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UNITED STATES OLYMPIC TEAM

PASSING IN REVIEW, AS THEY SALUTE THE PRESIDENT OF SWITZERLAND

A Survey of the 1928 Olympic Games

JOEL B. LIBERMAN

Scarcely had the last spectator left Madison Square Garden after that great and gorgeous spectacle, to wit, the United States Figure Skating Carnival, than the team nominated to represent the United States at the Olympic Games was on its way to St. Moritz, Switzerland, where the games were to be held. The team consisted of Miss Beatrix Loughran (United States and North American Champion), Miss Maribel Vinson and Mrs. Theresa Weld Blanchard, ranked respectively second and third in the United States, and Messrs. Nathaniel W. Niles and Roger F. Turner, then ranked first and second in our National list and Sherwin Badger, formerly National Champion.

Accompanying the team was its trained and instructed judge, Joel B. Liberman and an all unwitting and unsuspecting judge, Henry W. Howe, President of our Association. Mr. Howe with Mrs. Howe embarked on what was at last to be a spectators' holiday, but they took little count of a treacherous St. Moritz thaw and a compulsory holding of two events at the same time, necessitating employment of a United States judge in each event.

Enthusiastic followers from the Boston and New York Clubs accompanied the skaters and helped to make up the cosmopolitan gathering that overflowed St. Moritz.

The games opened on Saturday, February 11th in a snow storm but this merely added to the impressive parade of the contestants and committees. The United States invaders were led by Mr. Gustavus Town Kirby, head of the Olympic Committee, who had composed this effective greeting to the Swiss hosts:

“Ray, Ray, Ray! U. S. A. !! A. M. E. R. I. C. A. !!!”

and which slogan delivered at strategic points during the march was one of the brightest moments in the parade. The picture presented

by the various teams was one never to be forgotten, the American Bob-Sled contestants, with white jerseys and insignias being especially effective.

The events opened on Sunday with the Military Patrol Race on Skis which was won by Norway, with Finland and Switzerland respectively second and third. Three ski events, namely the Jump, the Long Distance Race, and the Combined Race were all won by Norway; which country captured the first three places except in the Jump, where Finland obtained a third place. The first three places in the 50-meter ski race fell to Sweden. The United States had no entry in any of the above events except in the Jump where Rolf Monsen obtained a sixth place.

An unexpected and brilliant victory was won by the United States team on the Cresta Run which had withstood the ravages of the thaw. J. Heaton and his brother with the remarkable combined time of 181.8 and 182.8 (3 runs each) won respectively the first and second places with the Earl of Northesk (Great Britain), record holder, third with 185.1. The United States Bob-Sled Teams likewise gained first and second places with Germany third. The Canadian hockey team was an easy first with Sweden and Switzerland second and third. Popular and admired as hockey is in the United States, we regret to state that no support could be found to send a team to the games.

The weather was most cruel to the racers. In the 500 meter race two skaters Thunberg (Finland) and Evensen (Norway) tied for first and three skaters, Frunan of Finland, Farrel of United States and Laresen of Norway tied for third place. The 5000 meter race (skated in a thaw) went to Ballangrud of Norway with (2) Skutnabb (Finland); (3) Evensen (Norway); (4) Jaffe (United States); (5) Carleson (Norway); (6) Bialas (United States). The 1500 meters, on better ice, was won by Thunberg (Finland); (2) Evensen (Norway); (3) Ballangrud (Norway); (4) Lareson (Norway); (5) Murphy (United States) and (6) Bialis (United States).

In the 10,000 meter race Jaffe of the United States was first, defeating the Norwegian star Evensen, but unfortunately the victory was not credited, the race having been ordered to be re-run on account of the poor ice. A protest was made to the authorities by the



KULM RINK
ALL SINGLES WERE SKATED HERE

United States but it was not allowed. The race was never run over again as most of the speed skaters left immediately. In the language of "Sports de Neige et de Glace" (Paris), "The speed skating thus ignominiously ended in a tempestuous discussion around the committee room table" . . .

The figure skating was almost but not quite wrecked by the thaw. Unkind critics stated that the Hotel fraternity in St. Moritz had foolishly demanded a belated period for holding the games in order to extend the hotel season, and the fact remains that only by the greatest optimism and patience was the crowd held together as one more day of uncertainty would have sent contestants and spectators alike scurrying home.

The figure skating began with the men's school figures on the morning of Tuesday, the 14th, but in view of the thaw the ladies' figures could not be skated according to schedule and on Thursday our friend the Zurich "Sport" was compelled to announce "A CATAS-

TROPHE! IT IS RAINING! THE COMPETITION POST-PONED! DIPLOMATIC DIFFICULTIES!" There was agonized talk of "on to Berlin" or "on to London" or on to any other place where there was ice. But the weather cleared and the committee managed to produce an ice surface which it is kind to pronounce as being passable. Enough of this agony, suffice it to say that all of the skaters skated marvelously in view of the conditions and it was only on the last day of the competition namely, Sunday, when the pair-skating took place that anything resembling a good sheet of ice could be had. Never shall I forget the single free skating for men and women when every few feet of ice was marked by a flag, denoting a hole or rut and the skater was compelled to dodge in and out of these lanes—and look dashing and pleasant withal. Only Willy Frick's candle trick would have been appropriate on such ice!

The judges for the competitions were:

MEN'S SINGLES

Referee	Herr Salchow	Sweden
Judges	1. Dr. Dannenberg	Germany
	2. E. Engelmann	Austria
	3. P. Bauduin	Belgium
	4. J. B. Liberman	United States
	5. S. Ilmanen	Finland
	6. H. J. Clarke	England
	7. Vesely	Czecho-Slovakia

Clerks of course: Dr. Steinmann L. Liebermann

LADIES' SINGLES

Referee	H. J. Clarke	England
Judges	1. O. Schoening	Germany
	2. Dr. Muller	Austria
	3. F. de Montigny	Belgium
	4. H. W. Howe	United States
	5. T. D. Richardson	England
	6. C. R. Kolderup	Norway
	7. F. Pigueron	France

Clerks of course: T. Jakobson L. Liebermann

PAIR SKATING

Referee	V. Lundquist	Sweden
Judges	1. H. Burger	Germany
	2. Dr. Muller	Austria
	3. E. Delpy	Belgium
	4. J. B. Liberman	United States
	5. S. Ilmanen	Finland
	6. F. Pigueron	France
	7. T. D. Richardson	England
	8. J. G. Kuenzli	Switzerland
	9. Dr. Sliva	Czecho-Slovakia

Clerks of course: L. Liebermann Dr. Steinmann

MEN'S SINGLES

GILLIS GRAFSTROM,* Sweden, retained his honors as Olympic Champion. He suffered from water on the knee and was undecided as to whether he would skate or not until the last moment. Ignoring this handicap his skating was a distinct disappointment to the writer. I was prepared for a bold, picturesque skater, who combined rare accuracy, with courage. Instead I found an easy, careful skater, with a fine knee action in his school figures, but with turns to say the least of a doubtful character. Of course, the ice was lamentably soft, but Grafstrom's skate glided far too easily over his counters and rockers. His free skating is easy and graceful but not commanding. He has a complete championship repertoire, all the spins and jumps with good connecting figures but he has certain stereotyped and stilted poses that do not impress as much as far less noted skaters. Curiously enough I would characterize his skating with the comment that it achieves victory in its failure to make mistakes rather than to record positive points.

WILLI BOCKL, Austria, again winner of second place, is not as ungainly a skater as his critics contend. In his school figures he does not reach and strain appreciably more than the average Olympic contestant. From the point of view of tracing he is the judge's friend. His prints are laid down with infinite courage, and even on that wretched ice they remained for many moments for the judges to ponder over. Lucky for Grafstrom that his light and sketchy

*Grafstrom won in both 1924 and 1928 without a judge from his own country.

