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You may not think it will ever be cool again, but precedent tells us it will be and tennis will give way to platform tennis. Whites will give way to some incredible outfits (and some sensational ones too) and doubles will be game.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Association will be at the Princeton Club, Monday, November 1. Due to consistently increasing attendance and interest in the Annual Meeting, we are going to have an open dinner following the cocktail hour and business meeting. All members of the Association and members of the member clubs are cordially invited to attend. Cocktails will be served at no cost during the cocktail hour but everyone will be on their own for additional cocktails and the cost of the dinner.

In a subsequent mailing, prior to the Annual Meeting, you will receive further details as well as a reply card to facilitate reservations for the dinner. Send money.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Following is a partial and tentative tournament schedule for this year.

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Buffalo Men's	Saturn Club	Oct. 30, 31, 1971
Cleveland Men's	Multi Club	Nov. 20, 21
APTA Boys Doubles	Fox Meadow	Nov. 26
Conn. State	Unknown	Dec. 4, 5
Manursing Scrambles	Manursing Island Club	Dec. 11, 12
Fox Meadow Jambles	Fox Meadow	Jan. 8, 9, 1972
Rye Men's	Rye Clubs	Jan. 15, 16
Short Hills Men's	Short Hills Club	Jan. 29, 30
APTA Veterans & Senior Mens Doubles	Englewood Field Club	Feb. 5, 6
New Canaan Men's	New Canaan Clubs	Feb. 12, 13
APTA Mixed Doubles	Stanwich Club	Feb. 19, 20, 21
Greenwich Men's	Greenwich Clubs	Feb. 26, 27
APTA Senior Women's Doubles	Unknown	March 1, 2
APTA Men's Doubles	Fox Meadow	March 3, 4, 5
APTA Women's Doubles	Montclair Golf Club	March 8, 9, 10

We have been considering for some time the advisability of changing the Mens Doubles from a schedule of two weekends to one three day weekend and asked for comments concerning this in the last newsletter.

After reviewing the comments made on the one postcard we received, the decision has been made to run the Mens Doubles on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 3, 4 & 5. The mixed doubles will also be held on a three day weekend, February 19, 20 & 21.

The Boys Doubles will again be held during the Thanksgiving weekend so the Tournament won't conflict with Christmas vacation activities. Last year we had a 31 team draw on that weekend which was the largest in several years, so November seems to be a good time. Pass the word to your eligibles so they can make their plans to play. The

Rye Invitational and New Canaan Mens Doubles have switched weekends this year and the Womens Doubles will be held at the Montclair Golf Club for the first time. We have some ten additional tournaments to fit into the schedule, but we do not as yet have definite places or dates for them.

