old Bill Fauver, runners-up in 1972. The

squeaked past Rose Mary Wilzbacher and

David Bolton of St. Paul, when a three-

way tie for first place was broken by a

Troy SC duo, whose superior program

was marred four times by miscues.

by Dorothy Mauk

Keen competition keyed the 1973 Midwestern Championships, the first meet to be staged at the new Colorado Ice Arena in southwest Denver, Denver FSC members from four different rinks cooperated in production of the 22-state Sectional skatefest, which was masterminded by Co-chairmen Elsie Weinstein and Irwin Steiner. Crisp temperatures heralded the start of the meet, but the weatherman soon relented and thereafter favored the approximately 150 skaters with Colorado's "typical" mildness and sunshine.

Collecting the Junior Pairs trophy at the close of first-day competition were 16-year-old Patty Morton and 18-year-

subsequent and greater majority of seconds. The third-place twosome in the deadlock were 13- and 16-year-old Vicki and David Assafi, a brother-sister team from Denver. By contrast, the Senior Pairs event dissolved into a "no contest" race when one of the two couples took a spectacular the final free skating round and was Cady and Jack Courtney, consequently

spill during an attempted one-arm lift in unable to continue. The victims, Cozette weren't given marks. Their only rivals, Debbie Hughes and Phillipp Grout, both of the host club, had only to skate their program to cinch the Championship. Miss Cady wasn't injured. Courtney suffered a mild concussion, but was back at the rink the following day.





Denver's major dailies gave prominent headlines to the Senior singles events. David Santee, former National Junior Men's champion, parlayed a 1-2-3 combination into the winner's circle, while Juli McKinstry, former National Junior Ladies champion, used a 3-1-1 formula for her stunning triumph. Skating for the Chicago FSC, Santee placed first in compulsory figures, second in the compulsory short program and third in free skating. David uniquely used his compulsory routine as the opening of his free skating.

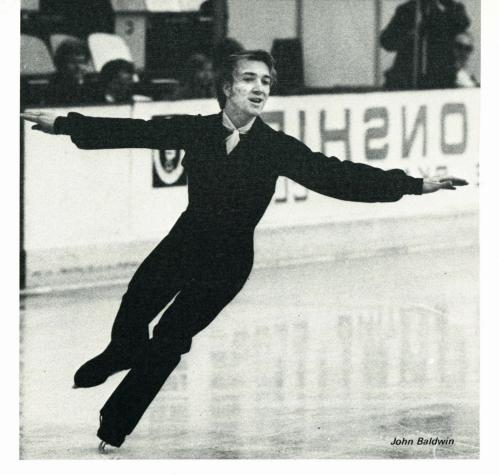
Only two men executed all six compulsory free skating moves correctly. One was Santee and the other was John Baldwin, first in the compulsory segment, whose career encompasses three national titles. Baldwin later gave novices and pros alike an impressive lesson in perseverance. Missing both the triple Salchow and triple loop jumps in his free skating program, the 23-year-old veteran completely revised his choreography and went back to the same spots to make history by successfully completing not one, but both of the jumps. Baldwin, a disappointing fifth after school figures, paid for his

determination—which numerous pros and colleagues described as "guts." In rearranging his program to accommodate the repeat tries, he sacrificed probably 1½ minutes of content as well as continuity and had to settle for second in both free skating and the overall standings.

"But I knew I could do them," he explained.

Stealing the limelight in Senior Men's free skating was Charlie Tickner, a Denver newcomer who settled the outcome of the contest even before it was one. First in the skating order, the former Californian dazzled an overflow crowd of 1,200 with a virtually flawless presentation containing all the standard double jumps. including three double Axels, plus triple Salchow and triple loop jumps and a pair of unusual toeless Lutz jumps. Enhancing his program were several original jump combinations, such as the concluding reverse jump/bracket jump/toeless Lutz/ double toe-loop sequence, which was barely completed before the appreciative audience was on its feet applauding and whistling approval.

Two lower division titles also were de-



termined in the second night's slate prior to the Senior Men's finale. Dee Oseroff and Tim Hodges prevailed in Silver Dance, with Jackie Booth and Michael Podmore placing second. Candy Anderson and Ronald Radke took third.

