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# 2004

## U.S. OPEN



**JUST A TEASE!**

*By Mary Ann Bowles*

The Orange County Badminton Club was the venue for the 2004 OCBC/Yonex U.S. Open September 22-25 in Orange, California. This was the first Grand Prix tournament after the Olympic Games in Athens. One hundred fifty-four players from sixteen countries enjoyed the California sunshine when not on court. The biggest delegation of players was, of course, the fifty U.S. players, but Canada sent twenty-two players, eighteen came from the Philippines, and Chinese Taipei, Denmark, and England sent ten plus players. The tournament is an IBF 1-star event with prize purse totaling US\$30,000.

Not having been to the U.S. Open in about ten years, Russ and I were eager to see the world-class players with a few big names amongst the younger athletes. Danish star and lefty Peter Rasmussen, ranked #87 in the world (after a lay off while recovering from an injury) in Men's Singles, had taken second place in 2002 in a three-game tussle with his compatriot Peter Gade, but Gade was not in this draw.

Chinese Taipei had a women's doubles team ranked number eight in the world playing in that event, and the Canadians had plenty of their stars, especially Denyse Julien who was the top seed in the mixed doubles draw with Phillippe Bourret. Charmaine Reid, another top shuttler from Canada, was the number one seed in women's singles and number two seed in the women's doubles with Helen Nichol.

We had seen some of the world's "B" teams competing in the Open previously, and these teams had become Olympic champions and world champions in the next few years. The young Sidek brothers from Malaysia were one of those teams who later won the Men's Doubles gold in the Atlanta Olympics. Local fans were hoping two U.S. teams would fare well. Tony Gunawan and Howard Bach were seeded number five in the men's doubles draw, while teammates Bob Malaythong and Raju Rai were seeded number seven. The local spectators were also watching Kevin Han, 2004 Olympian, in the mixed doubles draw with Yun Peng.

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The U.S Open

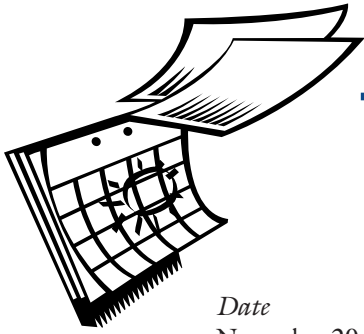
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January 29-30,	24th Annual Rose City Open, Windsor, Ont. CA	Contact Mike Kyrlyiuk 519-979-1868

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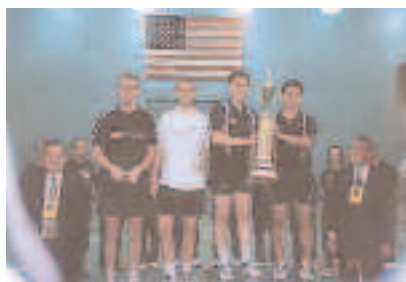
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Thursday evening was the night for the quarterfinals, and U.S. teams played in all five events. Howard Bach/Eva Lee bowed to David Lindley/Suzanne Rayappan (England) in the mixed doubles, 15-13, 15-5. But Kevin Han/Yun Peng took care of their English opponents, Kristian Roebuck/Liza Parker, 15-11, 15-11. In the women's singles, the U.S.'s Johanna Lee defeated surprised Canadian Denyse Julien, 11-7, 11-2, and qualifier Lili Zhou of the U.S. took care of Chia Chi Chou of Chinese Taipei, 11-4, 11-6.

In the Men's Singles, it was Raju Rai going against the Dane, Peter Rasmussen. With the partisan crowd behind



*TONY GUNAWAN AND HOWARD BACH, U.S. MEN'S DOUBLES TEAM, HOLDING THE TROPHY FOR WINNING THE MEN'S DOUBLES EVENT AT THE U.S. OPEN. THE RUNNERS-UP WERE THE DANISH TEAM, BOE AND MOGENSEN.*

him, Raju earned eight hard points in the first game, but bowed out 15-2 in the second. The Women's Doubles saw Midwesterner Jen Coleman and her partner Melinda Keszthelyi go down to a team from Singapore, 15-0, 15-0.

However, Lee/Peng of the

U.S. took out the English duo, Parker/Rayappan, 15-11, 15-8, in their quarterfinal.

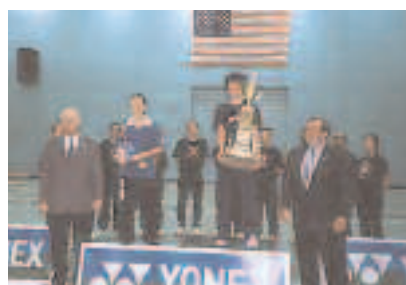
The final match of the evening was the one for which everyone had been waiting. Howard Bach and Tony Gunawan took the court against a Singaporean team, Wei Hsiang Lin/Sung Yuan Lee. The rallies were long and exciting, but the Singaporeans couldn't hold on to the quick play and awesome jump-smashes of the Americans. Bach/Gunawan moved into the semifinals, 15-9, 15-8.