OLYMPIC MEN'S SINGLES

Judges:		Dannenberg (Germany)	Engelmann (Austria)	Bauduin (Belgium)	Clarke (England)	Illmanen (Finland)	Liberman (United States)	Vesely (Czechoslovakia)	TOTALS
1. G. Grafstrom Sweden	School	243.25	221.75	217	219.25	243.5	229.25	256.75	1630.75
	Free	164.5	150.50	150.5	143.5	157	147	157.5	1070.5
	Total Place	407.75 1	372.25 3	367.5 3	362.75 1	400.5 1	376.25 2	414.25 1	2701.25 12
2. W. Bockl Austria	School	239.5	229.75	221.25	208.5	237	237	252.5	1625.5
	Free	164.5	150.5	150.5	140	154	140	157.5	1057
	Total Place	404.0 2	380.25 1	371.75 2	348.5 2	391 2	377 1	410 3	2682.5 13
3. R. Van Zeebroeck Belgium	School	222.5	220.75	229.25	191.75	227.75	211.75	239	1542.75
	Free	161	147	154	136.5	154	136.5	147	1036
	Total Place	383.5 3	367.75 4	383.25 1	328.25 4	381.75 3	348.25 7	386 5	2578.75 27
4. K. Schafer Austria	School	216.25	222	189.5	174.5	226.5	221.25	213.75	1463.75
	Free	161	150.5	147	140	119	143.5	147	1008
	Total Place	377.25 4	372.5 2	336.5 4	314.5 7	345.5 6	364.75 3	360.75 9	2471.75 35
5. J. Sliva Czechoslovakia	School	208.5	204.8	176	192.25	214.25	218	255.5	1469.3
	Free	150.5	140	119	129.5	140	136.5	157.5	1073
	Total Place	359.0 5	344.8 6	295 8	321.75 6	354.25 5	354.5 4	413.0 2	2542.3 36
6. M. Nikkanen Finland	School	211.5	209.75	200.75	186.25	240.25	211.25	220.25	1480
	Free	129.5	136.5	119	108.5	126	129.5	150.5	1098.5
	Total Place	341.0 7	346.25 5	319.75 6	294.75 10	366.25 4	340.75 8	370.75 6	2578.5 46
7. P. Brunet France	School	203.75	207.5	206.75	182	214	204	239.75	1457.75
	Free	129.5	136.5	126.5	122.5	129.5	136.5	154	935
	Total Place	333.25 10	344.0 7	333.25 5	304.5 8	343.5 7	340.5 9	393.75 4	2392.75 50

8. L. Wrede Austria	School Free	187.25 150.5	189.5 147.	179.25 119	189.25 133	206.75 136.5	193.75 140	223 147	1368.75 973
	Total Place	337.75 8	336.5 8	298.25 7	322.25 5	343.25 8	333.75 10	370 7	2341.75 53
9. J. F. Page England	School Free	206 115.5	199 119	170 119	206.75 129.5	201.25 129.5	213.25 112	227.75 140	1424 864.5
	Total Place	321.5 11	318 10	289 10	336.25 3	330.75 9	325.25 11	367.75 8	2288.5 62
10. R. F. Turner United States	School Free	207 129.5	186 133	177.25 112	180.25 115.5	209.25 115.5	211 140	192.75 136.50	1363.5 882
	Total Place	336.5 9	319 9	289.25 9	295.75 9	324.75 12	351 6	329.25 13	2245.5 67
11. S. C. Badger United States	School Free	187.5 112	184.25 122.5	170.25 115.5	180.75 112	204.5 126	206 147	190.75 150.50	1324 885
	Total Place	299.5 12	306.75 12	285.75 12	292.75 11	330.5 10	353 5	341.25 11	2209 73
12. Franke Germany	School Free	213.5 133.0	173.75 129.5	172.75 115.5	163.75 115.5	204.25 122.5	185.50 133.25	212.25 140	1325.75 889.25
	Total Place	346.5 6	303.25 13	288.25 11	279.25 13	326.75 11	318.75 12	352.25 10	2215.00 76
13. M. Wilson Canada	School Free	186.5 101.5	202.25 108.5	177 94.5	173.5 98	200 105	205.25 98	201 115.5	1345.5 721
	Total Place	288.0 13	310.75 11	271.5 13	271.5 14	305 13	303.25 14	316.5 14	2066.5 92
14. I. Bowhill England	School Free	167.25 112	175.75 119	156.25 87.5	187.5 105	188.25 108.5	169.5 80.5	156.75 94.5	1201.25 707
	Total Place	279.25 14	294.75 14	243.75 15	292.5 12	296.75 14	250.0 16	251.25 16	1908.25 101
15. N. W. Niles United States	School Free	143.5 115.5	160 125.5	143.5 77	140 94.5	168 112	191.5 112	205.75 129.5	1152.25 766
	Total Place	259.0 16	285.5 15	220.5 16	234.5 16	280 15	303.5 13	335.25 12	1918.25 103
16. J. Eastwood Canada	School Free	165.5 101.5	166.75 108.5	155 98	148 98	176.5 94.5	168.75 119	155.75 98	1136.25 717.5
	Total Place	267 15	275.25 16	253 14	246 15	271.0 16	287.75 15	253.75 15	1853.75 106

tracings were so soon gone! Bockl's figures in my opinion were far better than Grafstrom's but his free skating not so good. With Grafstrom, I can say that while he attempts nothing extraordinary, what he attempts always comes off—Bockl tries the heroic,—three "Paulsens" in succession and other "Olympian" feats, and while this is praiseworthy he is not a great enough skater to make you accept them. Perhaps they cannot be done. I feel that if Bockl tried a less startling and more rhythmic program he would surprise us all. He did one typical Viennese dance that showed what a good idea he had of time and I wish that he had done more of this type of skating and fewer acrobatic tricks. Oddly enough they followed each other, these two old rivals, and the majority of judges seemed convinced that Grafstrom's mastery of less difficult things was more to be desired than Bockl's less controlled attempts to reach greater heights.

ROBERT VAN ZEEBROECK, Belgium, was third (with one first place). He is a youthful skater of great promise. His school figures were excellent, with one recurrent fault, the roughness and torn outlines of the circles, due somewhat we are sure to an exaggerated curvature of the blade of the skate. This was of great usefulness in spinning but I think Van Zeebroeck lost more than he gained. An awkward habit of hands and elbows held almost shoulder high looked to be a detriment, not a help. In his free skating the same peculiarity was noticed in his jumps, but in spinning he was easily the star. His first spin occupied forty seconds and contained in continuous rotation all of the known varieties, sitting, standing and cross foot. Of programs, in general in the Olympics I will have a word to say later, and this young skater is typical of the newer school with almost a complete absence of transition. It is a strange thing to find a youthful skater with a complete repertoire at that early age, and yet find him exhibiting a series of disjointed specialties, with mere shuffling breathing space between instead of skated interludes.

KARL SCHAFER of Austria was fourth. Of all the men he seemed to have the greatest natural talent. His school figures were bold and accurate, his free skating repertoire was ample and courageous, and he skated with rhythm and sureness. His Axel Paulsen jump was the best shown, while his spread eagle dance steps were a delight to behold. A little more practice in school figures and more experience in placing his program is all this skater needs to take first

place very soon. In his free skating the wretched flags seemed to fascinate him, and he went round and round in one free spot and seemed unable to leave it. Of course this made a bad impression, and we think that of all the first rank skaters it was Schafer who suffered most because of the conditions.

