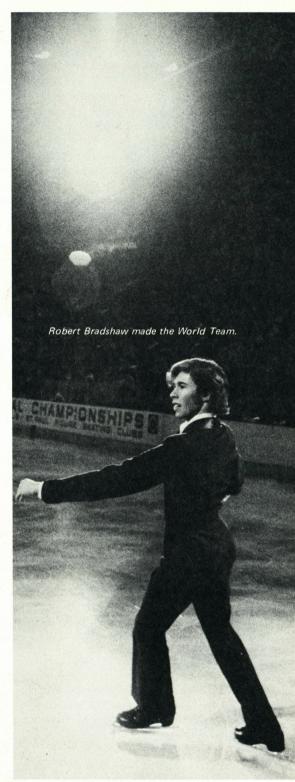
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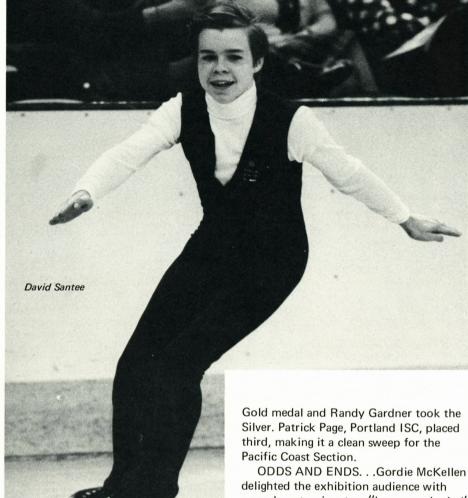
Lack of size proved to be no deterrent to talent as three of the smallest skaters in each division took the respective titles in the Men's events. Gordon McKellen, Jr., won his first national title by leading in all three aspects of the new system for Senior Singles. After staging a come-frombehind battle in the figures, he attacked the compulsory short program, then neatly packed the title away with a solid free style performance that got a 5.9 from every judge on both marks. John Carlow, Jr., won the Junior event, while Scott Carson added another title for California in the Novice division.

Gordie had a shakey start on the first figure of Group III, placing fourth, while David Santee established himself as a contender. Santee went into the lead on the second figure, but Gordie moved to the top on the third. In the compulsory short program Friday afternoon, McKellen added to his lead. He had a high delayed Axel and triple Salchow/double toe loop combination. Robert Bradshaw moved from third to second, and the battle between him and Santee for the second spot on the plane to Bratislava was on.

In the free skating final Saturday afternoon, McKellen, Bradshaw and Santee all skated solid programs. Bradshaw skated early and highlighted his program with arms-clasped single and double Axels. Santee repeated several of his compulsory moves, including the double Axel/double toe loop combination, but the judges placed him fourth in free skating, giving Bradshaw the World Team berth. McKellen started his program with a unique, open scissors-kick loop jump, then put in two of the cleanest triple jumps of the competition. He also included a stag jump/Axel combination near the end of his program.

Although Terry Kubicka had com-





pleted a triple Lutz jump in both Regional and Sectional competition, he fell in his attempt to be the first skater to complete this jump in Nationals. Nevertheless, he finished third in free, fourth overall.

John Carlow, Jr., won the Junior Men's title with a strong performance in both figures and free skating. His free style program included the rarely seen piston spin. Scott Cramer again captured the Silver medal, as he had in 1972, but was hard pressed by Bill Schneider, who featured some neat footwork in the free skating.

The Novice Men's event saw two Southern Californians in a close race for the top spot. Scott Carson claimed the ODDS AND ENDS. . . Gordie McKellen delighted the exhibition audience with a good pantomime to a "bumps and grind" number. . . Robert Bradshaw's compulsory combination was a triple toe loop/double toe loop. . . McKellen's triples had the greatest distance of anyone's. . . Terry Kubicka did the only triple loop, giving him three completed triples. . . Junior Tim Zink's good program was marred by sound difficulties.

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JANUARY 24-27

**MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP** 

JUDGES: A—Newbold Black, IV, New York, N.Y.; B—Mrs. Claire Ferguson, North Providence, R.I.; C—Louis Bodek, Birmingham, Mich.; D—Mrs. Mabel Graham, Akron, Ohio; E—Matthew Zats, St. Paul, Minn.; F—Raymond Alperth, San Francisco, Calif.; G—Norman Fuller, Chino, Calif. REFEREE: Robert McLeod, Norwalk, Calif. COMPULSORY FIGURES: Group III—22a, 39b, 40a. SHORT PROGRAM: Group A.

C D E 1. (1) (1) Gordon McKellen, Jr., SC of Lake Placid 1 1 1 2. (3) (2) Robert Bradshaw, Los Angeles FSC 2 3 2 3. (2) (3) David Santee, Chicago FSC 3 3 3 3 2 3 2 4. (6) (4) Terry Kubicka, City of Paramount, Calif. 5 4 4 5. (4) (8) John Baldwin, Individual Member, USFSA 4 6 5 4 6. (5) (7) Charles Tickner, City of Denver, Colo. 5 6 6 5 6/6 7. (8) (5) Stephen Savino, SC of New York 7 7 7 7 6 7 7/7 8. (7) (6) Mark Rehfield, City of Paramount 8 8 8 8 8 8 7/8 9. (9) (9) Mahlon Bradley, SC of Boston 9 9 9 9 10 10 5/9 10. (10) (10) Scott Henderson, Hershey FSC 10 10 10 10 10 9 9 JUNIOR MEN JUDGES: A-Mrs. Anne Gram, New York, N.Y.; B-Mrs. Virginia LeFevre, Troy, Ohio; C-Mrs. Margaret Reed, Tulsa, Okla.; D-Mrs. Dora May Coy, Lakebay, Wash.; E-Mrs. Eleanor Curtis, Granada Hills, Calif. REFEREE: Harry Keighley, Evanston, III. COMPULSORY FIGURES: Group III-17, 22a, 29b, 21a, 32b. В C D Ε 1. (1) John Carlow, Jr., Arctic Blades FSC 1 1 1 1 4/1 2. (3) Scott Cramer, Wissahickon SC 2 2 3 3/2 TOM 5 3. (2) Bill Schneider, City of Denver 3 3 2 3/2 TOM 6 4. (5) Ronnie Green, Broadmoor SC

5. (4) Ken Newfield, Los Angeles FSC 9 6 3/6 TOM 16 6. (6) Chris Kales, Wagon Wheel FSC 3/6 5 7 6 10 **TOM 17** 7. (8) Perry Jewell, City of Burbank, Calif. 8 4 8. (9) Tim Zink, Charleston FSC 9 6 4 8 4/8 9. (7) Charles Carapazza, Metropolitan FSC 8 9 5 9 10. (11) William Woehrle, Buffalo SC 10 10 11 8 11 11. (10) Tom Hilfman, Chicago FSC 11 11 10 11 10 5/11 NOVICE MEN

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A C B  $\Box$ 1. (2) Scott Carson, Los Angeles FSC 1 1 2 2. (3) Randy Gardner, City of Burbank 2 2 1 1 3. (1) Patrick Page, Portland ISC 3 3 2 5/3 3 3 4. (8) Mark Hayes, City of Denver 7 5 4 5 4/5 5. (4) Scott Sherman, Skokie Valley SC 4 6 4 5 3/5 6. (6) Michael Giordano, Bridgeport SC 4 6 3/6 7. (9) Ray Belmonte, Colonial SC 3/7 6 9 7 6 9 8. (5) Mitchell Moyer, SC of Wilmington 8 8 8 4/8 6 9. (7) Scott Hamilton, Bowling Green SC 9 9