If you haven't been to the U.S. Open, nor seen much international play, I'm always impressed with the clothing the players wear and the rackets they use, but I'm most impressed with the warm-up's and cool-down's of the players, the coaching that goes on, and just the court presence of these world-class players. You rarely see an unfit player—they are all ready for long three-game matches. The racket-head speed is quick, very quick, and the deception is so impressive. Footwork is well-practiced—the really good players just float on the court. Serve returns are superior, and some of the players just have a confidence when they walk on court that tells you

they are there for serious business. One of my problems is trying to watch such great play on five courts all at the same time!

Friday night was semifinals night, and the crowd was not disappointed. The British team of Lindley/Rayappan fought off an Indonesian team to play the Chinese Taipei team who defeated the U.S.'s Han/Peng, 15-9, 15-10, in Mixed Doubles. Peter Rasmussen routed Nicholas Kidd of England, 15-3, 15-1, to play Yen Hui Ken Lee of Singapore, a 19-year World Junior Championships silver medalist, who defeated the Dane Joachim Fischer Nielsen, 5-15, 15-12, 15-7. Lili Zhou prevailed in her match with Scotland's Susan Hughes, 11-2, 11-2, to meet 15-year-old Xing Aiying of Singapore who bested Johanna Lee, 11-7, 11-3.

Two Chinese Taipei women's doubles teams bested their Singaporean and English opponents to meet each other in the women's doubles final. The Men's Doubles semi's capped the evening with outstanding play from the two winning teams. Mathias Boe/Carsten Mogensen, two young Danes who have a bright future, defeated an Indonesian team, 15-6, 15-2, in a quick match. Then it was Bach/Gunawan on again against Jesper Larsen/Joachim Fischer Nielsen of Denmark. The Danes were frustrated the first game and could muster only two points, but in the second they were determined to beat the American team, and they gave it their all, only to fall short to the delight of the crowd, 17-15.



*15-YEAR-OLD, XING AIYING OF SINGAPORE, HOLDING THE WOMEN'S SINGLES TROPHY. THE RUNNER-UP WAS LILI ZHOU OF THE U.S.*

Finals night on Saturday was thrilling, as the crowd chose their favorites and

rooted them on to victory. Following each final match, anyone with a camera could go out on the courts and snap photos of the victors and their opponents, and autograph seekers were in abundance. Chinese Taipei's Lin Wei Hsiang/Cheng Wen Hsing scooped the Mixed Doubles title, taking the English team, Lindley/Rayappan, 15-5, 15-7. The Men's Singles final was just getting started between the Dane Peter Rasmussen and Singaporean Kendrick Lee when Rasmussen injured his foot and retired at 12-7 in the first

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game. Lili Zhou kept U.S. hopes alive in the Women's Singles final until the third game when her opponent, Xing Aiyong of Singapore, ran off and left her, winning the title, 9-11, 11-6, 11-2.

Chinese Taipei also grabbed the Women's Doubles title with Cheng Wen Hsing/Chien Yu Chin victorious over their teammates, Ku Pei Ting/Chou Chia Chi, 15-12, 15-2. The finale of the evening, the Men's Doubles final, went far too fast for the crowd, but the Howard Bach/Tony Gunawan combination was too much for the young Danes, Boe/Mogensen, taking them out quickly, 15-5, 15-7.

Back to the title, "Just A Tease." Can you imagine what kind of play you'll see in the Duck Pond in Anaheim next summer at the 2005 IBF World Championships? From what we've seen at this year's U.S. Open, this was just a tease compared to the quality and speed of play from the world's best who will qualify for the World Championships. Got your tickets? Don't waste a minute if you don't—this is one tournament you don't want to miss—it will be AWESOME!!!

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## COLEMAN CLIMBS WORLD RANKINGS

Congratulations to Jen Coleman of Madison, Wisconsin, who's attending UCI while training at the OCBC! Jen, a former Triple B club member and daughter of Fred and Wendy Coleman, and her Women's Doubles partner, Melinda Keszthelyi of Marblehead, Massachusetts, just won the Women's Doubles final at the Brazil International in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The US Team defeated Canadians Valerie Loker/Sarah Macmaster, 15-5, 15-4. Jen's IBF doubles' ranking has soared to #69 in the world. Jen and Melinda hope to qualify for the 2005 IBF World Championships in Anaheim. Best wishes, Jen!

