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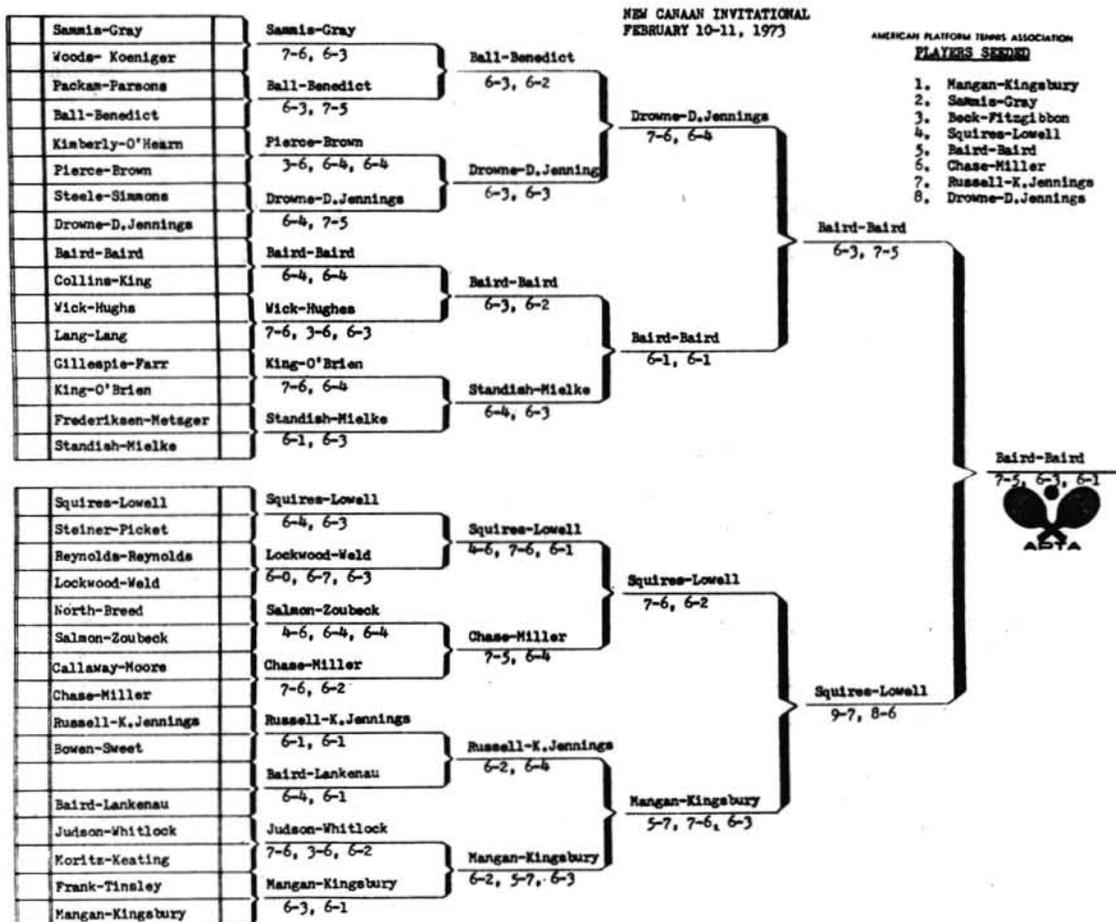
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## MEN'S TOURNAMENTS

