

The United States Championships

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THE UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS, held at Berkeley, Iceland on March 11 through 16, always a glamor show in itself, seemed to borrow more glamor from the World Championships held two weeks earlier at Colorado Springs. Of course we fell heir to the two World Champions, Carol Heiss and David Jenkins, but we also enjoyed the good company and fine skating of many more who competed, judged, or just "spectated."

Monday and Tuesday were given over to patch and free style practice, but Wednesday morning bright and early saw the Novice Ladies take to the ice for the compulsory figure competition. Diana Jean Lapp, pretty little miss from Denver, established a comfortable lead which Brenda Farmer tried very hard to overcome Thursday night with her well-performed free skating. In fact, the first four places in figures remained unchanged in free style, but the rest of the Novice places saw free style upset the figure berths.

Figure placings for Novice Men saw no change in the first three after the free skating on Thursday night. Gregory Kelley from Boston not only piled up a good lead in figures but put on a free style show that brought judges' marks of 8.2 to 8.6 and a definite lead over his nearest competitor, Frank Carroll. Pieter Kollen held his third place with a loss and a gain from two judges.

Thursday morning was given over to the Senior Ladies' figures and pulled a goodly crowd of spectators. As the morning wore on and each figure's score was posted it was quite apparent that Carol Heiss was piling up an unbeatable lead, taking firsts from all the judges. But Joan Schenke went right on about her business and cinched second place, although Claralynn Lewis was not far behind in third.

Someone was heard to remark that if our Good Lord and Master were to compete with, of course, a perfect perform-

ance, there would be some judges who would score a 9.9. If that were the case, then Carol Heiss scored a perfect on Friday night when one judge gave her 9.9 for manner of performance. This writer does not ever expect to see anything more perfect . . . a sustained pace that seemed never hurried, spectacular jumps smoothly connected, beautiful spirals and spins, all done in a manner to interpret the music superbly. It was smooth flowing poetry done in dynamic fashion!

All of this did not deter Joan Schenke from putting on a lovely show. It seemed her music was a bit too heavy at first, but then it dropped into a dreamy cadence that Joan paced very gracefully. Claralynn Lewis crowded Joan with her fine program fitted very neatly to the beautiful passages of "Rigoletto." And also sister Nancy Heiss is following closely in the family tradition by placing fourth in both figures and free style. We'll hear lots from that young lady in the next few years. Her whirlwind finish brought down the house in shrieks and whistles. Charlene Adams had us a bit puzzled at the first of her Cinderella Ballroom music but she portrayed the record very well and performed all those things the judges are looking for.

Junior Men skated their figures Thursday afternoon with Bradley Lord coming out on top. He held the lead with a good free style program on Saturday night, starting with "La Traviata" and running into mood-changing melodies. Jim Short upset the apple cart with his powerful and heavily laden program to jump ahead of Lorin Caccamise and Don Mike Anthony. All three boys came from the Los Angeles FSC so this portion of the contest took on the aspects of an intra-mural affair. Tommy DeBaca came out at the bottom in figures but his spectacular free style pulled him up to fifth place and a threat to fourth.

Senior Men were next to do their figures, which took all of Friday morning. Tim Brown crowded David Jenkins with a mere eight points between them, but David widened this gap when it came to free skating. When I tried to put down notes after David's performance, I found but one adjective to fit, so just put down the word "flawless!" And apparently the judges came very near to that word; their marks were all bunched up in 9.7, 9.8, and 9.9!

Tim Brown chose a program to the melodic strains of Rachmaninoff, skating to the liquid tones of the piano in a relaxed but forceful telling of the music and, by so doing, held his second place easily. Tom Moore's strong, powerful jumps, accurately punctuating his well-chosen music, earned him third place from fourth in figures.

