

# The Sectional Championships

## MIDWESTERNS

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THE CLEVELAND SKATING CLUB had the honor this year of being host to the Midwestern Championships, February 28-29 and March 1. Members of the Skating Club worked together to make the occasion a memorable one for the 100 entries and many guests. The entire program from Thursday morning through the grand finale Saturday night was enthusiastically attended and all skaters put on a magnificent performance.

Patch sessions started Monday noon and continued through Wednesday with free skating and dance sessions provided throughout the week.

A cocktail party and dinner was given for judges and officials Wednesday evening at the Club. Many thanks go to the referees, Henry M. Beatty and H. Kendall Kelley, and the twelve judges who helped make the Championships run so smoothly.

The competitions began early Thursday morning with 20 determined young Juvenile Ladies taking the ice for their figures. Donna Abbott took the lead. In the afternoon the Senior and Junior Men performed, and the day ended with Novice Ladies' school figures. Carol Keyes, last year's winner of the Juvenile Ladies, proved herself most competent in the Novice class. Hugh Graham placed first in Senior Men's figures and Barlow Nelson led the Junior Men. Arnold Savage was on leave from the Adjutant Generals School in Fort Harrison, Ind., to compete in the Senior event.

Friday morning 17 Junior Ladies skated the figures, with the Senior Ladies following at noon. Nancy Mineard, despite a bad knee, led the Senior Ladies with five firsts; and Sylvia Beth Sundene's precision put her ahead in Junior Ladies. The simplicity of neat wool or knitted outfits was prominent in all the Ladies' figure events. Juvenile Men, with Dickie Vraa first, wound up the prescribed figure portion of the competition.

Friday evening was truly an eventful one. Tiny Stephanie Westerfeld, in a sweet pink chiffon dress, won final top honors in the Juvenile Ladies' Championship with Donna Abbott in lovely white lace taking second. Diana Lapp, dressed in purple chiffon, came in third to give Broadmoor SC all top honors.

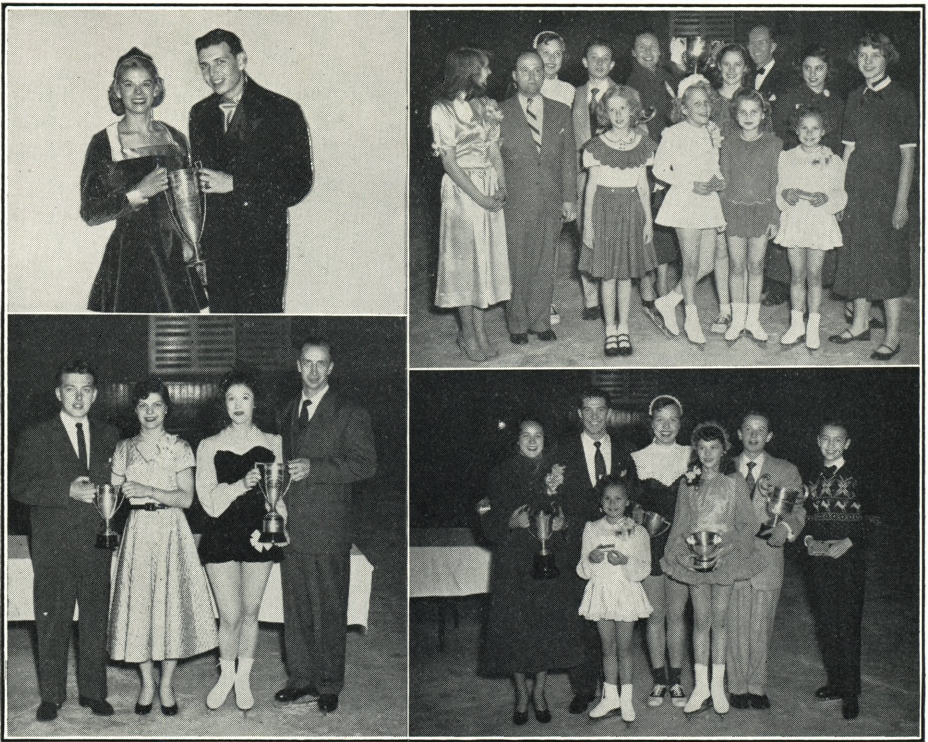
Carol Keyes, looking very lovely in deep lilac chiffon, held her first in figures, skating a beautiful interpretive program; Jo Lu Zimmerman, in aqua blue satin, gave a striking performance to take second place. Sandy Blair skated an inspiring solo to place third.

Two team members from the Fargo-Moorhead WC vied for top honors in Juvenile Men with Dickie Vraa coming out ahead of David Opton. Dennis Markusson skated an interesting program to take third.

Sully Kothman presented a spectacular free skating program which not only won a lot of applause but also advanced him to first in Junior Men. Barlow Nelson and Michael Phenner gave lively and forceful performances to take second and third, respectively.

