

# The United States Championships

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ON MARCH 26 through the 29th, the Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis had the honor and pleasure of playing host to the 1958 U. S. Figure Skating Championships, at its home rink, the Minneapolis Arena. Through the cooperation of the management, the Arena was turned over completely for the entire week with ice available from early morning to late night, and the skaters took full advantage of the time. It was indeed inspiring to see the way the competitors applied themselves, proving that talent, desire, hard work, and good coaching combine for spectacular results.

After Monday and Tuesday had been devoted to practice, the Championship started at 9 A.M. with Novice Ladies' figures. As was perhaps to be expected, this class developed a rather wide spread with some shifting around after the free skating. Rhode Lee Michelson did a fine all-around job to win, and Joanna Niska with a strong free skating effort moved into a solid second place. Linda Waldrop in third place and Linda Galbraith in fourth came very close and all these plus the entire group show good possibilities for the future.

In the Novice Men's class Harvey Balch dominated both figures and free skating with Monty Hoyt a good second. Richard Paice finished third with a widening spread from there on, and again there was considerable shifting due to some strong free skating. This was a fine group of young men and should come up with lots of improvements as they put in another year of skating before the next Nationals.

Junior Ladies provided an excellent group of competitors. Barbara Ann Roles moved out to a strong lead in figures, and later closed with a beautifully skated program which clinched first place and gave her 13 consecutive competitive wins. Stephanie Westerfeld continued her fine work in both figures and free skating to

rank second, and Laurence Owen came in a close third. This was a good class all through the nine entrants. In the free skating they were lovely in their pretty costumes and the crowd really appreciated them.

In Junior Men, James Short did a very good job on figures to take command, with Gregory Kelley and Lorin Caccamise following rather closely. When the free skating was held Saturday night every boy came through with a good effort which shifted the standings around but left the first three places unchanged. All these men made a very strong competitive effort and while the crowd showed its appreciation for all, it seemed clear that young Douglas Ramsay stole their hearts with his inspired free skating.

Tim Brown repeated his World Championship feat of completing the compulsory figures with a slight lead over David Jenkins, and the rest of the Senior Men spread out from there. When the free skating started on Friday night, you could fairly feel the tension and expectancy in the entire arena, and as Bradley Lord opened with his fine number (which he skated well), the crowd showed its appreciation with its applause. Each and every one of these men put on a splendid performance and thrilled all the spectators. Tim came through with a beautiful program, very well executed, and finally, as David had drawn last position, it came time for him to meet the challenge of Tim and the others. Again on this occasion, David Jenkins drew himself up to the greatest heights of Champions, and gave a performance which will never be forgotten by those who watched. Personally, I believe it is impossible to describe what he does, but the ease and beauty with which he skates, the way he interprets the music, and the height of all of his jumps (plus, of course, his triple jumps) just staggered the crowd until he finished, for they knew skating and could fully

realize that they had just seen what was probably the greatest single feat of skating ever performed in the world. It may seem that this is extravagant praise, but it will not be so to those who were there. As a dramatic climax, the judges gave the highest possible ratings—with one raising high the figure 10 for performance—to clinch the title and help to touch off an ovation from the spectators. Tim Brown held second place, and Tom Moore brought himself up to a final third.

Perhaps the fact that the open judging system was in use for the first time for many years in the Nationals, due to Section CR 12.32 of the *Rulebook*, helped to dramatize all these events a little for spectators—although we understand that some skaters were rather surprised to find this system in use and felt that it was just a whim on the part of the host club. (This can be interpreted as a well-deserved plug for the annual USFSA *Rulebook*, which does such a fine job of keeping us fully informed on our regulations.)

In Junior Pairs, all five entrants did well, but the crowd was highly impressed with Gayle & Karl Freed and the judges, due to content and performance of their number, gave them a strong first. Mary Lou Raymond & Jack Nankervis were in second place, and Judianne & Jerry Fotheringill were third.

