



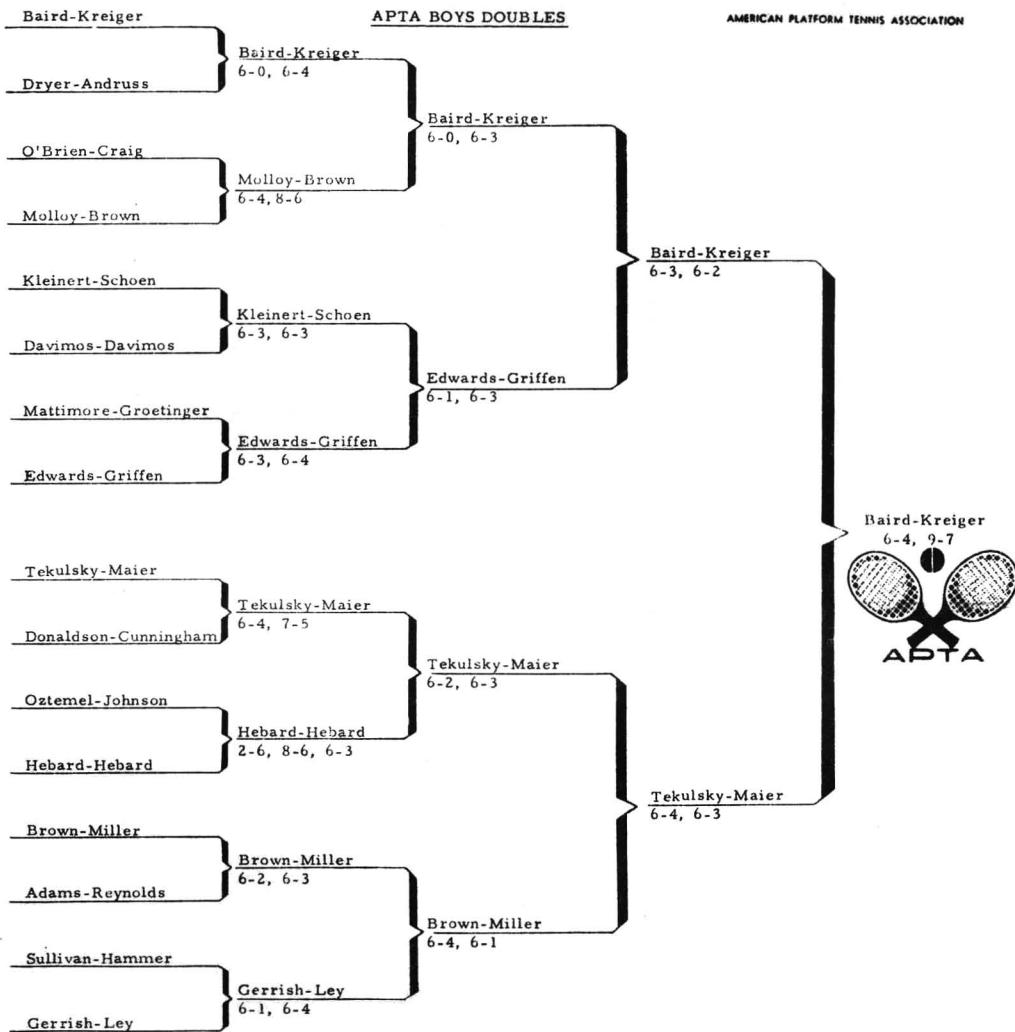
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This is the middle of the height of the platform tennis season and there are many tournaments to report on.