The last to do their figures on Friday afternoon, the Junior Ladies found Carol Wanek at the top. Lynn Finnegan was uncomfortably close behind by a scant 11 points, so Saturday night was a thriller in watching these two battle it out for first place; but Carol took three firsts in her free style while the other two firsts went to Lynn. Not until the awards were announced at the end of the evening did the spectators, or even the judges, know the outcome.

Junior Pairs was a close race, with the judges' first, second, and third places freely scattered among four pairs; but, with no majority for first, the sweet youngsters from Seattle, Ila Ray Hadley & Ray Hadley, Jr. squeezed out first place by just one ordinal with Sharon Constable & John Hertz, also from Seattle SC, the runners-up.

In Senior Pairs, Nancy Rouillard & Ronald Ludington gave a performance of precision with grace, accurate changes in pace, and jumps in beautiful unison and close form which won them first place with points to spare. Mary Jane Watson & John Jarmon performed with exquisite grace and in fine unison, but their program did not seem to be as full as that of the winners'.

Out of six entries in Silver Dance, five

competed. Barbara Roles, unfortunately, suffered an ankle injury which put her out of the running, both in this class and in Junior Ladies'. The performance of Claire O'Neill & John Bejshak in their Free Dance was marked by tricky, fast steps and good unison, including the Argentine "twizzle" in various spots—a step which seemed to be scarce in the other performances. Generally, the Silver Free Dances lacked polish and generous demonstration of dance steps. Nevertheless, the performances were pleasing and brought rounds of applause from the stands.

Sharon McKenzie & Bert Wright swept the board in the Gold Dance with all first places in both the compulsory phase and the Free Dance. In their free dance presentation they mixed up their music into foxtrot with lively staccato, blues, and toe-tickling polkas. The couple from Buffalo and Rochester, Andree Anderson & Donald Jacoby, placed solidly in the compulsory for second place but, according to the judges, Joan Zamboni & Roland Junso scored higher in the Free Dance. They skated to organ music alternating slow and fast foxtrot, with good changes of pace.

An added feature of the Thursday night program were exhibitions by the Japanese World Team. It was very interesting to see how far these young skaters had progressed under the handicap of their isolation from the normal skating world. They had picked up much of their knowledge from visiting G. I. skaters, also from the visits of Tenley, Hayes, and Dick Button, and from many motion pictures. This charming group of skaters made many friends, both at the Worlds and at Nationals, and we enjoyed very much our visits with them.

The Saturday program, aside from the skating events, included a morning meeting of Figure and Dance Judges at the Shattuck Hotel. Deane E. McMinn conducted the Figure Judges session, at which the principal discussion centered on the subject of setting up standards for qualification of Junior and Senior Pairs in competition. Henry M. Beatty also gave

a short talk at the outset of this meeting. The Dance Judges meeting was presided over by F. Ritter Shumway, at which many matters were brought up, including the feasibility of replacing the College Tango with the Canasta Tango in the Preliminary Dance Test.

The post-competition dinner-dance was held Saturday night at the Hotel Claremont, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Carroll Dressler of The SC of San Francisco. The Judges Dinner, held the preceding Tuesday, was also at the Claremont, under the direction of Mrs. Camil Roos; it was preceded by a cocktail party at the home of Henry F. Swift, Honorary General Chairman of the Championships and Honorary President of the St. Moritz ISC.

To many of the competitors and their parents the beautiful San Francisco Bay Area was new ground, and they lost no time between appearances on the ice to go sightseeing. Of course, one of the main points of interest was the remarkable setting of the Suro Ice Rink, home of The Skating Club of San Francisco out next to the famous Cliff House, perched on the rocky shore where waves dash up against the windows. Many stayed over Sunday and Monday to explore further the beauties of fabulous San Francisco Bay.

LADIES' SENIOR

FOR GERTRUDE CHEEVER PORTER TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Frank J. Goodwin, Philadelphia; (2) Mrs. L. A. Graham, Akron; (3) Howell Janes, San Francisco; (4) Alex J. Krupy, Chicago; (5) Deane E. McMinn, Los Angeles. FIGURES: No. 20b, 23a, 34b, 36a, 39b, 40a.

