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1974 RANKINGS

COMPLETE

Platform Tennis

U.S. DOUBLES FINAL

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At Scarsdale, N.Y.

Herb FitzGibbon and John Beck defeated

Keith Jennings and Chauncey Steele 3d, 7-5,

4-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

President's Letter

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

At its last meeting the APTA Board made decisions on two matters of major importance:

1. Executive Director: The burgeoning growth of the game has resulted in a rapidly rising management load for APTA officers. The scope of activity and responsibility of some of the key functions such as Tournaments, Treasurers, Secretarial, Equipment, Public Relations and the President have increased to the point of exceeding in some cases the limits of "volunteer" or spare time effort. The Board has therefore decided that the APTA will hire an Executive Director. Provision will be made in the 1974-75 operating budget for a salary for the Executive Director and secretarial and other expenses in connection with the job. In our budgetary planning, a number of income-generating steps are being considered including the tournament sponsorship item discussed below.

The duties and responsibilities of the Executive Director have been defined in a detailed job description. In brief, this person will take on major management responsibilities including certain portions of several officers' jobs and will handle all telephone and letter inquiries other than those which require the special attention of an officer. At the beginning it is expected that this job will be part-time but is likely to grow with time. If any member is interested in discussing the position, or if you would like to suggest a candidate you consider suitable, you are welcome to contact Secretary Mike North or me. A knowledge of, and active participation in, platform tennis is desirable; management capabilities are essential.

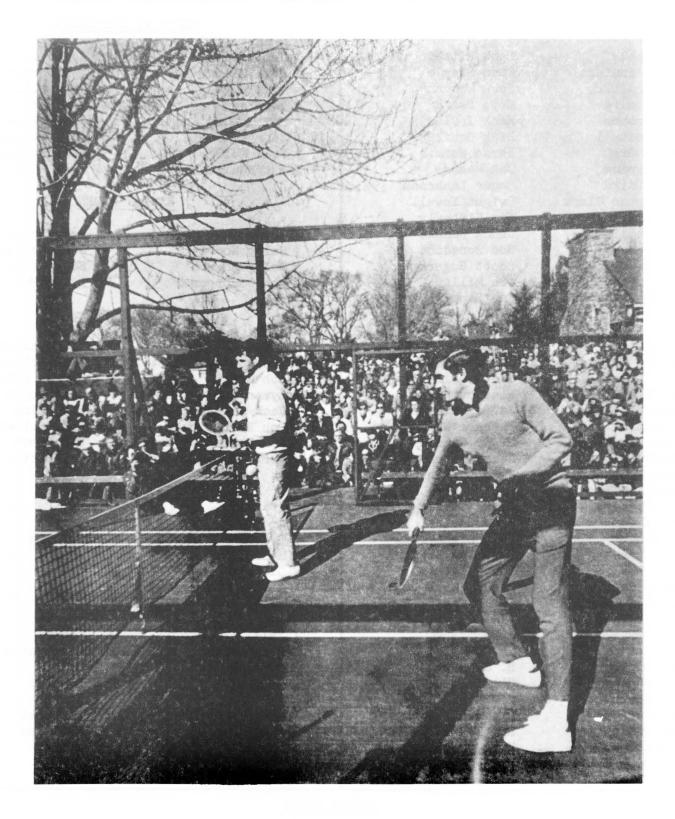
2. Tournament Sponsorship: The APTA has adopted a policy of receptiveness to proposals for commercial sponsorship of tournaments other than National Championships. As a result of a committee study of this subject, a detailed policy statement has been developed and the committee's proposal was approved by the Board. Although too detailed to outline here, the policy broadly provides for APTA review of a proposed sponsor's tournament format and, if approved, APTA assistance in locating a site, scheduling, tournament organization, and officiating. The APTA will receive a fee from the sponsor, a portion of which will be passed on to the host organization, to assure that it remains in the black. Provided the terms of our policy are of interest to some prospective company sponsors, and provided the proposed sponsors' formats are acceptable to the APTA, a limited number of such tournaments may be scheduled next season.

The Board also approved, upon recommendation of the Ranking Committee, the expansion of National Rankings to include all nine categories in which National Championships are played. Heretofore rankings have been determined only for the Men's and Women's categories. The rankings for this year are published elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Our best wishes, and have a good summer.

