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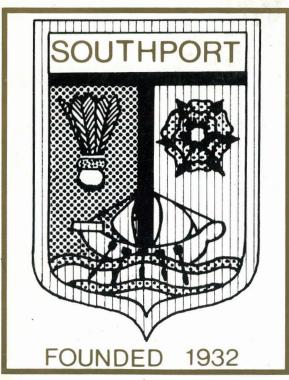
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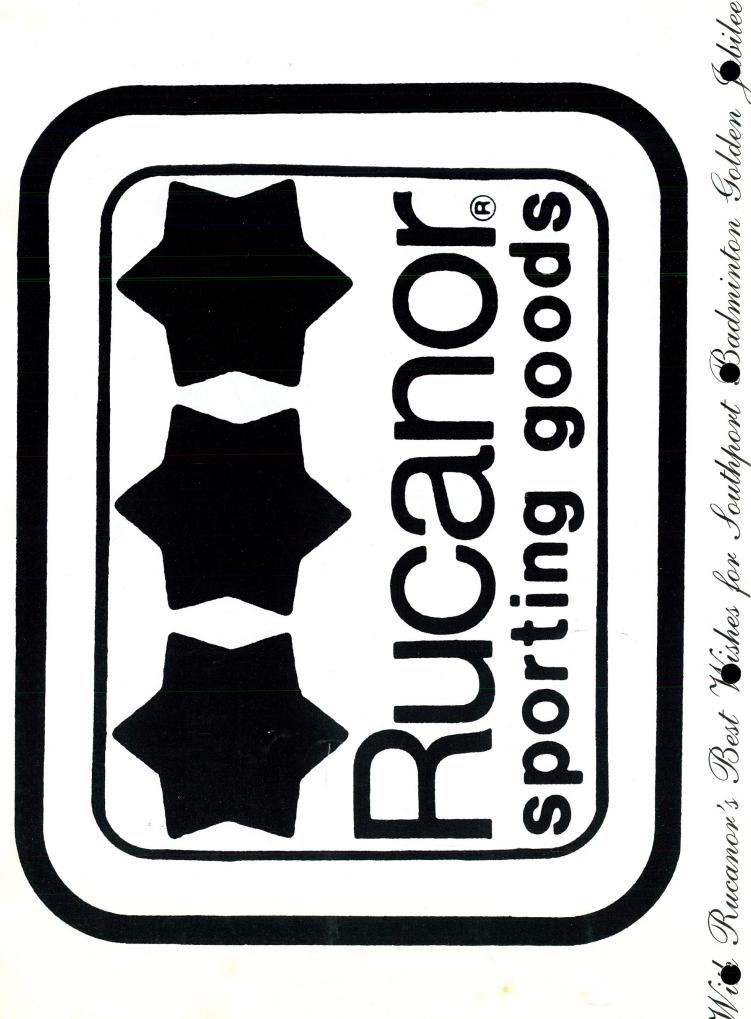
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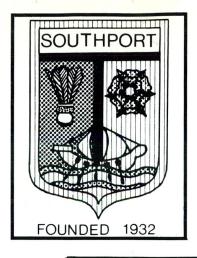
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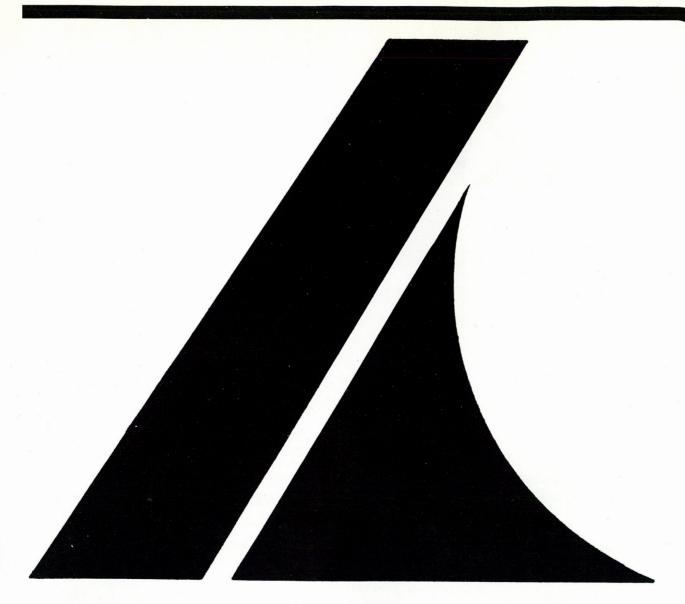
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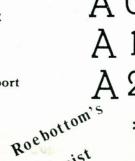
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When planning the programme for this special season it seemed that an event such as this would be a most appropriate highlight provided we could attract the best players in the Country. In this, we have been most successful despite the pressures of the tournament calendar coupled with the holiday season, for which I thank the players, most of whom have travelled very long distances to be here today.