1. (1)	Carol Heiss								
	<i>The SC of New York</i>	1	1	1	1	1			5
2. (2)	Joan Schenke								
	<i>Lakewood WC</i>	3	2	2	2				11
3. (3)	Clarylenn Lewis								
	<i>Broadmoor SC</i>	2	3	3	3	4			15
4. (4)	Nancy Heiss								
	<i>The SC of New York</i>	4	4	4	4	3			19
5. (5)	Charlene Adams								
	<i>Chicago FSC</i>	5	5	6	6	6			28

Note: Figure in parentheses—ranking at the end of compulsory figures in the singles events, and at the end of compulsory dances in the dance events.

6. (6)	Sherry Dorsey								
	<i>Seattle SC</i>	6	7	5	7	5			30
7. (7)	Gladys Jacobs								
	<i>Chicago FSC</i>	7	8	7	5	8			35
8. (8)	Carol Keyes								
	<i>Cleveland SC</i>	8	6	8	8	7			37

MEN'S SENIOR

FOR GEORGE H. BROWNE MEMORIAL TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Mrs. Alex L. Babbit, Tacoma; (2) Alex J. Krupy, Chicago; (3) Deane E. McMinn, Los Angeles; (4) Mrs. Robert Sackett, Kansas City; (5) Mrs. Benjamin T. Wright, Boston. FIGURES: No. 21b, 22a, 32b, 34a, 37a, 39b.

1. (1)	David Jenkins								
	<i>Broadmoor SC</i>	1	1	1	1	1			5
2. (2)	Tim Brown								
	<i>Berkeley</i>	2	2	2	2	2			10
3. (4)	Tom Moore								
	<i>Seattle SC</i>	3	3	3	3	3			15
4. (3)	Robert Lee Brewer								
	<i>Blade & Edge Club</i>	4	5	4	4	4			21
5. (6)	Raymond Blommer								
	<i>Philadelphia SC & HS</i>	5	6	6	5	6			28
6. (7)	Tom Weinreich								
	<i>Broadmoor SC</i>	6	4	8	7	7			32
7. (5)	Barlow Nelson								
	<i>The SC at Dartmouth</i>	7	7½	7	6	5			32½
8. (8)	Richard Swenning								
	<i>St. Moritz ISC</i>	8	7½	5	8	8			36½

SENIOR PAIRS FOR HENRY WAINWRIGHT HOWE MEMORIAL TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Mrs. John K. Ballantine, Berkeley; (2) George B. Jenkinson, Tulsa; (3) Alex J. Krupy, Chicago; (4) Deane E. McMinn, Los Angeles; (5) Mrs. Benjamin T. Wright, Boston.

1.	Nancy Rouillard & Ronald Ludington								
	<i>Commonwealth FSC, The SC of Boston</i>	1	1	1	1	1			5
2.	Mary Jane Watson & John H. Jarmon								
	<i>Broadmoor SC</i>	2	2	2	2	2			10
3.	Anita Tefkin & James Barlow								
	<i>Arctic Blades FSC</i>	3	3	3	3	3			15

LADIES' JUNIOR FOR JAMES A. TOWER TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Mrs. L. A. Graham, Akron; (2) George B. Jenkinson, Tulsa; (3) Mrs. Joseph Jensen, Seattle; (4) Mrs. Arthur C. McGowan, II, New York; (5) Mrs. John R. Shoemaker, San Francisco. FIGURES: No. 16, 18b, 21a, 22a, 27b.

