

Wrestling

DIVISION III

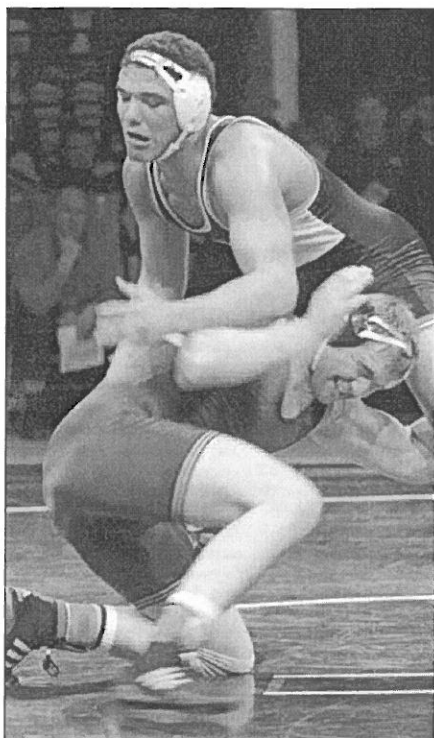


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Ryan Allen of Wisconsin-La Crosse grabs the leg of Wartburg's Blake Gillis in the heavyweight class championship match. Allen outpointed Gillis, 12-5.

2004 Championships

Highlights

Wartburg Outlasts Rival for Second Straight Crown: Wartburg and Augsburg each claimed four individual titles – tying a Division III Wrestling Championships record – but Wartburg scraped together 16 more points than the Auggies to successfully defend its team title at the championships March 5-6 in Dubuque, Iowa.

Seven Knights advanced to weight-class finals, and victories by Dustin Hinschberger at 141 pounds, Bart Mehlert at 149, Ryan Sturm at 184 and Akeem Carter at 197 sealed Wartburg's team victory.

Augsburg kept things interesting to the end, however, as four of its five weight-class finalists grabbed titles – including Marcus LeVesseur, who won his second straight championship at 157 pounds. LeVesseur, a sophomore who has won 84 collegiate matches without a loss, was this year's only repeat individual titlist.

But Wartburg, which set a championships record with its seven finalists, was able to stay a step ahead of Augsburg through most of the weekend. The Knights actually trailed Augsburg by 1 1/2 points after the meet's opening session, but advanced nine of its 10 wrestlers to the next round of the winners' bracket, while Augsburg advanced seven of its nine qualifiers.

Wartburg was able to capitalize on that advantage in numbers through the remaining competition, advancing eight wrestlers into weight-class semifinals. The Knights then broke a record they shared with Wilkes when they advanced seven of those eight wrestlers into the finals.

Wartburg and Augsburg both finished well ahead of the pack, with the Knights outpointing the Auggies, 156 1/2-140 1/2. Luther finished third with 68 1/2 points, followed by Delaware Valley and Simpson. The title is Wartburg's fourth, all since 1996.

Wartburg and Augsburg join John Carroll and Montclair State as the only schools to have claimed four individual titles in a championships meet. Augsburg actually already was on the list of four-title winners, having also accomplished the feat in 2000.

Although Augsburg came up short in team competition, it now has claimed more individual wrestling titles than any school in Division III. The Auggies have won 31 individual championships, three more than Montclair State.

In addition to LeVesseur, Augsburg recorded victories by Matt Shankey at 125 pounds, Mark Matzek at 133 and Joe Moon at 174.

Moon upset defending champ Cody Koenig of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in the semifinals of his weight class, then claimed the crown with a victory over top-seeded Eduard Aliaksynka of Montclair State. He was honored as the meet's most outstanding wrestler for the performance.

Also winning individual titles at the meet were Artie Weidler of Brockport State at 165 pounds and Ryan Allen of Wisconsin-La Crosse in the heavyweight class.

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Wartburg	156 1/2	18. King's (Pa.)	14 1/2	35. Augustana (Ill.)	4
2. Augsburg	140 1/2	Manchester	14 1/2	Wabash	4
3. Luther	68 1/2	20. Trinity (Conn.)	12 1/2	37. Johnson & Wales (R.I.) ..	3
4. Delaware Valley	58	Ursinus	12 1/2	38. Baldwin-Wallace	2
5. Simpson	55 1/2	Wis.-Eau Claire	12 1/2	Chicago	2
6. Brockport St.	54 1/2	23. Springfield	12	Mt. St. Joseph	2
7. Wis.-La Crosse	50 1/2	24. Oswego St.	11 1/2	Oneonta St.	2
8. TCNJ	49 1/2	25. Buena Vista	11	42. Coast Guard	1
9. Wis.-Stevens Point ..	40 1/2	Ithaca	11	Lawrence	1
10. Cortland St.	33	27. St. John's (Minn.)	10 1/2	Lycoming	1
11. Montclair St.	31	28. Bridgewater St.	8	Rhode Island Col.	1
12. John Carroll	30 1/2	29. Elmhurst	7 1/2	WPI	1
13. Williams	20	Millikin	7 1/2	47. Messiah	1/2
Wis.-Whitewater	20	31. Central (Iowa)	6 1/2	Muhlenberg	1/2
16. Loras	19	Milwaukee Engr.	6 1/2	Ohio Northern	1/2
16. York (Pa.)	18	33. Case Reserve	5 1/2		
17. Coe	16 1/2	Hunter	5 1/2		

Second round—Ware pinned Troutman, 4:01; Sassolino def. Healy, 8-6; Luloff def. Mauser, 3-0; Locke def. Dictus, 3-2.

Third round—Ware def. Sassolino, 12-7; Luloff def. Locke, 9-1.

Semifinals—Ware def. Gaul, 5-2; Luloff def. Buckley, 5-0.

Third place—Ware def. Luloff, 4-3. **Fifth place**—Gaul def. Buckley, 2-1. **Seventh place**—Sassolino pinned Locke, 5:49.

197-POUND CLASS

MAIN BRACKET

First round—Akeem Carter, Wartburg, def. Dan Fiecke, St. John's (Minn.), 5-4; Nick Vinciguerra, TCNJ, def. Ben Stum, Baptist Bible (Pa.), 16-7; Andrew Helms, Delaware Valley, pinned Matt Loesch, Muhlenberg, 1:47; Wyatt Reyerson, Luther, pinned Todd Carone, Montclair St., 1:22; Joe Cullen, Augsburg, pinned Josh Schmidt, Case Reserve, 4:07; Tom Medonis, Springfield, def. Bart George, Simpson, 2-1; Yan White, Wis.-Stevens Point, def. Lance Marcus, Wilmington (Ohio), 9-0.