We are also indebted to Peter Birtwistle and his Lancashire County Committee for their advice and help in organising the event, supplying the court and lighting and most of all in establishing contact with the players.

To Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, who have been most helpful in agreeing to fit this event into an already crowded festive season, I say thank you, with special reference to the Floral Hall Staff whose efforts are all too obvious today.

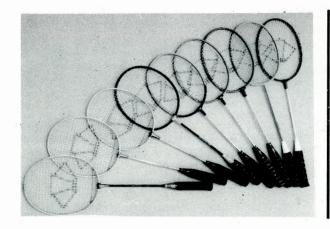
Let us remember this afternoon that we are celebrating 50 years of Badminton in Southport, during which the League has developed from a modest beginning to an organisation of 107 Senior and 31 Junior teams. To all those past officers and committee members who made this possible I offer my thanks and assure them that the current custodians will strive to maintain this progress. I now wish you all an enjoyable afternoon's sport and hope that 1983 will prove to be a happy and prosperous year.

George Lindsay Chairman of the Executive

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ST. PETERS (FORMBY) 1954-

STJOHNS (B/COUGH) 1955/60

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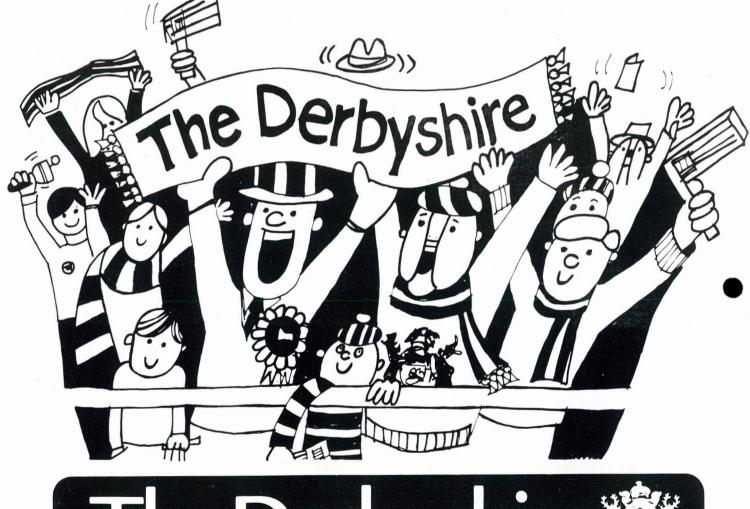
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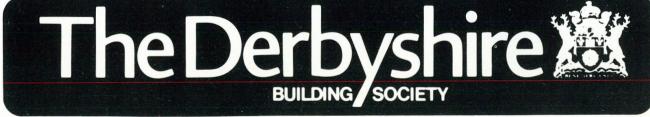
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Formed as a small acorn in 1932, it has grown over the years into a sturdy oak with 32 clubs fielding 107 teams in 11 divisions.