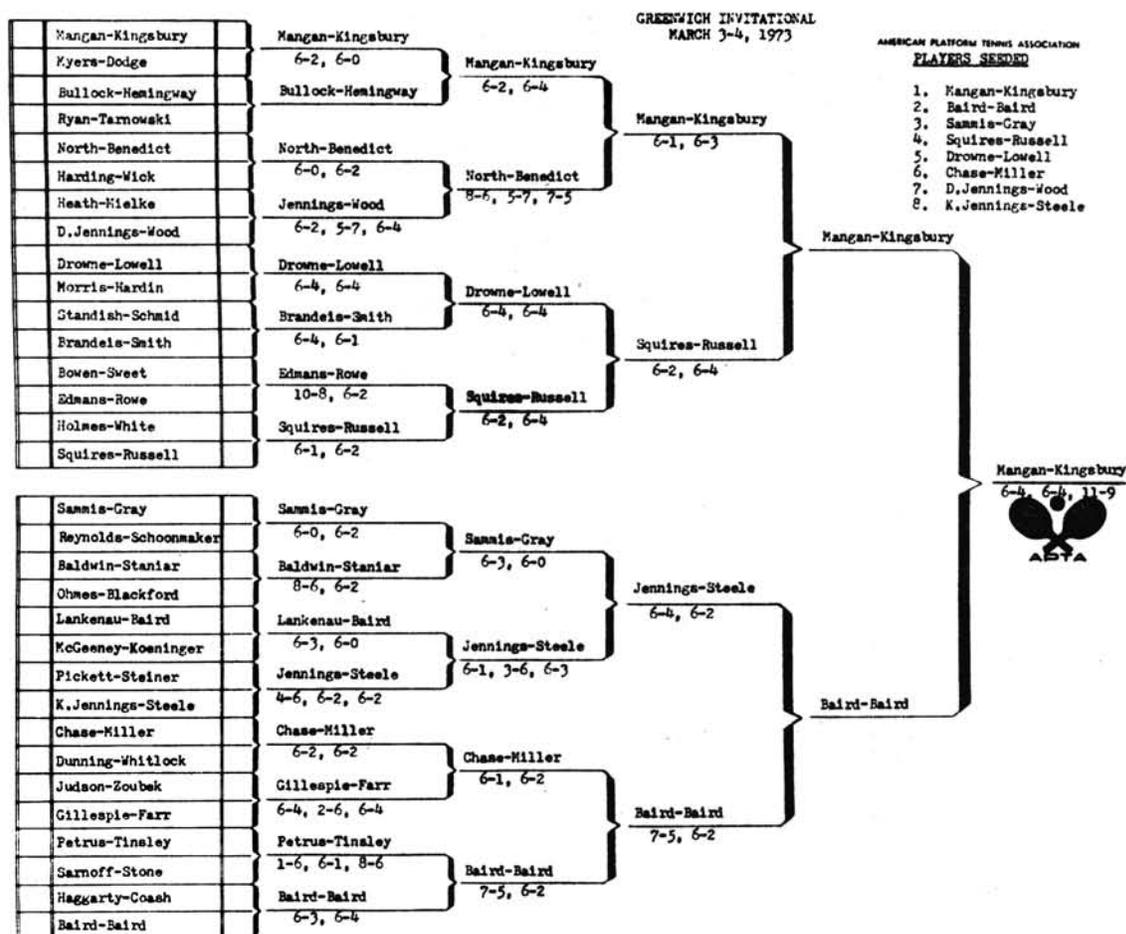
### NEW CANAAN INVITATIONAL

Below is the New Canaan draw from the round of 32, a tournament which saw the fifth seeded team of the Baird brothers, playing here for the first time, win it in straight sets over Squires and Lowell, 7-5, 6-3, 6-1. The defending champions, Sammis and Grey, who were given a second seeding, only made it to the round 16 where they lost to the unseeded but strong team of Ball and Benedict. Almost as surprising was the early elimination of the third seeds, Beck and Fitzgibbon, who were unseeded winners of this tournament in 1971 and quarter finalists last year. They lost in the first round to Standish and Mielke who must have been playing very well. Standish and Mielke stayed in the tournament to the quarter finals where they lost to the Bairds. The Bairds never lost a set during the tournament.



## GREENWICH INVITATIONAL

The Greenwich Invitational, held on March 3rd & 4th, was won by first seeds Mangan and Kingsbury in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, 11-9 over second seeds, Steve and Chip Baird. Sammis and Grey, who have won this tournament six times didn't have enough to do it this year and lost in the round of 8. Their loss to Jennings and Steele in that round set up a return match in the semi-finals between Jennings-Steele and Baird-Baird who had last met in the Short Hills Invitational, a match which Jennings and Steele won. In this tournament the Bairds avenged that defeat and moved on to the finals. But Mangan and Kingsbury put it all together and won a fine final round match and went to the nationals with another win to their credit.

