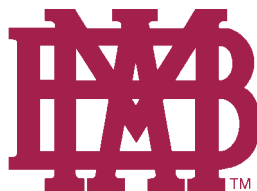
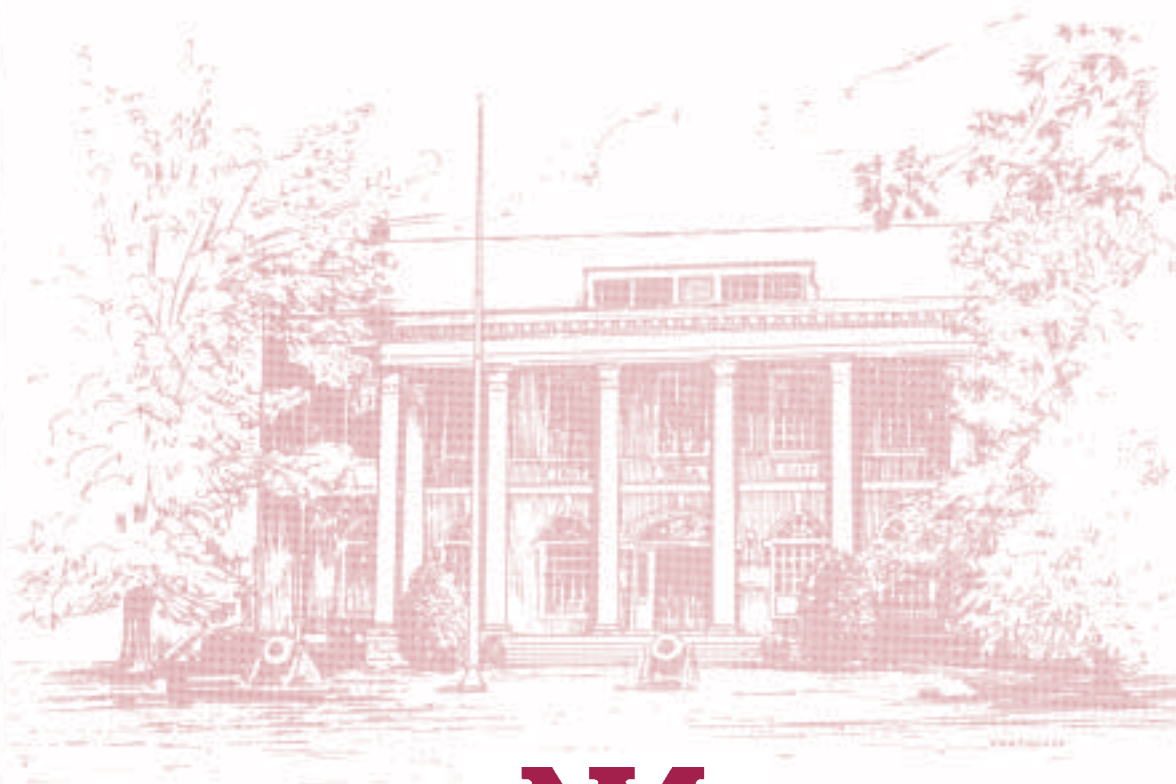


MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY

proudly presents the

SOUTHERN BELL FORUM XXVI



January 4 - 6
2008



Montgomery Bell Academy

Billy Tate
Director

Department of Forensics

October, 2007

Dear Debate Coach,

It is our privilege to invite you and your top debate team to attend the 2008 SOUTHERN BELL FORUM XXVI on the campus of Montgomery Bell Academy in Nashville, Tennessee. The Forum will begin unofficially on Friday, January 4, 2008, although rounds of competition will not begin until Saturday.

The tournament organizing committee has worked painstakingly to prepare for this event. Schools from 35 states have been invited to join us for this year's Forum. When you arrive in Nashville, you will meet a group of individuals working diligently to produce an educationally rewarding forensic experience as well as providing unequaled "southern hospitality" for our guests.

Rules and entry materials are included in this brochure. Please read carefully all information and adhere to stated deadlines. Unfortunately, available space is limited to hosting 72 teams; to ensure your school's participation, please return the enclosed entry form at your earliest possible convenience. Once capacity is reached, we will be forced to **refuse** further requests for attendance.

Sincerely,

Billy Tate

Alan Coverstone

Dennis DeYoung

Samuel Lester

Nicole Serrano

4001 Harding Road

Nashville, Tennessee 37205

615/269-3959



SOUTHERN BELL FORUM XXVI

Registration Form

Deadline to return this form: November 28, 2007 (Remember: if this form is mailed close to the deadline, please call MBA Wednesday, November 28 to find out your status). Phone: 615/269-3959. PLEASE PRINT/TYPE CLEARLY. SEND THIS FORM. DO NOT FAX OR E-MAIL. Remember: Entry can only be guaranteed if all applicable fees accompany the entry form. Entries before this date will be on a first-come, first-served basis until the 72 slots are filled.

School: _____

Address: _____
city state zip

School Phone Number: _____

Coach: _____

Coach's Home Phone Number: _____

Coach's e-mail address: _____ cell phone number: _____

Team: _____ and _____ (Please print clearly first and last names.)

Judge: _____ ☐ We need to hire a judge @ \$125.

Chaperone: _____

Entry Fees Enclosed For \$ _____ Please include \$140 for debate team entry fee. If
Judge Fees Enclosed for \$ _____ you are hiring a judge, this amount must be included
also to guarantee a team slot.

Total Fees Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Southern Bell Forum XXVI

Housing information:

☐ We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt Number of Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt rooms reserved _____
☐ We will be staying elsewhere. Number of female debaters _____
Please list where: _____ Number of male debaters _____

(WE URGE ALL SCHOOLS TO UTILIZE THE HOTEL.)

