered impractical in view of the fact that the stadium must be used for badminton, which is the national indoor sport of Malaya. In view of the high humidity it is essential however for comfort conditions that there should be an appreciable air movement in the vicinity of spectators and in order to overcome these many conflicting factors a novel form of ventilation has been developed for the stadium. Fresh air is blown into a large tunnel completely ringing the amphitheatre under the middle terrace and from this tunnel air is then blown through narrow slits in the seats on the concrete terraces. Air is also blown through the arms and backs of the upholstered seats in Block 'A'. This principle, which is used successfully in aircraft and in ships, has never employed previously in a building. By this means a high speed jet of air gives comfort conditions in the vicinity of spectators without inducing bulk air movement which might upset the flight of a badminton shuttlecock. Over the central arena the natural convection currents can be augmented by means of a large diameter fan built into the suspended ceiling cone. The upper with vertical louvres 12 feet deep. These louvres, which are of gold and bronze anodized aluminium, are electrically operated by remote control from the central control room.

Both natural and artificial lighting of the stadium have received careful consideration in view of the fact that such spectacles as badminton and boxing require high intensity of illumination in order to observe rapid movement properly. A band of clerestory lighting 13 feet and 100 feet in diameter encircles the central section of the arena and natural light is reflected through this from the upper surface of the saucer shaped roof, which is silvered. By passing this reflected light through glass louvers the beat wavelengths are absorbed and cold light is transmitted into the building. This light impinges on the central cone and is then reflected down onto the floor of the arena. In order to give a uniform distribution of shadows the angles of the cone have been specially developed in conjunction with the curvature of the roof. For artificial lighting this central arena is brilliantly illuminated by a ring of fluorescent light in the bottom of the suspended gallery and by high power floodlights mounted at the top of the clerestory section. The floodlights are mounted on trolleys in small penthouses above the main roof. For stage shows, orchestral concerts and pageants, spotlights and colour change lights are mounted in the suspended gallery and are operated from the central control room. For exhibitions an entirely different system of lighting is employed comprising indirect ceiling lighting and spotlights to attract attention to exhibits.

The nerve centre of the stadium is the air-conditioned control room located above the Royal Box. Controls are operated by three persons working together at a series of control panels. From this central position all flood-lighting and arena lighting is regulated as well as all fans, ventilation louvers, internal telephones and the public address system. Flanking the control room are the air-conditioned observation rooms for radio, television, the press, the Malayan Film Unit and Rediffusion.

### STRUCTURAL DETAILS

The most striking feature of the stadium is the 300 foot span circular roof designed on the suspension principle. It is exceptionally light and is covered with corrugated plastic sheeting with a suspended ceiling composed of hardboard faced with PVC to reduce maintenance costs. To overcome aerodynamic movement, from which the normal suspension type of roof suffers, the roof of Sta-

dium Negara consists of two elements the outer element or main roof consisting of 96 high tensile steel wires spanning 100 feet and the inner element consisting of 96 similar high tensile steel wires spanning over the central 100 feet. The outer and inner elements are connected by means of a stiff truss which gives considerable rigidity to the system and which provides the clerestory section for illuminating the centre of the arena.

The main promenade is roofed with a very light reinforced concrete folded shell. This shell is hinged to the main building and is supported on sloping tubular columns placed outside the main perimeter walls.

The remainder of the structural details contain a number of interesting innovations designed to give large-span column-free areas while retaining a very light structure. Such details may be observed in the roofs over the side entrances, in the main restaurant and in the gymnasium.

Below ground a system of tunnels carries the various services to all parts of stadium, and this system is connected by bridges and galleries to all parts of the roof. This provides the necessary flexibility required for a multi purpose stadium, and it enables staff to get to any part of the building unseen in order to carry out maintenance work or to operate equipment.

### SURFACE FINISHES, DECORATIONS, ETC.

The surface treatment of the stadium has been specially designed to reduce periodic painting and lower maintenance costs and to use as much local material as possible. The external walls are faced with exposed, washed limestone and granite aggregate. In addition, certain areas are clad with precast concrete blocks with a reeded surface and others with precast "sculptured" blocks. These latter were manufactured in wooden moulds and subsequently bush hammered. The design motif used in the sculptured blocks is an interlocking harlequin diamond, denoting pageantry, and an interlocking shuttlecock and ball, denoting sport.

