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GOV. PLAYS HOOKY TO PLAY PADDLE

Gov. Brendan Byrne of New Jersey has created a new pastime known as "paddletics" which is hereby defined as "wanting to play paddle so bad you'll think of anything for an excuse".

In BB's case there was this conflict of appointments. Calendar A had the gov. penciled in for a speech to the New Jersey Education Association, where 850 teachers were in session at their annual conference. Calendar B, on the other hand, showed that the gov. had a paddle date with Jack Feketie to play in the National Senior Men's (50's) at Englewood. Well, what would you do? Sure, and that's what he did.

But since governors live in glass houses, the press was on hand to cover BB's tournament prowess. That he and Jack lost in the first round 6-3, 6-7, 6-4 was less of a news story than that he played hooky from the teachers' conference.

After bowing out in the first round, B&F advanced all the way to the semis of the consolation. A newspaper covering the event characterized his game as "a conservative style bent on returning the ball", which is not a bad idea for a politician.

Alas for the style of reportage! Staff writer Roger Beirne of Bergen County's "The Record" interviewed our dauntless treasurer, Al Peters, "of the N.P.T.A." (sic). As they say in Hollywood: write anything you want to about me, but get my name right.



AT PRESSTIME: The National Men's topped off a season which saw the defeat of all but one defending champions. John Beck and Herb Fitzgibbon are now, as they say, #1 replacing Mangan-Kingsbury. Mss. Babington and Cavanaugh have supplanted DeBree-Dillenbeck as women's champs, and Drowne-DeBree head the mixed rankings in lieu of North-O'Connell. But Chuck Baird had a great year retaining (with Ned Swanberg) the men's 50s title, and also annexing the men's 45s (with Roger Lankenau).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The APTA has many new members, and we are pleased about that. Some may wonder what the APTA does, what its purpose is, how it functions. I thought it might be of interest to comment on a few of these things in this letter for the benefit of the newcomers and also as a possible refresher for the old-timers.

The APTA is run by a Board of Directors, currently thirteen in number, who are elected annually at the annual meeting in October. There are thirteen other officers, four of whom are Vice-Presidents with specific portfolios and nine are regional Vice-Presidents.

The functions of the APTA are described in detail in the By-Laws (which are available), but in brief the purposes of the Association are to coordinate tournament activities, administer the rules of the game, assure uniformity and high standards of quality in equipment and court construction, and provide information on, and promote, the game. Some specific items that may be of interest:

- (1) The APTA has a strict policy and procedure on approval of platform tennis court builders. There are presently eight builders on the approved list. We always strongly recommend that people planning to build courts use approved builders. The list is available free to anyone on request.
- (2) The same is true of paddles. The Dalton and Marcraft paddles have APTA approval and these are the only paddles that can be used in APTA Sanctioned tournaments.
- (3) There are four approved balls -- Barr, Kent, Marcraft, and Puma. As stated in our approval notice of October 29, 1973, all approvals are valid for this season (1973-74) only and will be reviewed in the spring. As in the case of the paddles, only approved balls may be used in Sanctioned Tournaments.
- (4) The Association's "Tournament Sanction" policy was published in the last Newsletter and the requirements of this policy must be followed for a tournament to be included on the Sanctioned Tournament schedule. This past seasons' schedule included 50 tournaments, of which nine are National Championships.
- (5) National Rankings are published for Men's and Women's Doubles. They are based (this year) on performance of teams in nine designated Men's and eight designated Women's tournaments. The tournaments to be considered for ranking purposes are announced when the tournament schedule is published in September.

These are a few items I thought might be of interest. If you have any questions about these or other facets of the Association's activities, please feel free to contact us.

