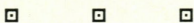


the same club to qualify for this trophy. Also it was for this reason that the Granite-Toronto Four had not entered the Canadian Championships.

The Championships closed with International Waltz and Fourteenstep Competitions. The Waltz was won by Miss Nettie Prantell and Joseph K. Savage and the Fourteenstep by Miss Sandy McDonald and Harold Hartshorne all of The Skating Club of New York. So although far down the list our club won something after all and even that had a bite to it because Miss McDonald comes to us by way of Edmonton.

The North Americans is a great occasion. The restricted field and high order of talent lifts it way above anything else in the skating world on this continent and we are all looking forward to the next one two years hence.

The judges worked hard and long. For Canada they were: Messrs. Gregory, Rogers, and Machado and for the United States, Mrs. Suzanne Davis King and Messrs. Harned, Liberman, and Robertson. Messrs. Eastwood and Turner acted as referees. All of those in attendance expressed their appreciation of the painstaking efforts which had been made on their behalf by the competent and delightful committee for the Granite Club under the superb direction of Colonel J. G. Weir.



The United States Championships

AUDREY LAFAVOR AND HENRIETTA GRANT

St. Paul Figure Skating Club

The 1939 National Championships were held in St. Paul on January 19, 20, and 21, under the auspices of the St. Paul Figure Skating Club. Preparations for this important event were many and were ably handled by Lyman Wakefield, our President, Arthur Preusch, Competition Committee Chairman, Roy McDaniel and other capable assistants. Mr. Heaton Robertson proved an efficient referee and a special word of thanks should be given the judges. The different events were so crowded with skaters of nearly equal ability that the task of judging must have been extremely difficult and trying.

There was a gratifying number of entries from the Pacific Coast, the Eastern skaters turned out in the usual number, and many members from the Twin City district and other mid-western clubs took this opportunity to compete in a national championship. In fact from the number and

quality of the skaters and the size and enthusiasm of the audience, this Nationals probably can be voted the best to date.

The figures of all in the Men's Senior were superb. Robin Lee's beautifully smooth free skating, done at top speed, gave him an undisputed first place over Ollie Haupt, who gave an amazing performance of fiery speed and great variety. Eugene Turner also gave an excellent performance, showing much real skating ability.

The five entries in the Ladies' Senior were well matched, promising to give each other plenty of competition. They all skated the difficult school figures with definite skill and their free skating was entrancing. Joan Tozzer's smooth easy grace won over Audrey Peppe's lively speed and spectacular jumps and spins. Charlotte Walther gave a lovely flowing program, Jane Vaughn's routine showed grace and precision, and Polly Blodgett was truly bewitching.

MEN'S SINGLES FOR GEORGE H. BROWNE MEMORIAL BOWL

Judges: I, Mrs. King, Boston; II, Mr. Engel, New York; III, Mrs. Cramer, New York; IV, Mr. Christensen, St. Paul; V, Mr. Savage, New York.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Robin H. Lee <i>St. Paul F. S. Club</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
2. Ollie E. Haupt, Jr. <i>St. Louis Skating Club</i>	2	2	2	2	2	10
3. Eugene Turner <i>Los Angeles F. S. Club</i>	3	3	3	3	3	15
4. William J. Nagle <i>Manhattan F. S. Club</i>	4	4	4	4	4	20

LADIES' SINGLES FOR GERTRUDE CHEEVER PORTER TROPHY

Judges: I, Mrs. Cramer, New York; II, Mrs. Blanchard, Boston; III, Mrs. King, Boston; IV, Mr. Liberman, New York; V, Mr. Cary, Philadelphia; VI, Mr. Christensen, St. Paul; VII, Mr. Robertson, New Haven.