The League has for many years been active not only in managing it's own affairs but also in the broader sphere of badminton in Lancashire. Fourteen players from the Southport League have represented Lancashire first team in official county matches, led by the current president, Ken Houldcroft, with 57 appearances. Two other players appeared more than fifty times and two others have more than forty appearances, a fine record of which the League is justly proud. The League has three teams in the Lancashire inter-league League and all are in the top three divisions. A League club competes in the first division of the Multicourt League and several other clubs regularly enter the Kearns Trophy Competition. Thus the League and it's Members are actively engaged in county affairs.

The officers and committee of the League have always been forward-looking and have conducted it's affairs with vigour and efficiency. Some have served on the council of the County Association and several as officers. Seldom has there been a period without at least one Southport representative serving the L.C.B.A. in some capacity.

The results of the labours of successive officers and committees over the years can be clearly seen today. They, past and present, can be justly proud of their achievements and I am delighted and honoured to be able to pay them tribute and congratulate them and the Southport Amateur Badminton League on reaching the milestone of their Golden Jubilee. The presence today of so many players distinguished on the international scene underlines this tribute.

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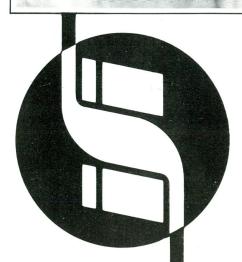
## 6. DAN TRAVERS (Scotland)

26 years old. A licensed player, Dan lives and works in Glasgow, where he is a self-employed grocer. Last year he was Glasgow Sportsman of the Year, and had the best possible start to the season when he and Billy Gilliland made Scotland proud by getting to the final of the Men's Doubles of the All England Badminton Championships in March. Scottish Men's Doubles champion, and now firmly established with Gilliland as Scotland's top International pair. 39 international 'Caps'.



28 years old. Housewife. Holder with Jane Webster of Chinese Taipei, Japanese, Canadian, English National and World Ladies Doubles Titles. Has won the All England Ladies Doubles with Jane in 1981 and the All England Mixed Doubles title four times. Also currently is Danish and Japanese Mixed Doubles title holder. Has 5 times won English National Mixed Doubles and played 73 times for England.





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## THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS

by Geoff Lloyd, Hon. General Secretary and Mike Hyde, Executive Vice Chairman.

Fifty years ago ten church clubs came together to found the South-port Amateur Badminton League with one team per club forming a single division. By 1939 the League had grown to 19 clubs fielding 26 teams and, after the cessation of hostilities, this level of activity was maintained with a modest increase over the next two decades until the early seventies when the popularity of badminton in the Southport area took off with a vengeance. Although the number of clubs in the League has only grown to 32, it is the size of the clubs which is significant. Between them there are now 107 teams playing in 11 divisions plus a separate junior section of 31 teams.

While recognising the current trend of encouraging participation in sport generally, the growth of the League can be attributed to much greater use being made of multi-court facilities in school and other public halls which is in marked contrast to the essentially small, single court, church hall. However, the influence of the Southport churches of all denominations upon the origins and growth of the League must not be overlooked and the League owes and will continue to owe them a large debt of gratitude not only for the facilities made available but also for the quality of leadership which emerged over the seasons and which brought the League to it's present standard. In it's fifty year history the League has been served by only four presidents, five chairmen, seven secretaries and six treasurers which reveals not only the dedication of these stalwarts but also the confidence which the members have had in their administrative ability.

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## **ON COURT TODAY**







## 1. STEPHEN BADDELEY (England)

21 years old. 45 England appearances. Student of Human Biology. England's No.1. England National Singles Champion. Holder Welsh Singles title. Won under 21 National Singles title in 1980 and 1981. Member of Commonwealth Games medal team.

## 2. MARTIN DEW (England)

24 years old, 43 England 'Caps'. Mathematician. Holder all England Mixed Doubles title with Gillian Gilks and England National Men's Doubles with Duncan Bridge. Other successes include Chinese/Taipei Men's Doubles, Dutch Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles, Commonwealth Games Gold Medals for team championship mixed doubles event.

## 3. GARY SCOTT (England)

24 years old. Twice won the English National Junior Singles title once the Boys Doubles and once the Mixed Doubles. Played for England several times at Under 18 and Under 23 levels and 5 times as a full international.

