

# Badminton in Glenn Dale?

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## *Facts:*

- Badminton is not a beach or backyard sport
- An Olympic sport since 1996, widely shown on TV the last Olympics
- Dynamic and very fast (fastest racket sport, clocked at 162 mph)
- Popular in the DC area now, but ...
- Limited playing opportunities in PG (Sunday Beltsville for 16+, UMD for UMD only, 100+ members)
  - MC has about 10 CC where badminton is played
  - DC has at least 5 places where badminton is played, NoVA also
- Local supplier for shuttles, rackets, shoes etc. - or mail-order

## *Requirements, assuming ½ gym:*

- 2 courts (GDCC does not have badminton court lines)
- 2 nets (already available, they would cost about \$25 each)
- 3 poles (or 2 poles with a simple support pole in the middle)

## *Proposed schedule:*

- 1-2 times per week, 1-2 hours
- recreational play, do not expect tournament play prep
- teaching the game, for juniors (8+ ?) as well as interested others
- players should bring their own rackets, I have only 2 spares
- shuttles cost money, plastic last longer, cost only little more (~\$1/shuttle)

## *Credentials:*

- Started playing in college in Holland in 1981, C level
- Played in US since 1986, several regional and national B/C level awards
- Organized annual DC Open and several regional and national tournaments, e.g. Senior Nationals in 1996 and 2002.
- UMD faculty advisor since 1989
- Webmaster <http://www.astro.umd.edu/badminton>

## *AudioVisual: (if time/request)*

- youth program Quince Orchard HS (ages 6-16) 30 seconds
- youth tournament Garrison Ford school, Baltimore 30 seconds
- Malaysia Open 2004 up to 1 hour ?

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