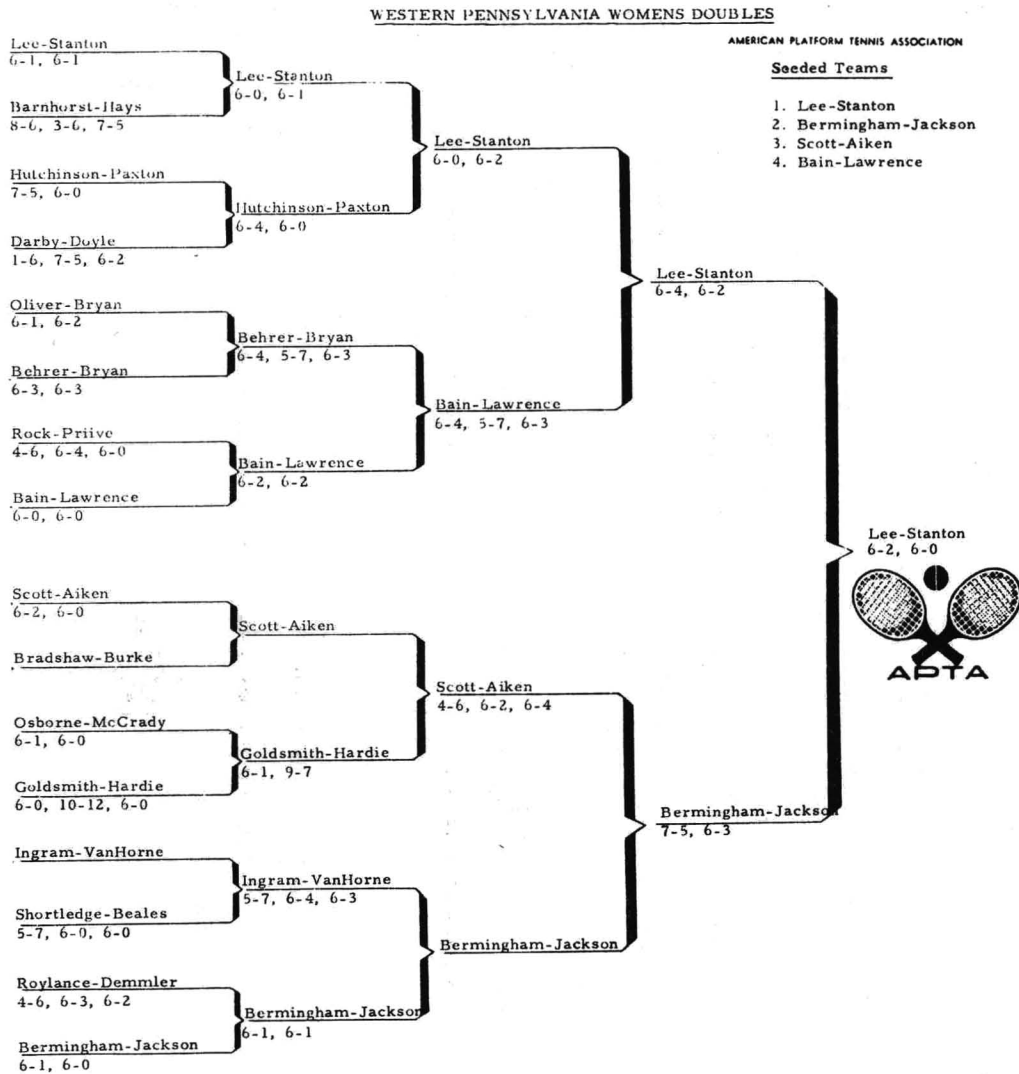
The first APTA Tournament of the year was the Boys Doubles held over the Thanksgiving weekend at the Manursing Island Club. The Tournament had a draw of 31 teams and it appears that Thanksgiving is a better time to have the Tournament than Christmas. The winners were Charles Baird and George Krieger in straight sets, 6-4, 9-7. Baird is now a three time winner of the Tournament having won in 1969 and 1970 with his older brother, Stephen. The Tournament was under the direction of Bill Moncrieff who did an outstanding job. Below is the Tournament from the round of 16.



The next weekend was the first weekend in December, and while we don't have a complete log, we do know that between the Western Pennsylvania Platform Tennis Associations Women's Doubles, Mens Doubles, The Long Island Invitational and the Connecticut State Mens Doubles, there were some 272 teams in competition that weekend. Tournament results are reported below. The two Western Pennsylvania Tournaments and the Long Island from the round of 16 and the Connecticut State from the round of 32.