Best regards,

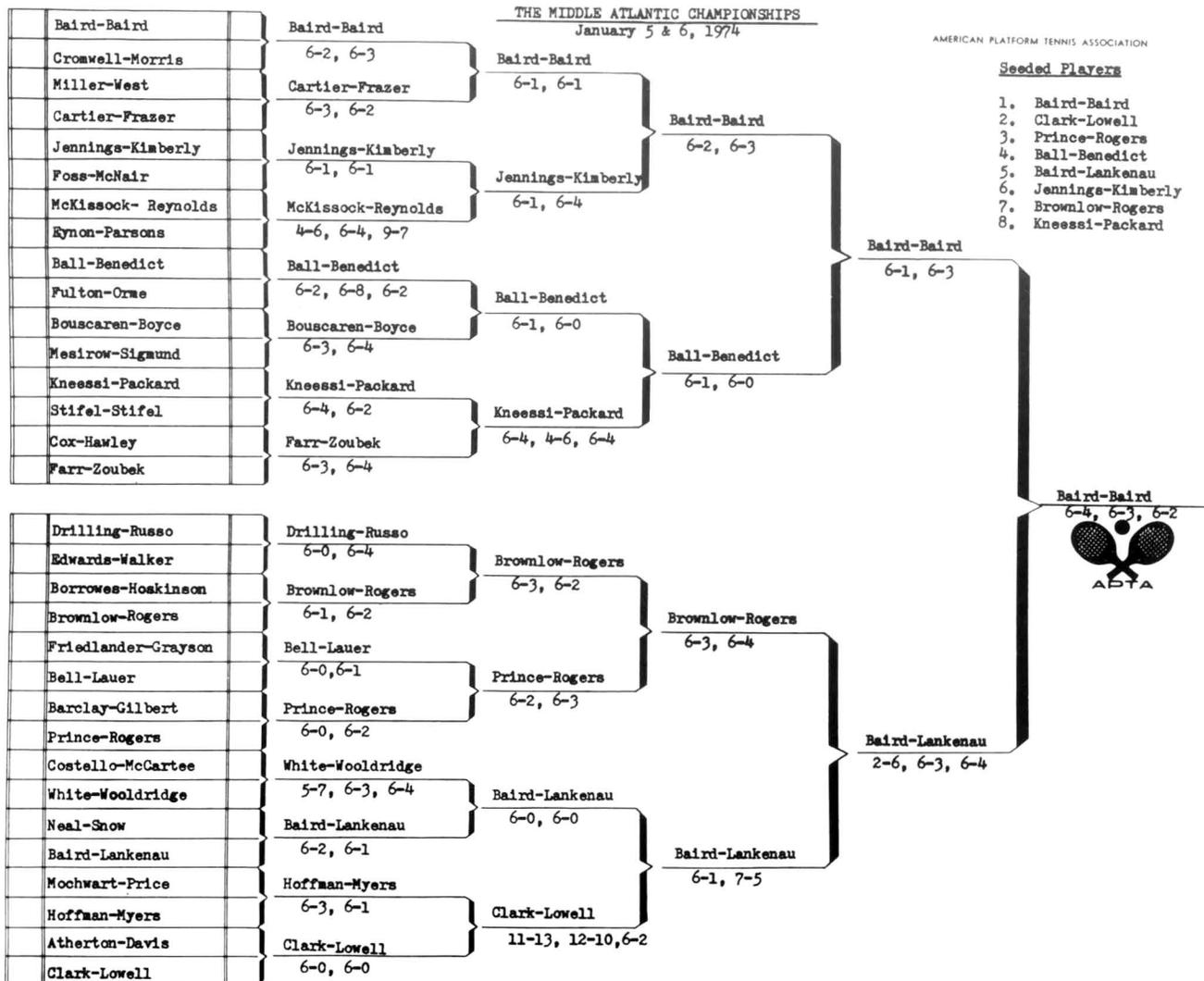
Robert A. Brown

THE MIDDLE ATLANTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS
January 5 & 6, 1974

AMERICAN PLATFORM TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Seeded Players

1. Baird-Baird
2. Clark-Lowell
3. Prince-Rogers
4. Ball-Benedict
5. Baird-Lankenau
6. Jennings-Kimberly
7. Brownlow-Rogers
8. Kneessi-Packard



BAIRD SONS PADDLE DAD

The top-seeded team of Chip and Steve Baird of Short Hills, N. J., won the Middle Atlantic platform tennis doubles championship yesterday at Columbia Country Club with a 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 victory over their father, Chuck, and Roger Lankenau of Chappaqua, N. Y.

Chip, a 20-year-old Harvard student, and Steve, 24, a graduate student at Columbia University, defeated George Ball and Ned Benedict, also from Short Hills, 6-1, 6-3, earlier in the day to advance to the finals.

Chuck Baird and Lankenau defeated John Brownlow and Scott Rogers of Cleveland in the other semi-final, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

About 500 spectators watched the finals, which concluded the two-day tournament. A total of 112 players participated.

Nancy Eynon of Columbia and Pauline Nutting of Chevy Chase defeated Marilyn Lankenau of Chappaqua and Ruth Packard of Columbia in a special tournament for the players' wives.