Friday evening, the Senior Pairs provided the spectators with a great deal of enjoyment and the judges with quite a problem. They all presented a good appearance with fine costumes, and skated very difficult and pleasing programs excellently. The youthful pair of Ila Ray & Ray Hadley, Jr. did a great job, but finished fourth after the repeating Champions, Nancy & Ronald Ludington, runners-up Sheila Wells & Robin Greiner, and third place Maribel Owen & Dudley Richards. A great deal of originality was shown in these numbers, and this, together with the skating ability of the individuals, made possible moves which thoroughly captivated the viewers.

The Silver Dance was held on Saturday—the initial round in the morning and the finals in the afternoon. Ten couples entered and gave a good general perform-

ance of the compulsory dances, with an increasing show of ability when they skated their free dances. Judy Lamar & Ronald Ludington were well entitled to the strong first place voted by the judges; Barbara Ann Roles & James Short gave an excellent performance to place a good second. Third place went to Marilyn Meeker & Larry Pierce. The people who saw this event were well rewarded and even the non-skaters felt that they would like nothing better than to be able some time to go out on the ice and swing into the dances they had just seen.

Only four couples entered the Gold Dance, but they were all beautiful to watch, and performed the compulsory dances very well. Again the free dances by each team were quite different, with a trend in some cases to a little more variation and away from the more rigidly followed patterns of the past. Andree Anderson & Donald Jacoby swept first place; Claire O'Neill & John Bejshak, Jr. came second, and Susan Sebo & Tim Brown were third.

Again, on Saturday night came the drama of a Champion trying to retain her title against a group of very worthy challengers, but in this case Carol Heiss had established a rather strong lead in compulsory figures. The five girls are pretty and charming, and the crowd loved them all from the moment they went on the ice for the warm-up. Each contestant had an excellent program performed beautifully to the music, but Carol, despite a fall (which surprised her and shocked the audience into a gasp of despairing sympathy), gave an excellent performance which thrilled the audience and gathered in very high marks for both content and performance from all the judges. The final placement resulted in the same figure order, with Carol Wanek, Lynn Finnegan, Nancy Heiss, and Claralynn Lewis finishing after the Champion in that order. Each of these young ladies skated beautifully to close out the Championships' events. After exhibitions by previous winners, including David Jenkins, the coveted awards were made, with Referee H. Kendall Kelley, Championships Chairman Lyman E. Wakefield, Jr.

and Club President Scott Garoutte handling the presentations.

Afterwards, everyone gathered at the Curtis Hotel for a Buffet Supper and Dance which was attended by over 300 people and kept gathering momentum so that the orchestra stayed on until 3:30 A.M. Finally, it was time to close, to say goodbye to our good friends, and to look forward to the next time we will meet again.

Now, as we take that first look backward, we are reminded of the high quality of the skating, the judging, and of the wonderful display of sportsmanship by all contestants. These were fine young men and young women whom we were proud to have as our guests, and we hope that they will come back to visit us. The contestants, the officials, the parents, the professionals all cooperated to the fullest to make this event successful. To them, and to all those others who worked hard on their assignments, go our deepest thanks.

#### LADIES' SENIOR

##### FOR GERTRUDE CHEEVER PORTER TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Louis F. Cody, Cleveland; (2) Alex J. Krupy, Chicago; (3) Edward LeMaire, New York; (4) Delaplaine McDaniel, Philadelphia; (5) Deane E. McMinn, Los Angeles. FIGURES: No. 21a, 22b, 35a, 36b, 38b, 41a.

1. (1)	Carol Heiss								
	<i>The SC of New York</i>								
	1	1	1	1	1	5			
2. (2)	Carol Wanek								
	<i>The SC of New York</i>								
	4	2	2	2	5	15			
3. (3)	Lynn Finnegan								
	<i>The SC of Boston</i>								
	3	3	3	4	3	16			
4. (4)	Nancy Heiss								
	<i>The SC of New York</i>								
	2	5	4	3	2	16			
5. (5)	Claralynn Lewis								
	<i>Broadmoor SC</i>								
	5	4	5	5	4	23			

#### MEN'S SENIOR

##### FOR GEORGE H. BROWNE MEMORIAL TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Louis F. Cody, Cleveland; (2) G. J. Hurley, Tacoma; (3) Alex J. Krupy, Chicago; (4) Edward LeMaire, New York; (5) Deane E. McMinn, Los Angeles. FIGURES: No. 21a, 22b, 32a, 34b, 37b, 39a.

