

1931 National Championships

GEORGE E. B. HILL

The National Championships were held on March 20 and 21 at the Boston Arena under the auspices of The Skating Club of Boston. This year is the tenth anniversary of the founding of the United States Figure Skating Association and it was most interesting to see how greatly figure skating has improved under its guidance.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES

Miss Maribel Y. Vinson again won the Ladies' Championship and continues to show that she is in a class by herself in this country. Her figures were executed with ease, accuracy and excellent form. Her free skating was delightful. The program she skated was exceedingly difficult and the addition of an Axel Paulsen makes it one of the best. The improvement in her carriage should be mentioned as it adds charm to an already finished style. A possible criticism might be that her jumps are not sufficiently high and spectacular for so fine and well-skated a program.

Mrs. Frederick Secord was second by a safe margin. Though her figures were not up to the standard of Miss Vinson's they were done with care and with a good eye for symmetry. Her program marks an experienced skater. She shows a decided improvement in her spins, especially toe spins. Altogether her performance was very pleasing.

Dr. Berger, last year's National Junior Champion, carried away third place, establishing herself as a senior skater. Her figures showed beautiful control and her free skating was quiet and polished. This latter has good possibilities and it will be interesting to watch its development.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP OF UNITED STATES

	Judges	Engel	Liberman	Howland	Van Name	F. Goodridge	Cramer	C. Rotch	Totals	Places	Result
Miss Vinson	S.F. F.S.	100.6 66.15	106.4 70.56	105.2 71.19	95.3 67.41	97.2 69.93	96.8 71.82	104.4 68.67	705.9 485.73	7	I
	Total Place	166.75 I	176.96 I	176.39 I	162.71 I	167.13 I	168.62 I	173.07 I	1191.63		
Mrs. Secord	S.F. F.S.	94.8 63.0	98.6 64.89	96.8 62.37	86.4 62.37	86.9 63.63	86.2 64.26	93.2 64.26	642.9 444.78	14	II
	Total Place	157.8 II	163.49 II	159.17 II	148.77 II	150.53 II	150.46 II	157.46 II	1087.68		
Dr. Berger	S.F. F.S.	93.6 57.33	95. 60.48	93.4 57.96	83.9 56.07	83.9 57.33	82.3 54.18	93.7 61.74	625.8 405.09	21	III
	Total Place	150.93 III	155.48 III	151.36 III	139.97 III	141.23 III	136.48 III	155.44 III	1030.89		
Miss Badger	S.F. F.S.	86.1 61.74	85.3 60.48	87.3 59.85	70.4 61.74	75.2 59.85	73.2 60.48	88.5 63.0	566.0 427.14	28	IV
	Total Place	147.84 IV	145.78 IV	147.15 IV	132.14 IV	135.05 IV	133.68 IV	151.5 IV	993.14		

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF UNITED STATES

	Judges	Engel	Liberman	Howland	Van Name	F. Goodridge	Cramer	C. Rotch	Totals	Places	Result
R. F. Turner	S.F. F.S.	100.4 66.66	109.2 68.64	113.9 75.9	99.8 69.3	103. 71.28	110.2 75.9	105.3 71.94	741.8 499.62	7	I
	Total Place	167.06 I	177.84 I	189.8 I	169.1 I	174.28 I	186.1 I	177.24 I	1241.42		
J. L. Madden	S.F. F.S.	95.8 65.34	104.1 67.32	109. 72.6	92.2 66.0	95.3 67.98	92. 74.58	101.5 73.92	689.9 487.74	17	II
	Total Place	161.14 II	171.42 II	181.6 III	158.2 III	163.28 III	166.58 II	175.42 II	1177.64		
G. E. B. Hill	S.F. F.S.	93.2 62.7	103.5 66.66	108.6 71.28	90.4 64.68	96.1 68.64	89.3 75.24	102. 69.96	683.1 479.16	23	III
	Total Place	155.9 IV	170.16 III	179.88 IV	155.08 IV	164.74 II	164.54 III	171.96 III	1162.26		
G. Borden	S.F. F.S.	92.6 64.68	103.4 66.66	109.9 75.9	90.9 69.96	92.8 66.66	88.7 67.32	95. 71.28	673.3 482.46	23	IV
	Total Place	157.28 III	170.06 IV	185.8 II	160.86 II	159.46 IV	156.02 IV	166.28 IV	1155.76		
W. J. Nagle	S.F. F.S.	84.3 64.02	90.8 60.06	93.6 64.68	72.7 64.02	75.9 57.42	71.6 66.0	86.5 67.32	575.4 443.52	35	V
	Total Place	148.32 V	150.86 V	158.28 V	136.72 V	133.32 V	137.6 V	153.82 V	1018.92		



