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Editors' Notes

As previously requested, we greatly appreciate receiving reports from all clubs on their past season. Please include reference to teachers and their plans for next year.

We take this opportunity to say that we are always glad to replace any copies lost in the mail, upon notification by the subscriber.

The Editors have recently been politely informed of an obvious error in an article by a world-famous skater. In this connection we would say that the U.S.F.S.A. has adopted a policy of printing, verbatim, articles by known authorities. It is not responsible for any misstatements although we do our best not to allow them to appear.

Now that many of our subscribers have seen the leading European skaters we feel that "Skating" should include more news of an international character. Therefore next season we propose to have a page entitled "Rockers and Counters"! In this will be printed notes on European skaters and skating events,—also those in America which are not covered in more detail elsewhere in the magazine. We shall be very glad to have readers submit items or thoughts for this page.



Austrian Specialists in the Dance Wish Position in United States

Mrs. Frieda Staffa, a friend of Mr. Wrede (second with Miss Brunner in The World's Pair Championship this year) and her skating partner, Mr. Hans von Popp, have advised the Editors of their desire to teach in America next season. Long members of the Wiener Eislauf-Verein and winners of several dance competitions, it would seem that they should fit excellently in certain situations in this country. Clubs interested should communicate with "Skating".

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Miss LOUGHRAN and Mr. BADGER, New York
1930 United States Pair Champions
Mr. Badger was recently elected President of The U.S.F.S.A.

1930 National Championships

RICHARD L. HAPGOOD

As the finale of one of the most eventful years in the history of figure skating in America, featuring the Championships of the World at New York and colorful carnivals centered about the European stars at New York, New Haven, Boston, Philadelphia and elsewhere, the United States National Figure Skating Championships were held, for the first time, at Providence, R. I. They were conducted by The Skating Club of Boston, of which Charles M. Rotch, Chairman of the Competitions Committee of the U.S.F.S.A., is president, with the cooperation of the East Side Skating Club of Providence, Mr. Abbott Phillips, President, and the management of the Rhode Island Auditorium, where the actual skating was held. And excellent cooperation it was, too.

Before sketching the results of the various events, including men's and ladies' senior and junior singles, senior and junior pairs, waltz and dance, totalling eight competitions, a word about the method of analysis might not be out of place. Special charts were prepared, by your correspondent, to give the ordinal ranking, rather than the actual mark, that each judge gave each contestant on each school figure, total of figures, program and performance in free skating, total of free skating, and total for the competition, in an effort to show how nearly a group of five competent judges can agree on the relative merits of the different skaters in these details. The results were truly remarkable! The unanimity of all the judges in practically every competition, with, of course, a few unimportant differences, clearly indicates that figure skating in the United States has become sufficiently standardized so that a group of five judges, selected from four skating communities over the country, do actually agree on the fundamentals of the sport.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES

Miss Maribel Y. Vinson of Winchester, Mass., (Skating Club of Boston) won the title for the third consecutive time by a unanimous verdict of the judges. Mrs. Frederick Secord of New York City (Skating Club of New York) placed second, and Miss Suzanne Davis of Waban, Mass., (Skating Club of Boston) finished a close third. Sufficient proof that Miss Vinson is the premiere of American figure skaters lies in the fact that the judges, with one minor exception, placed her unanimously first on every school figure, total of figures, program and performance in free skating, free skating total, and the total of the competition. Her program, which is beautifully composed and contains all the requisite difficulty of a world's championship program, was skated with more poise, ease and smoothness than in the recent World's Championships. Her highlights include many spectacular spins, especially the Jackson Haines with variations, and the filling, wherein lies real program composition, offered a pleasing variety of dances, turns and spirals.

While both Mrs. Secord and Miss Davis are skaters of true championship calibre, the contest between these two, revived from last year, was more spirited and exciting than between either of them and the champion. According to the judges, the free skating was in reality the deciding factor, and here Mrs. Secord gave a brilliant performance of a very interesting program. In the school figures, Mrs. Secord apparently beat Miss Davis on three figures, lost two and tied one, yet the sum of ordinals at the conclusion produced an exact tie, each having two second places, a tie for second, and two thirds. In the free skating, however, four judges gave Mrs. Secord a clean second place, and from this judgment came the final result. In fairness, it should be mentioned that Miss Davis did not skate her program as well as she has done before, but whether her best would have changed the outcome is not for me to say. Last year, Mrs. Secord showed an acknowledged superiority in the school figures, but this year, the charm of her free skating impressed me very favorably.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES

This competition offered many interesting points of comparison with the Ladies' Championship. Roger F. Turner of Milton, Mass.,

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP OF UNITED STATES

	R. F. TURNER Boston					J. L. MADDEN Boston					G. E. B. HILL Boston					W. NAGLE New York				
	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E
Judges																				
School	101.8	96.5	88.	93.3	102.95	95.	85.5	67.2	84.3	94.65	93.9	79.	60.9	84.1	97.25	88.	75.5	44.	73.1	84.75
Free	66.	60.	61.8	62.4	64.10	67.8	60.	60.	62.4	64.	64.8	52.	49.8	58.38	65.2	63.6	53.	49.8	60.	58.4
Total	167.8	156.5	149.8	155.7	166.05	162.8	145.5	127.2	146.7	158.65	158.7	131.	110.7	142.48	162.45	151.6	128.5	93.8	133.1	143.15
Ranking	I	I	I	I	I	II	II	II	II	III	III	III	III	III	II	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV
Result	I					II					III					IV				

Judges: Mrs. A. B. Cramer, New York; C. I. Christenson, St. Paul; R. G. Van Name, New Haven; E. M. Howland, Boston; C. M. Rotch, Boston.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP OF UNITED STATES

	MISS M. Y. VINSON Boston					MRS. F. SECORD New York					MISS S. DAVIS Boston				
	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E
Judges															
School	124.6	118.5	102.	115.7	126.45	109.2	95.5	80.7	100.6	117.65	105.3	95.5	83.4	101.4	112.5
Free	77.7	72.1	72.1	76.79	74.69	71.4	63.	62.3	67.9	68.25	70.	59.5	53.2	71.61	61.25
Total	202.3	190.6	174.1	192.49	201.14	180.6	158.5	143.0	168.5	185.90	175.3	155.0	136.6	173.01	173.75
Ranking	I	I	I	I	I	II	II	II	III	II	III	III	III	III	II
Result	I					II					III				

Judges: Mrs. A. B. Cramer, New York; C. I. Christenson, St. Paul; R. G. Van Name, New Haven; E. M. Howland, Boston; C. M. Rotch, Boston.

(Skating Club of Boston) successfully defended his title for his third consecutive victory. J. Lester Madden of Newton, Mass., (Skating Club of Boston) placed second; George E. B. Hill of Cambridge, Mass., (Skating Club of Boston) was third; and William J. Nagle of Brooklyn, New York (Winter Sports Club) was fourth. Turner's ability in figure skating has been underrated during the last year or so, with reference to World's Championships, more than any other competitor, as he clearly demonstrated in New York on February 4 and 5. His school figures are the main source of his strength, and on four of the six figures skated in The Nationals, he was unanimously ranked first. On one other his record was marred by a triple tie for first by one judge on the forward double-three-change-double-three, and his backward change-loop did not command a majority of first places. Turner is without question one of the most careful and accurate school figure skaters this country has ever produced, and he gave sound proof of this fact at Providence.