Quarterfinals—Carter def. Vinciguerra, 8-1; Helms def. Reyerson, 5-3 (sudden victory); Robert Cuffie, Brockport St., def. Cullen, 16-9; White def. Medonis, 8-4.

Semifinals—Carter def. Helms, 5-2; White pinned Cuffie, 4:59.

Final—Carter def. White, 4-2.

WRESTLEBACKS

First round—Fiecke pinned Stum, 4:31; Loesch def. Carone, 9-3; George def. Marcus, 10-1.

Second round—Fiecke def. Medonis, 7-2; Cullen def. Loesch, 13-1; Reyerson def. Schmidt, 20-2 (technical fall, 6:32); George def. Vinciguerra, 3-2.

Third round—Fiecke def. Cullen, 4-2; Reyerson def. George, 10-3.

Semifinals—Helms def. Fiecke, 12-8; Cuffie def. Reyerson, 7-4.

Third place—Helms def. Cuffie, 3-2. **Fifth place**—Fiecke def. Reyerson, 7-3. **Seventh place**—Cullen def. George, 3-1.

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS

MAIN BRACKET

First round—Ryan Allen, Wis.-La Crosse, pinned Drew Reinecker, McDaniel, 0:14; Nick McTee, Coe, def. Tommy Snyder, Lycoming, 7-6; Justin Deveau, Rhode Island Col., def. Arnold Frost, Brockport St., 11-7; Mark Simmonds, Augsburg, def. Adam Buthe, Buena Vista, 5-0; Mike Blair, Trinity (Conn.), def. Derek Ankney, John

Carroll, 7-5 (sudden victory); Keith Bjorhus, TCNJ, def. Brett Christensen, Simpson, 10-3; Matt Schoenherr, Milwaukee Engr., def. Bryan Morgan, Millikin, 4-2.

Quarterfinals—Allen def. McTee, 18-4; Simmonds def. Deveau, 8-2; Blair def. Bjorhus, 12-11; Blake Gillis, Wartburg, def. Schoenherr, 16-0 (technical fall, 6:45).

Semifinals—Allen def. Simmonds, 12-2; Gillis def. Blair, 8-4.

Final—Allen def. Gillis, 12-5.

WRESTLEBACKS

First round—Snyder def. Reinecker, 9-4; Frost def. Buthe, 11-9; Ankney pinned Christensen, 7:44 (sudden victory).

Second round—Schoenherr pinned Snyder, 3:48; Frost def. Bjorhus, 8-7; Ankney def. Deveau, 12-6; Morgan pinned McTee, 3:13.

Third round—Frost def. Schoenherr, 3-1; Ankney def. Morgan, 4-3.

Semifinals—Simmonds def. Frost (medical forfeit); Blair def. Ankney, 4-3.

Third place—Blair def. Simmonds, 3-1 (sudden victory).

Fifth place—Ankney def. Frost (medical forfeit).

Seventh place—Morgan def. Schoenherr, 6-2.

History

Team Results

Year	Champion	Coach	Points	Runner-Up	Points	Host or Site	Championships Total Attendance
1974	Wilkes	John Reese	135 1/2	John Carroll	86 1/2	Wilkes	—
1975	John Carroll	Tony DeCarlo	111	Montclair St.	96	John Carroll	—
1976	Montclair St.	Larry Sciacchetano	143	John Carroll	112 1/4	Coe	4,857
1977	Brockport St.	Donald Murray	99 1/4	Humboldt St.	93	Binghamton	6,172
1978	Buffalo	Edward Michael	91 3/4	Millersville	90	Wheaton (Ill.)	1,159
1979	TCNJ	Dave Icenhower	77 3/4	Brockport St.	77 1/2	Humboldt St.	2,366
1980	Brockport St.	Donald Murray	111 1/4	TCNJ	88 3/4	Coast Guard	2,586
1981	TCNJ	Dave Icenhower	111 3/4	Brockport St.	100	John Carroll	3,172
1982	Brockport St.	Donald Murray	111 1/2	TCNJ	93 1/2	Cortland St.	2,690
1983	Brockport St.	Donald Murray	85 3/4	TCNJ	80 3/4	Wheaton (Ill.)	2,608
1984	TCNJ	Dave Icenhower	96 3/4	Augsburg	68 1/2	Binghamton	2,466
1985	TCNJ	Dave Icenhower	67	Central (Iowa)	59 1/4	Augustana (Ill.)	2,670
1986	Montclair St.	Steve Strellner	87 1/4	Brockport St.	78	TCNJ	3,371
1987	TCNJ	Dave Icenhower	107 1/2	Brockport St.	70 3/4	Buffalo	3,869
1988	St. Lawrence	John Clark	71	Montclair St.	66 3/4	Wheaton (Ill.)	3,156
1989	Ithaca	John Murray	72 1/2	Delaware Valley	64 1/2	John Carroll	3,938
1990	Ithaca	John Murray	81	Augsburg	64	Ithaca	5,579
1991	Augsburg	Jeff Swenson	92	TCNJ	59 1/2	Augustana (Ill.)	4,515
1992	Brockport St.	Donald Murray	76 1/2	Augsburg	62 1/2	TCNJ	2,139
1993	Augsburg	Jeff Swenson	93	Wartburg	92	Coast Guard	1,057
1994	Ithaca	John Murray	77 3/4	Wartburg	75	Wis.-Stevens Point	4,003
1995	Augsburg	Jeff Swenson	84 1/2	TCNJ	76 1/2	Augustana (Ill.)	4,900
1996	Wartburg	Jim Miller	95 1/2	Augsburg	89 1/2	Cortland St.	2,161
1997	Augsburg	Jeff Swenson	122	Wartburg	80	Ohio Northern	4,284
1998	Augsburg	Jeff Swenson	132	Wartburg	90	Cedar Falls, Iowa	9,308
1999	Wartburg	Jim Miller	117 1/2	Augsburg	116	TCNJ	5,155
2000	Augsburg	Jeff Swenson	136	Wartburg	88	Ohio Northern	4,351
2001	Augsburg	Jeff Swenson	119 1/2	Wis.-La. Crosse	72	Wartburg	6,833
2002	Augsburg	Jeff Swenson	87	Upper Iowa, Wartburg	81	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	5,163
2003	Wartburg	Jim Miller	166 1/2	Augsburg	84 1/2	Ohio Northern	4,550
2004	Wartburg	Jim Miller	156 1/2	Augsburg	140 1/2	Loras	—