**Miss
Maribel Y.
Vinson**

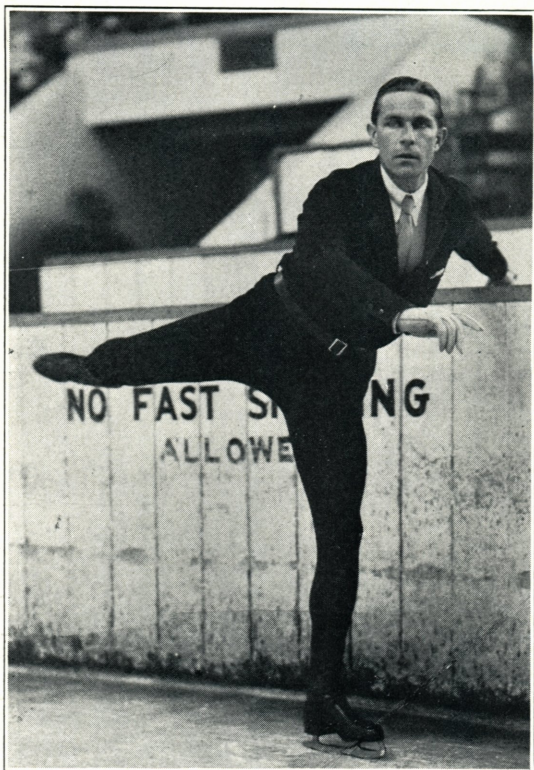
Miss Virginia Badger returned to national competition with a creditable showing in both the figures and free skating. Like her brother she excels in a sense of time and rhythm.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES

The Championship and with it the George H. Browne Memorial Cup went to Mr. Roger F. Turner. He won by a very clear margin in both departments. His school figures are nearer to perfection than any American skater's. He is a past master in performing them and leaves an impression that is hard to forget. His free skating was presented with the same care and thought that he showed in his figures. His program is so constructed that if a judge does not watch closely he will miss a high spot. His positions are unusual, his jumps are higher than ever, his spins are remarkable.

Mr. James L. Madden carried away second place with good figures and an unusual free skating exhibition. His greatest implement is his free skating which he performed better than ever before. He showed the judges that he is able to do a performance without an error. His Axel Paulsen was his best, his spins are nearing perfection and his dances are good. His fearlessness, dash and freedom make him an interesting competitor for both the judges and spectators.

Mr. G. E. B. Hill, who was third, did his figures and free skating without too many mishaps. He never enjoyed a competition as



Mr.
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much as this one. (In view of the difficulty Mr. Hill would have in commenting on either his single or pair, the Editors add: At least two judges have remarked that as a whole the closeness of Mr. Madden, Mr. Hill and Mr. Borden, make it most difficult to decide. Mr. Hill's school figures were very good. His free skating almost always well-executed, showed much improvement in form.)

Mr. Gail Borden, 2nd, was fourth. His figures as well as his free skating were done with remarkable ease and control. His program might be improved, but his performance was wonderful. His jumps seemed beautifully timed and he has the faculty of remaining poised in the air. His form is excellent and the swing of his unemployed foot is exceptional. He is an impressive skater.

Mr. William J. Nagle opened his program in a very unusual way and skated it all in smooth pleasing form. With more work on the school figures, he would earn a higher place.

PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP OF UNITED STATES

Judges		Knapp	E. Rotch	Liberman	Van Name	C. Rotch	Cramer	Engel	Totals	Places	Result
Miss Loughran	Pro.	5.8	5.5	5.5	5.1	5.8	5.8	5.3	38.8	7	I
	Per.	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.5	5.8	6.0	5.3	39.6		
Mr. Badger	Total	11.4	11.0	11.4	10.6	11.6	11.8	10.6	78.4	14	II
	Place	I	I	I	I	I	I	I			
Miss Vinson	Pro.	5.7	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.5	5.7	5.0	37.5	21	III
	Per.	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.2	5.5	5.6	5.1	37.4		
Mr. Hill	Total	11.2	10.4	10.5	10.4	11.0	11.3	10.1	74.9	28	IV
	Place	II	II	II	II	II	II	II			
Miss Madden	Pro.	4.9	4.8	5.2	4.8	5.2	5.5	4.8	35.2	21	III
	Per.	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.4	5.0	5.0	35.4		
Mr. Madden	Total	9.6	9.8	10.4	9.9	10.6	10.5	9.8	70.6	28	IV
	Place	III	III	III	III	III	III	III			
Mrs. Blanchard	Pro.	4.6	5.0	5.3	5.0	5.3	4.2	4.9	34.3	28	IV
	Per.	4.5	4.7	5.0	4.7	5.1	4.2	4.7	32.9		
Mr. Niles	Total	9.1	9.7	10.3	9.7	10.4	8.4	9.6	67.2	28	IV
	Place	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV			

