

Jen Coleman Makes Pan Am Games Team!
By Mary Ann Bowles

Jen Coleman, former Junior player from Madison, Wisconsin, and now training at the Orange County Badminton Club, recently qualified for the 2003 Pan Am Games to be held in Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic, August 8-15. Held May 1-4 after the 2003 Adult Nationals, a trials process was used to determine the Pan Am Team. The trials were held in a round-robin format to determine the winning player/team per event.

In women's singles, Jen was in a pool with Panita Phongsavithas, Cindy Shi, and Jamie Subandhi. Jen defeated Panita in two games, but lost to Cindy in two, and bowed to Jamie in a close three-game match. That left her out of the 1st-2nd playoff. In women's doubles, she teamed with Eva Lee from the OCBC. They played Shannon Pohl/Panita Phongsavithas, winning in two games; Rulan Yeh/Rulien Yeh, beating them in two games; Samantha Jinadasa/Sara Vang, winning in two games; and Cindy Shi/May Mangkalakiri, losing in two games. That put them in second place for women's doubles.

In mixed, Jen teamed with Raju Rai from the OCBC. This team played Howard Bach/May Mangkalakiri, winning in two games; Nicholas Jinadasa/Samantha Jinadasa, winning in two games; and Mike Chansawangpuvana/Eva Lee, losing in two games. That put them in second place in this event. With second places in women's doubles and mixed doubles, and a good showing in women's singles, Jen made the Pan Am Games Team.

The four men and four women who qualified for the Pan Am Team are:

Men – Howard Bach, Mike Chansawangpuvana, Kevin Han, and Raju Rai

Women – Jennifer Coleman, Eva Lee, Mesinee Mangkalakiri, and Cindy Shi

Alternates – Eric Go and Jamie Subandhi

How did Jen feel about this accomplishment? "I can't tell you how excited I am to represent the USA, and to

do it in such an important tournament!" she said. "I'm very excited and nervous, and am planning on training harder than ever this summer. Hopefully the experience will be great, as I expect it will be, and hopefully we'll win!"

Jen is a Junior at UC-Irvine and the daughter of Fred and Wendy Coleman of Madison. *Congratulations, Jen, and good luck in the Games!*

MBA Board Member Graduates!
By Mary Ann Bowles



Saint Louis University held its one hundred eighty-fifth graduation on Saturday, May 17, 2003, in the Savvis Center in St. Louis. Kristin Artman, Midwest Board member, was among the 1700 graduates declared

"sons and daughters of Saint Louis University forever" on that day. Kristin graduated Cum Laude, with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering.

On the previous evening, Kristin was a part of the Parks College of Engineering and Aviation Wings Ceremony. Parks College is the engineering school at Saint Louis University. A highlight of this ceremony was the presentation of wings to each graduate. Parks College is famous for its aviation school and a set of wings is awarded to all graduates. Parks College graduated many of the pilots who flew for the U.S. in World War II. Kristin is the daughter of Tony and Rene Artman of Fenton, Missouri. Congratulations to Kristin!

Hanlin Wan Wins at Bay Area Junior Open!
By Mary Ann Bowles

As a warm-up for the 2003 Jr National Championships, Hanlin Wan, 2002 and 2003 MBA Outstanding Junior, traveled to San Francisco May 24-25 for the Bay Area Junior Open. Hanlin and his partner, Jack Shu of Anaheim Hills, CA, won the Under 15 Boy's Doubles. The team defeated Howard Shu and Emmanuel Pun, a California team, in the finals, 17-14, 15-12.

Wan also played Under 15 Boy's Singles, bowing to Pun, the eventual winner, in the semifinals, 17-14, 6-15, 15-13. In addition, he played Under 17 Boy's Singles, winning the first round but losing in the second. Way to go, Hanlin!

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Fans Hope Badminton Will Become a Smash

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One day, Daniel Leung said, he wants to make the first inspirational sports film - like "Rudy" or "Remember the Titans" - about the sport of badminton.

Yes, badminton.

The very serious 19-year-old from Canton with a singular devotion to the sport and its promotion said he's frustrated by the lack of respect and attention badminton (the most-played racquet sport internationally) gets in the United States.

"They all treat it as a backyard game," he said with a furrowed brow.

To dispel this notion, Leung started the Stephen Race Memorial Tournament two years ago to promote the sport in Michigan and in the Midwest. The event is named for the man Leung says helped inspire his passion for the game. Race was a former president of a manufacturing company from Indiana and a member of the U.S. Badminton Association (now USA Badminton) and Midwest Badminton Association boards. He died of cancer in July 2000 at age 57.