Will be arriving by Car ☐ Van ☐ Bus ☐ Air ☐ Date _____ Approximate time _____

If arriving by Air please include:

Airline: _____ Flight Number: _____

Time flight is due in Nashville: _____ Day: _____

Time of departure from Nashville: _____ Day: _____

Airline: _____ Flight number: _____

Would you like car rental information (adults only)? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you plan to attend the coaches' party and reception Saturday night? Yes ☐ No ☐
(Appropriate dress will be coat and tie for this occasion.)

Return this form as early as possible, but absolutely before November 28 (unless all slots fill earlier) to:

**Billy Tate
Southern Bell Forum XXVI
Montgomery Bell Academy
4001 Harding Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37205**



GENERAL INFORMATION

SOUTHERN BELL FORUM XXVI PHILOSOPHY:

We regard our tournament as a non-profit affair. Our only hope is that we can host a national-calibre tournament that can operate on a break-even basis. We are certain that our many hospitality offerings and quality of awards will assure you that we are not profit-oriented.

We plan to run the tournament January 4 - 6 regardless of weather conditions at the time. Please do not be faint of heart even if a snow flurry is predicted. What could be more enjoyable than to be snowbound in Nashville?

THE INVITATION:

Although our school has been steadily growing since its founding in 1867, we are still unable to host more than 72 teams. Invitations have been extended to distinguished and respected schools from 35 states throughout the nation. We are already delighted and honored that a sizable number of the finest debate teams in the country will be attending the Southern Bell Forum XXVI. We are proud to extend to you this invitation and only wish space were available to invite other fine debate teams.

AWARDS:

Once again, this year's trophies will be very handsome custom-made awards designed especially for the Southern Bell Forum XXVI. Awards will begin with octa-finals and distinctive speaker awards will be presented to the top 25 debaters.

JUDGING:

A wide range of college debaters from some of the nation's most prestigious debate programs have been invited to judge rounds at the Southern Bell Forum XXVI. Additionally, a number of outstanding college debate coaches and assistant coaches have already accepted our invitation to attend and serve as guest judges. We anticipate one of the most experienced judging pools offered at a tournament this year. In order to facilitate our unique judge-preference system, we must ask that each judge be available for four preliminary debates.

ENTRY RULES:

Each invited school is requested to enter its top debate team. There will be six preliminary rounds of competition on Saturday and Sunday with elimination rounds beginning with octa-finals. A seven minute prep rule will be enforced for this tournament. We will utilize the 8-3-5 format. "Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its public health assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa."

ENTRY FEES:

For schools entering a debate team the fee will be \$140. For those schools absolutely unable to send the coach of the team, judges may be hired for \$125 a two-person team. We must be notified of judges needed before the entry deadline. Make all checks payable to: Southern Bell Forum XXVI.



TABULATION OF RESULTS:

We will run a closed tab room. Rounds 1 and 2 will be random - paired by computer with all subsequent rounds paired on a power formula.

NASHVILLE AREA ENTERTAINMENT:

The following is just a suggestion that should fit into your time schedule.

If you plan to arrive early Friday or stay until Monday, we encourage you to visit the Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson, Printers Alley in downtown Nashville (Nashville's version of Bourbon Street or Underground Atlanta), or get tickets to the Grand Ole Opry for Friday night by calling (615) 889-3060. **The replica of the Parthenon is also quite interesting and is located across from the Holiday Inn Select.** Other attractions include a **Hard Rock Cafe and the Wild Horse Saloon.** Both are located downtown on Second Avenue. The Frist Center for the Visual Arts is only a few blocks from the Holiday Inn Select.

For those who are country-western fans, you are sure to enjoy Music Row and the new Country Music Hall of Fame. There are also a number of tours available for visiting the stars' homes and the plush Opryland Hotel.

COMMERCIAL LODGING:

Again this year, all tournament guests will be hosted in one hotel, The Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt. Adequate rooms to accommodate the entire tournament are available at the flat rate of \$79.00 (1 - 4 people per room). Ample **free** parking is located in front of and behind the hotel.

All reservations should be made with the Reservation Desk, (615 327-4707). Please identify yourself with the Southern Bell Forum sponsored by Montgomery Bell Academy. All social functions will also be held at the Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt. To avoid confusion we suggest you contact the hotel **directly** and **during regular business hours** (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CST).

Directions to the Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt: Get off I-40 West at Exit 209A (Vanderbilt Exit). Turn left on to Broadway, then bear right on to West End Ave. The hotel is on your left, just past the main entrance to Vanderbilt University and adjacent to Vanderbilt Stadium. Centennial Park and the Parthenon are across the street.

All participants and judges are strongly requested to stay at the Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt, the host hotel.

PLEASE NOTE: OUR ROOM BLOCK WILL BE HELD UNTIL **DECEMBER 20**. AFTER THIS DATE YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SECURE RESERVATIONS. HOTEL SPACE IS LIMITED. **MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY!!**



SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY:

Once you arrive in Nashville, our debaters, faculty, students, and parents will be privileged to serve as your hosts while attending the Southern Bell Forum XXVI. As usual, our hospitality will be under the direction of Mrs. Gloria Robinson from Reagan High School in San Antonio, Texas. Her exceptional capabilities in both coaching and hospitality are well known by coaches who have attended previous Southern Bell Forums.

Friday Evening:	Snacks and light hors d'oeuvres; the social hour for coaches and judges at the Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt.
Saturday Morning:	Students will breakfast on their own. Coaches and judges will have continental breakfast in the coaches' lounge. Light hors d'oeuvres and punch will then be served.
Saturday Lunch:	A southern treat will be served.
Saturday Afternoon:	Gourmet snacks will be furnished in the coaches' lounge throughout the afternoon.
Saturday Afternoon:	(following round 4): A "Refresher" is planned for debaters, but not for coaches.
Saturday Evening:	("night" to Southerners). The coaches' party and reception will be held. Dress is coat and tie, please. An informal student gathering for participants will be held Saturday night at the Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt.
Sunday Morning:	Breakfast will be served to coaches, judges, and debaters.
Sunday Lunch:	Lunch will be served following octas.

