



Why 11 points Sucks! by Alan Mills

The IBF recently changed the scoring system (again) so that Men's Singles and Doubles are played to 15 points, while Women's Singles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles are played to 11 points.

I had the unlucky pleasure of actually playing in a tournament recently where these new rules were used. Like 59% of those in the Midwest, I think 11 points sucks. Last year when I played mixed if I won in two games then that was 30 points I had to get, now it is only 22, I have lost nearly 25% of the points playing opportunity, and for what?

Is it so that it makes for better television viewing, not sure I have seen any immediate benefit of that. In fact I am sure the same people who watched badminton before will continue to watch badminton.

Is it that the paying audience will spend time watching, or buy tickets for the popular events? In that case why not make mens singles and mens doubles go to 35 points per game.

This is what the IBF said: On 18/05/02, IBF President Korn Dabbaransi told reporters at a news conference following the Council meeting that although the experimental system had proved popular in some quarters, IBF would now find other ways to popularize the game and make it more TV friendly.

So why IBF did you take away the points from mixed doubles? And why do you believe the ladies shouldnt play to 15 points the same as the men?

So to my original question, why does 11 points suck? Well as someone who has played badminton for a long time, and was apalled at the scrapping of the setting at 13 rule (now why was that again), I don't understand what the 11 points decision is all about, clearly it makes the games go faster, but when the games were 7 by 5 they were faster still and no-one really liked that, seems now we have the worst of all

worlds. When I go to a tournament I want to play badminton, not give up 25% of my points because of some rule change which has no practical effect on badminton for the majority of players. I want to be able to be 12-3 down and win 17-16. I believe that the introduction of 11 points benefits no-one and is a detriment to many.

So what do you think, am I right or am I wrong?

New Faces at Midwest Senior Championships! By Mary Ann Bowles

For the seventh consecutive year, Rick Dawson and his stellar volunteers hosted the 2002 Midwest Senior Championships at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio, December 14-15. The snow flew on the drive to Ohio, but the weather warmed up for the weekend, traces of snow fading away so players could focus on the "white shuttle" instead of the "white stuff." Among the fifty-nine entrants, there were many new faces, some so young, you had to think about looking at birth certificates! When you see players like Alex Hong, Derek Lee, and Ta-Chieh Huang at this tournament, one realizes time is marching on!

In the five age categories, participants battled for titles in seventeen events. Female players were in short supply in all age categories, so there were no women's singles matches. However, the female players did their best to fight hard for the titles in women's doubles and mixed doubles. New faces in other matches, besides those previously mentioned, were Amy Hopping, David Gladwin, and Clara Gamble, and first-timers (though not new faces to many of us) to this competition included Tony Artman and Fred Coleman.

Play commenced on Saturday morning for a day-long swatting, and finals finished up on Sunday afternoon. Outstanding matches drew spectators all around the gym—it was hard to watch all the matches you wanted to at the same time! Triple crown winners were Alex Hong, winning 35 Men's Singles, Men's Doubles with Sergei Krasnyanski, and Mixed Doubles with Amy Hopping; and George Daley, taking 40 Men's Singles, Men's Doubles with Dave Obert, and Mixed Doubles with Helen Weyand. He also took the 35 Men's Doubles consolation final with Dave Obert and second place in 35 Mixed Doubles with Leann Du-Higashi for good measure. Someone needs to remind George just how old he is!

Congratulations to Chicagoan Leann Du-Higashi for her first place wins in 35 and 40 Women's Doubles with Dawn Patel, and second place in 35 Mixed Doubles
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FEBRUARY 2003

no events currently scheduled

MARCH 2003

| Date | Tournament/Location | Contact Information |
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| March 14-16 | Midwest Closed Championships Terre Haute, IN | Dawn & Bharat Patel 765-349-0662 dbpatel@rnetinc.net |

APRIL 2003

| Date | Tournament/Location | Contact Information |
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| April 5-6 | Rufus Tilden Memorial/ Wisconsin Open West Allis, WI | Russ Janowski 414-328-0176 rtjanowski@ra.rockwell.com |