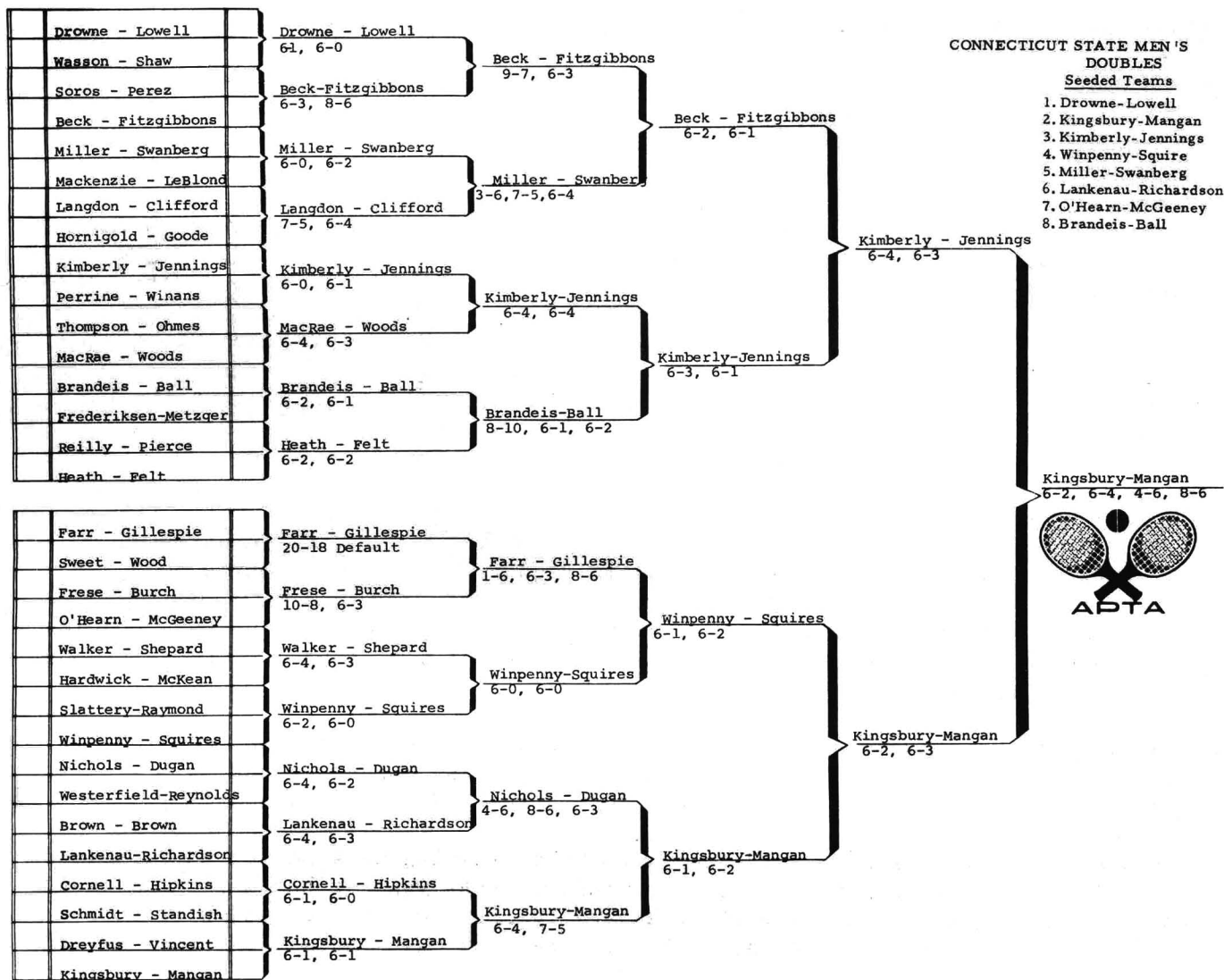
- West Pennsylvania Men's
- West Pennsylvania Women's
- West Pennsylvania Mixed
- Long Island Men's
- Connecticut or Westchester Satellite
- Bronxville Women's
- Stanwich Women's
- New Canaan/Darien Women's
- Midwest Men's
- New England Men's

TOURNAMENTS

If you lost in last year's tournaments, there's nothing worse than old news, but if you won it might just as well have happened yesterday - we hope. So, for Kingsbury and Mangan, twice, Drowne and Lowell, Sammis and Gray and DeBree and Dillenbeck here are the results of the tournaments they won.