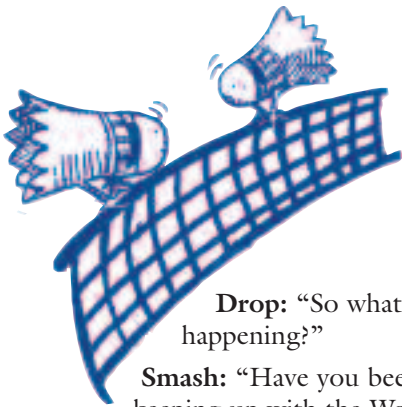
## First US Pair to Win the Dutch Open (2004)

*by USA Badminton*

Congratulations to Howard Bach and partner Tony Gunawan, the first US Men's Doubles Team to win the Dutch Open at the IBF 2-star (\$50,000 prize purse) 2004 Yonex Dutch Open. Howard Bach and Tony Gunawan won the men's doubles title with the following match results:

Round of 16: def. Jochen Cassel /  
Tim Dettmann (Germany) 15-9, 15-6  
Round of 8: def. Kristof Hopp /  
Ingo Kindervater (Germany) 15-8, 15-7  
Quarterfinal: def. Wouter Claes /  
Frederic Mawet (Germany) 15-10, 15-3  
Semifinal: def. Joachim Fischer Nielsen /  
Jesper Larsen (Denmark) 15-9, 15-6  
Final: def. Peter Steffensen /  
Thomas Laybourn (Denmark) 15-8, 15-7

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**Drop:** "So what's happening?"

**Smash:** "Have you been keeping up with the World Junior Championships?"

**Drop:** "Are you kidding? I didn't know there was a World Junior Championships!"

**Smash:** "Oh, yea! They took place in Richmond near Vancouver, Canada, at the Minoru Arena in late October."

**Drop:** "So is this a big tournament?"

**Smash:** "Whoa! This is a huge tournament for Juniors, and it's divided into a team event and individual events."

**Drop:** "Entries from all over the world?"

**Smash:** "Yes, countries set criteria for their eligible Juniors, and it's a good test to see where these Juniors are on a world-class level with their peers."

**Drop:** "Winning is a big deal?"

**Smash:** "The countries taking the top spots in the team event are a good precursor of future top-ranked countries in the adult ranks, as are the

winners in the individual events."

**Drop:** "So who won the team event?"

**Smash:** "The top three countries were China, Korea, and Indonesia. This is the third consecutive win for the Chinese Junior team!"

**Drop:** "And how did Canada and the U.S. fare?"

**Smash:** "Canada took 18<sup>th</sup> place, and the U.S. was #20 of twenty countries."

**Drop:** "Who was on the U.S. team?"

**Smash:** "Glad you asked—did you know Tiffanie Kimura of Glenview, Illinois, was on the team?"

**Drop:** "You can't be serious!"

**Smash:** "Yep, she played in both the team event and individual events."

**Drop:** "Who else played for the U.S.?"

**Smash:** "Azam Ali (MA), Syed Ali (MA), Thomas Blanchet, Daniel Gouw (CA), David Lim (CA), Andrew Todt (CA), and Lauren Todt (CA)."

**Drop:** "Well, congratulations to all those who represented the U.S. in Vancouver, and kudos to Tiffanie—way to go!"



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The rankings from the 2003-2004 season are based upon points accumulated for competing in quarter-finals, semi-finals, or final matches in the "A" division. We also consider head-to-head competitions, play against common opponents, and strength of tournaments.

To be eligible for an Open division ranking, a player or doubles team must have competed in that event in three Midwest tournaments and be an MBA member.

We cannot consider competition for tournaments that we do not have results from. Tournaments from the 2003-2004 season that used for ranking purposes were: Indiana University Open, Ray Scott Memorial Open, Kent State Open, Kalamazoo Open, Senior Midwest Closed Championships, Kentucky Open, Indiana Open/Region 2 Classic, Midwest Closed Championships. (There were 523 tournament participants throughout the season as compared to 991 of the 2002-2003 season.)

If you would like to appeal the rankings, you must contact Dawn Patel by January 1, 2005. For more information about point standings, results used, or other factors used to determine the rankings, please contact Kristin Artman.

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Matt Wrobel  
Herman Batelaan  
Hanlin Wan  
Serge Pensik  
Andre Chionh  
Ben Hussey  
Peter Sidorczuk  
Tod Tyslan

### *OPEN WOMEN'S SINGLES*

Jurate Sidlauskaitė\*  
Karishma Kollipara  
Irina Slavina  
Karen Chin  
Debi Misra

### *OPEN MEN'S DOUBLES*

Jeetendra Dayaldasani/Chandra Mowli  
Serge Pensik/Matt Wrobel  
Ben Hussey/Hanlin Wan  
Midwest Champ: Ishwinder Arora/Vinay Atluri

### *OPEN WOMEN'S DOUBLES*

Hui-Jung Fu/Feng-Ru Sheu  
Jurate Sidlauskaitė/Irina Slavina  
Midwest Champ: Lee Ann Alwine/Kristin Artman

### *OPEN MIXED DOUBLES*

Bharat Patel/Dawn Patel  
Herman Batelaan/Suanne Au  
Terry Downey/Linda Downey  
Midwest Champ: Isaac Alwine/Lee Ann Alwine

