

# BADMINTON

For a game that is normally considered as one of the 'soft sports' of those contested within the unit, there was a very pleasing interest shown by all Coy's in the outcome of both the Inter Coy and Inter Unit competitions.

The Inter Coy competition was keenly contested during sports week 12 - 16 March with A Coy running out very narrow winners over Admin Coy. It was obvious after the first day's competition that both these Coy's would be the ones to beat. Sound tactical play by A Coy in their seedings for the rubber with Admin Coy gave them the upperhand and victory.

As a result of the week's intensive match play and previous unit squad training two strong teams were able to be selected for the Inter Unit competition held in late March.

This competition from the start was a two team contest with 2/4 RAR (A) and 4 Fd Regt (A) teams being far superior to all others. The number one pairing for us was the unlikely duo of Clyde Allen and 'Blue' Abraham who, after a slow start, won their match 2 - 1. After this great start all hoped the momentum could be carried on by the number two pairing, the brothers Graham. Alas, after a match of early promise they were defeated 2 - 0 thus allowing 4 Fd Regt (A) to win the rubber and the Inter Unit Trophy by one game.

The (B) team who were there to give moral support to the (A) team finished a creditable fifth in the competition.

I would like to compliment all those who took part in either competition for the sportsmanship shown in all matches played. Well done.

# WATERPOLO

Waterpolo was contested early in the sports year at both Unit and Brigade level.

The Inter Company competition was reinstated for the first time since 1981, and was held between 12 and 14 March. The competition was a success and its continuation as an Inter Company sport appears assured.

A Company dominated, with C Company runners up. Strong competition prevailed throughout and company's are to be commended on their effort.

From the competition a squad was selected to represent the Battalion in the Inter Unit contest conducted in the week 26 to 30 March. Corporal Andrew Morris and Private 'Mac' McGrath both performed well as playing coaches. Along with many of the older faces were some new rising stars in the guise of Private L. C. Smith and CFN Ian Gillot.

The competition was intense with a good performance by the 2/4 RAR side, but Western Barracks, with more experience, ran out eventual winners defeating us in a hard fought Grand Final.

With a broader experience base in 1985 it is hoped the shield will again come to 2/4 RAR.



*Cpl Morris (No. 2) on the outer against Western Barracks.*