The flooring of the upper promenade exhibition area employs black marble from Kedah and white marble from Batu Caves, Kuala Lumpur. The marble is ordinary crushed stone as used in road construction but it is graded to a uniform size and laid to form a

pattern. The pattern is demarcated by a narrow band of orange-coloured glass mosaic tiles.

The front of the main bar is decorated with glass mosaic tiles to form a repeating pattern with a mask, musical notes, kris and rectangular figures as motifs indicative of the various events which will take place in the stadium. The motifs are carried on waves denoting light and sound.

Flanking the main entrance to the stadium are two silhouette screens. The design of these has been influenced by both Malayan shadow plays and Chinese metal screens. The shadow figures are of black anodized aluminium mounted on a blue anodized aluminium grid set against a blue glass mosaic-tiled background. The eastern silhouette screen illustrates indoor sports and the western illustrates a Malay band and group of ronggeng girls set between the coral of the seashore and the inland bamboo groves.

Inside the main foyer are two large mural paintings by young Malayan artists depicting Malayan life and culture. The one on the eastern wall is by Mr. Yee Chin Ming and the one on the western wall is by Mr. Phoon Poh Hoong. In the side entrance vestibule on the eastern side is a small mural depicting sports painted by Mr. Phoon Poh Hoong and there is a similar mural on the western side painting by M. Tham Kim Fui.

#### **COSTS, ETC.**

The stadium was designed and constructed within a period of eighteen months at a cost of M\$4 million giving a unit cost of 75 cents per cubic foot, an exceptionally low figure for a building of this type. The main economics were effected in the special design of the roof and the amphitheatre.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, ASIAN BADMINTON CONFEDERATION

The inauguration of Asian Badminton Championships is a big day for badminton in Malaya, and I am very happy indeed that Kuala Lumpur is the venue for this great tournament.

The Asian Badminton Confederation was formed in Kuala Lumpur two years ago. During these two years enthusiastic national committees in the member countries have put in much hard work to improve the standard of badminton, and now that the Stadium Negara is ready more important tournaments and championships will be held here.

In this tournament no less than twelve Asian nations are taking part, with the Federation of Malaya being host to more than 120 players and officials. It is our hope, and one that I am sure all competitors will share, that these Championships will be an outstanding success, setting a high standard of both play and organisation as a precedent for future tourneys.

To my very great regret it will not be possible for me to attend on the opening day, as I will be in Bangkok presiding at the Annual General Meeting of the Asian Football Confederation. However, as the Championships go on for fifteen days, I will have several opportunities to watch the play on my return, and I will certainly be present on the final night to present the Gold Cup which bears my name.

I am sure all the players are keenly excited about the outcome of the Championships, not only because they are being held for the first time but also because the tournament will provided a preview of the sporting prospects for badminton at the Asian Games this year.

On behalf of the Asian Badminton Confederation and also on behalf of the Federal of Malaya and our sporting public, I welcome all our guests most warmly and hope that they will enjoy every moment of their stay in our country.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Tuanku Abdul Rahman Putra', written in a cursive style.

Kuala Lumpur,  
14th April, 1962.

(Tuanku Abdul Rahman Putra)  
PRESIDENT,  
ASIAN BADMINTON CONFEDERATION.

Telephone No. 88409

MENTRI PERDAGANGAN DAN PERUSAHAAN



MINISTER FOR COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
FEDERATION OF MALAYA

FEDERAL HOUSE  
KUALA LUMPUR

16th April, 1962.

## Message from the President, of the Badminton Association of Malaya

As President of the Badminton Association of Malaya, it is a privilege for me to welcome all the overseas players and officials who come to take part in the championships organised for the first time under the auspices of the Asian Badminton Confederation. The Association is extremely pleased with the response to the invitation and I must say that this augurs well for the future of badminton not only in our individual countries but also in Asia as a whole.

