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MISS GRACE MADDEN AND MR. JAMES L. MADDEN
United States Pair Champions

The Nationals

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I cannot describe the 1934 Championships from the novice's point of view, because, having watched the novices skate in this competition, heaven forbid that I should consider myself in so high a class. So here goes from my point of view, and from that of a great many other interested would-be skaters. The Editor-in-Chief has told me to hurry up with this article. Writing comes a bit hard to me anyhow, and to have to write up such a topic in a rush is really too awful.

The only spectators bored with the school figures were the Philadelphia reporters—they came right out in print with this opinion. But it was astonishing how many people arrived at the crack of dawn both days to watch the school. We lesser, non-competing skaters had been more than interested several days before, watching our visitors practice, and asking a million questions of "who's *that*?" and "*who's* that?" So we ourselves really could hardly wait for the witching hour of nine A. M., Friday, when the men's novice school figures were started by thirteen year old Oliver Haupt of St. Louis. He was as steady as a rock, and by the time his performance for the day was over, had four of the five judges giving him first place. A very fine young skater he is, too—and he will go far. The four others in his class all made a fine showing, but Mr. Otto Dallmayr, of the New York Winter Sports Club placed second, and Mr. Tom La Viano, of the Philadelphia International Figure Skating Club was third. The latter gave a remarkably fine program of free skating.

There was a huge entry list for the Ladies' Novice—fourteen! Three were only twelve years old; Jane, Jean and Joan. And it was charming little Joan Tozzer of Boston who won this event, clinching her victory by the most beautifully laid out free skating program—she looked like a little white butterfly flitting round. Three judges gave her first place. Second went to Miss Rosanne Hoar, of the Winter

MEN'S SINGLES—NOVICE

	Judges	Blanchard	Secord	Van Name	Rotch	Hilts	TOTALS
1. Oliver Haupt, Jr. <i>St. Louis Skating Club</i>	School	20.5	22.5	22.0	24.1	23.6	112.7
	Free	16.0	20.0	16.6	18.0	20.0	90.6
	Total Place	36.5 1	42.5 1	38.6 2	42.1 1	43.6 1	203.3 6
2. Otto Dallmayr <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	School	17.8	18.3	21.8	23.8	20.6	102.3
	Free	18.0	16.0	16.4	16.4	19.6	86.4
	Total Place	35.8 2	34.3 3	38.2 4	40.2 2	40.2 3	188.7 14
3. T. F. La Viano <i>International Figure Skating Club of Philadelphia</i>	School	19.8	22.0	23.0	24.8	21.9	111.5
	Free	10.0	14.0	15.6	13.2	16.0	68.8
	Total Place	29.8 5	36.0 2	38.6 1	38.0 3	37.9 4	180.3 15
4. M. Nelson <i>International Figure Skating Club of Philadelphia</i>	School	19.8	18.9	23.3	22.8	23.2	108.0
	Free	15.2	11.0	15.0	13.4	19.0	73.6
	Total Place	35.0 3	29.9 4	38.3 3	36.2 4	42.2 2	181.6 16
5. E. A. Hellmund <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	School	19.6	21.2	21.5	22.8	21.1	106.2
	Free	13.0	8.0	14.4	11.4	12.6	59.4
	Total Place	32.6 4	29.2 5	35.9 5	34.2 5	33.7 5	165.6 24

School Figures 4, 5A, 10, 14. Free Skating Factor 2

LADIES' SINGLES—NOVICE

	Judges	Rotch	Van Name	Bijur	Cady	Blanchard	TOTALS
1. Miss J. Tozzer <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School	26.3	24.2	21.8	24.2	21.9	118.4
	Free	18.8	19.0	23.0	21.8	19.6	102.2
	Total Place	45.1 1	43.2 3	44.8 1	46.0 1	41.5 2	220.6 8
2. Miss R. Hoar <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	School	26.8	26.8	23.9	23.6	24.2	125.3
	Free	16.4	17.0	20.0	20.6	17.6	91.6
	Total Place	43.2 2	43.8 1	43.9 2	44.2 4	41.8 1	216.9 10
3. Miss M. Parker <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	School	24.5	25.1	21.8	24.0	21.5	116.9
	Free	17.0	18.2	19.4	21.8	16.4	92.8
	Total Place	41.5 4	43.3 2	41.2 3	45.8 2	37.9 4	209.7 15

