

Bruce(con't) abhor weight pulling, while here is a game that will give them all the exercise that they need and at the same time they get a lot of fun out of it. Badminton is one of the few sports that enable the women to compete with the men. Mixed doubles is one of the favored events. Women also find badminton to their liking; in fact; it threatens to rival bridge. Taking it all in all, badminton is the most sociable game of all, the players are close enough to converse and it is not a difficult game to learn. It is easy to find a player with equal ability, hence close competition can always be had.

Raport Bruce, you saw the amateur exhibition match your son played in Kansas City last week in which Webster defeated the prominent professional from the West Coast - Ken Shedd. What was your reaction to this match?

Bruce I think it was a splendid fast game. Mr. Shedd, the professional, displayed some of the most beautiful trick shots I have ever seen, but Webster's hard smashing attack soon wore his opponent down and won the match.

Raport In the doubles match in which you played with your dad, Webster, following the singles match, how did it feel for father and son to be playing against the other team? I know I enjoyed pairing with you, Webster, and defeating such an outstanding professional team as Baugher and Shedd in the afternoon workout.

Webster I felt confident with my father as my partner. We seem to hit it off well together. I had no fear of soft and drop shots at the net. Dad is one of the best net defenders I've seen for a man of his age; in fact, he consistently outplayed his younger opponents at the net.

Raport Well, Bruce, how did you feel playing with your son?

Bruce I was a wee bit jittery at first, since it had been some time since I had met such keen competition, but the excellent support given me by my son soon dispersed my initial timidity and I was able to finish with my usual composure.

Raport You know, fellows, I didn't say so at the time, but I almost lost track of the score when calling that game; I was so interested in watching the beautiful shots on both sides that I almost slipped a couple of times. Let's get a little more personal now, Webster. How many trophies have you in your collection?

Webster I haven't checked lately, but there are about 25.

Raport Twenty-five trophies! Have they had that many tournaments?

Bruce You would be surprised at the number of competitive events that are held annually where the game is popular. In California they ran off their 6th annual open this year with many other lesser events. The first National Tournament was held year before last in Chicago, and the singles event was won by Walter Kramer of Detroit. Kramer repeated again in 1938 in Philadelphia, with Markham, the New York Metropolitan champion, being the runner up. The men's doubles, mixed doubles, and women's singles and doubles events were captured by Pacific Coast players. The Mid-West event was held at Chicago last year and has been won by Reynolds of Chicago.