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	Totals
1. Joan Tozzer <i>The S. C. of Boston</i>	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	11
2. Audrey Peppe <i>The S. C., Inc., New York</i>	2	2	2	1	3	1	1	12
3. Charlotte Walther <i>The S. C., Inc., New York</i>	3	4	4	3	5	3	3	25
4. Jane Vaughn <i>Phila. S. C. & H. Soc.</i>	4	5	3	5	1	4	5	27
5. Polly Blodgett <i>The S. C. of Boston</i>	5	3	5	4	4	5	4	30

In the Junior divisions it was interesting and very unusual that both the 1938 Novice Champions were successful in carrying off the Junior titles; the competition in both divisions was extremely close and these two



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UNITED STATES NOVICE, SENIOR, AND JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

Betsy Nichols, Joan Tozzer, Gretchen Merrill,
The Skating Club of Boston

young skaters deserve high praise. Arthur Vaughn captured the Men's title after a close race with Arthur Preusch, who placed second, and Bud Brennan, who dropped to third after leading in the "schools". Vaughn's free skating was very interesting and done with great assurance. Gretchen Merrill won the Ladies' title mainly by her grand school figures, as Dorothy Snell and Shirley Bowman pressed her closely in the free skating. These three girls had excellent programs which they skated with grace and sureness.

MEN'S JUNIOR

Judges: I, Miss Azbe, St. Louis; II, Mr. Wakefield, St. Paul; III, Mr. Liberman, New York; IV, Mr. McDaniel, Minneapolis; V, Mr. Cary, Philadelphia.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Arthur R. Vaughn <i>Phila. S. C. & H. Soc.</i>	1	1	1	2	1	6
2. Arthur Preusch, Jr. <i>St. Paul F. S. Club</i>	2	4	2	3	3	14
3. Bud Brennan <i>F. S. Club of Minneapolis</i>	3	3	3	1	4	14
4. Robert Premer <i>St. Paul F. S. Club</i>	4	2	4	4	2	16

LADIES' JUNIOR

Judges: I, Mrs. King, Boston; II, Mr. Cary, Philadelphia; III, Mr. McDaniel, Minneapolis; IV, Mr. Engel, New York; V, Mr. McCarthy, Chicago.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Gretchen Merrill <i>The S. C. of Boston</i>	1	2	5	2	1	11
2. Dorothy Snell <i>St. Paul F. S. Club</i>	2	4	2	1	3	12
3. Shirley Bowman <i>St. Paul F. S. Club</i>	3	1	3	5	4	16
4. Mary Louise Premer <i>St. Paul F. S. Club</i>	6	6	1	3	8	24
5. Phebe Tucker <i>The S. C., Inc., New York</i>	5	5	6	4	7	27
6. Elinor Leeds Weiler <i>The S. C., Inc., New York</i>	7	3	8	6	2	26
7. Dorothy L. Glazier <i>The S. C. of Boston</i>	4	7	4	7	6	28
8. Nancy Meyer <i>F. S. Club of Chicago</i>	8	8	7	8	5	36

No group was more interesting than the Novices. These entries show great promise and are already outstanding little skaters. There were twenty-three in the Ladies' division. Betsy Nichols won first place by her sound school figures and flowing accurate free skating. Roberta Jenks was close behind her and offered a speedy free program. Britta Lundequist's confidence and power combined with her fiery speed and showmanship made her a favorite with the audience.

The contestants in the Men's Novice did admirable figures and had a close race for the honors. Bobby Specht, who showed striking promise in last year's Nationals, placed first with a beautifully skated rhythmic program. The Galbraith brothers of San Francisco gave skillful performances with Sheldon slightly in the lead over Murray. Each did an entirely dif-

LADIES' NOVICE

Judges: I, Mrs. Blanchard, Boston; II, Mrs. Cramer, New York; III, Mr. McDaniel, Minneapolis; IV, Mr. McCarthy, Chicago; V, Mr. Gandy, Minneapolis.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Betsy Nichols <i>The S. C. of Boston</i>	1	2	1	1	1	6
2. Roberta Jenks <i>The S. C. of Boston</i>	2	1	5	5	2	15
3. Britta Lundquist <i>Seattle Skating Club</i>	3	4	3	3	3	16
4. Caroline Brandt <i>Cleveland Skating Club</i>	4	6	4	4	4	22
5. Joan Mitchell <i>F. S. Club of Chicago</i>	5	5	2	2	5	19
6. Ramona Allen <i>Oakland F. S. Assn.</i>	7	3	6	6	6	28
7. Janette Ahrens <i>St. Paul F. S. Club</i>	6	7	8	7	8	36
8. Barbara Reynolds <i>St. Paul F. S. Club</i>	8	8	7	8	7	38