The battle for second place between Madden and Hill was an exciting repetition of what had taken place a few days before in the annual competitions of The Skating Club of Boston. As in Boston, Madden triumphed, gaining four second places and one third. Madden apparently made a better showing in the school figures than Hill, for he was conceded to have beaten Hill on four figures, lost to Hill on one, the outer counter, and tied him on the left inner change-bracket. Incidentally, Nagle, who skated his figures rather close to the standard of the other skaters, was ranked higher by more judges on this bracket figure than either Madden or Hill. With an average lead of two points per judge in the figures, Madden came back on Saturday night with the finest free skating exhibition he has ever given! It was a truly inspired performance of the most difficult jumps and steps known to free skating, and ranked so close to that of the champion that the judges found it hard to choose between them. Hill proved that he has truly bridged the gap from junior to senior class, and his free skating is of especial merit. His opening spiral is novel and spectacular, and serves as a fine introduction to an excellent program. Nagle's appearance in the senior event this year, after his recent participation in the World's Champi-

onships, was viewed with much interest. He was by no means out-distanced by his rivals, but at almost every point in figures and free skating, he was enough behind to rank him definitely lower.

While Turner showed sufficient strength in the school figures to glide him safely through to a unanimous win, his free skating, which, by the way, has made outstanding progress in the last year or so, was seriously threatened in supremacy by both Madden and Hill. The judges favored his performance slightly more than his program, but the totals gave him a sufficient edge over Madden for a distinct win. I have watched Turner's free skating with much interest during the last three or four years, especially since he has become so proficient in the school figures, and the sureness of his footwork, the improved grace of his positions, and the deftness of his spins, especially the Jackson Haines, cannot fail to make a favorable impression on judges and spectators alike.

PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES

The competition for the National Pair Championship provided a more interesting and spirited contest among the four pairs entered than has been observed in this event for several years. Four pairs, all of whom were equipped with good programs and who skated extremely well, vied keenly for the title, and the result saw Miss Beatrix Loughran and Sherwin C. Badger of New York City (Skating Club of New York) first; Miss Maribel Y. Vinson of Winchester, Mass., and George E. B. Hill of Cambridge, Mass., (Skating Club of Boston), second; Mrs. Frederick Secord and Joseph K. Savage of New York City (Skating Club of New York) third; and Mrs. Charles B. Blanchard and Nathaniel W. Niles of Brookline, Mass., (Skating Club of Boston) fourth. Added interest was centered in this event owing to the fact that two pairs were entirely new in United States Pair Competitions, and the result excited much comment when it was realized that for the first time since 1918 the title was not won by a pair from the Boston Club.

Before the competition, the outcome was regarded as resting in a scale of delicate balance, but when the contestants had finished, a subtle, though quite definite, line of demarcation was apparent,

PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP OF UNITED STATES

	MISS LOUGHNAN MR. BADGER New York					MISS VINSON MR. HILL Boston					MRS. SECORD MR. SAVAGE New York					MRS. BLANCHARD MR. NILES Boston				
	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E
Judges	5.3	5.43	5.17	5.33	5.5	4.6	5.27	4.67	5.17	5.5	4.6	4.8	4.83	4.42	5.2	3.6	5.07	4.5	4.	5.2
Program	6.	5.6	5.33	5.17	5.4	4.6	5.17	5.	4.67	5.2	5.3	5.13	5.33	4.17	5.1	4.3	4.83	4.83	3.83	5.
Performance	11.3	11.03	10.50	10.50	10.9	9.2	10.44	9.67	9.84	10.7	9.9	9.93	10.16	8.59	10.3	7.9	9.90	9.33	7.83	10.2
Total	I	I	I	I	I	III	II	III	II	II	II	III	II	III	III	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV
Ranking	I					II					III					IV				
Result	I																			

Judges: Mrs. A. B. Cramer, New York; R. G. Van Name, New Haven; C. I. Christenson, St. Paul; E. M. Howland, Boston;
C. M. Rotch, Boston.

U. S. JUNIOR PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP

	MRS. HERBST MR. NAGLE New York					MR. AND MRS. MARTIN New York					MISS SANDERS MR. ROBERTSON New Haven					MISS FOLLETT MR. PARMENTER Boston				
	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E
Judges	4.8	4.	3.	4.2	4.83	4.6	5.	2.	4.2	4.67	4.73	3.	2.5	3.8	4.33	4.1	2.6	2.5	4.2	3.33
Program	4.5	4.	3.	4.3	4.83	4.13	4.6	2.	4.1	4.5	3.9	3.6	2.5	4.	4.	3.87	3.	2.	4.	4.17
Performance	9.3	8.	6.	8.5	9.66	8.73	9.6	4.	8.3	9.17	8.63	6.6	5.	7.8	8.33	7.97	5.6	4.5	8.2	7.50
Total	I	II	I	I	I	II	I	IV	II	II	III	III	II	IV	III	IV	IV	III	III	IV
Ranking	I					II					III					IV				
Result	I																			

Judges: Mrs. A. B. Cramer, New York; C. I. Christenson, St. Paul; R. G. Van Name, New Haven; E. M. Howland, Boston;
C. M. Rotch, Boston.

which made the result more or less obvious. The winners, Miss Loughran and Badger, had previously placed third in the World's Championships. Their program, modified somewhat and improved since The World's was skated with an Augustan delicacy of taste and artistic refinement—entirely characteristic of the delightful free skating each used to do when engaged in singles competitions. Excellent positions, swinging rhythm, intricate steps neatly executed, and plenty of dash, (though entirely unhurried) featured their performance. Both skaters have that sense of showmanship which makes them reveal to spectators more successfully than other pairs, the beauties of their program. For these reasons, they clearly deserved the unanimous verdict they received at the hands of the judges.

The problem of judging the pairs was greatly complicated by the fact that four different types of programs were offered for the choice of the judges. The uniqueness of the Loughran-Badger program was no less apparent than in the case of the others, and students of pair skating research, as those who have enjoyed pair skating experience invariably are, found much to interest and delight them, in the programs of all four pairs. The judges found it difficult to choose between the Vinson-Hill and Secord-Savage pairs, the final verdict showing three seconds and two thirds for the Boston pair. Miss Vinson was the joint holder, with Thornton Coolidge, of the national pair title, but since Coolidge's retirement from competitive skating, she has teamed with Mr. Hill, last year's Junior Champion. Their program was one of the best I have ever seen, containing just the requisite amount of separation combined with many unusual and interesting dances, spirals, jumps and lifts, to say nothing of their spectacular spread eagle meeting. They need competitive experience, as they, themselves, would be willing to admit, but taken as a whole, one cannot help being enthusiastic over both their program and their performance at Providence.

The Secord-Savage program had undergone several important improvements since The World's, when they encountered some bad luck, but at Providence their performance, though somewhat careful in execution, was skated without error. Of particular merit is

the presence in their program of two or three excellent pair spins, and as the pair skater can readily appreciate this type of difficulty, Mrs. Secord and Mr. Savage deserve credit for mastering them. Mrs. Blanchard and Mr. Niles, veterans of pair-skating (in the truest sense of the word!) gave the best performance they have exhibited in several years. One cannot help feeling, however, that their style of performance makes it difficult for the judges to perceive the distinct merit their program really has, as more than the momentary observation allotted to the judges would reveal.

LADIES' JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Increased interest in junior competitive figure skating this year as compared with previous years, was amply evidenced by the larger number of entries. Last year, the junior entries included six girls and four men; this year twelve girls and seven men! The large number of entries in any contest, especially the ladies' junior of this year, presents a most difficult and wearing problem for the judges, who, mentally harrassed by the attempt to keep the merits of the different skaters clear in their minds, find it impossible always properly to evaluate the work of those who finish in the lower two-thirds. For this reason, much diversity of opinion may be anticipated in advance, yet in spite of everything, the judges as a whole maintained a rational level of uniformity in their judgment. One interesting feature of both Ladies' and Men's Junior Singles was the absence of any Boston entries.