### *JR. - SR. MEN'S SINGLES*

Pratap Naick  
George Daley  
Tom Carmichael

### *JR. - SR. MEN'S DOUBLES*

Tom Carmichael/Pratap Naick  
George Daley/Dave Obert  
Rick Dawson/Claus Weyand

### *JR. - SR. MIXED DOUBLES*

Bharat Patel/Dawn Patel  
Don Ross/Norma Trusler  
Rick Dawson/Jenna Dawson

### *SR. MEN'S SINGLES*

George Daley  
Bharat Patel  
Dave Obert  
Claus Weyand  
Duane King

### *SR. MEN'S DOUBLES*

George Daley/Dave Obert  
Bharat Patel/Don Ross  
Rick Dawson/Terry Downey  
Tom Carmichael/Cleon McLaughlin  
Anthony Artman/Duane King

### *SR. WOMEN'S DOUBLES*

Mary Ann Bowles/Dawn Patel  
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Mary Blandino/Rana Seal

### *SR. MIXED DOUBLES*

George Daley/Helen Weyand  
Bharat Patel/Dawn Patel  
3/4. Don Ross/Mary Ann Bowles  
3/4. Claus Weyand/Rana Seal  
5. Terry Downey/Linda Downey  
Anthony Artman/Mary Blandino  
Master Men's Singles  
David Gladwin  
Don Ross  
Peter Cheng  
Cleon McLaughlin

### *MASTER MEN'S DOUBLES*

David Gladwin/David Tomberg  
2/3. Bob Ericson/Don Ross  
2/3. Cleon McLaughlin/Len Williams  
4. Terry Downey/Charles Norton  
Anthony Artman/Peter Cheng  
5. Anatoly Berdechevsky/Salvadore Paez  
5. John Johnston/P. Kropp

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Linda Downey/Helen Weyand

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Stephen Wang/Helen Weyand  
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?. Tom Carmichael/Gloria Eli  
Terry Downey/Linda Downey  
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6/7/8. Anthony Artman/Elly Bhuyan  
6/7/8. Bob Ericson/Ruth Macklin

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Rolf Ruesseler  
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Donatas Vievesis  
Hanlin Wan  
Tarwin Winawan  
Eddy Wong  
Matt Wrobel  
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Suanne Au  
Mary Ann Bowles  
Jennifer Coleman  
LeAnn Du-Higashi  
Gena Fite  
Sreevani Gazula  
Jodie Leahey  
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Katie Monahan  
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## Ray Scott memorial:30+2

2 October 2004 at Papillion HS, Papillion, Nebraska by Robert Ericson

Should we or shouldn't we? That was the question. Some club members said yes, some club members said no. But the Guru must have been watching and urging us to "Press On, 'cuz we did. Turned out ok. Glad we did. But the question nags at the back of my mind, should we or shouldn't we?"

Low participation, current nemesis of tournament organizers, seemed to go hand-in-hand with increasing aggravation as the entry deadline approached. As late as Wednesday, even Thursday before the tournament, the sanity of our decision seemed questionable. Top Flight was precariously close to the precipice of cancelling the tournament with less than 10 entries received. Iowa State was coming but certain unresolved administrative details complicated attendance of 10-12 of their players, necessary to having the tournament.

The St. Louis contingent was coming. Our own Top Flighters were signed up. Douglas Towne came all the way from Phoenix. Jack Elgin came from Iowa. Yong Sun represented South Dakota. Three first timers came from Kansas: Oleg Kheyfets and Arkady Zigelboym from Kansas City plus Peter Xindi from Pittsburg. Once the Iowa State University group entry info was sorted out the tournament was on.

Friday night prep was completed: sponsors A-boards were done and in place, seven nets were restrung and in place, seeding was done and draw sheets were printed and in place, directional signs were in place at strategic locations on streets surrounding the gym, scrap books were in place, tables were in place, trophies were in place ... should we or shouldn't we? Are we in place? You betcha.

Saturday dawned sunny and very cool. Participants began arriving. Our crack CHJ administrative staff (Carol Toris, Hank Schuring & Jim Ronni) were in place ready to sign folks in and "collect." Pretty soon 9 a.m. rolled into view and it was time to get started.

Should we or shouldn't we? Too late now. After a Top Flight welcome, introductions, administrative announcements, plus a few words from director Len Williams and a moment of silence to remember tournament namesake Ray Scott, we "pressed on."

Singles led the way, as always, with a simple 8 person draw. Herman Batelaan, a university of Nebraska physics professor, last year's winner, defended his OMS title by defeating fellow Top Flighter Amit Agrawal 15-6, 15-7. No questions anymore.

Perennial participant in many of the Ray Scott tournaments (look at the scrapbooks), Mary Ann Bowles, from St. Louis, came out on top of the Open Women's Singles 7 person draw when she defeated Suanne Au, from Lincoln, Nebr., last year's winner, 11-6, 11-6.