Leung was 12 when he met Race at a badminton camp in Washington, D.C., and they became lifelong friends.

More than 100 players from Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Vancouver and Windsor competed last weekend in the three-day tournament sponsored by Northville Parks & Recreation and held at the Recreation Center at Hillside.

The tournament drew a number of Asian and European players, who harken to the game's creation by soldiers of the British Empire in the 1800s during its colonization of India. From there the game spread throughout Asia, Southeast Asia and later in Europe. Badminton is the national sport in Malaysia and Indonesia.

Martin Barnes, 53, a genial Brit who lives in Plymouth, has coached members of the British and U.S. national badminton teams and believes part of the international appeal of the sport is its accessibility.

"It's hard to find a cheaper sport," said Barnes, who was on the winning senior men's doubles team Saturday.

But make no mistake, this is a very serious game.


Competitors displayed lightning-quick backhands, sending the shuttlecock across the net like a guided missile to its target.

Andy Chong, 37, of Boston is a Malaysian-born former member of the U.S. National Badminton Team who won 10 U.S. national singles titles. He said the sport requires the agility of a hockey goal tender and the stamina of a cross-country runner. He competed and played demo doubles and singles matches Saturday.

"I like to freeze the game a bit," he said of his chess-like strategy.

Regionally, there are badminton clubs in Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Dearborn, Grosse Pointe and Northville. The Ann Arbor and Birmingham clubs are considered among the most competitive in the area, according to Leung.

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At least 30 people routinely play at the Northville Recreation Center at Hillside, where the tournament is held, during open court nights on Tuesdays and Fridays. The eight courts open at 7 p.m. and are usually full by 7:10 p.m. said Joe Barberio, athletic supervisor for Northville Parks & Recreation.

"We have been trying very hard to introduce the sport to the American general public" said Ann Arbor resident Alex Hong, 36, who plays in the Ann Arbor club. "They think it's just a backyard game, but it's a very demanding sport."

Helen Weyand agreed. The 55-year-old from Malaysia and Germany, who moved to the area a month ago, coaches regularly and competes in senior and open tournaments in the area, but she said it's more difficult against younger players.

"I feel old today," she said of the competition. "I have to let the young ones come up."

Single-handedly running a tournament is no picnic either, but Leung, with the support of his parents and younger sister, is undeterred. "It's all for the love of the game," he said. "I love to play."

The One I Feared the Most By Mark Hecquet

It has now been three months since that fateful day on the badminton court in Terre Haute. In all my years playing badminton I have always feared one injury; a torn Achilles tendon. Lying there on the badminton court that day I knew what I had done.

Having heard horror stories of the pain and anguish caused by this type of injury, I was somewhat optimistic as I hobbled off the court because I wasn't feeling too bad except for the nagging ache at the bottom of my right leg.

However my optimism was quickly dashed not five seconds after sitting down with the doctor. I simple feel of the back of my leg was all it took to determine I had indeed realized the injury I feared most.

Within 48 hours of my consultation with the doctor, I was having surgery. I had severed the Achilles in half. The procedure to reattach the torn tendon was a success. Waking after surgery, apart from the normal disorientation, I was feeling pretty good. The first week after surgery I spent either sitting down or lying in bed. Standing up was agony. Every time I stood up I could feel the blood rushing down my leg.

It took about three weeks before I was able to comfortably move around on crutches.

Worst part of this whole ordeal has been the physical therapy. After a month of my leg being immobilized I was sent to start physical therapy. With this type of injury, the two main focus points are first increasing flexibility and second increasing strength.

On my first day at physical therapy I thought it would be light and gentle. As my leg had been immobilized for a month, the first task would be to break down the scar tissue that had formed around the scar. Scar tissue prevents flexibility and proper healing. I was thinking there would be some high tech machine they could strap to my leg that would take care of it. I was wrong. In order to get rid of the scar tissue, the therapist had to deeply massage up and down my scar. As you can probably imagine the thought of someone touching a new scar is bad enough let alone massaging a scar. It was agony. After the massaging came the stretching. Now the ankle can only bend so far. My therapist didn't really comprehend this idea. It felt as if my foot was going to break off!! This was the start of the pain and agony which I have endured over the past two months.

After two months of physical therapy I am approaching the home stretch. I have my last session next week. The scar massaging is now merely uncomfortable. The stretching is a piece of cake. I have been walking for about a month. I still have a noticeable limp. I am hoping that in about a month or so I will be walking normally and be able to start some light running.