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with George Daley; to Indianian Dawn Patel for her wins with Leann and her second place in 40 Mixed Doubles with husband Bharat, back on the court after some recuperation time; and to Daytonian Helen Weyand for her first places in 40 Mixed Doubles with George Daley and 50 Mixed Doubles with Tom Carmichael, and her consolation wins in 35 Women's Doubles with Renu Dewan and 40 Women's Doubles with Linda Downey. Well done to Nebraskan Len Williams for his first places in 60 Men's Doubles with Dave Murray and 60 Mixed Doubles with Alice Mohr, second place in 50 Mixed Doubles with Mary Ann Bowles, and 50 Men's Doubles consolation with Bob Ericson.

A tip of the racket also goes to David Gladwin for his first place wins in 50 Men's Singles and 50 Men's Doubles with David Tomberg; to Dave Murray for his first-place wins in 60 Men's Singles and 60 Men's Doubles with Len Williams; to Wolfgang Artl for his first-place wins in 70 Men's Singles and 70 Men's Doubles with Harvey Mason; to Ian Buckley for his second places in 35 and 40 Men's Doubles with Tom Carmichael, and his 35 Mixed Doubles consolation win with Alice Wunderlich; and to Tom Carmichael for his second place finishes in 35 and 40 Men's Doubles with Ian Buckley, and his first-place win in 50 Mixed Doubles with Helen Weyand.

A big thank you goes to Rick Dawson for all his preparations and wonderful hosting of this tournament for yet another year. Thanks also go to the Dayton volunteers—Ron Gross, John Gross, H.C. Ownbey, Amrit Dewan, Renu Dewan, Nicola Dewan, Helen Weyand, Claus Weyand, Henry Dawson, Andrew Yoder, and Jana Reed. Bharat and Dawn Patel, Norma Trusler, and Tony Artman also clocked many hours of work for this event. The staff at Sinclair Community College was so hospitable, as usual. Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to all those who trekked to Dayton for this annual Senior tournament. We'll hope to see many more players next year!

(ed.: Results are on page 8.)

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Will the Midwest Players Support the Region 4 Classic and Colorado Open?

Submitted by Alan Mills, the Midwest's Favorite Import


Okay Midwest players, its your turn to come and support another Region. Region 4 are holding their classic on 3/28/03 unto 3/30/03 and we want you there.

This is not just a classic, but like Region 2 also holds the Colorado open at the same time so everyone can play, and this year it is being held in sunny Denver (over 300 days of sunshine a year, and you can ski in March!!).

So this is your chance to become a member of the 'mile high' badminton club, to see how altititude affects your game, and a chance to experience downtown Denver at its best.

For a few lucky (or is that unlucky) people, Chez Mills and Chua will be opening their doors and welcoming badminton players to their humble abode, so come on down and get warm in March...

(ed.: Email Alan Mills for more info: anmills@yahoo.com)

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Shades of Green

By Kristin Artman

I think the one thought going through everyone's mind at the Shades of Green Girl Scout event was, "Wow! I have never seen that much lime green in one place at one time." And so it went on November 16, 2002, where seas of green began to trickle into the convention hall from early in the morning, and kept moving until late in the afternoon.

Shades of Green is an exposition-style event held by the Girl Scout Council every five years for Girl Scouts (of every level) and their families. This year the event was held at the America's Center, a huge convention center in downtown St. Louis. The attendees were charged a registration fee of \$5 each, which included the commemorative lime green T-shirt and the day spent among the booths and activities of their choice. The hall where this event took place was sectioned into the following different areas: Leadership, Community Service, Health, Sports and Fitness, Business and Technology, Creativity, and Fun (I imagine that to have been a pretty popular area).

