

# Skating Around the World

## Finland

The 80th anniversary of the death of Jackson Haines (1840-1876) "the father of figure skating," is another milestone in the history of the sport. The Town of Gamlakarleby in Finland where the grave of this American "pioneer" is located will celebrate this event on June 23.

Many skaters may not be aware of his impact on the sport or that it was his genius of combining dancing and music with ice skating which laid the groundwork for the contemporary style of skating. Though Haines awed spectators throughout America, his greatest recognition came during his eleven-year (1865-1876) exhibition tour of northern Europe which ended tragically with his death. He exerted a powerful influence on the sport abroad but this trend—the International Style—was not felt in his native land until about 1909.

## Scandinavia

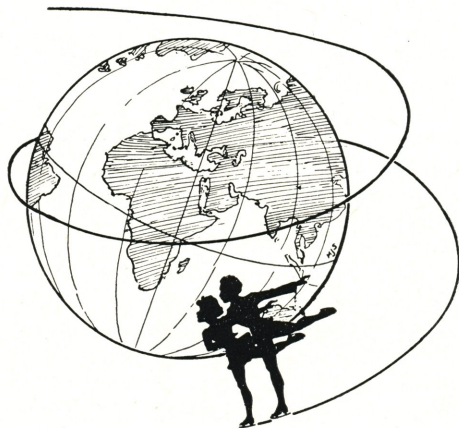
Per Cock-Clausen of Denmark reported the results of the various championships held in the Scandinavian countries during the past season:

**NORWEGIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS** were held at Bergen and Voss on January 22-23. Brit Turid Aronsen won the Ladies' title in a field of six competitors. There were no competitors for the Men's Championship. Bjørg Skjelaaen & Johannes Thoresen placed first out of two pairs.

**SWEDISH CHAMPIONSHIPS** were held at Stockholm on January 22-23. Margaretha Brungaard placed first in the Ladies' Championship over four competitors, and Hans Lindh won the Men's event (2 competitors). Agnete & Christian Wale were first in the Pair competition (2 pairs).

**DANISH CHAMPIONSHIPS** were on February 26-27 at Copenhagen. Bente Sørensen won the Ladies' title (4 competitors); Per Cock-Clausen, the Men's (4 competitors); Ayro Kondrup & Alf Refer, the Pair Championship (2 competitors).

**FINNISH CHAMPIONSHIPS** were held on February 26-27 at Helsingfors. Riiti Linna placed first out of six competitors with



her sister Kiirsti, second; Kalle Tuulos was the only entry in the Men's class. Leena Pietila & Lasse Bjørkman had no competition for the Pair title.

**SCANDINAVIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS** were arranged by Denmark on February 4-6 at the Swedish city of Gøteborg on outdoor artificial ice. The results were as follows: **LADIES:** 1. Ingeborg Nilsson, Norway; 2. Brit Turid Aronsen, Norway; 3. Ally Lundstrøm, Sweden (6 competitors). **MEN:** 1. Kalle Tuulos, Finland; 2. Per Cock-Clausen, Denmark; 3. Hans Lindh, Sweden. **PAIRS:** 1. Bjørg Skjelaaen & Johannes Thoresen, Norway; 2. Ingeborg Nilsson & Reidar Borjeson, Norway; 3. Gun Mothander & Hans Lindh, Sweden (4 pairs). **JUNIOR MEN:** 1. Per Kjølberg, Norway (4 competitors). **JUNIOR LADIES:** 1. Greta Borgen, Norway (18 competitors).

**AN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** was held at Helsingfors on February 20-21, to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Helsingfors Skridskoklubb. The winners were: **LADIES**—Ally Lundstrøm, Sweden; **MEN**—Kalle Tuulos, Finland.

## Great Britain

John Noel's report about the Junior Championships is as follows:

"The British Junior Championships took place at Richmond, Surrey, on Mar. 31, with most disappointing results.

There were six figures instead of the usual four, five of them drawn and not set. All the young skaters seemed to be taken off their guard, and some very poor figures were skated. The men were getting marks of 1 and 2, on the ISU scale of 6.

"Because the figures were so bad, the NSA decided to withhold the prizes in the ladies' and men's events. Thus, Britain finds herself without junior champions—a sad result of the declining interest in school figures.

"The free skating was much better. Thelma Perry, pupil of Arnold Gerschwiler, showed a graceful and attractive style reminiscent of Aja Vrzanova, while British Pair Champion Vivien Higson skated a vigorous program full of jumps. The three men jumped well but lacked style.

"Young Rodney Ward & Carolyn Krau—not yet in their teens, I believe—won the pair title with ease, and made a great impression. Pupils of Gladys Hogg, they show signs of following the successful career of John & Jenny Nicks. Second in the pairs was the former British international skater Anne Robinson, with T. W. Orton.

"Principal results were: **LADIES** (15 competitors): 1. Thelma Perry; 2. Patricia Anne Edwards; 3. Vivien M. Higson. **MEN**: 1. Peter Burrows; 2. Alex McGowan; 3. David A. J. Fuest. **PAIRS** (5 pairs): 1. Carolyn P. Krau & Rodney Ward; 2. Anne Robinson & Terence W. Orton; 3. Lesley E. Norfolk & John Pearce.

"A junior dance championship was held for the first time, for the handsome trophies presented by World Champions Jean Westwood & Lawrence Demmy. Winners were Barbara Thompson & Gerry Rigby."

