

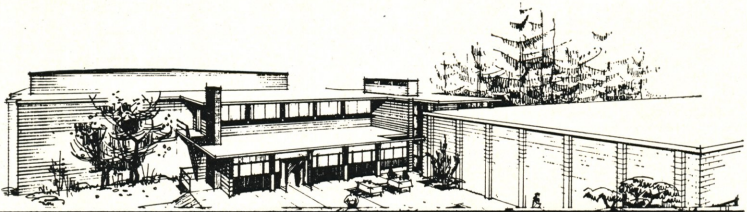
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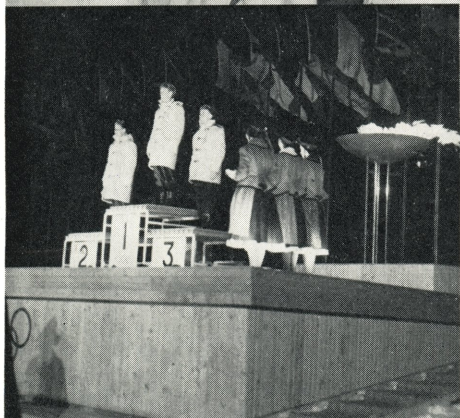
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### This Month's Cover

presents the first United States Lady Olympic Champion in figure skating history, Tenley E. Albright, The Skating Club of Boston, photographed after receiving her awards in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. United Press Photo.



Above: **Sissy Schwarz & Kurt Oppelt** of Austria, Olympic Pair Champions, photographed with the mountains of Cortina in the background. United Press photo.



Top left: Olympic Champion **Hayes Alan Jenkins**, runner-up **Ronald Robertson**, and third place winner **David Jenkins** display their Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals, respectively, for a clean sweep by U. S. skaters in the Men's Championship. Associated Press photo, Roma.

Middle: At attention before receiving the awards for the Men's Championship. The Olympic Flame, which burns for the duration of the Games, may be seen on the right. Associated Press photo, Roma.

Bottom: Olympic Champion **Tenley Albright** flanked by runner-up **Carol Heiss**, and third place winner **Ingrid Wendl** of Austria. Associated Press photo, Roma.

## U.S. Skaters Receive Awards

### *Presentation of Olympic Medals*

ONE OF THE MOST THRILLING of the Olympic ceremonies that we witnessed at Cortina was the awarding of the medals to the winning competitors. The awards took place in the Stadium at about 9:30 just before the second hockey match of the evening. The night we were there was a big one for the Americans as the awards were given for both the Men's and Ladies' figure skating events.

The Olympic Stadium, a beautiful white concrete structure with decorations of natural pine, had seats and galleries on three sides. On the further side was a low rampart housing the dressing rooms for the contestants. Above and in the center of the rampart was a small high platform on which stood the bowl where the Olympic flame burned. Back of the rampart was the line of tall flagpoles, flying the banners of the countries that were participating in the Games.

As we were late in arriving it was very fortunate for us that the approach to the Stadium was on the rampart side. We were hurrying across the snow to the entrance when we heard the fanfare of the trumpets and saw Hayes in his Olympic uniform mounting the platform, followed by Ronnie on one side and David on the other. Realizing that we could not possibly get inside in time we rushed back and jumped up on some cars where we had a perfect view of the ceremony. As we watched, the horns blew again and the three boys turned and faced the Olympic flame while the American flag went up on the high center pole for the winner, and then another American flag on each side for second and third place. As all the flags flew in the air, their colors gleaming against the dark night sky, we heard the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner." We were very proud of our boys.

We then found our places in the Stadium and watched one period of a very gentlemanly hockey game between Czechoslovakia and Russia. In the field of

hockey Americans play a much rougher game than the Europeans.