The ladies finished in the following order: Dr. Hulda Berger of New York City (Winter Sports Club), first; Miss Louise E. Weigel of Buffalo, N. Y. (Buffalo Figure Skating Club), second; Miss Margaret Bennett of Minneapolis, Minn. (Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis), third; Miss Gertrude Meredith of New York City (Skating Club of New York), fourth; Miss Estelle D. Weigel of Buffalo, N. Y. (Buffalo Figure Skating Club), fifth; Mrs. Cecil Gordon of New York City (Skating Club of New York), sixth; Mrs. M. Herbst of New York City (Winter Sports Club), seventh; Miss Marjorie F. Jones of New York City (Skating Club of New York), eighth; Miss Dorothea Sanders of New Haven, Conn. (New

U. S. LADIES' JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

DR. H. BERGER New York		MISS L. WEIGEL Buffalo					MISS M. BENNETT Minneapolis					MISS G. MEREDITH New York									
	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	
Judges	49.8	50.	49.8	59.05	54.4	52.8	48.	52.4	58.95	54.7	43.3	50.	43.2	56.4	50.5	48.7	48.	49.6	55.15	48.9	
School	30.8	33.84	38.5	35.94	34.3	32.2	29.75	34.3	27.16	32.55	32.44	33.84	31.5	33.91	36.05	30.55	30.34	30.8	28.38	25.9	
Free	80.6	83.84	88.3	94.99	88.7	85.0	77.75	86.7	86.11	87.25	75.74	83.84	74.7	90.31	86.55	79.25	78.34	80.4	83.53	74.8	
Total	II	I 1/2	I	I	I	I	IV	II	III	II	VI	I 1/2	IV	II	III	III	III	III	IV	V	IV
Ranking																					
Result	I																				
MRS. C. GORDON New York																					
	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	
Judges	45.1	38.	42.4	53.25	45.	48.8	45.5	41.4	53.5	48.7	46.	44.	46.3	52.1	47.4	44.6	42.	43.9	51.45	48.1	
School	31.95	28.59	28.	31.18	28.7	29.64	28.59	21.35	20.65	24.5	25.65	27.4	25.55	19.81	22.4	26.6	27.4	22.75	21.35	22.75	
Free	77.05	66.59	70.4	84.43	73.7	78.44	74.09	62.75	74.15	73.2	71.65	71.4	71.85	71.91	69.8	71.2	69.4	66.65	72.80	70.85	
Total	V	IX	VI	IV	V	IV	V	X	VI	VI	VII	VI	V	VIII	VIII	VIII	VIII	VIII	VII	VII	VII
Ranking																					
Result	V																				
MRS. M. HERBST New York																					
	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	
Judges	45.1	38.	42.4	53.25	45.	48.8	45.5	41.4	53.5	48.7	46.	44.	46.3	52.1	47.4	44.6	42.	43.9	51.45	48.1	
School	31.95	28.59	28.	31.18	28.7	29.64	28.59	21.35	20.65	24.5	25.65	27.4	25.55	19.81	22.4	26.6	27.4	22.75	21.35	22.75	
Free	77.05	66.59	70.4	84.43	73.7	78.44	74.09	62.75	74.15	73.2	71.65	71.4	71.85	71.91	69.8	71.2	69.4	66.65	72.80	70.85	
Total	V	IX	VI	IV	V	IV	V	X	VI	VI	VII	VI	V	VIII	VIII	VIII	VIII	VIII	VII	VII	VII
Ranking																					
Result	VII																				
MISS M. H. DAVENPORT Springfield																					
	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	
Judges	41.7	44.	40.4	48.15	44.7	36.2	35.5	37.3	48.1	39.6	27.5	32.5	31.5	41.25	24.5	25.1	28.	18.	26.6	23.6	
School	26.14	26.84	18.2	20.23	21.7	30.34	28.59	26.25	20.86	26.6	30.69	32.09	31.5	26.21	29.05	23.8	23.9	18.2	15.75	20.3	
Free	67.84	70.84	58.6	68.38	66.4	66.54	64.09	63.55	68.96	66.2	58.19	64.59	63.	67.46	53.55	48.9	51.9	36.2	42.35	43.9	
Total	IX	VII	XI	X	IX	X	XI	VIII	IX	X	XI	X	IX	XI	XI	XII	XII	XII	XII	XII	XII
Ranking																					
Result	IX																				
MISS M. BENDALARI New York																					
	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	
Judges	41.7	44.	40.4	48.15	44.7	36.2	35.5	37.3	48.1	39.6	27.5	32.5	31.5	41.25	24.5	25.1	28.	18.	26.6	23.6	
School	26.14	26.84	18.2	20.23	21.7	30.34	28.59	26.25	20.86	26.6	30.69	32.09	31.5	26.21	29.05	23.8	23.9	18.2	15.75	20.3	
Free	67.84	70.84	58.6	68.38	66.4	66.54	64.09	63.55	68.96	66.2	58.19	64.59	63.	67.46	53.55	48.9	51.9	36.2	42.35	43.9	
Total	IX	VII	XI	X	IX	X	XI	VIII	IX	X	XI	X	IX	XI	XI	XII	XII	XII	XII	XII	XII
Ranking																					
Result	X																				

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C. M. Rotch, Boston.

Haven Skating Club), ninth; Miss Audrey Peppe of New York City (Skating Club of New York), tenth; Miss Miriam Davenport of Springfield, Mass., eleventh; and Miss Mary Bendelari of New York City (Skating Club of New York), twelfth.

Dr. Berger obtained an absolute majority of first places from the judges in the competition, with three firsts, one tie for first, and one second. She was apparently the most consistent performer in both school figures and free skating. A frequent entrant during the last few years of junior competitions, she has always skated good figures. This year her free skating showed up to better advantage than ever before through a well-composed program skated with much life and grace. Although school figures have always been her forte, curiously enough three of the judges gave unqualified first place in the figures to Miss Louise Weigel of Buffalo, so that fundamentally it was by means of her free skating that Dr. Berger clinched her victory over the field. Miss Margaret Bennett's work in free skating was decidedly to her credit, and gained deserved recognition from the judges. Miss Gertrude Meredith, also a junior entry of several years' standing, offered sound quality in both school figures and free skating to place high in the judges' opinion.

With so many contestants, it is difficult to make more than passing mention of the highlights of the competition as they appeared during the skating. Worthy of particular mention was the free skating exhibited by Miss Miriam Davenport and Miss Audrey Peppe. While Miss Davenport has not yet perfected herself in the figures, her free skating program, well-composed and beautifully skated, was ranked third by two of the judges—a fact that reflects most favorably upon her ability. Little Miss Peppe's free skating indicated remarkable talent and great future possibilities. Technically she skated the best spins done in the Ladies' Junior Competition, and her jumps are worthy of honorable mention. Skating authorities, to whom I desire to add my own humble opinion, foresee for her, a brilliant future, if she continues to improve as rapidly in the next few years as she has in the past.

Taken as a whole, a competition of this type, with so many entries, demands fundamentally that a skater be sound in both

departments of the sport. Dr. Berger showed that balance of abilities, and unquestionably deserved the first place, for which she has been working during the last few years of junior competitions. The fact that the other competitors, were not equally good in both divisions prevented them from winning or, perhaps, placing as high as they wished. Some shone in school figures while others excelled in free skating, but none showed quite the consistency of good performance that was demonstrated by the winner.

MEN'S JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

With the exception of the high place winners, the standard of skating in the Men's Junior Championship was not quite up to the level of former years, nor, indeed, up to the level of this year's Junior Ladies'. Gail Borden, 2nd, of New York City (Skating Club of New York) gained an overwhelming victory, receiving unanimous first place in school figures, free skating and the totals. Heaton R. Robertson of New Haven, Conn. (New Haven Skating Club) finished second, and the others finished in the following order: Robert Rothman of Brooklyn, N. Y. (Brooklyn Figure Skating Club), third; Bruce A. Mapes of Brooklyn, N. Y. (Brooklyn Figure Skating Club), fourth; Roland G. Janson of Brooklyn, N. Y. (Brooklyn Figure Skating Club), fifth; Robert Reed of Brooklyn, N. Y. (Brooklyn Figure Skating Club), sixth; and Martin A. Brunor of New York City (Winter Sports Club), seventh.

