

O. D. B. A. - 1936 - 1937

In hockey, Superstar Howie Morenz died of a heart attack and Syl Apps was rookie of the year.

THE DISTRICT

George Browning who had apparently been the club pro at the BCO and Ottawa Tennis Club left to become pro at the Frontier B.C. in Windsor, reported to be one of the largest in S/W Ontario. He was replaced at BCO by Mr. F.D. Ashley from Montreal.

On April 12/37 the Rideau B.C. finally succeeded in wresting the Journal Cup away from the BCO by a score of 11 matches to 4. It was the first time since 1928 that BCO had failed to retain the Cup by season's end. BCO got their revenge by sweeping the finals of the District championships in a most unusual manner. The finals of the Men's Doubles was delayed two weeks due to an illness in the family of Paul Blais, one of the finalists.

While more details were not available, could you imagine this happening today. The District made its first effort at conducting a "B" level championship, resulting in a very abbreviated tournament with only the two singles events.

There was mention also of clubs in Quoyon and Bryson, Quebec, Hawkesbury, Alexandria and Vankleek Hill. This combined with news from previous years, provides evidence that the sport was experiencing interclub matches by teams in every major town in what we call eastern Ontario, despite the difficulties in travelling. It must have been a great time for those involved in development.

THE PROVINCIAL SCENE

The OBA Championships and AGM were hosted Feb. 11 - 13/37 in Ottawa. The tournament was at the Rideau and BCO, with the finals held at the Rideau B.C. It was the first mention of a Senior Men's Doubles and Consolation events at this competition.

Event	Winner	Runner Up	Score	Consolation
MS	Jack Storey (Tor.)	Rod Phelan (Tor.)	18- 17, 7- 15, 15- 12	Allan Harris (Ott.)
LS	Mrs. W.R. Walton (Tor.)	Ruth Robertson (Ott.)	11- 7, 11- 2	Betty Snell (Ott.)
MD	Jack Sibbald (Tor.)	Jim Forsyth (Tor.)	15- 2, 18- 17	Allan Harris
	Joe Zaharko (Tor.)	Dudley Reburn (Tor.)		Terry Giles (Ott.)
LD	Isabel Bryson (Ott.)	Ruth Robertson	15- 9, 9- 15, 15- 12	Jean McLean (Ott.)
	Betty Snell	Marg Robertson (Ott.)		Betty Harris (Ott.)
XD	Ruth Robertson	Mrs. W.R. Walton	15- 4, 15- 6	Doris Gray (Guelph)
	Bev Mitchell	Joe Zaharko		Ray Cramer (Guelph)
SMD	W.L. Malcolm (King.)			
	S.M. Robertson (Ott.)			

The AGM was hosted at the prestigious Laurentian Club on Albert St. CBA President W.N. Keenan (Ott.) stepped down while E.C. Forrest (Ott) became the Secretary/Treasurer. At the meeting a request was received and approved which allowed the Northwestern Ontario Badminton Assoc. to affiliate with the Manitoba Badminton Association due to geographic consideration.

THE NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SCENE

The Nation Championships were conducted in Vancouver B.C. the week of March 2nd to 6th. Prior to this individual competition, a National Provincial Team Championship was conducted, the results of which were not mentioned. W.N. Keenan of Ottawa was CBA president. Ottawa players unsuccessfully challenged for two titles.

Ottawa results from Nationals:

Event	Winner	Runner Up	Score
LD	Anna Kier-Patrick (Van.)	Ruth Robertson (Ott.)	8 - 15, 15- 10, 15- 9
	Vess O'Shea (Van.)	Marg Robertson (Ott.)	
XD	Anna Kier-Patrick (Van.)	Ruth Robertson (Ott.)	15- 6, 15- 12
	Dick Birch (Van.)	Bev Mitchell (Ott.)	

DISTRICT DATA 1936 - 37

District Executive:

President - Maj. H.D. Rolland **Vice-President - W.E. Derten**
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer - W.F. Lothian
Hon. President - E.C. Forrest

Executive Committee:

A.J. Gibbard **J.A. Lloyd**
A.G. McDougall **W.J. Roe**
Wendall Williams **N. Wainwright-Cleary (Auditor)**

Member Clubs:

Badminton Club of Ottawa	Rideau B.C.
Garrison B.C.	Naval Ordnance B.C.
Almonte B.C.	Pembroke B.C.
Renfrew Militia B.C.	Treasury B.C.
St. Georges B.C.	Church League

Number of Clubs - 10

Membership - 800

District Championship:

Held Jan. 25 through 29, 1937. Fees were 50 cents/event. Birds provided. Spectators were charged \$ 1.25 to view the finals.

Event	Winner	Runner Up	Score
MS	Bev Mitchell (BCO)	Earl O'Halloran(Rid.)	15- 8, 15- 12
LS	Isobel Bryson (BCO)	Ruth Robertson (BCO)	11- 0, 11- 2
MD	Allan Hammond (BCO)	Earl O'Halloran	11- 15, 15- 6, 15- 7
	Bev Mitchell	Paul Blais (Rid.)	
LD	Ruth Robertson	Marjorie Devine (Rid.)	15- 9, 15- 9
	Marg Robertson (BCO)	Beverly Bonney (Rid.)	
XD	Ruth Robertson	Marjorie Devine	11- 15, 15- 6, 15- 7
	Bev Mitchell	Earl O'Halloran	

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XD **Mrs. W.F. Lothian (?)**
H.M. Epstein (N.O.)*

note: (N.O.)* Naval-Ordnance B.C.

District "B" Championship:

The tournament was hosted by both the BCO and Rideau B.C. and was confined to singles play only. There were 32 in the Men's Single's event and 15 in the Women's Singles.

Event	Winner	Runner Up	Score
MS	Frank Orme (BCO)	Cliff Williams (Rid.)	15- 8, 18- 15
LS	Janet Fleck (BCO)	Mary MacFarlane (BCO)	11- 6, 2- 11, 11- 8

District Junior Championships:

Held Dec. 23, 24 and 26th

Event	Winner	Runner Up	Score
MS	Stanley Steene (Rid.)	John Grant (BCO)	10-15, 15- 12, 15- 3
LS	Lois MacDonald (Rid.)	June McCann (Rid.)	11- 1, 11- 3
MD	Guy MacFarlane (BCO)	Stanley Steene	15- 3, 15- 6
	John Grant	Harvey Fenton (Rid.)	
LD	Lois MacDonald	Shirley Gelbert (Rid.)	15- 5, 17- 18, 15- 11
	June McCann	Betty Cracknell (Rid.)	
XD	Betty Cracknell	Norah Quinn (BCO)	15- 9, 15- 9
	Stanley Steene	John Grant (BCO)	

District "B" League:

The "B" League followed a tournament format. The improved level of players throughout the District can be seen in the fact that BCO faced a team from the Renfrew Militia BC in the semi finals before meeting the challenge from St. George's BC in the finals.

First - Badminton Club of Ottawa (Red) **Runner Up** - St. Georges

Other Participants:

Badminton Club of Ottawa (Blue)

Rideau B.C. (Purple)

Rideau B.C. (Gold)

Garrison B.C.

Naval-Ordnance B.C.

Renfrew Militia B.C.

Church League:

It is only known at this time that 4 teams competed in the Church League.

Participant: St. Paul's-Eastern
 All Saints

St. James
Unitarian