JOSEPH SLIVA, Czecho-Slovakia, fifth, is an accurate smooth skater with excellent school figures. His free skating is somewhat stilted but was characterized by one excellent and novel type of spin, with the free foot extended backward in conventional inner edge position, but this was repeated too many times. Sliva also skated on a small free area far from the judges, and this proceeding, while safe, paid its toll because at that distance the intricacies of any program were hard to follow.

MARCUS NIKKANEN of Finland, sixth, had perhaps the best carriage of any in the tournament. His school figures were excellent with the exception of one three change three where he lost his bearings on a particularly vile piece of ice. His free skating lacked content and showed inexperience, but we think the next Olympics will see a finished skater with a larger repertoire.

PIERRE BRUNET, France, seventh, just failed to place. In the simpler school figures he was not so good but as they became more difficult he became better. His free skating was interesting as it contained daring pivot circle figures which he executed with great accuracy and speed. His spins were excellent but his jumps were somewhat sprawling. A pleasing and modest personality made him one of the most popular of the contestants.

The eighth and ninth in order were H. WREDE (Austria) and J. F. PAGE (England). They were a contrast in that the one was particularly good in free skating and the other in school figures. Page's school figures (particularly his advanced figures) were among the best, but the complete absence of spins and a scarcity of jumps gave him a lower rating in free skating. He has, however, a command of the spread eagle that is admirable and he introduces it in dances in a very interesting way. The ice bothered him greatly as he fell repeatedly. While this does not count against a contestant, it takes some time after a fall to recover and resume a satisfactory routine.

ROGER F. TURNER, United States, tenth, was the first among our skaters. His school figures were somewhat smaller in outline than the top rank, but they showed well among the best. His free skating program is well laid out and has more of the Olympic character than our other competitors. Turner has been willing to master the eagle and spin with a resultant gain. His outstanding fault is a too rigid balance leg, which gives a cramped look to his free skating. If he were to let his balance leg swing in natural style I think this fault would disappear and he would rank among the highest in European tournaments.

SHERWIN C. BADGER, United States, eleventh, skated his school figures without the old freedom which we used to admire. The turns were too quickly made, the tracings too light, to earn the requisite points. His free skating, however, was admirably skated in bold free style, covering the ice with his usual grace and brilliancy. The noticeable absence of any spins and lack of eagle characteristics stood in the way of a better place. FRANKE, Germany, (12) was a surprisingly good free skater after timid figures. WILSON, Canada, (13) made a very good impression in the school figures but being the first skater out on that wretched ice, did not trust it and lost his program completely. His earlier figures received favorable notice. Of the last three BOWHILL (England), NILES (U. S.) and EASTWOOD (Canada), Niles' figures and program were easily the best in spite of an unfortunate slip on the loops.

Before proceeding to a consideration of the ladies' competition, I cannot help but observe that free skating in Europe for men has from a certain point of view a very low standard. Women are required to accomplish a far more difficult task than the men for the reason that while the men's free skating seemed to demand nothing but a series of unconnected specialties, the women are required to perform all these specialties in order to secure a place and in addition connecting steps and figures of a graceful and picturesque character. It is my opinion that the present Olympic figure skating competition for men calls attention to the fact that the modern trend of men's free skating is in the wrong direction, since it is only a step from the present program of most of the skaters to a curriculum not unlike that found in diving, where in a competition a specified number of known dives are required, and a certain number of specialties

are allowed. It is no great departure from the modern men's program to a requirement in the nature of an addition to the school figures consisting of the recognized spins and jumps and certain optional specialties skated as independent units more in the nature of school figures. I should hate to see skating reduced to this level, but the men's free skating certainly points in this direction.

LADIES' SINGLES

There was a radical change in the costumes worn by the women skaters, as the modern European woman skater dresses very much as though appearing in a sports number in a musical review. Most of the girls wear brilliant and daring colors with skirts which can more accurately be described as "tunics" rather than skirts. Most of the American girls from the point of view of costume were not in the picture at all, with their conventional black skating dresses.

SONJA HENIE of Norway was overwhelmingly chosen for first place. Six of the seven judges gave her preference. The chief characteristic of her school figures is an admirable retracing of the curve or lobes of the figures and a somewhat immature and uncertain tracing at the actual turn. In the soft ice, however, these turns disappear so quickly that their accuracy cannot be determined. Even in the school figures, however, Miss Henie obtained a practically unbeatable lead from the majority of judges, and her free skating captured the first place from each of the judges. Her free skating consists of a series of conventional specialties most brilliantly performed with little or no inter-related dances, spirals or other free skating moves.

FRITZI BURGER of Austria was second with a total number of 25 places. This young Viennese is not much older than Miss Henie. Her school figures were ranked fifth and are somewhat immature but her free skating brought her marks up to second place. Miss Burger gave a program of delightful conception with an almost endless repertoire which includes not only the conventional specialties but also remarkable intervening steps and original details of great beauty. It is a wonderful thing to see a young skater who has mastered dances containing spread eagles, jumps, double toe pirouettes and many other individual specialties of an original and daring character. In

OLYMPIC LADIES' SINGLES

Judges:		Schöning (Germany)	Koldrup (Norway)	Pigeron (France)	Dr. Müller (Austria)	Richardson (England)	de Montigny (Belgium)	Howe (United States)	TOTALS
1. Miss Sonja Henie Norway	School	218.25	202.50	195.50	199	196.75	213.50	177	1402.50
	Free	149.50	152.75	146.25	156	146.25	149.50	149.50	1049.75
	Total Place	367.75 1	355.25 1	341.75 1	355 1	343 1	363 1	326.50 2	2452.25 8
2. Miss Fritzi Burger Austria	School	198.50	156.75	182.25	197.25	173.50	190.50	148.75	1247.50
	Free	149.50	136.50	139.75	152.75	143	146.25	133.25	1001
	Total Place	348 3	293.25 3	322 2	350 2	316.50 4	336.75 5	282 6	2248.50 25
3. Miss Loughran United States	School	196.50	159	175.75	186.25	187.50	198.25	199	1302.25
	Free	139.75	126.75	133.25	133.25	136.50	139.75	143	952.25
	Total Place	336.25 6	285.75 7	309 3	319.50 5	324 2	338 4	342 1	2254.50 28
4. Miss Maribel Vinson United States	School	199.75	166.25	181.75	186.25	185.75	204	184.25	1308
	Free	143	126.75	120.25	123.50	117	146.25	139.75	916.50
	Total Place	342.75 4	293 4	302 5	309.75 8	302.75 5	350.25 3	324 3	2234.50 32
5. Miss Cecil Smith Canada	School	197.25	170.25	184.75	181.25	194.50	211.25	171	1310.25
	Free	139.75	117	120.25	130	126.75	143	126.75	903.50
	Total Place	337 5	287.25 6	305 4	311.25 7	321.25 3	354.25 2	297.75 5	2213.75 32
6. Miss Constance Wilson Canada	School	202.50	163.75	174.25	178.25	166.75	192	172.50	1250
	Free	146.25	126.75	123.50	133.25	123.50	139.75	130	923
	Total Place	348.75 2	290.50 5	297.75 6	311.50 6	290.25 6	331.75 6	302.50 4	2173 35