CONNECTICUT STATE MENS DOUBLES

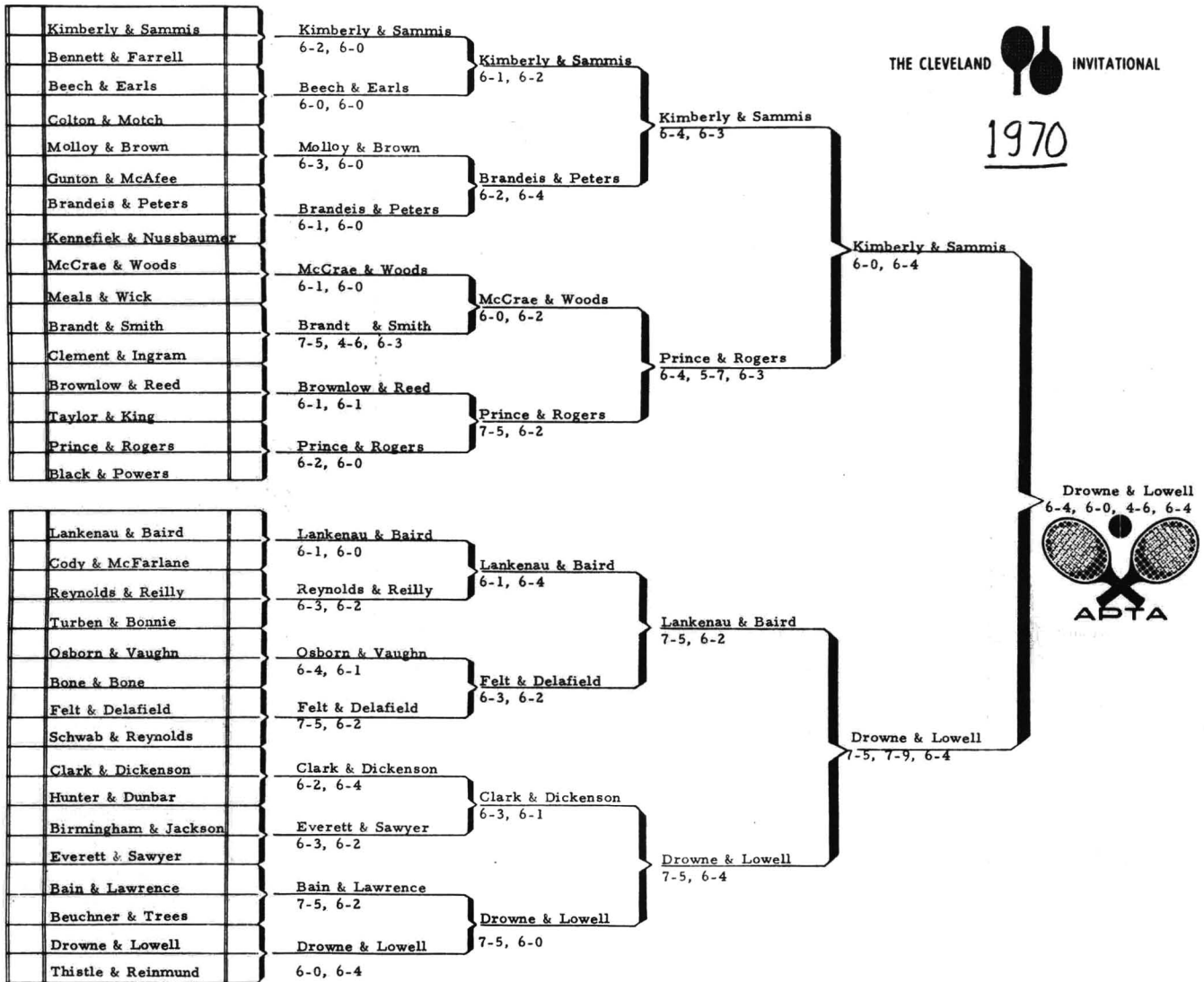
In the Connecticut State, the second seeded team of Kingsbury and Mangan won in a fine match over the third seeded team of Kimberly and Jennings. Neither team had lost a set going into the final. Below is the Tournament from the round of 32.



THE CLEVELAND INVITATIONAL

At Cleveland the team of Drowne and Lowell won over the defending champions, Kimberly and Sammis in four sets. On their way to the finals, Drowne and Lowell defeated Clark and Dickenson who were finalists in the Tournament in 1970, in the quarter finals.

The Cleveland Tournament has only been held twice but it already is considered by many to be a fine tournament and, of course, a great weekend. Nobody handles a flood of guests better than the Cleveland crowd. Below is the Tournament from the round of 32.