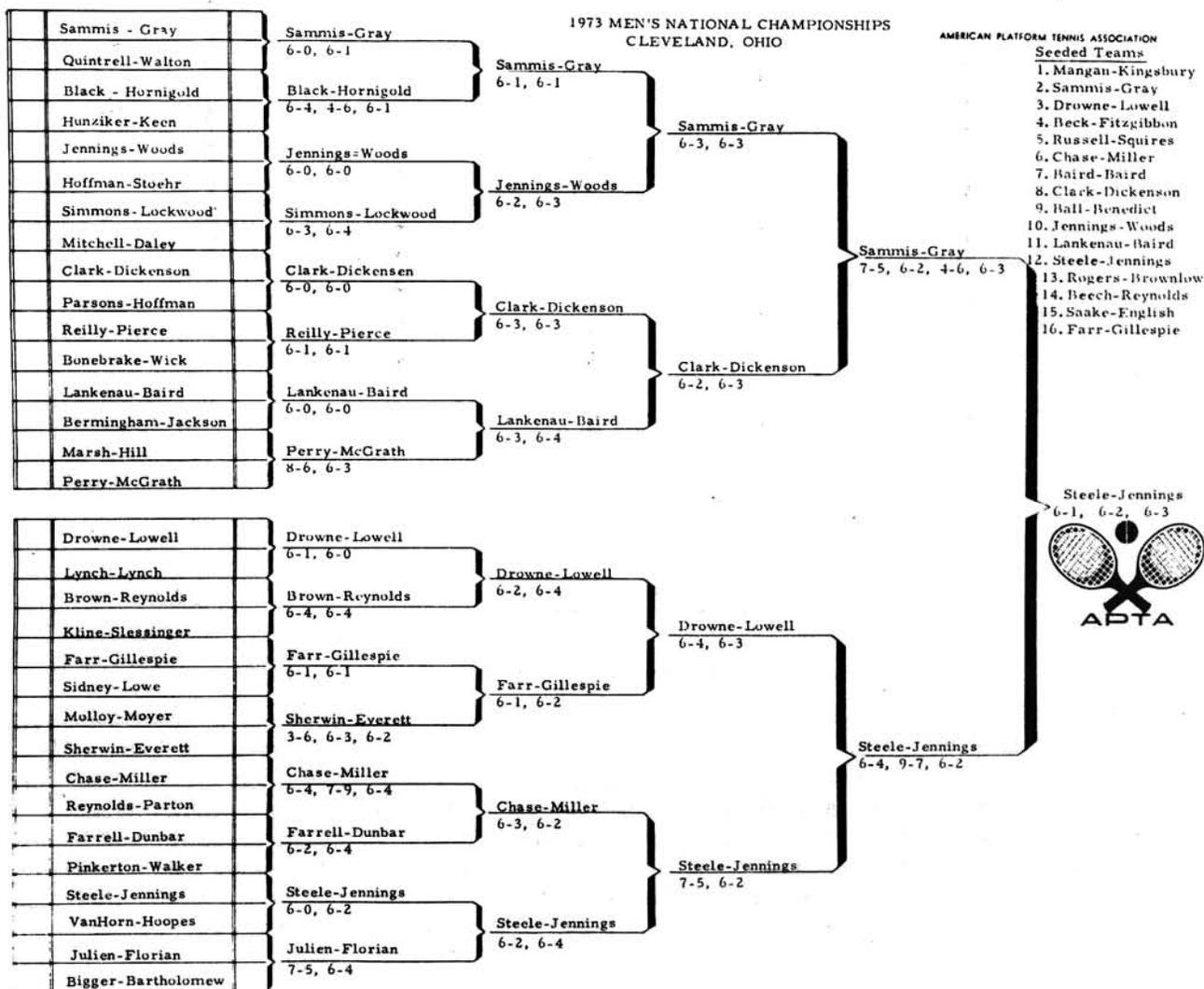


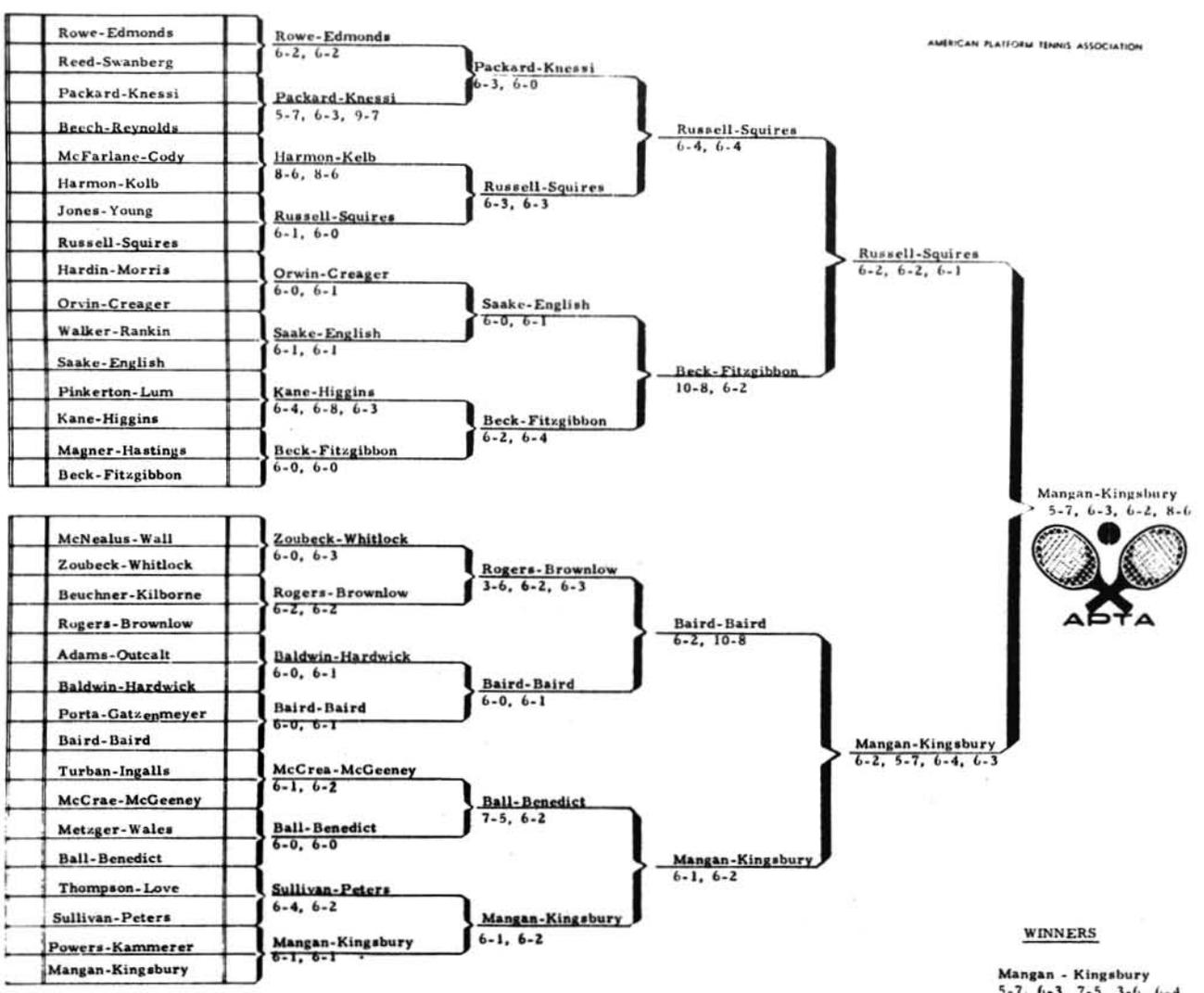
## APTA MEN'S NATIONALS

For the first time, the Men's Nationals was held in Cleveland, testimony to the growth and breathe of the game in the midwest and the fact that Cleveland, next to Pittsburgh, probably has more courts, close-in, than any other place in the country.

The first seeded team of Mangan and Kingsbury successfully defended their title in a tight, five set match over the twelfth seeded team of Steele and Jennings who deserved their place in the finals. They had a fine year and deserved a higher seeding than the twelve they had. Steele and Jennings defeated the sixth seeded team of Chase and Miller in the round of 16, the third seeded team of Drowne and Lowell in the round of 8 and second seeds, Sammis and Grey in the semi-finals.

Mangan and Kingsbury, however, were true champions, put to the test late in the tournament but never losing their finesse or their concentration. They managed three consecutive extra set matches in the quarters, semi's and finals and won all three. Weekend weather in Cleveland was rare March, indeed. In a city where heavy snow in March is predictable, the temperature was in the high 60's, hardly the best weather for paddle. The result was the lively ball, booming returns of service and many service breaks. Mangan and Kingsbury played an aggressive, attacking game and it paid off. Just credit goes to the Cleveland Tournament Committee who put on a fine weekend with characteristic aplomb. Below is the draw from the round of 64.





