



BADMINTON ENGLAND HISTORY FACTS and RECORDS

This document highlights the achievements of Badminton Players who have been proud to represent Lancashire County Badminton Association both on National and International Badminton Courts within all Adult age group categories

The History of Badminton:

Badminton House and Estate lies in the heart of the Gloucestershire countryside and is the private home of the 12th Duke and Duchess of Beaufort and the Somerset family.

The Great Hall at Badminton House is famous for an incident on a rainy day in 1863 when the game of badminton was said to have been invented by friends of the 8th Duke of Beaufort.

We know the game of Battledore and Shuttlecock was being played at Badminton House as well as other country houses as far back as the early 1800's.

Battledore or Shuttlecock as it was sometimes called was a game where two players would hit the shuttlecock backwards and forwards to each other, counting how many times they could do this without it falling on the floor. On that rainy day in 1863 one of the guests had the idea of putting some string across from the door to the fireplace in the Great Hall and hitting the shuttle over the string to each other.

The Badminton Association was formed in 1893.

At the meeting there were nine clubs represented, they decided on the rules of the Association and framed the rules for the game of Badminton.

The popularity of the sport increased rapidly with 300 clubs being introduced by the 1920's after World War I, rising to 9,000 shortly after World War II.

The Badminton Association would govern World badminton until 1934.

In 1934 the Badminton Association changed its name to the Badminton Association of England.

In 2005 it changed its name again to Badminton England (BE).

The first recorded Open tournament (open to anyone) was staged by Guilford Badminton Club in 1898.

This was the birth of the World's oldest and most prestigious Badminton tournament which would eventually become known at the All-England Badminton Championships.

In 1903 the first International Badminton match was played in Dublin between Ireland and England.



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The Queen's Silver Jubilee Edition

The Badminton Association of England



Present The 67th Annual

ALL-ENGLAND BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS



JOHN PLAYER BADMINTON

The Empire Pool and Sports Arena Wembley 23rd to 26th March 1977
SATURDAY 26th MARCH

with complete order of play



The International Badminton Federation (IBF) was formed in 1934 with nine founding members: England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Denmark, Holland, Canada, New Zealand and France.

As a consequence the Badminton Association became the Badminton Association of England.

The IBF eventually changed its name and is now known as the Badminton World Federation (BWF) and has over 176 member nations.

The Thomas Cup is a World Badminton Men's **Team** Championship played since 1949.

The Thomas Cup was donated by Sir George Thomas, an Englishman who was the first President of the International Badminton Federation.

The Uber Cup is a World Badminton Women's **Team** Championship played since 1957.

The Uber Cup was presented by the former English international and All England Champion, Betty Uber, who had the idea of creating a women's event similar to the Thomas Cup.

She made the draw for the inaugural 1956-1957 tournament, at Lytham St. Annes in Lancashire.

In 1966 - Badminton was included in the Commonwealth Games held in Kingston, Jamaica.

Players competed and represented either England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The European Badminton Union was founded in 1967 during a meeting of eleven national organisations.

In 1968 - Badminton players competed in the inaugural European Championships.

In 2006 it changed its name to Badminton Europe (BEC).

In 1977 - Badminton players competed in the inaugural World Championships, held in Malmo Sweden.

A tournament organised in September 1979, marked the arrival of 'Open' Badminton and gave players an opportunity to receive money for winning whilst playing Badminton.

There had been much debate and heated argument for many years questioning if Badminton was now amateurism, professionalism or sham amateurism.

The International Badminton Federation intervened and adopted revised rules, which would not harm aspirations for Badminton to become an Olympic sport.

Badminton was officially granted Olympic medal status in the 1992 Barcelona Games.

The Sudirman Cup is a World Badminton Mixed **Team** Championship played since 1989.

There are five matches Men's and Women's Singles, Men's and Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

The Sudirman Cup was given by the Badminton Association of Indonesia as a memorial to the late Dick Sudirman, a long-serving member of the BWF council.



Lancashire Players who gained **SENIOR ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL CAPS** (from 1903 to Covid 2021)

MEN

BIRTWISTLE, W G P (Lancashire)

BULLIVANT, P (Lancashire)

CAREY, W (Lancashire)

DERRICK, K R (Lancashire)

EDGE, M (Lancashire)

FAIRHURST, A (Lancashire)

FIELD, M W (Lancashire)

HAUGHTON, C (Lancashire)

HUNT, C J (Lancashire)

MORLAND, H (Lancashire)

PALETHORPE, I (Lancashire)

SCOTT G J (Lancashire)

WILSON, K L (Lancashire)

WOLFENDEN, T (Merseyside)

WOOD, N (Lancashire)



Lancashire Players who gained **SENIOR ENGLAND INTERNATIONAL CAPS** (from 1903 to Covid 2021)

WOMEN

BARRAND, M (Margaret Semple) (Lancashire)

COOPER, B (Bridget Cooper) Lancashire)

NICHOLAS, J (Joanne Wright) (Lancashire)

REDHEAD, K (Kath Cashmore) (Lancashire)

SANKEY, S (Sarah Halsall) (Lancashire)

WALLWORK, J (Jill Pringle) (Lancashire)

WHITTAKER, S (Sue Nicholas) (Lancashire)

The English National Badminton Championships were first held in 1963 (results from 1963 to Covid 2021) restricted to competitors who were eligible to play for England

Colin Haughton (Lancashire) won the Men's Singles in 1999/2000 and again in 2000/01

Chris Hunt (Lancashire) won the Men's Doubles with different partners in 1991/92, 1993/94, 1994/95, 1995/96, 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99