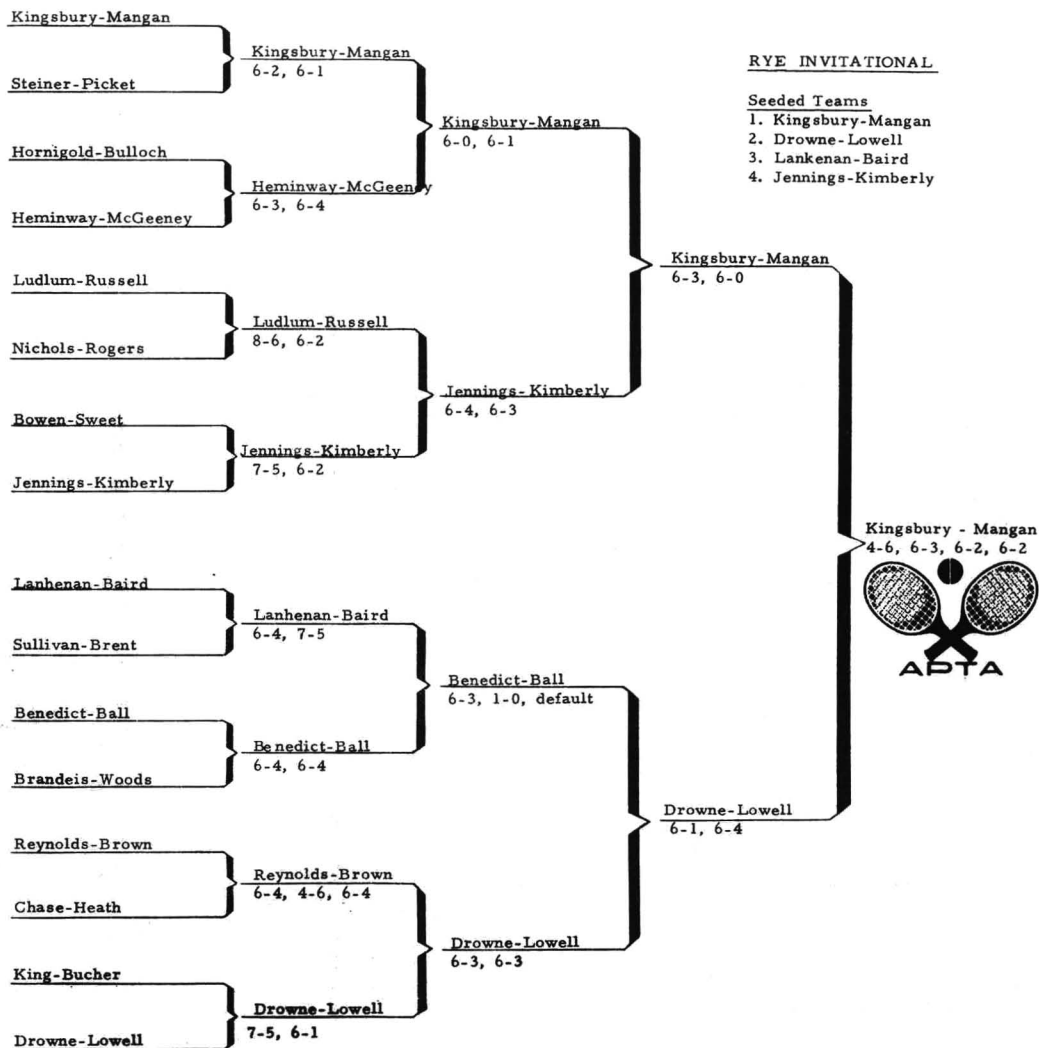
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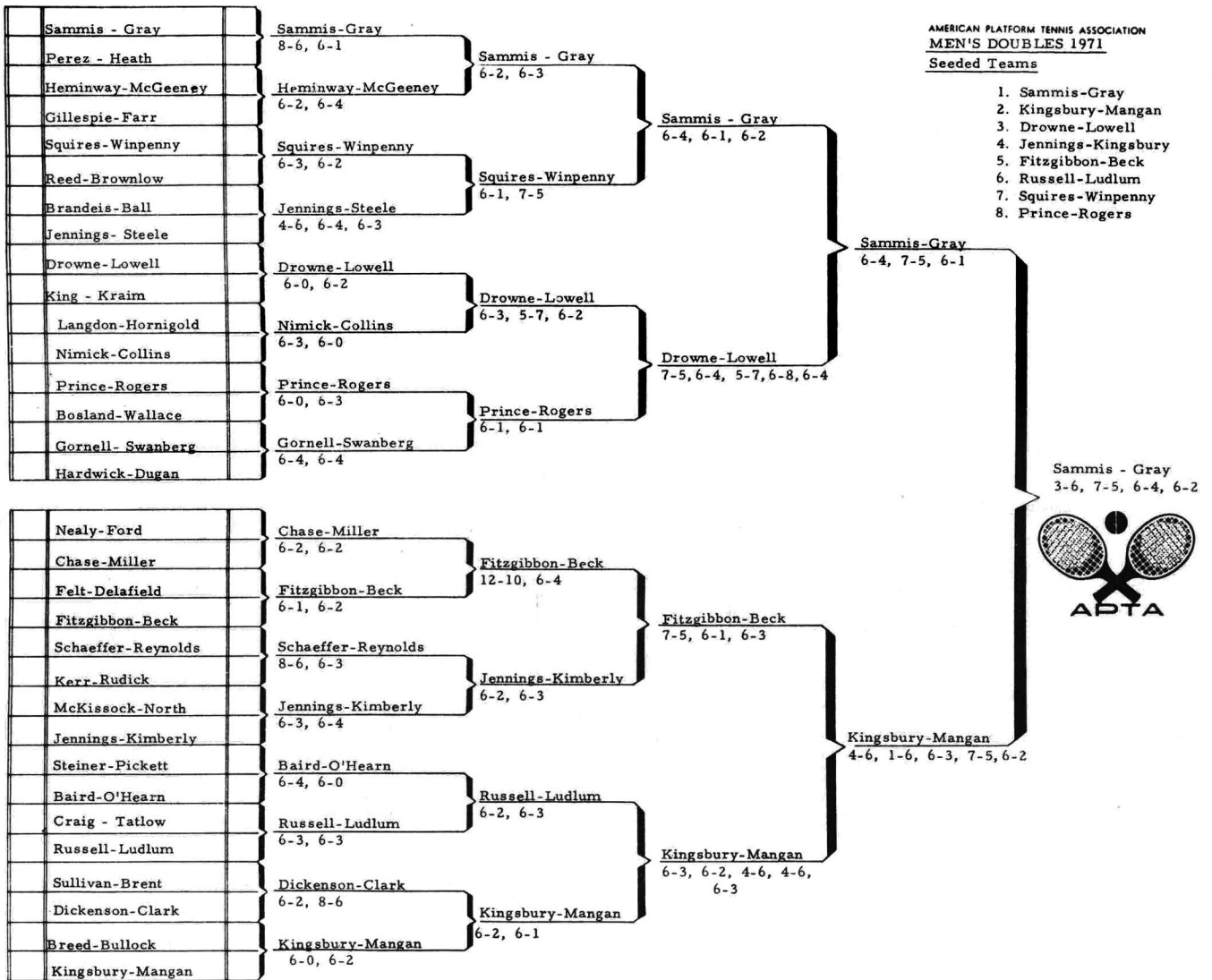
In the Rye Invitational the first seeded team of Kingsbury and Mangan won their second tournament of the year over the second seeded team of Drowne and Lowell in four sets. Below is the Tournament from the round of 16.