U. S. JUNIOR PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP

Judges		Knapp	Howland	C. Rotch	Van Name	Liberman	Engle	Cramer	Totals	Places	Result
Miss Follett	Pro.	5.5	5.	5.	4.	5.	4.4	5.	33.9	8½	1
	Per.	5.5	5.	4.8	4.6	5.1	4.4	5.2	34.6		
Mr. Parmenter	Total	11.	10.	9.8	8.6	10.1	8.8	10.2	68.5	12½	2
	Place	I	I	I	II	I	I½	I			
Miss Bijur	Pro.	5.3	4.5	4.6	4.5	5.2	4.4	5.2	33.7	21	3
	Per.	5.	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.8	4.4	4.8	32.8		
Mr. Harned	Total	10.3	9.	9.4	9.	10.	8.8	10.	66.5	21	3
	Place	II	II	II	I	II	I½	II			
Miss Dutton	Pro.	4.9	4.	4.5	4.2	4.7	3.9	4.2	30.4	21	3
	Per.	5.2	4.	4.3	4.3	4.8	3.9	4.4	30.9		
Mr. Hartshorne	Total	10.1	8.	8.8	8.5	9.5	7.8	8.6	61.3	21	3
	Place	III	III	III	III	III	III	III			

PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES

Miss Beatrix Loughran and Mr. Sherwin C. Badger have proved again that they lead the Americans in pair skating. From the moment they began one felt that they were truly the champions. Their program consisted of many interesting spirals, turns, lifts and spins, all executed in masterly fashion. It was certainly a treat to see a pair performance elevated to such a high standard, and above all, to see how much two people can enjoy skating a double.

Miss Maribel Y. Vinson and Mr. George E. B. Hill were runners-up to the Champions. If they had to be beaten it was certainly a pleasure to lose to Miss Loughran and Mr. Badger. (Editors: Miss Vinson and Mr. Hill have improved their program by the addition of flowing positions and unexpected turns which were very well executed. Their performance, though not their best, was fast and of a very high calibre.)

Miss Grace E. Madden and Mr. James L. Madden were third. They are fortunate to skate so much alike. Their program is one of merit and is extremely symmetrical. They skated well, but not so well as they can.

Mrs. Theresa Weld Blanchard and Mr. Nathaniel W. Niles demonstrated once more that they are a good pair. They skated with their old enthusiasm. Their program was an interesting one and contains figures which other pairs would do well to follow.

LADIES' JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Miss Margaret Bennett won the title with a majority of first places. She did some excellent school figures and topped them off with very finished free skating. She has a good repertoire and made good use of it. Miss Louise Weigel showed herself to be a strong contender in both departments. If ever a competition was close, it was this one. Her free skating is interesting and her school figures sound. Miss Grace E. Madden, third, has the best style of any of the junior lady skaters. Her figures were good and her free skating was impressive. With just a little more snap, she would be a hard skater to beat. Miss Estelle Weigel was fourth, but she was not outdistanced by the top three. She should work on her figures



TOPMOST JUNIORS

LOUISE WEIGEL, GRACE MADDEN, MARGARET BENNETT, ESTELLE WEIGEL

and be a little more daring in free skating. Miss Audrey Peppe (age twelve!) fifth, has made great advances in both the figures and free skating. She is delightful to watch and does many mature figures. Her jumps, spins and dance steps prove her a skater of great promise.