In accordance with the Elimination Rule in Novice Championships (see page 9 of December SKATING) only eight ladies completed this competition. The others were ranked in the following order on their school figures.

9. Jeanne Peterson, *Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis.*
10. Yvonne Sherman, *The Skating Club, Inc., New York.*
11. Darlene Peterson, *St. Paul Figure Skating Club.*
12. Betty Lee Bennett, *Seattle Skating Club.*
13. Margaret Sarah Grant, *St. Paul Figure Skating Club.*
14. Patricia Robb, *St. Paul Figure Skating Club.*
15. Virginia Lavelle, *Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis.*
16. Virginia Kesting, *St. Paul Figure Skating Club.*
17. Barbara Barnard, *St. Paul Figure Skating Club.*
18. Roberta Barton, *Superior Figure Skating Club.*
19. Joyce Metternich, *St. Paul Figure Skating Club.*
20. Carol Jean Smith, *Superior Figure Skating Club.*
21. Mary Kay Harrington, *St. Paul Figure Skating Club.*
22. Mary Ann Mairs, *St. Paul Figure Skating Club.*
23. Maxine Sheffer, *St. Paul Figure Skating Club.*

ferent program, and each skated with such grace and precision that the judges could hardly separate them for second and third place. Bill Grimditch and John Kinney were conspicuous by reason of their fine free skating and are destined to go places in the skating world.

The Senior Pairs, won again by Joan Tozzer and Bernard Fox, was one of the very exciting events. The skill, smoothness, and charm of the Tozzer-

MEN'S NOVICE

Judges: I, Mr. Savage, New York; II, Mr. Christensen, St. Paul; III, Miss Azbe, St. Louis; IV, Mr. Cary, Philadelphia; V, Mr. McCarthy, Chicago.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Bobby Specht <i>F. S. Club of Chicago</i>	1	1	3	3	1	9
2. Sheldon Galbraith <i>The Skate and Ski Club</i>	2	2	1	4	3	12
3. Murray Galbraith <i>The Skate and Ski Club</i>	3	5	2	1	2	13
4. Wm. H. Grimditch, Jr. <i>Phila. S. C. & H. Soc.</i>	4	4	4	2	4	18
5. Robert Uppgren <i>St. Paul F. S. Club</i>	5	3	5	5	5	23
6. John Kinney <i>Seattle Skating Club</i>	6	6	6	6	6	30
7. Bruce Sheffer <i>St. Paul F. S. Club</i>	7	7	7	7	7	35
8. James Greene <i>Cleveland Skating Club</i>	8	8	8	8	8	40

PAIRS FOR HENRY W. HOWE MEMORIAL CUP

Judges: I, Mrs. Cramer, New York; II, Mrs. Blanchard, Boston; III, Mr. Liberman, New York; IV, Mrs. King, Boston; V, Mr. Robertson, New Haven.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Joan Tozzer M. Bernard Fox <i>The S. C. of Boston</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
2. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Penn- Gaskell Hall, 3d <i>Phila. S. C. & H. Soc.</i>	2	2	2	2	2	10
3. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Bruns, Jr. <i>Bear Mt. F. S. Club</i>	3	3	3	3	3	15

Fox pair were incomparable and unbeatable. Mr. and Mrs. W. Penn-Gaskell Hall and Mr. and Mrs. William Bruns turned in excellent performances.

Probably the outstanding feature of the entire championships was the exhibition by Betty Lee Bennett and John Kinney in the Junior Pairs. Their spectacular loop, lutz, and axel jumps awed the crowd, their spins were bewildering, and their speed and sureness thrilling.