Robert A. Brown

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Warming up on finals day. John Beck, left, throws eye-fake, as Herb FitzGibbon right, prepares to volley for the benefit of Bob Cihi, lying down, semi-official movie photographer of the APTA. Cast of thousands, background, is actually a rear projection, as it is well known that our little game could never attract this many people.

<u> </u>	EN	MEN'S 45 AND OVER		
<pre>1 John Beck 2 Keith Jennings 3 Bob Kingsbury</pre>	Herb FitzGibbon Chum Steele John Mangan	l Chuck Baird 2 Bill Cooper 3 Dick Farr	Roger Lankenau Leo Fornero Jack Gillespie	
4 Steve Baird 5 Brad Drowne	Chip Baird Hank Irvine	4 Bob Brown 5 Jim Gordon	Don Macrae Jerry Manhold	
6 Doug Russell 7 Gordon Gray 8 Hank Irvine	Dick Squires Jesse Sammis Don Macrae	6 George Schmid 7 Paul Molloy 8 Art Houlihan	John Standish George Reynolds Hank Moyer	
9 Chuck Baird 10 Carrington Clark 11 Dave Jennings	Roger Lankenau Dwight Lowell Kim Kimberly	SENIOR	WOMEN	
12 John English 13 George Ball 14 John Brownlow	Chuck Saacke Ned Benedict	1 Oden Cox 2 Sally Norris	Peggy Stanton Jean Selvig	
15 Peter Chase 16 John Gornell	Scott Rogers Don Miller Ken Hipkins	3 Dolly Howard 4 Phoebe Creamer	Sally Kreigar Bunny Marks	
wo	<u>MEN</u>	SENIO	R MEN	
1 Shirley Babington	Marti Cavanaugh	1 Chuck Baird 2 George Harrison	Ned Swanberg Dick Hebard	
2 B. J. Debree 3 Fay Gambee	Gloria Dillenbeck Eleanor Kirby	3 Bob Muth 4 Lyman Andrus	George Schmid John Dugan	
4 Nancy Dickson 5 Matty Hill	Julie Reinmund Barbara Wackenfeld	5 Jack Gillespie 6 Bob Bartholomew	Elly King Phil Osborne	
6 Tabsy Huber 7 Barbara Greer	Peggy Stanton Nancy Mangan	7 Tad Bowen 8 Jerry Manhold	Sid Sweet Max Soto	
8 Diane Fortunato 9 Kendall Flinn	Joan Larson Linda Stern	SENIOR V		
10 Jane Fleming	Glena Ottley Ruth Sadler	1 Freese	Lavine	
12 Jan Binger 13 Cindy Adams	Joan Silbersher Carolina Kiggins	2 Lynch 3 Miller	Sprague Prince	
14 Dolly Howard 15 Joanne Cleary	Babby Peters Franny Meek	4 Gilbert	Goeltz	
16 Marion Archard	Pat Lurie	JUNIOR BOYS		
MIXED	DOUBLES	1 Bell	Lauer Monobianco	
1 Brad Drowne 2 John Mangan	B. J. Debree Gloria Dillenbeck	2 Csipkay 3 Hartman 4 Kearney	Palmer Lane	
3 Mike North 4 Bob Kingsbury 5 Doug Russell	Sis North Claire Kingsbury Shirley Babington	5 Kelsey 6 Moore 7 Dyer	Moore Yarbenet Sullivan	
6 Dwight Lowell 7 John Beck	Marjorie Gengler Peggy Stanton	8 Brown	Hammer	
8 Peter Chase	Wendy Chase			

JUNIOR GIRLS

1 Joan Albaugh 2 Nancy Baird 3 Ms. Morris 4 Kathy Walbridge Lisa Hall Janet deCamp Joan Silbersher Jil Wemple

RANKING PROCEDURE

The rankings for the 1973-1974 Women's and Men's categories were determined based on the following procedure.

The tournaments to be considered for ranking purposes are decided before the start of the season and are announced when the tournament schedule is published. As each tournament is completed, the ranking committee places a quality value on the tournament based on the strength of the teams competing. The quality scale is from 1 to 10 (Women's and Men's Nationals are given a quality value of 10 and the other tournaments would scale down from there). An important consideration is the number of last year's ranked teams, or teams of comparable strength, competing.

Achievement points in each tournament are earned based on a constant achievement scale as follows:

Winner	10
Runner-up	6.5
Loser in Semi's	4
Loser in Quarters	2.5
Loser in Round of 16	1

Using these two components, a point score is awarded each team in each tournament based on the following calculation: Quality value of tournament x Achievement Points = point score.