Baird-Baird	
Baldwin-Stander	
Potter-Simmons	
Morris-Whitman	
Lowell-Russell	
Judson-Miller	
Brandeis-Smith	
Miller-Sprague	
Gray-Squires	
Brent-Ayers	
Gornell-Woods	
Ferrine-Flanagan	
Lankenau-Miller	
Emery-Nealy	
Pierce-King	
Morris-White	

Baird-Baird	6-3, 7-5	Baird-Baird
Morris-Whitman	6-3, 6-2	Baird-Baird
Lowell-Russell	6-1, 6-4	Lowell-Russell
Brandeis-Smith	6-2, 5-7, 6-0	Lowell-Russell
Gray-Squires	6-4, 6-3	Gray-Squires
Gornell-Woods	6-1, 6-3	Gray-Squires
Lankenau-Miller	6-3, 8-6	Lankenau-Miller
Pierce-King	6-3, 7-6	Lankenau-Miller

RYE INVITATIONAL
January 12 & 13, 1974

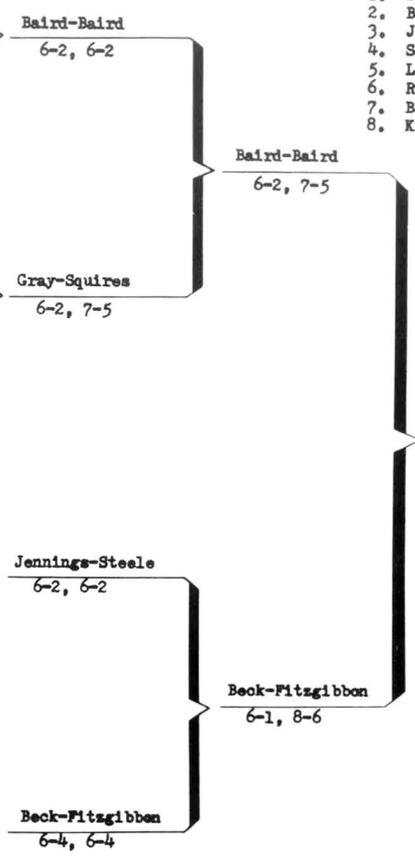
AMERICAN PLATFORM TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Seeded Players

1. Beck-Fitzgibbon
2. Baird-Baird
3. Jennings-Steele
4. Squires-Gray
5. Lankenau-Miller
6. Russell-Lowell
7. Ball-Benedict
8. Kimberly-Jennings

Hammer-Moyer	
Callaway-Heath	
Rogers-Nichols	
Jennings-Kimberly	
Reynolds-Wood	
Burton-Forsythe	
Newman-Hutton	
Jennings-Steele	
Blackaid-Reis	
Sullivan-Brown	
Frese-Pitt	
Ball-Benedict	
Whitlock-Knight	
Moore-Patterson	
Atherton-Mahler	
Beck-Fitzgibbon	

Callaway-Heath	6-4, 6-3	Jennings-Kimberly
Jennings-Kimberly	6-3, 6-2	Jennings-Kimberly
Reynolds-Wood	4-6, 6-4, 6-4	Jennings-Steele
Jennings-Steele	6-2, 6-1	Jennings-Steele
Sullivan-Brown	7-5, 6-3	Ball-Benedict
Frese-Pitt	6-1, 6-0	Ball-Benedict
Whitlock-Knight	7-5, 7-5	Beck-Fitzgibbon
Moore-Patterson	6-1, 6-2	Beck-Fitzgibbon



CHARLOTTE LEE NEW JERSEY INVITATIONAL
January 16 & 17, 1974

AMERICAN PLATFORM TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Seeded Players

1. DeBree-Dillenbeck
2. Babington-Cavanaugh
3. O'Connell-Stanton
4. Flinn-Stern
5. Hill-Wachenfeld
6. Kiggins-Mangan
7. Dickson-Reinmund
8. Huber-Strong