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

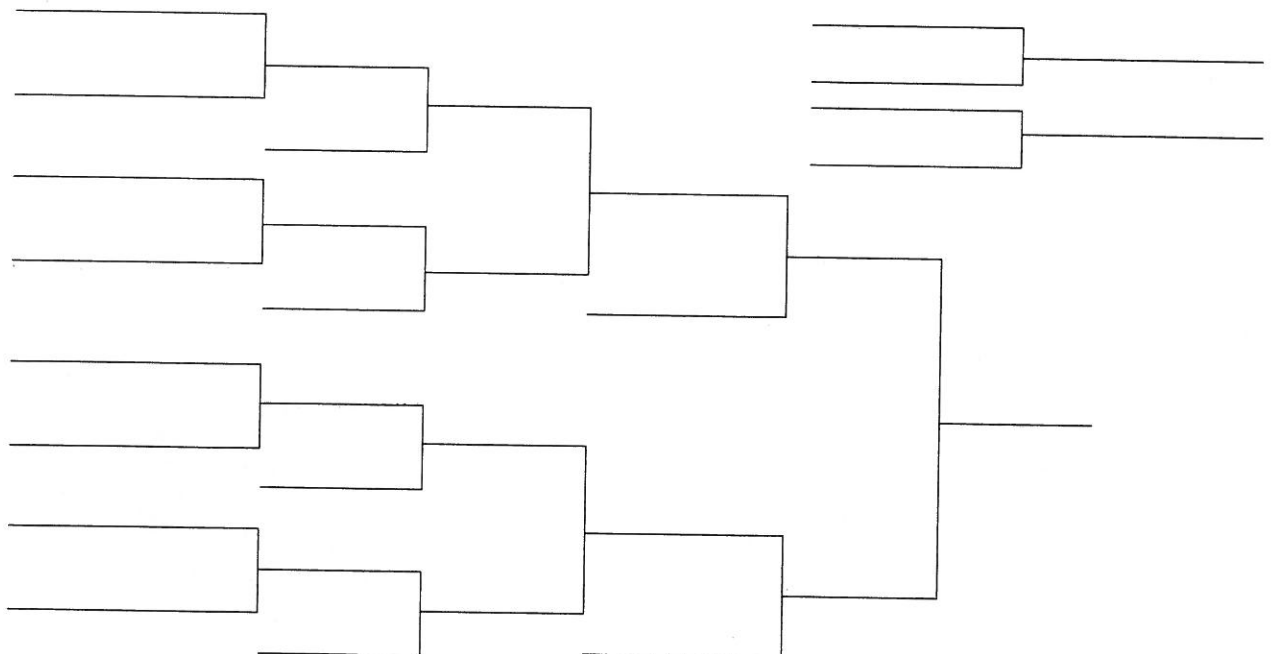
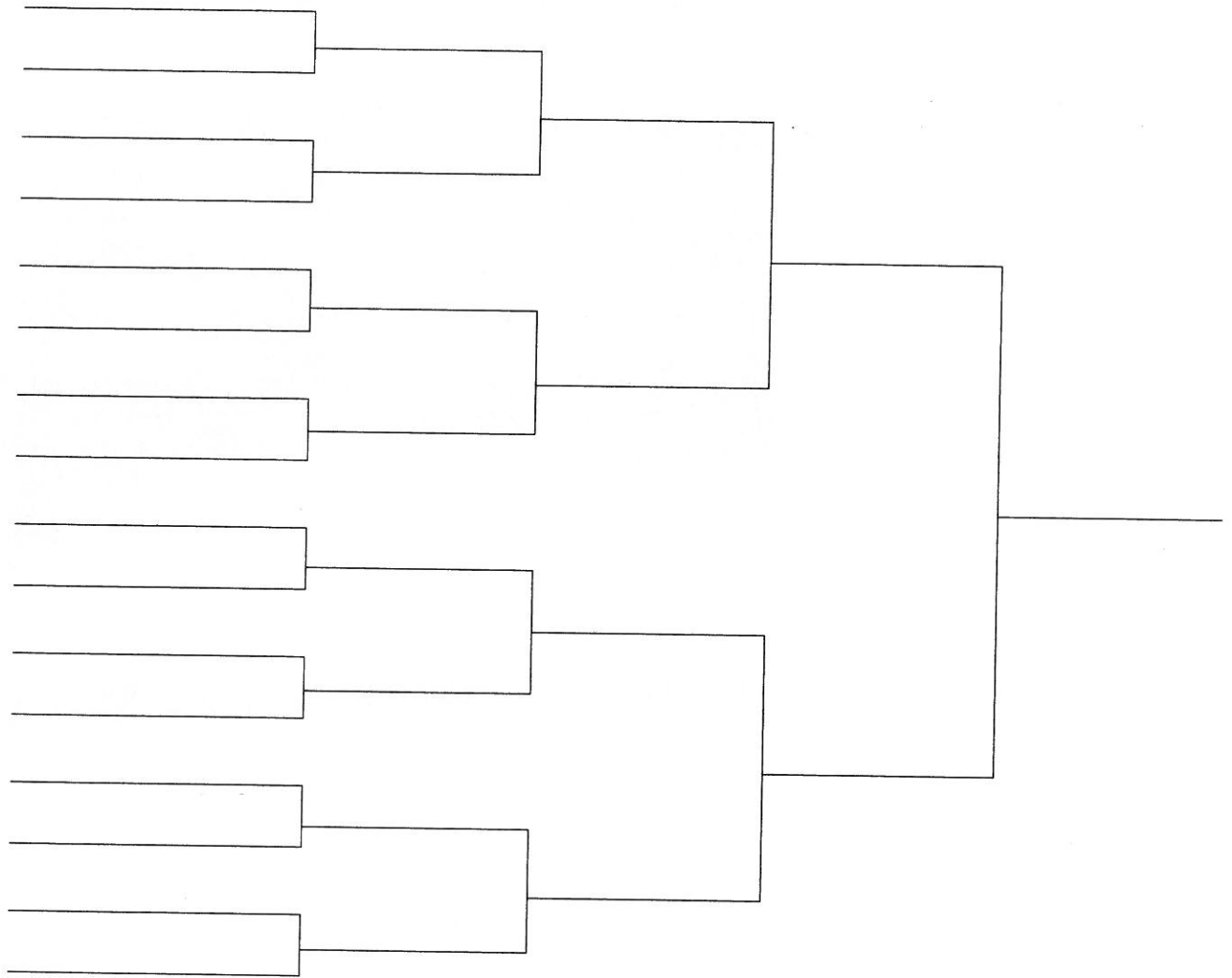
Augsburg 8, Brockport St. 5, TCNJ 5, Wartburg 4, Ithaca 3, Montclair St. 2, Buffalo, John Carroll, St. Lawrence, Wilkes, 1 each.

