



## KVCC Open Tournament Results Tournament Held October 24-26, 2003

*(ed. note - Take a look at the Open Mixed Doubles teams and scores! Wow!)*

A MS - Alex Hong def. Pratap Naick 15-2, 15-2  
B MS - Ben Hussey def. Hanlin Wan by default  
C MS - Peter Sidorczuk def. Elan Manivannan 15-8, 15-10  
D MS - Nathan Eichorn def. Kris Vandestreek 15-3, 15-5

WS Pool Play - Jurate Sidlauskaitė def. Leann Du-Higashi 3-11, 11-3, 11-5  
WS Pool Play 3rd Place - Karishma Kollipara

A MD - Kevin Hussey/Bruce Pontow def. Matt Wrobel/Serge Penksik 15-8, 15-2  
B MD - Ing Hai Koh/Hoon-Voon Liew def. George Daley/Dave Obert 17-14, 8-15, 15-13  
C MD - Zer-Kai Yap/Teo Jiunnzie def. Cleon McLaughlin/Dave Murray 15-10, 15-5  
D MD - Todd Reichart/Nathan Eichorn def. Anand Ramasubramaniam/Desikan Ramaswamy 15-12, 15-13

A WD (RR) 1st Irina Slavina/Jurate Sidlauskaitė  
A WD (RR) 2nd Fuziah Ayub-O'Neill/Helen Weyand  
A WD (RR) 3rd Erin Anderson/Karen Chin

A XD - Serge Penksik/Karen Chin def. George Daley/Leann Du-Higashi 15-5, 15-18, 15-4  
B XD - Matt Wrobel/Irina Slavina def. Daniel Leung/Jenni Belczak 15-10, 12-15, 15-5  
C XD - Alex Hong/Jurate Sidlauskaitė def. Ben Hussey/Karishma Kollipara 15-6, 14-17, 15-1  
D XD - Peter Sidorczuk/Erin Anderson def. Ing Hai Koh/Kae Yoshino 15-13, 8-15, 15-8

A Sr MS Pool Play - Dave Murray def. Milan Kratka by default  
A Sr MS Pool Play 3rd Place - Terry Downey  
A Sr. MD Pool Play - Tom Carmichael/Cleon McLaughlin def. George Daley/Dave Obert by default

A Sr. MD Pool Play 3rd - Ron Garrett/Ron Zhang

A Sr. XD Pool Play - George Daley/Helen Weyand def. Dave Murray/Leann Du-Higashi 12-15, 15-9, 15-8  
A Sr. XD Pool Play 3rd - Teo Jiunnzie/Lilly Feng

A Sr. WD (RR) - Fuziah Ayub-O'Neill/Helen Weyand def. Linda Downey/Lilly Feng 15-6, 15-4

## Lessons Learned at the Windy City Open by Jess Morgan

No matter how well you think you plan, something can and will go wrong. People will drop out without telling you. People will show up and want to play. People will want to try to find another partner. People will send an entry in the mail requiring a signature (not a good idea, folks). People will write checks that bounce (record high of 4 bounced checks... just so you know, my bank charges me \$30 for each of those).

On the other hand, people volunteer. People bring you pizza. Some people don't mind that you cannot pronounce their names. Some people even understand that making draws and running a desk is not easy. Some people are patient and smile and say thank you. These are the people that will keep me running tournaments.

Mr. Stanart, Dan Koseiowski, Jodie Leahey, Charlie and Bobbie Norton, Terry TerHaar, parents of Andrew HS students - thank you!

This year's tournament in Tinley Park ran quite smoothly despite no-shows and other small mishaps. We had 180 players, mostly from the Midwest, but also a handful from other regions. Ages ranged from 8 to 80, with many family members pairing up in both juniors and open events.

The Ironwoman award goes to Karishma Kollipara, who played both open and junior events. We had her running from gym to gym, playing continuously. And her matches were not easy ones! Somehow she managed to come out on top, with her family supporting her all the way. I thought about giving out a "pain in the butt" award as well. But you probably know who you are and I'm feeling so kind as not to mention your name.