Saturday afternoon saw the Silver and Bronze Dance competitions. Four couples competed in the Silver Dance, with Eleanor Williams and James Sanderfur showing extreme poise and experience to take first; brother and sister Robert and Carol Keyes placed second, and Anne Rittinger and Paul Pavliska, third. The ease and grace of Robert and Beverly Lokar, another brother and sister team, won them a first in the Bronze Dance, with Sondra Buelteman and Arnold Schroeder runners-up, and Marian Lahtinen and Joseph Reinhart, third. Many lovely pastel shades were featured by the ladies in the dance competitions, adding a true color note to the program.

Saturday night brought the grand finale with magnificent skating. The warm-up periods furnished a wonderful preview of the rainbow of lovely colors in costumes, and of the speed, grace and precision of



#### MIDWESTERN CHAMPIONS

Top: Patsy Ann Buck & Martin Coonan, Jr., Senior Pair Champions; Broadmoor SC Team Trophy winners: Back Row: Betty Lynne Stogner, Ronald Robertson, Mrs. Lewis, Claralynn Lewis, USFSA President Harry Keighley, Carole Ann Carlson, Regina Kaufman; Front Row: Kay Servatius, Edi Scholdan (club pro), Marie Grote, Donna Abbott, Diana Lapp, Stephanie Westerfeld. Bottom: Robert Lokar, Beverly Lokar, Bronze Dance; Eleanor Williams, James Sanderfur, Silver Dance; Singles Champions: Back Row: Mary Ann Dorsey, Junior Lady; Sully Kothman, Junior Man; Betty Lynne Stogner, Senior Lady; Ronald Robertson, Senior Man; Dickie Vraa, Juvenile Boy; Front Row: Stephanie Westerfeld, Juvenile Girl; Carol Keyes, Novice Lady. All photos by William E. Hemmings, Cleveland.

the skaters. Mary Ann Dorsey, lovely in a flame-red chiffon, did a brilliant and colorful program to take her from fourth in figures to first in Junior Ladies. Claralynn Lewis, in fuschia velvet, skated an artistic and interpretive solo to raise her from fifth to second. Sylvia Beth Sundene, in red velvet, had a vivacious performance to bring her a third.

The Senior Men filled their programs with single and double jumps, difficult spins and intricate footwork. Ronald Robertson and David Jenkins, with their displays of artistic precision, each bettered themselves one place by their free skating to take first and second, respectively. Hugh Graham had a smooth, well-planned program to place third.

The Senior Ladies really entered into a free skating contest, all skating ambitious programs. Betty Lynne Stogner, in red velvet with a large white lace yoke, did a beautiful and inspirational performance to skate from second to first. Nancy Mineard, in red chiffon with gold trim, had a spectacular solo to take second, while Nancy Gail Smith, in changing-blue velvet, presented a program unusual with its varied spins to follow in third place. It is interesting to note here that Dickie Vraa, Juvenile Men, and Carol Keyes, Novice Ladies, were the only two who led in figures and retained their top positions.

The evening ended with Senior Pairs. Patsy Ann Buck and Martin Coonan were spectacular in their unusually smooth,

finished performance to give them a first. Brother and sister Hugh and Margaret Graham presented a wonderful exhibition of skating in unison to take second, and third went to Renee Clark and H. William Lang, who skated a very pleasing program.

Before the winners of the final events were announced there were exhibitions by winners of the events completed Friday.

Presentation of trophies and medals was made by Harry N. Keighley, President of the USFSA, and Club President Allen T. Perry. The Cleveland Skating Club Memorial Trophy was won by Broadmoor SC.

A party for competitors and guests followed at the Skating Club, with dancing into the wee small hours of the morning. Disappointments were soon forgotten but old friendships and new acquaintances will long be remembered.

#### SENIOR LADIES

(Chicago Skating Club Trophy)

1. Betty Lynne Stogner, *Broadmoor SC*
2. Nancy Rae Mineard, *Akron SC*
3. Nancy Gail Smith, *Cleveland, Ohio*
4. Kay Servatius, *Broadmoor SC*
5. Sharon Westerfeld, *Broadmoor SC*
6. Jane Holmes, *Chicago FSC*
7. Patsy Herrick, *Cleveland SC*
8. Marilyn Prickman, *Rochester FSC*
9. Dalimira Hanus, *Chicago FSC*
10. Beverly Young, *Cleveland SC*
11. Joanne Will, *Chicago FSC*

#### SENIOR MEN

(Cleveland Skating Club Trophy)

1. Ronald Robertson, *Broadmoor SC*
2. David Jenkins, *Cleveland SC*
3. Hugh C. Graham, Jr., *Tulsa FSC*
4. Noel Ledin, *Chicago FSC*
5. Robert Keyes, *Cleveland SC*
6. Raymond Blommer, *Milwaukee FSC*
7. Charles Foster, *WC of Fargo-Moorhead*
8. Arnold Savage, *Chicago FSC*