DeBree-Dillenbeck	DeBree-Dillenbeck				
Parton-Winans	6-3, 6-1	DeBree-Dillenbeck	6-0, 6-1	DeBree-Dillenbeck	6-1, 6-4
Gates-Myers	Gates-Myers				
Bosland-King	5-7, 6-4, 10-8	Hill-Wachenfeld	6-1, 8-6		
Hill-Wachenfeld	Hill-Wachenfeld				
Fallon-Ford	6-1, 8-6	Gambes-Kerby	6-4, 4-6, 6-1		
Young-Wolcott	Gambes-Kerby				
Gambes-Kerby	8-6, 9-7			DeBree-Dillenbeck	4-6, 7-5, 6-3
Flinn-Stern	Flinn-Stern				
Hazelhurst-Walbridge	3-6, 6-0, 6-4	Flinn-Stern	3-6, 6-2, 6-3	Huber-Strong	7-5, 6-4
Ryan-Young	Ryan-Young				
Graham-Probert	6-3, 6-1	Huber-Strong	7-5, 6-1		
Huber-Strong	Huber-Strong				
Marden-Zangrillo	6-3, 6-2	Huber-Strong	7-5, 6-1		
McAlpin-Mulley	Binger-Silbersher				
Binger-Silbersher	2-6, 6-4, 6-3				
Krieger-Polestak	Fortunato-Larson			O'Connell-Stanton	6-3, 6-4
Fortunato-Larson	9-7, 10-8	Dickson-Reinmund	6-4, 6-3		
Langdon-Thompson	Dickson-Reinmund				
Dickson-Reinmund	6-4, 6-2	O'Connell-Stanton	6-4, 6-1		
Cox-Selvig	Cox-Selvig				
Newman-Sala	8-6, 6-4	O'Connell-Stanton	6-4, 6-1	Babington-Cavanaugh	6-4, 6-4
Heyd-Manobianco	O'Connell-Stanton				
O'Connell-Stanton	4-6, 6-3, 7-5				
Frelinghuysen-Gottscho	Reed-Runyon				
Reed-Runyon	6-3, 6-2	Kiggins-Mangan	6-3, 6-3	Babington-Cavanaugh	6-3, 6-3
Roberts-Wolf	Kiggins-Mangan				
Kiggins-Mangan	6-2, 6-0	Babington-Cavanaugh	6-1, 8-6		
Fleming-Otley	Fleming-Otley				
Everett-MacPherson	6-4, 6-4	Babington-Cavanaugh	7-5, 6-0		
Gallup-Rohrbach	Babington-Cavanaugh				
Babington-Cavanaugh	7-5, 6-0				

Babington-Cavanaugh

1-6, 6-4, 6-1



TIP-A-CANOE AND THE TOP SEEDS TOO

Canoe Brook Country Club was the hostess club for this year's CLI, and in addition to the 64 in the draw, more than 20 other teams were waiting impatiently for openings to develop. Six states were represented. We played in the Marcraft ball by popular demand.

Lots of excitement as Babington-Cavanaugh upset National Champions B.J. and Joan in a 3 set final. Lots of disappointment as Charlotte Lee was unable to get away from snowbound Hanover, New Hampshire to present the awards as she did last year. She was indeed missed.

NATIONAL MEN'S 45 & OVER CHAMPIONSHIP

Jan. 19-20, 1974

Westchester Country Club

AMERICAN PLATFORM TENNIS ASSOCIATION

SEEDED TEAMS

1. Drowne-Miller
2. Lankenau-Baird
3. Gillespie-Farr
4. Sullivan-Muth
5. Brown-Macrae
6. Heath-Shaeffer
7. Schmid-Standish
8. Sweet-Bowen

Smith-Wicks	Frank-Tinsley				
Frank-Tinsley	6-4, 6-4	Cooper-Fornero	6-3, 6-3	Cooper-Fornero	7-5, 6-3
Cooper-Fornero	Cooper-Fornero				
Ballard-Tully	6-3, 6-1				
Heath-Schaeffer	Flemming-Denton				
Flemming-Denton	Def.	Moyer-Houlihan	6-2, 6-2	Cooper-Fornero	7-5, 6-2
Moyer-Houlihan	Moyer-Houlihan				
Rich-Pitt	6-2, 6-1				
Sullivan-Muth	Sullivan-Muth				
Sawtelle-Hale	6-2, 6-1	Gordon-Manhold	3-6, 6-2, 6-1	Brown-Macrae	2-6, 6-2, 6-3
Gordon-Manhold	Gordon-Manhold				
McGarey-Lamont	Def.				
Brown-Macrae	Brown-Macrae				
Joline-Wylie	6-3, 6-0	Brown-Macrae	6-2, 7-6	Lankenau-Baird	6-4, 6-2, 6-3
Pasquini-Callahan	Pasquini-Callahan				
Hargrave-Lynch	6-3, 6-1				
Judson-Miller	Andrus-Sheerer				
Andrus-Sheerer	6-2, 3-6, 6-4	Schmid-Standish	6-3, 6-1		
Markley-Mullins	Schmid-Standish				
Schmid-Standish	7-6, 4-6, 6-1				
Young-Jones	Young-Jones			Lankenau-Baird	6-0, 11-9
Langdon-Dederich	6-3, 7-6	Farr-Gillespie	6-0, 6-3		
Barry-Gaynor	Farr-Gillespie				
Farr-Gillespie	6-1, 6-0				
Shonk-Bolton	Molloy-Reynolds			Lankenau-Baird	6-4, 4-6, 6-4
Molloy-Reynolds	6-1, 6-3	Molloy-Reynolds	6-0, 6-2		
Carroll-Steele	Sweet-Bowen				
Sweet-Bowen	6-1, 6-2				
Megree-Craspari	Stern-Maier			Lankenau-Baird	6-0, 6-2
Stern-Maier	6-0, 6-1	Lankenau-Baird	6-0, 6-2		
Dubilier-Reilly	Lankenau-Baird				
Lankenau-Baird	6-2, 6-1				