A special congrats goes to Matt Wrobel and Marena Smitobol for taking the A Mixed Doubles title! To see them play together is amazing - to see them win, "priceless"!

Results follow on page 3.

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## Tournament Calendar

### JANUARY 2004

| Date      | Tournament/Location                                     | Contact Information   |
|-----------|---|---|
| Jan 10-11 | Kentucky State Open<br>Louisville, KY                   | Charles & Bobbie Norton<br>502-426-5518<br>bnorton828@aol.com |
| Jan 16-18 | Region 2 Classic<br>and Indiana Open<br>Terre Haute, IN | Dawn & Bharat Patel<br>765-349-0662<br>dbpatel@rnetinc.net    |
| Jan 24-25 | Rose City Doubles<br>Windsor, Ont Canada                | www.woba.com<br>rosecity02@hotmail.com                        |

### MARCH 2004

| Date      | Tournament/Location                                | Contact Information  |
|-----------|--|--|
| Mar 12-14 | Midwest Closed<br>Championships<br>Terre Haute, IN | Dawn & Bharat Patel<br>765-349-0662<br>dbpatel@rnetinc.net |

### APRIL-MAY 2004

| Date            | Tournament/Location   | Contact Information   |
|-----------------|---|---|
| April 3-4, 2004 | Rufus Tilden Mem/Wisc<br>Open<br>West Allis, WI                 | Russ Janowski<br>414-382-3291<br>rtjanowski@ra.rockwell.com               |
| May 7-9, 2004   | 2004 Stephen Race Mem<br>Badminton Tournament<br>Northville, MI | Dan Leung<br>dan43632@aol.com<br>Northville Parks & Rec<br>(248) 349-0203 |

**For updates regarding tournaments, check out the Event Calendar page on our website:  
<http://www.midwestbadminton.com>**

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## Windy City Open Results - Open Events

A MS - Gediminas Andrikonis def. Marcelino Gorospe 15-6, 15-8

B MS - Herman Batelaan def. Serge Penksik 15-9, 15-12

C MS - Haris Subacius def. Andrew Pukniel 15-12, 15-10

D MS - Harry Orr def. Brendan Pontow 15-11, 5-15, 15-13

A WS - Shannon Pohl def. Jurate Sidlauskaitė 15-4, 15-0

B WS - Karishma Kollipara def. Suanne Au 15-1, 15-2

C WS - Linda Tsai def. Celine Thum 13-12, 6-11, 11-4

D WS - Double Default

A MD - Vinay Atluri/Chandra Mowli def. Imran Dharma/Anand Bedekar 15-8, 15-2

B MD - Gediminas Andrikonis/Mindaugas Andrikonis def. Kin Chan/Ing Hai Koh 15-9, 15-8

C MD - Andrew Pukniel/Sameer Varma def. Nathan Eichorn/Todd Reichart 15-11, 15-5

D MD - Alvin Chiang/Andrew Lee def. Jimmy Ye/Frank Zhang (default)

A WD - Judy Lu/Katie Monahan def. Karishma Kollipara/Serena Wong 15-11, 15-3

B WD - Shannon Pohl/Suanne Au def. Karen Chin/Tiffanie Kimura 15-2, 15-4

C WD - Ying-Chieh Chen/Debi Misra def. Jessica Kmiecik/Linda Tsai 15-7, 15-2

D WD - Bielanska/Bielanska def. Schrenk/Smythe by default

A XD - Matt Wrobel/Marena Smitobol def. Hull Wu/Serena Wong 13-15, 15-3, 15-4

B XD - Herman Batelaan/Suanne Au def. Ben Hussey/Becky Stanear 15-6, 15-0

C XD - Imran Dharma/Tiffanie Kimura def. Warong Pongsapich/Linda Tsai 15-6, 15-5

D XD - Jih/Celine Thum def. Jim Craig/Stephanie Dulinkas 15-3, 15-3

## Windy City Open Results - Junior Events

A GS - Karishma Kollipara def. Jessica DeBrueler 7-11, 11-7, 11-9

B GS - Celine Thum def. Maria Bielanska 6-11, 13-12, 13-10

C GS - Kaitlin Curran def. Anna Mack 11-3, 11-3

D GS - Maggie Kulzick def. Kayo Ikeda (default)

