

The Midwestern Championships

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THE 25TH MIDWESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS were held in Cleveland, Ohio, under the auspices of the Cleveland Skating Club, at their rink and club house, on February 16-18. One hundred and two entries arrived representing nineteen clubs.

At 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, 17 Novice Ladies began their figures, followed by seven Novice Men, four Juvenile Boys and 17 Juvenile Girls in the afternoon. Two Junior Men and three Senior Men completed their figures Thursday evening. The real work for the Judges began on Friday morning when 19 Junior Ladies started tracing four figures, followed by nine Senior Ladies with five figures to complete. All went well, however, under the able administration of George B. Jenkinson, Referee, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Harry N. Keighley of Chicago, Illinois, Assistant Referee.

The Bronze Dancers on Friday evening began the more interesting part of the program, from the audience point of view, with their initial round on the Fiesta Tango and Willow Waltz. Yvonne Drummond sparkled through her free skating to win the Juvenile Girls event, followed by Tim Hamilton who headed the list of four Juvenile Boys.

The entries in the Junior Pairs provided a real highlight in completing Friday evening's performance. The spectators' very evident pleasure and applause indicated a close decision might be required to place three very enjoyable pair numbers. The final results put Gayle Benvie & Karl Freed in first place.

The Silver Dance initial round provided an enjoyable beginning on Saturday afternoon, followed by the Bronze Dancers who completed their final round with a display of music interpretation and style not usually found at the Bronze level of dancing. Gayle Benvie & Karl Freed repeated their win of the preceding evening to become the only double winners.

The Novice Ladies then took to the ice, where Junée Rodriguez, in a red lined white lace dress, skated her way to a first place. Douglas Ramsay, Detroit SC's eleven year old, then turned in a remarkable free skating performance in Novice Men to lead a field of seven contestants with five first place ordinals.

The Senior Pairs completed Saturday afternoon's events with a duel between Antoinette Abell & Bob Keyes and Margaret Jurmo & Roy Pringle. First honors went to Antoinette and Bob, whose spectacular lifts and excellent interpretation of their music combined to produce a well-polished routine.

The evening events were led by the Silver Dancers who danced with four individual styles and interpretation to the delight of a full house who saw Judy Kay Boner & Edwin Zschau take first place.

A rainbow then took to the ice in the colorful dresses of the Junior Ladies. Stephanie Westerfeld won the event with a superb and expressive interpretation of her music. Tommy DeBaca repeated in the Junior Men's event.

Color again was the center of attraction during the Senior Ladies, which provides the best in ladies' free skating in the Midwestern section. The audience thought so, too, by the length and volume of applause. Carol Keyes won first place in a technically skillful and accomplished performance. Gladys Irene Jacobs and Sandy Blair followed close behind in second and third place.

Tommy Weinreich and Dave Shulman thrilled the audience with exciting and impressive skating, Tommy being the second skater of the competition to win with five first place ordinals.

Winners of the Juvenile, Novice, Bronze Dance and Senior Pair events gave exhibitions while the auditors, under Harold Leroux, labored to produce their final results so that George B. Jenkinson, Referee,

and Sheldon S. Reynolds, President of the Cleveland SC, could present the medals and trophies. Mr. Reynolds, to his absolute and complete surprise as he followed the announcer's directions, was obliged to present the Cleveland SC trophy for the Club winning the most points on the Harned Trophy System, to himself! The Cleveland SC vociferously welcomed the return of its own cup which had been in other hands for many years.

SENIOR LADIES

(Chicago Figure Skating Club Trophy)

1. Carol Keyes, *Cleveland SC*
2. Gladys Irene Jacobs, *Chicago FSC*
3. Sandy Blair, *Cleveland SC*
4. Tonny Hoonhout, *Lansing SC*
5. Judy Kay Boner, *FSC of Omaha*
6. Claire Waters, *Lansing SC*
7. Elaine Geyer, *Lansing SC*
8. Patricia Haggerty, *Rochester FSC*
9. Regina Kaufman, *Broadmoor SC*

SENIOR MEN

(Cleveland Skating Club Trophy)

1. Tommy Weinreich, *Broadmoor SC*
2. David Shulman, *Lansing SC*

JUNIOR LADIES

(Donald A. Raymond Cup)

1. Stephanie Westerfeld, *Broadmoor SC*
2. Diana Lapp, *Denver*
3. Dorothy Ann Nelson, *Chicago FSC*
4. Vicky Fisher, *Cleveland SC*
5. Donna Abbott, *Broadmoor SC*
6. Charlotte Springman, *FSC of Omaha*
7. Susan Bass, *Denver FSC*
8. Susie Samberg, *Detroit SC*
9. Suzanne Walker, *Cleveland SC*
10. Margaret Jurmo, *Detroit SC*
11. Sally Wells, *Detroit SC*
12. Susan Slater, *Wauwatosa FSC*
13. Elva Traxler, *Cleveland SC*
14. Barbara Henry, *FSC of Omaha*
15. Patti Creed, *Detroit SC*
16. Margie Cram, *Cleveland SC*
17. Shirley Carlson, *Denver FSC*
18. Judy Ballard, *FSC of Minneapolis*
19. Vivian Hayes, *Sioux City FSC*