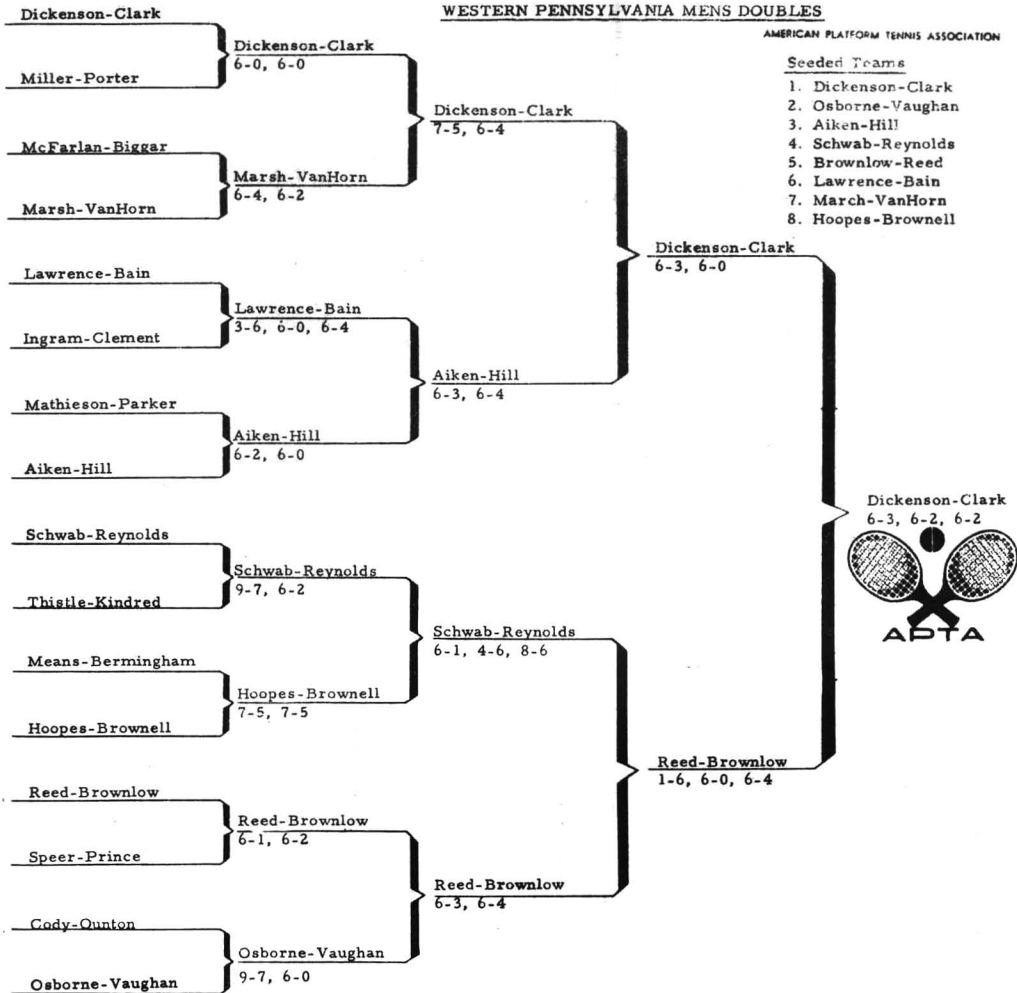
"With apologies from the Secretary, the draw will be reproduced in the next Newsletter. Explanations furnished upon request. P.A.T."

The Western Pennsylvania Womens was won by the defending champions, Charlotte Lee and Peggy Stanton. The Mens by Dickenson and Clark who were also defending champions. The Long Island Tourney was won for the second year by Gene Scott and Clark Graebner. At the Lake Club in Connecticut, Bob Kingsbury and John Mangan, seeded 2nd beat the 3rd seeded team of Kimberly and Jennings in a 4 set match in the Connecticut Mens Doubles.



