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The Championships, apart from being one of the oldest around, is also one of the most prestigious. In the days of amateur squash, the Open was regarded as a warm-up tournament for the British Amateur Championships which made it a high profile event commanding an impressive entry list. Indeed, until recently, the Open had always been one by a player capped by his country. With the substantial support of Dexters, it is hoped that the Championships can continue to be one of the major events of the squash calendar.

The quality of past entries can be seen by looking at the names of past winners. Dick Hawkey, Squash Refereeing Columnist in "Middlesex SQUASH", won it no less than six times in the 1950's (along with numerous other events as a leaf through the pages of the SRA Handbook will reveal); Hiddy Jahan won in 1972 and Stuart Davenport in 1981.



The current holders of the Open titles are fast rising star **Simon Taylor** of Derbyshire and **Mary Birne** of Ireland who beat Rae Anderson of Australia in last years final.

In these days of professional squash, the Middlesex Open has kept its reputation — this year it has a generous prize fund of £2,850 which will be split between the seven categories of competition.

Apart from the Mens and Ladies Championship events, there will also be Mens and Ladies B, Mens Veterans and, for the first time, Ladies Veterans and Mens Vintage categories.

This years event takes place from 3rd to 7th December with

possible qualifying rounds in the week preceeding this depending on the size of the entry. As last year, the scene of the Championships will be **The Club at Hendon**.

Further details or entry forms can be obtained from Tournament Director **Colin Haines** who can be contacted on **01 959 2432**. **The closing date for entries, which cost £5 per event, is 19th November.**

Watch for a report and photos of the **DEXTERS Middlesex Open** and the **ALLWEATHER Middlesex Closed** championships in the next issue of "Middlesex SQUASH". ●

## ALLWEATHER Middlesex Closed 1986

Time and space preclude a full report on this year's closed championships in this issue. The main events were, however, won by (from left to right) **Abbas Kaoud** (W.Ave), **Mark M'Fuk** (Hendon), **Sue Lawrence** (Stripes) and **John Walters** (Cloisters Wood). Pictured with them (centre) is Ladies Plate Winner **Sue Campbell** (North Ken).



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