1. (2)	David Jenkins								
	<i>Broadmoor SC</i>								
	1	1	1	2	1	6			
2. (1)	Tim Brown								
	<i>Colorado Springs</i>								
	2	2	2	1	2	9			
3. (5)	Tom Moore								
	<i>Seattle SC</i>								
	4	3	4	4	3	18			

4. (4)	Robert Lee Brewer								
	<i>Blade &amp; Edge Club</i>								
	3	4	5	3	4	19			
5. (3)	Bradley Lord								
	<i>The SC of Boston</i>								
	5	5	3	5	5	23			
6. (6)	Barlow Nelson								
	<i>The SC at Dartmouth</i>								
	6	6	7	7	6	32			
7. (7)	Tom Weinreich								
	<i>Broadmoor SC</i>								
	7	7	6	6	7	33			

#### SENIOR PAIRS FOR HENRY WAINWRIGHT HOWE MEMORIAL TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Alex J. Krupy, Chicago; (2) Edward LeMaire, New York; (3) Mrs. James S. Lincoln, Jr., Minneapolis; (4) Delaplaine McDaniel, Philadelphia; (5) Deane E. McMinn, Los Angeles.

1.	Nancy Ludington & Ronald Ludington								
	<i>Commonwealth FSC, The SC of Boston</i>								
	1	4	1	1	2	9			
2.	Sheila Wells & Robin Greiner								
	<i>Capitol City FSC, St. Moritz ISC</i>								
	3	1	3	5	1	13			
3.	Maribel Owen & Dudley Richards								
	<i>The SC of Boston</i>								
	4	3	5	3	3	18			
4.	Ila Ray Hadley & Ray Hadley, Jr.								
	<i>Seattle SC</i>								
	2	2	4	4	4	16			
5.	Mary Jane Watson & John Jarmon								
	<i>Broadmoor SC</i>								
	5	2	2	2	5	19			
6.	Mary Kay Keller & Richard Keller								
	<i>Buffalo SC</i>								
	6	6	6	6	6	30			

#### LADIES' JUNIOR FOR JAMES A. TOWER TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Dorothy M. Burkholder, Chicago; (2) Delaplaine McDaniel, Philadelphia; (3) Arthur F. Preusch, Minneapolis; (4) Fred H. Wiley, Colorado Springs; (5) Mrs. H. Roger Willis, Berkeley. FIGURES: No. 17, 19b, 21a, 22a, 29b.

1. (1)	Barbara Ann Roles								
	<i>Arctic Blades FSC</i>								
	1	1	2	1	1	6			
2. (2)	Stephanie Westerfeld								
	<i>Broadmoor SC</i>								
	2	3	1	2	3	11			
3. (3)	Laurence Owen								
	<i>The SC of Boston</i>								
	3	2	3	4	2	14			
4. (7)	Rickie Ann Rendich								
	<i>Mamaroneck, N. Y.</i>								
	6	4	5	3	6	24			
5. (4)	Diana Lapp								
	<i>Denver FSC</i>								
	4	6	4	7	5	26			
6. (5)	Lorraine Hanlon								
	<i>The SC of Boston</i>								
	5	5	7	8	4	29			
7. (8)	Carol Keyes								
	<i>Cleveland SC</i>								
	7	8	6	5	8	34			
8. (6)	De Ann Beideck								
	<i>Seattle SC</i>								
	8	7	8	6	7	36			
9. (9)	Kathleen Seabek								
	<i>Lakewood WC</i>								
	9	9	9	9	9	45			