A cumulative record is kept on all teams in all ranking tournaments throughout the season. At year end the totals are compiled and divided by the number of tournaments played by each team. To qualify for ranking consideration, a team must play together in a minimum of three ranking tournaments.

The Ranking Committee met several times to analyse the data and review the results. This procedure permits minimum judgment on the part of the committee in determining ranking order. If two or more teams' average point scores are so close that the difference is statistically insignificant, then analyses of the respective teams' performance against each other and against other teams played by them is considered. If this also is inconclusive, a tie in ranking may be declared.

Other National Rankings

This year for the first time, the APTA is announcing national rankings in the other seven categories in which National Championships are played. These are: Mixed, Boys, Girls, Senior Womens, Senior Mens, Veteran Mens and Mens 45 and Over. The rankings are based on the results of each National Championship combined with some judgment on the part of the committee in determining the order between 3rd and 4th and 5th through 8th rankings.

STUFF FROM HEADQUARTERS

The APTA has had a quantity of official 64 team drawsheets printed up and is prepared to handle orders for same at \$9 a dozen. The sheets are handsomely done up in a large format (23" x 29") and can be had by sending a check for \$9 per dozen to Alan Peters, First National City Bank, 399 Park Ave., New York, N. Y. 10022.

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The APTA Tournament Committee is now making plans for the '74-'75 Tournament season. In accordance with the official sanction policy each individual tournament chairman is reminded that a written request for an APTA- approved date should be submitted to the Tournament Committee NOW. The putative deadline of July 1 has already passed. For men's and mixed events write to Bill Hoffmann; for women's events write Buffy Briggs. Their addresses may be found on the front page of the Newsletter. The Tournament Committee will make every effort to honor your requested date, but should there be conflicting requests, every effort will be made to resolve the matter to everyone's satisfaction.

IMPORTANT: Tournament Chairmen who may have had conversations with APTA committee members regarding tournament dates are hereby advised to confirm such understandings in writing.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

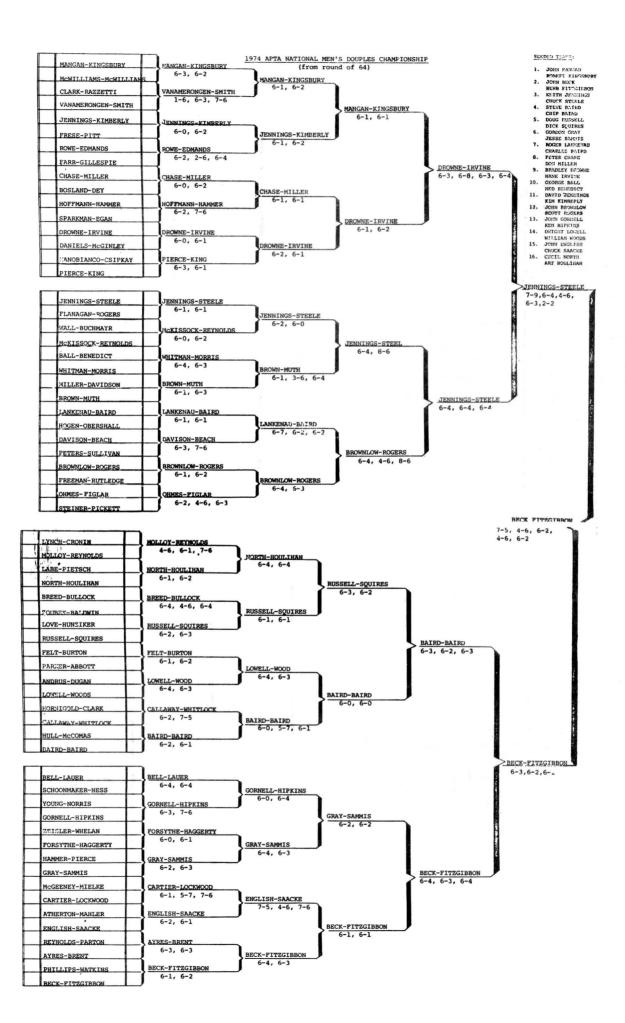
John F. Mangan has been appointed Chairman of the APTA Nominating Committee by President Bob Brown. The other members of the committee are Bradley Drowne, David Jennings, and Paul Sullivan. The Nominating Committee will nominate Directors and Officers for election at the annual meeting in October. Members who are either interested themselves in one of the administrative functions of the APTA or would like to sgguest someone else for the committee's consideration may do so by contacting John Mangan at 167 Grandview Avenue, Rye, N. Y. 10580.