Senior Men's Singles was won by Douglas Towne, from Phoenix, Arizona, over Yong Chen Sun from Vermilion, South Dakota 15-2, 15-1. The consolation, was contested between fellow Kansas Citians Arkady Zigelboym and Oleg

Kheyfets. Their match was as vocal as it was enthusiastic and sweaty. No matter where you were in the gym you could hear their "yi yi's and Ai ya's" by the Russians. Arkady came out on top 6-15, 15-11, 15-10. Both newcomers were glad they came. Both said they "enjoyed the competition and the organization; 'sure, they would come back again.' Hmmm. That's one answer to the lead paragraph question.

Master Men's Doubles saw another repeat winner as the venerable duo of Len Williams/Russ Bowles defeated Bob Ericson/Tony Artman 15-6, 15-7. Aaaargh!

In Grandmaster Men's Doubles the Len/Jack team of Goldenmaster, Jack Elgin, from Van Meter, Iowa and Len Williams (who's watching the scorers table?) got the upper hand over the Bobs: Ericson and McFarland, from Omaha and Grand Island, Nebr. respectively 15-10, 15-11. These old timers do know how to play don't they? Maybe that's why we agonize over should we or shouldn't we.



Open Men's Doubles provided some exciting and enthusiastic games as always. A service judge and an umpire were requested in the first round match between James Seal/Peter Xindi and Iowa Staters Mahesh Srinivasan/Kun Song. James and Peter prevailed in three games 15-6, 8-15, 15-9. In the OMD final Hull Wu, St. Louis/Ron Wu ,Omaha, lost to singles finalists Herman Batelaan/Amit Agrawal 15-8, 15-8. James Seal/Peter Xindi prevailed in the consolation match over another Iowa State team Chin-Chuen Teoh/Chen Koh Ing in three close games 15-17, 15-10, 15-13. Just a picnic game, right?

Open Women's Doubles featured the OWS 'ann' finalists, Sue and Mary, winning the Round Robin competition.

Open Mixed Doubles competition, always last on the docket, proved interesting and fun again for spectators as well as the contestants on the court. The "anns" split up to face each other from opposite sides of the net with partners James and Herman. James Seal/MA Bowles, losing nary a game, swept through the draw to hang defeat on Herman Batelaan/Suanne Au by scores of 15-9, 15-6.

Nice to see Jim Meier back again. His appearance, after a couple year hiatus, proved successful as he was a winner in Senior Men's Doubles with Hull Wu and Senior Mixed Doubles with Mary Ann Bowles. Welcome back Jim.

Mary, the medical nurse who was in place at her first ever badminton tournament remarked, "some of these guys, even the girls, hit the ball good." First question she asked me when I met her in the morning was



NEBRASKA PARTICIPANTS L. CAROLYN FOSTER, R: KAREN HARNED



SRMXD GOLD/SILVER MEDALISTS L TO R: GOLD: M.A BOWLES, JAMES SEAL: SILVER: CAROL TORIS/TONY ARTMAN WEARING SPECIAL USAB CAST MEDALS

"where's the closest AED cabinet?" A quick trip through the hallways located one shortly thereafter. Just being prepared. Her relief, Janice, who came in at noon came in at noon, has been to our past tournaments and knows all about our Olympic sport. Their services weren't required thankfully. It's just comforting to have competent medical assistance on the premisis.

Al "clickety clack" Toris was in his usual domain-peeping from behind his printer and computer at the tournament desk . Len Williams was in place behind the scorers table. Hmmm. A thought just occurred to me: was Al keeping Len straight, or was Len keeping Al straight? These two fine gentlemen, integral to smooth tournament operation, a Top Flight trademark, presided over the 30+2 RSM scheduling of 54 matches, 115 games that produced 2,341 points. And we were out of the gym before 7pm. There's something to be said for these old timers. Their skills and experience complement each other to give our tournament the reputation of being the best organized in the midwest. Could this be another answer to the question from the first paragraph: should we or shouldn't we?

While discussing tournament activities and the state of badminton in general, I asked Russ, and then Mary Ann Bowles, their thoughts on should we or shouldn't we continue the tournament. They both answered emphatically: "yes." "It's steeped in history and tradition," they said. "Just look at the scrap books. Top Flight is the western anchor of Region 2. We'll come as long as you have it." Hmmm. A perceptive answer to that question: should we or shouldn't we?

## Ray Scott memorial

*continued*

At one time during the day's activity Len was heard asking Karen Harned, a Top Flight participant, if she was "having fun yet." And she replied, "... since I came in the door." She played in OWS, OMXD and SMXD but was unsuccessful in winning any medals. Next time. Right, Karen?

Tradition, an adjunct to the question should we or shouldn't we? comes in many different shapes and forms. One of them is food! Once again Sharon Frady and son John served up a much needed and savory 5pm delicatessen. Their victuals hit the spot for all participants. Top Flight thanks Sharon and John for another job well done.

To add spice to our brief dinner interlude, several of our Top Flight international members served up native dishes. Foremost among them were The Khurana's garbanzo beans. Good stuff. I encouraged the wives of the Kansas City participants Oleg and Arkady to partake of them so they could have a good time on the way home. Yi, yi! Don't know if they ever indulged, but if they did...