The Association's thanks are firstly due to the Government of the Federation of Malaya under the sterling and wise leadership of Y.T.M. Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra (who incidentally is also the first President of the ABC). Without the support of the Government in building such a magnificent indoor Stadium as the Stadium Negara and the various other forms of encouragement given to us, it would hardly be possible for anyone to organise these Championships.

I must also thank the Selangor Badminton Association for having undertaken to run the Championships on behalf of the BAM. I am also grateful to every one — the Government officials, the badminton and other officials, the Board of Control of the Stadium, the players and their employers and others — who has in the one way or other helped us to make our task very much easier than it would otherwise have been.

In conclusion may I give a special word of welcome to our friends from overseas whose presence here is a clear indication of their support towards the ideal of friendship and goodwill through the medium of sport. I hope they will have a very pleasant stay in Malaya and when they go back to their homes they will carry with them the good wishes of the people of this country.

(Mohamed Khir Johari)  
President,  
Badminton Association of Malaya.

## PAKISTAN



1. Sardar Reshid Ahmed (Manager)
2. M. Akhar Yasin
3. Naqi Mohsin
4. Vajaha Ali
5. Masood Ahmad Khan
6. Akrambaig
7. Salahuddin

## CEYLON



1. A.R.L. Wijsekera (Manager-cum-Captain)
2. V. Sriskandarajah
3. Sam Chandrasena
4. G.W. Chandrasena
5. L.R. Ariyananda
6. N. Rasalingam



## HONGKONG



1. Louise M. Sousae (Manager & Coach)
2. Ramon Young (Capt)
3. A.G. Mohammed @ G. Ma
4. Wong Yee On
5. Kwok Sheung Wan
6. Chu Sai Wah

## TAIWAN



1. C.Y. Wong (Manager)
2. T.C. Chen (Secretary)
3. K.W. Wong (Coach)
4. Ho Wan Ming

5. Sy Kim Piao
6. Lo Man Fei
7. Han Leung Yen
8. Wong Jin Lin

## THAILAND



1. Yong Udiskul (Manager)
2. Nond Chittadatta (Asst. Manager)
3. Pornchai Skoontaniyom
4. Chirasakedi Chumpakhao
5. Chavlert Chumkum
6. Miss Penkae Pohngarm

7. Somsook Boonya Sukanond
8. Miss Sumol Chunklum
9. Sanguan Anandhanonde
10. Chuchart Vatanatham
11. Sangoh Rattanussorn

## INDONESIA



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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Tan Yoe Hok      | 5. Johanny Tijao  |
| 2. Liem Cheng Kiang | 6. Ang Tjin Siang |
| 3. Yap Han Tiong    | 7. Tutang         |
| 4. Kho Hian Tjiang  |                   |