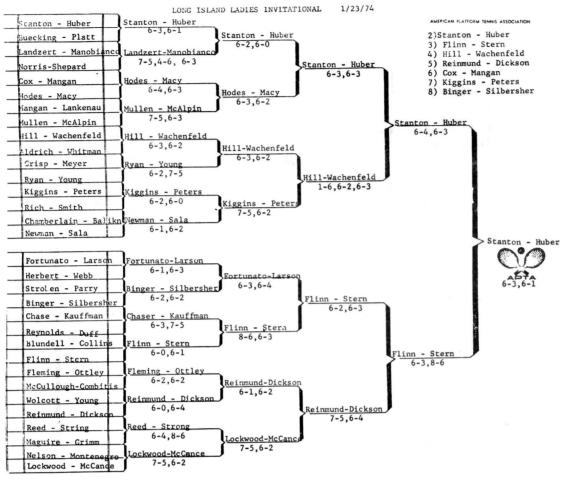
New Jersey is entitled to a pat on the back for its most impressive performance in the 1974 National Women's Tournament, and Englewood Field Club in particular should be ecstatic overhaving seven quarter finalist, four semi-finalists, not to mention the champs themselves.

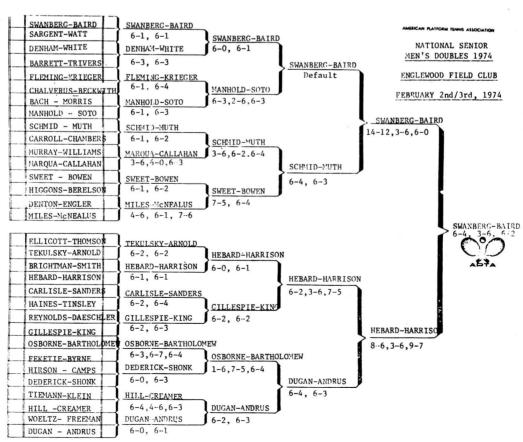
NEW BALL GAME

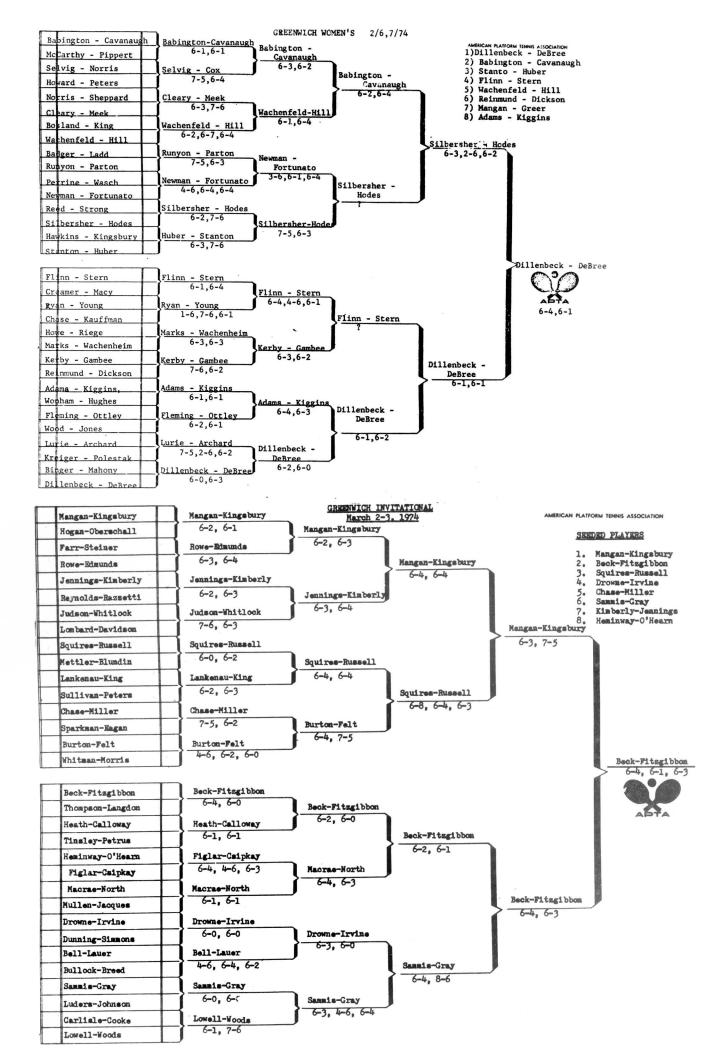
Certainly the most controversial issue during the past season (and that includes foot-faults) has been the differences among the four APTA approved balls. This one bounces too lively, that one warms up too slowly, the next one comes apart at the seams, etc. etc. etc. The Marcraft ball seems to have won high marks for playability, and some of the women's tournaments actually publicized that "by popular demand" the event was using Marcraft balls. Well, hold on to your prejudices, because we're about to start a whole new ball game. Don Macrae, Grand Vizier of Equipment, has tightened up the specs for the coming season, and the manufacturers have all been advised to make a ball that is both lighter and less bouncey. Several of them have already submitted new batches for testing, and Don reports that the suppliers are being most cooperative.

