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Far from the balmy weather of last year's championships in Southern California, the competitors and spectators arriving in Bloomington, Minnesota, for the 1973 National Championships had to button up their overcoats. Nevertheless, excitement must have banished any cold the participants might have felt while new champions in three of the four Senior events were chosen.

This year's Nationals, sponsored jointly by the Braemar-City of Lakes, St. Paul and Minneapolis Figure Skating Clubs, were held in the multi-colored Metropolitan Sports Center. Being the home of a National Hockey League team, the large ice surface gave some skaters worries. But the 134 competitors in ten events compensated for the size and provided the Midwest crowd with some top-notch figure skating.

First in figures, short program and free skating-Gordie McKellen