## INDONESIA



1. C.A. Kanilasang
2. E. Tjahaja
3. Liong Hwat Nio
4. Yap Happy

5. Unang
6. Retno Koestijah
7. Apay Rusanda
8. Ting Oen Hie

## SARAWAK



1. Sim Liang Siew
2. Hamden bin Hamid
3. Lim Kiok Seng
4. Sim Hiok Kheng
5. Lim Swee Yang

## BURMA



Tun Sien



Tin U



Myint Htoon



Mg Myint Kyi



S.P. Barua

## MALAYA TRAINEES



T. Nadarajah Physical Instructor



Ong Poh Lim



Wee Choon Seng



George Yap



Tan Soon Hooi

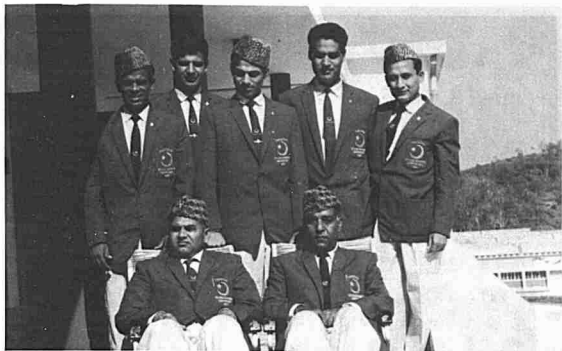
## MALAYA



Teh Gin Sooi  
(Manager)  
Teh Kew San  
(Captain)  
Tan Yee Khan

Ng Boon Bee  
Yew Cheng Hoe  
Billy Ng  
Lim Say Hup





*The Pakistan Badminton Team.*



*The officials players of Pakistan and Sarawak Team.*



*The Burma Badminton Team taken with Ho Ah Chon.*



*Badminton Team of Thailand and Sarawak.*



*Badminton players and official of Burma, Nepal and Sarawak.*



*Badminton Team of Taiwan, Pakistan dan Sarawak.*



*At the famous Majid's satay stall at K.L.*



*The Badminton Team of Sabah and Sarawak.*



*Mr. Lim Chin Aik of Nes'tle's entertained the Sarawak Team.*



*Players of various country to have a trial out to the Stadium Negara.*



*The Badminton players of Sabah and Sarawak sitting next to each other watching the game in progress.*



*Embarkation of Sarawak Team Sayonaro K.L.*



*The various activities of all players as led by Teh Jin Sooi the Secretary of the Asian Badminton Confederation.*



*The Sarawak Badminton Team in the Negara Stadium with the President of Asia Badminton Confederation, Y.T.M. Tuanku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj in the centre. The Honourable Inche Mohd. Khir Johari, who is the President of B.A.M. at the extreme left.*

#### **Sarawak Runner-Up In ABC Losers Section**



*Picture shows members of the Sarawak and the Republic of China (Taiwan) badminton teams who took part in the recent Asian Badminton Confederation championships held at Negara stadium in Kuala Lumpur.*

The Republic of China team came in first in the second ranking league (loser's section) while Sarawak team was runner-up. North Borneo was third and Burma fourth.

Sarawak was represented by Lim Khiok Seng, Sim Leng Siew, Sim Hiok Kheng, Lim Swee Yang, James Wei and Hamdem bin Hamid. The team was led by Mr. Ho Ah Chon as team manager. The players also took in the open individual championships.



*The March Past of the Sarawak Badminton Team in the Stadium Negara, Kuala Lumpur*



*Members of all the participating teams took part in the Asean Badminton Confederation Championships held at Negara Stadium Kuala Lumpur, April 1962.*

Malaya won the badminton teams Championship at the inaugural of the Asian Badminton Confederation held at the Stadium Negara. The Malayan team, which scored at final 5-0 over Indonesia to become champion won the Confederation's Gold Championship's trophy after a series of hard-fought games between contending teams from 12 Asian nations. Indonesia placed second, Thailand third, Pakistan fourth and Sarawak fifth.

The Taiwan (Republic of China) came in first in the second ranking leagues while Sarawak team was runnerup, North Borneo was third and Burma fourth.

Malaya's Prime Minister T.M. Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj President of the Asian Badminton Confederation officiated at the award ceremonies.

## The Kuching Badminton Association Annual Open Championship 1962



*Lim Khiok Seng receiving his trophy from Mr. Ong Kee Hui for the Men's Single Champion.*



*Lim Swee Yang and Sim Hiut Kheng, the Men's Double Champion receiving the Sylvia Lilian Challenge trophy.*



*Chin Thiam Hon receiving his handsome trophy from Mr. Ong for Junior Singles Champion.*

### Khiok Seng Retained Title

Lim Khiok Seng has again proved himself to be invincible in the Open Badminton Championship when he beat Sim Leng Siew in two straight sets in the Men's Senior Singles final played at the former Happy World Stadium, at Padungan.

Lim Khiok Seng beat Leng Siew by 15-8 and 15-12 to win the Men's Single title for the seventh year in succession.

Chin Thiam Hon and David Tan became the New Junior Double Champion when they beat S. Ulis and Ismail Hassan in a rubber set of 15-10, 8-15, 15-7.

Sim Hiok Kheng and Lim Swee Yang retained the Men's Double title when they beat Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Leng Siew in a most thrilling game.

The two pairs were evenly matched and had to fight every inch of the way to a rubber set with Hiok Kheng and Swee Yang winning the match by 18-13, 13-15, 15-11.