HOUSING OF DEBATERS:

While attending the Southern Bell Forum XXVI, we urge you to stay at the Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt. Under no circumstances should you or your students attempt to make private arrangements with members of the MBA debate team. We are unable to house students because of the heavy demands that the tournament places on both debaters and their parents.

MEALS:

As our honored guests, most meals will be provided on a complimentary basis for all participants, coaches, and guest judges. Light, medium, and heavy "snacks" will be available on a continuous basis in our well-stocked coaches' lounge. (This will be the ideal time to break New Year's resolutions concerning weight loss!) If your schedule and appetite permit, we will furnish a list of restaurants in Nashville ranging from the most elegant to the fast food chains. Please ask me for suggestions, and we will be glad to give you our reaction to each one.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS QUALIFIER:

Again this year the Southern Bell Forum XXVI has been designated as a qualifier tournament for the "Tournament of Champions" sponsored by the University of Kentucky. Dr. J.W. Patterson of Kentucky has further designated the Southern Bell Forum XXVI as one of the select tournaments where octa-finalists will achieve "qualifier status."



REGISTRATION:

Schools arriving on Friday, January 4, should plan to register at the Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt from 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. All participants are strongly urged to arrive on Friday and register on Friday; IF YOU CANNOT REGISTER DURING THE ABOVE HOURS, PLEASE CALL US AT THE DEBATE OFFICE (615) 269-3959.

GUARANTEED ENTRIES:

To ensure an entry slot for your team, the registration form and fees should be sent very early. Entries will be guaranteed only if team entry fee and judging fees (if applicable) accompany the completed registration form. **Entries will be on a first-come-first-served basis until the 72 slots are filled.**



NEW FEATURE:

To encourage new schools to attend, the first 10 schools who have not attended the tournament this century will be admitted as "**guaranteed entries**" provided entry forms and fees have been received by November 1.

Teams who have competed at the SBF for the past two years, are guaranteed entry provided they register by Wednesday, November 28, 2007. **We are unable to accept facsimile or e-mail entries.** A prompt reply will ensure your participation in SBF XXVI.

Entry and judging fees will be assessed as of Wednesday, November 28, 2007. These fees are guaranteed by your registration request and are **non-refundable** after this date. Fees must accompany your registration form. You will be notified of your acceptance by mail, or you may call.

FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Additional entries will be accepted until the 72 slots have been filled. If you are in doubt about your entry reaching us by the deadline, please call the Debate Office at 615/269-3959. Entries must be filled out completely and fees enclosed. If possible, please return forms early. For the past several years we have had all slots filled at the time of the guaranteed entry deadline.

SATURDAY NIGHT COACHES' PARTY:

All coaches and judges will be the guests of the MBA debate parents at the coaches' party. We respectfully request that the gentlemen dress in coat and tie for this occasion. A number of parents of our former debaters at MBA take pride in helping to make this event possible.

STUDENT RECEPTION:

A reception for all high school debaters participating in the Southern Bell Forum XXVI will be held at the Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt from 10:00 - 11:30 p.m. on Saturday. Casual attire will be appropriate for this occasion.

TRANSPORTATION:

We are presently negotiating special low weekend rates for mini vans as well as cars for the Southern Bell Forum XXVI. Upon request, rental car information will be sent to you. MBA will not be operating a shuttle service to and from the airport. However, the airport shuttle will make runs to the Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt for a minimum charge. Recommendation: use a rental car for your convenience since January rates are minimal. Tennessee Van rents both vans of all types as well as some cars. To make arrangements, call 615/885-1632.

SCHOOL LOCATION:

Get off I-40 West at Exit 209 A (Vanderbilt exit). Go 1/2 block to Broadway Avenue and turn left onto Broadway. Broadway becomes West End Avenue eventually and goes in front of Vanderbilt. West End becomes Harding Road after a mile or so. MBA is located at 4001 Harding Road on the corner of Harding Road and Montgomery Bell Avenue. (Nashville streets frequently change names. Don't let this confuse you.) Everyone knows where Vanderbilt is located, and MBA is on the same road about 2 miles farther out.



SCHEDULE

TENTATIVE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

6:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Registration (in the Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt)
10:00 p.m.	Coaches' hour at the Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt

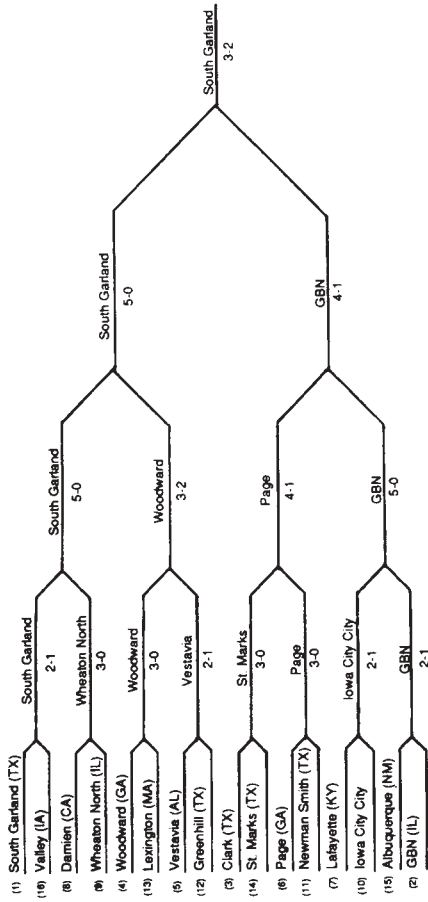
SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00 a.m.	Assembly in the Paschall Theater of the Davis Building
8:30 - 10:30 a.m.	ROUND I
10:30 - 12:00	ROUND II
12:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	ROUND III
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	ROUND IV
6:00 p.m.	"The Refresher"
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	ROUND V
10:00 - 11:30 p.m.	Student informal gathering for participants at the Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt (Dress: Casual)
10:00 - Midnight	Coaches' Party (Dress: Coat and tie, please)