TOP-10 TEAM FINISHES

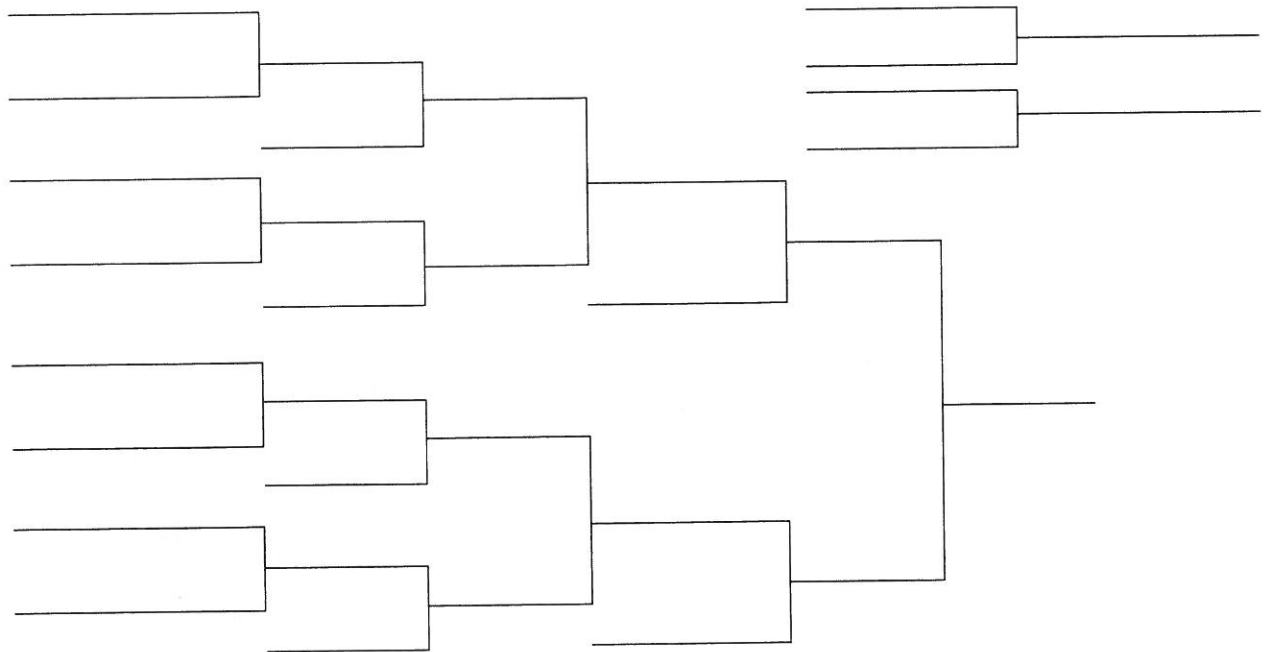
No.	Best Finish	Year
Albany (N.Y.)*	4	1987
Ashland (Ill.)	3	1976
Augsburg	20	1991-93-95-97-98-2000-01-02
Augustana (Ill.)	6	1992
Binghamton (I)	6	1984
Brockport St.	23	1977-80-82-83-92
Buena Vista	12	1986
Buffalo (I)	5	1978
Case Reserve	1	1994
Central (Iowa)	7	1985

No.	Best Finish	Year
Concordia-M'head	1	1978
Cortland St.	6	1990
Delaware Valley	7	1989
Elizabethtown	1	1977
Gettysburg	2	1976
Humboldt St.*	6	1977
Ithaca	10	1989-90-94
John Carroll	16	1975
Kean*	3	1994
Lawrence	1	2001
Loras	5	1992-2002
Luther	5	2004
Lycoming	5	2000
Manchester	4	1997-98
Maryville (Mo.)*	1	1977
Mass. Maritime*	1	1976
Messiah	1	2000