JUNIOR PAIRS

Judges: I, Mr. Liberman, New York; II, Mrs. Blanchard, Boston; III, Mrs. King, Boston; IV, Mr. Savage, New York; V, Mr. Wakefield, St. Paul.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Betty Lee Bennett John Kinney <i>Seattle Skating Club</i>	2	1	1	1	1	6
2. Ruth English Louis Pitts <i>F. S. Club of Chicago</i>	1	3	2	2	2	10
3. Nettie Prantel George Boltres <i>The S. C., Inc., New York</i>	3	2	3	3	3	14
4. Joane Frazier James Greene <i>Cleveland Skating Club</i>	4	4	4	6	6	24
5. Dorothy Beymer Ralph Beymer <i>Seattle Skating Club</i>	5	6	5	4	5	25
6. Angeline Knapp Dr. J. N. Pike <i>St. Paul F. S. Club</i>	6	5	6	5	4	26
7. Enola Schramm Rae Schramm <i>Fargo Winter Club</i>	7	7	7	7	7	35

FOURS FOR HENRY WAINWRIGHT HOWE TROPHY

Judges: I, Mrs. Cramer, New York; II, Mrs. Blanchard, Boston; III, Mrs. King, Boston; IV, Mr. Liberman, New York; V, Mr. Cary, Philadelphia.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. <i>The S. C., Inc., New York</i> (Nettie C. Prantel, Marjorie Parker, George Boltres, Joseph K. Savage)	1	1	1	1	1	5
2. <i>Phila. S. C. & H. Society</i> (Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Penn-Gaskell Hall, III, Mary Dayton, Wm. W. Lukens, Jr.)	2	2	2	2	2	10

The new entry in the Four competition from Philadelphia (Mary Dayton, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, William Lukens) gave a very creditable performance, but the smoothness and variety shown by the New York Four (Nettie Prantel, Marjorie Parker, Joseph Savage, George Boltres) carried off the title.

The Dance Competition was especially interesting as last year's champions, Nettie Prantel and Harold Hartshorne, each entered with a new

partner. The decision was very close, but Sandy MacDonald and Harold Hartshorne's lovely lilting dancing gave them the edge over Nettie Prantel and Joseph Savage.

And so, after the awarding of cups and medals, ended the 1939 Nationals, followed by a party at the St. Paul Hotel with Snickelfritz and his band entertaining.

DANCE FOR HARRY E. RADIX CUP

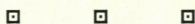
Judges: I, Mr. Engel, New York; II, Mrs. Blanchard, Boston; III, Mr. Liberman, New York; IV, Mr. McCarthy, Chicago; V, Mr. Robertson, New Haven.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Sandy MacDonald Harold Hartshorne <i>The S. C., Inc., New York</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
2. Nettie C. Prantel Joseph K. Savage <i>The S. C., Inc., New York</i>	2	2	2	2	2	10
3. Marjorie Parker Joseph K. Savage <i>The S. C., Inc., New York</i>	3	3	3	4	3	16
4. Edith Preusch Arthur F. Preusch <i>St. Paul F. S. Club</i>	4	4	4	3	4	19

BEDELL H. HARNED TROPHY FOR CLUB SCORING MOST POINTS IN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The Skating Club, Inc., New York	64
2. The Skating Club of Boston	48
3. {St. Paul Figure Skating Club	32
{Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society	32

Mr. Edward E. Denniston, Chairman of the Records Committee, has prepared copies of all marks, which have been sent to all competitors and officials. Others may have copies from Mr. Denniston, Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society, Holland Ave., Ardmore, Pa., upon request.



Errata

In the report of the Eastern States Championships in February, Miss Marlene Fegley was wrongly listed as of the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society; Miss Fegley is an individual member of the U. S. F. S. A. Miss Doris Gumprich, who was listed as from the Rye Figure Skating Club, represented the Manhattan Figure Skating Club.