School Figures 3, 8B, 15, 28A. Free Skating Factor 2

LADIES' SINGLES—NOVICE

	Judges	Rotch	Van Name	Bijur	Cady	Blanchard	TOTALS
4. Miss M. Weigel <i>Buffalo Skating Club</i>	School Free	25.9 16.8	24.2 16.8	22.2 17.6	24.8 20.4	22.8 14.2	119.9 85.8
	Total Place	42.7 3	41.0 4	39.8 4	45.2 3	37.0 5	205.7 19
5. Miss B. Rosenthal <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School Free	22.7 16.4	22.0 16.6	18.5 18.0	21.5 18.8	19.6 14.8	104.3 84.6
	Total Place	39.1 5	38.6 7	36.5 8	40.3 5	34.4 6	188.9 31
6. Miss E. A. Reflow <i>St. Louis Skating Club</i>	School Free	22.8 15.6	22.8 16.0	21.9 16.8	21.2 13.8	20.2 13.8	108.9 76.0
	Total Place	38.4 6	38.8 6	38.7 5	35.0 9	34.0 7	184.9 33
7. Miss M. Hamm <i>International Figure Skating Club of Philadelphia</i>	School Free	21.9 15.6	24.4 15.2	19.8 18.4	20.5 17.0	20.6 13.0	107.2 79.2
	Total Place	37.5 7	39.6 5	38.2 6	37.5 7	33.6 8	186.4 33
8. Miss E. Harris <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	School Free	20.8 14.0	23.0 15.0	20.6 17.4	19.9 18.0	21.6 16.8	105.9 81.2
	Total Place	34.8 8	38.0 8	38.0 7	37.9 6	38.4 3	187.1 32
9. Miss J. Schulte <i>St. Louis Skating Club</i>	School Free	18.0 15.0	19.3 16.2	18.4 16.6	19.2 18.0	16.2 13.4	91.1 79.2
	Total Place	33.0 9	35.5 9	35.0 10	37.2 8	29.6 9	170.3 45
10. Miss M. Natwick <i>Ice Club of Baltimore</i>	School Free	18.2 14.4	19.8 13.8	18.7 17.4	20.3 13.0	13.7 12.4	90.7 71.0
	Total Place	32.6 10	33.6 11	36.1 9	33.3 10	26.1 13	161.7 53
11. Miss H. McDermott <i>Skating Club, New York</i>	School Free	18.4 13.2	19.6 14.2	17.0 16.0	17.4 15.4	14.2 13.4	86.6 72.2
	Total Place	31.6 12	33.8 10	33.0 12	32.8 11	27.6 10	158.8 55
12. Miss M. J. Vaughn <i>Figure Skating Club of Philadelphia</i>	School Free	17.4 13.0	17.8 15.2	16.7 15.6	18.1 14.0	15.2 11.2	85.2 69.0
	Total Place	30.4 14	33.0 12	32.3 13	32.1 12	26.4 12	154.2 63
13. Miss A. C. McKaig <i>Figure Skating Club of Philadelphia</i>	School Free	18.1 13.2	17.9 13.8	18.0 16.2	16.1 12.8	15.6 11.2	85.7 67.2
	Total Place	31.3 13	31.7 13	34.2 11	28.9 13	26.8 11	152.9 61
14. Miss R. Robert <i>Figure Skating Club of Philadelphia</i>	School Free	18.8 13.6	17.6 13.6	17.3 14.0	16.7 9.8	15.0 10.0	85.4 61.0
	Total Place	32.4 11	31.2 14	31.3 14	26.5 14	25.0 14	146.4 67