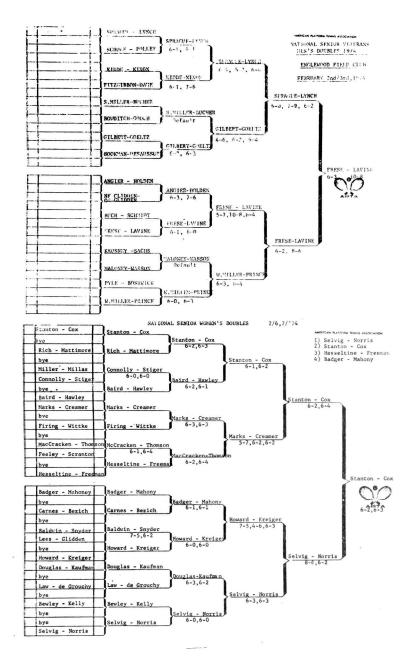
The APTA wants always to be responsive to your comments and criticisms in regard to equipment (as well as to anything else, for that matter), so keep Don posted, in writing, please; but be sure the ball you are writing in about is one of the newies, because there's bound to be a flock of last year's balls still in the retail stores.

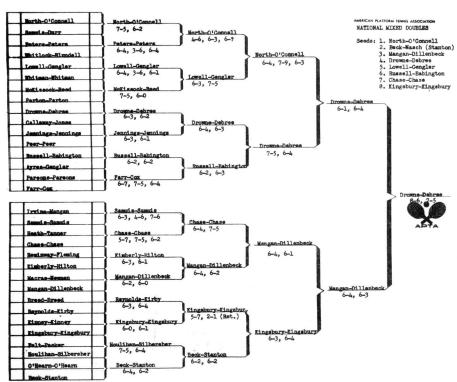












ANSWER TO PADDLE PUZZLE

Here is an explanation of the answers to the puzzle which appeared in the program of the national men's doubles tournament.

Across. 1. Animal not welcome at court is a "hog" of course. 5. Top drawer is "first seed" since he is usually to be found at the top of the draw. 7. Where the sheep come to be shorn is, naturally, "Fox Meadow" the sheep being early round victims (and animals that are always welcome). 8. They lend spice to a tournament; spice is an anagram of epics. 9. Aging but still active tournament player is a "vet"; put the last two letters of active with the first letter of tournament and you get vet.

Down. 2. Screenplay for the wife who can read - screen refers to the wire, and "for the wife" is an anagram of Off The Wire, which is presumably something to read.

3. Dane takes gas during programs -dane plus gas anagrams out to "agendas" which are programs. 4. Deputies who like a fight is a description of "proxies". 5. First point of a game as some say it - the point score fifteen is often abbreviated to "fift" especially by old timers. 6. Starting time for round of 256, would certainly have to be "dawn".

The overall answer to the puzzle promised to clue you in on who would win the nationals. Unscrambling the 16 keyed letters should leave you with the indubitable champions, that is, "the strongest pair".