## 4. NICK YATES (England)

21 years old. 39 England 'Caps'. Ranked 2 in Singles. Holder Canadian Singles title. Silver medal at Singles and Men's Doubles in Commonwealth Games. Men's English National Junior Singles in 1979 and for the same season was runner-up in European Junior Championships.

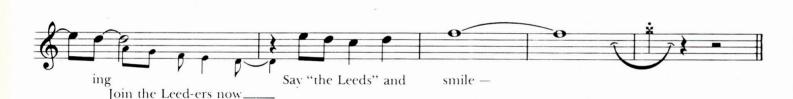












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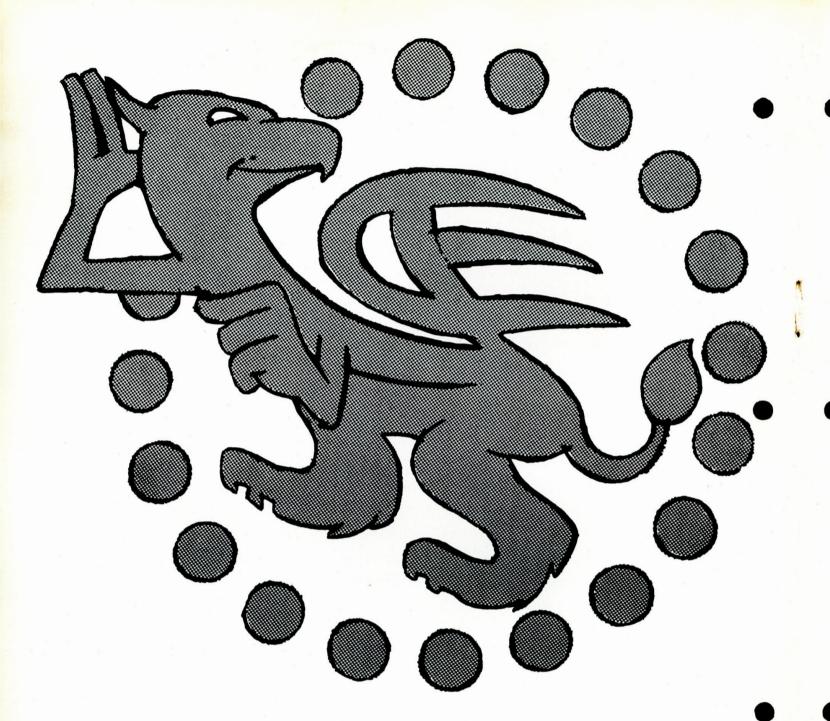
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The League has grown both numerically and in the variety of competition which it provides. In addition to the weekly League fare, there are three different types of knockout competition, both open and handicap, for all League teams together with individual tournaments at open, handicap, veteran and restricted levels, and this programme is further reflected in the junior section which will always be the lifeblood of the League. Tribute must again be paid to the hard work of those who have served the League in administering these competitions and coping with their expansion over the seasons.

On the playing side the League was dominated in the post war years by the great Southport Hawks club whose first team formed the backbone of the Lancashire County first team and won the League Championship and the Hudson Cup for 29 consecutive seasons. Over the years many notable local players have brought success to themselves, their clubs and the League in competitions up to national standard although, alas, a League club has not yet produced a player to achieve international recognition. However, with youngsters starting to play the game at an ever earlier age, coupled with improved and more widely available coaching techniques, this will hopefully change in the near future.

After the second world war, open and handicap tournaments were organised by several local clubs but, with the Manchester Road Drill Hall being made available to the League by the local authority, the opportunity was taken to concentrate and improve the range of individual tournaments at this central venue which is now also used by the League for it's representative matches and for many junior competitions.

The Y.M.C.A. is the only venue in Southport which offers Badminton facilities for the casual visitor. There is therefore a great responsibility on the League and especially it's member clubs to ensure that the sport is available for all who may wish to take part, whether competitively or otherwise, and to ensure that our game continues to thrive in Southport for another fifty years.



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