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA MENS DOUBLES

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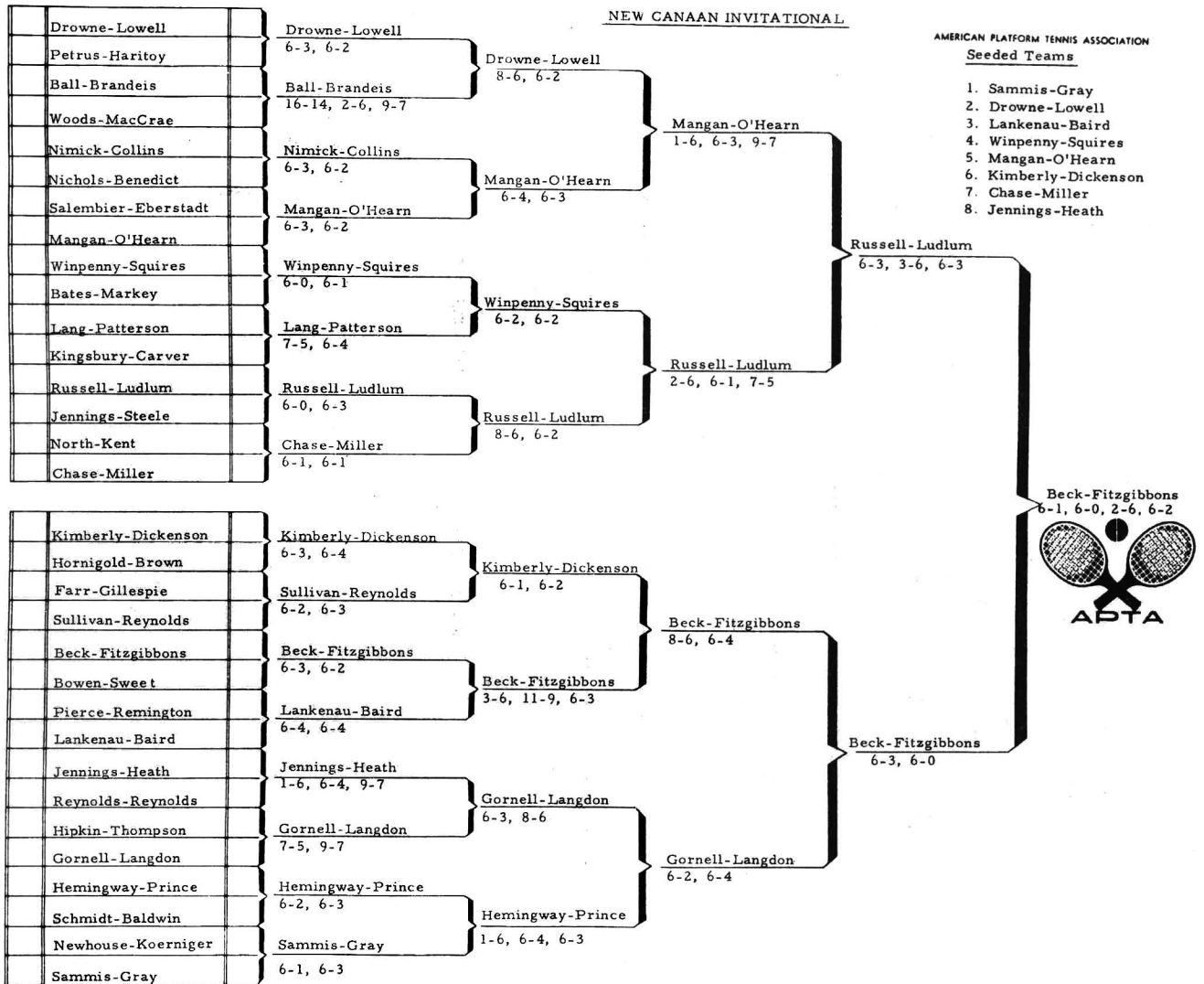