MEN'S JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. Joseph K. Savage became the new Junior Champion by his excellent school figures and free skating. He was given a tremendous battle in figures by some of the other competitors, but he showed his superiority in free skating, and his fine performance brought him his well-earned title. Mr. Lyman E. Wakefield, Jr.,

U. S. LADIES' JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

	Judges	Engel	Liberman	Knapp	Van Name	Blanchard	Cramer	Rotch	Totals	Places	Result
Miss Bennett	S. F. F. S.	50.4 32.67	53.8 33.33	48.2 34.32	44.8 29.04	45.7 32.67	48.7 34.65	51.7 33.66	343.3 230.34	10	I
	Total Place	83.07 II	87.13 II	82.52 II	73.84 I	78.37 I	83.35 I	85.36 I	573.64		
Miss L. Weigel	S. F. F. S.	50.1 33.0	53.8 36.96	46.9 36.3	41.6 29.37	44.5 32.34	46.9 33.33	44.4 33.0	328.2 234.3	13	II
	Total Place	83.1 I	90.76 I	83.2 I	70.97 II	76.84 III	80.23 II	77.4 III	562.5		
Miss Madden	S. F. F. S.	48.8 31.02	53.9 32.67	46.6 29.04	40.8 28.05	44.4 33.0	42.9 30.69	47.0 32.01	324.4 216.48	22	III
	Total Place	79.82 III	86.57 III	75.64 V	68.85 III	77.4 II	73.59 IV	79.01 II	540.88		
Miss E. Weigel	S. F. F. S.	47.4 32.34	51.1 32.34	44.4 33.99	37.7 29.04	42.8 31.68	38.3 29.7	44.2 32.34	305.9 221.43	30	IV
	Total Place	79.74 IV	83.44 IV	78.39 IV	66.74 IV	74.48 IV	68.0 VI	76.54 IV	527.33		
Miss Peppe	S. F. F. S.	46.5 28.38	47.0 33.33	48.0 32.01	35.6 28.71	42.0 28.38	40.6 29.7	42.4 30.69	302.1 211.2	42	V
	Total Place	74.88 VIII	80.33 IX	80.01 III	64.31 V	70.38 VII	70.3 V	73.09 V	513.3		
Mrs. Gordon	S. F. F. S.	46.8 28.38	50.6 32.01	38.5 29.7	38.3 25.74	42.4 27.72	45.9 29.04	41.5 28.71	304.0 201.3	45	VI
	Total Place	75.18 VII	82.61 VI	68.2 VII	64.04 VI	70.12 IX	74.94 III	70.21 VII	505.3		
Miss Hoyt	S. F. F. S.	46.3 29.7	51.0 32.34	37.3 28.71	37.2 25.08	41.9 28.38	39.6 27.72	41.5 29.7	294.8 201.63	47	VII
	Total Place	76.0 VI	83.34 V	66.01 VIII	62.28 VII	70.28 VIII	67.32 VII	71.2 VI	496.43		
Miss Follett	S. F. F. S.	45.6 30.69	48.4 32.67	35.2 30.03	34.0 28.05	43.4 30.36	38.7 27.72	38.4 29.04	283.7 208.56	52	VIII
	Total Place	76.29 V	81.07 VII	65.23 IX	62.05 VIII	73.76 V	66.42 IX	67.44 IX	492.26		
Mrs. Herbst	S. F. F. S.	45. 27.06	48.9 26.4	43.1 29.7	37.1 23.76	42.3 28.71	39.6 26.4	41.3 25.08	297.3 187.11	63½	IX
	Total Place	72.06 X	75.3 XI	72.8 VI	60.86 IX	71.01 VI	66.0 X½	66.38 XI	484.41		
Miss Sherman	S. F. F. S.	44.9 28.05	49.0 32.01	35.7 27.06	34.3 24.42	40.8 26.4	38.3 28.38	43.0 24.42	286.0 190.74	67	X
	Total Place	72.95 IX	81.01 VIII	62.76 XI	58.72 XI	67.2 XI	66.68 VIII	67.42 X	476.74		
Miss Turner	S. F. F. S.	44.3 27.72	49.0 26.73	35.4 27.39	32.8 23.76	40.7 27.72	39.6 26.4	44.1 25.74	285.9 185.46	70½	XI
	Total Place	72.02 XI	75.73 X	62.79 X	56.56 XI	68.42 X	66.0 X½	69.84 VIII	471.36		

