# 2017 Whitney Cup by the Numbers...

# 6

Number of Whitney Cups won by New York in the past 7 years. New York's 26th overall and 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive. 6-out-of-7 matches the runs by New York (1930-1936) and Philadelphia (1985-1991), which were achieved when there were only four teams in the event, making NY's current run the most dominant dynasty in the 87-year history of the Whitney Cup.

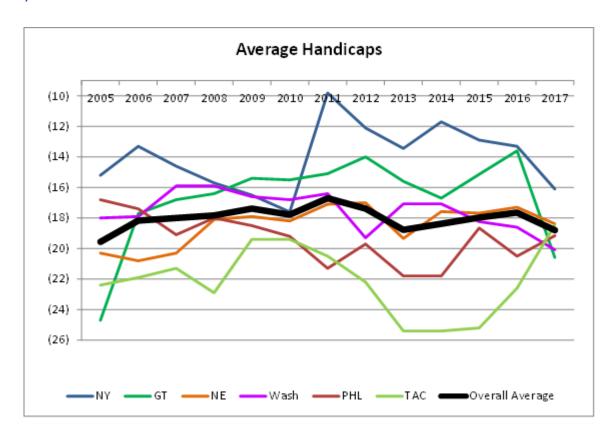
## 11

Years since the last realignment of teams. This year, Aiken split from Greentree to form a triumvirate with Tuxedo and Chicago. The addition of Aiken to Tuxedo-Chicago, resulted in a team essentially tied with New England for the 2nd best average handicap (18.5) with greatness expected in the years to come.

	Group 1							Group 2						
	New York Tuxedo-		Tuxedo-Aiken-Chi	cago	Philadelphia			Greentree		New England		Washington		
First Pair	Spike Willcocks & Bruce Manson	5.7	Ben Cook & Guy Devereux	10.9	Jon Crowell & Mike Noll	11.0		Morris Clothier & Ben Stein	14.0	Pat Winthrop & Todd Meringoff	11.5	Danny McBride & Bradley Allen	14.3	
Second Pair	Peter Cipriano & Jonathan Larken	13.3	Rakesh Jasani & Jason Mengel	14.8	Kenny Soffer & Tom Brownlie	18.3		Brook Hazelton & Peter Pell	15.6	Alex Spence & Garrett Gates	15.2	John Motz & Noah Motz	17.2	
Third Pair	Tom McGinnis & Zach Sacks	14.4	Joe Capella & Nick Sonne	19.5	Christian Bullitt & Dylan Ward	20.6		Shep Skiff & Dylan Patterson	25.6	Shawn Herlihy & David Tedeschi	20.3	Bill Barker & Erik Barker	18.1	
Fourth Pair	Lex Miron & Matt Mackin	14.9	Marty Kinsella & Nick Shumaker	25.0	Drew McGowan & Ted Manges	22.5		Willy Bristowe & Hugh McDonald	27.6	Jeremy Wintersteen & Ben Hudson	20.7	John Patton & Ryan Carey	23.0	
Senior Pair	Sam Abernethy & Lincoln Frank	32.2	Alan McHugh & Greg Van Schaack	22.1	Norris Jordan & Anders Cohen	23.4		Simon Aldrich & Charlie Johnstone	20.1	George Bell & Rob McLane	24.2	Steve Hufford & Mark Philpott	27.8	
Average Hand	icap 2017	16.1		18.5		19.2			20.6		18.4		20.1	

### 18.8

Average of the 30 pairs' handicaps, the worst since 2005 (tied with 2013). All 6 teams were missing key players, including Nicolas Victoir (NY, 5.7), Will Thompson (NY, 16.3), Jeff Horine (NE, 13.6), John Damon (NE Sr., 28.0), Ben Cook (TAC, 8.3), Will Hopton (WSH, 8.4), Rich Moroscak (WSH, 18.2), Peter Hill (PHL, 21.6), and Addison West (GT, 7.0).



### 84%

Accuracy of Whitney Cup handicaps (derived from the better of each player's singles and doubles handicap) in predicting match results. Of the 25 meaningful matches with a handicap spread of at leas 2.0 points, only 4 were upsets. The three biggest upsets by handicap differential included the puzzling New York #1 team of Spike Willcocks and Bruce

Manson. Paired with the best amateur in the country, Manson, a 61-year-old ATP Tour veteran, withstood severe fire throughout. The biggest upset by handicap differential was Morris Clothier and Ben Stein defeating Willcocks and Manson in the number 1 match in the final. If the NY #1 team matches are excluded, the system was 95% (21/22) accurate in predicting meaningful match outcomes.

	Team	ı							#	Handicap
Group	#	Team	Pairing	Handicap		Team	Pairing	Handicap	Sets	Differential
Final	1	Greentree	Morris Gothier & Ben Stein	14.0	def	New York	Spike Willcocks & Bruce Manson	5.7	2	8.3
1	1	Tuxedo-Aiken-Chicago	Rakesh Jasani & Guy Devereux	13.0	def	New York	Spike Willcocks & Bruce Manson	5.7	3	7.3
1	1	Philadelphia	Jon Crowell & Mike Noll	11.0	def	New York	Spike Willcocks & Bruce Manson	5.7	3	5.3
2	3	Greentree	Shep Skiff & Dylan Patterson	25.6	def	New England	Shawn Herlihy & David Tedeschi	20.3	3	5.3

# 2

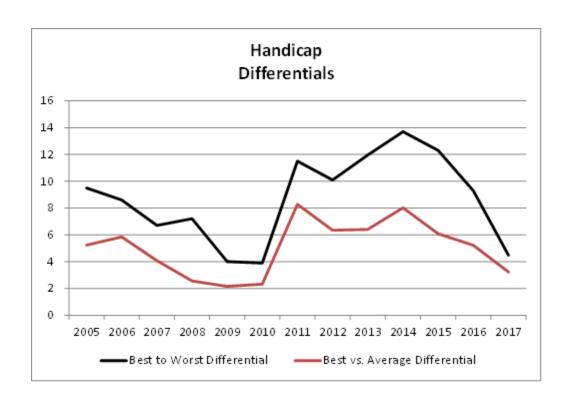
Number of father-son teams. Bill & Erik Barker and John & Noah Motz teamed up for Washington. It's possible that another father-son team has played before, but very unlikely there were 2 in the same year on the same team.