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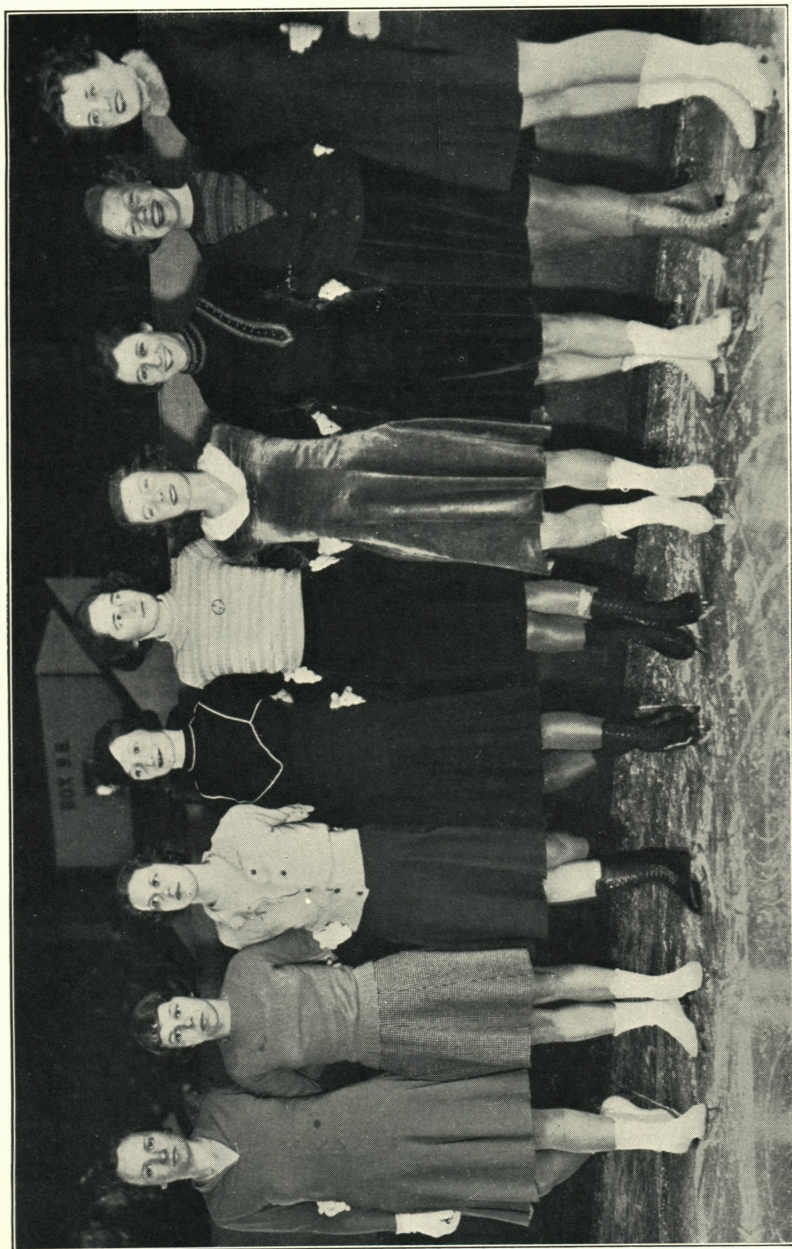
Joan Tozzer, Mary Natwick, Marjorie Parker, Helen McDermott, Annah McKaig, Edna Harris,
Mary Hamm, Jane Vaughn, Jean Schulte, Elizabeth Reflow, Mary Weigel, Barbara Rosenthal

Sports Club, whose school figures and free skating were both of a very high standard. Marjorie Parker, of the same club, came third, by a very close margin over little Mary Weigel of Buffalo.

