

O. D. B. A. - 1939 - 1940

MacKenzie-King would win a huge majority in this year's war time federal election. *Gone With The Wind* was the greatest thing to ever hit the big screen and a badminton racquet could be procured at Charles Ogilvy Ltd. for between \$2.98 to \$12.25.

THE DISTRICT

With the war starting to move into full gear, it was the beginning of the end for the golden age of badminton. The Garrison BC and Naval Ordnance BC, two of the founding members of the District association lost their court time at the Drill Hall due to the war effort. Likewise, St. George's BC, the main competitive club in the Church League lost its' court facilities as the churches geared up to serve their community in this second war, to end all wars.

There would still be a few years left and for those clubs that could hang on to their courts, they would be quite good. Several clubs thrived as they strained to make up for the reduction in court space available. The brand new Strathgowan BC in Toronto had a membership of 200 vying for time on its four courts. Despite the loss of St. George's the Church League actually added a second tier to its schedule and the Christian Youth Organization (CYO) ran a small competitive league within its own member group. The Church League added tournament competitions for both "B" and "C" level players. All Saints BC playing out of Bates Hall on Laurier Ave. East had 100 members playing on its two courts. In Renfrew, the Militia BC defeated a visiting RBC team 10-4 in friendly competition at the armoury.

The District lost two of its great leaders. Mr. W.M. (Bill) Stewart, one of the driving forces

in badminton at all levels, was lost to a heart attack. Mr. Stewart played a significant role in the founding of the ODBA, OBA and CBA. He was president of OBA for 1926-27 and president of CBA 1930-31. He also held several other lesser executive positions. In addition he held the CBA Mixed Doubles crown twice and the Men's Doubles title in 1924. He held the OBA Men's Single's title in 1925 and 1926, plus numerous District titles. His skills carried him to success in other sports as well. He was an avid golf and tennis player and a member of the Cliffside Hockey Team which won the 1909 Allen Cup. He is honoured by the W.M. Stewart trophy for the District Junior Men's Singles Championship. The District also lost Mr. J.B. McRae. Mr. McRae, was the founding president of the ODBA, holding that position for the first two years of the district's existence. He is honoured by the J.B. McRae trophy for the District Mixed Doubles Championship.

Along with the passing of these great men, this season also found the record of the defeat of the young Lyn Seymour in the Junior Men's Singles. Lyn was still plying the courts at the RA Centre, in the early 1990s.

In Journal Cup competition the Rideau BC retained their ownership with a 6 to 3 match victory over the Badminton Club of Ottawa.

THE PROVINCIAL SCENE

The Provincial AGM and championships took place the week of Feb. 8 -11/40 at the Granite Club in Toronto. The District was represented by Ed. Forrest who was elected to the OBA Vice-President's position for the 40/41 season. W.N. Keenan retained his position as OBA Past President. On the courts only one Ottawa pair would make it to the finals.

Ottawa results from the Provincial Championships:

Event	Winner	Runner Up	Score
LD	Mrs. Isobel Perodeau (Ott) Betty Snell (Ott)	Kay Lytle (Tor) Evelyn Effert (Tor)	15 – 5, 15 - 7

THE NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL SCENE

From the Nationals, reports make note of the victory of Dorothy Walton of Toronto in winning the Ladies' Singles at the All England Open earlier in the season. Of international interest also was the presence, at the CBA general meeting, of a representative from the US Badminton Association. Apparently, efforts had been underway to establish a annual match play competition between the US and Canada. After watching the competition, the representative announced the decision not to proceed at this time, because the US players were not yet up to Canadian standards.

W. N. Keenan surrendered the President's position to become Honorary President. Ottawa was awarded the 1940-41 championships.

Ottawa players would leave the capital on March 2nd to travel to the championships taking place in Winnipeg from March 6 to 11/40. Prior to the war most travel was by train, and a steam train at that.

Ottawa results from the National Championships:

Event	Winner	Runner Up	Score
LD	Mrs. Dorothy Walton (Tor) Evelyn Effnert (Tor)	Mrs. Isobel Perodeau (Ott) Betty Snell (Ott)	15- 10, 11- 15, 15- 0
SMD	W.N. Keenan (Ott) Dr. C. Cramer(Ott)	J. Norman (Win) Harley Hughes (Win)	15- 12, 15- 5

District Junior Championship:

Held Dec. 27-28/39 on the courts of BCO and RBC. Classed as Under 18. 25 cents/event.
 Entries: MS- 6; LS- 14; LD- 9pr; XD- 4pr. There was no Men's Doubles event.

Event	Winner	Runner Up	Score
MS	Weldon Tuttle (RBC)	Dave McMillan (RBC)	13- 15, 15- 11, 15- 4
LS	Joan Cracknell (RBC)	Janet Young (RBC)	11- 9, 11- 7
MD	no event		
LD	Joan Cracknell	Margret Cornick (Com)	15- 12, 15- 6
	Freda Huntley (RBC)	Jean McMullen (Com)	
XD	Joan Cracknell	Janet Young (RBC)	15- 11, 15- 11
	Weldon Tuttle	Perry Jennings (RBC)	

District "B" League:

Competition for Graham-Bryson Trophy

Played in tournament format on the courts of BCO and RBC Mar. 13 to 15/41.

First	- Rideau BC (Purple team)	Second	- Church League BC
Other participants:	Badminton Club of Ottawa	Rideau BC (Gold team)	
	All Saints BC	Arnprior BC	

Church League Division 1:

Round Robin play for "B" level players for the Balharie Trophy

First	- Commerce BC (Purple team)	Second	- All Saints BC
Third	- Commerce BC (White team)	Fourth	- YMCA BC

Church League Division 2: Round Robin play for "C" level players

McLaren Trophy (would normally be given to 2nd place in Division 1 play)

First	- YMCA BC	Second	- Blessed Sacrament BC
Third	- St. Barnabas BC	Fourth	- Commerce
Other participants	- Holy Trinity BC	- Knox BC	

Church League "B" Tournament: Held Dec. 4-9/39 at All Saints BC. 35 cents/event

Event	Winner	Runner Up	Score
MD	Harry Pullen (Com)	Earl Cyr (All St.)	15- 8, 15- 6
	Frank Paten (Com)	Tom Sewell (All St.)	
LD	Mildred Minter (Com)	Murielle Meredith (All St.)	17- 14, 15- 9
	Elizabeth MacDonald(Com)	Eleanor Shore (All St.)	
XD	Margret Rolt (All St.)	Muriel Droeske (Com)	9- 15, 15- 4, 15- 7
	Tom Sewell	Harry Pullen	

Church League "C" Tournament:

Event	Winner	Runner Up	Score
MD	Frank Burke (Com)	Jerry Stratton (Com)	15- 6, 17- 15
	Allan Taylor (Com)	Milton Pranschke (Com)	
LD	Edna Reddington (YMCA)	Ada Gifford (St. Barn.)	9- 15, 15- 10, 18- 16
	Mrs. H. Burrows	Ruth Greenwood (St. Barn.)	
XD	Margret Cornick (Com)	Edna Reddington (YMCA)	15- 9, 15- 9
	Milton Pranschke	H. Helland (YMCA)	