### **South Africa**

The South African Championships were held at the Olympia rink, Johannesburg, on February 13-14. Yvonne Upcott skated well to beat Coreen Van Heerden, who had held the Ladies' title for the past two years. Arthur Chapman was a clear winner in the Men's, with Andre Erlank in second position. Coreen Van Heerden & Cliff West won the Dance event, while

Susan Ford & Andre Erlank took the Pair title. Yvonne Upcott & Travers Penrose were runners-up in both Dance and Pair events. Susan Ford won the Junior class and C. Frootko came first in the competition for under-11's. Louise Dahl placed first in the Novice; H. Polker & N. Frootko took the Junior Waltz. B. Kloppers & C. Elsworthy won the Novice Dance competition.

### **Italy**

The Italian Skating Championships were held March 4-5 in Torino. In each division—ladies, men and pairs—there were three categories.

In the highest category for the ladies, the place winners were: 1. Fiorella Negro, Milano; 2. Emma Giardini, Milano; 3. Luisella Gaspari, Cortina. In the top men's class, Roberto Rubino of Milano was the only entry. In the first pair group, there were two entries—Bona Giammona & Giancarlo Sioli, Milano, first, and Rosalia Piantella & Aldo Burdet, Torino, second.

The winners in the second category were: Ladies—Carla Tichatschek, Merano; Men—Sergio Belle, Torino; Pairs—Rosalia Piantella & Aldo Burdet, Torino.

In the third category, the following skaters placed first: Ladies—Anna Galmarini, Milano; Men—Sergio Brosio, Torino; Pairs—Maria Grazia Ferraroli & Luciano Borghesio, Torino.

### **Netherlands**

The Dutch National Championships, which were held on March 21 at the Hokij ice rink in The Hague, were reported to SKATING by Hans Molenaar:

"Fourteen-year-old Joan Haanappel of The Hague took a comfortable lead over Sjoukje Dijkstra (13 years) of Amsterdam after the six compulsory figures. Joan Haanappel took first place with all three judges. Especially her four minute program of free skating was excellent. She combined double axels, double salchows and combination jumps with several sorts of quick and well executed steps, so that the public gave her a big ovation afterwards. Her rival, the Amsterdam girl, jumps very well indeed, but she concentrates too much upon that jumping, for-

getting that free skating also has to consist of charm and grace. Koos and Toki were winners of the dance title by beating Eddy de Vos and Loeky Daudey."

### Switzerland

The results of the Swiss Figure Skating Championships were: **LADIES:** 1. Georgette Fischer, Zurich; 2. Alice Fischer, Zurich; 3. Carine Borner, Lausanne (9 competitors). **MEN:** 1. Hans Muller, Zurich; 2. Kurt Pulver, Berne; 3. Gerald Desbaillet, Geneva (3 competitors). **PAIRS:** 1. Susy Holstein & Willy Wahl, Flims; 2. Maya Hool & Fritz Loosli, Berne.

A four-day school for Swiss ice dance judges was held at Davos with Emile Finsterwald as President. André Jobin directed the course, assisted by Dr. Brunner and Eugene Kirchhofer. Nigel and Albertina Brown gave demonstrations of the different phases of dancing.

### Hawaii

The following information was forwarded to SKATING by Agnes Holland, Seattle SC:

Land on Kapiolani Boulevard next to a drive-in theater has been leased as the site of Honolulu's first ice skating rink, to be called John P. Betro's Glacierium. Plans for the rink were announced in February by John P. Betro, who for three years owned and operated Betro's Ice Palais in Sydney, Australia. His plans call for a 200 by 300 foot auditorium-type building with a skating rink 90 by 200 feet. There will be a seating capacity of 8,000 to 10,000 spectators.

### Japan

The Japanese Championships were held at Lake Tadenou-Ume in Suwa City, Nagano, on January 27-30. The Team Manager was S. Toyama, and T. Kimura served as Judge.

Nearly thirteen hundred skaters, including speed skaters and hockey players, assembled at the lake to view the competition.

In the Senior Ladies' and Men's competitions, the compulsory figures were No. 12, 14, and 19a. The free skating lasted three minutes and had a factor of 2.

The Senior Ladies placed as follows: 1. Tsuyako Yamashita, Osaka SC; 2. Reiko Kobayashi, Tokyo SC; 3. Yohiko Mitoro, Tokyo SC.

The Senior Men finished in the following order: 1. Kazuya Shigeno, Tokyo SC; 2. Masami Kobayashi, Nagano SC; 3. Hideo Sugita, Tokyo SC.

Hisako Kudo and Fumiko Kitajima got first and second places in the junior high school girls' division.



## National Judges' Meeting

AN INFORMAL MEETING for National Judges took place at Colorado Springs the Sunday morning after the Nationals. This is one of the few occasions when many National Judges are in one place, and many worthwhile ideas are exchanged. The Judging Chairman, Mr. Hart, presided with Competition Chairman Beatty assisting. The three Vice-Chairmen of the Judging Committee were present as well as 19 National Judges.

The discussion was entirely on theory and not in any sense a post mortem of the recent competition; in fact, no mention of any skating or marks was made. Various suggestions were offered to improve judging of competitions and tests—the recording of marks, etc. At the end of two hours everyone agreed that it had been a most valuable session and similar meetings will be held at the Nationals in the future. The top judges normally do not have an opportunity to discuss problems and offer suggestions, as usually only a few are together at Judges Schools or when giving Gold Tests. On these occasions the National Judges are busy helping other lower test judges; sessions devoted solely to top level discussion should help unify judging.—TWB.