Borden, who was a competitor in the recent World's Championship where he placed sixth, was well equipped to make a strong bid for the Junior Championship. He had competed in the National Juniors only once before, in 1927, when he placed third, and being more at home with the junior school figures than with the more difficult ones in The World's, he was in a position to do extremely well. His school figures were traced accurately and with ease; and I think were ranked first by every judge throughout. His free skating is, indeed, most pleasant to watch! Gifted with the athletic, graceful and lithe physique which is most adapted to figure skating—strongly reminiscent of the strength, ease and agility that characterize the World's Champion, Schafer—his per-

U. S. MEN'S JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

	G. BORDEN, 2nd New York					H. R. ROBERTSON New Haven					R. ROTHMAN Brooklyn					B. A. MAPES Brooklyn				
	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E
Judges	51.9	50.7	55.5	60.2	52.7	47.	39.8	46.5	51.85	48.8	42.5	37.1	42.5	48.5	43.	42.7	34.5	42.	38.5	43.4
School	37.34	35.	36.75	37.03	37.1	27.3	19.25	29.15	17.22	29.75	30.8	32.9	29.15	30.9	31.15	28.45	31.85	29.75	24.22	31.5
Free	89.24	85.7	92.25	97.23	89.8	74.3	59.05	75.65	69.07	78.55	73.3	70.0	71.65	79.4	74.15	71.15	66.35	71.75	62.72	74.9
Total	I	I	I	I	I	II	V	II	IV	II	III	II	IV	II	V	IV	III	III	VI	III
Ranking	I					II					III					IV				
Result																				

	R. G. JANSON Brooklyn					R. REED Brooklyn					M. A. BRUNOR New York				
	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E	A	B	C	D	E
Judges	39.8	39.9	43.	45.35	43.7	35.	33.4	43.	42.7	41.	34.7	32.6	40.5	41.95	39.9
School	27.75	22.8	28.	25.09	31.15	27.3	19.6	28.59	21.	26.95	26.84	20.3	25.65	14.	25.55
Free	67.55	62.7	71.	70.44	74.85	62.3	53.0	71.59	63.7	67.95	61.54	52.9	66.15	55.95	65.45
Total	V	IV	VI	III	IV	VI	VI	V	V	VI	VII	VII	VII	VII	VII
Ranking	V					VI					VII				
Result															

JUDGES: C. I. Christenson, St. Paul; R. G. Van Name, New Haven; S. C. Badger, New York; E. M. Howland, Boston;
C. M. Rotch, Boston.

formance was brilliant. He combines the difficulty of a senior program with an excellent variety of dances and neat spirals. Like Dr. Berger, he proved himself to be a truly balanced skater in both divisions of the sport.

Robertson's school figures and Rothman's free skating provided an interesting contrast between these two aspirants. From four of the five judges, Robertson received second place on his figures, and Rothman's free skating was accorded almost equal recognition. The New Haven entrant has always been distinguished for good school figures, but he seems to be somewhat handicapped by nervousness in free skating, and his performance does not show up to the standard of which, it is fairly obvious, he is capable. The highlights of Rothman's free skating included several excellent spins, rather different and quite daring in conception. His single foot spin, with free leg extended straight, and from which he suddenly squats into a Jackson Haines, deserves particular mention. Of the other contestants, Mapes, Brunor and Janson were newcomers to national competitions and undoubtedly will profit greatly by the competitive experience. Practically throughout the Men's Junior Competition, form and carriage in free skating might have been a bit improved, and in future years, the competitors would do well to regard Borden's work for guidance. Incidentally Borden's sudden finish, not entirely original but yet very effective, comes as a delightful surprise in a smooth and well-finished program.

JUNIOR PAIR CHAMPIONSHIP

Three of the four pairs that participated in the Junior Pair were new comers to this event. The others, Mr. and Mrs. Ferrier T. Martin of New York, are seasoned competitors who have been inactive in contest skating for the last two or three years. While the standard of the Junior Pairs was not up to the Seniors, either in program, composition, and so forth, or in performance, a pleasing variety of programs was offered for the consumption of the judges. Mrs. M. Herbst of New York City and William J. Nagle of Brooklyn, N. Y., (Winter Sports Club) were placed first by four out of five judges; Mr. and Mrs. Ferrier T. Martin of New York City (Skating Club of New York) were second; Miss Dorothea Sanders

and Heaton R. Robertson of New Haven, Conn., (New Haven Skating Club) were third; and Miss Nancy Follett and Fred A. Parmenter of Boston, Mass., were fourth.

The winners, Herbst-Nagle, skated an excellent program with plenty of speed and life. Their opening spiral, reminiscent of their predecessors by five years, Miss Goode and Jim Greene, was skated in tandem, with the man leading, on hard edges. At the centre of the far end of the rink, they separate, holding the edge on the same foot for a complete circle until they meet once more at the point of separation. They made a perfect meeting, and indeed it was a most propitious beginning for an extremely charming program, that contained much interesting pair material done in a lively manner. And what's more, they looked as if they really enjoyed it!

The Martins' program was extremely well composed, with just the right amount of separating figures, a feature that tended to be slightly overemphasized in the Sanders-Robertson pair. The performance of both pairs was adequately handled, but that of the Martins was sufficiently better to gain them a strong second place. The case of the Follett-Parmenter pair deserves special mention. Both Miss Follett and Mr. Parmenter are free skaters of distinct merit, but owing to the fact that neither of them had participated in competition before, either singles or pair, and so were not wholly at ease, they were not able to show to best advantage their program, which, in my opinion, was a very promising piece of composition.

DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES

The Dance Championship was held this year for the second consecutive time, replacing the old fourteen-step competition. This type of contest has not been long enough in existence for either candidates or judges to be thoroughly familiar with it or its possibilities. This year's dances, however, showed that the contestants had a much clearer idea of what was required than last year, and at the same time, the judging problem was materially simplified by an alteration in the method of judging. The question of originality



MISS MARIBEL Y. VINSON, Boston
Lady Champion of United States 1928, 1929, 1930
Second in The World's in 1928 and Third in 1930

was the sticking point last year as no one knew what originality in skating really was, and for the most part, it actually consisted of something a particular judge may never have seen before. This year the dance was judged on the same basis as pairs; in this fashion, the judges were provided with a far more satisfactory method for evaluating the different dances.

The couples finished in the following order: Mrs. Channing Frothingham of Boston, Mass., and George E. B. Hill of Cambridge, Mass., (Skating Club of Boston), first; Mrs. Frederick Secord and Joseph K. Savage of New York City, (Skating Club of New York), second; Mrs. Charles B. Blanchard and Nathaniel W. Niles of Boston, Mass., (Skating Club of Boston), third; Miss Maribel Y. Vinson of Winchester, Mass., and J. Lester Madden of Newton, Mass., (Skating Club of Boston), fourth; and Miss Beatrix Loughran and Gail Borden, 2nd, of New York City (Skating Club of New York), fifth.

The Frothingham-Hill victory was enthusiastically hailed by the Boston rooters, for it was the first time, in either dance or fourteen-step, that a Boston couple has won since 1922. The next year, 1923, at New Haven, Miss Sydney Goode and Jim Greene filched the fourteen-step title from Blanchard-Niles, who had won it for several preceding years, and ever since it has resided in the hands of New Yorkers. The result was compensated for, however, by the fact that the Loughran-Badger pair is the first New York pair to win the National Championship since 1918. The dance winners skated a delightful program for which they received, from the judges, three first places, one tie for second, and one fifth.