The Men's 45 and over National Doubles Championship was a triumph of will over weather, and nearly a triumph of nostalgia as well. Ice failed to daunt the young old men, although starting times were postponed two hours. #1 seeds Brad Drowne and Don Miller defaulted, and thereby created a great opening for former National Men's Champ (1959) Bill Cooper to prove he hasn't lost his touch. Cooper and his partner Leo Fernero swept through the top half of the draw without losing a set, but couldn't break the more experienced team of Baird-Lankenau in the finals. In their stronger drive to the finals, Chuck and Roger had only one uneasy moment, when in the quarters they were actually down to Paul Molloy, former APTA President partnered by George Reynolds of Shenorock. The consolation was won by Langdon-Dederich over Dugan-Harwick. A curiosity worth noting: Seven of the eight finalists are from New Jersey.

		BRONXVILLE FIELD CLUB-FOX MEADOW TENNIS CLUB INVITATIONAL January 30 & 31, 1974		AMERICAN PLATFORM TENNIS ASSOCIATION	
Dillenbeck-DeBree		Dillenbeck-DeBree	6-0, 6-2	Dillenbeck-DeBree	6-3, 6-3
Almy-Bower		Hawkins-Pearson	6-1, 8-6	Dillenbeck-DeBree	6-2, 6-2
Wilcox-Devlin		Mangan-Greer	6-2, 6-1	Silbersher-Binger	8-6, 6-4
Hawkins-Pearson		Ford-Fallon	6-1, 6-2	Wachenfeld-Hill	7-5, 6-4
Mangan-Greer		Foster-O'Hearn	6-2, 6-1	Wachenfeld-Hill	6-4, 6-3
Ford-Fallon		Silbersher-Binger	6-1, 6-2	Chase-Fleming	6-3, 6-4
Foster-O'Hearn		Wachenfeld-Hill	6-2, 6-1	Chase-Fleming	6-3, 8-6
Silbersher-Binger		Gerrish-Brooks	6-2, 6-1	Wachenfeld-Hill	
Wachenfeld-Hill		Rawlings-Vanneck	9-7, 7-5	Wachenfeld-Hill	
Gerrish-Brooks		Ryan-Young	7-5, 6-4	Wachenfeld-Hill	
Rawlings-Vanneck		Ryan-Young	7-5, 6-3	Chase-Fleming	
Ryan-Young		Reinmund-Dickson	7-5, 6-3	Chase-Fleming	
Reinmund-Dickson		Cleary-Meek	6-3, 8-6	Chase-Fleming	
Cleary-Meek		Fisher-Yates			
Fisher-Yates		Chase-Fleming			
Chase-Fleming					
Strong-Boll		Strong-Boll	6-4, 6-4	Deland-Krida	6-1, 6-3
Hughes-Wonham		Deland-Krida	6-3, 6-4	Manobianco-Campana	6-4, 6-1
Deland-Krida		Kiggins-Adams	6-4, 6-0	Manobianco-Campana	6-3, 6-3
Kiggins-Adams		Perrine-Wasch	6-3, 4-6, 7-5	Manobianco-Campana	
Perrine-Wasch		Fortunato-Mullen	8-6, 6-2	Stanton-Cox	2-6, 6-1, 6-2
Fortunato-Mullen		Whitman-Wachenheim	6-4, 5-7, 6-2	Stanton-Cox	
Manobianco-Campana		Lankenau-Baird	6-4, 5-7, 6-2	Babington-Cavanaugh	3-6, 6-4, 8-6
Flinn-Stern		Stanton-Cox	6-3, 8-6	Babington-Cavanaugh	6-2, 4-6, 6-4
Krieger-Polestak		Lockwood-McCance	6-1, 6-4	Babington-Cavanaugh	
Whitman-Wachenheim		Creamer-Hodes			
Lankenau-Baird		Wood-Brown			
Stanton-Cox		Babington-Cavanaugh			
Lockwood-McCance					
Creamer-Hodes					
Wood-Brown					
Babington-Cavanaugh					