MIXED TOURNAMENTS

NATIONAL MIXED DOUBLES

In the Mixed Doubles, played at the Founding Fox Meadow Tennis Club in Scarsdale, the second seeded team of North and O'Connell, runners up in 1972, reversed that prior final round loss and defeated defending champions, brother and sister John Beck and Sue Wasch, in a two set final, 6-1, 14-12. North and O'Connell have only played in the tournament together twice and are logging an impressive record. They got to the finals by beating the 8th seeded team of Lowell and Gengler in a three set match, the first set of which could have gone either way. The second and third sets, however, were decisive. Marjorie Gengler is captain of the Princeton University women's tennis team and was playing in the mixed doubles for the first time.

On their way to the finals, Beck and Wasch had a semi-final victory over Drowne and DeBree who were the only seeded team in the draw who had a win in mixed doubles competition this year, the New Jersey State Mixed Doubles. The schedule could use additional mixed doubles tournaments. Below is the draw from the round of 64.

1973 NATIONAL MIXED DOUBLES

AMERICAN PLATFORM TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Seeded Teams

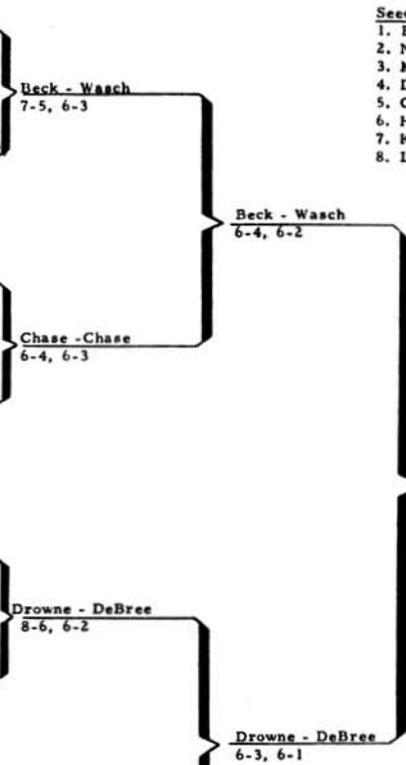
1. Beck - Wasch
2. North-O'Connell
3. Mangan-Stanton
4. Drowne-DeBree
5. Chase-Chase
6. Houlihan-VanKleck
7. Kimberly-Cavanaugh
8. Lowell-Gengler

Beck - Wasch	
Lindley - Lindley	
Atherton-Atherton	
Ayres-Gengler	
Babington-Babington	
Thompson-Johnson	
Bosland-Bosland	
Kingsbury-Kingsbury	
Kinney-Kinney	
Ryan-Ryan	
McCreary-McCreary	
Parry-Parry	
Dennek-Archard	
Fox - Halsey	
Boll-Boll	
Chase - Chase	

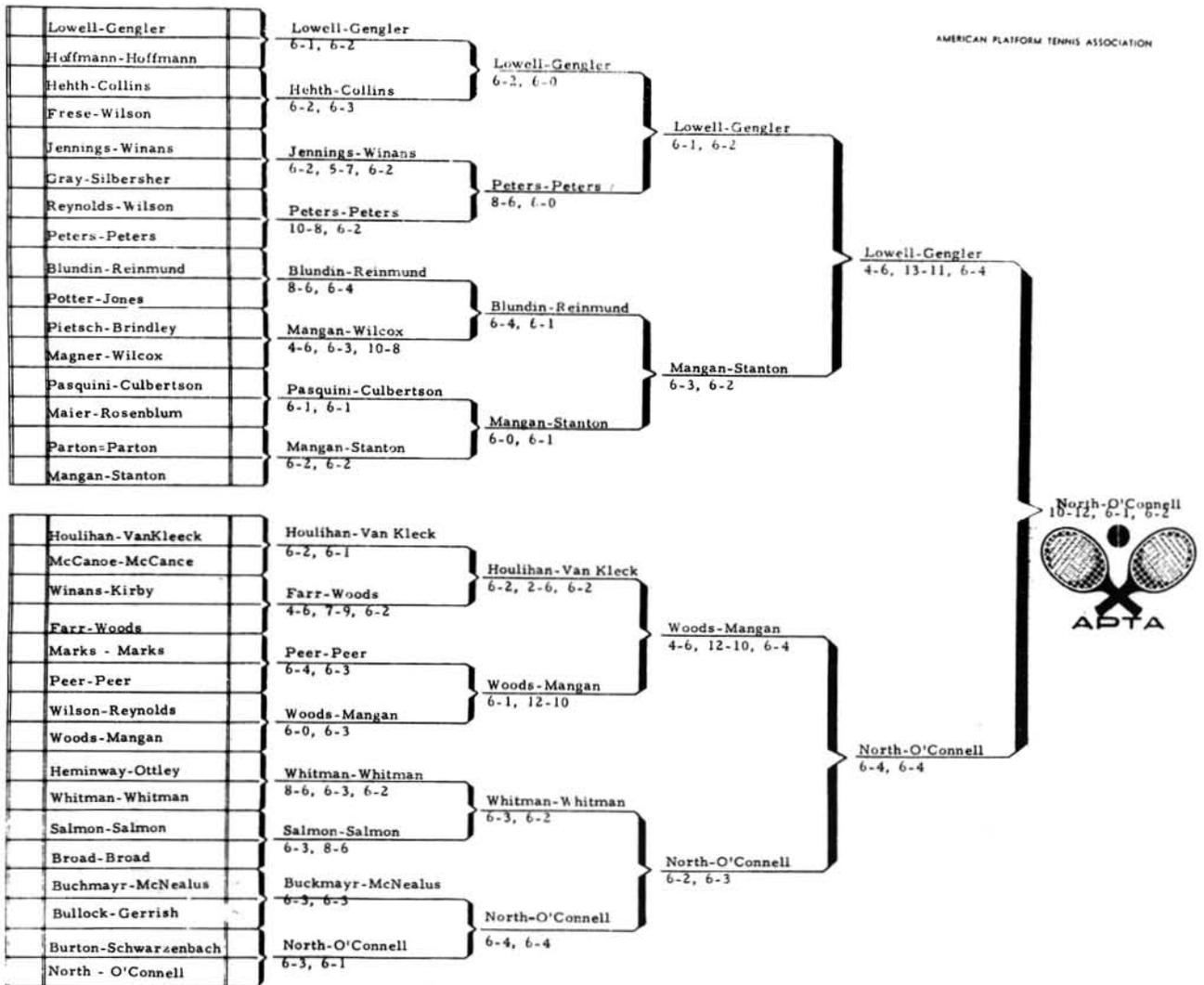
Beck - Wasch	6-3, 7-5
Ayres-Gengler	6-0, 6-2
Babington-Babington	6-2, 6-3
Kingsbury-Kingsbury	6-4, 6-2
Kinney-Kinney	6-2, 6-1
Parry-Parry	7-5, 6-3
Fox - Halsey	Def.
Chase-Chase	6-0, 6-2