LONG ISLAND INVITATIONAL

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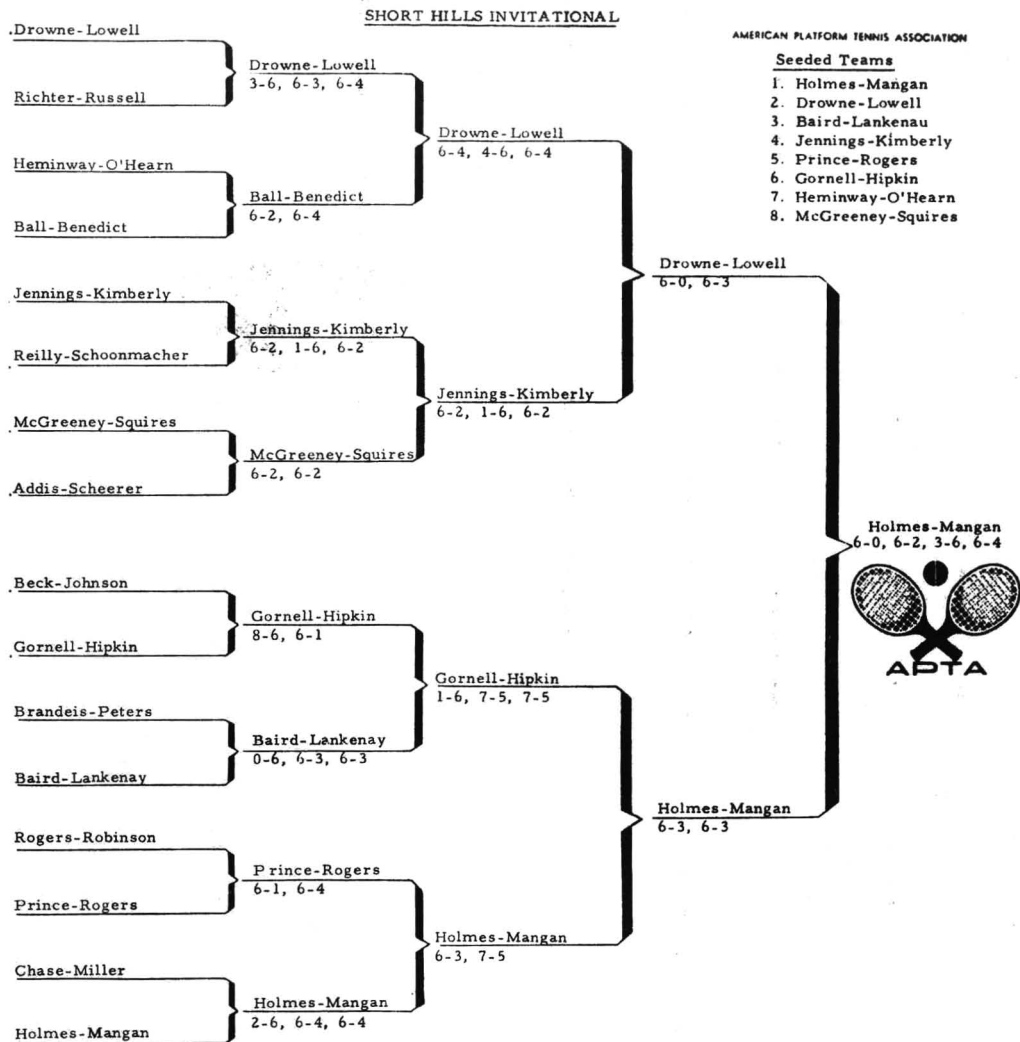


The New Canaan Mens Invitational was held on January 16 & 17 and was won by the un-seeded team of Beck and Fitzgibbons who defeated another unseeded team, Russell and Ludlum in 4 sets. Only half of the 8 seeded teams got to the round of 8, and only 1 of the seeded teams made it to the semi-finals. Nothing wrong with the seeds, all of whom belonged there. Just a host of strong, new teams which bespeaks of the growth of the game and continued evidence of high calibre play. Below is the Tournament from the round of 32.



January 16 & 17 also saw the running of the Western Pennsylvania mixed doubles which was won by the 2nd seeded team of Aiken and Aiken in straight sets of 6-3, 6-4 over the 3rd seeded team of Morris and Jackson. The Aikens never lost a set all weekend.

The 20th annual Short Hills Mens Invitational was held on January 30 & 31 and was won for the second straight year by Tom Holmes and John Mangan over the second seeded team of Drowne and Lowell in a 4 set match. There were great matches both days and in the semis, both Drowne and Lowell and Holmes and Mangan were on top and won going way. (Not to be confused with either the race track or the cinder oval.) Below is the tournament from the round of 16.

