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AT THE NATIONALS

Top Left: Cleveland girls and Gene Turner
 Top Right: Mr. Hartshorne and Miss Macdonald
 Center Left: Bobby Specht, Junior Champion
 Center Right: Heddy Stenuf and Skippy Baxter
 Left: Joan Tozzer, Double Winner
 Above: Bedell H. Harned and H. P. Eells, Jr.

The United States Championships

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The Cleveland Skating Club

THE 1940 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, held at the Cleveland Skating Club February 9 and 10, produced the largest field ever to enter a national competition. A large delegation from the West Coast made its presence felt by winning the Men's Senior Singles and Ladies' Junior Singles as well as placing well up on the list in other events. The number of entries from Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and St. Paul were larger than in previous years. As a result, the skating at Cleveland was the finest that a national competition has yet brought forth, and the contest for top honors was close and hard fought in every class.

Particularly noticeable was the improvement in the Novice and Junior classes, which augers well for faster and closer Senior competition in future years. Especially fine, in both quantity and quality, were the entries in the Men's Novice and Junior.

The competitions were run off in two days, and to the amazement of even the officials in charge they were completed on schedule. To do this it was necessary to commence school figures at 8 o'clock Friday and Saturday mornings because of the large number of entries in the Novice and Junior divisions. But the judges stayed faithfully at their tasks and the work was concluded without rush or confusion, even though the evening intermission on Friday and the noon intermission on Saturday were used.

The Cleveland Skating Club arranged galleries and bleachers around its ice accommodating about 1400 spectators and the galleries were filled both nights, despite the fact that Saturday night presented us with a brand of weather which was, as the Californians would say, "very unusual." Throughout the two-day siege, the audience was appreciative and responded wholeheartedly.

The rivalries in both Ladies' and Men's Seniors were worthy of note. Especially brilliant was the duel between Joan Tozzer and Heddy Stenuf for the Ladies' Senior crown. By virtue of a commanding lead in school figures, Miss Tozzer was able to withstand Miss Stenuf's free skating assault and retain her title.

As Robin Lee turned professional last November, the Men's Senior contest was wide open. This turned out to be a beautiful two-man battle between Ollie Haupt, Jr. of St. Louis, last year's runner-up, and Eugene

LADIES' SINGLES FOR GERTRUDE CHEEVER PORTER TROPHY

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

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Joan Tozzer <i>The Skating Club of Boston</i>	1	1	2	1	2	7
2. Heddy Stenuf <i>Figure Skating Club of Chicago</i>	2	2	1	2	1	8
3. Jane Vaughn <i>Philadelphia S. C. & H. S.</i>	3	4	3	4	4	18
4. Gretchen Merrill <i>The Skating Club of Boston</i>	4	3	5	3	5	20
5. Charlotte Walther <i>The Skating Club, Inc. (N. Y.)</i>	5	5	4	5	3	22
6. Dorothy Snell <i>Washington Figure Skating Club</i>	6	6	6	6	6	30

MEN'S SINGLES FOR GEORGE H. BROWNE MEMORIAL BOWL

Judges: I, Mr. Cary, Philadelphia; II, Mrs. Harned, New York; III, Mr. Liberman, New York; IV, Mr. McCarthy, Chicago; V, Mr. Rotch, Boston.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Eugene Turner <i>Los Angeles Figure Skating Club</i>	1	1	1	2	1	6
2. Ollie E. Haupt, Jr. <i>St. Louis Skating Club</i>	2	2	2	1	2	9
3. Skippy Baxter <i>Figure Skating Club of Chicago</i>	3	3	3	3	3	15
4. Arthur R. Vaughn, Jr. <i>Philadelphia S. C. & H. S.</i>	4	4	4	4	4	20
5. William J. Nagle <i>Brooklyn Figure Skating Club</i>	5	5	5	5	5	25

Ed. Note—The reason for any ranking not obvious at first glance can be found by studying "the winner rule" on Pages 28, 29, 30 of U.S.F.S.A. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR COMPETITIONS.

Turner, the challenger from Los Angeles. Seldom has a competition seen two such fine performances. By a close margin Gene Turner climaxed his seven years of skating with victory, and the crown went West.