In each of these areas, different corporations and organizations, which were trying to make a strong impression on the 22,000 attendants, set up and manned their respective booths. The following list is just a sampling of the groups that were there: universities within the state of Missouri, Rescue Dogs, Assist Dogs, hair braiding, Society of Women Engineers, St. Louis Science Center, Iron Kids/Sara Lee Bakery Group, Olympiad Gymnastics/Spirit Elite Cheerleading, Red Cross, St. Louis Quest (pro-women's volleyball), and, of course, the Gateway Badminton Club. The volunteers for this program included myself (obviously), Lee Ann Alwine, Russ & Mary Ann Bowles, Tony Artman, and Jim Sovar.

So now, you are all probably wondering what we actually did for this event. Well, here it goes. Mary Ann and Russ created a flyer giving some information about badminton and the Gateway Club. The fun part with the flyer was folding 1,000 copies. I took 500 to school and coaxed a couple of classmates to join in the fun and help me out. (I think we set a record time for tri-folding that many flyers!) Mary Ann and Russ had the other 500 to deal with. Alice and John Mohr were gracious and handy enough to fix up some platforms to hold up the standards and net.

The setup had to be taken care of the day before because we wanted to be prepared. Russ and Jim were in charge of this task. I only got to hear the

stories of what happened, as I had to be an attentive college student that day. We were hoping to set up two courts, but only were able to have one, and a table for flyers and information. The actual moving of standards, bags of sand, and laying of the lines had to be done by the union workers employed at the convention center; this was a little nerve-racking, but knowing the right people to talk to and being patient helps make sure everything turns out OK! Friday night I picked up Lee Ann at the airport, as she was coming in from Ohio to be a big help with the demonstration. We made a quick stop at Wal-Mart on the way home to get some poster board for a sign, in hopes that it would liven up the dreary cement of the convention center. Now moving on to Saturday, the day of the actual event.

Russ, Mary Ann, Lee Ann, Jim, my father and myself showed up at the America's Center by about 8:30 am that morning. We were given badges to wear showing our status as demonstrators. The table and court were set up and ready to go. We put out the flyers along with other handouts given to us by the USAB, and warmed up a bit to get ready for the incoming swarm of girls. The crowds didn't start until about 10 am, but while waiting for the girls to arrive, we took a short tour of the booths already set up and being set up. Our area was set up fairly close to the entrance, to the right of a concession stand, and surrounded by the St. Louis Quest (seemingly seven-foot tall women) and Olympiad Gymnastics exhibits. Not to mention at the front of the convention hall was the main stage and on the far left side, close to us, was a side stage. There was plenty of noise all day long, so there was no way you could think about being tired.

I could definitely tell the gymnastics and volleyball people were competing with each other as to who could be the loudest, and I think everyone had the songs they played memorized by the end of the day! As soon as the girls started coming in the doors, Lee Ann and I grabbed our rackets and took to the court. Next thing you know, a line of girls formed which wrapped itself around the length of the court. Each one was anxiously waiting for their turn at snatching up a racket and taking their best chance at hitting the bird. We began by letting about six girls onto one side of the court, while Lee Ann and I manned the other side. Each of us tried to hit with three girls at the same time for about two minutes or so. Yes, that is a bit cramped and it wasn't a large amount of time. So many girls, so little time, and so few of us! Mary Ann and Tony filled in for Lee Ann and me a few times during the day when we needed to get off our feet for a few minutes.

After a while of just hitting to these girls, we wanted to change it up a bit and show them what you could really do in badminton. So from then on, we decided to balance

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2003 Midwest Closed Championships