Mrs. Secord and Mr. Savage, defending Dance Champions, for last year they were unanimously ranked first, were defeated by a very close margin. This couple has certainly developed doubles skating to a high standard, as an examination of the Senior Pair, Dance and Waltzing Championships will show. Mrs. Blanchard and Mr. Niles exhibited a dance that in my opinion was worthy of great credit. They received one second, two ties for second, a fourth and a fifth, thereby gaining a clear margin for the third place over the remaining couples.

WALTZ CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES

After all these years of Waltzing Championships this event has become extremely standardized—a fact that tends to make the judgment of the final outcome hang on a fine thread. Mr. Savage has always been an acknowledged master of the fine art of waltzing, having been a winner in this event more often than not during the last six or eight years. For the last two years or so, he has teamed with Mrs. Secord, and they have, indeed, proved a most happy combination. With Mrs. Frederick Secord and Joseph K. Savage of New York City, (Skating Club of New York), the winners by four out of five judges, the other couples finished as follows, after the field had been sliced down to the four best: Mr. and Mrs. Ferrier T. Martin of New York City, (Skating Club of New York), second; Miss Nettie C. Prantel and Roy Hunt of New York City, (Winter Sports Club), third; and Mrs. Channing Frothingham of Boston, Mass., and J. Lester Madden of Newton, Mass., (Skating Club of Boston), fourth.

The outstanding rhythm, perfect control, accuracy in footwork, and graceful poise of the winners unquestionably won them the verdict of the majority of judges. The Martins, former Waltzing Champions, were remarkably close to the winners, but in the opinion of the judges, there was enough subtle superiority in Secord-Savage to win. In the winners of third place, Miss Prantel and Hunt, one saw waltzers of extraordinary merit for newcomers in National Waltzing Competitions, and curiously enough the remaining first place that was not awarded to the victors went to them instead of the Martins.

While not entirely satisfactory from the standpoint of all the skaters, this year's method of conducting the Waltz Championship is probably best. With almost a dozen different couples entered, the judges watched them all skate together and then eliminated all but four for the final and deciding round. In the future, I would suggest that the eliminating be done by removing not more than two or three couples at a time and skating more rounds before the final.

CONCLUSIONS

This year's United States Nationals came as the climax of the most interesting year that figure skating has ever enjoyed in America. Starting with the New York carnival, at which Sonja made her American debut, reaching great heights in the hotly contested World's Championships at New York, and followed up by interesting and spectacular carnivals at various other skating centers in New Haven, Boston, Philadelphia and elsewhere, this year marks a turning point in the history of the sport. Never before has figure skating aroused such enthusiasm from the general public. A crowd of several hundred people jammed the Ice Club to see the school figures of the world's contestants, and the New York Garden was sold out for the free and pair skating finals on the evening of February 5. Then, following The World's, when the charming and talented European visitors made the grand tour of skating cities in the United States, packed houses greeted them on all sides. Irving Brokaw stated in New York at the time of The World's that figure skating, after twenty years of adolescence, was on the point of flowering into the maturity of a recognized sport in American sporting circles and that the next twenty years holds great promise of expansion. ..

These thoughts are well worthy of consideration. It was not just the old figure skating crowd that jammed the Arenas of the country to see the talented European skaters. The glamour of the Europeans, exhibiting hitherto unseen beauties in a little appreciated sport, caught popular fancy, and figure skating cannot help being the gainer thereby. More than two thousand people were turned away from the Boston Arena after all standing room had been sold for the Boston Club's carnival, and a correspondingly larger number failed to see the New York carnival held earlier in the season.

But aside from the impetus which skating has received in the outside world, the influence of the European visit was felt to the very roots of competitive figure skating in America. Throughout the national contests, in junior as well as senior classes, little steps, unusual positions, and various other elements that go to make up free and pair skating programs, subtly reminiscent of different European stars cropped up continually. While the Europeans are still

the acknowledged masters of the sport in all its phases, right here in America are many skaters who within a comparatively small number of years will be reaching the top of the long, hard grind to a Championship of the World.

The judges in the Nationals, who deserve great credit for their patience and the wholehearted sincerity with which they went to a difficult task, were as follows: Mrs. A. B. Cramer of New York (Skating Club of New York); C. I. Christiansen of St. Paul, Minn., (Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis); Ralph Van Name of New Haven, Conn., (New Haven Skating Club); Sherwin C. Badger of New York City (Skating Club of New York); Edward M. Howland of Boston, Mass., (Skating Club of Boston); Roger F. Turner of Milton, Mass., (Skating Club of Boston); and Charles M. Rotch of Milton, Mass., (Skating Club of Boston). The referee was James A. Tower of Boston, Mass., (Skating Club of Boston).

Throughout the competitions, the East Side Skating Club of Providence, under the direction of Mr. Abbott Phillips and Mr. Martin S. Fanning, acted as most courteous hosts to the skaters on their visit to Providence. Following the finals on Saturday night, a very delightful supper party was given to all by the Providence Club. This event will be most pleasantly remembered by the skaters and their friends,—on their behalf, as well as for the United States Figure Skating Association, I desire to express most hearty thanks.

Figure-Skating Impressions

BY ONE WHO HAD NEVER BEEN BEFORE

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Figure skating may not compare with hockey as an attraction, but the south side of the Providence Auditorium was completely filled and the north side had only a few vacancies at the national title events.

The men's junior championships came first, and it seemed as if the announcer had miscued, inasmuch as the competitors must have averaged several years older than the seniors, but your correspondent was promptly put in his place by one of the regulars who explained that a junior was one who had not won an important competition.

A peculiar situation seems to exist with reference to the occasional tumbles which the performers take. The gallery is far too polite to boo or snicker, and does not show its support by the sympathetic applause which usually greets a valiant attempt in other sports. The tension is finally relieved by acclamation of the next figure the contestant performs without mishap.

The men all dress in unrelieved black, a startling contrast to the colorful silks and velvets of the ladies. Miss Vinson in flaming orange and Mrs. Secord in somethingorother blue wore the most striking costumes, while the red neckties of Messrs. Madden and Badger were the only male departures from sepulchral solemnity.

The first touch of comic relief came when some enthusiastic kibitzer on the north side lost his derby over the railing. Lester Madden and Roger Turner dashed half the length of the rink to retrieve it, and although Madden was slightly ahead, some nifty footwork by Turner gave him the decision after the skimmer had



ROGER F. TURNER, Boston
Champion of United States 1928, 1929, 1930
Fifth in 1928 World's Championship and Second in 1930

been tossed around a bit. The owner to whom it was very politely returned, did not seem entirely appreciative of their efforts.

Miss Audrey Peppe, who is said to be twelve years old and looks all of eight, furnished one of the big thrills of the evening by her high speed spins and difficult jumps. The natural grace and the absolute recklessness with which she went through an unusually difficult repertoire mark her as the best prospect since Miss Vinson astounded the critics at an equally tender age.

The announcing was not up to usual sports standards. The mild tones of the master of ceremonies were audible only in his immediate vicinity and as there were no programs it was a matter of sheer intuitive guesswork to identify the skaters. A Joe Humphries, an Eddie Morris or a John Hallahan would be a tremendous asset to this sport.

Miss Margaret Bennett of Minneapolis threw a scare into the railbirds by making a wide outside loop at high speed, missing the side boards by inches, and flourishing a glittering skate much too close for comfort.

After something over four hours of competition no decisions of any sort were forthcoming from the judges. The bitter-enders who stayed until the wee sma' hours were able to find out who won by looking in Monday's papers as the festivities continued until too late to catch the Sunday editions.