The Ladies Singles title decided on August 11, 1962 won by Anna Chin. She beat Lucy Low by 12-10, 12-10.

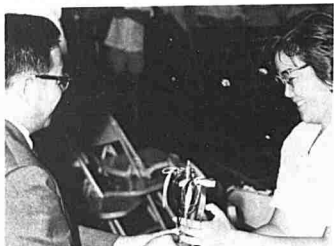
Mr. Ong Kee Hui, the President of Kuching Municipal Council gave away the trophies at the conclusion of the finals.



*Chin Thiam Hon and David Tan, the New Junior Double Champion.*



*Ismail Hassan and S. Ulis the runner up of Junior Double.*



*Anna Chin*



*Lucy Low*

Mr. Ho Ah Chon, President of the Kuching Badminton Association in an address immediately after the Junior Doubles final noted that although the response to the competition was not very good this year there were a number of new blood participating in the Junior Section and remarked that it was from this group that future Champions would emerge.

Mr. Ong Kee Hui also spoke, said there was no reason why Sarawak could not produce more 'Ong Poh Lim' and give good account of itself in the Thomas Cup Competition.

Mr. Teo Kui Seng, President of the Sarawak Badminton Association urged players to follow the shining example of Mr. Ong Poh Lim and put their heart into the games.



## The Kuching Badminton Association Annual Badminton Competition Held in 1963



*Open Singles Champion Lim Khiok Seng*



*Open Double Champion Lim Swee Yang and  
Sim Hiok Kheng.*



*Junior Open Single Champion Radin Arshad.*



*Ho Ah Chon, President K.B.A.*

Lim Khiok Seng emerged champion in the Open Singles for the 9th time in succession when he beat Lim Swee Yang at the former Happy World Stadium. In the Open-Double final, Lim Swee Yang with Sim Hiok Kheng beat Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Leng Siew.

Earlier, Mr. Ho Ah Chon, the President of the Kuching Badminton Association in his opening speech and on behalf of K.B.A. expressed great pleasure in thanking all those attendants for their kind presence at the competition, and especially Mr. Ong Kee Hui for his personal support to the association.

In conclusion, Mr. Ho said that he would like to avail himself of the opportunity of expressing his personal thanks to the officials and everybody who have helped in donation and rendered service towards the success of the Championship meet.

Mr. Ong Kee Hui, the President of the Kuching Municipal Council gave away the prizes to the winners and runner-up of the various matches at the conclusion of the competition.



*Winner of the Ladies Singles Open Championship Leong Hui Chen*



*Hassan bin Manan champion for Veteran Singles*



*The President of the Chung Hua B.P. Tan Kien receiving the trophies*



*The Veteran Double winner Tan Kien and Tan Choon Huat*



*The Chung Hua Badminton Party won the Challenge Cups for the Inter-Club Knock Out Competition, as the Party Open League. All the trophies were won by their party on display*

## Khiok Seng Wins Title For 10th Time



*Tribune picture by Lee Liang Seng shows Lim Khiok Seng receiving the handsome trophy from the President of the Kuching Municipal Council, Mr. Ong Kee Hui. Looking on (in dark suit) are Mr. Ho Ah Chon, President of the K.B.A. and Mr. Philip Ong, Hon. Secretary.*

Sarawak's badminton champ, Lim Khiok Seng won the Kuching Open Championships for the tenth time in succession, last Saturday night when he easily disposed Abang Shukori, 15-1, 15-4.

Khiok Seng later partnered Sim Liang Siew to win the Doubles final. They beat Sim Hiok Kheng and Tan Choon Huat 15-8, 15-9.

The Junior Singles final was won by Geoffrey Ong, a up-and-coming player with lots of potentialities of being the future champion.

The President of the K.B.A. Mr. Ho Ah Chon in an address said the competition had proved to be very successful as the number of entrants received were most encouraging.

Mr. Ho also announced that the Sarawak Inter Station Badminton Tournament 1964 will be held on the 21-28 of this months.

Referring to the parent body - the Sarawak Badminton Association - Mr. Ho said he regretted that the S.B.A. had reluctantly declined the kind offer from the Federation of

Malaya School Sport Council for the Malaysia Badminton Championship for School boys and school girls sometime in April this year.