Friday March 14 - Sunday March 16, 2003

Terre Haute, Indiana

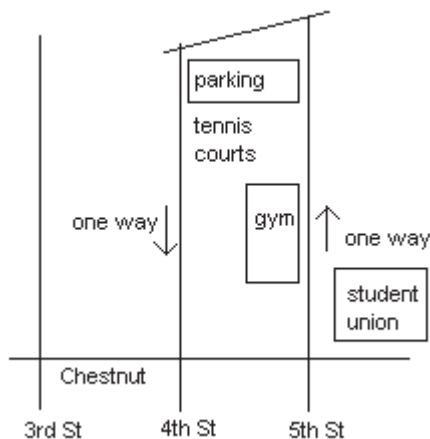
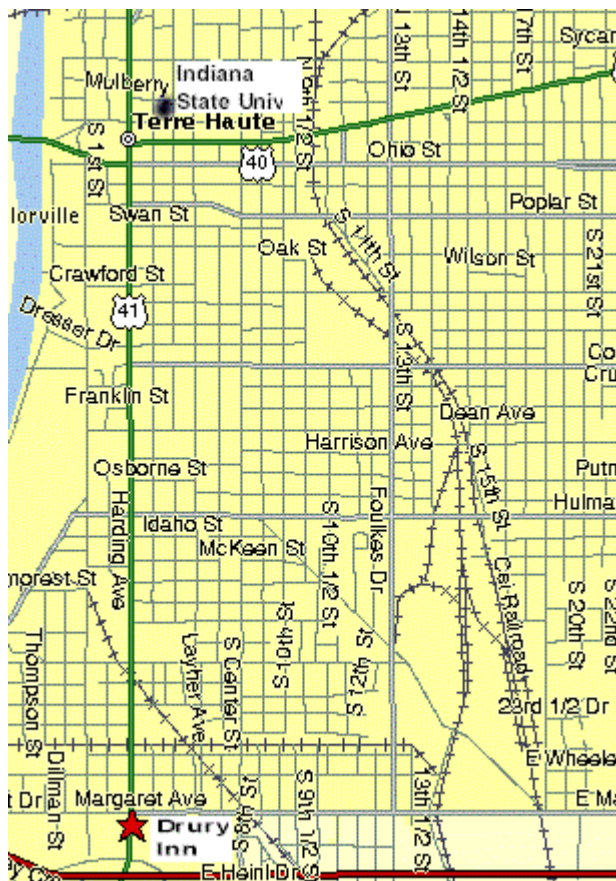
Sanctioned by USA Badminton. USAB Rules: When you register, you MUST sign USAB release form. You MUST show your USAB membership card or pay \$25 fee.

- Location** Indiana State University Recreation Center, 5th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana
- Eligibility** You must have resided in the USAB Region 2 since July 1, 2002 or you must have played in 3 Midwest Tournaments since moving to the Midwest Region. You must be a member of USAB and the MBA to participate. MBA membership expiration date is on the mailing label of your Flick or after logging into MBA Online to view the Flick online.
- Events** Open (any age) Men's and Women's Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.
- Format** Open: Enter A with Feed-in Consolation or BCDE Drop Flight. Note: If fewer than 8 entries in A for any open event, the format will be ABCD (combined).
- Entry Fee** \$30 for the first event (includes Saturday night banquet), \$10 for each additional event.
Note: Entries postmarked before February 14th may deduct \$5!
- Entry Deadline** Entry form must be postmarked by February 25, 2002.
No entries will be accepted after this date. **No refunds after March 4th.**
- Schedule**
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| Fri. March 14 | 6:00pm Registration |
| | 6:30pm Men's and Women's Open Singles |
| Sat. March 15 | 8:30am Registration |
| | 9:00am Men's and Women's Open Doubles |
| | Open Mixed Doubles after Doubles |
| | 8:30pm Banquet and General Meeting (ISU Student Union across the street from gym). Limited number of additional tickets can be purchased for \$20 each |
| Sun. March 16 | Finals times will be announced at Banquet |
- Umpire Clinic** There will be an Umpire's Clinic hosted by Mary Ann Bowles on Friday and Saturday. There is no cost for this training to become a Regional Umpire. Call 314-487-7187 or email MABowles@worldnet.att.net to register.
- Miscellaneous** Shuttles will be sold at the tournament desk for \$1.50 each. Facility has 15 courts. Showers available (bring own towel, lock, etc)
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2003 Midwest Closed Championships