Ramona Allen, twelve-year-old entry from Oakland, was successful in the Ladies' Junior. Betsy Nichols and Roberta Jenks, both from The Skating Club of Boston and both fifteen years old, took second and third places in this class. Their excellent showing this year is a sure indication that future Senior competitions will develop some really fine skating.

Bobbie Specht of Chicago stepped up from first place in the Novice (last year) to top position in the Men's Junior, but only after being hard pressed by both Sheldon and Murray Galbraith of San Francisco. The Senior division may well bear these names in mind for future reference.

LADIES' JUNIOR

Judges: I, Miss Azbe, St. Louis; II, Mr. Cary, Philadelphia; III, Mrs. Cramer, New York; IV, Mr. Hill, Boston; V, Mr. Kelley, Cleveland.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Ramona Allen <i>Oakland Figure Skating Club</i>	1	1	1	2	1	6
2. Betsy Nichols <i>The Skating Club of Boston</i>	3	2	6	1	2	14
3. Roberta Jenks <i>The Skating Club of Boston</i>	4	3	3	3	3	16
4. Dorothy Glazier <i>The Skating Club of Boston</i>	2	6	7	4	5	24
5. Barbara Ann Gingg <i>St. Moritz (Oakland)</i>	6	4	4	5	9	28
6. Phebe Tucker <i>The Skating Club, Inc. (N. Y.)</i>	7	8	2	6	12	35
7. Yvonne Sherman <i>The Skating Club, Inc. (N. Y.)</i>	12	5	5	11	7	40
8. Dorothy B. Lee <i>Sunday Skating Club (N. Y.)</i>	8	13	10	8	8	47
9. Shirley Bowman <i>St. Paul Figure Skating Club</i>	9	7	11	9	4	40
10. Joan Mitchell <i>Figure Skating Club of Chicago</i>	5	10	8	10	10	43
11. Mary Louise Premer <i>St. Paul Figure Skating Club</i>	11	9	9	7	6	42
12. Marjory E. Newell <i>Arena Skating Club (Minneapolis)</i>	10	11	13	13	11	58
13. Gloria Haupt <i>St. Louis Skating Club</i>	13	12	12	12	13	62

MEN'S JUNIOR

Judges: I, Mr. Christensen, St. Paul; II, Mrs. Cramer, New York; III, Dr. Creig, Cleveland; IV, Mr. McCarthy, Chicago; V, Mr. Rotch, Boston.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Bobby Specht <i>Figure Skating Club of Chicago</i>	1	1	2	1	2	7
2. Murray Galbraith <i>Skate & Ski Club (San Francisco)</i>	3	2	1	2	1	9
3. Sheldon Galbraith <i>Skate & Ski Club (San Francisco)</i>	2	3	3	3	3	14
4. Arthur F. Preusch, Jr. <i>St. Paul Figure Skating Club</i>	4	4	4	4	4	20
5. Robert Uppgren <i>St. Paul Figure Skating Club</i>	6	5	5	5	6	27
6. Robert F. Premer <i>St. Paul Figure Skating Club</i>	5	6	6	6	5	28

Caroline Brandt, competing in her home town on the ice of her own club, carried off top honors in the Ladies' Novice from the largest field ever entered in that event. In the Men's Novice, William Grimditch, Jr., of Philadelphia won first place from a long list of promising contestants. In this division it was very encouraging to witness the interest the coming generation of skaters are taking in the sport.

In the Senior Pairs Heddy Stenuf and Skippy Baxter made a strong bid.