He said the Association could not make a selection due to the fact that no badminton tournament had ever been organised for school boys and school girls on a state wide basis.

On the other hand, he pointed out, that the boy selected should truly be representative of Sarawak, as apart from the other qualification he must be the current state school boy championship or runner up.

Mr. Ho added: "This important affair will be discussed during the Sarawak Badminton Association annual general meeting with a view of organising a Sarawak State Championship for school boys and girls.

"I hope this will receive every support, encouragement and co-operation from the Department of Education when such a tournament is being organised," he said.



*Junior Singles Champion receiving his trophy.*



*Ibrahim Hassan and Ali bin Dawi the Junior Doubles Champion.*



*Abang Shukori the Men's Single runner up.*



*Tan Choon Huat & Sim Hiok Kheng Men's Double runner up.*



*Geoffrey Ong & Wee Kang Hiang Junior runner up.*



*Vivian Ee & Ee Poh Lian Ladies Double runner-up.*

## Result

### 1. Men's Singles Final

Lim Khiok Seng bt. Abang Shukori 15-1, 15-4.

### 2. Men's Doubles Final

Lim Khiok Seng & Sim Liang Siew bt. Sim Hiok Kheng & Tan Choon Huat 15-8, 15-9.

### 3. Ladies Doubles Final

Leong Hui Cheng & Lucy Lo bt. Vivian Ee & Ee Poh Lian 15-8, 12-15, 15-12.

### 4. Junior Singles Final

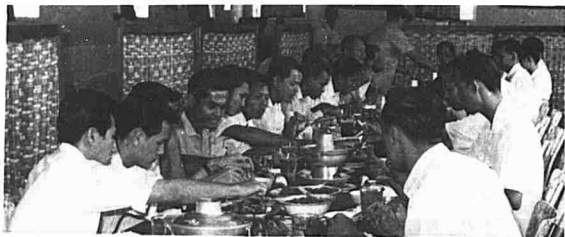
Geoffrey Ong bt. Ibrahim b. Hassan 15-9, 15-12.

### 5. Junior Doubles Final

Ibrahim Hassan & Ali b. Dawi bt. Geoffrey Ong & Wee Kang Hiang 15-10, 7-15, 15-10.

*The "Getting On Together" party at Djakarta Restaurant on the occasion of the Inter Badminton tournament.*





*Players and Officials of the 12th Annual Inter-Division Badminton Tournament 1963 taken on the 29th September 1963*

## Open Badminton Championships Khiok Seng Wins Singles Title



*Pictures shows Lim Khiok Seng, Single's Champion receiving the trophy from the wife of the President of Sarawak Badminton Association, Mrs. Teo Kui Seng.*

Lim Khiok Seng on 1/10/63 proved himself to be Sarawak's Champion when he disposed of his opponent Sim Liang Siew in straight sets 18-13, 15-13.

It was a battle of giants as both refused to budge an inch. The score itself indicates the tremendous flight that took place between the two most prominent players. Lim who was in superb form last night took about 45 minutes to defeat Sim Liang Siew.

In the doubles match, Lim Khiok Seng

partnering his rival, Sim Liang Siew, easily beat last year's champions, Lim Swee Yang and Sim Hiok Kheng, with the score of 15-5, 15-10.

The ex-champions played a very good game but were no match for the beautiful combination of Khiok Seng and Liang Siew.

Incidentally, this is the first time that Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Liang Siew have won the doubles title.



*The Double's Champion, Lim Khiok Seng and Sim Liang Siew receiving the Jin Hoe and Company Challenge Cup from Mrs. Teo Kui Seng.*



*The Double's Runner Up, Sim Hiok Kheng and Lim Swee Yang.*



*Tribune picture shows Mr. Philip Ong, the Team Manager of Kuching Team (First Division), receiving Madame Hong Lee Moi Challenge Cup for the Inter-Divisional Championship from Mrs. Teo Kui Seng. Looking on is Mr. James Chan, Secretary of S.B.A.*

Mr. Ho Ah Chon, Vice President of the Sarawak Badminton Association earlier on behalf of the President of the Sarawak Badminton Association Mr. Teo Kui Seng (Minister of Natural Resources), said that it gave him great pleasure to extend "our welcome to the badminton teams from the various Divisions in Sarawak to this Annual Championship" which was more of a family gathering than a pitting of wiles in the chasing of a shuttle-cock.