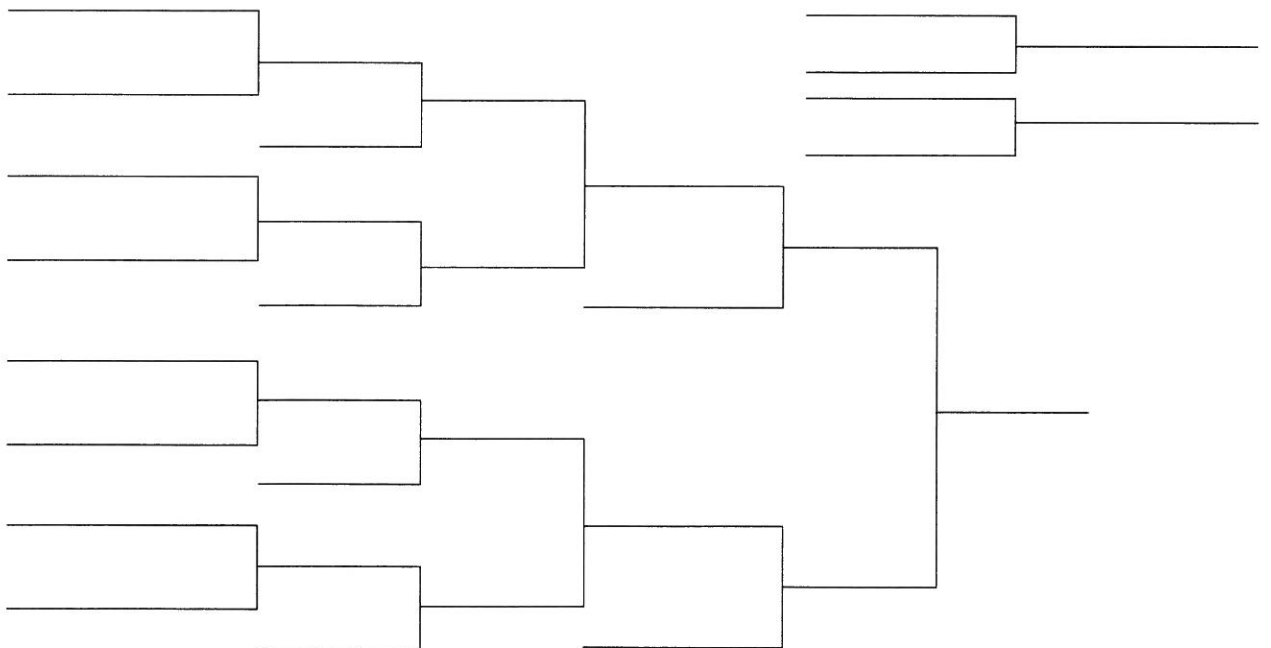
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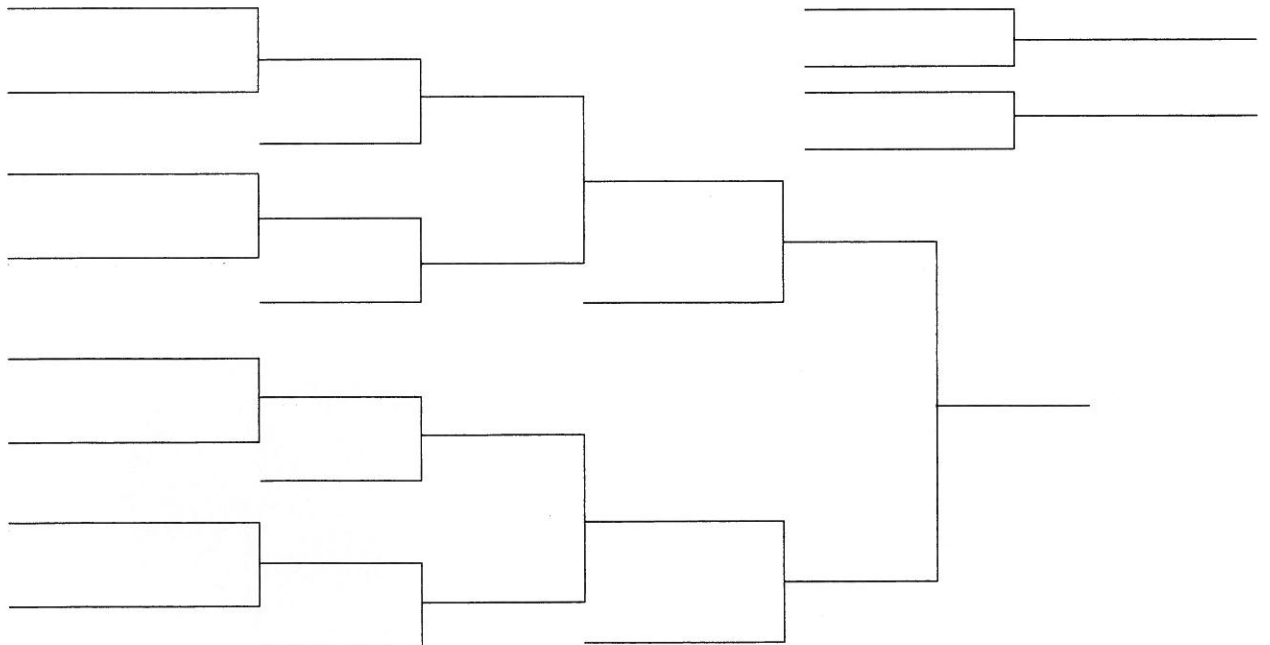
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