1. (1)	Carol Wanek								
	<i>The SC of New York</i>	1	2	2	1	1			7
2. (2)	Lynn Finnegan								
	<i>The SC of Boston</i>	2	1	1	2	2			8
3. (3)	Stephanie Westerfeld								
	<i>Broadmoor SC</i>	4	3	3	3	6			19

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U. S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

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13. (13)	Yukio Nishikura							
	<i>Japan</i>							
	14	12	13	15	12	12	12	90
14. (15)	Hideo Sugita							
	<i>Japan</i>							
	13	14	15	13	14	14	15	98
15. (14)	Kazuo Ohashi							
	<i>Japan</i>							
	15	15	16	14	15	16	14	105
16. (17)	Charles Keeble							
	<i>Australia</i>							
	16	17	14	16	16	15	17	111
17. (16)	William Cherrell							
	<i>Australia</i>							
	17	16	17	17	17	17	16	117

PAIRS

JUDGES: (1) Hans Meixner, Austria; (2) James A. McKechnie, Canada; (3) Gerard Rodrigues-Henriques, France; (4) Rudolph Marx, West Germany; (5) Mrs. Pamela E. L. Davis, Great Britain; (6) Bruno Bonfiglio, Italy; (7) Howell Janes, United States.

1.	Barbara Wagner & Robert Paul							
	<i>Canada</i>							
	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	8
2.	Marika Kilius & Franz Ningel							
	<i>West Germany</i>							
	2	3	2½	1	2	3	3	16½
3.	Maria Jelinek & Otto Jelinek							
	<i>Canada</i>							
	3	2	2½	3	3	2	2	17½
4.	Nancy Rouillard & Ronald Ludington							
	<i>United States</i>							
	4	5	4	5	5	4	4	31
5.	Joyce Coates & Anthony Holles							
	<i>Great Britain</i>							
	5	4	5	4	4	5	5	32

DANCE

JUDGES: (1) Walter Malek, Austria; (2) Mrs. Pierrette Paquin Devine, Canada; (3) Mrs. Daphne Ward, Great Britain; (4) Eugen Kirchhofer, Switzerland; (5) Mrs. John R. Shoemaker, United States. COMPULSORY DANCES: Foxtrot, European Waltz, Paso Doble, Argentine Tango.

First figure—final ranking; figure in parentheses—ranking at end of compulsory dances.

1.	(1) June Markham & Courtney Jones							
	<i>Great Britain</i>							
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
2.	(2) Geraldine Fenton & William McLachlan							
	<i>Canada</i>							
	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	11
3.	(3) Sharon McKenzie & Bert Wright							
	<i>United States</i>							
	5	3	3	3	2			16
4.	(4) Joan Zamboni & Roland Junso							
	<i>United States</i>							
	4	4	6	4	4			22
5.	(6) Barbara Thompson & Gerard Rigby							
	<i>Great Britain</i>							
	3	8	5	6	5			27
6.	(5) Catherine Morris & Michael Robinson							
	<i>Great Britain</i>							
	6	6	4	5	8			29
7.	(7) Carmel Bodel & Edward Bodel							
	<i>United States</i>							
	7	5	9	7	7			35
8.	(8) Beverley Orr & Hugh Smith							
	<i>Canada</i>							
	10	7	8	8	6			39
9.	(9) Sigrid Knake & Guenter Koch							
	<i>West Germany</i>							
	8	9	7	9	9			42
10.	(10) Christiane Elien & Claude Lambert							
	<i>France</i>							
	11	10	10	10	10			51
11.	(11) Edith Peikert & Hans Kutschera							
	<i>Austria</i>							
	9	11	11	11	11			53

4.	(4) LaRee Coyle							
	<i>Blade & Edge Club</i>							
	5	5½	4	4	3			21½
5.	(5) Gloria Linek							
	<i>Blade & Edge Club</i>							
	3	5½	5	7	4			24½
6.	(7) Rickie Anne Rendich							
	<i>Rye FSC</i>							
	7	8	6	6	5			32
7.	(6) Dorothy Ann Nelson							
	<i>Chicago FSC</i>							
	8	4	7	5	7			31
8.	(8) Judy Boner							
	<i>FSC of Omaha</i>							
	6	7	8	8	8			37

MEN'S JUNIOR

FOR IRVING BROKAW MEMORIAL TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) George B. Jenkinson, Tulsa; (2) Mrs. Joseph Jensen, Seattle; (3) Mrs. Arthur C. McGowan, II, New York; (4) Mrs. Robert Sackett, Kansas City; (5) Mrs. Roger Willis, Berkeley. FIGURES: No. 20b, 23a, 30b, 32b, 34a.

