

Dance

With five-time champions Judy Schwomeyer and James Sladky now safely married and retired from competition, a close contest was expected in the Gold Dance. But Mary Karen Campbell and Johnny Johns didn't really give Ann and Harvey Millier, the runners-up for the last three years, a chance to get that close. Campbell and Johns led after the compulsory dances, won the Original Set-Pattern, and topped off the competition with an exciting free dance. In Silver Dance, Judi Genovesi and Kent Weigle won a split decision.

After the three compulsory dances, Mary Karen and Johnny had six firsts and a tie for first. Their Original Set-Pattern waltz, done in the opposite direction from everyone else's, increased their lead over the Milliers. Colleen O'Connor and Jim Millns were holding onto third over Jane Pankey and Richard Horne.

The free dance segment on Saturday night, the night that the peace accord in Vietnam went into effect, was preceded by a moment of silence and prayer to commemorate the cease-fire. In the finals that followed, that last of the four-day championships, Colleen and Jim led off with a fine, steady job, cheered on by the rest of the Wagon Wheel FSC skaters.

The Milliers were the first of the leaders to skate. They did an interpretive program with Ann doing such different moves as a back split and a stag split moving backwards down the ice. To a Spanish medley, Jane and Richard wrestled third place from O'Connor and Millns. As

Photo, above—A New England sweep in Silver Dance: Gold Medallists Judi Genovesi and Kent Weigle; Silver Medallists Jennifer and David Young; and Bronze Medallists Joy Cushner and Stephen Kanter. former world roller skating dance champions, Pankey and Horne unleashed themselves with a flair in the free dance.

Then Mary Karen and Johnny took to the ice and claimed the championship. Their first two musical selections illustrated their vast range of technique—a country square dance into a Tchaikovsky piece. And when Mary Karen suddenly did a full split on the ice, the audience marked them first with a long round of applause that had the couple worried about hearing the rest of their music. When the program was over, the judges agreed, giving them eight 5.9's in their total of 14 marks.

Judi Genovesi and Kent Weigle led a New England sweep in the Silver Dance as the three Eastern couples each earned at least one first place vote. In the final standings, Judi and Kent, who were third in New Englands but won the Eastern title, placed ahead of Jennifer and David Young with a greater majority of second place votes. Joy Cushner and Stephen Kanter were third.

ODDS AND ENDS. . . Mary Karen Campbell did a slide sitspin similar to that performed by the Bucks of the BRD. . . The Milliers wore ice blue outfits with

Skip in matching boot covers. . . Former World Dance champion Bernard Ford helps train the Milliers. . . A couple coached by Ron Ludington has won the Gold Dance eight of the past 11 years.

An exhibition program Saturday night featuring the new champions brought this delightfully well organized and smooth-running Nationals to a close.

DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

JUDGES: A—Mrs. Ardelle Sanderson, Lake Placid, N.Y.; B—Mrs. Mary Louise Wright, Belmont, Mass.; C—Mrs. Mabel Graham, Akron, Ohio; D—Mrs. Virginia LeFevre, Troy, Ohio; E—Mrs. Dora May Coy, Lakebay, Wash.; F—Norman Fuller, Chino, Calif.; G—Mrs. Edith Shoemaker, San Francisco, Calif. REFEREE: Howard Taylor, Walnut Creek, Calif. COMPULSORY DANCES: Group I—Viennese Waltz, Kilian, Quickstep, Original Set-Pattern.

A B C D E F G M 1. (1) Mary Karen Campbell, Lansing SC, & Johnny Johns, Detroit SC

1 1 1 1 1 1 1 7/1 2. (2) Ann & Harvey Millier, Philadelphia SC & HS

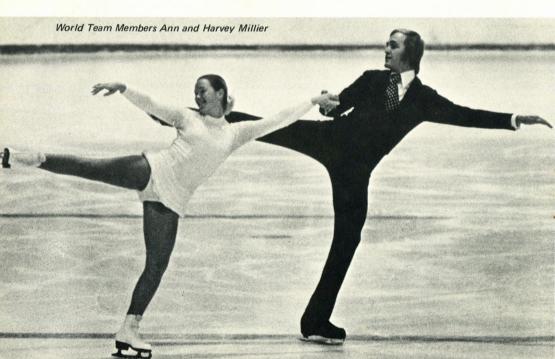
2 2 2 2 3 2 2 6/2 3. (4) Jane Pankey & Richard Horne, SC of Wilmington