JUNIOR MEN

(Fred W. Premer Memorial Trophy)

1. Tommy DeBaca, *Broadmoor SC*
2. Edwin Zschau, *FSC of Omaha*
3. Paul Sibley, *Colorado Springs*

NOVICE LADIES

(Fargo-Moorhead Winter Club Trophy)

1. Junée Rodriguez, *Denver FSC*
2. Carol Springman, *FSC of Omaha*
3. Mary Lou Gillengerten, *Lansing SC*
4. Blair Bacon, *Chicago FSC*
5. Janet Harley, *Detroit SC*
6. Louise Strudwick, *FSC of Minneapolis*
7. Penny Ann Moore, *Detroit SC*
8. Vickie Lee Solberg, *Rochester FSC*
9. Ruth Ann Hayes, *Sioux City FSC*
10. Bonnie Carlson, *Denver FSC*
11. Sally Carter, *Cleveland SC*
12. Marilyn Meeker, *WC of Indianapolis*
13. Jane Daugherty, *Rochester FSC*
14. Linda DeHart, *WC of Indianapolis*
15. Pauline Schreck, *Wauwatosa FSC*
16. Micki Myers, *Lansing SC*
17. Barbara Wedow, *Cleveland SC*

NOVICE MEN

1. Douglas Ramsay, *Detroit SC*
2. Paul Allen, *WC of Fargo-Moorhead*
3. Pieter Kollen, *Detroit SC*
4. Monroe Meier, *Chicago FSC*
5. David Elliott, *WC of Indianapolis*
6. James Browning, *WC of Indianapolis*
7. Steve Jones, *WC of Indianapolis*

JUVENILE GIRLS

1. Yvonne Drummond, *Detroit SC*
2. Sandra Shaw, *Detroit SC*
3. Marilyn Keyes, *Cleveland SC*
4. Pamela Thatcher, *Broadmoor SC*
5. Vicki DeWeese, *Troy SC*
6. JoAnn Mazzeri, *FSC of Omaha*
7. Susan Bright, *Cleveland SC*
8. Joyce Komperda, *Wauwatosa FSC*
9. Paula Donald, *FSC of Minneapolis*
10. Aloise Samson, *Detroit SC*
11. Chickie Berlin, *Chicago FSC*
12. Joanne Heckert, *Lansing SC*
13. Sally Birkenstein, *Chicago FSC*
14. Judy Knight, *Cleveland SC*
15. Nancy Czarnecky, *Wauwatosa FSC*
16. Katherine Fraser, *Ann Arbor FSC*
17. Gwynne Shabouth, *Broadmoor SC*

JUVENILE BOYS

1. Tim Hamilton, *Lansing SC*
2. Monty Hoyt, *Denver CC*
3. James Bright, *Cleveland SC*
4. Larry Fulton, *Arena FSC of Cleveland*

SENIOR PAIRS

(Harry E. Radix Cup)

1. Antoinette Abell & Robert Keyes, *Cleveland SC*
2. Margaret Jurmo & Roy Pringle, *Detroit SC*

JUNIOR PAIRS

(B. H. Metternich Trophy)

1. Gayle Benvie & Karl Freed, *Queen City FSC*
2. Vivian Hayes & Bo Bergeson, *Sioux City FSC*
3. Marthine & James Browning, *WC of Indianapolis*

SILVER DANCE

(Harry E. Radix Trophy)

1. Judy Kay Boner & Edwin Zschau, *FSC of Omaha*
2. Gail Kizer & Roy Speeg, *FSC of Cincinnati*
3. Norma Foster & Arthur Dammkoehler, *Chicago FSC*
4. Harlene Jones & Joseph Hendrich, *Cleveland SC*
5. Elaine Geyer & David Shulman, *Lansing SC*

BRONZE DANCE

(Rochester Figure Skating Club Trophy)

1. Gayle Benvie & Karl Freed, *Queen City FSC*
2. Thomasine Pierce & Mike Griga, *FSC of Cincinnati*
3. Vivian Hayes & Bo Bergeson, *Sioux City FSC*
4. Catherine Rathnow & Harry La Friske, Sr., *Chicago FSC*
5. Mr. & Mrs. Newton T. Todd, *WC of Indianapolis*
6. Mrs. Rowena Lahr & Edward E. Evans, III, *Cleveland SC*
7. Ann Schweitzer & Hayward K. Kelley, Jr., *Cleveland SC*
8. Ruthanne Reynolds & Clyde Roberts, *WC of Indianapolis*