The Ladies' Junior had nine entries, and I hear the marks in this event were also very close. I overheard one judge muttering to herself as she gnawed her pencil "But they are *all* good!" Valerie Jones of the New York Skating Club, however, finished her school figures with six superb rockers, and following that with perfectly beautiful free skating, won first place with three of the judges. Miss Frances Johnson of Minneapolis placed second—I believe she made the best brackets. Her free skating was lovely—a difficult program executed with great sureness. Little Polly Blodgett of Boston came third, with Grace Madden a few points less. The skating of this whole group of Junior Ladies was beautiful to watch—their grace, their lovely bright dresses whirling round—and their pretty anxious faces! Special mention should be made of the lovely free skating of two little ladies who did not place; Miss Berger of Chicago, and Miss Haroldson of Duluth.

The Men's Junior Division was won by George Boltres, of The Skating Club of New York. He's a fine skater, that young man—he was good at everything, and he was the only one of his class who accomplished the terrifying Axel Paulsen jump. Wilfred MacDonald of the Winter Sports Club came second—his school figures were pretty hot stuff (to plunge into slang in a desperate search for some variety of words). Richard Hapgood of Boston was third—fine school figures, and splendid free skating. The men in this class were all good, and it must be a tremendous feather in anyone's cap to come out on top.

The next event was the Junior Pairs—they were lovely to watch, all of them. Roger Turner and Polly Blodgett were the winners, in the opinion of the majority of judges. Oliver Haupt and little Jean Schulte of St. Louis came second—they gave a charming performance; he, so very careful of her, and she, so very dainty with her little bits of feet keeping exact time with his. They have a very fine lift, too—he got her right up over his head, and you didn't have to hold your breath for fear he'd drop her, either. Third place went to Mrs. English and Mr. Fogassey, also of St. Louis.



LADY JUNIORS

Grace Madden, Polly Blodgett, Ardella Kloss, Valerie Jones, Marguerite Sherman,
Eleanor Berger, Katherine Durbrow, Frances Johnson, Anne Haroldson

LADIES' SINGLES—JUNIOR

	Judges	Rotch	Bijur	Savage	Van Name	Blanchard	TOTALS
1. Miss V. Jones <i>Skating Club, New York</i>	School	54.1	52.1	55.3	48.4	50.1	260.0
	Free	40.0	45.2	41.2	39.2	38.4	204.0
	Total Place	94.1 2	97.3 1	96.5 1	87.6 3	88.5 1	464.0 8
2. Miss F. Johnson <i>Twin City Figure Skating Club</i>	School	50.7	52.1	54.1	49.9	47.2	254.0
	Free	38.4	43.6	40.8	38.8	35.2	196.8
	Total Place	89.1 4	95.7 2	94.9 2	88.7 2	82.4 4	450.8 14
3. Miss P. Blodgett <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School	56.0	53.0	55.8	51.2	48.6	264.6
	Free	38.4	38.0	37.2	38.0	37.6	189.2
	Total Place	94.4 1	91.0 4	93.0 3	89.2 1	86.2 3	453.8 12
4. Miss G. Madden <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School	50.7	48.3	49.0	46.2	47.5	241.7
	Free	38.8	38.0	37.6	36.0	40.0	190.4
	Total Place	89.5 3	86.3 8	86.6 6	82.2 7	87.5 2	432.1 26
5. Miss A. Kloss <i>Skating Club, New York</i>	School	49.5	52.9	52.6	49.1	45.7	249.8
	Free	36.8	38.0	36.4	36.0	35.2	182.4
	Total Place	86.3 7	90.9 5	89.0 4	85.1 5	80.9 6	432.2 27
6. Miss K. Durbrow <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	School	49.1	51.5	51.4	49.3	45.4	246.7
	Free	37.6	36.8	34.8	36.8	36.0	182.0
	Total Place	86.7 6	88.3 6	86.2 7	86.1 4	81.4 5	428.7 28
7. Miss A. Haroldson <i>Duluth Figure Skating Club</i>	School	47.6	49.1	42.7	41.7	42.0	223.1
	Free	39.6	45.6	40.8	39.2	37.2	202.4
	Total Place	87.2 5	94.7 3	83.5 8	80.9 8	79.2 7	425.5 31
8. Miss E. Berger <i>Chicago Figure Skating Club</i>	School	46.8	47.5	48.8	46.1	44.3	233.5
	Free	38.8	40.4	38.0	36.8	34.0	188.0
	Total Place	85.6 8	87.9 7	86.8 5	82.9 6	78.3 8	421.5 34
9. Miss M. Sherman <i>Skating Club, New York</i>	School	45.6	49.9	47.1	43.6	39.8	226.0
	Free	34.4	36.0	36.0	35.6	31.2	173.2
	Total Place	80.0 9	85.9 9	83.1 9	79.2 9	71.0 9	399.2 45