ONWARD AND UPWARD

The forthcoming edition of The Encyclopedia Americana will have an entry on platform tennis. Rudimentary, to be sure, but Senior Editor Donald Young writes he is "glad that the encyclopedia will finally carry" some information about our game.....Other pubs that have taken notice of the game this past season: Sports Illustrated (see Faces In The Crowd); Tennis (the USPTA magazine); and among newspapers far and wide, the San Francisco Chronicle..... A friend of a friend of the guy whose name was used in Phil Dougherty's advertising column in the N.Y. Times tells me that Phil had the results backwards, and that Cullen-Wubbenhorst were the losing finalists, not the champs of the Colihan Cup Match. The aforementioned Cup, incidentally, is described as "a fine old brass cuspidor". Houghton Mifflin Company is in the process of publishing a tome that is tentatively titled THE COMPLETE BOOK OF PLATFORM TENNIS. Various chapters are being written by recognized experts on certain aspects of play, e.g. Herb FitzGibbon on service, Gloria Dillenbeck on woman's role in mixed, and so on. Some other publisher ought to take a crack at players whose specialties are more esoteric, e.g. Dave Jennings on millinery, Ned Benedict on guts, etc. Congratulations to Ken Lindner and Jeff Lerner who defeated Mike Wooden and Chuck Fenarow 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 to win the annual national paddle tennis doubles tournament. Observers noted that they played the wires (sic) about as much as Herb and John in the platform tennis finals

WPTA REPORTS:

Men's Rankings: 1 Brownlow-Rogers Women's Rankings: 1 McCutcheon-Turbidy
2 English-Saacke 2 Kline-Sadler
3 Kane-Saacke 3 Louis-Matousek
4 Hall-Hussey 4 Brownlee-Walbridge
5 Kammer-Powers 5 Aiken-Van Horn
6 Epkins-Watson 6 Barker-Farnham

b Epkins-Watson

8 DeWindt-McLaughlin Bermingham-Jackson

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Insufficient Data:

McKee-Paddock

10 Aiken-Van Horn Bermingham-Buckman

11-16: Adair-McKee

Bain-Reynolds; Colville-Orwin; McCloud-Miller

Creager-Farrell; Black-Pruette;

Jones-Young; Everett-Sherwin.

1974-75 Tournament Schedule

Kalamazoo (I) October 26, 27

7 Beech-Reynolds

9 Beech-Earls

Cleveland (I) November 23, 24

Pittsburgh (0) December 3, 4 (Women)

December 7, 8 (Men)

January 11, 12 (Mixed)

Cincinnati (I) January 18, 19

Detroit (I) February 1, 2

Chicago (I) February 22, 23

Pittsburgh Jr. (0) March 8, 9

Annual APTA Meeting for Board of Governors in Chicago, October 4, 5. Meeting itself is Friday, and Saturday is the day for a paddle scrambles.

[&]quot;Off The Wire" thanks George Black, WPTA Tournament Chairman for the above report.

BITS AND PIECES

The New York School for the Deaf, a.k.a. Fanwood, in White Plains, N. Y. writes to note that they too are a non-profit institution to which a paddle court was donated. In 1968 Armonk Tennis Club provided the court and Dick Reilly the free labor; this season the school added night lights. The adults and students using the facility call themselves the Fanwood Platform Tennis Club. To their knowledge they are the only school for the deaf to have such a court ... Further note on San Francisco coverage of platform tennis: the story which was two columns with a picture of Marti Cavanaugh serving in the finals of the national women's was written by a New York Times reporter, which raises the question howcum he got a better break 3000 miles away from the place where he filed the story and where all the players are at? One Frank B. Foster III, copied us in on an irate letter to the Times, in which he notes the short shrift we got the Monday after the finals, and which he concludes with this caustic paragraph: "In Monday's paper you managed to at least say a few words about the new athletic director at Bloomington College in Ohio, about a wheelchair basketball game, about an automobile race in Martinsville, Virginia, about a ski jump in Oslow, Norway, about horseracing in Santa Anita, California, etc. Surely you could have said something about the National Championships which took place in Scarsdale, New York. Unless, of course, you feel that news of platform tennis is not fit to print". Apologies from OTW to all tournament entrants whose names get mangled on the draw sheet. To the likes of Bod Edmands (not Edmunds), Bob Callaway (not Calloway), et al, et al, but mostly to Herb FitzGibbon (not Fitgibbon or Fitz Gibbon). Let's all at least get our national champion's name spelled right.

POST-SEASON PECKING ABOUT THE NAME OF THE GAME

In recent letters to the editor of the N.Y. Times on the name confusion between platform tennis and paddle tennis, Burling Lowrey of Washington, D.C. and Dick Squires exchanged pecks as proponents for their respective games. The exchange, however, was broader in scope than just the name conflict.