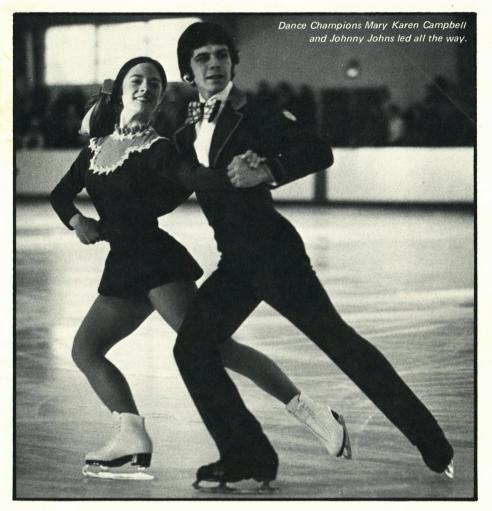
3 3 4 4 2 3 3 5/3 4. (3) Colleen O'Connor & Jim Millns, Wagon Wheel FSC

4 4 3 3 4 5 4 6/4 5. (5) Susan Ogletree, Detroit SC, & Gerard Lane, SC of Wilmington

5 5 5 5 5 5 4 5 7/5 6. (7) Karen Raile, Portland ISC, & Curt Finley, Glacier Falls FSC 9 9 7 9 6 6 6 4/7

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- 7. (6) Elizabeth Blatherwick, Genesee FSC, & Robert Kaine, ISC of Indianapolis 8 7 6 6 7 8 9 4/7 TO 51
- 8. (8) Christine Linney, SC of New York, & Bruce Bowland, City of Wilmington 6 6 8 7 8 7 10 4/7
 TO 52
- 9. (9) Jane Hickey & Robert Young, Charter Oak FSC 7 8 10 8 10 10 7
- 7 8 10 8 10 10 7 4/8 10. (10) Barbara & Michael Wayland, Los Angeles FSC
- Angeles FSC 10 10 9 10 9 9 8 4/9 11. (11) Linda & Barry Stroh, Los Angeles FSC
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SILVER DANCE
JUDGES: A—Mrs. Ardelle Sanderson, Lake
Placid, N.Y.; B—Mrs. Mary Louise Wright,
Belmont, Mass.; C—Mrs. Mabel Graham, Akron,
Ohio; D—Mrs. Dora May Coy, Lakebay, Wash.;
E—Mrs. Edith Shoemaker, San Francisco,
Calif. REFEREE: Howard Taylor, Walnut
Creek, Calif. COMPULSORY DANCES:
Initial Round—European Waltz, Rocker
Foxtrot, Tango, Fourteenstep. Final Round—
American Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Fourteenstep.
A B C D E M

- 1. (1) Judi Genovesi, SC of Hartford, & Kent Weigle, Charter Oak FSC
- 3. (3) Joy Cushner, Charter Oak FSC, & Stephen Kanter, SC of Boston 3 3 1 2½ 2 5/3
- 4. (4) Gail & Stephen Heitert, San Diego FSC 4 4 4 4 5/4 Eliminated after initial round
- Vicki Scheurn, Los Angeles FSC, & Roger Fortin, Glacier Falls FSC
- Dee Oseroff, Genesee FSC, & Tim Hodges, Village of Rockton, III.
- 7. Jackie Booth & Michael Podmore, Plaza FSC
- 8. Candy Anderson, SC of Wilmington, & Ronald Radke, Chicago FSC
- Colleen Clark, Lakewood WC, & Jean-Rene Basle, City of Tacoma, Wash.

HARNED TROPHY

- Los Angeles FSC
 Arctic Blades FSC
- 58 52½
- 3. SC of New York