

Ottawa Region - 1924 - 1925

The Ottawa Region

The Montreal Ladies Tennis and Badminton Club would defend their ownership of the Hodgson Cup twice. In February they would defeat the Toronto Ladies Club by 8 matches to 3. This would be followed in March with an 8 - 1 victory over a team from the Ottawa Garrison BC.

Badminton in Ottawa was catching on, but it was a struggle due to the lack of quality facilities. The Drill Hall with cement floors, poor lighting, overhead obstructions and pressure on playing time were the best available. The alternatives were small, dual court gyms in town halls or church

basements, but the people were coming to play and the sport was growing. The Rideau BC was playing its second season at the Fine Arts Bldg. with 25 members and felt that they were ready for the next move, into competitive play. In the spring they held what amounted to the first club championship in the District. While it only amounted to a small tournament and only included Mixed Doubles, it was a start and they had moved ahead of their cross town rivals by at least a year. By the end of the year they would be boasting 95 members.

The Provincial Scene

On February 28th, 1925, a meeting of nine clubs in Toronto facilitated the founding of the Ontario Badminton Association, with Col. A.E. Snell of Ottawa Garrison BC as its first President. The first Provincial Championships were held March 20 - 21/25 at the Toronto Badminton and Racquets Club. There were 200 entries for the five events.

Event	Winner	Runner Up	Score
MS	W.M. Stewart (Ott)	Lt.Col.G.G. Blackstock (Tor)	6 - 15, 17- 7, 15- 8
LS	Mrs. C.A. Boone (Tor)	Mrs. Mrs. H.F. Wright (Ott)	u/a
MD	Col. A.E. Snell (Ott)	Lt.Col.G.G. Blackstock	15- 7, 8- 15, 15- 11
	W.M. Stewart	Mr. J. De N. Kennedy (Tor)	
LD	Mrs. E.F. Cook (Tor)	Mrs. H.F. Wright	18- 16, 15- 3
	Mrs. C.A. Boone	Mrs. A.E. Snell	
XD	Mrs. C.A. Boone	Mrs. W.M. Stewart (Ott)	15- 6, 15- 6
	Lt.Col. G.G. Blackstock	W.M. Stewart	

The Provincial Trophies for these championships include:

- Men's Singles** - The H.S. Southam Trophy (from Ottawa)
- Ladies' Singles** - The Toronto Garrison Trophy
- Men's Doubles** - The Toronto Garrison Trophy
- Ladies' Doubles** - The Ellis Trophy
- Mixed Doubles** - The Lt. Col. W.E. Phillips Trophy

The National Scene

The National Championships would be hosted by the Ottawa Garrison B.C. Feb. 11 - 14/25.
 The Governor General Lord and Lady Byng would attend play on the 13th.
 Participation in the event would include MS - 45; LS - 61; MD - 29pr; LD - 55pr; XD - 65pr

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MS	McTaggart Cowen (Van)	C.W. Aikman (Mont)	15- 9, 15- 7
LS	Mrs. E.F. Coke (Tor)	Mrs. C.A. Boone (Tor)	11- 9, 11- 2
MD	McTaggart Cowen	Col. A.E. Snell (Ott)	15- 4, 15- 13
	Jack Underhill (Van)	W.M. Stewart (Ott)	
LD	Mrs. E.F. Coke	Mrs. H.F. Wright (Ott)	15- 5, 8- 15, 15- 11
	Mrs. C.A. Boone	Mrs. G.S. MacFarlane (Ott)	
XD	Mrs. E.F. Coke	Ms. N. Ewert (Ott)	15- 5, 18- 14
	J. De N. Kennedy (Tor)	Jack Underhill	