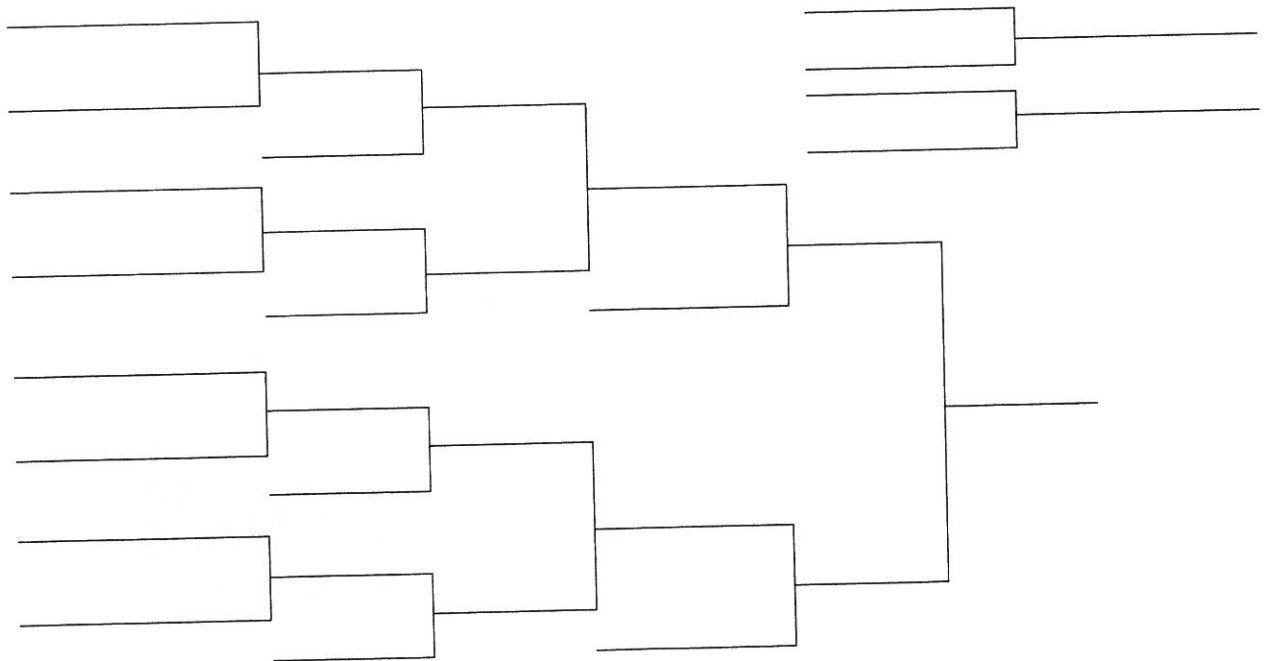
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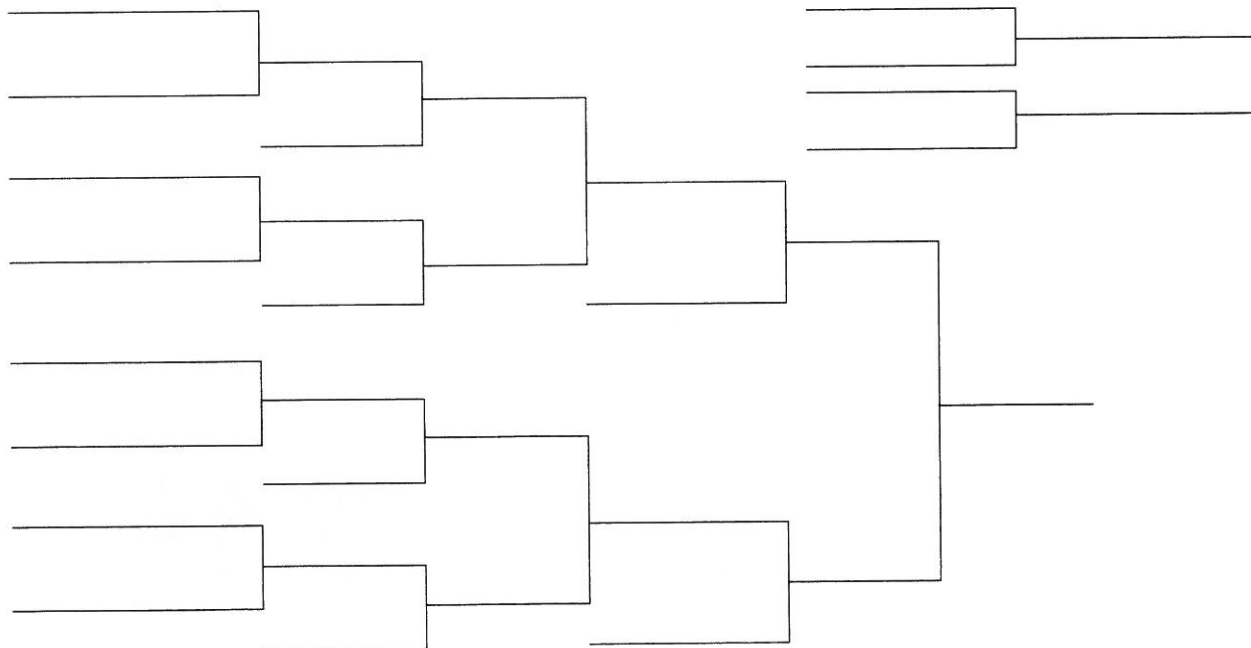
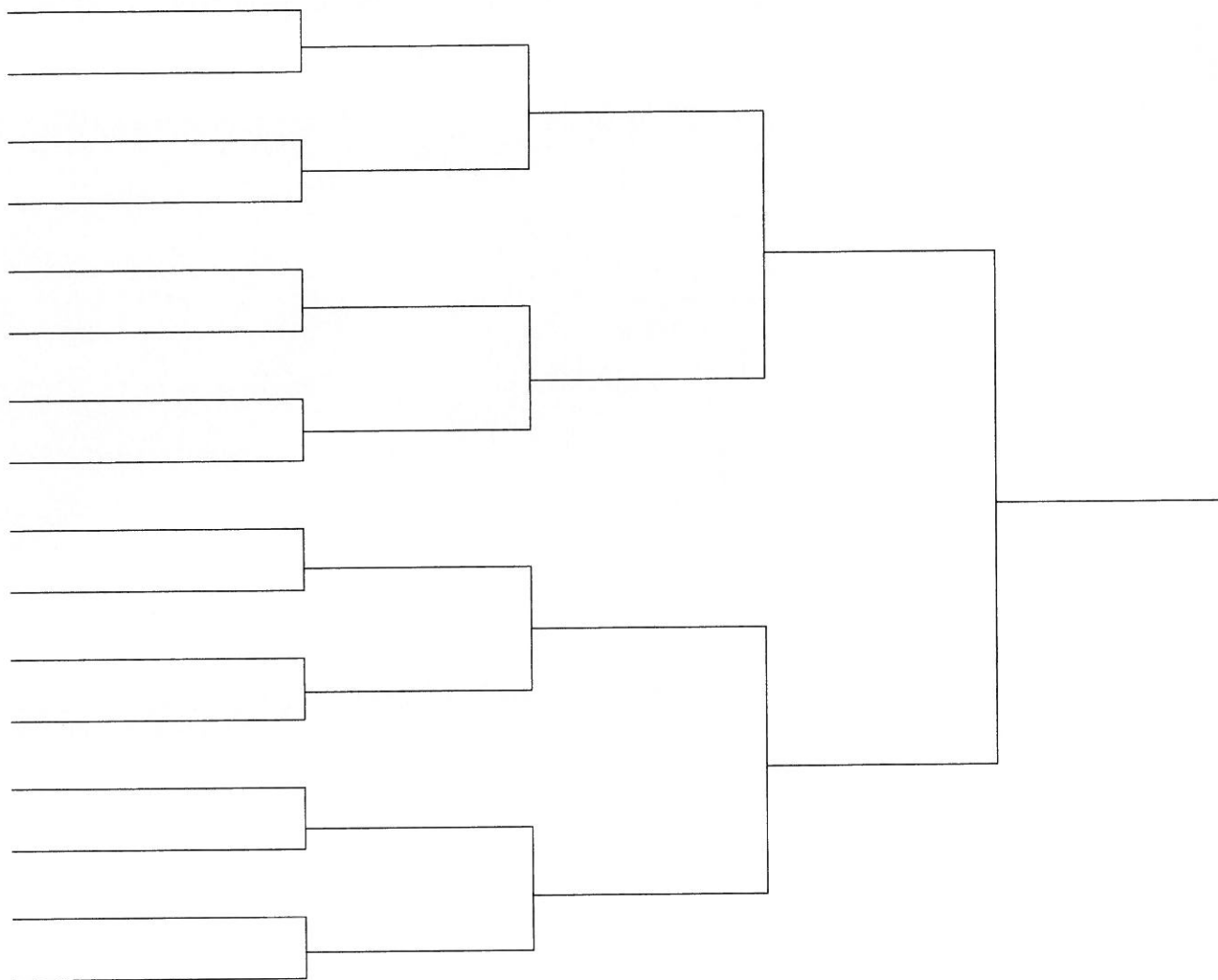