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# NORTHERN ONTARIO

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## SENIOR PAIRS

(Norah McCarthy & Michael Kirby Trophy)

- Alexis & Christopher Shields, *Porcupine SC*
- Marlene & James Bailey, *North Bay FSC*

## SENIOR LADIES PAIRS

(Colonel C. E. Reynolds Trophy)

- Lynn Gladstone & Jaye Jarrett, *Copper Cliff SC*

## JUNIOR PAIRS

(Copper Cliff Skating Club Trophy)

- Gertrude Desjardins & Maurice Lafrance, *Sudbury SC*

## JUNIOR LADIES PAIRS

(Bannon Brothers Trophy)

- Barbara Camsell & Lynda Grozelle, *New Liskeard FSC*
- Bonnie Keon & Marielle Breault, *New Liskeard FSC*
- Patricia Neelan & Dianne Godfrey, *Copper Cliff SC*
- Patricia Mullin & Alice Graham, *North Bay FSC*

## BRONZE DANCE (Ladies Couples)

(J. D. Deyell Trophy)

- Barbara Stevenson & Joyce Doddemeade, *North Bay FSC*
- Lynda Gillon & Lynda McKeown, *Fort William Thunder Bay FSC*
- Nancy Fennell & Patricia Ann Toppi, *Fort William Thunder Bay FSC*
- Susan Lee Douglas & Sandra Bailey, *North Bay FSC*
- Bonnie Keon & Marielle Breault, *New Liskeard FSC*

## AMERICAN WALTZ

(R. J. Ennis Trophy)

- Marlene & James Bailey, *North Bay FSC*
- Gertrude Desjardins & Maurice Lafrance, *Sudbury SC*
- Alexis & Christopher Shields, *Porcupine SC*

## FOURTEENSTEP

(D. E. Keeley Trophy)

- Gertrude Desjardins & Maurice Lafrance, *Sudbury SC*
- Marlene & James Bailey, *North Bay FSC*
- Alexis & Christopher Shields, *Porcupine SC*
- Margaret Ann Bowen & David Crate, *Sudbury SC*

## DUTCH WALTZ (Mixed Couples)

(Sudbury Skating Club Medals)

- Virginia Weegar & John Dorsey, *North Bay FSC*
- Margaret Ann Bowen & David Crate, *Sudbury SC*

## DUTCH WALTZ (Ladies Couples)

(Sudbury Skating Club Medals)

- Barbara Camsell & Lynda Grozelle, *New Liskeard FSC*
- Gloria Galardo & Karen Kyrzakos, *Sudbury SC*
- Sandra Bailey & Susan Lee Douglas, *North Bay FSC*
- Alice Graham & Patricia Mullin, *North Bay FSC*
- Jackie Neal & Nora Brookfield, *New Liskeard FSC*

- Carol Bouchard & Doreen Yakiwchuk, *Sudbury SC*
- Patricia Neelan & Dianne Godfrey, *Copper Cliff SC*

# U. S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## MEN'S JUNIOR

FOR IRVING BROKAW MEMORIAL TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Minerva S. Burke, Syracuse; (2) Dorothy M. Burkholder, Chicago; (3) G. J. Hurley, Tacoma; (4) Deane E. McMinn, Los Angeles; (5) Fred H. Wiley, Colorado Springs. FIGURES: No. 16, 18a, 21b, 22b, 27a.