March 14-16, 2003

Indiana State University - Terre Haute, IN



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doing short demos of different strokes and drills with hitting one-on-one with the girls. This seemed to be the best approach, as the girls got to see what badminton was all about and give their best effort at it. Of course, there were a wide range of skill levels, but everyone seemed like they were having fun. Even if they were only able to make contact with the bird once, we got at least a smile out of them and they were eager to keep trying. I saw many girls come back two or three times, and there was talk about how one of the favorite activities at Shades of Green was the badminton demonstration! As for the line of girls surrounding us, once it seemed to die down, we did a double-take as it was just as long as the first time we checked! It was really nice to see such enthusiasm. Now if we could only get these girls and their parents to stick around for more than one day. :-)

Despite the bright colors and a few sore backs, the event was a smashing success not only for the Girl Scouts, but also for badminton in general. Tons of young girls and their families were exposed to the great sport of badminton, which many had never really seen outside the ever-familiar backyard version. It was interesting to see the different approaches people took to get the girls involved and grab attention. I think the overall experience for everyone was very positive. I know I have new ideas and think that everyone else learned something to improve exhibits that badminton puts on in the future.

Midwest Outstanding Junior Award Nominations

Each year the MBA recognizes two outstanding junior players at the banquet during the Midwest Closed Championships. The MBA Board of Directors selects the winners by voting on those nominated.

The award honors juniors who have excelled in badminton. Performance, improvement, and sportsmanship are the areas of focus. The award consists of an engraved plaque and paid airfare to Junior Nationals.

Over the past few years, I have been the person in charge of seeking and collecting these nominations. This year, I have enlisted the help of former outstanding junior, Kristin Artman. Please submit nominations to either her or myself (email and snail mail listed on page 2). Also, please allow enough time so that it reaches us prior to the Championships on March 14-16. Anyone can nominate someone, so send your opinions!

MBA Rankings for non-midwest players by Alan Mills

Well most of you know that I no longer live in the Midwest area, but do compete regularly at Midwest events each year. I wanted to talk about MBA rankings and how not being in the Midwest means that I am no longer eligible for ranking points. Yep if you live in Colorado and play every single midwest tournament (with the exception of the closed championship), and win every event then even if your partner is in the Midwest you don't get a ranking, not even an honorary ranking...

Is this right you say, well I think it is right that you are not officially ranked, but it would be nice if you fulfilled every other criteria apart from residency that the rankings reflect where you would have been ranked. Particularly if tournament directors are using rankings as a means to determine the draw for events.

So what do you think?. I don't know how many other players apart from myself this affects, but at a recent tournament I saw players from Region 1, Region 3, Region 4 and Region 5, so badminton players are willing to travel to the Midwest to play.

Do you agree with me or disagree, why not write an article for the Flick...

Meanwhile, I will see you at the next Midwest tournament

Wooster Teaser by Alan Mills

At a recent tournament in the Midwest, a challenge was laid down to the Wooster Contingent. Come on you know who you are. I said organize it and they will come...

More installments to follow in future episodes of the Flick, but here are a few teasers

1 day only, everyone gets to play with everyone else, no seeds, no draw and you get some partner swapping along the way...

Now add rumours of good home-cooked food, and surely they will come.

(ed: Sound like fun? I think so! Next time you see those Wooster kids, Lee Ann and Isaac Alwine, tell them to get on it! Oh, and Alan, the correct spelling is rumours not rumours!)

**Results of Midwest Senior Championships
Sinclair College, Dayton, Ohio
Tournament Director: Dawn Patel
December 14-15, 2002**

Junior Senior (35+)

MS (RR) Alex Hong def. Derek Lee 17-16, 15-7
MD Alex Hong/Sergei Krasnyanski def. Derek Lee/Ta-Chieh Huang 15-10, 15-13
WD Leann Du-Higashi/Dawn Patel def. Mary Blandino/Mary Ann Bowles 15-2, 15-9
XD Alex Hong/Amy Hopping def. George Daley/Leann Du-Higashi 15-11, 15-9