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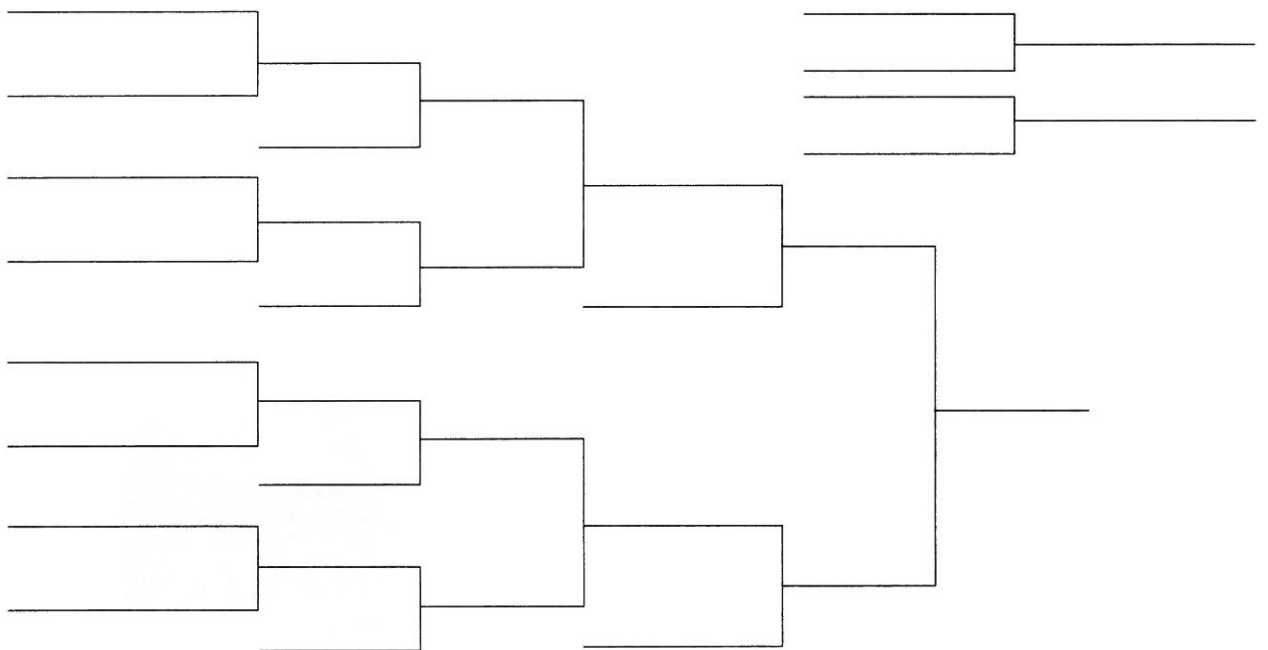
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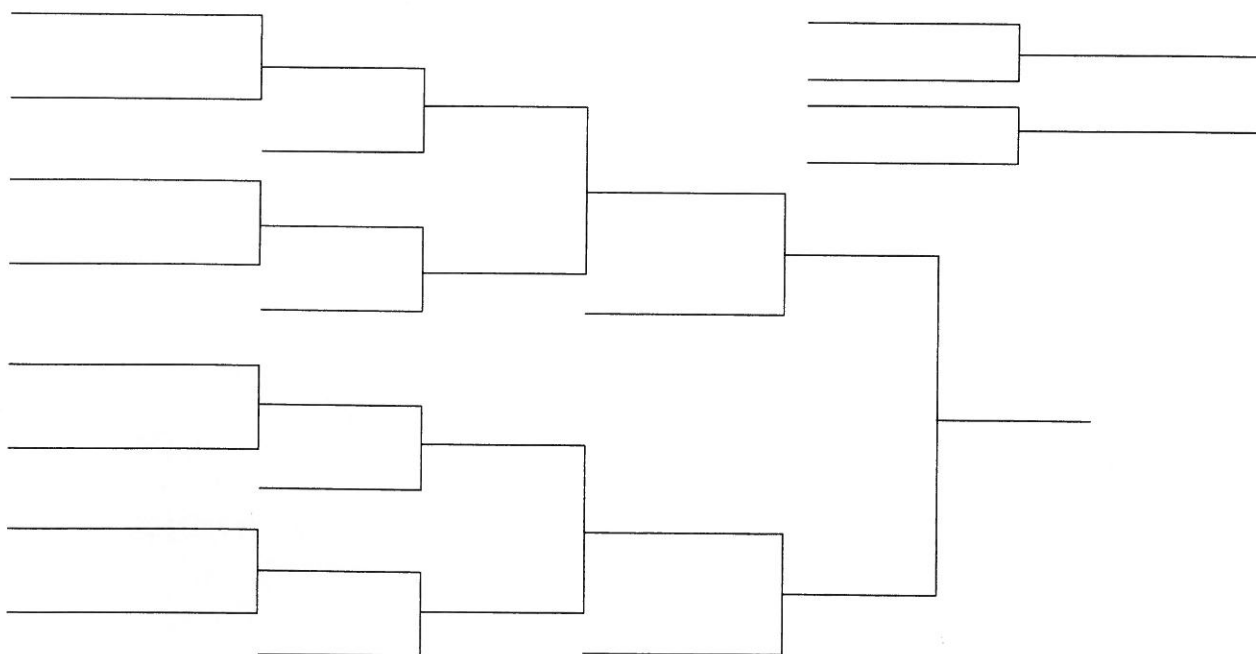