As far as a timetable for returning the badminton court who knows. I was hoping to be back for the Louisville tournament. But I do not think that is a reality. Right now I just want to be able to walk normally again. Playing badminton again just isn't a priority right now.

Before I end I would like to thank everybody for all their help and support. Particular thanks goes to the ISU athletic department training staff, Adam and Jamie for driving me home and everyone else who was there that day who offered their help and support.

Lastly and most importantly I have to thank my wife, Beth. Beth has been with me every step of this journey. Without her constant support I wouldn't be where I am today.

If there is anything positive to be taken from this injury, it is the simple realization that I am, in fact, getting old! (*Editor's Note: It has been confirmed that Mr. Hecquet is in fact old at the ripe age of 30.*)

Badminton Giants in the Room! **By Mary Ann Bowles**

Here I am at the Orange County Badminton Club on Friday afternoon, April 25, 2003. It has been only a brief time since I received the invitation to the Walk of Fame Inaugural Induction Ceremony, but it seemed like the day would never arrive.

A couple strolls into the spectator area of the OCBC where the 2003 Adult National Championships are taking place. Could this be Joe and Lois Alston? Two distinguished older ladies are conversing—isn't that Ethel Marshall? Jim Poole walks in with his wife—you would know him anywhere. Moreover, that looks like Cheryl Carton White from the pictures I have seen. All these famous badminton players will be in the same room at the same time. How could I be so lucky?

As a former elite athlete, Vicki Toutz, the Chairperson of the Selectors' Committee and the drive behind the "Walk of Fame Plaza," is hovering around the athletes and their guests as they arrive. As the athletes and guests make their way upstairs to the inaugural ceremony, preparations are ready to go. A reception will be held before the ceremony.

Once the ceremony starts, Vicki welcomes a crowd of sixty athletes, family members, coaches, USAB President Don Chew, USAB Board members and office team, Orange County government officials, and invited guests. She gives the details of the "Walk of Fame Plaza" and how it came to be, and presents an architectural drawing of the future monument to be constructed outside the OCBC.

Two of the first four 1956 "Hall of Fame" inductees are presented including Joseph C. Alston and Ethel Marshall. Ethel is wearing her yellow 1956 Uber Cup jacket for the occasion, and it still fits! Toutz also remembers David Freeman and Helen "Kelly" Tibbetts who need no introduction.

The Selectors' Committee recently elected five new members into the "Walk of Fame." Those members were Tyna Barinaga, Taylor Caffery, Chris Jogis, Chris Kinard, and Cheryl Carton White. On hand for the presentation were Chris Jogis, Chris Kinard, and Cheryl Carton White. Each new member received a plaque with the logo of the new "Walk of Fame."

Now I'm chatting with Chris Kinard—I've seen a video of Chris and his wife, Utami—I'm actually talking to him! Here's Chris Jogis, a player I had the opportunity to watch many times on court in his career. In



Inductees and Presenters: (L to R) Chris Jogis, Cheryl Carton White, Judianne Kelly, Chris Kinard, Joe Alston, and Jim Poole

addition, Judianne Kelly is here to present the Walk of Fame plaque to Cheryl Carton White—they were Uber Cup teammates.

Now we're adjourning downstairs to the front sidewalk where USAB President Don Chew, the Orange County mayor, and Orange County Councilwoman cut the ribbon opening the "Walk of Fame Plaza." Installed into the sidewalk on one side of the front door are plaques commemorating Dave Freeman, Joe Alston, Ethel Marshall, and Kelly Tibbetts. On the other side of the front door are plaques commemorating Tyna Barinaga, Taylor Caffery, Chris Jogis, Chris Kinard, and Cheryl Carton White. New members will be inducted annually into the new "Walk of Fame Plaza."

Photos were snapped by many of the former athletes and their families as the beautiful California sunshine capped the perfect day for an outside ceremony. Talk about goose bumps—to see all of these former athletes together is more than a long-time badminton fan can endure. Hearing all your playing career that Joe Alston was the only badminton player ever to grace the cover of "Sports Illustrated," and then to see him in the flesh is a dream come true! What an awesome day for USA Badminton!

When asked about the significance of the "Walk of Fame Plaza," inductees and presenters responded:

Cheryl Carton White: "I am really happy to see so many old friends. I remember all the special times I had with other players and the memories of traveling to national tournaments. I'm just glad to come and reconnect with all these people and memories."