APTA MEN'S DOUBLES

The Men's Doubles was held at the Fox Meadow Tennis Club and was superbly run by Dick Tatlow. The Tournament again had a full draw of 128 teams. The finals were played to a crowd of some 500 people and was officiated for the fifteenth year by Michael Dunn, former chairman of USLTA Umpires' Committee. Jesse Sammis and Gordon Gray were in the finals for the fifth time and won the Tournament for the third straight year in four sets over the team of Kingsbury and Mangan, the second seeded team and finalists in 1970. Gray and Sammis are the fourth team in history to win the Men's Doubles three times and the second team in history to have won three years in a row. The first team to turn the platform tennis "hat trick" were the team of Hebard and Carver in the years '61, '62 & '63.

Kingsbury and Mangan had a fine semi-final win over Fitzgibbon and Beck. They were down two sets to love and then turned it around to win in five sets. Below is the Tournament from the round of 32.

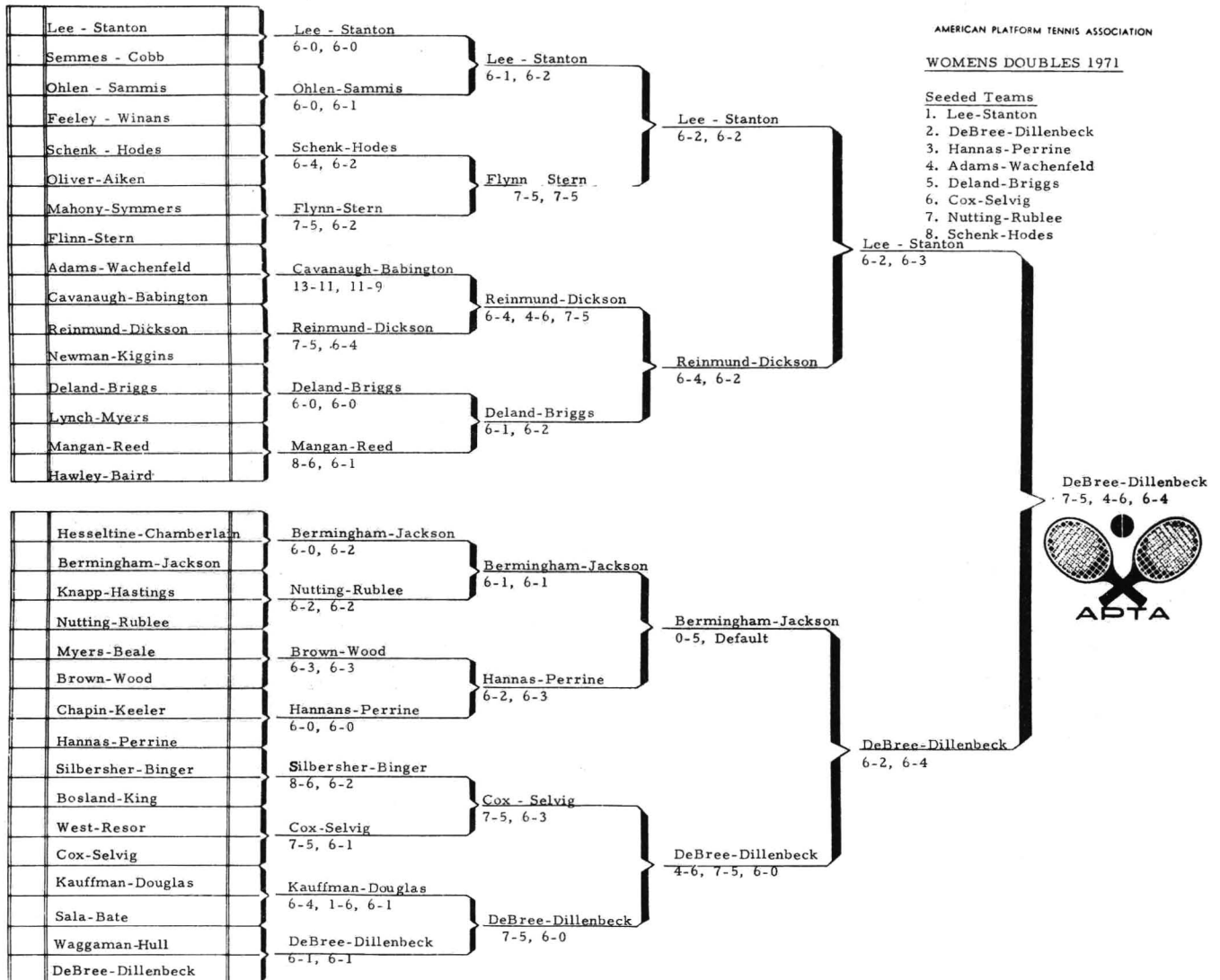


APTA WOMEN'S DOUBLES

The Women's Doubles was held at the Chevy Chase Club in Maryland for the first time in a location and atmosphere loved by all. The Tournament had a draw of 49 teams. Below is the Tournament from the round of 32.

The second seeded team of DeBree and Dillenbeck won in three sets over the perennial Lee and Stanton who were defending champions and who had won the Women's Doubles for the last four years straight. DeBree and Dillenbeck had also won the Stanwich Women's Invitational earlier in the season defeating Lee and Stanton who were defending champions there. It looks like DeBree and Dillenbeck are a new team to reckon with.

Two unseeded teams made it to the semi-finals, Reinmund and Dickson, who defeated the fifth seeded team of Deland and Briggs in the quarter finals, and Bermingham and Jackson. Bermingham and Jackson were there by default but they handled the seventh seeded team of Nutting and Rublee with some dispatch in the round of 16.



LONG ISLAND INVITATIONAL

Apologies to Ludlum and Russell who, indeed, won the Long Island Invitational over Grabner and Scott - not the other way around as originally reported.

PADDLE IN WARSAW, POLAND

More on Platform Tennis overseas. We herewith reproduce the latest correspondence from Ambassador Stoessel in Warsaw. Late, to be sure, but so is the Newsletter. Apologies to Ambassador Stoessel.

Dear Mr. Thistle:

Herewith a report from the overseas (i.e., Poland) chapter of APTA.

We finished our second Warsaw Season with a good round of tournament play and a paddle tennis banquet on April 6. The men's doubles was particularly hard-fought this year, and an upset took place when two of our younger players, Roger Harrison and Dick Bowers, both Second Secretaries of Embassy, defeated the defending champs, Nick Andrews and Ed Harper, in a brilliant match.

This weekend we are holding a juniors tournament. Some of the players are ten years old, so you can see we believe in getting them started young.

All APTA members should be aware that Pan American Airways will begin direct, twice-a-week service from New York to Warsaw beginning April 30. We are hoping this will bring some paddle tennis buffs our way next fall. We hear that PanAm is spreading a new slogan -- "Paddle away with PAA!" -- so we're looking forward to a real Warsaw open!

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

Walter J. Stoessel, Jr.
American Ambassador

NEW YORK CITY

Starting this winter, paddle in New York City is a reality. The place is the Town Tennis Club. Sports Marketing Associates Corporation has joined with the exclusive Town Tennis Club in a joint platform tennis venture. They have three lighted courts available for lunchtime or after work play or all the time if you live in New York or don't want to go home. Also, complete clubhouse services from cocktails to meals to locker rooms with saunas. Sounds pretty plush. By membership only and same covers the paddle facility only from November 1 thru March 31.

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