School Figures 6B, 11, 15, 19A, 20B. Free Skating Factor 4

MEN'S SINGLES—JUNIOR

	Judges	Berger	Roth	Van Name	Turner	Savage	TOTALS
1. George R. Boltres <i>Skating Club, New York</i>	School	56.4	55.2	55.3	35.0	51.8	253.7
	Free	41.6	34.4	36.0	43.2	40.0	195.2
	Total Place	98.0 1	89.6 2	91.3 1	78.2 2	91.8 1	448.9 7
2. Wilfred MacDonald <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	School	57.2	53.3	54.1	37.4	54.3	255.4
	Free	38.8	32.8	34.0	34.0	35.2	174.8
	Total Place	96.0 2	86.1 3	88.1 2	71.4 5	89.5 2	430.2 14
3. Richard L. Hapgood <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School	51.7	52.1	43.8	41.9	47.0	236.5
	Free	40.0	38.4	35.2	46.0	38.0	197.6
	Total Place	91.7 5	90.5 1	79.0 6	87.9 1	85.0 4	434.1 17
4. Arthur F. Preusch <i>Auditorium Skating Club, St. Paul</i>	School	51.2	48.2	49.2	34.1	49.3	232.0
	Free	34.4	33.2	33.2	42.4	37.2	180.4
	Total Place	85.6 7	81.4 4	82.4 4	76.5 3	86.5 3	412.4 21
5. Roland Janson <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	School	55.4	50.7	44.5	38.2	49.1	237.9
	Free	37.2	30.4	32.4	36.0	34.8	170.8
	Total Place	92.6 4	81.1 5	76.9 7	74.2 4	83.9 5	408.7 25
6. Arthur E. Janson <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	School	57.0	50.0	48.7	38.4	49.1	243.2
	Free	38.4	28.4	30.8	26.0	32.0	155.6
	Total Place	95.4 3	78.4 6	79.5 5	64.4 6	81.1 6	398.8 26
7. Robert Rothman <i>Manhattan Figure Skating Club</i>	School	47.6	43.8	47.7	29.5	43.5	212.1
	Free	39.6	32.0	36.4	32.0	37.2	177.2
	Total Place	87.2 6	75.8 7	84.1 3	61.5 7	80.7 7	389.3 30

School Figures 6A, 8A, 18B, 23B, 30A. Free Skating Factor 4

The Ladies' Senior—the championship fight, so to speak—was won by Miss Suzanne Davis, of The Skating Club of Boston. She gained a good lead in the school figures—for which, by the way, she wore a darling little black velvet costume that had shorts instead of a skirt.

LADIES' SINGLES—SENIOR

	Judges	Cramer	Liberman	Van Name	Turner	Hapgood	TOTALS
1. Miss S. Davis <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School Free	146.3 99.0	147.0 99.0	135.9 91.8	137.7 81.0	140.3 97.2	707.2 468.0
	Total Place	245.3 1	246.0 1	227.7 1	218.7 1	237.5 1	1,175.2 5
2. Miss L. Weigel <i>Buffalo Skating Club</i>	School Free	135.9 92.7	134.2 90.0	131.3 85.5	120.0 72.0	132.9 83.7	654.3 423.9
	Total Place	228.6 3	224.2 3	216.8 2	192.0 3	216.6 5	1,078.2 16
3. Miss E. Weigel <i>Buffalo Skating Club</i>	School Free	134.7 95.4	136.8 93.6	129.4 84.6	111.9 63.0	130.3 88.2	643.1 424.8
	Total Place	230.1 2	230.4 2	214.0 4	174.9 5	218.5 3	1,067.9 16
4. Miss A. Peppe <i>Skating Club, New York</i>	School Free	100.9 102.6	125.5 97.2	122.1 93.6	109.1 90.0	126.1 94.5	583.7 477.9
	Total Place	203.5 5	222.7 4	215.7 3	199.1 2	220.6 2	1,061.6 16
5. Dr. H. E. Berger <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	School Free	113.9 91.8	131.0 88.2	126.7 84.6	111.8 66.6	128.7 89.1	612.1 420.3
	Total Place	205.7 4	219.2 5	211.3 5	178.4 4	217.8 4	1,032.4 22