Drowne-DeBree	
Tinsley-Zangrillo	
Lightfoot-Lightfoot	
Sullivan-Thompson	
Whitlock-Blundell	
Delaney-Delaney	
Fleming-Wonham	
Sammis-Sammis	
Breed-Fleming	
Nelson-Nelson	
Newman-Newman	
Brown-Brown	
Landenau-Lankenau	
Smith-Nary	
Jennings-Jennings	
Kimberly-Cavanaugh	

Drowne-DeBree	6-2, 6-2
Lightfoot-Lightfoot	7-9, 6-4, 6-4
Whitlock - Blundell	6-2, 6-0
Sammis - Sammis	6-4, 4-6, 7-5
Breed - Fleming	6-2, 6-1
Brown - Brown	6-1, 6-2
Landenau - Landenau	6-3, 4-6, 6-2
Kimberly-Cavanaugh	7-5, 3-6, 6-4



**WINNERS**  
North-O'Connell, 6-1, 14-12

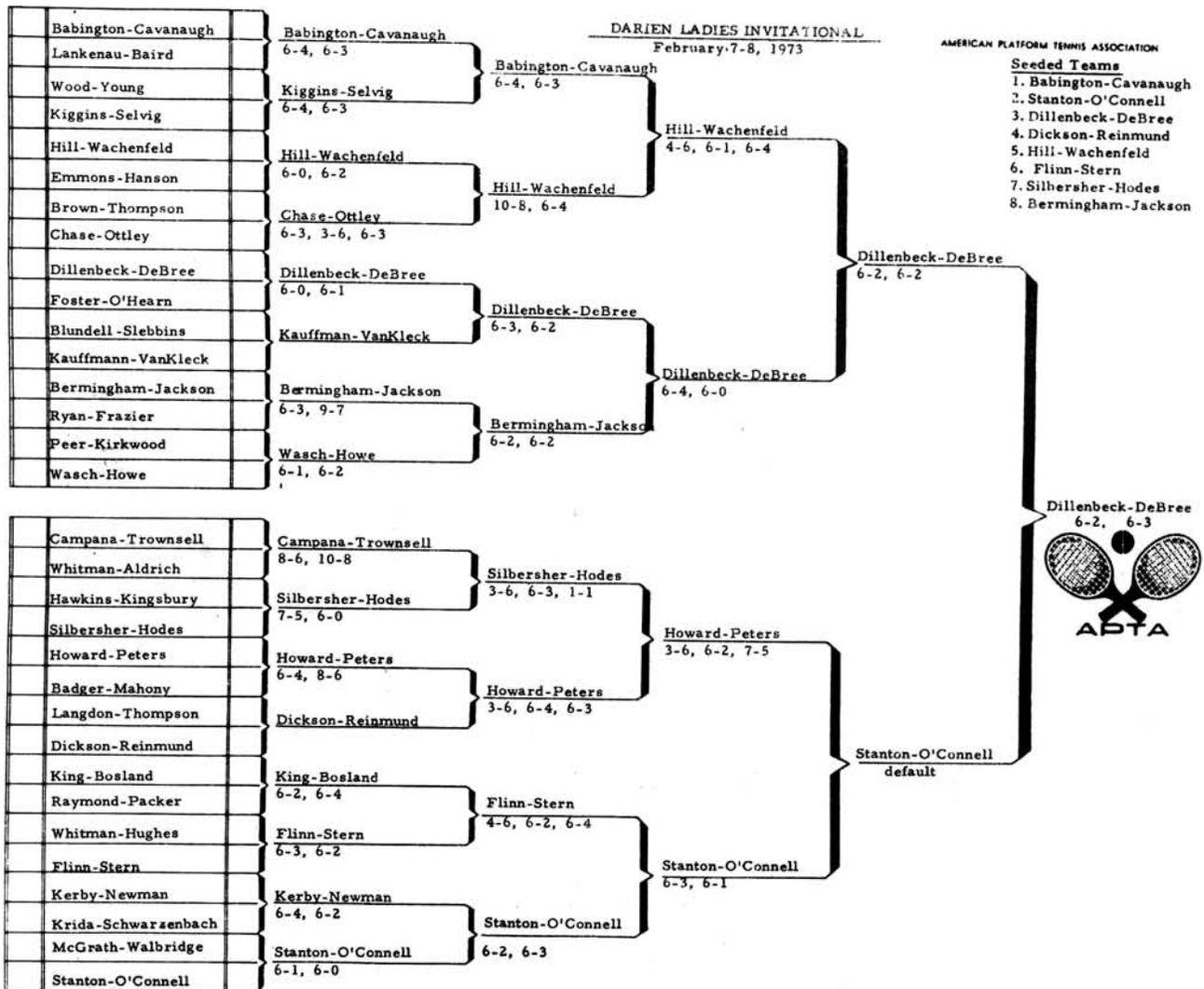


WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS

DARIEN INVITATIONAL

At Darien, Dillenbeck and DeBree, second seeded nationally, won their first major tournament of the year in a strong victory over Stanton and O'Connell, 6-2, 6-3. Dillenbeck and DeBree were in command the whole way but Stanton and O'Connell were probably at a disadvantage, having a default in the semi-finals. Rested but cold. These two teams had met once before this year in the semi-finals at Stanwich with Stanton and O'Connell moving on to the finals and eventually winning the tournament.

