

Foreign ice

SWISS SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS GENEVA, SWITZERLAND DECEMBER 14-15, 1973



Karin Iten
Bronze medalist in the 1973 European Championships, Kathy Brunner and Evelyn Reusser, second and third respectively, won places on the '74 European Team with free programs filled with athletic difficulty. The exhibition of Michele Haider of Basle was brilliant, but her low figure placement prevented her from capturing a medal. Nicole Nardini, trained in the U.S. by Gus Lussi, gave a fine performance in the free.

The Men's event was another story, as neither of the two contestants gained enough marks for the title of champion. Stephane Prince placed ahead of Leonardo Lienhard. In Pairs, the twins Karin and Christian Kuenzle, the 1973 winners of the Grand Prix International in St. Gervais, easily defended the title they have held since 1970. Last year's Senior Dance champions, Gerda Buehler and Mathias Baechi, also comfortably retained their title.

—Nigel Brown

42nd ALL-JAPAN CHAMPIONSHIPS KYOTO, JAPAN NOVEMBER 27, 1973

Minoru Sano of Tokyo won the Men's Championship for the second successive year. His superduper performance of free skating enchanted all of the audience, and one of the judges gave him the full six points. In the 1973 World Championships Sano was placed 14th, but last fall he was third in Skate Canada.

In the Ladies' event, Emi Watanabe, who trains in Colorado, took first place for her second consecutive victory. Miss Watanabe, 14, placed 17th in the 1973 World Championships and eighth in Skate Canada. The runner-up was Ohashi of Tokyo, who followed Watanabe closely with an inspirational free skating program. Sano and Watanabe will represent Japan at the '74 Worlds.

—Kazuyoshi Oimatsu

Peace + Love by JANET LYNN with Dean Merrill

The good times, the bad times—Janet Lynn talks openly about the amateur skating career that spanned 14 years. While readers will enjoy the day-by-day account of her rise as a competitor, the book's real value lies in Janet's thoughtful discussion of what it means to be a skater, a girl growing up and, above all, a Christian. Permeating the story is the feeling that made all the years of effort worthwhile—"I skate because I love to skate and want to try to radiate love to the people." Published by Creation House.

FOREIGN ICE, continued EAST GERMAN CHAMPIONSHIPS EAST BERLIN, DDR JANUARY 10-13, 1974

Christine Errath won her first National Ladies title, after placing second to Sonja Morgenstern for the past three years. Anett Pötzsch, who placed 14th in the 1973 World Championships, took the Silver medal, while Marion Weber followed closely in third.

Jan Hoffmann won the Men's event for the third time, receiving five 6.0's in the long free skating. Manuela Gross and Uwe Kagelmann regained the Pairs title which they previously held in 1972 but did not defend last year. They had only a narrow 4-3 win on ordinals, however, over the 1973 champions Romy Kermer and Rolf Österreich.

WEST GERMAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AUGSBURG, BAVARIA, BRD JANUARY 10-13, 1974

For the first time since German Championships began in 1891, they were held in Augsburg. Isabel de Navarre was first in figures and free skated better than she has before; however, Gerti Schanderl's powerful free skating and high, clean jumps earned her eleven 5.8's and her third successive West German Ladies title. She may now look forward to competing in the World Championships this month in her hometown of Munich.

Erich Reifschneider, 16, retained the Men's title, which he first won last year. In Pairs, Eberhard Rausch made a comeback. In 1970 he held the title with Brunhilde Bassler, and this year he regained it with his present partner, Corinna Halke. With the Bucks and Kopps now retired, the Dance event was very weak. Sylvia and Michael Fuchs, the only remaining members of last year's international team, took the title.

—Dennis L. Bird