7. Miss Melitta Brunner Austria	School Free	195.75 133.25	160.50 133.25	175.75 113.75	191.25 133.25	170 110.50	191.25 123.50	135.25 120.25	1219.75 867.75
	Total Place	329 9	293.75 2	289.50 7	324.50 4	280.50 8	314.75 10	255.50 8	2087.50 48
	School Free	192.25 139.75	154.75 130	156.75 110.50	189.25 136.50	146 117	183 139.75	131.75 123.50	1153.75 897
8. Miss Ilse Hornung Austria	Total Place	332 7	284.75 8	267.25 9	325.75 3	263 10	322.75 8	255.25 9	2050.75 54
	School Free	196.75 133.25	152.75 120.25	158.50 100.75	184.25 113.75	150.75 117	189 139.75	126 120.25	1158 845
9. Mrs. Brockhoff Germany	Total Place	330 8	273 12	259.25 11	298 9	267.75 9	328.75 7	246.25 11	2003 67
	School Free	187.25 120.25	155.25 120.25	159.75 107.25	177.50 107.25	145.25 91	190.25 130	158.75 120.25	1174 796.25
10. Mrs. Blanchard United States	Total Place	307.50 11	275.50 11	267 10	284.75 13	236.25 16	320.25 9	279 7	1970.25 77
	School Free	158.25 139.75	119.50 143	148.75 133.25	158 139.75	122.25 117	161 149.50	93.25 126.75	961 949
11. Miss Andree Joly France	Total Place	298 15	262.5 15	282 8	297.75 10	239.25 14	310.50 11	220 13	1910 86
	School Free	187.50 133.25	146 120.25	146.25 94.25	174.25 117	139.75 97.50	175.75 130	127.50 100.75	1097 793
12. Mrs. Bernhardt Germany	Total Place	320.75 10	266.25 14	240.50 17	291.25 11	237.25 15	305.75 12	228.25 12	1890 91
	School Free	186 120.25	158.50 123.50	154.25 97.50	165.25 110.50	152 104	172.50 117	125.25 94.25	1113.75 767
13. Miss Randem Norway	Total Place	306.25 13	282 9	251.75 13	275.75 17	256 12	289.50 16	219.50 14	1880.75 94
	School Free	172.25 104	155.50 104	160.50 91	171.25 107.25	181.50 104	173.75 123.50	150.75 100.75	1165.50 734.50
14. Miss Kathleen Shaw England	Total Place	276.25 18	259.50 16	251.50 14	278.50 15	285.50 7	297.25 15	251.50 10	1900 95

OLYMPIC LADIES' SINGLES (Concluded)

Judges:		Schöning (Germany)	Koldrup (Norway)	Pignon (France)	Dr. Müller (Austria)	Richardson (England)	de Montigny (Belgium)	Howe (United States)	TOTALS
15. Miss Flebbe Germany	School	176.75	145.75	147.75	166.25	121.75	166.25	96.50	1021
	Free	130	126.75	94.25	123.50	97.50	120.25	120.25	812.50
	Total Place	306.75	272.50	242	289.75	219.25	286.50	216.75	1833.50
16. Miss Simensen Norway	School	177	162.50	161	160.25	133	183.25	103.75	1080.75
	Free	110.50	113.75	94.25	100.75	97.50	120.25	104	741
	Total Place	287.50	276.25	255.25	261	230.50	303.50	207.75	1821.75
17. Miss Kubitschek Austria	School	169.50	136.75	148.75	167	146.50	151.75	104.25	1024.50
	Free	113.75	110.50	94.25	113.75	110.50	117	94.25	754
	Total Place	283.25	247.25	243	280.75	257	268.75	198.50	1778.50
18. Miss Winter Germany	School	173	128	133.50	156.50	116	159.50	90	956.50
	Free	126.75	113.75	100.75	120.25	123.50	120.25	104	809.25
	Total Place	299.75	241.75	234.25	276.75	239.50	279.75	194	1765.75
19. Miss Barbey Switzerland	School	145.25	121	141.75	149.75	113.50	167.50	91.75	930.50
	Free	84.50	94.25	97.50	113.75	91	133.25	104	718.25
	Total Place	229.75	215.25	239.25	263.50	204.50	300.75	195.75	1648.75
20. Mrs. de St. Quentin France	School	108.75	81.50	103.25	130.25	72.50	105	62.75	664
	Free	52	65	52	81.25	52	71.50	78	451.75
	Total Place	160.75	146.50	155.25	211.50	124.50	176.50	140.75	1115.75
		20	20	20	20	20	20	20	140

my opinion, this program was not equalled by any man or woman in the competition.

BEATRIX LOUGHRAN, third, who headed the ladies' team for the United States was also America's premier woman skater in the Olympic rating for the year 1928. In the school figures her turns were the equal of any but the circles of the figures did not always retrace in the uncanny fashion of Miss Henie. The story of Miss Loughran's place is found in the fact that at the close of the school figures she was fourth, but her free skating pulled her up to third place. She skated her delightful program in masterly style, every step was clean cut and definite. It is idle to regret, but I feel sure that if the ice had been better, Miss Loughran's school figures would not have earned those ill-starred sixth and seventh places and she would have been an easy second.

MARIBEL VINSON, second of the United States lady skaters won the hearts of all the St. Moritz habitués by her good sportsmanship and youthful enthusiasm. She was rated fourth winning this position from Miss Smith of Canada, who was her equal on places earned. It will interest all to know that at the end of the school figures Miss Vinson was second; she traced large sure figures with no suspicion of immaturity. Her record was the opposite of Miss Loughran's, in that Miss Vinson's free skating lowered her rating from second to fourth place. Her spins were all that could be desired and were considered to be the fastest in any girls' program but her music was most inadvisedly chosen. It was a march of no character played at break neck speed and bore no relation to a skating performance. There is also a noticeable lack of continuity between Miss Vinson's specialties and as she has not as yet the almost professional command of Miss Henie, this lack is far more apparent. It is almost impossible to predict the heights which these two young skaters can attain and we are extremely proud to have taken our place among the nations with a youthful entry of Miss Vinson's caliber (she is only 16 years old) and with the experience gained in this competition it would not be far to predict that we have an Olympic winner in four years.

CECIL EUSTACE SMITH of Canada, fifth, tied with Miss Vinson in place numbers, the higher average of Miss Vinson in the



MISS CECIL SMITH AND MISS CONSTANCE WILSON

MISS CECIL SMITH, CANADA

school figures giving Miss Vinson the higher place. Miss Smith's figures were so good as to receive second from four judges, and third place at the end of such prescribed figures, but we have seen her do her free skating better. If Miss Smith wishes her free skating to equal her remarkable proficiency in school figures she would do well to note Mlle. Joly's method of knee bending in free skating. A small part of this delightful rhythm would raise Miss Smith's free skating to great heights.

CONSTANCE WILSON, Canada, sixth, and Miss Smith continued their rivalry. This time Miss Smith's school figures triumphed

over Miss Wilson's greater free skating precision. The programs of Miss Smith and Miss Wilson are somewhat similar and each comprises a number of daring moves requiring a high order of ability from the skater.

The above gives the list of skaters who placed in the women's event but the women remaining were not far below in talent.

MISS BRUNNER, Austria, seventh, had an excellent program but was not sure enough to bring off her specialties. It looked as though these had been practiced as independent figures instead of in connection with the program. MISS HORNUNG, eighth, Austria, is a young, graceful skater and her program showed many good combinations, including the back Jackson Haynes spin. MRS. BROCK-HOEFT, ninth, Germany, is a skater with a commanding presence, with excellent spins including the best scratch and cross foot spins of any of the contestants but these are repeated too often.

MRS. THERESA WELD BLANCHARD, tenth, of the United States team, skated her school figures with grace and precision. She was the first one to try out the ice. Her program remains a delight to the eye and from certain points of view represents the highest type of amateur skating. It is useless to ignore the fact, however, that this wonderful performance is often rated far below more inferior programs which contain such necessary specialties as spins and spread eagles

MISS JOLY, France, is hardly an Olympic contender in school figures but is very much of a star in free skating. She gives a rhythmic and delightful performance and earned the eleventh place practically on her free skating.