Before play resumed after the dinner hour Top Flight presented two trophies to deserving club members. These trophies preserve the history and tradition of the

club. Al Toris received the Colonel Donald C. Lamoine trophy for: personal expenditure of time and outstanding expertise in organizational ability in the interest of badminton.

Gunnit Khurana received the Raymond G. Scott Sportsmanship Trophy. It is awarded to the player who is adjudged to have contributed the most to badminton and whose sportsmanship, attitude and achievement best exemplifies the spirit of badminton. Well done guys. Another answer to should we or shouldn't we. Couldn't do it without these special club members.

So, we did it again. Thanks to all our participants, sponsors and medical support personnel; the Frady Food Crew, our CHJ administrative staff and Papillion High School athletic director John Waters, We couldn't have the tournament without you.

History, tradition and determination prevailed and leads back to the question: should we or shouldn't we? Guess we'll all have to wait until 2005 or 30+3 to find out the answer.



# —COMPLETE RESULTS—

## Open Men's Singles

Herman Batelaan, Lincoln, Nebraska def Amit Agrawal, Omaha, Nebraska 15-6, 15-7

### Consolation:

Kun song, ames, Iowa def. Jia Shin Wong, Ames, Iowa 15-1, 15-0

## Open Women's Singles:

Mary Ann Bowles, St. Louis, Missouri def Suanne Au, Lincoln, Nebraska 11-6, 11-6

### Consolation:

Veronica Miller, Ames, Iowa def. Wenxia Wu, Ames, Iowa 11-7, 11-5

## Senior Men's Singles

Douglas Town, Phoenix, Arizona def Yong Chen Sun, Vermillion

South Dakota 15-2, 15-1

### Consolation:

Arkady Zigelboym, Kansas city def. Oleg Kheyfets, Kansas City, 6-15, 15-11, 15-10

## Grand Master Men's Singles

Bob McFarland, Grand Island, Nebr. def Jack Elgin, Van Meter, Iowa 15-3, 15-8

## Open Men's Doubles

Herman Batelaan/Amit Agrawal def Hull Wu, St. Louis, Missouri/

Ron Wu, Omaha, Nebr 15-8, 15-8

### Consolation:

Peter Xindi, Pittsburg, Kansas/James Seal, St. Louis, MO def Chin-Chuen Teoh, Ames, Iowa/Chen Koh Ing, Ames, Iowas 15-17, 15-10, 15-13

## Open Women's Doubles: Round Robin

1. Suanne Au/Mary Ann Bowles

2. Kavya Gaddam, Ames, Iowa/Veronica Miller, Ames, Iowa

3. Alicia Janas, Ames, Iowa/Wenxia Wu, Ames, Iowa

## Senior Men's Doubles

Hull Wu/James Meier, St. Louis, Missouri def Jim Ellis, Omaha/Douglas Towne, Phoenix, Ariz. 15-4, 15-11

### Consolation:

Yong chen sun, Vermillions, SD/tony Artman, St. Louis, MO def Arkady Zigelboym/Oleg Kheyfets, Kansas City 15-10, 15-10

## Master Men's Doubles

Len Williams, Bellevue, Nebr/Russ Bowles, St. Louis, Missouri def Bob Ericson, Omaha/Tony Artman, St. Louis, Missouri 15-6, 15-7

## Grand Master Men's Doubles

Len Williams/Jack Elgin def Bob Ericson/Bob McFarland 15-10, 15-11

## Open Mixed Doubles

James Seal, St. Louis, Missouri/Mary Ann Bowles def Herman Batelaan/Suanne Au 15-9, 15-6

### Consolation:

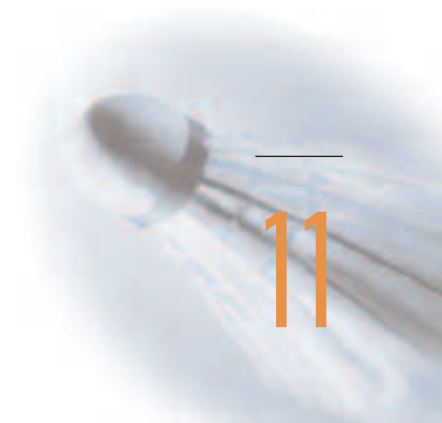
Hull Wu, St. Louis, MO/Veronica Miller, Ames, Iowa def German Samolyuk/Kavya gaddam, Ames, Iowa 115-7, 15-7

## Senior Mixed Doubles

James Meier/Mary Ann Bowles def Tony Artman/Carol Toris, Omaha 15-0, 15-3

### Consolation:

Douglas Town, Phoenix, Ariz/Karen Harned, Bellevue, NEbr. def Bob McFarland, Grand Island, Nebr/Carolyn Foster, St. Paul, Nebra 15-2, 15-7