A championship free skating performance enabled two-time Southwestern champion Gail Hamula, of the Broadmoor SC, to soar from fifth after school figures to first overall in Junior Ladies, while Betsy Hobson, Braemar-City of Lakes FSC, claimed the runner-up spot and Sherry Kilmer, Cleveland SC, took third.

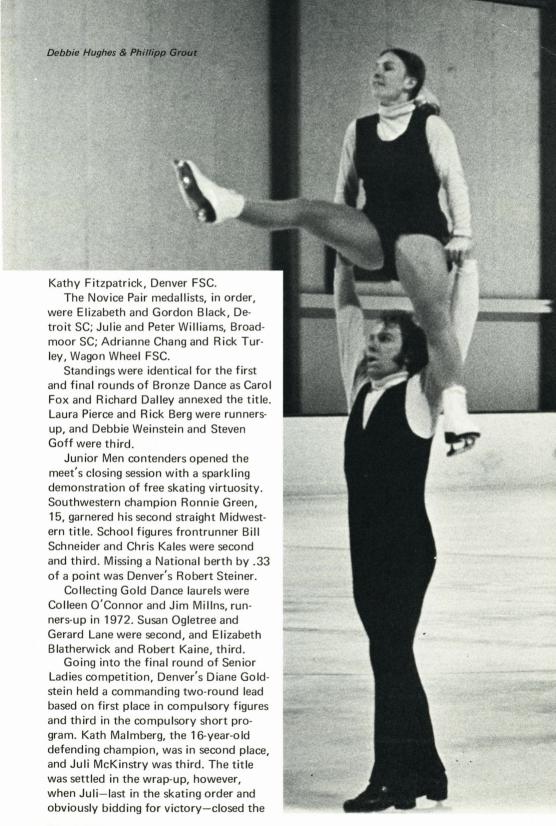
Saturday's parade of talented lower division free skaters augured well for the future of figure skating in the Midwestern states. School figures leaders Eva Barton-Dobenin, of the Broadmoor, and 14-year-old Scott Hamilton, Bowling Green SC, won the Novice Championships. Jackie Dean, who trains at the host arena, was runner-up to Miss Barton-Dobenin, and

Kathy Gelecinskyj, of Minneapolis, catapulted from ninth after school figures to third place with a victory in free skating.

Trailing Scott Hamilton, who also triumphed in free skating, were Mark Hayes, second, and Scott Sherman, third. Hayes had been fifth at the midway point.

Douglas Swisher maintained his first place after school figures in Intermediate Men. Wagon Wheel's David Kinser and Eric Werschin were second and third. Top marks in free skating, however, were garnered by Chuck Abbott, Denver FSC, who finished fourth.

Kelsey Ufford, a 10-year-old dynamo from Edina, Minn., literally leaped onto the Intermediate Ladies throne with a precocious and difficult routine opening with a crowd-pleasing Russian split and featuring several jump combinations not usually seen at her level. Second place went to polished Sharon Meredith, Broadmoor, and third to school figures leader



four-day competition on a high note with an electrifying interpretation of Leonard Bernstein's ballet music, "Fancy Free." Her inspired performance, which was notable for its subtle blending of artistry and precise timing, gave the 16-year-old ice ballerina her first Midwestern crown and insured the Broadmoor of its 14th team title since 1945 with 85 points.

The meet concluded with an elegant buffet-supper dance at the nearby Green Gables Country Club.

### MIDWESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS DENVER FSC, COLORADO JANUARY 11-13

## SENIOR MEN

JUDGES: A-Dorothy Burkholder, Chicago, III.; B-Mrs. Elaine DeMore, Cleveland, Ohio; C-Arnold Schroeder, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; D-Frederick Amery, Pueblo, Colo.; E-Dr. Franklin Nelson, Tulsa, Okla. REFEREE: Dr. Hugh Graham, Jr., Tulsa, Okla. COMPULSORY FIGURES: Group II-20b, 38a, 41b, SHORT PROGRAM: Group A.

B C 1. (1) (2) David Santee, Chicago FSC 1 2 1 2 3/1 2. (4) (3) Charlie Tickner, City of Denver, Colo.