The remaining skaters (there were twenty-three in all) gave conventional programs, and established themselves as true senior skaters; KATHLEEN SHAW of England (fourteenth) gave a most interesting performance, to the time of Halleluiah, keeping perfect time with many unusual steps. There was a different note to her program and be it said in a spirit of praise, I would like to see it again.

PAIR SKATING

Miserable as the conditions were for the preceding events Sunday morning showed us what St. Moritz can do in the way of weather

and conditions on the ice surface at the Stadium were all that could be desired. A large and enthusiastic crowd saw the pair skating under ideal conditions and it was in a measure worth the misery which had been meted out to all parties to have taken part in this delightful last day.

First: The French pair, MISS ANDRÉE JOLY and MR. P. BRUNET, World's Champions, were rated first by the majority of the judges and therefore captured first place. Their remarkable pair is distinguished by the fact that there is not a single instant of the entire five minutes when their performance does not proceed with perfect rhythm. Two judges gave them 12, which is the maximum, and I am quite prepared to say that they earned it. There is no combination which they omitted, each with an original turn which makes them peculiarly their own. Their simple and graceful exit (which has been copied with more or less similar effect by many of the pairs) can only be appreciated when seen by the originators.

Second: MISS SCHOLZ and MR. KAISER, the Viennese pair, gave the first pair a hard fight. This well matched and truly elegant pair lacked the sustained smoothness of the Olympic winners, but the high lights in their program are, in my opinion, most brilliant. This pair has the finest lifts of any professional or amateur team that I have ever seen and many other original movements which are a delight to behold, and the remarkable thing is that they do nothing which violates the true amateur program conventions. They have so many excellent features, including a brilliant and elegant carriage, combined with a sustained speed, that I am quite sure that eventually they will be the Olympic champions. There were one or two unfortunate mishaps notably in a circle figure where Mr. Kaiser slipped and the inclusion of an extremely ugly circle figure where the girl circles as the pivot anchor while the man circles around, that counted against them.

Third: The BRUNNER-WREDE pair, Austria, (partners of only a few months, since Mr. Wrede was formerly the partner of Mrs. Szabo-Jarosz) gave a graceful and rhythmic pair in the true Viennese style but lacking the spirit of the two first pairs.

Fourth: The LOUGHRAN-BADGER pair was good enough to earn one first place from a Viennese judge but the Finnish



MISS ANDRÉE JOLY AND PIERRE BRUNET, FRANCE
WORLD'S AND OLYMPIC PAIR CHAMPIONS

judge gave them ninth. There was a wide discrepancy of almost one-half the number of points between the 3rd and 4th pairs. Their program was greatly admired and the general criticism was to the effect that the skaters appeared hurried in a desire to give an impression of speed. Most of the other pairs have been skating together for many years, while our American pair had only been together for one season. With the program and repertoire of Miss Loughran and Mr. Badger I think that in another season that they would make an even better showing than they made in the Olympics.

The fifth pair were THE JAKOBSONS, Finland, who were the World's Champions for many years. The writer saw this program for the first time and recognized at once its flowing ease. It is a typical hand-in-hand program of the better type which set the fashion for many years. The Jakobsons to-day are still pair skaters of the first rank and remain a pleasure to contemplate. The courtliness of the Meyer-Borgfeldt program is found in the Jakobsons to a greater degree than in any of the pairs except the two leaders.

Sixth: The VAN LEBERGHE-VAN ZEEBROECK pair, Belgium, was variously rated. This is an extremely youthful pair with great dash and courage. Young Van Zeebroeck skates in deep violet and almost carries it off. This pair attempt such specialties as the combined Jackson-Haynes spin, which they do perfectly, and other difficult figures not quite so perfectly. It was for this reason that they received this rating.

Seventh: The MUCKELT-PAGE pair (England) was a hand-in-hand pair with many interesting variations of this formation. It lacked open figures and was somewhat monotonous for this reason.

Eighth: This KISHAUER-GASTÉ pair (Germany) was an extremely graceful smooth pair where the skaters were remarkable for their accurate performance and delightful carriage. The program, however, was too simple to score.

Ninth: The BLANCHARD-NILES pair rated from seventh to twelfth and obtained a creditable average of 9. They were compelled to skate last by the draw, a bad place except for an over-powering favorite like Miss Henie.

The four remaining pairs, SMITH-EASTWOOD (Canada) BARBEY-BARBEY (Switzerland) VESELY-VESELY (Czecho-



MISS VAN LEBERGHE AND MR. VAN ZEEBROECK
BELGIUM
(Van Zeebroeck was third in Singles)

Slovakia) and LOVETT-BURMAN (England) placed in the order named. The latter pair had the best program of the four but unfortunately attempted two moves which met with disaster; otherwise they would probably have fared better.

My criticism of the men's programs should not be extended to the pairs. Here that splendid knowledge of program skating, the heritage of all the European schools is not cast aside for the newer, easier, and far less artistic men's program, but is taxed to the utmost to provide the highest type of free skating that it has been my good fortune to view.

OLYMPIC PAIRS

	Burger (Germany)	Ilmanen (Finland)	Kuenzli (Switzerland)	Liberman (United States)	Muller (Austria)	Pigueron (France)	Richardson (England)	Sliva (Czecho-Slovakia)	Delpy (Belgium)	TOTALS
1. {Miss Joly Brunet France	4	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	14
2. {Miss Scholz Kaiser Austria	3	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	17
3. {Miss Brunner Wrede Austria	2	4	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	29
4. {Miss Loughran Badger United States	1	9	5	3	5	4	5	7	4	43
5. {Mr. and Mrs. Jakobson Finland	7½	3	7	6	7	5½	6	4	5	51
6. {Miss V. Leberghe Van Zeebroeck Belgium	6	7	4	4	6	7	7	5	8	54
7. {Miss Muckelt Page England	9	6	8	8	8	5½	4	8	6	62½
8. {Miss Kishauer Gaste Germany	5	5	6	10	4	9	8	6	11	64
9. {Mrs. Blanchard Niles United States	7½	8	12	7	9	8	12	9	7	79½
10. {Miss Smith Eastwood Canada	13	10	10	9	13	10	10	11½	9	95½
11. {Mr. and Mrs. Barbev Switzerland	11½	12	9	13	10	11	9	11½	10	97
12. {Mr. and Mrs. Vesely Czecho-Slovakia	10	11	13	12	11	12	11	10	12	102
13. {Miss Lovett Burman England	11½	13	11	11	12	13	13	13	13	110½

Sunday afternoon saw the closing ceremony of the second winter Olympiad. The winners, Sonja Henie, Gillis Grafstrom and the Joly-Brunet pair gave exhibitions. The banners were waved and the prizes distributed. In a solemn voice the President of the International Olympic Committee announced:

“An nom du Comite International Olympique, apres avoir offerts au President de la Confederation Suisse et au Peuple Suisse, aux Autorities de St. Moritz et aux Organiseurs des Jeux le tribut de notre profonde gratitude, nous proclamons la cloture des deuxieme Jeux Olympiques d’Hiver.”

The Olympic flag was lowered, the games were over, and the contestants and their supporters hurried to pack up and tell the folks back home how the battle was fought and lost or won.