A real dyed-in-the-wool fan hollered "more" at the conclusion of the final event, but a very vehement "no" audible all over the rink—from one of the lady competitors nipped this in the bud.

J. R. W.

Canadian Championships, 1930

The Toronto Skating Club nearly made a clean sweep of the figure skating championships of Canada, held in Winnipeg under the auspices of the Winnipeg Winter Club. The novice men's event was lost to Winnipeg, but all the other competitions were won by Toronto. A very satisfactory feature of the meeting was the high standard of skating shown by the Winnipeg club.

The results were as follows:

Ladies' singles for the Devonshire cup and the title "Lady Figure Skating Champion of Canada"—1, Mrs. Constance Wilson Samuel, Toronto Skating Club; 2, Miss Elizabeth Fisher, Toronto Skating Club; 3, Miss Dorothy Benson, Winter Club, Montreal.

Men's singles and Minto cup, with the title "Figure Skating Champion of Canada"—1, Montgomery Wilson, Toronto Skating Club; 2, Lewis Elkin, Winnipeg Winter Club.

Pairs, for the Minto cups, and the title, "Pair Skating Champions of Canada"—Mrs. Constance Wilson Samuel and Mr. Montgomery Wilson, Toronto Skating Club; 2, Miss Margaret Winks and Mr. Lewis Elkin, Winnipeg Winter Club.

Fours—1, Toronto Skating Club: Miss Mary Littlejohn, Miss Elizabeth Fisher, G. E. Beament, Hubert Sprott; 2, Winnipeg Winter Club: Miss Maude Porteous, Miss Margaret Winks, C. W. Vincent and D. H. Bain.

Ladies' singles, novice—1, Miss Mary Littlejohn, Toronto Skating Club; 2, Miss Ruth Forrest, Toronto Skating Club.

Men's singles, novice—1, Lewis Elkin, Winnipeg Winter Club; 2, Hubert Sprott, Toronto Skating Club.

Earl Grey Trophy for the grand aggregate marks in singles, pairs and fours—1, Toronto Skating Club; 2, Winnipeg Winter Club.

The following passed their second-class silver medal tests: Miss Gladys Tremayne and Mr. Rupert Whitehead, Winnipeg Winter Club, and Miss Aidrie Main, Winter Club, Montreal.

The judges were John S. MacLean, Toronto Skating Club; Allen E. Howard, Montreal Winter Club; A. L. Dysart, Winnipeg Winter Club.



Middle Atlantic Figure Skating Championships

JOSEPH K. SAVAGE

Each winter for the past seven or eight years the Middle Atlantic Skating Association, which devotes most of its energies to promoting speed skating in New York and New Jersey, has also conducted figure skating championships for those of its members who are interested in figure skating.

These events have become a local institution and are eagerly awaited as a means of obtaining competitive practice for the National Championships. This year their scope was enlarged to include both Junior and Senior Pairs. The calibre of the contests is best proven by the fact that a number of the winners figured prominently in the National Championships.

As usual the events were divided among the local rinks and clubs, which co-operated to the extent of furnishing the use of the ice, music and medals. A generous contribution from Mr. Bedell H. Harned, Chairman of the U. S. F. S. A. Standards and Tests Committee, also helped considerably.

The Junior Singles were held at the Brooklyn Ice Palace under the auspices of The Brooklyn Figure Skating Club on the evening of February 25. Separate sets of judges judged the men and women, who skated school figures simultaneously at opposite ends of the rink. By a peculiar coincidence the same sets of figures were drawn by lot for both sets of skaters. The judges were Mrs. Frederick Secord, Mr. Frederick Gabel, Mr. Robert Reed, Mr. Roy Hunt, Mr. Wm. B. Warren and Mr. Joseph K. Savage. There were nine entries in the Men's Singles and seven in the Women's Singles. The competition was extremely close for the first four places in each event. None of the men received a majority of first places from the judges and they finished as follows: first, Mr. R. Janson, Brooklyn Figure Skating Club; second, Mr. Bruce Mapes, Brooklyn Figure Skating Club; third, Master Fred Hirons, Monday Afternoon Club. A study of the judges' cards shows that Mr. Janson received the highest marks for school figures, while both Messrs. Mapes and Hirons beat him in free skating; Master Hirons receiving the highest marks in the latter in which he gave an excellent exhibition. The remaining men were very closely bunched; among them our local club wit, Wm. S. Bird, who afterward remarked that while he, of course, won, the dumb judges only placed him fifth!

In the Women's Junior Event Mrs. Cecil Gordon and Miss Marjorie F. Jones, both members of The Skating Club of New York, had a grand battle for first place. Mrs. Gordon was only 35/100 of a point ahead of Miss Jones on the completion of the school figures and one point ahead on the free skating. Miss Sallie Butler of the Winter Sports Club was third.

The Senior Singles were skated at the Ice Club Rink, under the auspices of The Skating Club of New York, the evening of March first. The judges were Mrs. Edward S. Knapp, Mr. Frederick Gabel, Mr. Harold Hartshorne, Mr. George Braakman and Mr.

Wm. B. Warren. The results were as follows: first, Gail Borden, 2nd; second, Joseph K. Savage; third, William Nagle; fourth, Robert Rothman. Mr. Borden excelled in the school figures, but both Messrs. Savage and Nagle received higher marks than he in free skating. Mr. Rothman skated very steadily throughout and showed great improvement over previous performances.

Only Mrs. Frederick Secord and Miss Virginia Hoyt, one of the younger skaters, appeared for the Ladies' Singles; the other non-competing local skaters claimed lack of practice. Mrs. Secord won, but not without a very stiff contest on the school figures in which she beat Miss Hoyt by only 4.62½ points. Miss Hoyt was far off form, however, in her free skating that night and Mrs. Secord piled up quite a lead in this.

The Waltzing and Fourteen-Step contests were held at The Winter Sports Club at Iceland the evening of March third. Through illness there was quite a shifting about of couples. Miss Rosalie Dunn, who expected to skate with Mr. Nagle, was unable to compete, so he skated with Mrs. M. Herbst. Mrs. Savage and Mrs. Bird also were on the sick-list, so Mr. Savage skated with Miss Loughran and Mrs. Secord skated with Mr. Bird. These last minute shifts made the contest the more interesting, however.

After skating the continental waltz and then the three-lobed eight, the judges threw the eight out of the window, apparently because of lack of familiarity with it by many of the contestants, and then went back to the continental waltz again. The result, however, was fair and was justified by the skating. A new and excellent waltzing combination made their appearance in the persons of Mr. Roy Hunt and Miss Nettie Prantel of The Winter Sports Club, who won. Mr. and Mrs. Ferrier T. Martin were second, and Mr. Joseph K. Savage and Miss Beatrix Loughran took third much to their delight.

In the Fourteen-Step, Miss Loughran and Mr. Savage went out with the intention of proving that the fourteen-step could be danced and that it was not a race event or monotonous march as some of its detractors have claimed. The judges were apparently so surprised and pleased with this innovation that they awarded them the

gold medals. Mr. and Mrs. Ferrier T. Martin again took the silver second medals, while Mr. William S. Bird and Mrs. Frederick Secord were given bronze third medals. Mr. Bird was so pleased that he immediately coined a few new wise-cracks and proceeded to reward the judges.

The Pairs were skated March 9 and 10 at the Manhattan Figure Skating Club. The Junior Pairs were a pleasing surprise. Mr. William Nagle with Mrs. M. Herbst and Mr. Edward Hill with Miss Ann Swenson furnished quite a problem for the judges in picking the winners; both skated their programs extremely well so that there was practically no difference in performance and their programs were so different that it was largely a matter of personal opinion as to which one the judges liked the better. Mr. Nagle and Mrs. Herbst won. Master Winslow and his young sister were third.

