



NATIONALS

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The newly-completed Providence Civic Center provided a plush setting for the 1974 United States Figure Skating Championships February 6-9. The last time the Rhode Island capital hosted the Nationals was in 1930 when Maribel Vinson and Roger Turner were in the midst of their long strings of senior singles titles. This year, however, saw three senior titles undefended by last year's holders and the expected favorites faced by some uneasy moments.

For the record—Nationals '74 were sponsored jointly by the Providence Figure Skating Club, the Junior League of Providence, Inc., and the Providence Journal Company. Over 30,000 spectators passed through the Civic Center doors during the four-day championships, with a full house of over 10,000 viewers for the final night of exhibitions. A total of 137 competitors, four of whom had double duty in both singles and pairs, vied for the ten National titles.