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Chris Jogis: "I am really honored to be here—this is really cool. I feel I became as good a player as I could—it was all about competing. I really miss the heat of the intense matches, but my job now is raising a family."

Chris Kinard: "It's a real honor to be here. Badminton has been my whole life, and I want to give a special thank you to Joe Alston. Nobody gets to the top without the help of other people. I'm fortunate to have met my wife in this sport. It's a great honor to be here, and it's great to see so many people and players here."

Joe Alston: "What a neat way to honor all these players! I spent a lot of time with Chris Kinard—he was my protégé, so I really feel responsible for his being here."

Jim Poole: "This Walk of Fame is long overdue."

Ethel Marshall: "It is just great to see all these players from past years. I have to tell this story—my sister Ruth came to the west coast in 1956 looking for the Helms Hall of Fame (as it was called). She looked all over for the Hall of Fame, and then discovered there was none. Finally we have a real Hall of Fame for Badminton."

Be sure to check the "Walk of Fame Plaza" website at <http://www.usabadminton.org/wof> for photos of the Induction Ceremony and information on the inductees. Thanks to the MBA and its members who supported this Walk of Fame with their generous contributions.

In my badminton life, I had two dreams—to be a line judge at an Olympic badminton competition (that dream came true in 1996)—and to see many of the famous former elite athletes at sometime in my life (that dream just came true this spring). Anything else in the badminton world for me will be lagniappe (French for something extra)!

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Region 2 Juniors - A Twenty Medal Count! **By Mary Ann Bowles**

Players reading the new Harry Potter book, playing games on their laptops and Gameboys, braiding hair, playing cards, sleeping, eating—where were these activities taking place? These were the off-court activities taking place at the 2003 U.S. Junior National Badminton Championships. The host venue was Louisiana State University in Shreveport on June 25-29.

On-court, however, the six courts in the Health and Physical Education Building were full of activity for four days. The junior events were Under 9, Under 11, Under 13, Under 15, Under 17, Under 19, and Under 22 age groups. The gym was well air-conditioned and the courts were divided with green curtains. One hundred forty players from twelve states tested their skills to decide thirty-five national champions. Fourteen Midwest players from four states trekked to Shreveport and returned home with twenty medals, three of them gold. Hanlin Wan and Matt Wrobel represented Region 2 as the 2003 Midwest Outstanding Juniors. Illinois had nine players in attendance, Indiana—two, Missouri—two, and Ohio—one.

From Illinois, Ben Hussey took a fifth place in Under 17 Boy's Doubles, playing with David Neumann of Manhattan Beach, California. They defeated Michael Miracle/Derek Sing (VA, MD), 15-11, 15-10. Another fifth place was won by Hussey/Sophina Verjee (British Columbia) in Under 17 Mixed Doubles, defeating Kevin Chang/Jennifer Perry (CA), 15-2, 13-15, 15-8. Hussey also played Under 17 Boy's Singles but bowed out in the consolation semifinals to Serge Blanchet (CA), 15-3, 15-4.

Quinn Hussey, one of Ben's younger brothers, played in the Under 13 events. He bowed out in the Under 13 Boy's Singles consolation rounds. Playing with Kevin Kwak (IL) in Under 13 Boy's Doubles, they made it to the fifth place playoff where they lost to Daniel Berdichevsky/Terrence Pang (MA/CA), 15-2, 15-1. In the Under 13 Mixed Doubles, Quinn partnered with Kaye Shek (MA), but they lost in the consolation rounds.

Sean Hussey, another of Ben's brothers, playing in the Under 9 Boy's Singles won a gold medal, defeating Raunak Kollipara (IL), 15-9, 15-9, in the finals. He also took a second place in the Under 9 Boy's Doubles, playing with Californian Kai Chern in a round robin.

Kevin Kwak, a friend of the Hussey's, was playing in his first tournament. He entered the Under 13 Boy's
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Singles, but lost in the consolation rounds. In Under 13 Boy's Doubles with Quinn Hussey, this team lost in the fifth place playoff.

Karishma Kollipara, from the McKinley Park Badminton Club, was playing her first Junior Nationals. She took a third place in the Under 13 Girl's Singles, defeating Rena Phairojmahakij (CA) in the playoff, 11-0, 11-0. In Under 13 Girl's Doubles, Karishma partnered with Tina Cavazos (TX) and they won the gold medal, defeating Californians and the number one seeds Beckie Neumann/Isabel Zhong, 15-9, 11-15, 15-7. Raunak Kollipara, Krishma's younger brother, took a second place in the Under 9 Boy's Singles, bowing to Sean Hussey as mentioned earlier.