## Inspiration!

By *Tiffanie Kimura*

Inspiring—no other word could even come close to describing my experiences at the Junior Pan-American Tournament and recently the Junior World Championships. Coming from a very memorable final season in girl's Illinois High School state badminton, I thought I had reached the end. Since I had first picked up a racket a mere five years ago, I had dreamed of receiving a medal at the state tournament. Finally, after countless practices and what seemed like endless hours spent in the gyms, I had achieved my goal. So now, I was at the end. I had successfully achieved my goal. I thought that my competitive badminton career was over, that is until I went to Peru. I had ventured to Boston for the Junior National Championships, and it was an incredible experience that allowed me to meet my fellow badminton players from around the nation. However, my recent trip to Lima, Peru to compete in the Jr. Pan Ams was something completely unexpected. Not only was I able to meet numerous badminton enthusiasts from around the world, but I was able to witness some of the best junior players from the Americas. This experience completely changed my mindset about where I was in my badminton career. I realized that I was just at the beginning of another stage. The people I met had inspired me to work even harder and allowed me to form yet another

goal for myself. I had realized that my badminton career is not over, it was just changing.

Upon returning from Peru, I received notification that I now had the opportunity to represent the U.S. at the Junior World Championships in Vancouver, British Columbia. Walking into this situation, I knew that I would be competing against the elite players from the junior badminton community. On the first day of the



tournament, my expectations were completely blown away. After showing my credentials to the security guard at the door, I entered a completely elevated level of badminton. The level of these players was astonishing.

Throughout the ten days I spent in Vancouver, I was able to observe and understand how they reached their current level. The discipline and dedication these players

displayed was evident in everything they did – from warming up to spending extra time practice to waking up early to prepare for the day's matches.

As beneficial as it was to experience a tournament at this level, the best aspect of this trip was getting to know my fellow U.S. players. Although I had traveled to Boston and Peru with most of these players, I never truly had the opportunity to get to know them.

However, at this tournament, I felt as though I was able to know everyone on the team including our coach, Fred Coleman. So, when I journey to other national and international tournaments, I will have the benefit of seeing a familiar face among my fellow players.

In essence, my experiences at the Junior Pan Ams and at the Junior World Championships were absolutely inspiring and presented me with a new perspective for my current position in the competitive badminton community. These

experiences are entirely unforgettable. So, with my new perspective, I just wanted to thank my badminton family – all those who have had a hand in getting me to where I am today. If it was not for each of you I would not be able to ever have had the opportunity to travel to Peru or to represent the U.S. at the Junior World Championships and experience such an adventure.

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# Wilson Midwest Junior Team

By The Midwest Junior Committee

Friday, October 29, 2004

The Midwest Badminton Association is pleased to announce an agreement with “Wilson Indoor Racquet Sports” to become the “Official Badminton Supplier” for a Midwest Wilson Junior Team.

The Midwest Junior Committee has nominated ten Under-9 thru Under-17 Midwest Juniors. Wilson Indoor Racquet Sports will sponsor the ten select juniors from the Midwest region with Wilson Badminton products. In addition, Wilson will provide one team member with airfare to the 2005 USAB Junior Nationals in Spokane, Washington. The following juniors are members of the Wilson Midwest Junior Team:

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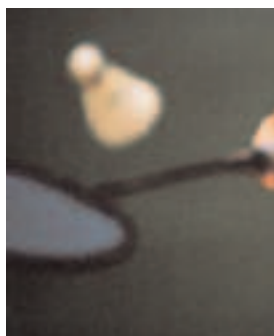
Michael Huang: Wilson Midwest Jr. Team Member. Under-9, USAB Boys’ Singles Champion; Under-9, USAB Boys’ Doubles Champion; Under-11, USAB Boys’ Doubles, Fifth Place. Michael is the son of Wei and Jane Huang of Wildwood, MO.

Martin Kratka: Wilson Midwest Jr. Team Member. Under-9, USAB Boys’ Doubles, Third Place. Martin is the son of Milan and Katarina Kratka of Clarendon Hills, IL.

James Huang: Wilson Midwest Jr. Team Member. U-11, USAB Boys’ Doubles, Fifth Place, and U-11, USAB Mixed Doubles, Fifth Place. James is the son of Wei and Jane Huang of Wildwood, MO.

Raunak Kollipara: Wilson Midwest Jr. Team Member. Under-11, USAB Boys’ Doubles Champion, and U-11, USAB Boys’ Singles, Fifth Place. Raunak is the son of Syam Kollipara of Chicago, IL.

Sean Hussey: Wilson Midwest Jr. Team Member. U-11, USAB Boys’ Doubles, Champion, and Under-



11, USAB Boys’ Singles, Third Place. Sean is the son of Kevin and Kathy Hussey of Charleston, IL.

Mark Phillips: Wilson Midwest Jr. Team Member. U-13 Boys’ Singles and Doubles. Mark is the son of Judith Phillips of St. Louis, MO.