It is not the intent of the APTA to enter the crossfire, but simply to set the record straight for our readers who may have read one or both of the letters, because both gentlemen are guilty of errors of fact.

Mr. Lowrey refers to the invention of platform tennis by a "group of Scarsdale millionaires" -- one of the standard forms of jabs at platform tennis' supposed snobbishness. The fact is that neither Blanchard nor Cogswell were millionaires. And far from attempting to foster an aura of snobbery, the APTA is doing more each year to democratize the game.

Mr. Squires, in turn, states "the fault lies with the puristic platform tennis players as well as the present officials of the APTA. They insist on calling platform tennis paddle tennis, but mainly out of habit rather than any insidious desire to obliterate paddle tennis". As regards the public it is probably true that it will be a long time before typical platform tennis players can be swayed from the conversationally-easy "let's go play some paddle". Regarding the APTA, however, all possible stress has been placed on the correct term platform tennis. In responding to telephone calls and written inquiries, and in promotional efforts such as last December's press luncheon, in interviews and in editing drafts of articles about the game, all APTA officers strive for factual accuracy. Unfortunately, we are not always given the opportunity to review every item about platform tennis, hence the perpetuation of the erroneous name.

Some people have suggested that we call our game "screen tennis" or "wire tennis" or "rebound tennis" among other names. What do you think? If you have an opinion on the subject, let us hear from you.

W.P.P.T.A. JUNIOR OPEN

1974

RESULTS

MARCH 9th & 10th

18 & u. Boys & Mixed

Winner	St. John Bain	-	Herb Brinkman	Camargo Club	-	Cin.
Runner up	George Yarbenet	-	Greg Moore	Echo Lake C.C.	-	N. J.
Cons. W.	Bruce Stewart	-	Brad Young	Country Club	-	Clev.
Cons. R.U.	Tom Miller	_	John Vander Veen	Kalamazoo C.C.	_	Kal.

18 & u. Girls

Winner	Diane Prine	-	B. A. Doyle	Edgeworth Club	-	Sew.
Runner up	Louise King	-	Laure McGowan	F.C.R.C.	-	F.C.
Cons. W.	Molly Flippen	-	Holly Hebditch	F.C.R.C.	-	F.C.
Cons. R.U.	Megan Gould	-	Sally Paxton	EC/FCRC	-	E/F.C.

14 & u. Boys - Mixed & Girls

Winner	Peter Lauer	-	Ted Manges	F.C.R.C.	-	F.C.
Runner up	Scott Kaufman	-	Bill Brown	Edgeworth Club	-	Sew.
Cons. W.	Briggs Kilborne	-	Bill Holmes	Birm. A.C.	-	Birm.
Cons. R.U.	David Erinkman	-	Peter LeBlond	Camargo Club	_	Cin.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA REPORTS

I. The Third Annual WPPTA Junior Open Championship was held March 9 and 10 in Sewickley with a record draw of 75 teams from Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Kalamazoo, New Jersey, Pittsburgh and Sewickley. Three separate events were held with a championship and consolation tournament in each; 18 and under boys and mixed, 18 and under girls, and 14 and under boys, mixed and girls. (The results of these tournaments are attached). Suffice it to say that the caliber of play was outstanding and it is extremely gratifying to see excellent juniors improving at such a rapid pace.

There were several parties given in various homes around the Sewickley area and in general the kids seemed to have had a whale of a good weekend. Dave Schaff and his committee presided over the affair organizing the effort of 146 children playing 93 matches on 9 different courts, being housed in dozens of homes and going to several parties Saturday night. The feat was all the more astonishing, in that, it went so well and we all owe much praise to the hard work of Dave and his hearty crew.

II. The Third Annual Dinner meeting of the WPPTA was held March 12 at the Fox Chapel Golf Club with about 80 in attendance. The first order of business was a review of this years expanded inter club league play. Fox Chapel Racket Club won the 9 Club mens A League with Saint Clair Country Club winning in a playoff of the 2 division winners in the 11 team mens B League. In the womens A League, Fox Chapel Golf Club tied with Fox Chapel Racket Club for first place, while Fox Chapel Racket Club came out first in the 7 team women B League. League play has been extremely active despite this winter's gasoline woes and will probably be expanded by several more clubs next season. The slate of officers and the executive committee for next year was then presented, which consists of:

Jim Darby - President
Bill Dickey - Secretary - Treasurer
John Barbour
Sally Foster
Clay Hardon
Peg Shoener
Dick Walker

Pam Bermingham, Wooley Bermingham and Neil Van Horn were retained as executive committee - Emeritus.