Sarah Sammit played in the Under 22 events. In Under 22 Girl's Singles, she won the fifth place playoff over Nicole Ling (CA), 11-5, 11-2. In Under 22 Girl's Doubles, she partnered with Marena Smitobol, and they lost in pool play. But in Under 22 Mixed Doubles, Sarah and partner Sameera Gunaliteka (MD) took the gold over Jeff Soonlan/Jeannie Poon (CA), 15-13, 15-11.

Marena Smitobol bowed out in the Under 22 Girl's Doubles with Sammit as mentioned, but Marena and partner Matt Wrobel took fourth place in Under 22 Mixed Doubles, bowing to Jordan Crawford/Ruth Menchaca (CA/TX), 17-14, 15-8, in the third place playoff.

Matt Wrobel, in the Under 22 Boy's Singles, took a third place, defeating Anh Vo (CA) in the playoff, 15-13, 15-8. In the Under 22 Boy's Doubles, Matt teamed with Ben Tu (CA), and they bowed to David Lipshutz/Will Schairer (CA) in the fifth place playoff, 15-12, 5-15, 15-6. In Under 22 Mixed Doubles, Matt and Smitobol took fourth in the third place playoff.

Indiana was represented by Nicholas and Sydney Race. Nicholas played in the Under 15 Boy's Singles, but bowed out in the consolation rounds. In Under 15 Boy's Doubles, teamed with Mike Soyfer (MA), this team lost in the consolation rounds. In Under 15 Mixed Doubles, Nicholas partnered Jennifer Perry (CA), but they bowed out in the consolation quarterfinals to Gilbert Gil/Veronika Gutierrez (TX), 15-5, 15-12.

Sydney Race, in her first Junior Nationals, fared very well. In the Under 11 Girl's Singles, she did

not come out of the pool play. But she teamed with Maria Davila (TX) in Under 11 Girl's Doubles—they took second place, losing to Tracy Chan/Claudia Hardi (CA), 15-1, 15-1, in the final. In Under 11 Mixed Doubles, Sydney partnered with Nicholas Jennings (MA) and they took third place in the round robin.

From Missouri, there were two first-time tournament players. James Huang, in the Under 11 Boy's Singles, bowed out in the fifth place playoff to Erwin Pang (CA), 2-15, 15-11, 15-11. In the Under 11 Boy's Doubles, teamed with Brandon Chi (CA), the team won third place in the round robin. In the Under 9 Boy's Singles, younger brother Michael Huang took fourth place, losing to Chad Naramore (CA) in the third place playoff, 15-5, 15-8. Michael teamed with Vinson Chiu and they took third place in the round robin.

The lone player from Ohio was Hanlin Wan. Hanlin was playing in his fourth Junior Nationals. In the Under 15 Boy's Singles, Hanlin took fourth place, barely bowing to Charlie Hsu (CA) in the third place playoff, 3-15, 15-11, 17-15. He took fifth place in 2002. In the Under 15 Boy's Doubles, partnered with Jack Shu (CA), this team took second, losing to Emmanuel Pun/Howard Shu (CA), 5-15, 15-8, 15-13, in the event finals. Hanlin took fifth place in this event in 2002. Hanlin also competed in the Under 17 Boy's Singles where he lost to Andrew Todt (CA) in the quarterfinals, 15-9, 15-6, and bowed out in the fifth place playoff to Serge Blanchet (CA), 15-3, 15-7.

Players were treated to dinner at the Sci-Port Discovery Center and IMAX Theater in downtown Shreveport on Saturday evening. During dinner, Mardi Gras-costumed revelers greeted the players, explained the Mardi Gras customs, and passed among the tables throwing out strings of beads to everyone. Players were then awarded their medals by USAB Executive Director Dan Cloppas and Junior Committee chair Dr. Fred Coleman. Also in attendance was the 1996 Olympic Gold Medalist in Women's Singles, Bang Soo-Hyun from Korea, who now lives in Shreveport. She presented the Girl's Singles awards to the winners in those events.

Winner of the Debbie Brown Award was Batool Kazim Tauseef of Massachusetts, and winner of the Junior Ken Davidson Award was Californian Amanda Lum. An announcement was made by Barb McKinley of the Marblehead, Massachusetts, club that the 2004 Junior Nationals will be hosted by the Marblehead club.

Congratulations to all the Midwest players on their performances, and kudos to the winners!



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