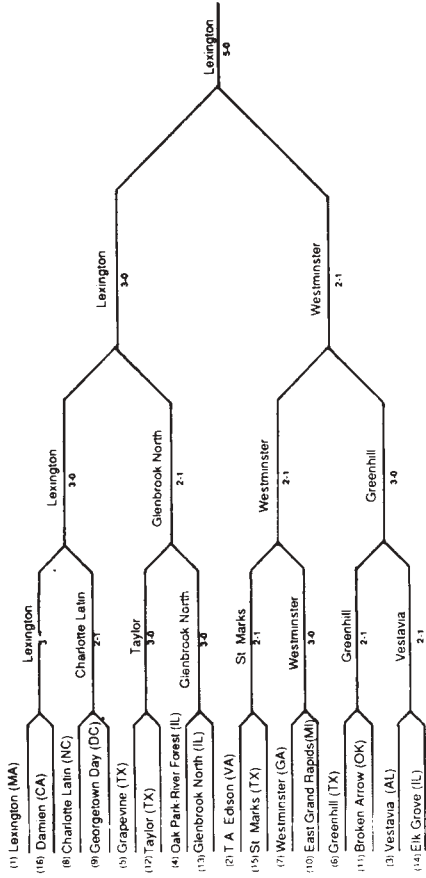
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8:00 - 9:30 a.m.	ROUND VI (Tutorials, Emory style, will be held all day.)
9:45 - 10:30 a.m.	Breakfast
10:30 a.m.	Announce Octa Finals in the Paschall Theater
11:00 - 12:30	Octa Finals in Wallace Hall
12:45 - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Awards Assembly in the Paschall Theater
2:00 p.m.	Announce Quarter Finals in the Paschall Theater
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Quarter Finals in Wallace Hall
4:15 p.m.	Announce Semi Finals in Wallace Hall
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Semi Finals in Wallace Hall
6:15 p.m.	Announce Finalists in Wallace Hall
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Finals in Wallace Hall
8:45 p.m.	Final Awards in Wallace Hall