Noel Uttam: Wilson Midwest Jr. Team Member. U-13 Boys’ Singles and Doubles. Noel is the son of Yolanda Uttam of St. Louis, MO.

Kyle Wargo: Wilson Midwest Jr. Team Member. U-13 Boys’ Singles and Doubles. Kyle is the son of Greg and Kathy Wargo of Colfax, IL.

Karishma Kollipara: Wilson Midwest Jr. Team Member. U-15, USAB Girls’ Singles, Third Place, and U-15, USAB Girls’ Doubles, Fourth Place. Karishma is the daughter of Syam Kollipara of Chicago, IL.

Hanlin Wan: Wilson Midwest Jr. Team Member. U-17, USAB Boys’ Singles, Second Place, and U-17, USAB Boys’ Doubles, Fifth Place. Hanlin is the son of Xianhua and Xiaoping Wan of Parma Heights, Ohio.

*The purpose of the Midwest Junior Committee is to promote, organize and develop junior badminton within the region. Committee members are: Xianhua Wan of Ohio; Wei Huang of Missouri; Kevin Hussey of Illinois and Russ Bowles of Missouri.*

## 2004 MIDWEST CLOSED SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday December 11 – Sunday December 12, 2004

Dayton, Ohio • 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** Sinclair Community College
- Eligibility** You must have resided in the USAB Region 2 since July 1, 2004. You must be a member of USAB and the MBA to participate. Memberships available at tournament.
- Events** Jr-Sr (35+), Sr (40+), Master (50+), Grandmaster (60+), Golden Grandmaster (70+); Men's and Women's Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. You may enter 6 events maximum. However, you may not enter events held at the same time (ex. 50+ and 35+ Doubles). See schedule below.
- Format** A and Consolation or Round Robin for events with 3-4 entries. Events with less than 3 entries will not be held.
- Entry Fee** \$25 for the first event; \$10 for each additional event. (Maximum 6 events)
- Entry Deadline** Entry form must be postmarked by November 27, 2004. Late fee \$10. Phone Entry additional \$10.00
- Schedule** Sat. Dec. 11th  
9 am ~ 60+ and 40+ Men's and Women's Singles  
following singles 11 am ~ 60+ and 40+ Men's and Women's Doubles  
following doubles 1 pm ~ 60+ and 40+ Mixed Doubles  
3 pm ~ 70+, 50+, 35+ Men's and Women's Singles  
following singles 5 pm ~ 70+, 50+, 35+ Men's and Women's Doubles  
following doubles 7 pm ~ 70+, 50+, 35+ Mixed Doubles  
Some finals will be held on Saturday if courts and time are available  
Sun. Dec. 12th Tentative schedule of Finals (and last RR matches)  
9 am ~ All Singles Finals  
10 am ~ All Doubles Finals  
11 am ~ All Mixed Doubles Finals
- Misc.** Shuttles will be sold at the tournament desk for \$1.50 each. Facility has 8 courts. Showers available.
- Mail entries to** Dawn Patel  
5390 State Road 37 N.  
Martinsville, IN 46151
- Make Checks Payable to:** Midwest Badminton Association
- Questions?** Contact Dawn Patel (765)-349-0662

# 2004 Midwest Closed Senior Championships—Entry Form

## December 11 - 12, 2004 • Dayton, Ohio

Mail to: Dawn Patel, 5390 State Road 37 N., Martinsville, IN 46151

Make check payable to Midwest Badminton Association and mail by November 27, 2004.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

USAB# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Home Club \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate event(s) and partner(s). Circle appropriate age group for each event. Circle only one age per line.

Time	Event	Partner's Name
9 am	60 + / 40+ Singles	_____
11 am	60 + / 40+ Doubles	_____
1 pm	60 + / 40+ Mixed Doubles	_____
3 pm	70 + / 50+ / 35+ Singles	_____
5 pm	70 + / 50+ / 35+ Doubles	_____
7 pm	70 + / 50+ / 35+ Mixed Doubles	_____

Total Events entered \_\_\_\_\_ (6 max) - \$25 for first event, \$10 each additional event

Applicable USAB/MBA fees: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Temp. USAB \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Annual USAB \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Annual MBA

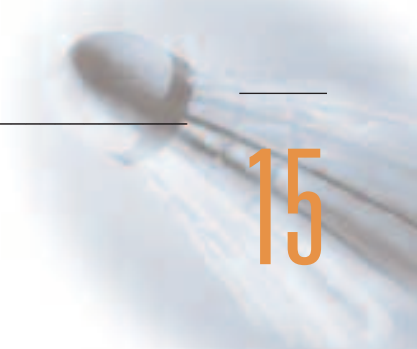
A box lunch will be provided. Check one:  Meat  Vegetarian

T-Shirt Size: S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver: It is agreed that all entrants waive any and all claims against Sinclair Community College, USA Badminton, and the Midwest Badminton Association for injury to themselves or others, or for property loss or damage incurred during this tournament.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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