School Figures 21A, 22A, 29A & B, 33B, 35A & B, 39A. Free Skating Factor 9

Anything more becoming to a young slender girl is impossible to imagine—so trim and business-like. Her free skating was lovely beyond words—easy, sure, and flawless from start to finish. Louise Weigel of Buffalo placed second, earning her position with masterful school figures, and beautiful free skating that had a great deal of originality. Her sister Estelle placed third. Little Audrey Peppe's lovely fiery free skating made a great hit, and Dr. Hulda Berger gave a magnificent performance. A real group of champions, the Ladies' Seniors!

The Men's Senior title was won for the seventh time by Roger Turner of The Skating Club of Boston. A fine skater, and a fine

MEN'S SINGLES—SENIOR

	Judges	Cramer	Liberman	Van Name	Rotch	Hapgood	TOTALS
1. Roger F. Turner <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School	188.9	185.0	166.0	176.2	177.1	893.2
	Free	129.95	125.43	116.39	123.17	123.17	618.11
	Total Place	318.85 1	310.43 1	282.39 2	299.37 3	300.27 3	1,511.31 10
2. Robin Lee <i>Skating Club, New York</i>	School	178.3	179.4	167.5	179.6	174.0	878.8
	Free	133.34	124.30	115.26	127.69	123.17	623.76
	Total Place	311.64 2	303.70 2	282.76 1	307.29 1	297.17 4	1,502.56 10
3. George E. B. Hill <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School	173.4	175.6	163.9	173.6	176.0	862.5
	Free	124.30	124.30	113.00	124.30	127.69	613.59
	Total Place	297.70 3	299.90 3	276.90 3	297.90 4	303.69 2	1,476.09 15
4. James L. Madden <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	School	177.8	181.0	162.9	179.7	180.2	881.6
	Free	116.39	108.48	111.87	124.30	124.30	585.34
	Total Place	294.19 4	289.48 4	274.77 4	304.00 2	304.50 1	1,466.94 15
5. William Swallender <i>Twin City Figure Skating Club</i>	School	165.2	166.0	141.4	168.5	165.2	806.3
	Free	120.91	120.91	99.44	120.91	108.48	570.65
	Total Place	286.11 5	286.91 5	240.84 6	289.41 5	273.68 5	1,376.95 26
6. William J. Nagle <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	School	163.5	154.2	148.4	155.5	160.2	781.8
	Free	101.70	101.70	97.18	106.22	90.40	497.20
	Total Place	265.20 6	255.90 6	245.58 5	261.72 6	250.60 6	1,279.00 29

School Figures 21A & B, 23A & B, 28A & B, 30A & B, 35A & B, 40A & B.
Free Skating Factor 11.3

sport, whose courage was I imagine, a great factor in his winning. He had a very sore knee—and a very strong field to beat. The school figures had to be postponed until Saturday morning, which must have been very hard on the competitors, especially as it meant that their free skating came the same day; four hours and a half of school figures in the morning looked a pretty gruelling ordeal to all of us watching. The atmosphere was exceedingly tense—you felt as if you were in church

or something, and didn't dare speak above a whisper, if at all—the place was bitterly cold, and a blizzard was raging outside. The only competitor in this event who seemed to be enjoying himself was Mr. Nagle—he even laughed right out loud once when he was picking a place for the bracket-change-bracket, or some such horror. All their school figures looked absolutely unbeatable to me, and as for the print that young Robin Lee made on all his, why, it was enough to make you gasp with admiration. He placed second, and he pressed the defending champion hard for the title. Mr. G. E. B. Hill of Boston earned third place.