E GS - Lauren Lenzen def. Katie Allaway 11-8, 11-3

BS Round Robin

1st - Linden Wu

2nd - Brendan Pontow

3rd - Raunak Kollipara

A GD - Tiffanie Kimura/Celine Thum def. Karishma Kollipara/Maggie Kulzick 15-6, 15-5

B GD - Anna Bielanska/Maria Bielanska def. Katie Grove/Kendell Heneghan (default)

C GD - Lauren DeBerry/Julie Grant def. Kate Fitzgerald/Brie Kapala 15-2, 15-0

D GD - Katie Allaway/Kitty Dupee def. Katrina Ream/Sarah Connolly (default)


BD Round Robin

1st - Quinn Hussey/Brendan Pontow

2nd - Kevin Kwak/Sean Hussey

3rd - Raunak Kollipara/Linden Wu

4th - Martin Kratka/Kyle Wargo



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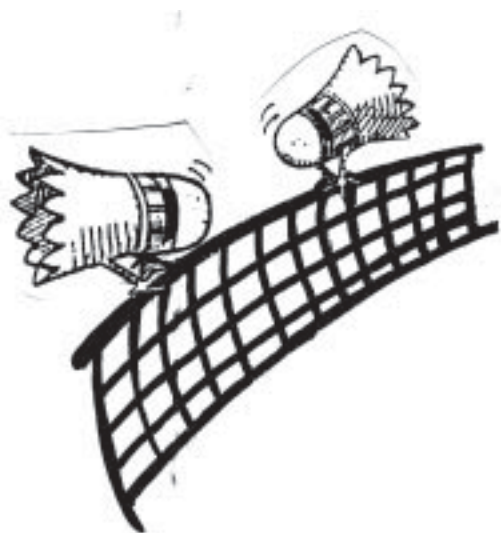
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Drop: Hey, have you heard the latest from NBC?  
Smash: NBC?  
Drop: And the Olympics... you know, big sporting event, the one everyone watches...  
Smash: Yeah, yeah! What's the big deal with NBC and the Olympics?  
Drop: Well, NBC is adopting badminton for the 2004 Summer Olympics!  
Smash: Adopting? What are you talking about?  
Drop: Remember seeing all the curling at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City? NBC lavished that sport with tons of coverage!  
Smash: Yeah, I remember that!  
Drop: Well, NBC plans to do the same thing for badminton at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.  
Smash: Are you serious?  
Drop: You bet! NBC is betting shuttlecocks can produce riveting TV!  
Smash: That we can be! Do they need a shuttle celebrity like myself?  
Drop: Don't count on that, but you can count on NBC airing 1000+ hours of total coverage of all sports—more than 50 original hours each day.  
Smash: All this coverage is on NBC?  
Drop: Coverage will be spread between NBC, MSNBC, CNBC, Bravo and Spanish-language cable channels.  
Smash: Wow! This will be awesome!  
Drop: As NBC says, 'We're stoked for badminton!'  
Smash: So are we! Get that remote ready!

## A Few Pictures from the Windy City Open (thanks to Marena Smitobol for the photos)

*Andrew Pukniel, Sarah Sammit, Marena Smitobol, and Warong Pongsapich ("Wongy Pongy") enjoy a few refreshments after a long day at the gym!*



*Matt Wrobel and Marena Smitobol show off their medals (A XD Champions)*



## The Innocence of Babes

Over the Thanksgiving holidays, Russ Bowles was visiting his great-niece, Rebekah. He was teaching the three-year-old to say the word, "Badminton." Russ would say to Bekah, "Say badminton, Bekah," and she would respond, "BADMINTON!" After repeating the word several times, she suddenly stopped and said, "Uncle Russ, I have a pair of mittens, but they're not bad!" Oh, the innocence of children!