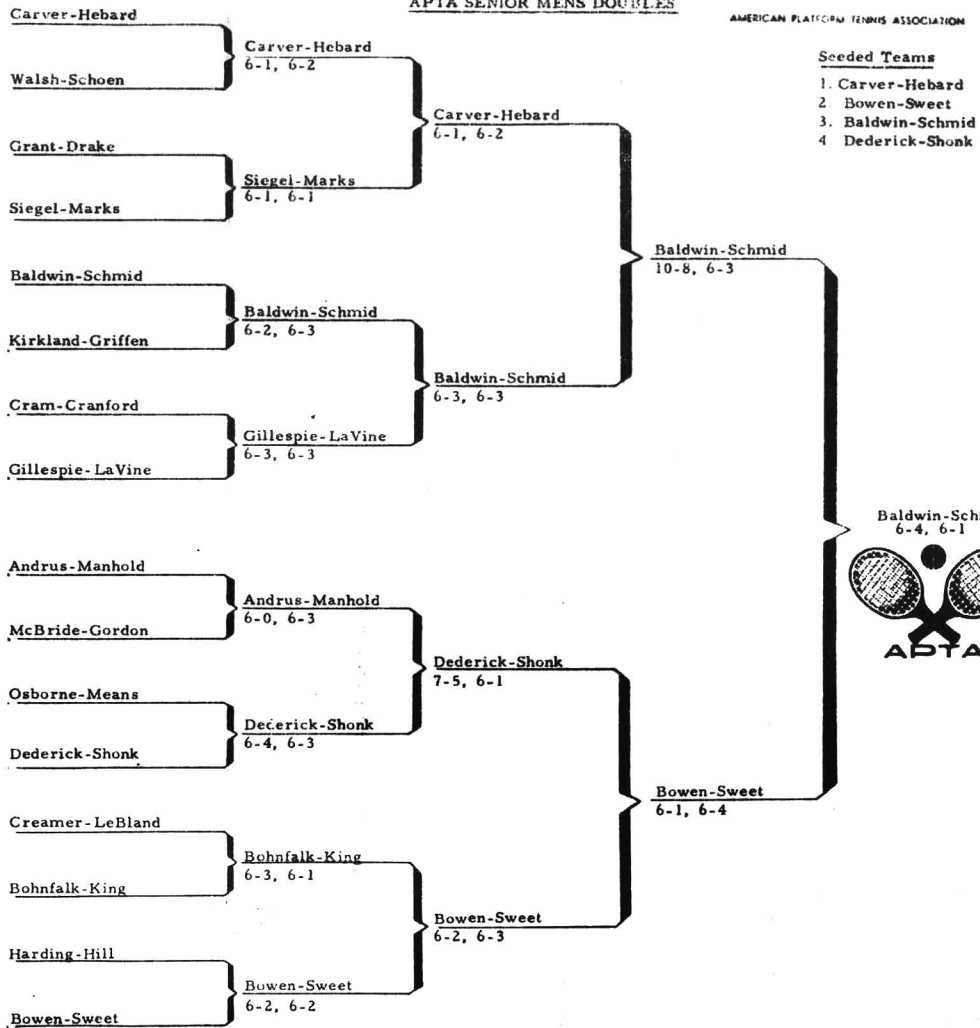


The most recent tournaments were the APTA Seniors and Veterans held the first weekend in February at the Englewood Field Club. Englewood loves the Seniors and the Seniors love Englewood. New entries this year, the 3rd seeded team of Baldwin and Schmid won the tournament in straight sets over Bowen and Sweet, 6-4, 6-1. Baldwin and Schmid beat the defending champions, Carver and Hebard in the semi-finals.

In the Veterans, Miller and Prince from Chevy Chase, Maryland defeated Frese and Holloway in a close, 3 set match. Both tournaments, including a consolation tourney in the Seniors won by Walsh and Schoen in 3 sets, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4, over Harding and Hill were run consecutively and well by Doug Thompson. Below is the Seniors from the round of 16 and the Veterans from the round of 8.