One could relax a little watching the free skating. Nagle came on first, (still looking happy) and gave a grand performance. Swallender was next, and as few of us had seen him skate when he won the Juniors last year, we were most interested—he terrified us by crashing into the fence, but he bounced off uninjured, and finished out a beautiful and spectacular program. Madden skated third—he is always spectacular, and he came on at about seventy miles an hour, and took a frightful spill on his first tremendous jump, but he flung his feet over his head, and was up and off again with such speed that you began to wonder whether he had really fallen at all. Such energy at the end of a hard day! The fourth to skate was Robin Lee—and very young and boyish he looked as he came out. He gave an outstanding exhibition, very strong and sure, with beautifully controlled spins. As I heard one very youthful member of our junior club say to another the next day “Well, you just ought to have *seen* him, that’s all” (which remark really sizes up all the events very nicely, in my opinion). After Robin came Mr. Hill—he was fine, and looked very steady all through a beautiful even program. The last to skate was Mr. Turner, the hard-pressed champion. We knew he had a good chance to win if his free skating came off all right. It did—and how! (Again I resort to slang). But he really was simply a knock out, and I should like to leave some blanks for the magazine staff to fill in properly.

After these enthralling singles came the Senior Pairs, won by the Maddens with their lovely program that looks so spontaneous, and is such a joy to the beholder. The only ~~other entry~~ was Miss Schwerdt and Mr. Bruns, who won the Junior Pair last year. Their skating is always fascinating to watch, unusual steps beautifully timed.

PAIR SKATING—JUNIOR

	Judges	Bijur	Liberman	Nagle	Rotch	Hill	TOTALS
1. Miss P. Blodgett R. F. Turner <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	Pro.	5.5	4.5	5.5	5.0	4.7	25.2
	Per.	5.0	4.5	5.5	4.8	4.2	24.0
	Total Place	10.5 1	9.0 2	11.0 1	9.8 1	8.9 1	49.2 6
2. Miss J. Schulte O. Haupt <i>St. Louis Skating Club</i>	Pro.	5.0	4.4	5.0	4.7	4.6	23.7
	Per.	5.4	4.4	5.7	4.4	4.2	24.1
	Total Place	10.4 2	8.8 4	10.7 2	9.1 2	8.8 2	47.1 12
3. Mrs. R. English L. Fogassey <i>St. Louis Skating Club</i>	Pro.	5.0	4.3	4.7	4.5	4.3	22.8
	Per.	5.0	4.6	5.0	4.4	4.1	23.1
	Total Place	10.0 3½	8.9 3	9.7 3	8.9 4	8.4 3	45.9 16½
4. Mrs. A. Preusch A. Preusch <i>Auditorium Skating Club, St. Paul</i>	Pro.	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.0	22.4
	Per.	5.0	5.4	4.2	4.6	4.0	23.2
	Total Place	10.0 3½	9.9 1	8.7 5	9.0 3	8.0 4	45.6 16½
5. Miss E. Frazier R. Ruhnka <i>Figure Skating Club of Philadelphia</i>	Pro.	4.7	4.0	4.5	4.2	3.9	21.3
	Per.	4.8	4.3	4.5	4.2	3.3	21.1
	Total Place	9.5 5	8.3 5	9.0 4	8.4 5	7.2 5	42.4 24

PAIR SKATING—SENIOR

	Judges	Harned	Liberman	Van Name	Rotch	Hill	TOTALS
1. Miss G. Madden J. L. Madden <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	Pro.	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.2	5.8	26.3
	Per.	5.2	5.5	5.2	5.0	5.0	25.9
	Total Place	10.2 1	10.7 1	10.3 1	10.2 1	10.8 1	52.2 5
2. Miss Eva Schwerdt W. Bruns <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	Pro.	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.4	5.2	24.6
	Per.	3.8	4.6	4.7	4.0	4.0	21.1
	Total Place	8.8 2	9.6 2	9.7 2	8.4 2	9.2 2	45.7 10

