

Skating Around the World

Great Britain

The British Junior Championships took place at Bournemouth in March, with the following place winners in the four events: Ladies: 1. Barbara Conniff; 2. Wendy J. Mills; 3. Carol A. Windebank. Men: 1. David W. Clements; 2. Christopher Robin Jones; 3. Michael G. Mee. Pairs: 1. Jacqueline Pinto & John Anderson; 2. Pamela M. Payne & Keith H. Brooks. Dance: 1. Jane F. P. Gray & Anthony D. Berresford; 2. Mary Walsh & David W. Clements; 3. Valerie F. R. Croly & E. Donald Gimson.

Hungary

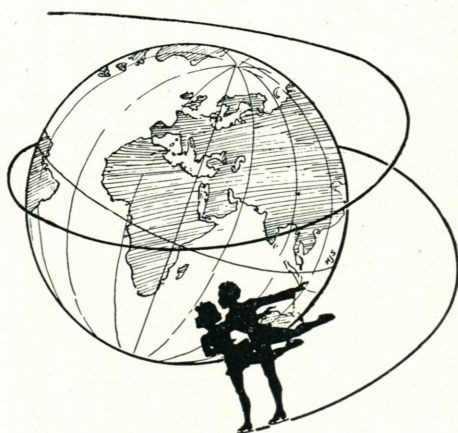
Dr. Elemer Tertak, ISU Referee, reviewed the Hungarian skating season as an eventful one this year, with the greatest attraction the exhibitions by the American and Canadian skaters on February 24-25, which drew 8000 onlookers each day. David Jenkins and Barbara Wagner & Robert Paul had such success that they had to repeat their performances five times.

The season opened on December 13 with an International competition in Budapest. Winners of the senior classes were: Hanna Walter, Austria, Ladies; Norbert Felsing, Austria, Men; Marianne Nagy Szorady & Dr. Laszlo Nagy, Hungary, Pairs; Edith Peikert & Alois Mitterhuber, Austria, Dance. Junior Champions: Regine Heitzer, Austria, Ladies; Heinrich Podbajski, Austria, Men.

Japan

Mrs. Kiku Minami wrote recently about the National Championships of Japan, held at the Korakuen Rink on March 24, 25, 26.

Nobuo Sato (Ohsaka Skating Club), 16-year-old lad of Kansai High School, skated to the music of Offenbach. His program (composed by Tsuyako Yamashita who was the former Japanese Lady Champion, now professional) was filled with double jumps and a couple of triple jumps combined with difficult steps.



Yukio Nishikura and Hideo Sugita did well but their contents were poor in comparison with Sato's. Senior Men: 1. Nobuo Sato; 2. Yukio Nishikura; 3. Hideo Sugita.

Junko Ueno has improved very much in her figures. Her back double-three-change double-three and her loop-change-loop were excellent. Her music interpretation and her performance in free skating are also improved, but Miwa Fukuhara skated a very interesting program with many good jumps and speed and gained first place in free skating. Senior Ladies: 1. Junko Ueno; 2. Miwa Fukuhara; 3. Hitomi Kurahashi.

Other winners: Senior Pairs, Sumiko Shimodaira & Masami Kobayashi; Junior Pairs, Kuwana & Hashiguchi; Junior Men, Tadashi Maeyama; Junior Ladies, Tokiko Yoshihara; Senior Dance, Kaneko & Takeuchi; Junior Dance, Kishimoto & Sakaguchi.

Poland

Zbigniew Iwasiewicz forwarded information about competitions and skating from Warsaw. An international competition—The Polish Figure Skating Association Trophy—was held on Jan. 4-6 for senior and junior singles and pairs. Skaters from Czechoslovakia, Hungary, East Germany and Poland competed, with the following winners: Esther Jurek

Siraky, Hungary, Ladies; Zygmunt Kaczmarczyk, Poland, Men; Esther Jurek Siraky & Miklos Kucharovitz, Hungary, Pairs; Jitka Babicka, Czechoslovakia, Junior Ladies; Miklos Racz, Hungary, Junior Men.

In the Polish Championships, there was a battle for first place in the Senior Ladies between Barbara Jankowska, 18, and 14-year-old Krystyna Wasik, and in the Senior Men between Zygmunt Kaczmarczyk, 22, and Henryk Hanzel, 19. Miss Jankowska, after placing second in figures, overcame the slight deficiency with her distinctly better free skating performance to defend her title successfully. On the other hand, Mr. Kaczmarczyk placed first in figures and was third or fourth in the free; his lead in figures was barely sufficient for him to retain his title. In the Pairs, Miss Jankowska & Mr. Kaczmarczyk, 1957 Champions, won easily over Inga & Klaudiusz Konieczny. The winners in the Senior Dance event were Hanna Dabrowska & Zygmunt Kaczmarczyk. The Junior Singles Champions were Krystyna Macura and Jan Erlich.

Scandinavia

Per Cock-Clausen of Denmark has reported about skating in the Scandinavian countries. Altogether the clubs in Denmark have been open for about 25 days, but the ice has been bad most of the time. In the Nordic Championships at Gjovik, Norway, place winners were: Senior Ladies: 1. Grete Borgen, Norway; 2. Anne Karine Dehle, Norway; 3. Astrid Ekeberg, Norway. Senior Men: 1. Per Kjolberg, Norway; 2. Per Cock-Clausen, Denmark; 3. Ragnar Wickstrom, Finland. Pairs: 1. Agneta & Kristian Wale, Sweden; 2. Ingeborg Nilsson & Reidar Borjeson, Norway; 3. Saile Drufva & Nils Kankonnen, Finland.

The 1958 Champions in the Scandinavian countries are: Norway—Anne Karine Dehle, Ladies; Per Kjolberg, Men; Ingeborg Nilsson & Reidar Borjeson, Pairs. Sweden—Grunhild Frylen, Ladies; Ronny Hall, Men; Agneta & Kristian Wale, Pairs. Finland—Kirsti Linna, Ladies; Ragnar Wickstrom, Men; Saile Drufva & Nils Kankonnen, Pairs.

Calendar of Summer Events



- May**
24-25 Metropolitan FSS (Toronto) Judges Conference, sponsored by Central Ontario Section Judges & Tests Committee
- June**
11-14 and 18-21 Lakewood WC Carnival
- July**
5 Lake Placid Mardi Gras
18-20 Lake Placid Figure Conference & Judges School
19 Lake Placid Free Skating & Pair Competitions
26-27 Lake Placid Gold Figure Tests
29 Wissahickon Gold Figure Tests
- August**
9-11 Lake Placid Dance Conference & Judges School
11-13 Lake Placid Gold Dance Tests
13-17 Broadmoor Ice Revue
15-16 Lake Placid Dance Competitions
22-23 Rochester (Minn.) Gold Figure & Dance Tests
23 Rochester (Minn.) Dance Competitions
23-24 Rochester (Minn.) Figure & Dance Judges Schools
24 Wissahickon Gold Figure & Dance Tests
25-30 Sun Valley Gold Figure & Dance Tests
29-31 Lake Placid Summer Operetta
30 Sun Valley Carnival
- September**
6-7 Lake Placid Gold Figure Tests

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