- Seeded Players**
1. Dillenbeck-DeBree
 2. Babington-Cavanaugh
 3. Flinn-Stern
 4. Wachenfeld-Hill
 5. Reinmund-Dickson
 6. Mangan-Greer
 7. Cox-Stanton
 8. Adams-Kiggins



D&D IN A BREEZE

Dillenbeck and DeBree waltzed through the Bronxville-Fox Meadow without losing a set, in fact losing no more than 7 games in any match, and that in the finals. But plenty of upset action before the quarters. #3, Stern-Flinn put out by Monobianco-Campana in the second round; Reinmund-Dickson (#5) shot down by Chase-Fleming; Mangan-Greer at #6 eliminated by Silbersher-Binger; and Adams-Kiggins bounced by Deland-Krida early on. Weather on the warm side for paddle, a balmy near-sixtyish couple of days, but we had it coming to us after the disaster at Stanwich.

NEW CANAAN INVITATIONAL
February 9-10, 1974

AMERICAN PLATFORM TENNIS ASSOCIATION
SEEDED TEAMS

1. Baird-Baird
2. Mangan-Kingsbury
3. Sammis-Gray
4. K. Jennings-Steele
5. Saacke-English
6. Baird-Lankenau
7. Squires-Russell
8. Drowne-Irvine

Mangan-Kingsbury	
Reynolds-Reynolds	
Chase-Miller	
Dunning-Burton	
Baird-Lankenau	
Collins-King	
Beck-North	
Whitman-Edmonds	
Sammis-Gray	
Ruddick-Kerr	
Heminway-O'Hearn	
Simmons-Potter	
Drowne-Irvine	
Schoonmaker-Hoath	
Brown-Fierce	
Smith-Van Amerongen	

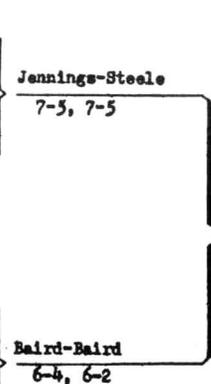
Mangan-Kingsbury	6-1, 6-2
Chase-Miller	4-6, 7-6, 6-4
Baird-Lankenau	6-3, 6-4
Beck-North	4-6, 6-4, 7-6
Whitman-Edmonds	6-4, 6-4
Sammis-Gray	6-4, 6-2
Heminway-O'Hearn	7-6, 6-3
Simmons-Potter	7-6, 7-6
Drowne-Irvine	6-4, 6-2
Schoonmaker-Hoath	6-1, 6-2
Brown-Fierce	6-1, 7-5



Mangan-Kingsbury
6-3, 6-4

Hipkin-Cornell	
Ohmes-Figlar	
McGeeney-Mielke	
Squires-Russell	
Bowen-Sweet	
Kimberly-Jennings	
Felt-Lang	
K. Jennings-Steele	
Moyer-Reynolds	
Ball-Benedict	
Farr-Gillespie	
Saacke-English	
Tinsley-Frank	
Woods-Lowell	
Sullivan-Rozzetti	
Baird-Baird	

Hipkin-Cornell	7-5, 6-3
McGeeney-Mielke	6-7, 6-2, 6-3
Squires-Russell	6-0, 6-3
Kimberly-Jennings	6-3, 6-2
Felt-Lang	6-2, 6-2
K. Jennings-Steele	6-7, 6-2, 6-3
Ball-Benedict	6-3, 6-2
Farr-Gillespie	6-3, 6-3
Saacke-English	7-6, 6-0
Woods-Lowell	6-2, 6-2
Sullivan-Rozzetti	6-3, 7-5
Baird-Baird	6-3, 6-1



Jennings-Steele
4-6, 6-4, 6-4

Jennings-Steele
5-7, 6-1, 6-4, 7-5



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