He said that there were reasons for saying so because in all these years the competition were held in such friendly and pleasant atmosphere that everyone looked forward each year to meet old friendly enemies as well as new ones.

He added: "In this way we cement our feeling of comradeship and build up a sense of nationhood which is more essential and important in our present unsettled times than to carry back with you the championship trophies."

Mr. Ho regretted that Fifth Division was unable to join the family gathering this year.

Continuing, Mr. Ho said: Badminton had its ups and downs in Sarawak, and in recent years this game was suffering from the

"downs" because of the various reasons, the main one being the lack of suitable arena where such competitions could be held in all weather". And with your enthusiasm and support the Sarawak Badminton Association will be launching a campaign to appeal to the sporting public as well as the new Government for funds to build a suitable hall where not only badminton, but other games such as basketball, volley-ball and tennis, could be played."

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In the Inter-Divisional championships, the Kuching team (First Division) won the Madam Hong Lee Moi Challenge Cup by beating the Simanggang team (Second Division) in the final played last Saturday night.

In this competition, Simanggang beat Sibul in the semi-finals. Fifth Division did not participate this year.



## Sarawak Inter Division Championship: First Division; Runner-up-Second Division



*Tribune picture shows Mr. Henry Wai, non-playing Captain of the First Division team, receiving Hong Lee Moi Cup from Mrs. Teo Kui Seng.*

*Looking on in the centre is Mr. Philip Ong one of the organising committees and on the right is Mr. Ho Ah Chon, Vice President and Organising Chairman of the S.B.A.*



*Lim Khiok Seng*



*Sim Leng Siew*



*Sie Poh Seng*



*Chia Chin Huat*



*A bouquet for Mrs. Teo Kui Seng by Miss Hassan.*

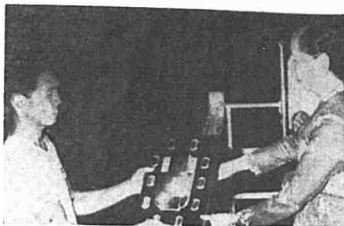


*The game in progress between Tiong Eng Siong and Wasli Enden of Sibü versus Joseph Teo and Sim Hiok Kheng at Kuching.*



*A section of the crowd.*

## Inter Division Badminton Championship



*The new Sarawak Badminton Champion, Abang Shukori, receiving the Teo Kui Seng Shield from Mrs. Teo Kui Seng.*



*Sarawak Double Champion Messrs Sim Khiok Kheng and Joseph Teo.*



*Runner up: Tiong Eng Siong and Wasli Enden*

One of the most exciting sporting highlights in Kuching in June 1964 was undoubtedly the final Singles match of the Sarawak Badminton Championship held at the former Happy World Stadium.

In a hard fought game, young up coming Abang Shukori bin Abang Haji Gobil emerged victorious, and that was a rubber set victory. His opponent, Lim Khiok Seng as the unbeaten champ of Sarawak, has been the champion for the last decade or so.

Abang Shukori used his powerful smashes and his backhands well to take the first set at 15-9.

During the second set Khiok Seng forced a rubber by winning 15-9 after a hard fought set in which Abang Shukori missed many points.

The third and final set was even. Both players were in a tussle from beginning to the

end. Abang Shukori had the advantage won by three points when Khiok Seng failed to make use of his services to force a deuce.

The Double final was between Joseph Teo and Sim Hiok Kheng and Tiong Eng Siong partnered with Wasli Enden, the later pair from Sibiu.

In the first set the Sibiu pair won the set at 18-15 but failed to take the second set. The third set provided much thrill in which the Kuching pair won by 15-9. The final was watched by a good crowd.

The wife of the President of the Sarawak Badminton Association Mr. Teo Kui Seng (Minister for Natural Resource) gave away the trophies.