Following this event was the championship of the lovely Fours, a most interesting form of figure skating that has not appeared in the Nationals for a great many years. There were three entries for this pleasing event, and all gave beautiful performances, Boston winning by a very close decision over The Skating Club of New York, with the The Winter Sports Club not so very far behind the two first places. The Fours have to skate twice—first to be marked for contents of program, and the second time, for performance, thus making it a little easier for the judges to check up on four people doing intricate steps all at once. The Fours made a tremendous hit with all of us who watched—we consider them an event which should be encouraged.

Chosen from a large field of entries the day before in the eliminations, four couples entered the waltz finals—Mr. Hunt and Miss Prantel, Miss Twaroschk and Mr. Fleischman, Mr. Hartshorne and Miss Valerie Jones, and Miss Schwerdt and Mr. Bruns. To our dazzled eyes all of these looked top notchers, but Miss Prantel and Mr. Hunt were chosen winners, with Miss Twaroschk and Mr. Fleischman a close second.

To end the day came the beautiful dance competition, seven couples presenting new and most interesting combinations of steps. The flawless performance of Miss Davis and Mr. Goodridge gave them first place. Second went to the Maddens who had a charming arrangement of steps in their exhibition, and third place was won by Mrs. English and Mr. Fogassey of St. Louis.

It is most excruciatingly difficult to give any idea of the glorious performances in every event of these championships. The sharpest eye (and pencil), the most enormous vocabulary, and the greatest possible power of vivid description could give but a faint picture of it all.

Then followed the announcement of the winners and the presentation of the prizes, a most impressive spectacle. Mr. Edgar McKaig, president of the Honorable Skating and Humane Society, made a charming little speech, the kind that said just the right things, and that you wished so much you could make yourself (for this article, for instance!). He then introduced the president of our club, Mr. George Pepper, Jr., who, in his turn presented Mr. Rotch, President of the U. S. F. S. A., and Mr. Rotch made the awards to the beaming winners. Such a nice formal ending to the helter-skelter existence of the two days.

FOURS

	Judges	Harned	Liberman	Nagle	Rotch	Hill	TOTALS
Miss Davis	Pro.	4.8	5.1	5.5	5.0	5.8	26.2
Mrs. Blanchard	Per.	5.2	5.3	5.1	5.2	5.5	26.3
F. Goodridge	Total	10.0	10.4	10.6	10.2	11.3	52.5
R. L. Hapgood <i>Skating Club of Boston</i>	Place	1	2	1	1	2	7
Miss Jones	Pro.	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.8	5.8	25.4
Miss Prantel	Per.	5.0	5.5	5.1	5.2	5.6	26.4
R. Hunt	Total	9.8	10.5	10.1	10.0	11.4	51.8
J. K. Savage <i>Skating Club, New York</i>	Place	2	1	2	2	1	8
Dr. Berger	Pro.	4.2	5.2	5.3	4.6	5.0	24.3
Miss Harris	Per.	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.4	4.5	23.2
A. E. Janson	Total	9.0	10.0	10.0	9.0	9.5	47.5
R. Janson <i>Winter Sports Club, N. Y.</i>	Place	3	3	3	3	3	15

But I think the judges should have received some gold medals, too—they had worked almost as hard as the skaters—they had all frozen to death—and had endured much physical and mental anguish—and they had had none of the applause nor the glory. Could we dedicate just this small paragraph to the judges and the officials, to whose hard work we owe so much for the great success of the Nationals of 1934.

It was wonderfully inspiring to have this big tournament here, and to have so many entries. Congratulations to all the winners for their fine victories—and, also, congratulations to the losers, for being good enough skaters to compete in such a difficult competition. (Would that I had the power of language to express this thought better!)

And congratulations to Boston for carrying off the lion's share of titles!