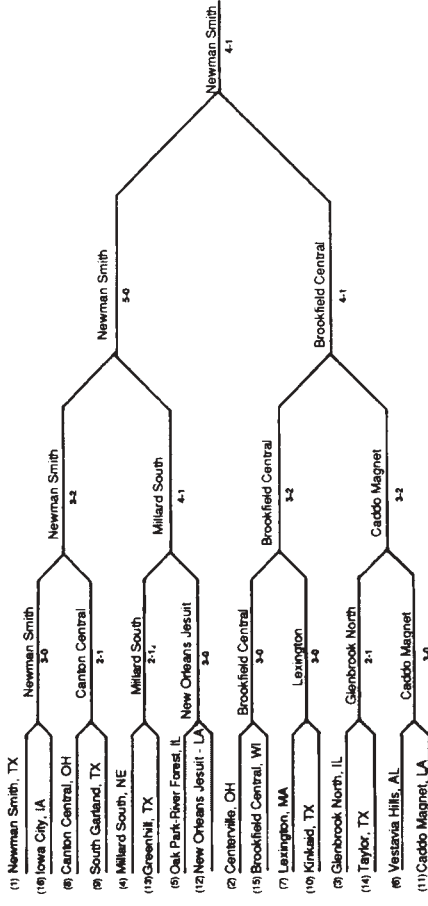
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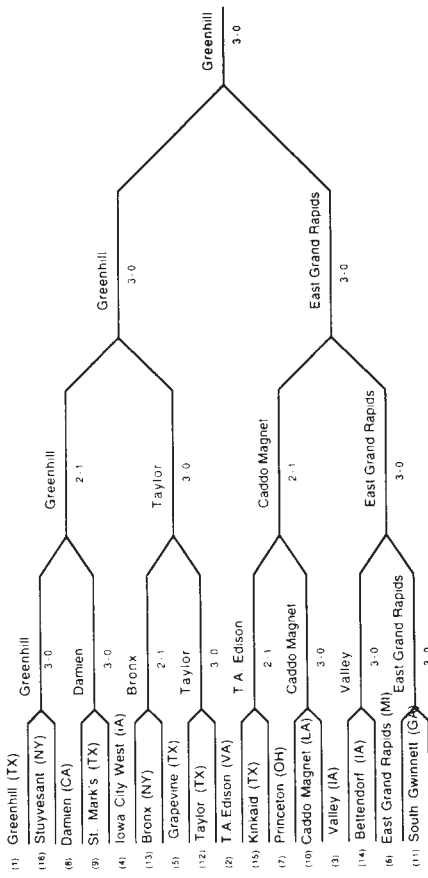
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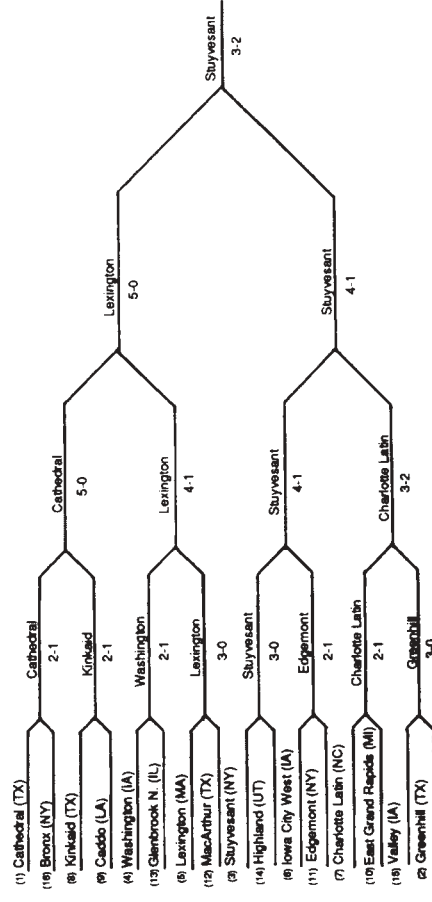
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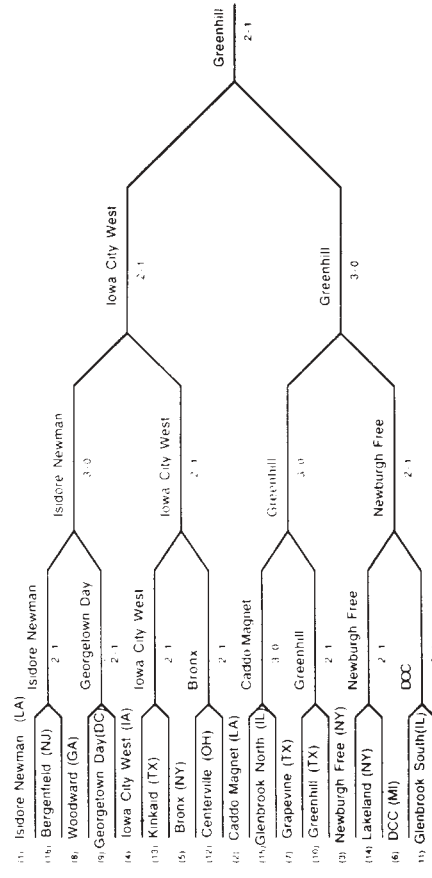
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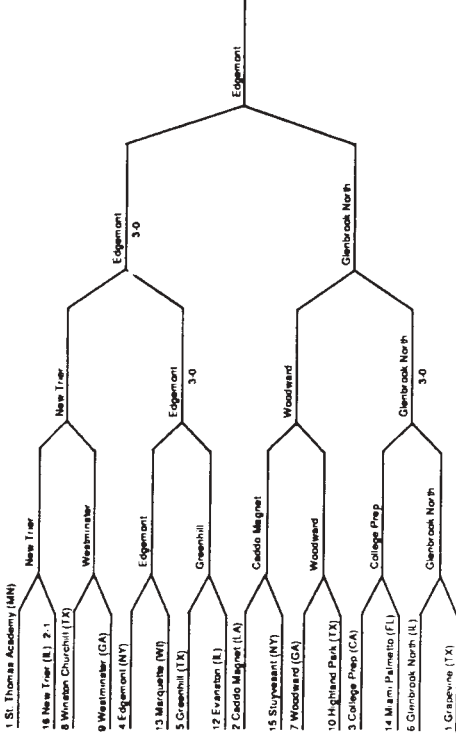
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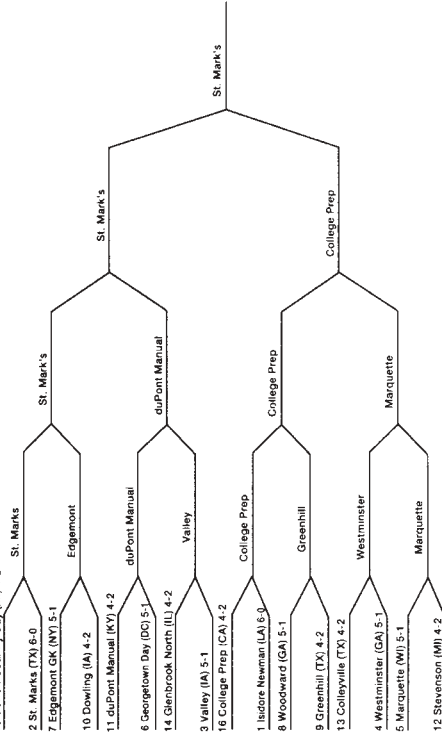
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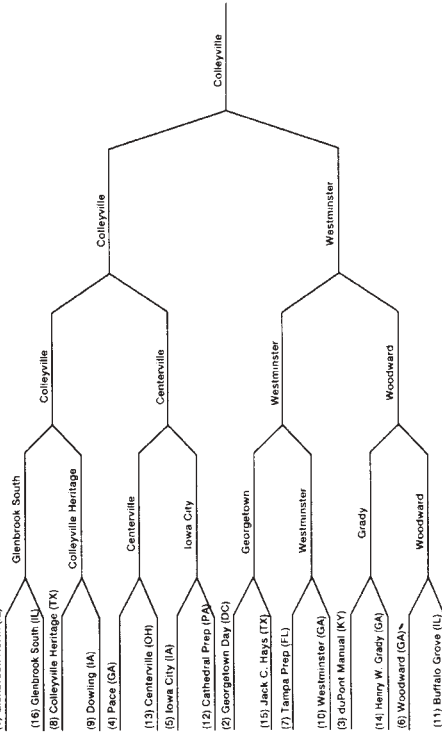
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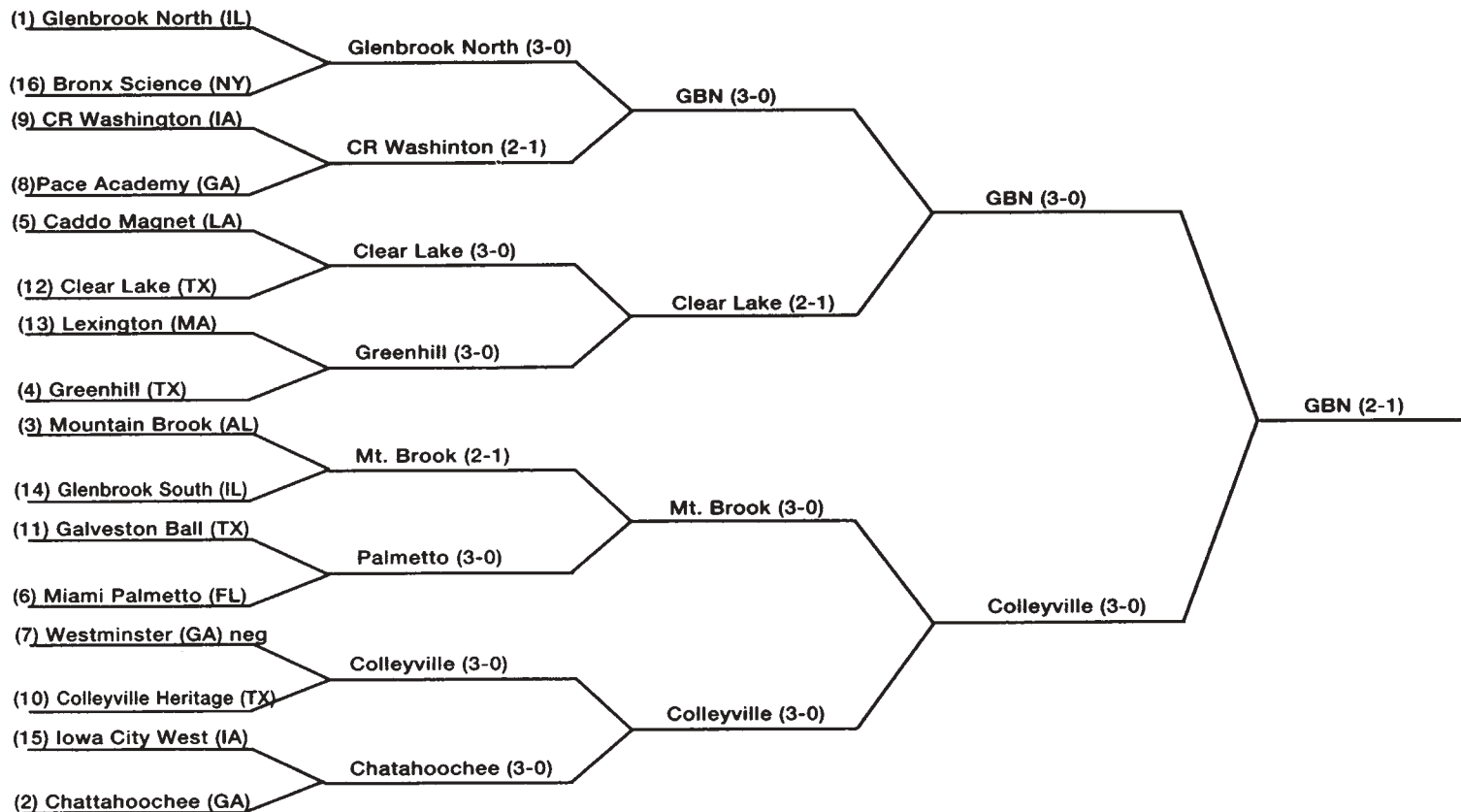