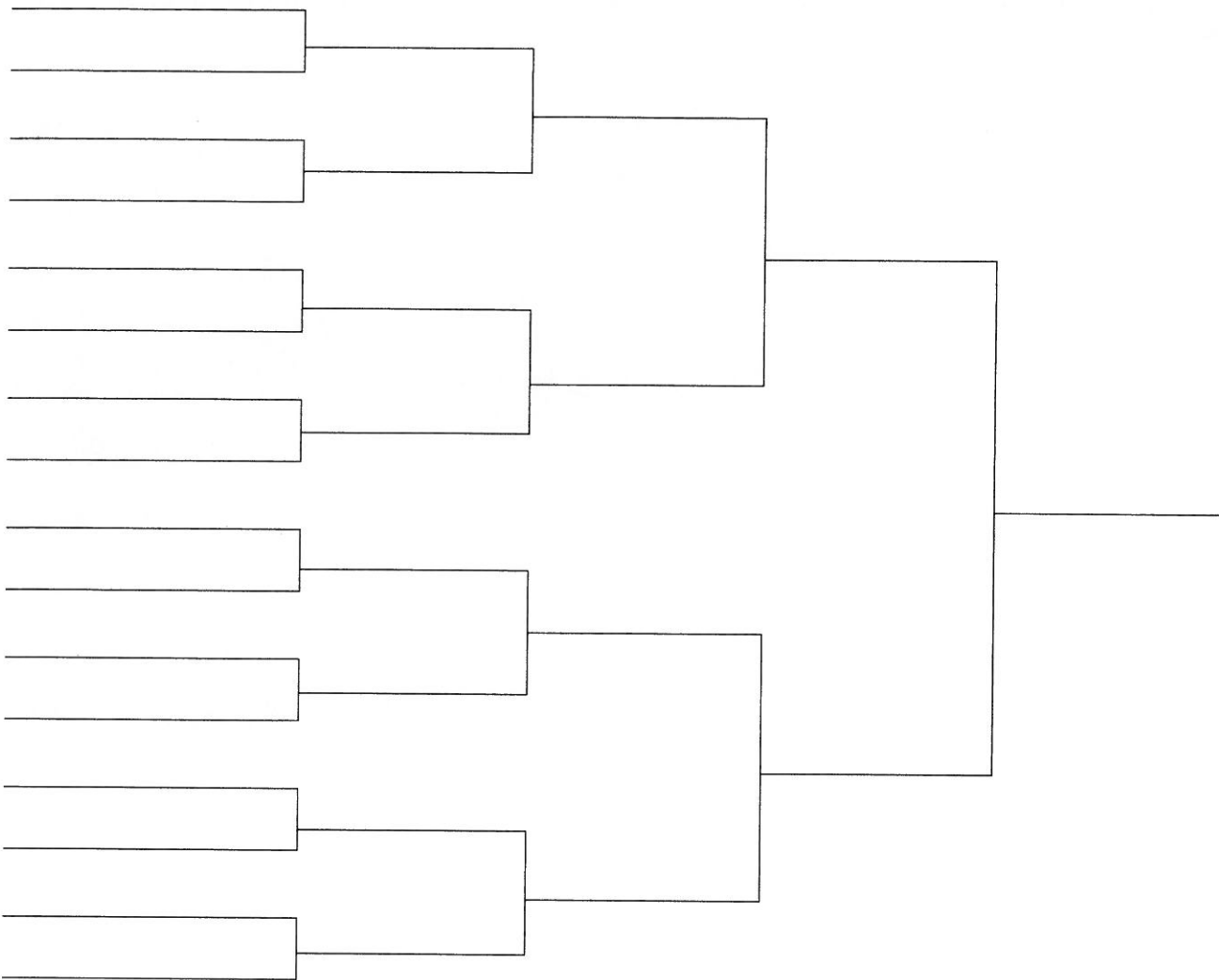
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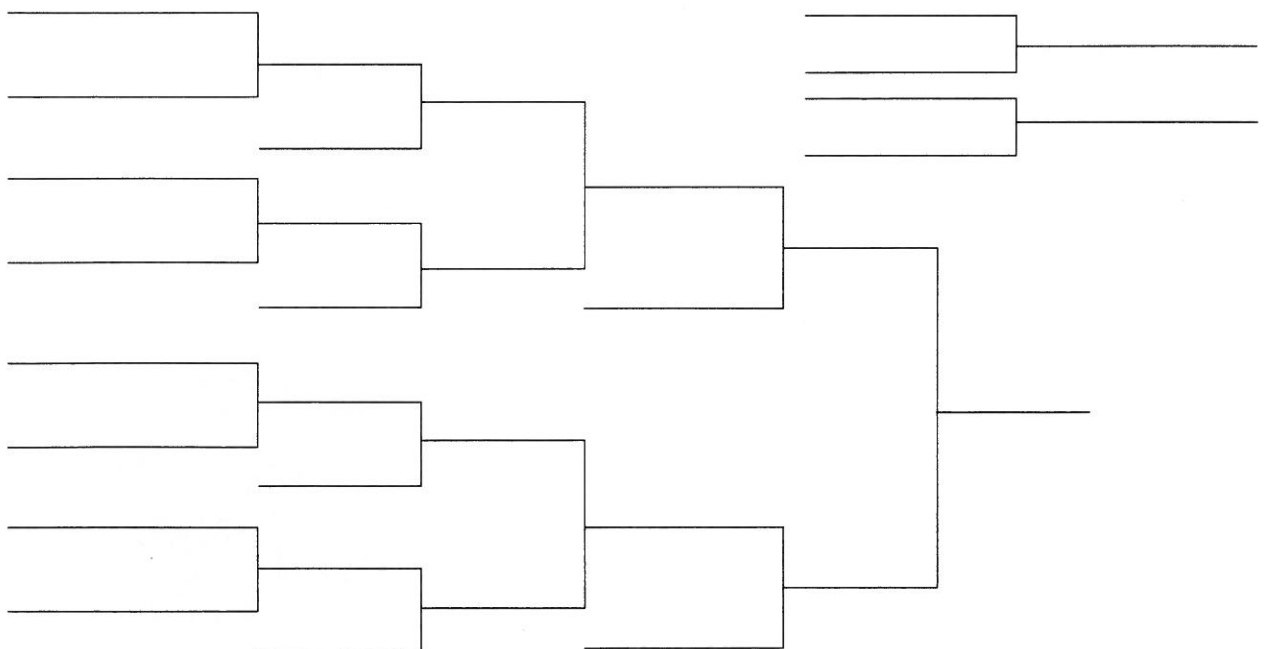
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