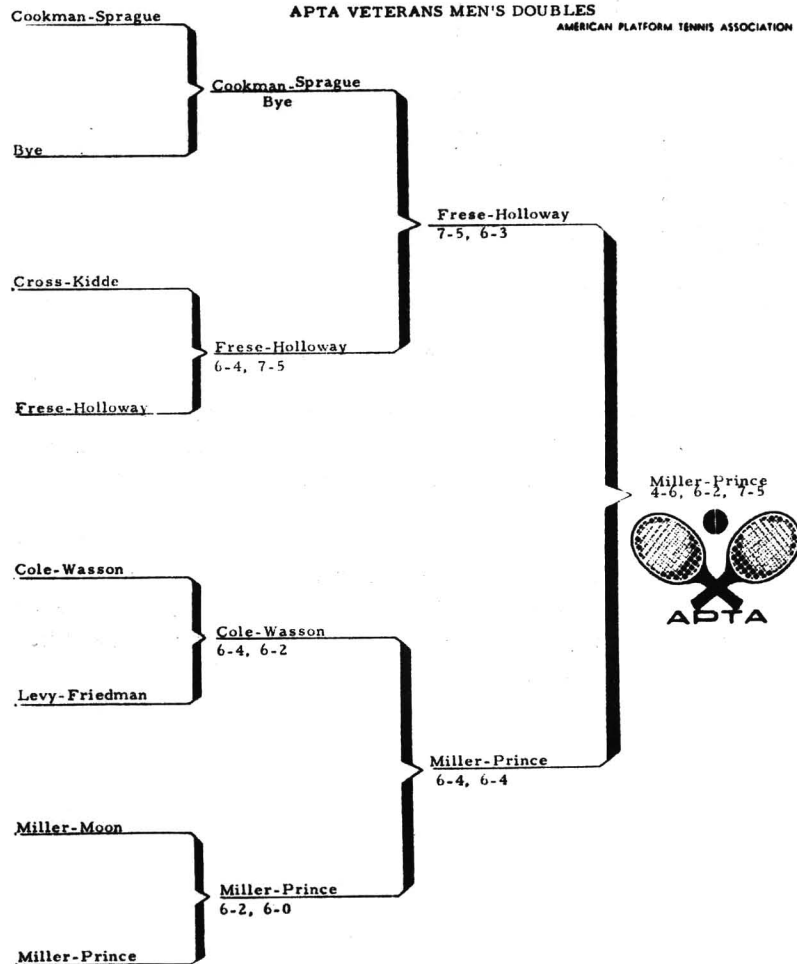
APTA SENIOR MENS DOUBLES

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APTA VETERANS MEN'S DOUBLES

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TENNIS MAGAZINE

Tennis Magazine, out of Lake Forrest, Ill. of which Dick Squires is Platform Tennis editor, is desirous of introducing the magazine to platform tennis players on an introductory basis. A regular subscription is \$5.00 a year. A subscription through the APTA is \$4.00 a year. If you're interested, write Peter Thistle, APTA Secretary at Birtwhistle and Livingston, 17 N. Dean Street, Englewood, N.J. 07631. Request a subscription, include your name and address, and a check for \$4.00 made payable to the American Platform Tennis Association. That's all there is to it. Tennis Magazine has a monthly column on platform tennis and, of course, covers lawn tennis with the bulk of its editorial.

SCARFS, TIES, BOOKS

A year, or so ago, two enterprising female paddle players in New Jersey designed and had made a beautiful 27" APTA scarf, green with gold rackets which is available at \$7.00 apiece. To buy one, send your order to the APTA Treasurer, Fox Meadow Tennis Club, Wayside Lane, Scarsdale, N. Y. 10583. Please enclose check, there are no C.O.D.'s. Scarfs are sent postpaid.

We also have a supply of the official APTA ties in olive green with crossed gold rackets and orange ball, also available through the Treasurer. Price is \$6.50, postpaid.

The official Guide to Platform Tennis, by O.H. Durrell is also available through the Treasurer. This is the first book on Platform Tennis written originally by the games founder, Fesenden S. Blanchard. It's a must for the library. Cost is \$4.50 per copy, postpaid.

TIEBREAKERS

The Tournament Committee has decided against using tie-breakers this year. However, any comments and/or reactions to this innovation of the USLTA are welcome.

APTA MENS DOUBLES

As the Mens Doubles grows, the APTA is faced with the problem of the strain of the tournament on the host club, particularly in that the tourney is held over two weekends. Of concern also is that players from out of town who are defeated on the first weekend must return the following weekend to see the semi-finals and finals. There is also the distinct possibility of having to have a larger draw than 128 teams. Accordingly, the 3 following alternatives are being considered:

1. Confine the tournament to one weekend by having competition begin on Friday, and have a maximum draw of 128 teams. If necessary, hold regional qualifying rounds on the prior weekend to maintain a final draw of 128 teams.
2. Hold regional tournaments for places in a final draw of 64 teams and hold the 64 team tournaments on a single, 2 day weekend.
3. Maintain the current 3 day schedule on two weekends and hold the draw to a maximum of 128 teams and accept entries in order received. In the event of a larger draw than 128 teams, hold qualifying rounds the previous weekend.

The executive committee is interested in comments concerning the above 3 alternatives.

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