Junior Senior (35+) Consolation

MD George Daley/Dave Obert def. Ian Buckley/Tom Carmichael 15-17, 15-9, 15-13
WD Renu Dewan/Helen Weyand def. Gloria Eli/Norma Trusler 15-2, 15-10
XD Ian Buckley/Alice Wunderlich def. Ron Garrett/Jackie Vansant 15-3, 15-5

Seniors (40+)

MS George Daley def. Sergei Krasnyanski 15-10, 15-2
MD George Daley/Dave Obert def. Ian Buckley/Tom Carmichael 15-17, 15-6, 15-13
WD Leann Du-Higashi/Dawn Patel def. Mary Ann Bowles/Alice Wunderlich 17-16, 15-7
XD George Daley/Helen Weyand def. Bharat Patel/Dawn Patel 15-9, 15-13

Seniors (40+) Consolation

MS Ron Garrett def. Dave Obert 15-0, 15-9
MD Claus Weyand/Rick Dawson def. Tony Powell/Fred Coleman 15-3, 15-1
WD Linda Downey/Helen Weyand def. Mary Blandino/Alice Mohr 15-6, 15-3
XD Robert Ericson/Mary Ann Bowles def. Tony Powell/Alice Wunderlich 15-7, 15-13

50+

MS (RR) David Gladwin def. Fred Coleman 15-6, 15-2
MD David Tomberg/David Gladwin def. Ron Garrett/Phil Sleet 15-7, 12-15, 15-7
XD (RR) Tom Carmichael/Helen Weyand def. Len Williams/Mary Ann Bowles 15-9, 15-11

50+ Consolation

MD Robert Ericson/Len Williams def. Terry Downey/Charles Norton 15-12, 15-5

60+

MS David Murray def. Carl Biszantz Default

MD David Murray/Len Williams def. Robert Ericson/H.C. Ownbey 15-2, 15-10
WD (RR) Ruth Madsen/Clara Gamble def. Constance Ecklar/Shirley Deger 15-7, 15-4
XD Len Williams/Alice Mohr def. Carl Biszantz/Ruth Madsen 7-15, 15-4, 15-5

60+ Consolation

MS H.C. Ownbey def. Harry Orr 15-11, 17-15
MD Neil Burditt/Herb Wainer def. Anatoly Berdichevsky/Harry Orr 15-8, 15-3
XD H.C. Ownbey/Barbara Ownbey def. Elmer Smith/Bea Zimmer 15-3, 15-8

70+

MS Wolfgang Arlt def. John Mohr 15-4, 15-0
MD (RR) Wolfgang Arlt/Harvey Mason def. John Mohr/Elmer Smith 15-10, 15-4

70 + Consolation

MS Elmer Smith (bye)

**Results of Kentucky Badminton Open
Louisville, Kentucky
January 4-5, 2003**

A little note before listing the results... I was asked by Bobbie and Charlie Norton to run the desk at this tournament. I have helped with many tournaments in the past, but until now had not taken such a large role. My thanks to Bobbie and Charlie for all of their hard work and kindness. If you know the Nortons, you know the kindness I speak of. If you don't know them, you're missing out. They are the type of people that will make you feel warm and welcome and just plain happy to be in their company.

A big thanks to Paul Vice for his cool, calm, and collected companionship at the desk (anyone who can put up with me for an entire weekend deserves recognition). Thanks also to Mary Ann Bowles for helping with posting results and to all of the participants. So... the Results...

A-MS Kazuhisa Iwabuchi def. Isaac Alwine 15-10, 15-4
A-WS Kristin Artman def. Lee Ann Alwine 11-5, 11-5
A-MD Isaac Alwine/Anu Chopra def. Chee Wah Boo/Linh Luu 15-2, 15-3
A-WD Lee Ann Alwine/Kristin Artman def. Mary Ann Bowles/Dawn Patel 11-7, 11-4
A-XD LeAnn Alwine/Isaac Alwine def. Karen Hewitt/Anu Chopra 7-11, 11-5, 11-2

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B-MS Matt Wrobel def. Serge Penksik 6-15, 15-10, 15-5