Neil Van Horn then ended the evening of good drink, food and fellowship with his thanks to all of the representatives who worked so hard in this years most exciting season. Neil ends his two years as president on a very successful note. With four major tournaments attracting a record number of entrants and a rapidly growing league competition of almost feverish activity, Neil leaves us an outstanding legacy which we will all try hard to build upon.

Respectfully,

Western Pennsylvania Platform Tennis Association

Allegheny Country Club. Edgeworth Club. Fox Chapel Golf Club
Fox Chapel Racquet Club. Longue Vue Club. Oakmont Country Club
Pittsburgh Field Club. Pittsburgh Golf Club. Royal Ridge Field Club
St. Clair Country Club. Shannopin Country Club. Valley Brook Country Club

INTER-CLUB LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS 1973-74

Women's A League		
	Won	Lost
**Fox Chapel Golf Club	11	4
**Fox Chapel Racquet Club	11	4
Edgeworth Club	10	5
St. Clair Country Club	8	7
Pittsburgh Field Club	5	10
Longue Vue Club	0	15

**-Fox Chapel Golf Club and Fox Chapel Racquet Club tied for first place.

Men's A League

Fox Chapel Racquet Club	15	1
Fox Chapel Golf Club	14	2
St. Clair Country Club	13	3
Edgeworth Club	8	8
Shannopin Country Club	8	8
Pittsburgh Field Club	7	9
Pittsburgh Golf Club	4	12
Longue Vue Club	3	13
Oakmont Country Club	0	16
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Women's B League

**Fox Chapel Racquet Club		9	3
**St. Clair Country Club		8	4
Shannopin Country Club		7	5
Valley Brook Country Club		6	5
Oakmont Country Club		5	6
Pittsburgh Field Club		4	8
Allegheny Country Club	10 12	2	10

**-Fox Chapel Racquet Club defeated St. Clair Country Club 2-1 in a playoff of the top 2 teams.

Men's B League - Eastern Division

**Fox Chapel Golf Club			11	1
Fox Chapel Racquet Club			8	5
Longue Vue Club			6	7
Pittsburgh Field Club Oakmont Country Club	*	2	3 2	10 11

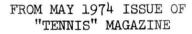
Men's B League - Western Division

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**St. Clair Country Club	1.1	4
Valley Brook Country Club	10	4
Edgeworth Club	8	6
Allegheny Country Club	7	6
Shannopin Country Club	5	9
Royal Ridge Field Club	3	11

^{**-}St. Clair Country Club defeated Fox Chapel Golf Club 2-1 in a playoff of the 2 division winners.

FROM "ANNY" N. Y. ADVERTISING TRADE PAPER

AD WORLD OF SPORTS: Bob Kingsbury (1.), senior VP-management supervisor on the AT&T account of N. W. Ayer & Son, and partner John Mangan of Rye, N.Y., take a breather as they prepare to defend their American Platform Tennis national championship title on March 8-10 at the Fox Meadow Tennis Club in Scarsdale . . .





Platform Tennis
U.S. OPEN, Scarsdale, N.Y.
Mar. 7-10
Final: Herb FitzGibbon-John Beck
d. Keith Jennings-Chauncey Steele 3d,
7-5, 4-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2.

Herb FitzGibbon....
teams for platform title.

NEW CANAAN INV., New Canaan, Conn., Feb. 9-10. Finals: Keith Jennings-Chauncey Steele d. John Mangan-Robert Kinbsbury, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4, 7-5.

FROM "SPORTS ILLUSTRATED" FEATURE COLUMN

SHIRLEY BABINGTON, 35 (above) and MARTI CAVANAUGH, 30, sisters from Tenafly, N. J., won the national women's platform doubles championship at the New Canaan (Conn.) Field Club. Shirley, mother of three, and Marti, who has two children, play four times a week. They began to play together four seasons ago. The housewives won this year's New Jersey state crown and earned their first national title by scoring a major upset in the finals, defeating the defending champions, B. J. DeBree of Fair Haven, N. J., and Gloria Dillenbeck of Montclair, N. J. 6-2, 6-0.