A major upset was the win of Hill-Wachenfeld in the quarter finals over Babington and Cavanaugh who had won both the Long Island Invitational and the Bronxville-Fox Meadow Invitational. Below is the tournament from the round of 32.



This tournament has been appropriately named for Charlotte Lee, the perennial great of New Jersey in National Women's Platform Paddle Tennis.

The tournament was won by DeBree and Dillenbeck over Babington and Cavanaugh, 12-10, 6-2. These two teams are ranked 2 and 3 respectively, nationally, and always provide exciting paddle. DeBree and Dillenbeck now have 2 consecutive wins to their credit in major competition and in this tournament, from the round of 32, had four love sets, two 7 game sets and three 8 game sets. They were only pushed in the first set of the final. Below is the tournament from the round of 32.

DeBree-Dillenbeck	
Sofman-Turko	
Hazelhurst-Walbridge	
Peters-Sala	
Dickson-Reinmund	
Everett-Maguire	
Lizotte-McCullough	
Perrine-Silbersher	
Huber-Wasch	
Talbot - Wright	
Ryan-Zangrillo	
Krieger-Polestak	
Greer-Mangan	
Strong-Woolson	
Holslag-Kadel	
Adams-Cox	

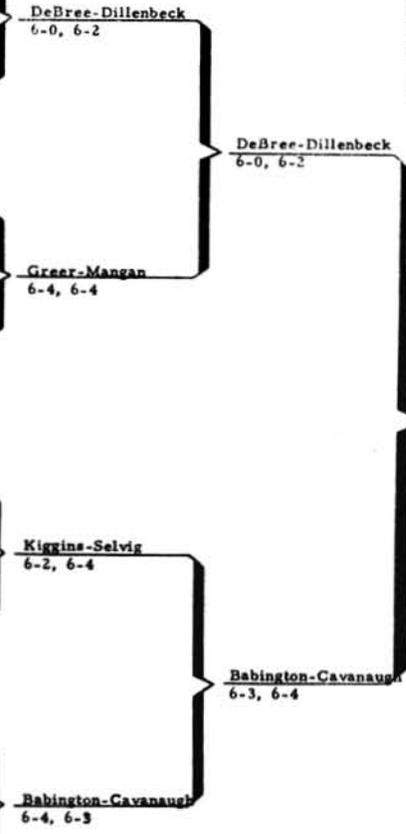
DeBree-Dillenbeck	6-0, 6-0
Hazelhurst-Walbridge	3-6, 6-4, 8-6
Dickson-Reinmund	6-1, 6-1
Everett-Maguire	6-1, 6-1
Lizotte-McCullough	6-0, 6-3
Perrine-Silbersher	6-0, 6-3
Huber-Wasch	6-2, 6-0
Talbot - Wright	6-3, 8-6
Ryan-Zangrillo	5-7, 14-12, 10-8
Krieger-Polestak	6-3, 8-6
Greer-Mangan	8-6, 6-4
Strong-Woolson	6-4, 6-4
Holslag-Kadel	6-2, 6-3
Adams-Cox	6-2, 6-3

THE CHARLOTTE LEE NEW JERSEY INVITATIONAL  
February 21-22, 1973  
AMERICAN PLATFORM TENNIS ASSOCIATION

- Seeded Teams  
1. DeBree-Dillenbeck  
2. Babington-Cavanaugh  
3. Huber-Wasch  
4. Hill-Wachenfeld  
5. Flinn-Stern  
6. Dickson-Reinmund  
7. Kiggins-Selvig  
8. Greer-Mangan

McAlpin-Mullen	
Ralston-Seidler	
Lang-Newman	
Kiggins-Selvig	
Gambes-Kerby	
Webb-Young	
Reifler-Walker	
Hill-Wachenfeld	
Fortunato-Larson	
Grimm-Osborne	
Heyd-Manobianco	
Flinn-Stern	
Bosland-King	
Reed-Runyon	
Flowers-Ellcott	
Babington-Cavanaugh	

McAlpin-Mullen	6-3, 6-2
Ralston-Seidler	4-6, 6-4, 6-2
Lang-Newman	6-2, 6-3
Kiggins-Selvig	6-2, 6-3
Gambes-Kerby	6-0, 6-2
Webb-Young	13-15, 6-4, 6-3
Reifler-Walker	6-0, 6-3
Hill-Wachenfeld	6-0, 6-3
Fortunato-Larson	6-3, 6-1
Grimm-Osborne	8-10, 6-3, 6-4
Heyd-Manobianco	6-3, 6-3
Flinn-Stern	6-3, 6-3
Bosland-King	12-10, 6-4
Reed-Runyon	6-2, 6-2
Flowers-Ellcott	6-1, 6-0
Babington-Cavanaugh	6-1, 6-0



APTA NATIONAL WOMEN'S DOUBLES

The National Women's Doubles was played at the Greenwich Field Club and featured a final between defending champions and first seeded DeBree and Dillenbeck versus Babington and Cavanaugh. DeBree and Dillenbeck successfully defended their title winning in three sets, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3. They have now won the National Women's Doubles for three straight years and have won three major tournaments this year and those in a row. They have bested Babington and Cavanaugh in two of three meetings this year.

There was another story here, though, and that was the two other teams in the semi-finals - Stern and Flinn and Mullen and McAlpin. Stern and Flinn have been quarter-finalists four times this year but never made it through that round to the semi-finals until the big one and they did it here by defeating third seeded Stanton and O'Connell who had beaten them in the quarter-finals in the Darien Invitational.