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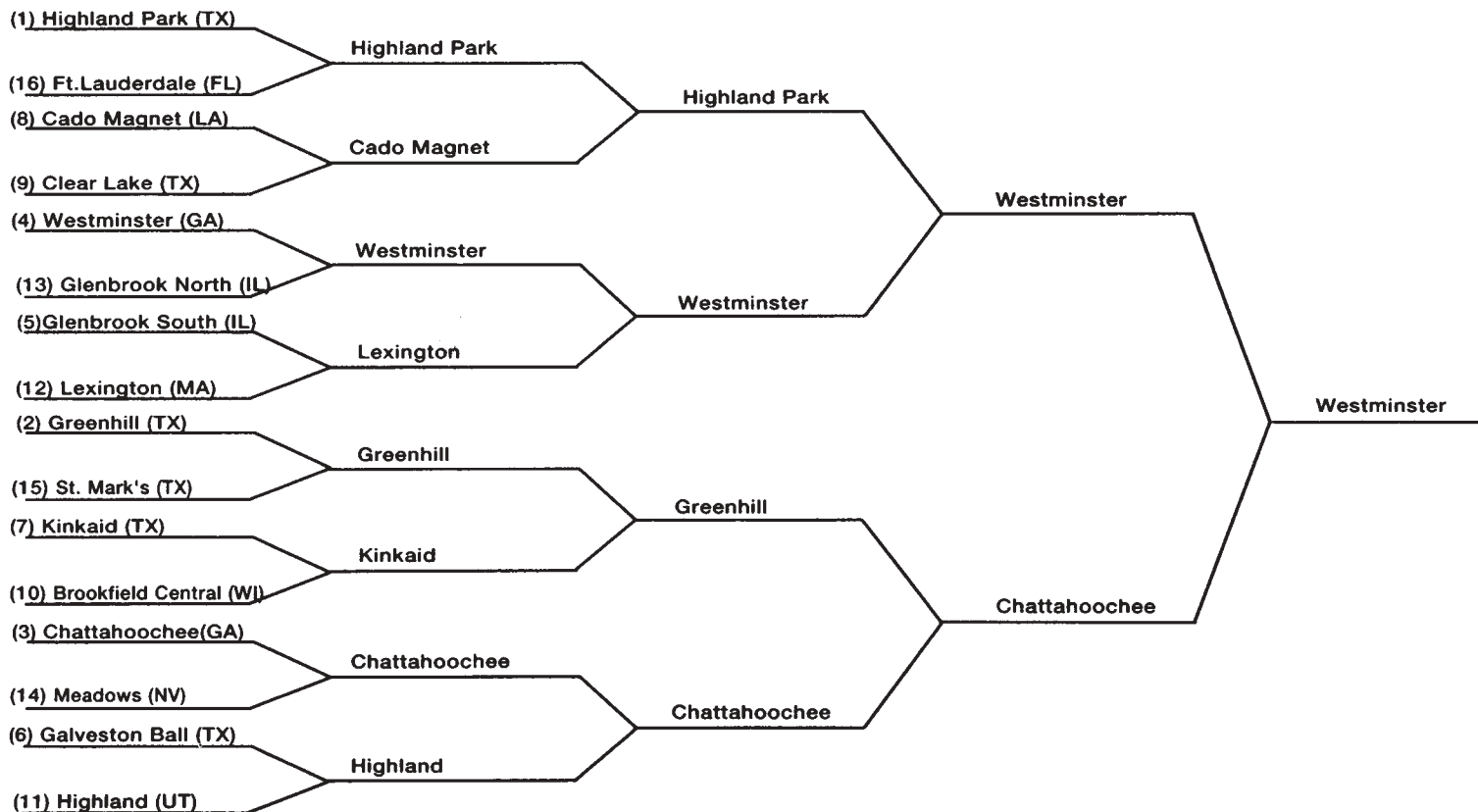