B-WS Cindy Breise def. Renu Dewan 11-0, 11-4

B-MD Herman Batalaan/Mani Ponniay def. Adam Holleran/Sanfras Hussan Chandro 15-13, 15-12

B-WD Karen Hewitt/Cindy Breise def. Norma Trusler/Sarah Sammit 11-7, 11-3

B-XD Sarah Sammit/Alan Mills def. Marena Smitobol/Matt Wrobel 11-8, 11-6

C-MS Milan Kratka def. Ron Wu 15-4, 15-6

C-WS Sarah Sammit Marena Smitobol 11-6, 11-1

C-MD Yufu Liang/Ratnadeep Kundu def. Ashok Guttapali/Vinod Yadapalli 17-15, 15-2

C-WD Veronica Miller/Marena Smitobol def. Mary Blandino/Linda Downey 9-11, 11-5, 11-9

C-XD Cindy Breise/John Obara def. Veronica Miller/Serge Penksik 11-1, 11-1

D-MS Yufu Liang def. Harry Orr 15-9, 15-8

D-MD Milan Kratka/Tomas Kratka def. Amit Galande/Vinay Shiraviah 15-12, 15-6

D-WD Helen Weyand/Renu Dewan def. Ying Xia/Ying Fang 11-3, 11-4

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IBF to Hold Meeting Regarding Scoring credit to World Badminton Online

The following was published on January 22, 2003 on World Badminton Online (<http://www.worldbadminton.net>):

The International Badminton Federation is to stage an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to discuss ongoing concerns surrounding the badminton scoring system.

The Badminton Association of England (BA of E) has been leading a campaign to call an EGM, dissatisfied with the manner in which a decision to change the scoring system was taken following the 2002 AGM last May, and informed IBF yesterday that they had gained sufficient support (one-sixth of the membership) to call an EGM.

The BA of E claim that the IBF Council acted outside of its powers when choosing a scoring system option which had not been proposed to the AGM, and is concerned that the new scoring system is perceived as discriminatory to women.

The BA of E is seeking support to annul the changes made to the scoring system, and has proposed a best of 5 games to 9 points system as a compromise.

IBF Council, empowered by the AGM to decide badminton's scoring system, opted for a system of best of 3 games to 15 points was adopted for men's singles and doubles, and three games to 11 points for women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles.

The four options put to the AGM were:

- Traditional ie 3 x 15 in ms, md, wd, mxd; 3 x 11 ws
- 5 x 7 all disciplines
- 5 x 9 all disciplines
- 5 x 9 in ms, md, wd, mxd; 5 x 7 ws

IBF was aware of the dissatisfaction felt in some quarters following its decision, and discussed these concerns at considerable length during a special Council meeting, called by President Korn Dabbaransi in Bangkok last November, where Council reconfirmed its stance that the decision reached was in good faith, and had followed the instructions of the members at the AGM.

IBF Chief Executive Neil Cameron said: "IBF does not feel this EGM is a necessary step since it had already indicated the intention to allow a full discussion of the subject at the AGM in May, and any EGM will be held less than two months before the AGM.

"Nevertheless, it recognises and respects the rights of its Member Associations to air their concerns in this way, and looks forward to reaching an outcome which is both acceptable and beneficial to the future development of the game, and which will put this matter to rest."

The IBF Executive Board will discuss possible venues and dates (which, under IBF Rules, must fall between 11 March and 1 April 2003) and will make a further announcement in due course.

Off the Topic...

On a topic completely unrelated to badminton, I wanted to share a bit of excitement in my life... no, nothing to do with a white dress.

As a Christmas gift, I received a certificate to Skydive Chicago. My entire family was in on it... and teased me all Christmas morning (some even before that). Anyway, for the past two years, I've wanted to jump out of a plane and now I am going to (but I'll wait til it warms up)! I love telling the full story about this gift, so if you want to hear it, just ask me!



The St. Louis crew put on a badminton demo for the Girl Scouts again this year. Pictured above are Russ Bowles, Kristin Artman, Lee Ann Alwine, and Tony Artman. Article on page 4.

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