Table showing Final Classification of the Second Winter Olympic Games

	Speed Skater	Figure Skater	Ski Run	Ski Jumps & Combined		Bobsleigh Skeleton	Hockey	Total
				Run	Run			
1. Norway	55	6	22	26				89
2. United States....	11	10	—	1	22			44
3. Finland	21	3	4	5				39
4. Sweden	—	6	16	6			5	33
5. Austria	—	23	—	—	1	—	—	23
6. Canada	—	3	—	—	—	—	6	9
7. France	—	6	—	—	—	—	2	8
8. {Belgium	—	5	—	—	1	—	1	7
{England	—	—	—	—	4	—	3	7
10. {Switzerland	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	6
{Czecho-Slovakia .	—	2	—	4	—	—	—	6
12. Argentine	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	5
13. Germany	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	4
14. Italy	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	3

Olympic Spins

J. A. TOWER

Wherever Free Skating is judged, considered or spoken of, spins are the most discussed and argued about of any feature. One interesting question which never heretofore could be settled, was what proportion of So-and-So's program actually consisted of spins? What necessarily is omitted that those seconds may be devoted to spins?

Mr. Tower gives below data which definitely helps us to decide these questions. He has actually timed and enumerated each spin in the Olympic Singles.

	MEN	No.	Sec.
Grafstrom	6-10-7-15-4	5	42
Bockl	9-7-5-6-4	5	31
	C		
Van Zeebroeck	20-8-6-4-10-18	6	64
Schafer	10-9	2	19
	P P P P P		
Sliva	5-5-4-4-4-4-10-4	8	40
Nikkanen	8-9	2	17
Brunet	13	1	13
	P		
Wrede	4-8-5-3-4	5	24
Page	0	0	0
Turner	4-6-2-12	4	24
Badger	2-3-3	3	8
Franke	4-1-6-10	4	21
Wilson	5	1	5
Bowhill	2	1	2
Niles	0	0	0
Eastwood	0	0	0
	LADIES		
	DP P		
Henic	11-8-7-4-2-1-4	7	37
	DP DP		
Burger	10-6-8-4-14-6	6	48
Loughran	9-12-8-15	4	44
	P		
Vinson	5-6-5-10-4-10	6	40
	C		
Smith	10-10-15	3	35
	C		
Wilson	4-4-8-8-8	5	32
Brunner	7-4-9	3	20
Hornung	10-3-4-7-7	5	31
	C P		
Brockhoff	12-7-5-3-10-12	6	49
Blanchard	5	1	5
	P		
Joly	5	1	5
Bernhardt	3-9-7-4-2-4-7	7	36
Randem	6-4-4-2-5-3	6	24
Shaw	6-7	2	13
	P D DP		
Flebbe	9-5-4-2-7-9	6	36
Simensen	10-3-1-11	4	25
Kubitschek	0	0	0
Winter	7-2-3-7	4	19
Barbey	9-7-3	3	19
de St. Quentin	2-2	2	4

P—Pirouette; DP—Pirouette and Duck; C—Combination.

Canadian Championships

JOHN S. MACLEAN

Junior Competitions were included for the first time this year in the Figure Skating Championships of Canada and the number of entries and the quality of the skating fully justified the action of the Association. The meeting took place at the Granite Club, Toronto, on February 24 and 25. The results were as follows:

Junior Men's Singles: 1. Stewart Reburn, Toronto Skating Club; 2. Paul Belcourt, Minto Skating Club, Ottawa; 3. Jack Hose, Minto Skating Club, Ottawa.

Junior Ladies' Singles: 1. Miss Dorothy Benson, Winter Club, Montreal; 2. Miss Frances Clandet, Minto Skating Club, Ottawa; 3. Miss Elizebeth Fisher, Toronto Skating Club. There were five additional competitors.

The senior events resulted as follows:

Ladies' Singles for Devonshire Cup and title Lady Figure Skating Champion of Canada: 1. Miss Margot Barclay, Winter Club, Montreal; 2. Miss Marion McDougall, Minto Skating Club, Ottawa; 3. Miss Dorothy Benson, Winter Club, Montreal.

The Minto Challenge Cup for *Men's Singles* and title Figure Skating Champion of Canada was won by Mr. Melville Rogers, Minto Skating Club, Ottawa.

The Minto Challenge Cups for *Pairs* and title Pair Skating Champions of Canada: 1. Miss Marion McDougall and Mr. C. R. Bangs, Minto Skating Club, Ottawa; 2. Mr. and Mrs. Melville Rogers, Minto Skating Club, Ottawa; 3. Miss Veronica Clarke and Mr. Stewart Reburn, Toronto Skating Club; 4. Miss Louise Bertram and Mr. Errol Morson, Toronto Skating Club.

The Grey Trophy for the grand aggregate of points including fours: Won by the Misses F. Clandet and K. Lopdell, and the

Messrs. Paul Belcourt and Jack Hose, Minto Skating Club, Ottawa.

The judges were Messrs. D. H. Nelles, P. H. Chrysler and C. J. Allen of Ottawa, Norman Gregory of Montreal, and J. Z. Machado of Toronto.

The first-class gold medal test in accordance with the regulations of the International Skating Union, was passed by Mr. Melville Rogers, of the Minto Skating Club, Ottawa. The judges were Louis Rubenstein, of Montreal; P. H. Chrysler, Ottawa, and J. Z. Machado, Toronto.

The second-class silver medal test, also in accordance with the regulations of the International Skating Union, was passed by Mrs. Clifford Sifton and Mr. John S. Maclean, both of the Toronto Skating Club. The judges were Messrs. P. H. Chrysler, Ottawa, J. Z. Machado and M. C. Cameron, Toronto.



Franz Schrenk

We were greatly shocked to learn of the sudden death of our dear friend, Franz Schrenk. This kind and considerate gentleman was our enthusiastic associate in the Skating Club of New York, and we think that your readers who knew him would like to extend to Lydia Schrenk their profound sympathy on the untimely death of her husband.

JOEL B. LIBERMAN

We publish the above letter with deep regret. Mr. Schrenk was also well known among skaters outside of New York.

EDITORS.

Pair Championship of the World*

N. W. NILES

Twenty-six years ago Salchow won the World's Championship at Prince's Rink. With the Ladies' and Pair Championships it once more was London's privilege to stage these events. The Ice Club, in their new rink, conducted the competitions most successfully.

The presence of King George and Queen Mary with all of the Royal Family, on the evening of the Pair Championship was indeed a great compliment to the competitors and a splendid honor for our sport.

MISS JOLY and MR. BRUNET of France won the title for the second time; they were Champions in 1926. The 1927 Champions, Mrs. Jarosz and Mr. Wrede, Austria, did not enter though Mr. Wrede skated with Miss Brunner and was third. Mrs. Jarosz has withdrawn altogether from competitive skating. Miss Scholz and Mr. Kaiser of Austria were second; Miss Muckelt and Mr. Page, England, fourth; Miss Loughran and Mr. Badger, United States, fifth; Miss Maud Smith and Mr. Eastwood, Canada, sixth; Mrs. Blanchard and Mr. Niles, United States, seventh; Miss Lovett and Mr. Burman, England, eighth.

My interpretation of what is required in pair skating, as shown by results in The Olympics, The World's and at Berlin might be summarized in a general way as follows: Beautiful effortless speed with *effective* "pair" difficulty; this latter as against technical "pair" difficulty, which though admirable might (and usually does!) mar the grand effect. European authorities—without question the highest, particularly in pair skating—require this "pairness." Moves conveying the impression of two singles are not looked upon with favor by skaters or judges. Having seen them I am more than ever convinced that they are right.

The technique of the Champions is practically perfect. Each time I see them I am more impressed! Their program has great

*See Editors' Note on page 2.

charm, is interesting, varied and difficult; they skate with great pace and in excellent form; their meetings are exceptionally good and all changes in position are executed in unison and very smoothly.

MISS SCHOLZ and MR. KAISER, second, are another wonderful pair, but of a different type. Their program is not so difficult as that of the French, but their musical rhythm and smooth movement is perfect. Their "pairness" is so splendid and as a couple they are so beautiful that it seems that none could better their performance of what they skate. The outstanding features of their program are Kaiser's "lifts." Whereas Joly-Brunet have at least one wonderful jump, Kaiser lifts Miss Scholz in several ways and better than I have ever seen it done.