Mullen and McAlpin were unseeded and had only gotten to the round of 16 in one tournament this year, the New Jersey Invitational. On their way to the semi-finals they had a default from the unseeded Cox and Adams in the round of 16, but then defeated fourth seeded Huber and Wasch decisively in the quarter-finals.

DeBree-Dillenbeck	
Hanson-Symmers	
Winans-Paxton	
Ryan-Frazier	
Holslag-Kadel	
Turbidy-Schwarzenbach	
Sinclair-Saliba	
Selvig-Kiggins	
Kauffman-VanKleck	
Lindley-Budd	
Parry-Whitman	
Maguire-Ralston	
Prentice-Chapin	
Rawlings-Vannock	
Walbridge-Hazelhurst	
Dickson-Reinmund	

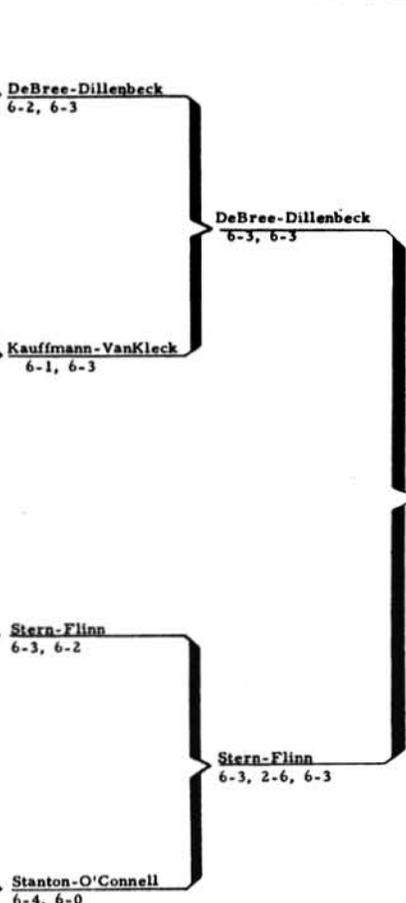
DeBree-Dillenbeck	6-1, 6-2
Ryan-Frazier	6-0, 6-0
Turbidy-Schwarzenbach	6-1, 6-3
Selvig-Kiggins	6-1, 6-1
Kauffman-VanKleck	6-1, 6-0
Maguire-Ralston	7-5, 6-4
Rawlings-Vannock	6-3, 6-2
Walbridge-Hazelhurst	default

1973 APTA WOMEN'S NATIONALS

- AMERICAN PLATFORM TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
**Seeded Teams**  
 1. DeBree-Dillenbeck  
 2. Babington-Cavanaugh  
 3. Stanton-O'Connell  
 4. Huber-Wasch  
 5. Hill-Wachenfeld  
 6. Stern-Flinn  
 7. Dickson-Reinmund  
 8. Howard-Peters

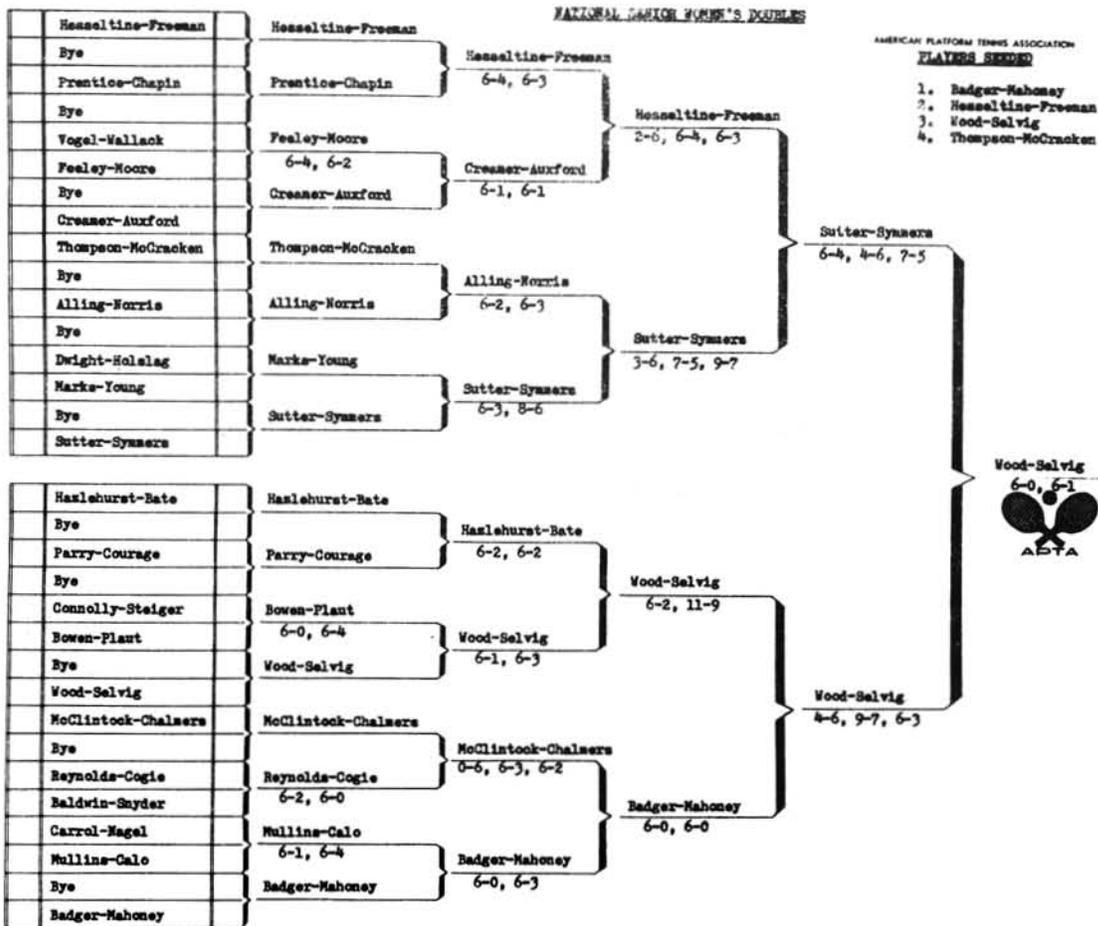
Stern-Flinn	
Cudlip-Paddock	
Blundell-Stebbins	
Reed-Strong	
Fortunato-Probert	
Whittemore-Savage	
Chase-Perrine	
Bosland-King	
Marden-Orr	
Krieger-Polestak	
Hawkins-Kingsbury	
Thorton-Staples	
Duff-Reynolds	
Gambee-Kerby	
Wood-Young	
Stanton-O'Connell	