3 3. (5) (1) John Baldwin, Individual Member, USFSA 3

2 4. (2) (5) Ted Engelking, Braemar-City of Lakes FSC

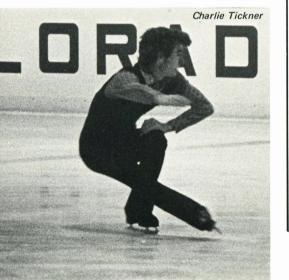
5. (3) (6) Jimmy Demogines, City of Denver

5/5 6. (6) (4) Terry Tunks, Lansing SC

6 6 6 6 5/6 7. (7) (7) Michael Stoller, Plaza FSC 5/7

SENIOR LADIES

JUDGES: A-Matthew Zats, St. Paul, Minn.; B-Dr. Gordon Brown, Ann Arbor, Mich.; C-Mrs. Nancy Meiss, Cincinnati, Ohio; D-Mrs. Margaret Reed, Tulsa, Okla.;





Colleen O'Connor & Jim Millns

E-Mrs. Jane Sullivan, Aspen, Colo. REFEREE: Dallas Mauk, Littleton, Colo. COMPULSORY FIGURES: Group I-21a, 31b, 36a. SHORT PROGRAM: Group C. F M

В C D 1. (3) (1) Juli McKinstry, Broadmoor

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TP 133.66 3. (2) (2) Kath Malmberg, Wagon Wheel

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FSC 3

4. (4) (4) Sissy Moody, City of Denver 4 5 5

5. (6) (5) Paula Larson, Braemar-City of Lakes FSC

4 6. (5) (7) Teri Klindworth, Braemar-City of Lakes FSC

6 7. (8) (8) Althea Samson, Detroit SC

6 7 5/7

8. (7) (6) Barbara Freyer, ISC of Indianapolis

8 8 9. (9) (9) Cara Markham, Chicago FSC 10 10 3/9 TOM 26

10. (10) (10) Janet Van Camp, Lansing SC 9 10 3/9 TOM 27

#### SENIOR PAIRS

JUDGES: A-Matthew Zats, St. Paul, Minn.; B-Dr. Gordon Brown, Ann Arbor, Mich.; C-Mrs. Nancy Meiss, Cincinnati, Ohio; D-Mrs. Margaret Reed, Tulsa, Okla.; E-Mrs. Jane Sullivan, Aspen, Colo. REFEREE: Dr. Hugh Graham, Jr., Tulsa, Okla. SHORT PROGRAM: Group D.

В C D E 1. (2) Debbie Hughes & Phillip Grout,

Denver FSC 1 1 1 1 (1) Cozette Cady, Troy SC, & Jack Courtney, SC of Wilmington (withdrew prior to completion of free skating) GOLD DANCE JUDGES: A-Dorothy Burkholder, Chicago, III.; B-Dr. Gordon Brown, Ann Arbor, Mich.; C—Mrs. Elaine DeMore, Cleveland, Ohio; D—Arnold Schroeder, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; E-Frederick Amery, Pueblo, Colo. REFEREE: Kingsley Brown, Ann Arbor, Mich. COMPULSORY DANCES: Group I—Viennese Waltz, Kilian, Quickstep, Original Set-Pattern. В C D E 1. (1) Colleen O'Connor & Jim Millns, Wagon Wheel FSC 2. (2) Susan Ogletree, Detroit SC, & Gerard Lane, SC of Wilmington 2 1 2 2 5 5/2 3. (3) Elizabeth Blatherwick, Genesee FSC, & Robert Kaine, ISC of Indianapolis 3 3 3 5/3 4. (5) Linda & Michael Stoller, Plaza FSC 4 5 4 5 3/4 5. (4) Myra & David Chrien, Plaza FSC 4 5 6 6. (6) Karen Schecter, Aspen SC, Michael Keas, Broadmoor SC 5 JUNIOR MEN JUDGES: A-Matthew Zats, St. Paul, Minn.; B-Dr. Gordon Brown, Ann Arbor, Mich.; C— Mrs. Frances Lupke, Fort Wayne, Ind.; D—Mrs. Jane Sullivan, Aspen, Colo.; E-Mrs. Elizabeth Vaughn, Richardson, Tex. REFEREE: Dallas Mauk, Littleton, Colo. COMPULSORY FIGURES: Group II-22a, 30b, 35a, 21b, 32a. В C D Ε 1. (2) Ronnie Green, Broadmoor SC 2 3/1 1 2 2. (1) Bill Schneider, City of Denver 2 1 2 3. (3) Chris Kales, Wagon Wheel FSC 4/4 5 3 4 TP 92.82 4. (5) Robert Steiner, Denver FSC 4/4 TP 92.49 5. (6) Frank Sweiding, III, Chicago FSC 5 3 4/5 6. (4) David Hold, City of Colorado Springs, Colo. 4/6 5 7. (8) Ken Kawiecki, Rocky River FSC 8 7 6 4/7 8. (7) Brian Kader, Detroit SC 8 7 8 8 5/8 JUNIOR LADIES JUDGES: A-Joseph Serafine, Lake Forest, III.; B-Mrs. Janet Griffiths, St. Paul, Minn.; C-Dr. Gordon Brown, Ann Arbor, Mich.; D-Mrs. Margaret Reed, Tulsa, Okla.; E-Mrs. Jane Sullivan, Aspen, Colo. REFEREE: Kingsley Brown, Ann Arbor, Mich. COMPULSORY FIGURES: Group I-16, 23a, 29b, 20a, 33b. В C D 1. (5) Gail Hamula, Broadmoor SC 3/1 2 1