#### JUNIOR LADIES

(Donald A. Raymond Cup)

1. Mary Ann Dorsey, *St. Paul FSC*
2. Claralynn Lewis, *Broadmoor SC*
3. Sylvia Beth Sundene, *Chicago FSC*
4. Gladys Irene Jacobs, *Chicago FSC*
5. Marilyn Yvonne Abel, *Denver FSC*
6. Charlene Adams, *Chicago FSC*
7. Carole Ann Carlson, *Broadmoor SC*
8. Margaret Ellen Jonsson, *Dallas FSC*
9. Delita Rodriguez, *Denver FSC*
10. Trudy Asmussen, *Chicago FSC*
11. Mimi Heman, *St. Louis SC*
12. Beverly Lokar, *Detroit SC*
13. Betsy Slaughter, *Akron SC*
14. Andree Anderson, *Chicago FSC*
15. Carol Zeta Houser, *Akron SC*
16. Sharon Piechura, *Milwaukee FSC*
17. Carol Miller, *Detroit SC*
18. Caryl Story, *Chicago FSC*, (withdrew)

#### JUNIOR MEN

1. Sully Kothman, *Dallas FSC*
2. Barlow Nelson, *Tulsa FSC*
3. Michael Phenner, *Chicago FSC*
4. Frank Chlad, *Akron SC*

#### NOVICE LADIES

(Fargo-Moorhead Winter Club Trophy)

1. Carol Keyes, *Cleveland SC*
2. Jo Lu Zimmerman, *Chicago FSC*
3. Sandy Blair, *Cleveland SC*
4. Joanne Hendrickson, *Minneapolis FSC*
5. Elaine Floe Geyer, *Arena FSC of Cleveland*
6. Mary Maloy, *WC of Indianapolis*
7. Judy Dietrich, *Arena FSC of Cleveland*
8. Jeanne Vollman, *Arena FSC of Cleveland*
9. Robin Finlay, *Arena FSC of Cleveland*
10. Judy Rack, *Milwaukee FSC*

#### JUVENILE GIRLS

1. Stephanie Westerfeld, *Broadmoor SC*
2. Donna Abbott, *Broadmoor SC*
3. Diana Lapp, *Broadmoor SC*
4. Janet Hoyman, *WC of Fargo-Moorhead*
5. Regina Kaufman, *Broadmoor SC*
6. Elva Traxler, *Cleveland SC*
7. Nancy Mayer, *Denver FSC*
8. Molly Bruce, *Cleveland SC*
9. Margaret Ann Jurmo, *Detroit SC*
10. Marie Grote, *Broadmoor SC*
11. Jane Horsman, *FSC of Cincinnati*
12. Suzanne Henning, *Cleveland SC*
13. Sally Wells, *Detroit SC*
14. Barbara Kurtzon, *Chicago FSC*
15. Dorothy Ann Nelson, *Chicago FSC*
16. Ruth Karius, *Milwaukee FSC*
17. Susan Slater, *Milwaukee FSC*
18. Carole K. Banbury, *Minneapolis FSC*
19. Suzanne Walker, *Cleveland SC*
20. Judy Klein, *Cleveland SC*
21. Sally Krill, *Cleveland SC*, (withdrew)

#### JUVENILE BOYS

1. Dickie Vraa, *WC of Fargo-Moorhead*
2. David Opton, *WC of Fargo-Moorhead*
3. Dennis Markusson, *Akron SC*

#### SENIOR PAIRS

(Harry E. Radix Pair Cup)

1. Patsy Ann Buck & Martin P. Coonan, Jr., *St. Paul FSC*
2. Margaret Anne Graham & Hugh C. Graham, Jr., *Tulsa FSC*
3. Renee Clark & William Lang, *Arena FSC of Cleveland*

#### SILVER DANCE

(Harry E. Radix Dance Trophy)

1. Eleanor Williams & James Sanderfur, *Chicago FSC*
2. Carol Keyes & Robert Keyes, *Cleveland SC*
3. Ann Rittinger & Paul E. Pavliska, *Cleveland SC*
4. Gladys Murar & Clifford Fulton, *Arena FSC of Cleveland*

#### BRONZE DANCE

(Rochester Figure Skating Club Trophy)

1. Beverly Lokar & Robert R. Lokar, *Detroit SC*
2. Sondra Buelteman & Arnold Schroeder, *Detroit SC*
3. Marian Lahtinen & Joseph Reinhardt, *Chicago FSC*
4. Anne Rankin & Joseph Nook, Jr., *Cleveland SC*
5. Mr. & Mrs. Newton T. Todd, *WC of Indianapolis*
6. Carol Finney & Jack Herrick, *Cleveland SC*
7. Harlene Lou Jones & Neal Brunner, *Cleveland SC*

Cleveland Memorial Trophy (Team)

1. Broadmoor SC
2. Cleveland SC
3. Chicago FSC