The Senior Pairs brought together Mr. Joseph K. Savage and Mrs. Frederick Secord; Mr. Bedell H. Harned and Miss Ethel R. Bijur, and Mr. and Mrs. Ferrier T. Martin; and they finished in the order above after the judges had worn out more gray matter trying to do the right thing.

All in all the Championships were well worth witnessing and were well attended, and too much credit for their success cannot be given to the hard-working committee consisting of Wm. B. Warren, Chairman, Wm. McAdam and Harold Hartshorne. They are planning an even more elaborate program for next year open to all amateur figure skaters and not merely to members of The Middle Atlantic Skating Association.

“They Flit and Flut”

GRACE MUNSTOCK

To borrow the caption of the International News Reel. The occasion was the benefit for Mr. Böckl at the Skating Club of New York, at which many of the stars of the Club performed as well as Mr. Böckl himself.

The opening number was a repetition of the little pair done by the Newton sisters at the Children's Carnival. They were simply too adorable in their white satin and marabou costumes, looking like two animated and very clean powder puffs. They have a good skating tradition to live up to, for they are grand-nieces of Mr. Oscar Richard's.

Next our Audrey Peppe whose specialties are quite unusual, and whose skating has shown amazing progress this year. Miss Marjorie F. Jones, and Mrs. Cecil Gordon did an attractive pair featuring graceful spirals. They wore green and gold changeable silk costumes. Mrs. Secord and Mr. Savage, Gail Borden, Sherwin Badger, all skated very well.

Mr. Böckl, wisely abandoning the too stately measures of “Carmen” for a snappy march tune, skated as never before. Skating in America has influenced him, it seems, so that he has put more emphasis on form in free skating than when we first saw him exhibit. He also combines his specialties with some delightful new and intricate steps, rather than the simple ten-step and “running around” type of skating between stunts, that was so much in vogue at the Olympics. One says again in seeing his exhibition, here is quality, here is interest.

The beautiful scarf dance, led by Miss Loughran, and assisted by Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Bijur and Miss Swenson was



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THEY FLIT AND FLUT IN BURLESQUE SCARF DANCE

Left to right—Dr. James Decker, Mr. Raymond Harvey, Mr. Oscar L. Richard, Mr. Charles T. Church, Mr. William S. Bird

the next number. It was lovely, as always, but what was our surprise, to hear the scarf dance music resumed and apparently the number was to begin again!!! But no, surely these graceful girls have changed! Do I see a beard here, a suspicion of embonpoint there, and those nose, those eyebrow! The costumes are strangely altered too, for observe the nonchalant display of dress shields, the coquettish use of one garter only, about a manly knee. And the premier danseur, what verve, what dash!

Letter perfect in the scarf dance routine, these gentlemen added their own inimitable touch of satire. The exit was the crowning moment, when draped in the scarf, they wove about in caterpillar fashion, vaguely reminiscent of that dear Pansy, the horse. The mimes were: Premier danseur, Mr. Bird; assisted by Messrs. Richard, Harvey, Church (Charlie), and Dr. Decker.

Exhausted with laughter, the club members managed to rally sufficiently to choose their partners for the waltzing and ten-stepping competitions by drawing numbers out of a hat and matching up. The draw presented some lucky combinations and the best couples won. In the excitement of opening the prizes, the exact placing of the winners escapes our mind. Mr. Böckl must have spent a fortune on the prizes, one thought, removing the wrappings, to reveal boxes from Black, Starr and Frost; Cartier; Tiffany, etc. The boxes contained magnificent jewelled wrist watches, diamond pins, golden earrings, perfumes and what not, for "ze ladies"; wonderful Easter rabbits, plants and liqueurs for the gentlemen. Alas, a closer examination of these bibelots revealed the workmanship of M. Woolworth rather than that of M. Cartier.

A "marwellis" time was had by all, and the most thrilling skating season which America has ever seen, what with the "Land of the Midnight Sun", and the "World's" with its attendant activities and Carnivals, drew to a cheerful close.

Annual Meeting, 1930

Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Governing Council of the United States Figure Skating Association, held on the 13th day of April, 1930, at the Bar Association, 42 West 44th Street, New York.

The following officers were present:

<i>President</i>	CHARLES T. CHURCH
<i>First Vice-President</i>	SHERWIN C. BADGER
<i>Treasurer</i>	HEATON R. ROBERTSON
<i>Secretary</i>	JOSEPH K. SAVAGE

The President, Mr. Charles T. Church, acted as Chairman and called the meeting to order. The roll of members was called and the following were found to be present, represented by the following delegates or proxies:

<i>Votes</i>	<i>No. of Members</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Delegates or Proxies</i>
3	300	Beaver Dam Winter Sports Club	Charles E. F. McCann
1	31	Brooklyn Figure Skating Club	Robert Reed
2	50-100	Buffalo Skating Club	
		(<i>Proxies</i>) Charles T. Church, Charles M. Rotch	
3	1200	Cambridge Skating Club	
		Arthur M. Goodridge, Arthur Drinkwater	
3	300	Country Club of Brookline	
		Mrs. Charles B. Blanchard, Nathaniel W. Niles	
1	48	Duluth Figure Skating Club	(<i>Proxy</i>) Henry W. Howe
3	600	East Side Skating Club of Providence	Martin S. Fanning
1	43	Figure Skating Club of Chicago	Karl R. Engel
1	35	International Figure Skating Club of Philadelphia	W. M. Ruthrauff
3	Over 100	Merion Cricket Club	
		(<i>Proxies</i>) Charles T. Church, Charles M. Rotch	
1	44	Michigan Figure Skating Club	(<i>Proxy</i>) J. K. Savage
3	120	New Haven Skating Club	Dr. A. R. Diefendorf
		Ralph Van Name, Heaton R. Robertson	
3	125	Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society	
		(<i>Proxies</i>) Charles T. Church, Charles M. Rotch	
3	200	Skating Club of New York, Inc.	Miss Beatrix S. Loughran
		Raymond S. Harvey, Joseph K. Savage	

3	over 300	Skating Club of Boston	Roger F. Turner Frederick Goodridge, Charles M. Rotch
2	50-100	Sno Birds	Charles J. Beck
1	45	Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis	(Proxy) J. K. Savage
2	53	Winter Sports Club	J. A. Cruikshank, R. P. Hunt

The Chairman announced that a quorum was present.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting of the Governing Council, held April 14, 1929, and also the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee, held October 20, 1929, and, on motions, duly made, seconded and carried, these minutes were approved as read.

REPORTS: The following reports of officers and committees were presented and, on motions, duly made and seconded, were accepted with thanks:

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Charles T. Church, thanked the officers and committees for their assistance and co-operation. He also expressed his gratification on the success of the World's Figure Skating Championships and the resulting better relations and understanding with the European skating organizations and skaters as a result thereof, and declared that the past year had been one of the most important in the history of the Association.

THE TREASURER: Mr. Heaton R. Robertson, reported that \$13,742.66 had been received during the year, \$8,647.75 spent, and that the Association had a balance on hand of \$5,094.91.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Mr. Joseph Chapman, the Chairman, reported that the following clubs had been admitted to membership during the year: Olympia Skating Club of Detroit, Michigan, Buffalo Skating Club of Buffalo, N. Y., and The Skating Club of Kansas City, Missouri; also the following individual members: Miss Miriam Davenport of Springfield, Mass., Fred A. Parmenter of Brockton, Mass., and Miss Nancy Follett of Quincy, Mass.

STANDARDS and TESTS COMMITTEE: Mr. Bedell Harned, the Chairman, reported that although members had been asked to stir up interest in tests only a few tests had been taken during the year. He recommended requiring that Junior entries should

have passed the fifth test, and that in the future the Chairman of the Committee be on the list of Judges. He reported also the new Test Booklets had been issued to the members and that a reserve supply was on hand.