2. (3) Betsy Hobson, Braemar-City of

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3. (4) Sherry Kilmer, Cleveland SC

8 4. (2) Lisa DeLaney, Detroit SC

5. (8) Alice Cook, Lansing SC

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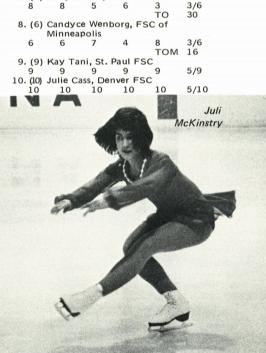
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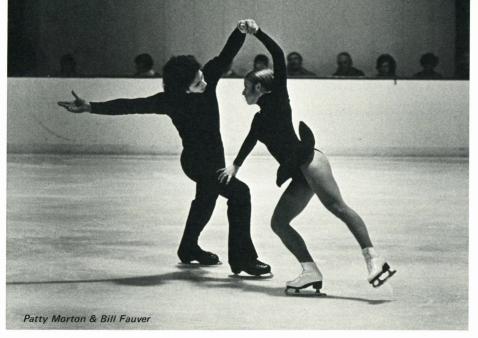
7. (7) Kitty DeLio, Denver FSC

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# JUNIOR PAIRS

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1. Patty Morton & Bill Fauver, Troy SC 2 1 1 2 3 4/2

2. Rose Mary Wilzbacher & David Bolton, St. Paul FSC

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3. Vicki & David Assafi, Denver FSC 3 2 3/2 3 1

TOM 5 4. Beth & Frank Sweiding, III, Chicago FSC

4 4 5. Louise & William Sencenbaugh, Broadmoor SC

6 4 4 4/5 6. Cheryl & Jeff Stewart, Tulsa FSC 5 6 6 5/6

SILVER DANCE

JUDGES: A-Matthew Zats, St. Paul, Minn.; B-Mrs. Frances Lupke, Fort Wayne, Ind.; C-Mrs. Nancy Meiss, Cincinnati, Ohio; D-Mrs. Marguerite Holcombe, Denver, Colo.; E-Dr. Franklin Nelson, Tulsa, Okla. REFEREE: Kingsley Brown, Ann Arbor, Mich. COMPULSORY DANCES: Initial Round-European Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot, Tango, Fourteenstep. Final Round-American Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Fourteenstep.

В C D 1. (1) Dee Oseroff, Genesee FSC, & Tim Hodges, Village of Rockton, III.