## Willowbrook Badminton League

Season: December 18, 2003 - May 2004

Location: Willowbrook High School, 1250 Ardmore Avenue Villa Park, IL 60181

Club Contact: Paras Shah, Ph: 312-451-7424, [smashthatbirdie@aol.com](mailto:smashthatbirdie@aol.com)

Time: 8:00PM to 10:00PM

Days: Thursdays: 2003-December 18 - 2004- January 8, 15, 22 ; February 5, 12; Nothing in March; April 8, 22, 29; May 13, 20, 27

Ladder Registration Fee (one time): \$5 per Player / Ladder / Season

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/clbp/files/Willowbrook/>

Ladder Leagues has been around since 1942 and is very popular in Europe and Asia for badminton. There are popular ladder leagues in the US for Tennis, Table Tennis and Racketball. Willowbrook League will have FIVE

Ladders (a ladder must have at least 5 teams or players)

Men's Singles – MS      Women's Singles - WS

Men's Doubles – MD      Women's Doubles – WD      Mixed Doubles – MXD

### LADDER STRUCTURE

- Matches shall be conducted at Willowbrook High School Badminton Club only. Ladder is open to anyone who pays the Ladder Registration Fee. There are no age groups.
- A ladder must have a minimum of 5 teams/players.
- All player/teams are randomly assigned rankings starting from #1 onwards.
- Late registering player/teams are added at the bottom of the ladder.
- In doubles, if a player wants to be part of new team, the old team is disbanded and the new team starts at the bottom of the ladder.
- Any player/team can play against the same opponent only TWICE per day, unless the defending player/team agrees to additional matches.
- Each player/team can limit themselves to FOUR matches in a day across all ladders.
- All ladders will follow the latest International Badminton Federation Rules.
- A Ladder may be suspended due to extreme situations.
- Everyone who plays gets a cash prize - with the cash rewards increasing with your ranking on the ladder. The amount (bank) collected as registration fee along with donations from the Willowbrook Club (and possibly sponsors) is divided up in an ascending manner. Eg. 5 Teams in a ladder, \$100 Bank,  $100/(5+4+3+2+1) = \$7$ . Rank 5 gets \$7, Rank 4 gets  $\$7 \times 2 = \$14$ , Rank 3 gets  $\$7 \times 3 = \$21$ , Rank 2 gets  $\$7 \times 4 = \$28$ , Rank 1 gets  $\$7 \times 5 = \$35$ ! Some rounding is involved. So every team wins something but moving up the ladder provides higher rewards.

### CHALLENGE/DEFEND RULES

- To advance higher on the ladder, a player/team can challenge any of the three (3) players/teams ranked immediately above them that are present that day. E.g. Team #20 can challenge teams at #17, #18 or #19, or team #16 if teams #17 is not present that day.
- If the challenging player/team wins, it takes the defending player/team's rank, while the defending player/team drops by one (1) rank. E.g. If Men's Doubles team #20 challenges #17 and wins, then #20 advances and becomes #17, and #17 drops and becomes #18
- If the defending player/team wins, there is no change in rankings.
- It is the defending player/team's responsibility to check if the challenge is valid before playing.
- It is both players/teams responsibility to confirm the identity of the team they are playing against.

All results MUST BE provided to the LadderKeeper at Willowbrook or e-mailed to [clbp@yahoogroups.com](mailto:clbp@yahoogroups.com) The rankings are available at Willowbrook and on the Internet at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/clbp/files/Willowbrook/>



**The young and the fun at the Windy City Badminton Open. Left to Right: Tiffanie Kimura, Matt Wrobel, Sarah Sammit, Marena Smitobol, Serge Penksik, Linda Tsai, Alvin Chiang**

## **In Your January Flick:**

**Results from KVCC Open and  
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