Tom Wolfenden (Lancashire) won the Men's Doubles with different partners in 2016/17, 2019/20

Margaret Barrand (Lancashire) won the Ladies Doubles in 1965/66 and the Mixed Doubles in 1964/65

Sarah Sankey (Lancashire) won the Ladies Doubles with different partners in 1988/89, 1998/99, 1999/2000

Joanne Wright (Lancashire) won the Ladies Doubles with different partners in 2000/01, 2003/04



The Inter County Championships - Finals of Division 1 or Premiere Division

Lancashire Results

1937-38 at Southend	LANCASHIRE beat Sussex, 8-8 (19 games to 18)
1955-56 at Lytham	SURREY beat Lancashire, 10-5
1956-57 at Wimbledon	SURREY beat Lancashire, 13-2
1960-61 at Wimbledon	SURREY beat Lancashire, 11-4
1962-63 at Wimbledon	SURREY beat Lancashire, 12-3
1965-66 at Wimbledon	SURREY beat Lancashire, 15-0
1975-76 at Lytham	LANCASHIRE beat Kent, 10-7
1976-77 at Redbridge	ESSEX beat Lancashire, 10-7
1978-79 at Sheffield	LANCASHIRE beat Yorkshire, 10-7
1979-80 at Atherton	LANCASHIRE beat Yorkshire, 11-6
1980-81 at Folkestone	LANCASHIRE beat Kent, 9-8
1985-86 at Preston	LANCASHIRE beat Surrey, 9-8
1998-1999	LANCASHIRE
2019-2020	Championships not finished due to Covid 19
2020-2021	No Championship played due to Covid 19 restrictions



1976

Back Row standing - left to right

Paul Bullivant, Gary Scott, Steve Denner, John Cocker, Brian Seed (Manager), Peter Wood, Brian Wallwork, Peter Bullivant

Front Row sitting - left to right

Bridget Cooper, Barbara Walsh (Seddon), Sue Whittaker, Kath Redhead (Cashmore), Doris Smith



FRIENDS' PROVIDENT ICC FINALS

THREE IN A ROW FOR LANCASHIRE

DIVISION ONE KENT 8, LANCASHIRE 9

SO the Cup remains "oop North". Lancashire, no doubt about it, are "Champion", as Kent, fighting all the way, ultimately realised.

The Friends' Provident Inter-County Championship (Division I) final was played at Folkestone SC on April 5. The large and enthusiastic crowd revelled in a see-sawing match that was in doubt almost to the last game, when the final tally was 9-8 to Lancashire. They have now won the Division One title for the fourth time in the last six years.

KENT 8, LANCASHIRE 9 (Kent names first)

Men's singles N Yates bt B Wallwork 15-1 15-0. P Whetnall lost to G Scott 14-17 15-6 10-15. R Sharp lost to N Long 15-6 16-18 10-15.
Ladies' singles M Leeves bt K Redhead 11-2 11-12 11-3. S Leeves bt S Whittaker 11-4 11-2.
Men's doubles R Sharp & R Rofe lost to J Cocker & P Brogden 10-15 15-11 13-15; bt G Scott & S Denner 18-14 15-10. N Yates & M Wilks lost to Cocker & Brogden 16-17 9-1 5; bt Scott & Denner 9-15 15-8 15-4.
Ladies' doubles M & S Leeves lost to B Cooper & J Pringle 15-7 10-15 13-15; lost to K Redhead & J Lord 10-15 8-15. S Whetnall & R Rowan lost to Cooper & Pringle 8-15 10-15; lost to Redhead & Lord 16-17 8-15.
Mixed doubles Rose & S Whetnall bt Cocker & Redhead 15-11 17-16. P Whetnall & M Leeves bt Brogden & Whittaker 15-6 15-6. Wilks & S Leeves lost to Scott & Pringle 15-17 4-15. Yates & Rowan bt Wood & Cooper 15-8 11-15 15-9.



1980

Back Row standing - left to right

Barbara Jones (joint Manager), Neil Long, Brian Wallwork, Peter Brogden, Steve Denner, John Cocker, Peter Wood, Gary Scott, Doreen Long (joint Manager),

Front Row sitting - left to right

Bridget Cooper, Jill Pringle (Wallwork), Sue Whittaker, Jane Lord, Kath Redhead (Cashmore)



Since the year 1905

The All-England Seniors (Veterans) Badminton Championships

have been taking place on an annual basis - they are open for International entries and now competition takes place in the following age categories

Over 35's, 40's, 45's, 50's, 55's, 60's, 65's, 70's

Only doubles matches for older categories were played initially but Singles matches and younger age categories have gradually been added

There have been many Lancashire County Players who have been successful in one or more age categories since its inception over 100 years ago until Covid 2021 - although because this is an International event, they are shown as representing England

Men's Singles - Neil Long, Brian Wallwork

Ladies Singles - Sue Whittaker

Men's Doubles - Peter Wood, Peter Bullivant, Brian Wallwork, John Cocker, Chris Hunt, Graham Holt, William Hamblett

Ladies Doubles - Jill Wallwork, Bridget Cooper, Barbara Seddon, Sue Whittaker

Mixed Doubles - Peter Wood, Brian Wallwork, Chris Hunt, Bridget Cooper, Graham Holt, John Cocker, Barbara Seddon, Sue Whittaker, Debbie Rigby (Halsall), William Hamblett

The Seniors (Veterans) can compete in Team Masters County Championships - this was formerly known as the Veterans Inter County League

Individuals also have the opportunity to compete in European and World Championships which have been added to the Senior (Veterans) tournament diary