Stern-Flinn	6-4, 6-2
Reed-Strong	5-7, 6-2, 6-3
Fortunato-Probert	6-4, 6-3
Chase-Perrine	6-3, 4-6, 6-1
Krieger-Polestak	6-1, 6-1
Hawkins-Kingsbury	6-2, 6-2
Gambee-Kerby	6-3, 6-3
Stanton-O'Connell	3-6, 6-3, 6-1



**WINNERS**  
 DeBree-Dillenbeck  
 2-6, 6-4, 6-3





### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The APTA Tournament Committee is making plans for the 1973-74 Tournament Season. Since the Tournament Committee expects to finalize all Tournament dates by June 30th, each individual tournament chairman is reminded that a written request for an APTA approved date should be submitted to the Tournament Committee as early as possible, but no later than June 30th. For men's and mixed events, the requests should be submitted to Mr. Richard C. Farr, 330 New Park Avenue, Hartford, Conn. 06101. For women's events, the requests should be submitted to Mrs. Charles Stanton, North Porchuck Road, Greenwich, Conn. 06830.

The Tournament Committee will make every effort to honor the requested date for each individual tournament chairman. Where there is competition for a particular weekend date, the Tournament Committee will attempt to resolve any conflict to the mutual satisfaction of the parties involved.

Tournament chairmen who may have had conversations with either Mr. Farr, Mrs. Stanton or other APTA Executive Committee members regarding tournament dates for next year should confirm these understandings in writing.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Paul C. Molloy has been appointed Chairman of the APTA Nominating Committee by President Peter Thistle. The Nominating Committee will nominate officers for election at the next annual meeting to be held in October. Members who are either interested themselves in one of the administrative functions of the APTA or would like to propose someone else for the committee's consideration are encouraged to do so. Paul Molloy may be contacted at 980 Post Road, Scarsdale, New York 10583. Telephone 212-582-2524.

## THE MEMBERSHIP LIST

Regrettably, we did not list the name of Mr. Allen Rowland of New Castle, New Hampshire on our roll of member clubs in the APTA. Mr. Rowland has been a member since 1969 and, of course, still is.

## RANKINGS

The Tournament Committee has proposed the following list of Men's teams for ranking for the 1973-74 season. The APTA ranks the top 16 teams, all of whom must have played in a minimum of 3 of 8 sanctioned tournaments during the year. The results of the 8 tournaments were weighted based on the size and quality of the draw. The number in parenthesis following the team refers to the ranking held during the past season.

- ✓ 1. Mangan-Kingsbury (1)
  - ✓ 2. K. Jennings-Steele
  - ✓ 3. Beck-FitzGibbon (4)
  - ✓ 4. Baird-Baird
  - ✓ 5. Russell-Squires (5)
  - ✓ 6. Sammis-Gray (2)
  - 7. Drowne-Lowell (3) *Lowell - Clark*
  - 8. Clark-Dickenson (6)
  - ✓ 9. Chase-Miller (7)
  - ✓ 10. D. Jennings-Woods
  - ✓ 11. Ball-Benedict (8)
  - ✓ 12. Lankenau-Baird (9)
  - ✓ 13. Kimberly-O'Hearn
  - 14. Farr-Gillespie
  - 15. Gornell-Hipkins
  - 16. Pickett-Steiner
- Prince - Rogers  
Collins - McGeaney  
Macrae - Irvine  
Rogers - Brownlow*

Mangan and Kingsbury retain their number one ranking. The only team ranked last year (when only ten teams were included) that moved up this year are Beck and FitzGibbon, (number 4 to number 3). Three new teams are in the top ten, K. Jennings and Steele, Baird and Baird, D. Jennings and Woods.

Jennings and Steele were finalists at Short Hills, semi-finalists in Greenwich and finalists in the National Men's Doubles.

The Baird brothers were quarter-finalists at Connecticut State, played to the round of 16 at Rye, were semi-finalists at Short Hills, winners at New Canaan, finalists at Greenwich and quarter-finalists at the National Men's Doubles.

Jennings and Woods were semi-finalists at Detroit and Connecticut State, quarter-finalists at Long Island and Rye and played to the round of 16 at Greenwich and the National Men's Doubles.

Women's rankings are not finalized and will appear in the next newsletter.

## CARIBBEAN PADDLE

The game gets around, or at least its equipment. On a recent trip to Puerto Rico, Pete Thistle saw one of the round sponge things we use to play paddle with, orange flocking, cracks and all, floating along a drainage ditch in San Juan. Which all goes to prove something about the orderly growth of the game.

The APTA has had under consideration for some time, a revision in the By-Laws of the Association. The Executive Committee and a specially designated By-Law Committee are about to take action on this. All member clubs in the Association will shortly receive material concerning the By-Law changes together with a proxy statement and an announcement of a special Association meeting to take place in July or August. We hope that all member clubs will have representation at this meeting and and if not, we urge all clubs to have the proxy completed and returned.

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