Apparently this is a very important part of pair skating on the continent and until one has seen the perfection they have acquired, it is difficult to appreciate the marvelous effects obtained from these "lifts".

THE BRUNNER-WREDE program was, I should say, more difficult than that of Scholz-Kaiser and was skated with plenty of speed. However their performance was not as finished as either of the first two, (except for their pair spins) to a considerable extent, this would be expected in so new a pair. These pair spins appeared to be essential; all couples included one or more done in various ways. The new Loughran-Badger spin side by side, was very novel.

MISS MUCKELT and MR. PAGE skated remarkably well. Their program consists of many quick dance steps and figures, which they did at very good speed and well to music, though they seemed to lack sustained edges. They were, of course, quite at home in London and I have never seen them do better.

MISS LOUGHRAN and MR. BADGER had altered their program to better their chances in the "World's." But they could hardly place higher than at St. Moritz, although more time to practise the changes would undoubtedly improve them. We all thought that they skated beautifully; Austrian criticism, which I now can see applied as well to Mrs. Blanchard and me, is that they were, as they said, "unruhig," "not quiet." That there was too much abruptness, swinging of the free foot and toe hops; smooth flowing spirals would



MISS MELITTA BRUNNER AND L. WREDE, AUSTRIA
THIRD IN OLYMPICS AND WORLD'S

WORLD'S PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP

		Bockl (Austria)	Boyesson (Norway)	Japiot (France)	Salchow (Sweden)	Yglesias (England)	TOTAL
1. { Miss Joly Brunet France	Pro. Per.	5.5 5.5	5.75 5.75	5.5 5.5	6 5.75	4 6	55.25
	Total Place	11 2	11.5 1	11 1	11.75 1	10 2	7
2. { Miss Scholz Kaiser Austria	Pro. Per.	5.75 5.5	5.5 5.75	5.5 5.25	5.75 5.5	5.25 5.25	55
	Total Place	11.25 1	11.25 2	10.75 2	11.25 2	10.5 1	8
3. { Miss Brunner Wrede Austria	Pro. Per.	5.25 5.	5.25 5.25	5.25 5.25	5 5	5 5	51.25
	Total Place	10.25 3	10.5 4	10.5 3	10 5	10 3	18
4. { Miss Muckelt Page England	Pro. Per.	5 5	5.25 5.5	5 5	5.5 5.5	5 4.5	51.25
	Total Place	10 4	10.75 3	10 4	11 3	9.5 4	18
5. { Miss Loughran Badger United States	Pro. Per.	4.75 4.75	5 5.25	4.25 4.5	5 5.5	4.25 4	47.25
	Total Place	9.5 5	10.25 5	8.75 6	10.5 4	8.25 5	25
6. { Miss Smith Eastwood Canada	Pro. Per.	4.25 4.5	5 5	4.75 4.5	3.75 4	3.5 3.5	42.75
	Total Place	8.75 8	10 6½	9.25 5	7.75 8	7 6	33½
7. { Mrs. Blanchard Niles United States	Pro. Per.	4.5 4.75	5 4.75	4.5 4	4 4.75	3 3	42.25
	Total Place	9.25 6	9.75 8	8.5 7	8.75 7	6 7	35
8. { Miss Lovett Burman England	Pro. Per.	4.5 4.5	5 5	4.5 3.75	4.5 4.5	2.5 3.	41.75
	Total Place	9 7	10 6½	8.25 8	9 6	5.5 8	35½

seem a good contrast and add to the charm. The basis of the program is excellent and to me it was extremely well skated.

MISS MAUD SMITH and MR. EASTWOOD certainly outdid themselves. Never have I seen them, as a pair or individually, skate with greater freedom and sureness. Their program though lacking in "pairness," was well planned with especially effective dance steps. It was not particularly difficult but they skated in good form and with good pace.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Charles Stevenson, several of us were asked to practise at The Edinburgh Skating Club (formed in 1784!) Scotland, and after three days there, altering our program, MRS. BLANCHARD and I were pleased to skate the result without mistakes. At the suggestion of the Viennese we eliminated such difficulty as decidedly lessened our pace. Though still slow we felt we were better; in fact Miss Scholz and Mr. Kaiser afterwards told us that they could see improvement.

MISS LOVETT and MR. BURMAN skate a program that seems too difficult. To me they appeared to be losing on performance what they must gain on program. Obviously they are capable of skating a smooth pair and only need a more flowing sequence of movements.

That the Royal Family might also see some single skating, the Pair competition was followed by four most interesting exhibitions. Miss Sonja Henie, Lady Champion of The World, Miss Maribel Vinson, Mr. Willi Bockl, Champion of The World, and Mr. J. F. Page, British Champion, skated by special request and apparently were greatly enjoyed by Their Majesties. Naturally we were all very proud indeed that Miss Vinson of our team was one of this four!



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Middle Atlantic Figure Skating Competitions

GRACE MUNSTOCK

The competitions under the auspices of the Middle Atlantic Skating Association were held the evenings of February 21st at the Brooklyn Skating Rink, February 25th at the Ice Club, and March 3rd at Iceland.

Never before have these events brought forward such high standards of skating, keen competition and large numbers of entries. It seems safe to predict that in a year or two these competitions will rival the Nationals in interest and importance.

The Junior Competition for Men and Women took place in Brooklyn, with results as follows:

Men's Junior—

1. Harold Hartshorne—Skating Club of New York
2. William S. Bird—Skating Club of New York
3. William MacAdam—Winter Sports Club

Women's Junior—

1. Miss Ilse Twaroschk—Winter Sports Club
2. Miss Gertrude Dutton—Skating Club of New York
3. Miss Nellie Petersen—Brooklyn Skating Club

Judges—Mrs. E. S. Knapp, F. T. Martin, J. K. Savage, F. G. Gabel.

The Senior Competitions which were held at the Ice Club were very closely contested. The winners being:

Men's Senior—

1. Joseph K. Savage—Skating Club of New York
2. Conrad Nagel—Brooklyn Skating Club
3. Robert Rothman—Brooklyn Skating Club

Women's Senior—

1. Dr. Hulda Juni—Winter Sports Club
2. Miss Gertrude Meredith—Skating Club of New York
3. Mrs. Bruce Mapes—Brooklyn Skating Club

*Judges—*Mrs. E. S. Knapp, F. T. Martin, F. Gabel, G. T. Braakman,
W. B. Warren.

The waltzing and ten-stepping competitions which took place at Iceland were extremely difficult to judge, requiring thirty-five and twenty-five minutes of skating respectively to complete. The winning couples were:

Waltzing—

1. Mr. Gabel and Miss Koschek—Winter Sports Club
2. Mr. and Mrs. Savage—Skating Club of New York
3. Mr. Hartshorne and Miss Meredith—Skating Club of New York

Fourteen Stepping—

1. Mr. Nagel and Dr. Juni—Winter Sports Club
2. Mr. and Mrs. Bird—Skating Club of New York
3. Mr. Hartshorne and Miss Meredith—Skating Club of New York

*Judges—*Miss Rosaline Dunn, Mrs. M. Herbst, Ferrier T. Martin,
George T. Braakman, William B. Warren.