# 0

Years of Whitney Cup experience by Greentree's #3 team of Shep Skiff and Dylan Patterson, who turned the tide of the New England match with their upset win over Shawn Herlihy and Dave Tedeschi. This may be the first time two rookies were paired together at #3.

#### 1.9

Average inter-team handicap differential, the lowest since 2010. Although the result was the same, the competition is getting closer.



# 100

Percentage of the seven team matchups that were won 3 matches to 2, besting the prior record of five 3-2 matches (2009 and 2011) since 2005. All seven matchups also included at least one 3-set match. Although 3 of the 7 did include a "dead rubber" with the outcome of the matchup having been decided.

Year	Winner	Overall Average Handicap	Best Aver	_	Worst Average Team Handicap		Best to Worst Differential	Average Inter- Team Handicap Differential	Number of 3-2 Matches
2005	Philadelphia	19.4	16.1	NY	24.6	GT	8.5	4.4	3.0
2006	New York	18.2	13.3	NY	21.9	Tux	8.6	3.6	2.0
2007	New York	18.0	14.6	NY	21.3	Tux	6.7	3.3	0.0
2008	New England	17.8	15.3	NE	23.4	Tux	8.1	2.9	2.0
2009	New England	17.4	15.4	GT	19.4	Tux	4.0	1.8	5.0
2010	Greentree-Aiken	17.8	15.5	GTA	19.4	Tux	3.9	1.8	2.0
2011	New York	16.7	9.8	NY	21.3	PHL	11.5	5.0	5.0
2012	New York	17.4	12.1	NY	22.2	T-C	10.1	4.7	4.0
2013	Greentree-Aiken	18.8	13.4	NY	25.4	T-C	12.0	5.4	0.0
2014	New York	17.4	11.7	NY	25.4	T-C	13.7	5.6	2.0
2015	New York	18.0	12.9	NY	25.2	T-C	12.3	4.8	2.0
2016	New York	17.6	13.3	NY	22.6	T-C	9.3	4.6	2.0
2017	New York	18.8	16.1	NY	20.6	GT	4.5	1.9	7.0
Average		17.9	13.8		22.5		8.7	3.8	2.8

## 33

Percentage of New York's 2017 match wins achieved by the Big Three (Spike Willcocks, Nicolas Victoir, and Lex Miron). During the current run, this is the lowest proportion (3 out of 9) of wins notched won by the trio, who have, on average, been on court for 70% of NY's match wins since 2011. Peter Cipriano, Jonathan Larken, Tom McGinnis, Zach Sacks, and rookie Matt Mackin picked up the slack as all were undefeated for the weekend.

# 95

Percentage of sets won (18/19) by New York's dominant 2, 3, and 4 teams. They lost an average of only 5.1 games per match enroute to a 9-0 weekend record. Many of the matches looked like a version of "dodge ball" with opponents scampering around the receiving side occasionally extending points by lofting balls back up onto the penthouse to be reloaded into the Gotham barrels. Interestingly, the

New York #1 and Sr. teams went 0-6 on the weekend.

#### 6

Number of <u>points</u> lost by New York's #4 team in the first set of their finals match. The #4 team featured captain Lex Miron sporting the second lowest handicap in the tournament (9.1) paired with 2014 Trinity College squash captain, Matt Mackin. The pair was the most dominant team in the event, winning three decisive matches and yielding an average of just 1.7 games per set.

## 9

Number of undefeated pairs: Jon Crowell & Mike Noll (PHL #1), Peter Cipriano & Jonathan Larken (NY #2), Tom McGinnis & Zach Sacks (NY #3), Miron & Mackin (NY #4), Alan McHugh & Greg van Schaack (TAC Sr.), Simon Aldrich & Charlie Johnstone (GT Sr.), Pat Winthrop & Todd Meringoff (NE #1), Jeremy Wintersteen & Ben Hudson (NE #4), and Bill Barker & Erik Barker (WSH #3).

# 3

Number of matches played by Rakesh Jasani on December 9, 2017, making him likely the first player in Whitney Cup history to play three matches in one day. Jasani filled in for injured Ben Cook in pairing with Guy Devereux to score a thrilling 3-set upset over NY's #1 team.

#### **59**

Age difference between the oldest player, Sam Abernethy (75) and youngest player, Erik Barker (16). Very likely a record.

## 8

Number of first time Whitney Cup Players: Anders Cohen, Ben Hudson, Matt Mackin, Hugh Macdonald, Noah Motz, Dylan Patterson, Shep Skiff, Dylan Ward. Likely the most rookies ever other than the year of six-team expansion.

## 3

Number of players on all 7 NY teams during the current streak: Miron, Willcocks and Manson.

### 8

Number of finals reached by Greentree-Aiken in 11 campaigns as a combined team (2006-2016) including 2 wins.

# 85

Whitney Cup iteration that will commence on December 7, 2018. The seeds will be New York (1), Greentree (2), Philadelphia (3), and New England (4). New York and New England will be in division 1, while Greentree and Philadelphia will be in division 2. The others will be drawn at random.