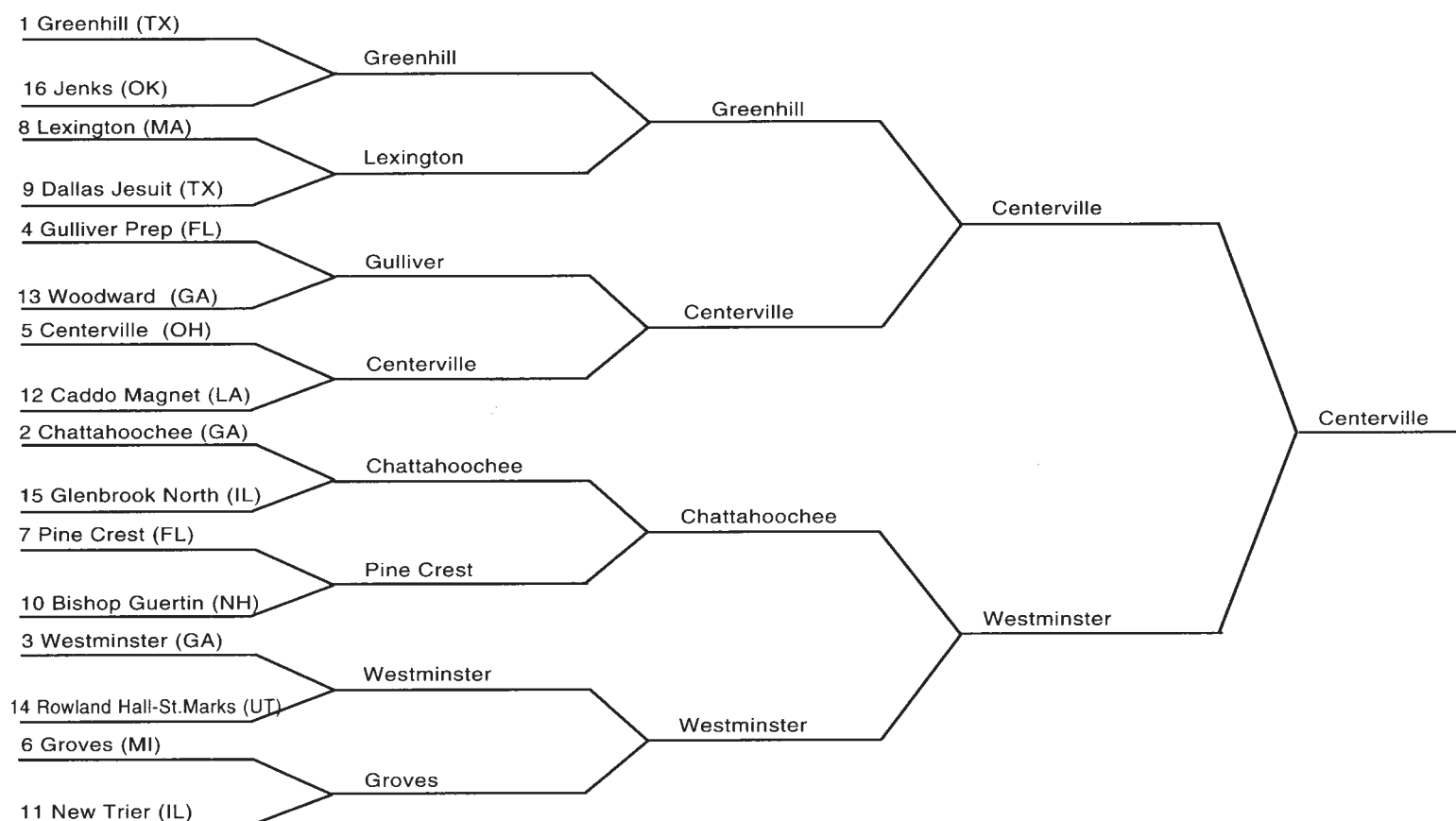


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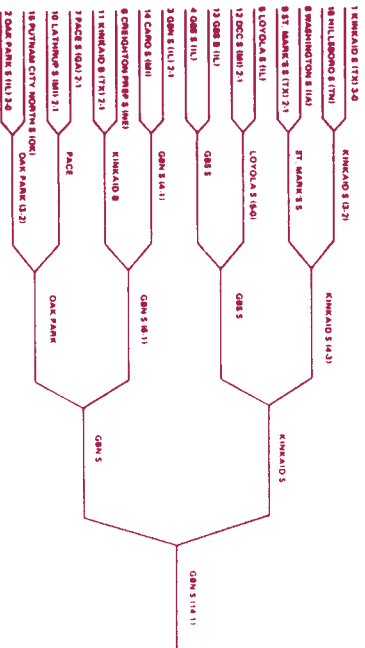