1.	(1) Bradley Lord							
	<i>The SC of Boston</i>							
	2	1	1	1	1			6
2.	(4) James Short							
	<i>Los Angeles FSC</i>							
	3	3	2	2	2			12
3.	(3) Lorin Caccamise							
	<i>Los Angeles FSC</i>							
	1	2	3	3	3			12
4.	(2) Don Mike Anthony							
	<i>Los Angeles FSC</i>							
	4	4	4	6	4			22
5.	(8) Tommy DeBaca							
	<i>Broadmoor SC</i>							
	6	5	5	7	5			28
6.	(5) Peter Betts							
	<i>R. P. I. FSC</i>							
	7	6	6	4	6			29
7.	(7) Richard Vraa							
	<i>W/C of Fargo-Moorhead</i>							
	5	7	7	5	7			31
8.	(6) Edwin Zschau							
	<i>FSC of Omaha</i>							
	8	8	8	8	8			40

JUNIOR PAIRS FOR JOEL B. LIBERMAN TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Mrs. John K. Ballantine, Berkeley; (2) George B. Jenkinson, Tulsa; (3) Alex J. Krupp, Chicago; (4) Mrs. Arthur C. McGowan, II, New York; (5) Deane E. McMinn, Los Angeles.

1.	Ila Ray Hadley & Ray Hadley, Jr.							
	<i>Seattle SC</i>							
	3	1	1	3	2	10		
2.	Sharon Constable & John Hertz							
	<i>Seattle SC</i>							
	2	4	3	1	1	11		
3.	Margaret Jurmo & Roy Pringle							
	<i>Detroit SC</i>							
	1	3	5	2	3	14		
4.	Gayle Freed & Karl Freed							
	<i>Queen City FSC</i>							
	4	2	2	4	4	16		
5.	Vivian Hayes & Bo Bergeson							
	<i>Stoux City FSC</i>							
	5	5	4	5	5	24		

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LADIES' NOVICE

FOR HEATON R. ROBERTSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Mrs. Alex L. Babbit, Tacoma; (2) George B. Jenkinson, Tulsa; (3) Mrs. Joseph Jensen, Seattle; (4) Mrs. Robert Sackett, Kansas City; (5) Mrs. Benjamin T. Wright, Boston. FIGURES: No. 17, 18b, 24a, 29a.

1. (1) Diana Jean Lapp <i>Denver FSC</i>	1	2	3	1	1	8
2. (2) Brenda Joyce Farmer <i>Paterson, N. J.</i>	2	1	1	2	2	8
3. (3) Linda Ann Epperson <i>St. Moritz ISC</i>	3	3	2	3	3	14
4. (4) Donna Abbott <i>Broadmoor SC</i>	4	6	4	4	6	24
5. (7) Lorraine Hanlon <i>The SC of Boston</i>	6	4	6	5	5	26
6. (8) Vicky Fisher <i>Cleveland SC</i>	8	5	7	7	4	31
7. (6) Sandy Carson <i>Los Angeles FSC</i>	5	9	5	8	7	34
8. (5) Laurene Moore <i>Los Angeles FSC</i>	7	8	9	6	9	39
9. (9) Susan Blodgett <i>The SC of Boston</i>	9	7	8	9	8	41

MEN'S NOVICE

FOR JEAN-PIERRE BRUNET MEMORIAL TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Mrs. John K. Ballantine, Berkeley; (2) Frank J. Goodwin, Philadelphia; (3) Mrs. L. A. Graham, Akron; (4) Alex J. Krudy, Chicago; (5) Deane E. McMinn, Los Angeles. FIGURES: No. 13, 14, 19a, 27b.