- (1) James Short  
*Los Angeles FSC*  
1 1 3 1 2 8
- (2) Gregory Kelley  
*The SC of Boston*  
2 3 4 2 1 12
- (3) Lorin Caccamise  
*Colorado Springs*  
4 5 2 3 7 21
- (7) Richard Vraa  
*Rochester FSC*  
7 2 5 6 5 25
- (6) Douglas Ramsay  
*Detroit SC*  
5 4 9 7 3 28
- (5) Tommy DeBaca  
*Broadmoor SC*  
3 6 7 5 6 27
- (4) Don Mike Anthony  
*Los Angeles FSC*  
6 7 1 4 8 26
- (10) Frank Carroll  
*The SC of Worcester*  
8 9 6 8 10 41
- (9) Frank Muckian  
*The SC of Boston*  
9 10 8 10 4 41
- (8) James Murray  
*Great Falls FSC*  
11 8 10 9 9 47
- (11) Carl Olsson  
*The SC of New York*  
10 11 11 11 11 54

## JUNIOR PAIRS FOR JOEL B. LIBERMAN TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) H. Kendall Kelley, Cleveland; (2) Dorothy M. Burkholder, Chicago; (3) Edward LeMaire, New York; (4) Mrs. James S. Lincoln, Jr., Minneapolis; (5) Mrs. H. Roger Willis, Berkeley.

- Gayle Freed & Karl Freed  
*Queen City FSC*  
1 1 2 1 1 6
- Mary Lou Raymond & Jack Nankervis  
*Butte FSC*  
2 3 3 4 3 15
- Judianne Fotheringill & Jerry Fotheringill  
*Lakewood WC*  
3 5 1 5 4 18  
(75.4)
- Janet Harley & James Browning  
*Lansing SC*  
5 4 4 3 2 18  
(74.9)
- Gail Kizer & Lonnie Kane  
*FSC of Cincinnati, Queen City FSC*  
4 2 5 2 5 18  
(75.3)

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LADIES' NOVICE

FOR HEATON R. ROBERTSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Minerva S. Burke, Syracuse; (2) G. J. Hurley, Tacoma; (3) Alex J. Krupy, Chicago; (4) Edward LeMaire, New York; (5) Fred H. Wiley, Colorado Springs. FIGURES: No. 6a, 19a, 27b, 30b.

1. (1)	Rhode Lee Michelson					
	<i>Arctic Blades FSC</i>					
	1	1	3	1	3	9
2. (3)	Joanna Niska					
	<i>Boston</i>					
	3	2	1	2	1	9
3. (5)	Lynda Waldrop					
	<i>Broadmoor SC</i>					
	2	5	4	2	17	
4. (4)	Linda Galbraith					
	<i>Lakewood WC</i>					
	4	3	4	6	6	23
5. (6)	Anne Batdorf					
	<i>Hershey FSC</i>					
	5	8	7	3	4	27
6. (2)	Lynn Thomas					
	<i>Philadelphia SC &amp; HS</i>					
	6	6	2	5	7	26
7. (9)	Sandra Shaw					
	<i>Detroit SC</i>					
	7	7	6	8	9	37
8. (8)	Sharon Constable					
	<i>Seattle SC</i>					
	8	5	8	9	8	38
9. (7)	Junee Rodriguez					
	<i>Denver FSC</i>					
	9	9	9	7	5	39

MEN'S NOVICE

FOR JEAN-PIERRE BRUNET MEMORIAL TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Louis F. Cody, Cleveland; (2) Delaplaine McDaniel, Philadelphia; (3) Deane E. McMinn, Los Angeles; (4) Arthur Preusch, Minneapolis; (5) Mrs. H. Roger Willis, Berkeley. FIGURES: No. 6b, 19b, 27a, 30a.

1. (1)	Harvey Balch					
	<i>Blade &amp; Edge Club</i>					
	1	1	1	1	1	5
2. (2)	Monty Hoyt					
	<i>Denver CC</i>					
	2	4	4	3	2	15
3. (3)	Richard Paice					
	<i>Lakewood WC</i>					
	3	6	5	2	4	20
4. (4)	Bill Hickox					
	<i>The SC of San Francisco</i>					
	4	7	3	4	3	21
5. (8)	Gary Visconti					
	<i>Detroit SC</i>					
	6	2	2	7	7	24
6. (9)	Don Bartelson					
	<i>Blade &amp; Edge Club</i>					
	9	8	6	5	5	33
7. (7)	James Tester					
	<i>Brooklyn FSC</i>					
	10	3	7	9	10	39
8. (5)	Paul Allen					
	<i>WC of Fargo-Moorhead</i>					
	5	11	8	8	8	40
9. (10)	William Gedalecia					
	<i>New Rochelle, N. Y.</i>					
	7	9	11	10	6	43
10. (11)	Tim Hamilton					
	<i>Lansing SC</i>					
	11	10	9	6	9	45
11. (6)	Richard Frank					
	<i>Philadelphia SC &amp; HS</i>					
	8	5	10	11	11	45

\* Withdrew before final round.  
† Eliminated before final round.