LADIES' NOVICE

Judges: I, Miss Azbe, St. Louis; II, Mrs. Cramer, New York; III, Mr. Kelley, Cleveland; IV, Mr. Liberman, New York; V, Mr. Rotch, Boston.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Caroline Brandt <i>Cleveland Skating Club</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
2. Jannette Ahrens <i>St. Paul Figure Skating Club</i>	3	2	4	7	2	18
3. Hildegard Balmain <i>The Skating Club, Inc. (N. Y.)</i>	5	3	6	2	5	21
4. Jean Sturgeon <i>All Year F. S. C. (Los Angeles)</i>	2	6	2	4	7	21
5. Joanne Frazier <i>Cleveland Skating Club</i>	7	5	3	3	4	22 (277.2)
6. Suzanne Uksila <i>Elysium F. S. C. (Cleveland)</i>	4	4	7	5	3	23 (276.0)
7. Donna Atwood <i>Los Angeles F. S. C.</i>	6	7	5	6	8	32
8. Amey Miller <i>Ice Club of Baltimore</i>	8	8	8	8	6	38
9. Leslie Glazier, <i>The Skating Club of Boston</i>						
10. Fay Kirby, <i>The Skating Club of Boston</i>						
11. Janet McGean, <i>Cleveland Skating Club</i>						
12. Marcella May, <i>Skate and Ski Club, San Francisco</i>						
13. Barbara Barnard, <i>St. Paul Figure Skating Club</i>						
14. Joan Coffman, <i>The Skating Club, Inc., New York</i>						
15. Jeanne Peterson, <i>Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis</i>						
16. Barbara Raymond, <i>Figure Skating Club of Chicago</i>						
17. Margaret Grant, <i>St. Paul Figure Skating Club</i>						
18. Patricia Robb, <i>St. Paul Figure Skating Club</i>						
19. Jeanne Drouillard, <i>Cleveland Skating Club</i>						
20. Geraldine Nuhfer, <i>Elysium Figure Skating Club</i>						
21. Priscilla Stimson, <i>Niagara Falls Skating Club</i>						
22. Joan Yocum, <i>Figure Skating Club of Chicago</i>						
23. Ann Thoburn, <i>Cleveland Skating Club</i>						
24. Sylvia Van Ness, <i>The Skating Club of Boston</i>						
25. Grace Eddy, <i>The Skating Club of Boston</i>						

MEN'S NOVICE

Judges: I, Miss Azbe, St. Louis; II, Dr. Carson, Cleveland; III, Mr. Cary, Philadelphia; IV, Mr. Hill, Boston; V, Mr. Savage, New York.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. William H. Grimditch, Jr. <i>Philadelphia S. C. & H. S.</i>	1	3	1	2	1	8
2. Edward Le Maire <i>The Skating Club, Inc. (N. Y.)</i>	3	8	2	1	2	16
3. Meryl Baxter <i>Oakland F. S. C.</i>	2	6	3	5	3	19
4. Warren Goodman <i>International F. S. C. (Phil.)</i>	9	5	4	4	4	26
5. George G. Miller <i>Ice Club of Baltimore</i>	5	2	6	8	8	29 (274.6)
6. George Monnier <i>Skate & Ski Club (San Francisco)</i>	6	4	7	7	5	29 (273.5)
7. Wally Sahlin <i>F. S. C. of Minneapolis</i>	7	7	8	6	6	34
8. Huntington Blair <i>Cleveland S. C.</i>	8	1	9	5	9	32
9. Bruce Sheffer <i>St. Paul Figure Skating Club</i>	4	9	5	9	7	34
10. James W. Potts, <i>Cleveland Skating Club</i>						
11. Paul Pavliska, <i>Elysium Figure Skating Club (Cleveland)</i>						
12. Richard W. More, <i>Buffalo Skating Club</i>						
13. Le Roy H. Lindgren, <i>Figure Skating Club of Chicago</i>						
14. James Greene, <i>Cleveland Skating Club</i>						
15. Tommy Vail, <i>Cleveland Skating Club</i>						
16. John Foster, <i>Cleveland Skating Club</i>						
17. John Allen Leith, <i>The Skating Club of Boston</i>						
18. Tommy Atchison, <i>Niagara Falls Figure Skating Club</i>						

In accordance with the Elimination Rule in Novice Championships, only eight completed these competitions. The others were ranked in the above order on their school figures.

Their routine was startling and gives promise of a strong challenge next year, but the defending team of Joan Tozzer and M. Bernard Fox of Boston retained their laurels, giving a lovely program with the same smooth, flowing perfection of performance that won them the crown last year.

Boston was also successful in the Junior Pairs. Dorothy Glazier and Stephen Tanner placed just ahead of Nettie Prantel and George Boltres of New York. Third position went to the interesting father and daughter combination of Jean and Robert Matzke of Philadelphia.

