

# The Midwestern Championships

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THE MIDWESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS were held under the auspices of the Cleveland Skating Club, at their own rink in Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday and Saturday, January 17 and 18. With the whole-hearted coöperation of Joseph K. Savage, Chairman of the National Committee on Competitions, the referees and judges, the members of the club committee and of the contestants, the events went off flawlessly and within the scheduled time, in spite of a record list of sixty-six entrants.

THE ST. LOUIS SKATING CLUB, the Olympia Skating Club, the Figure Skating Club of Chicago, the St. Paul Figure Skating Club, The Skating Club of New York, the Buffalo Skating Club, and the Elysium Figure Skating Club were represented by visiting judges; the Cleveland Skating Club by one in each event. The guest judges did more than their share of judging, but they did it nobly.

With the exception of a buffet supper party for the judges and officials on Saturday from 5.30 to 7.30 P.M., the entire time was devoted to "skating" and "spectating," the latter being of sufficient magnitude to fill our seating capacity. Of interest in relation to the record attendance is the fact that Sonja Henie and her dazzling ice show failed to present itself as serious competition to the Midwesterns.

At two o'clock on Friday afternoon, the starting signal got the Senior Ladies' School Figures off, followed by the Men's Senior School Figures and the Ladies Novice School Figures, finishing at 6 P.M.

Friday evening saw the Junior Pairs (Contents), the Ladies Novice Free Skating, the Senior Pairs (Contents) and the Dance Eliminations run off smoothly and within the allotted time.

At 9.30 Saturday morning the Ladies Junior School Figures were skated, followed by the Men's Novice School Figures.

Saturday afternoon at 2.30 the Men's Junior School Figures opened the session followed by the Men's Novice Free Skat-

ing; and the grand finale on Saturday evening included the Ladies' and Men's Junior Free Skating, the Ladies' and Men's Senior Free Skating, the Junior and Senior Pairs for Manner of Performance and the Dance Finals.

The skating of Bobby Specht was more breath-taking than in any of his previous Midwestern appearances. His dynamic free skating actually brought the gallery to its feet in tremendous applause. He fully qualifies as Midwestern Champion. In the Ladies' Senior, Caroline Brandt covered herself with glory with an all around performance that had new grace and power. However, her competitors gave Caroline a "skate for the money." To Bobby Specht and Joan Mitchell, goes acclaim for their superb Senior Pair number. It was a beauty!

Prizes and trophies were awarded on the ice by the president of the club, William Chisholm, II; and a dance in honor of the visiting skaters and their guests, held in the ballroom of the club house, concluded a most successful competition.

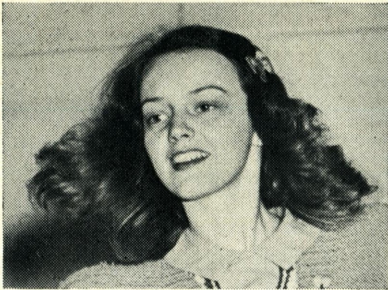
## *Ladies' Senior*

1. Caroline Brandt, *Cleveland S. C.*
2. Joan Mitchell, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
3. Janette Ahrens, *St. Paul F. S. C.*
4. Marjorie Newell, *Arena S. C. of Minneapolis*

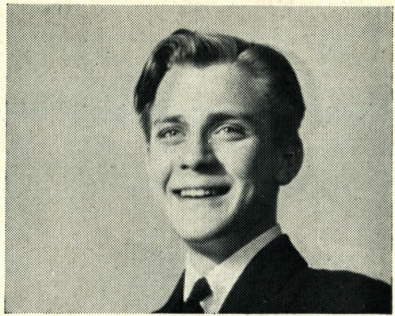
## *Men's Senior*

1. Bobby Specht, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
2. Arthur Preusch, Jr., *St. Paul F. S. C.*





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BOBBY SPECHT

*Figure Skating Club of Chicago*

CAROLINE BRANDT  
*Cleveland Skating Club*

*Ladies' Junior*

1. Janet McGean, *Cleveland S. C.*
2. Jane Zeiser, *Arena S. C. of St. Louis*
3. Margaret Grant, *St. Paul F. S. C.*
4. Barbara Raymond, *F.S.C. of Chicago*
5. Geraldine Nuhfer, *Elysium F. S. C.*

*Men's Junior*

1. Bruce Scheffer, *St. Paul F. S. C.*
2. LeRoy Lindgren, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
3. John Foster, *Cleveland S. C.*
4. James Greene, *Cleveland S. C.*

*Ladies' Novice*

1. Jean Drouillard, *Cleveland S. C.*
2. Harriet Matson, *Elysium F. S. C.*
3. Josephine Meriam, *Cleveland S. C.*
4. Judy Griffin, *Cleveland S. C.*
5. Ella Hornickel, *Cleveland S. C.*
6. Rosemary Hess, *Elysium F. S. C.*
7. Jeanne Leroux, *Tulsa F. S. C.*
8. Betty Courtright, *Olympia S. C.*
9. Mary Glover, *Cleveland S. C.*
10. Joan Wilson, *Cleveland S. C.*
11. Mary Greschke, *Olympia S. C.*
12. Nancy Blair, *Cleveland S. C.*

*Men's Novice*

1. James Potts, *Cleveland S. C.*
2. Michael McGean, *Cleveland S. C.*
3. John Tuckerman, *Cleveland S. C.*
4. Ford Miskell, *Cleveland S. C.*
5. Gordon Gaddis, *Cleveland S. C.*
6. Don Grissom, *Olympia S. C.*

*Senior Pairs*

1. Joan Mitchell & Bobby Specht, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
2. Joanne Frazier & James Greene, *Cleveland S. C.*

*Junior Pairs*

1. Josephine Meriam & John Foster, *Cleveland S. C.*
2. Sally Blair & Huntington Blair, *Cleveland S. C.*
3. Mary Frances Greschke & Don Grissom, *Olympia S. C.*

*Dances*

1. Mr. & Mrs. Arthur F. Preusch, *St. Paul F. S. C.*
2. Dorothy Burkholder & Chas. A. McCarthy, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
3. Mr. & Mrs. Louis F. Cody, *Cleveland S. C.*
4. Mr. & Mrs. William Chisholm, II, *Cleveland S. C.*