U. S. MEN'S JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Judges		Engel	Liberman	Knapp	Van Name	Blanchard	Cramer	C. Rotch	Totals	Places	Result
J. K. Savage	S.F.	55.6	60.9	55.9	47.8	53.1	52.2	53.5	379.0	8	I
	F.S.	41.71	47.3	47.3	37.84	43.43	44.29	42.14	304.01		
	Total Place	97.31	08.2	103.2	85.64	96.53	96.49	95.64	683.01		
		I	I	I	I	I	II	I			
L. Wakefield	S.F.	52.8	56.9	53.1	48.6	52.2	45.6	49.0	358.2	24	II
	F.S.	38.7	45.15	45.58	36.98	40.85	41.28	43.0	291.54		
	Total Place	91.5	102.05	98.68	85.58	93.05	86.88	92.0	649.74		
		IV	III	III	II	II	VI	IV			
R. Lee	S.F.	51.1	52.9	54.0	43.2	49.6	42.6	52.8	346.2	27	III
	F.S.	41.28	43.43	44.72	36.98	41.71	49.02	39.99	297.13		
	Total Place	92.38	96.33	98.72	80.18	91.31	91.62	92.79	643.33		
		II	VII	II	VI	IV	IV	II			
G. Boltres	S.F.	57.1	64.4	53.8	49.1	53.4	57.2	55.6	390.6	28	IV
	F.S.	33.97	40.85	33.54	33.11	36.55	40.42	36.55	254.99		
	Total Place	91.07	105.25	87.34	82.21	89.95	97.62	92.15	645.59		
		V	II	VII	V	V	I	III			
B. Mapes	S.F.	53.5	57.5	50.0	48.7	52.4	54.6	50.3	367.0	32	V
	F.S.	38.27	43.0	42.14	36.12	36.55	38.27	39.99	274.34		
	Total Place	91.77	100.5	92.14	84.82	88.95	92.87	90.29	641.34		
		III	V	V	IV	VII	III	V			
R. G. Janson	S.F.	53.3	58.5	52.3	49.9	52.7	48.2	49.8	364.7	36	VI
	F.S.	36.55	42.57	38.27	35.26	39.56	36.12	38.27	266.6		
	Total Place	89.85	101.07	90.57	85.16	92.26	84.32	88.07	631.3		
		VII	IV	VI	III	III	VII	VI			
H. R. Robertson	S.F.	53.6	55.3	55.	45.	49.4	47.2	50.4	355.9	43	VII
	F.S.	37.41	42.57	42.14	32.68	38.27	41.28	35.69	270.04		
	Total Place	91.01	97.87	97.14	77.68	87.67	88.48	86.09	625.94		
		VI	VI	IV	VII	VIII	V	VII			
A. E. Janson	S.F.	51.5	55.7	48.	41.6	52.8	44.	46.8	340.4	59	VIII
	F.S.	33.54	34.4	34.4	30.96	33.54	36.12	33.54	236.5		
	Total Place	85.04	90.1	82.4	72.56	86.34	80.12	80.34	576.9		
		VIII	VIII	IX	VIII	IX	IX	VIII			
E. Brigham	S.F.	51.9	55.3	51.5	42.6	51.7	46.6	48.8	348.4	58	IX
	F.S.	31.39	32.25	33.11	28.38	37.84	34.4	30.1	227.47		
	Total Place	83.29	87.55	84.61	70.98	89.54	81.0	78.9	575.87		
		IX	IX	VIII	IX	VI	VIII	IX			

was second. The judges varied in their opinion, but his free skating convinced them that he should be second. Mr. Robin Lee (age ten!) who was third, produced some good skating. He is the best young skater to be seen in this country. His Jackson Haines spin is remarkable; he has been known to do sixty revolutions. Mr. George Boltres would have had an excellent chance of winning the title if he had kept up the standard of his school figures. He had beaten Mr. Savage in the figures by all but one judge. With improvement of his free skating he should soon be a champion.

JUNIOR PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP

Miss Nancy Follett and Mr. F. Ashton Parmenter were superior in the Junior Pairs. Their program contained many good figures. Their lifts were splendid and done with much ease, and they should be praised for their good teamwork. Miss Ethel R. Bijur and Mr. Bedell H. Harned skated an artistic program. Their lift spin was outstandingly good. The pair has a decided resemblance to the Loughran-Badger pair and according to both judges and spectators, they could not have chosen a better example. Miss Gertrude Dutton and Mr. Harold Hartshorne are a new combination. They skated well and with more pair practise should do better in future competition. They have some novel spirals and their spread eagle figure is quite unusual.

THE DANCE AND WALTZ CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mrs. Blanchard and Mr. Niles won the Dance Championship on their excellent performance. Their program was well chosen and they skated it very smoothly. One of their greatest assets was their speed.

The Waltz was won by Mrs. Secord and Mr. Martin. A very noticeable fact about this competition was that several of the most outstanding couples were on the half beat a great part of the time. The winners were an exception to this and altogether deserved their victory.