AMATEUR STATUS COMMITTEE: Mr. Joel B. Liberman, Chairman. No report.

COMPETITIONS and RULES COMMITTEE: Mr. Charles M. Rotch, Chairman, explained the difficulties in arranging for the National Championships, and reported that the following competitions had been duly sanctioned and held during the year:

Sno Birds, Lake Placid, N. Y., January 24 and 25, 1930;
Middle Atlantic Skating Association Championships, New York City, February 25, March 1, March 3 and March 9, 1930;
Olympia Club, Detroit, Michigan, Waltz and Fourteen Step Competition, at their carnival, March 29, 1930;
U. S. F. S. A. National Championships, Providence, Rhode Island, March 21 and 22, 1930;
World's Figure Skating Championships, at Skating Club of New York, February 3, 4 and 5, 1930.

That the financial arrangements for the National Championships were made by The Skating Club of Boston and the East Side Skating Club of Providence entertained the skaters, officials and invited guests after the Championships at a midnight supper, at which the medals were presented.

The Committee recommended that in future championships the free skating events be divided into two sections, viz: Junior and Senior, and that they be held at different times and not all in one evening, as was done at Providence.

The Committee also presented for consideration a corrected form of Judge's card, giving the proper values for print, form, tracing and size in school figure competitions.

RECORDS COMMITTEE: Mr. J. Lester Madden, the Chairman, reported that the records had been carefully kept, as usual.

PUBLICITY and PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: Mr. Nathaniel W. Niles, the Chairman, reported that three issues of the "Skating" magazine had been published and that a fourth issue would be out shortly. He stated that the subscriptions had increased

from 394 in 1926-7 to about 800 in 1929-30, due largely to the group system of subscriptions. That while the receipts for 1929-30 were larger, the expenses were also greater this year, because of the additional printed matter and illustrations required to cover the World's Championships. That the deficit for the year would be around \$500; also that about 50 free subscriptions were supplied to European skaters, officials and for exchanges with foreign skating magazines, which latter permitted "Skating" to make use of their articles. There was some discussion about the advisability of decreasing or increasing the number of annual issues, also of means of obtaining advertising and of improving the appearance of the magazine.

On motion, duly made, seconded and carried, it was *Resolved* that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the publication deficit for the current year.

JUDGES COMMITTEE: Mr. Henry W. Howe, the Chairman, explained that because of the conflict in duties with the Competition Committee and the Executive Committee under the present form of Constitution and By-Laws, which are corrected in the new proposed Constitution and By-Laws, that the Committee had nothing to report at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. A. Winsor Weld, the Chairman, had nothing to report beyond what was shown in the Treasurer's report.

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE: Miss Beatrix S. Loughran, the Chairman, reported that the Carnival at Madison Square Garden in conjunction with the New York Music Week Association had been a popular and financial success. The Committee suggested most strongly that the next carnival be conducted by our own Association and that we should exercise exclusive control over all details of same, particularly over the program, music and lights.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Joel B. Liberman, Mr. Savage, a member of the Committee, reported that the corrections suggested by the Executive Committee to the proposed Constitution

and By-Laws at its Fall Meeting, had been made, and that complete copies of the corrected proposed Constitution and By-Laws had been sent to each member of the U.S.F.S.A. with the call for the Annual Meeting of the Governing Council, with notice that these amendments were to be voted on at the meeting.

The Chairman then announced that the election of officers for the coming year was next in order, and asked the Nominating Committee to report what ticket had been selected by them. Mr. Charles M. Rotch, the Chairman, presented the following ticket:

<i>Honorary Presidents</i>	MR. IRVING BROKAW
	MR. A. WINSOR WELD
<i>President</i>	MR. SHERWIN C. BADGER
<i>First Vice-President</i>	MR. ARTHUR M. GOODRIDGE
<i>Second Vice-President</i>	MR. ROGER F. TURNER
<i>Secretary</i>	MR. WM. S. BIRD
<i>Treasurer</i>	MR. HEATON R. ROBERTSON

Mr. Howe, as proxy for Duluth Figure Skating Club, also nominated, pursuant to their directions, Mr. Nathaniel W. Niles for President. Mr. Niles declined the nomination.

On motions, duly made, seconded and carried, the nominations were then declared closed, and the Secretary was directed to cast one ballot for the ticket named by the Nominating Committee.

The Secretary cast such ballot and the Chairman declared the aforesaid officers to be duly elected.

Mr. Badger, the new President, then took the chair and acted as Chairman for the balance of the meeting. In the absence of Mr. Bird, Mr. Savage continued to act as Secretary.

A vote of thanks was given to the retiring officials for their work during the past two years.

It was unanimously *RESOLVED*: That the power of appointing the Executive Committee and all other committees be delegated to the President.

Mr. Badger thereafter announced the appointment of the Executive Committee and the Chairmen of other committees, with power

to the Chairmen to select the members of their respective committees.*

The proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws were next considered, and copies thereof having been supplied to the delegates present and examined, discussed and corrected, said amendments as corrected were, on motion duly made and unanimously carried, accepted and adopted as the amended Constitution and By-Laws of the U.S.F.S.A.

On motion, duly made, seconded and carried, it was *Resolved* that said amended Constitution and By-Laws be printed and distributed to the members at the expense of the Association.

Upon motion, duly made, seconded and carried, it was *Resolved* that the President appoint a committee to revise, correct and modernize the U.S.F.S.A. rules and regulations for competitions, and to report its recommendations at the Fall Meeting of the Executive Committee for action thereon, including in the matters to be considered championship medals, entries for championships, child competitors, giving of three medals where only four competitors, compulsory skating of three lobed eight in waltzing, drawing and announcing school figures in advance, control of professionals, entry fees, correcting Judges' cards, and such kindred matters as may be submitted for consideration.

Upon motion, duly made, seconded and carried, it was *Resolved* that it is the sense of this meeting that the present Dance Competition be continued for another year, and that it is opposed to the selection and announcement in advance of the school figures for the National Championships.

Upon motions, duly made, seconded and carried, it was *Resolved* that the appointment of Mr. J. L. Prescott as delegate or proxy of the Amateur Skating Union to the Annual Meeting of the Internationale Eislauf-Vereinigung is approved.

RESOLVED, That this Association is opposed to increasing the time of men's free skating to six minutes, and that Mr. Prescott be requested to vote against such increase.

*See front inside cover.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Prescott be requested to propose an amendment to I. E. V. Rule 76, by adding at the end of the paragraph thereof reading as follows: "The working out of the marking cards by the Judges must only be done after the termination of the free skating" the following, viz: "except that these cards may, however, in the discretion of the Referee, be worked out by competent accountants prior to the termination of the free skating, but the results shall not be made known by the accountants until after the Judges have worked out their free skating cards."

Upon motion, duly made, seconded and carried, it was *Resolved* that a committee be appointed to assist the mid-western club members of the Association in holding carnivals next season and in supplying skaters to take part in same; and further

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this meeting that an Association carnival be held during the winter of 1930-1931.

Both the Skating Club of Boston and New Haven Skating Club expressed a desire to conduct the National Championships in 1931, and this was referred to the Executive Committee for action at their Fall Meeting.

The difficulties of arranging for and taking tests and obtaining Judges for same, especially among the younger clubs, were discussed, and this was referred to the Committee on Tests for remedial action.

There being no further business, the meeting thereupon adjourned.

JOSEPH K. SAVAGE, *Secretary and Acting Secretary.*

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It has been suggested that bound volumes might be appropriate as prizes for certain club or other events. Initials or other inscriptions can be ordered at cost.