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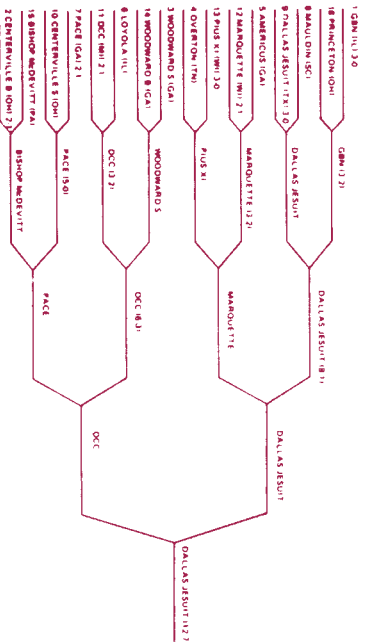




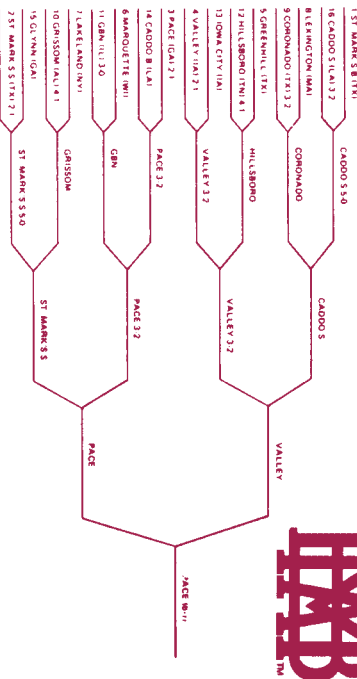
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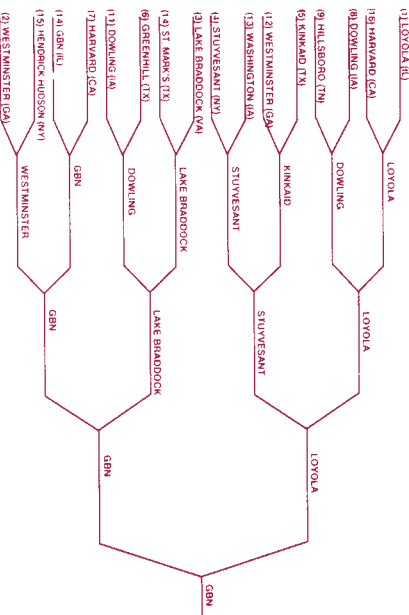
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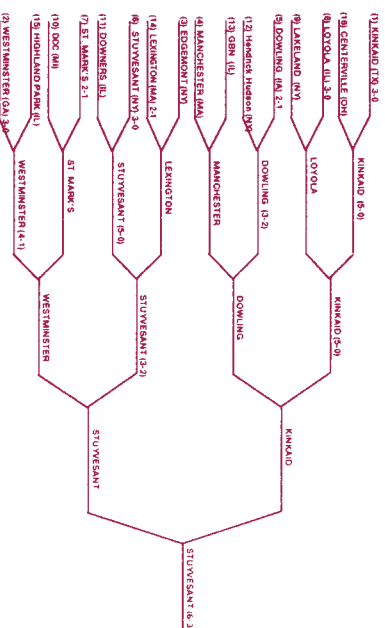
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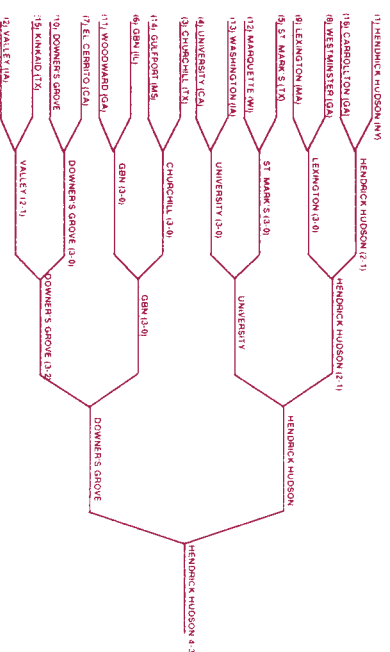
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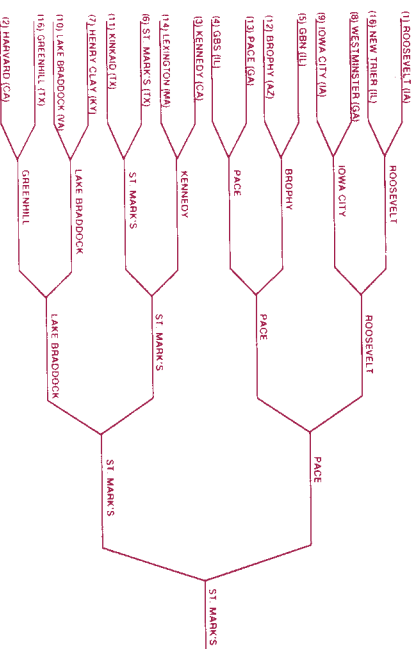
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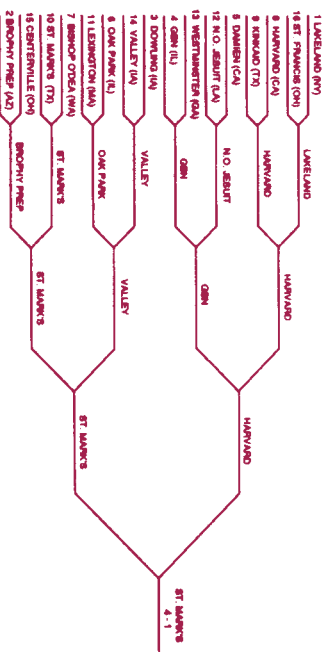
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