Harold Hartshorne and Sandy Macdonald gave a flawless exhibition of the dance steps that won for them not only high scores, but also the applause

PAIRS FOR HENRY W. HOWE MEMORIAL CUP

Judges: I, Mr. Christensen, St. Paul; II, Mr. Harned, New York; III, Mr. Liberman, New York; IV, Mr. Rotch, Boston; V, Mr. Savage, New York.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Joan Tozzer M. Bernard Fox <i>The Skating Club of Boston</i>	2	1	1	1	1	6
2. Heddy Stenuf Skippy Baxter <i>Figure Skating Club of Chicago</i>	1	2	2	2	2	9
3. Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bruns, Jr. <i>Bear Mountain Figure Skating Club</i>	3	4	4	3	3	17
4. Nancy Follett Roger F. Turner <i>The Skridsko Club</i>	4	3	3	4	4	18

JUNIOR PAIRS

Judges: I, Mr. Christensen, St. Paul; II, Mrs. Harned, New York; III, Mr. McCarthy, Chicago; IV, Mr. Savage, New York; V, Mrs. Blanchard, Boston.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Dorothy Glazier Stephen Tanner <i>The Skating Club of Boston</i>	1	2	1	3	1	8
2. Nettie C. Prantel George R. Boltres <i>The Skating Club, Inc. (N. Y.)</i>	2½	4	2	1	2	11½
3. Jean H. Matzke Robert R. Matzke <i>Philadelphia S. C. & H. S.</i>	2½	1	3	2	3	11½
4. Mrs. Howard E. Wilkinson Dr. Howard E. Wilkinson <i>Buffalo Skating Club</i>	4	3	5	4	4	20
5. Joanne Frazier James Greene <i>Cleveland Skating Club</i>	5	5	4	5	5	24
6. Angeline Knapp Dr. J. N. Pike <i>Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis</i>	7	6	6	6	8	33
7. Suzanne Uksila Paul Pavliska <i>Elysium Figure Skating Club</i>	8	7	7	8	6	36
8. Mrs. Dorothy Beymer Ralph Beymer <i>Seattle Skating Club, Inc.</i>	6	8	8	7	7	36

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, Platt-LePage Aircraft Corp., Eddystone, Pa., upon request.

FOURS FOR HENRY WAINWRIGHT HOWE TROPHY

Judges: I, Mr. Harned, New York; II, Mr. Hill, Boston; III, Mr. Liberman, New York; IV, Mr. Rotch, Boston; V, Mr. Savage, New York.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. <i>St. Paul Figure Skating Club</i> (Jannette Ahrens, Mary Louise Premer, Robert Uppgren and Lyman E. Wakefield, Jr.)	1	1	1	1	2	6
2. <i>Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society</i> (Mary Stuart Dayton, Annah McKaig Hall, William Weaver Lukens, Jr. and W. Penn-Gaskill Hall, 3rd)	2	2	2	2	1	9

DANCE FOR HARRY E. RADIX CUP

Judges: I, Mr. Savage, New York; II, Mrs. Blanchard, Boston; III, Mr. Lukens, Philadelphia; IV, Dr. Creig, Cleveland; V, Mrs. Harned, New York.

	I	II	III	IV	V	Totals
1. Sandy Macdonald Harold Hartshorne <i>The Skating Club, Inc. (N. Y.)</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
2. Nettie C. Prantel George R. Boltres <i>The Skating Club, Inc. (N. Y.)</i>	2	3	2	3	2	12
3. Vernafay Thysell <i>Fargo Winter Club (No. Dakota)</i> Paul F. Harrington <i>Commonwealth F. S. C. (Boston)</i>	3	2	3	2	3	13
4. Barbara Ann Gingg J. Drexel Gibbins <i>St. Moritz Ice Skating Club (Oakland)</i>	4	4	4	4	4	20

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

1. The Skating Club of Boston	55
2. The Skating Club, Inc., New York	35
3. Figure Skating Club of Chicago	34

of the spectators. There was a larger field in the dance events this year indicating a growing interest in this branch of skating.

It was encouraging to have a new Four entered, the St. Paul team. Coached by Bud Wilson, they gave an excellent performance and won over the Philadelphia quartet despite the fact that this team has greatly improved.

The whole affair wound up with the taking of news reel movies of the champions in action immediately following the contest, and a supper dance at the Wade Park Manor.