Lake Placid Competitions

HEATON R. ROBERTSON

The Eighth Annual Figure Skating Competition of the Lake Placid Club was held on January 20 and 21. There were somewhat fewer entries than last year, owing chiefly to the mild weather prevailing during the first weeks of the month, which was discouraging to anyone making plans for winter sports. The great amount of time given by members of The Skating Club of N. Y. and others in preparation for "A Night in St. Moritz", also curtailed the possibility of further skating activities immediately afterwards. Nevertheless, the total entry list reached the number of twenty-six, which afforded a

good competition in most of the events: and as the weather turned suddenly colder with snow early in the week, those who finally decided to make the trip were rewarded by good ice, splendid skiing, and an altogether enjoyable visit.

At the suggestion of those present, and in view of the handsome trophies offered, a standard was set by the Committee which must be passed in order to win any of the Senior events. This standard was made for Singles at 70% of the maximum by the majority of judges, in both school figures and free skating, and at 75% of the maximum for Pairs. Due to the Olympic Games and other engagements there were no entries for the Hobb's trophy in the Ladies' Senior Singles. The Men's Senior was won by the author, and the Senior Pairs by Mr. Harned and Miss Bijur of New York. Everyone agreed that the performance of the latter was remarkably well timed and well done.

The Junior events were strongly contested throughout, especially the Ladies' Singles with six entries, and the Children's competition with seven. Miss Dorothea Sanders of New Haven, who won the Junior, showed for a new skater a surprising amount of competitive style in both her school figures and free skating, and gives much promise for the future. The Children's competition is growing rapidly in importance, and is always thoroughly enjoyable,—although the proper mark for different forms of "shooting the duck" is not laid down precisely. Miss Louisa Weigel of Buffalo and her sister Estelle, who again received first and second, skate very well indeed and will doubtless enter the Junior next year.

On the same days that the skating competitions were held a new feature event was scheduled by the Lake Placid Club in which all were keenly interested. This was a New England Sled Dog Club race over a course laid out across country, and consisting of 18 miles each day. There were six dog teams entered, the two day event being won by Mr. Leonhard Seppala the well known expert from Alaska, with Mrs. E. P. Ricker, Jr., of Poland Springs, second. Special prizes were given by Mr. Clifford Hendryx of Fishers Island and the Lake Placid Club.

As there were not the usual number of guests over the weekend it was decided to omit the carnival, and instead we combined forces and were all together given a dinner by the Sno Birds. A few

remarks on the intricacies of forming a skating club was followed by an interesting talk about the New England Sled Dog Club, by Mr. Walter Channing of Boston, its Secretary. After dinner and the awarding of prizes, we listened to a most vivid narrative by Mr. Seppala of how he won his first Alaska Sweepstake, in which account he practically lived over again for our benefit all the excitement of that race. As it is proposed to hold these sled dog races at Lake Placid again next year, those who go up for our skating competitions will have the added pleasure of seeing this unique winter sport.

Men's Senior—

1. Heaton R. Robertson, New Haven Skating Club.

Senior Pair—

1. Ethel Bijur and Bedell Harned, The Skating Club (N. Y.)

Senior Waltzing—

1. Ethel Bijur and Bedell Harned, The Skating Club (N. Y.)
2. Dorothea Sanders and H. R. Robertson, New Haven Skating Club.

Men's Junior—

1. Bedell Harned, The Skating Club (N. Y.)
2. Harold Hartshorne, The Skating Club (N. Y.)

Ladies' Junior—

1. Dorothea Sanders, New Haven Skating Club.
2. Martha Turner, The Skating Club (N. Y.)
3. Mrs. Valentine Bieg, Philadelphia Skating Club.

Junior Waltzing—

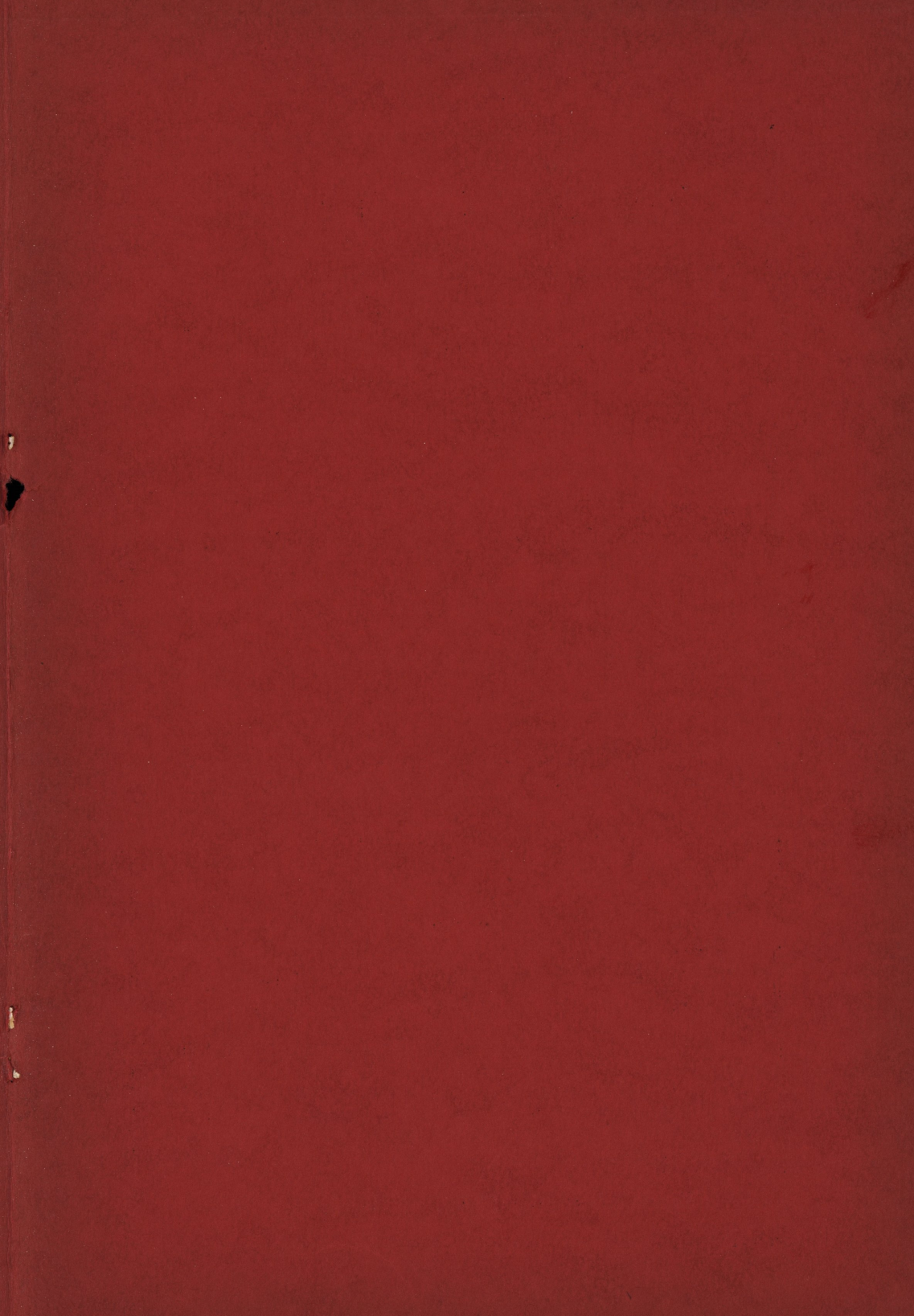
1. Regina Moore and Hugh Nehring, The Skating Club (N. Y.)
2. Martha Turner and Harold Hartshorne, The Skating Club (N. Y.)

Junior Fourteen Step—

1. Martha Turner and Harold Hartshorne, The Skating Club (N. Y.)
2. Regina Moore and Hugh Nehring, The Skating Club (N. Y.)

Juvenile—

1. Louisa Weigel, Buffalo.
2. Estelle Weigel, Buffalo.
3. Peggy Johannsen, Lake Placid.



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