1 4 1 4/1 1 2. (2) Jackie Booth & Michael Podmore,

Plaza FSC 2 21/2 11/2 3. (4) Candy Anderson, SC of Wilmington

& Ronald Radke, Chicago FSC 4 21/2 11/2 3/3 3 TOM 7

4. (3) Cindy Davis, Louisville FSC, & Tom Simms, Lincoln Centre FSC 3 4 3 4

Eliminated after initial round

5. Jennifer Vogel, Ann Arbor FSC, & Kevin Moran, Trenton Community SC

6. Barbara Clare & Paul Steiner, Denver FSC

7. Marcia Fugina & Charles Larson, Greater Milwaukee FSC

8. Sheila Corcoran, Troy SC, & Daniel Montgomery, Pittsburgh FSC

9. Jo Ann Schneider, Arctic Blades FSC, & Richard Griffin, Denver FSC

NOVICE MEN

JUDGES: A-Dorothy Burkholder, Chicago, III.; B-Mrs. Elaine DeMore, Cleveland, Ohio; C-Mrs. Nancy Meiss, Cincinnati, Ohio; D—Dr. Franklin Nelson, Tulsa, Okla.; E—Mrs. Margaret Reed, Tulsa, Okla. REFEREE: Dr. Hugh Graham, Jr., Tulsa, Okla. COMPULSORY FIGURES: Group IV-24a, 17, 18b, 29a. В C Ε D

1. (1) Scott Hamilton, Bowling Green SC 1 1 2. (5) Mark Hayes, City of Denver

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3. (2) Scott Sherman, Skokie Valley SC 3 5 3 3 5 4. (3) Lowell Moore, Broadmoor SC

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5. (4) Shane Douglas, Broadmoor SC 3 6

6. (6) Jeff Marshall, Euclid Blade & Edge Club

6 4 3/5 7. (8) Patrick Hughes, FSC of

Green Bay 7

(7) Alan Dole, Euclid Blade & Edge Club

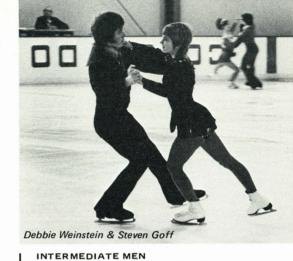
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NOVICE LADIES

JUDGES: A-Joseph Serafine, Lake Forest, III.; B-Mrs. Janet Griffiths, St. Paul, Minn.; C-Arnold Schroeder, St. Clair Shores, Mich.; D-Frederick Amery, Pueblo, Colo.; E-Bert Drew, Denver, Colo. REFEREE: Kingsley Brown, Ann Arbor, Mich. COMPULSORY FIGURES: Group II-13, 16, 18b, 29a.

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1. (1) Eva Barton-Dobenin, Broadm	oor SC
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5. (4) Lisa Horween, Chicago FSC 4 4 4 6 5	3/4
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6. (6) Lynn Johnson, Skokie Valley	SC 3/5
6 5 5 5 6 7. (8) Molly Dowling, Cleveland SC	3/5
7 7 6 7 7 8. (7) Sarah Shuler, Troy SC	5/7
8 8 8 8 8	5/8
<li>(3) Holly Blunt, Lansing SC (did not free skate)</li>	
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A B C D E 1. Elizabeth & Gordon Black, Detro	M it SC
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3. Adrianne Chang & Rick Turley, V	
Wheel FSC 3 2 4 2 3	4/3
4. Helen Zinn & Richard Murphy,	
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5. Kathy Pierce & Eric Jacobson, FS	C of
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6. Sarah Bateman, Denver FSC, & G Glenn, City of Denver	eoff
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7. Debbie & Donald Might, Broadmo	oor SC 5/7
BRONZE DANCE	
JUDGES: A—Joseph Serafine, Lake F	Forest,
III.; B—Dorothy Burkholder, Chicago C—Mrs. Frances Lupke, Fort Wayne,	Ind.;
D—Arnold Schroeder, St. Clair Shore Mich.; E—Frederick Amery, Pueblo, C	s,
REFEREE: Kingsley Brown, Ann Ar	bor,
Mich. COMPULSORY DANCES: Init Round—Fiesta Tango, Willow Waltz.	ial
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<ol> <li>(1) Carol Fox &amp; Richard Dalley, Individual Members, USFSA</li> </ol>	
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2. (2) Laura Pierce & Rick Berg, FS Madison	Cof
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3. (3) Debbie Weinstein, Denver FSC Steven Goff, Arapahoe ISC	J, &
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2. Denver FSC

3. Wagon Wheel FSC

of Madison

Community SC

Wagon Wheel FSC

6. Jill Calvin & Michael Deck, Trenton

Member, USFSA, & Reno Novak,

8. Grushenka Wolfgang, Individual

7. Hazel Englund & Tom Kuo, Denver FSC

9. Debbie & Donald Might, Broadmoor SC