**Badminton**

A game very similar to tennis, Badminton became popular in England around the 1870's. It was named after the Badminton Estate owned by the Duke of Beaufort. The game is played by two or four people using small light racquets. A small ball made of cork to which feathers or a plastic tail is attached is volleyed across a net between the players. Today, Badminton is an Olympic sport played in many parts of the world.