GOLD DANCE FOR HARRY E. RADIX TROPHY

JUDGES: (1) Minerva S. Burke, Syracuse; (2) Dorothy M. Burkholder, Chicago; (3) Louis F. Cody, Cleveland; (4) G. J. Hurley, Tacoma; (5) Mrs. H. Roger Willis, Berkeley. COMPULSORY DANCES: Three-Lobe Waltz, Blues, Westminster, Kilian.

1. (1)	Andree Anderson & Donald Jacoby					
	<i>Buffalo SC</i>					
	1	1	1	1	1	5
2. (2)	Claire O'Neill & John J. Bejszak, Jr.					
	<i>Baltimore FSC</i>					
	2	3	2	2	3	12
3. (3)	Susan Sebo & Tim Brown					
	<i>Colorado Springs</i>					
	4	2	4	3	2	15
4. (4)	Margie Ackles & Charles W. Phillips, Jr.					
	<i>Los Angeles FSC, Arctic Blades FSC</i>					
	3	4	3	4	4	18

SILVER DANCE FOR HAROLD HARTSHORNE TROPHIES

JUDGES: (1) Minerva S. Burke, Syracuse; (2) Dorothy M. Burkholder, Chicago; (3) Louis F. Cody, Cleveland; (4) G. J. Hurley, Tacoma; (5) Mrs. H. Roger Willis, Berkeley. COMPULSORY DANCES: American Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Fourteenstep.

1. (1)	Judy Ann Lamar & Ronald Ludington					
	<i>The SC of Boston</i>					
	1	1	2	3	1	8
2. (2)	Barbara Ann Roles & James Short					
	<i>Arctic Blades FSC, Los Angeles FSC</i>					
	2	2	1	2	2	9
3. (4)	Marilyn Meeker & Larry Pierce					
	<i>WC of Indianapolis</i>					
	4	5	5	1	4	19
4. (5)	Paula Flynn & Wilson Hess					
	<i>Genesee FSC</i>					
	3	4	3	5	7	22
5. (3)	Gloria Grossman & Peter Moesel					
	<i>Metropolitan FSC</i>					
	5	3	4	4	6	22
6. (6)	Eleanor Curtis & Jack Curtis					
	<i>Los Angeles FSC</i>					
	7	6	7	6	3	29
7. (7)	Dorothyann Nelson & Robert James					
	<i>Chicago FSC, Ann Arbor FSC</i>					
	6	7	6	7	5	31
* (8)	Patricia Major & Robert Dineen					
	<i>Metropolitan FSC</i>					
† (9)	Thomasine Pierce & Roy Speeg					
	<i>FSC of Cincinnati</i>					
† (10)	Shirley Kanoff & Charles Kanoff					
	<i>Capitol City FSC</i>					

BEDELL H. HARNED TROPHY

FOR CLUB WINNING MOST POINTS

The SC of Boston	59½
The SC of New York	44
Broadmoor SC	38
Arctic Blades FSC	32
Los Angeles FSC	22
Blade & Edge Club	18
Seattle SC	18
Buffalo SC	15
Baltimore FSC	12
Lakewood WC	10
Queen City FSC	10
Butte FSC	8
Denver CC	8
Commonwealth FSC	7½
Capitol City FSC	6
St. Moritz ISC	6
WC of Indianapolis	6
Genesee FSC	4
Lansing SC	4
The SC of San Francisco	4