1. (1) Gregory Kelley <i>The SC of Boston</i>	2	1	1	1	6	
2. (2) Frank Carroll <i>The SC of Worcester</i>	5	2	3	2	2	14
3. (3) Pieter Kollen <i>Detroit SC</i>	7	3	2	3	3	18
4. (5) Harvey Balch <i>Blade & Edge Club</i>	3	7	4	5	4	23
5. (6) Bruce Heiss <i>The SC of New York</i>	4	4	5	4	8	25
6. (4) Bill Hickox <i>St. Moritz ISC</i>	6	5	6	6	5	28
7. (8) Douglas Ramsay <i>Detroit SC</i>	1	6	7	7	7	28
8. (9) Monroe Meier <i>Chicago FSC</i>	8	8	9	8	9	42
9. (7) Nelson Kulz <i>The SC of Lake Placid</i>	9	9	8	9	7	42

GOLD DANCE FOR HARRY E. RADIX TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Frank J. Goodwin, Philadelphia; (2) Mrs. L. A. Graham, Akron; (3) Howell Janes, San Francisco; (4) Mrs. Robert Sackett, Kansas City; (5) Mrs. John R. Shoemaker, San Francisco. COMPULSORY DANCES: Three-Lobe Waltz, Blues, Viennese, Paso Doble.

1. (1) Sharon McKenzie & Bert Wright <i>Los Angeles FSC</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
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2. (2) Andree Anderson & Donald Jacoby <i>Buffalo SC, Rochester, N. Y.</i>	2	2	2	2	2	10
3. (3) Joan Zamboni & Roland Junso <i>Arctic Blades FSC</i>	3	3	3	3	3	15
4. (5) Carmel Bodel & Edward Bodel <i>Orinda, Calif.</i>	4	4	4	4	5	21
5. (4) Aileen Kahre & Charles D. Phillips, Jr. <i>North Long Beach, Arctic Blades FSC</i>	5	5	6	5	4	25
6. (6) Susan Sebo & Tim Brown <i>Berkeley</i>	6	6	5	6	6	29

SILVER DANCE FOR HAROLD HARTSHORNE TROPHIES

JUDGES: (1) Mrs. Alex L. Babbit, Tacoma; (2) Mrs. L. A. Graham, Akron; (3) Mrs. Robert Sackett, Kansas City; (4) Mrs. Roger Willis, Berkeley; (5) Mrs. Benjamin T. Wright, Boston. COMPULSORY DANCES: European Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Fourteenstep.

1. (1) Claire O'Neill & John J. Bejshak, Jr. <i>Baltimore FSC</i>	1	1	1	1	5	
2. (3) Margie Ackles & Howie Harrold <i>Los Angeles FSC</i>	3	3	2	5	2	15
3. (2) Gail Kizer & John E. Allen <i>FSC of Cincinnati, Indianapolis</i>	2	4	3	2	4	15
4. (4) Eleanor Curtis & Jack Curtis <i>Los Angeles FSC</i>	4	2	5	3	3	17
5. (5) Patricia Major & Robert Dineen <i>Paramount, Calif.</i>	5	5	4	4	5	23

BEDELL H. HARNED TROPHY
FOR CLUB WINNING MOST POINTS

Los Angeles FSC	54
Broadmoor SC	50
The SC of New York	43
The SC of Boston	41
Seattle SC	30
Blade & Edge Club	18
Lakewood WC	16
Arctic Blades FSC	15
Detroit SC	12
Baltimore FSC	10
Denver FSC	10
The SC of Worcester	8
Buffalo SC	6
Chicago FSC	6
Commonwealth FSC	6
St. Moritz ISC	6
Queen City FSC	4
FSC of Cincinnati	3

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