At the end of the period the rink lights went out and spotlights shone again on the competitors' stand and the Olympic flame. The heralds, in their colorful medieval costumes, marched to the front, and lifting their horns, blew the fanfare once again. Tenley was announced as the winner for the United States and mounted the platform in her red, white, and blue Olympic uniform, followed by Carol in second place and Ingrid Wendl of Austria in third place. As they received the applause of the crowd Tenley leaned down and kissed the other two girls. The trumpets blew again and the girls turned and faced the Olympic flame. Once again the flags went up, the American flag first high in the center, then another American flag and then the Austrian flag. Once again we heard "The Star Spangled Banner" as we watched the flags fluttering in the cold night air, with the great mountains rising behind them.

The flame, the athletes, the banners of the countries with the quiet mountains looming around them was one of the most beautiful moments of the Olympic Games. And how proud we all were that our flag went up five times that night.

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*The presentation of medals to the three place winners in the Olympic Championships—always a stirring ceremony—so impressed one of the United States spectators that she contributed the following description in an attempt to transmit to SKATING's readers some of the thrill of watching the U. S. skaters proudly receiving their awards. As the U. S. figure skaters were the only ones to win Gold Medals for the United States in the 1956 Winter Games, the significance of the occasion stirs even a deeper pride among United States nationals. The name of the contributor is withheld on request.*

# Dresses—Olympic Style

MARION F. PATTERSON

*The Skating Club of Boston*

(Mrs. Patterson, wife of U. S. Olympic Team Manager Theodore G. Patterson, wrote the following descriptions for SKATING as she witnessed the Olympic Championships.)

AS ONE WOULD EXPECT, the ladies wore more tailored and simpler clothes during the skating of the compulsory figures than for their free skating. In observing from the sidelines, there seemed to be a great variety of color and style chosen for the figure costumes. Our own Tenley wore a coral jersey outfit—excellent for figures in that it had no skirt but consisted of well cut shorts and matching cashmere sweater; the color was becoming and showed up well on the ice. Carol Heiss wore a skating dress of fire red jersey, with pleated skirt; when she came to her last figure she had tucked it up on each side.

An aqua wool jumper was striking with a pale yellow sweater blouse, worn by one of the Swiss contestants. The skirt was very short and consisted of a wide ruffle, longer in back than in front. Catherine Machado wore an electric blue jersey dress with mediumly flared skirt just the right length for her. It showed up well on the ice and was one of the distinctive dresses. Also very outstanding, and perhaps giving the "newest look" in skating costumes was that worn by an Italian girl; it was medium, or Alice, blue soft wool with high collar and narrow pleated yoke. The skirt bore distinction in that it was cut with real artistry—flaring slightly to give freedom of movement but hugging the body to just the right degree. All seemed to think this was the outstanding costume worn for this event; it was not spectacular but beautifully cut and fitted, and very practical. Yvonne Sugden of England chose black jersey, with a white jersey yoke and collar making a striking contrast.

In the free skating there was a great variance and much individual and national expression. On the whole, the European ladies' costumes were much more elabo-

rate and theatrical than those worn by our skaters. The dress worn by Austria's Ingrid Wendl was of red print metallic material with insets in the godets of the skirt consisting of rows of tiny red ruffles—with a collar of matching ruffles. To our American way of thinking, the line perhaps was too much broken by these insets and detracted from a unified look when skating. Another Austrian skater wore lavender metallic with a long waistline, and very short full ruffled skirt cut longer in the back. Tenley clung to simplicity again by wearing a beautifully cut jersey dress in shocking pink, with details of narrow satin bands of the same color in vertical line on the bodice and skirt. It was very effective as she skated. Carol Heiss chose a most becoming shade of bright aqua chiffon with short flared skirt just the right length. For accessories she wore a choker of rhinestones, an elusive cap of aqua sequins fitted around her short "pony tail" hairdo, and black gloves. About half the girls wore gloves—some matching and some in sharp contrast, as were Carol's.

There was not a preponderance of red as in some years. One Scandinavian skater wore it and a Swiss competitor had on cerise satin over a white tulle short ballet skirt. Erica Batchelor of Great Britain wore red, too—flannel with a few details of white sequins on the yoke; in her hair she wore a white carnation.

Again, the costume causing most comment was worn by the Italian girls—a lovely bright blue beautifully cut, and decorated with delicate scrolls of silver sequins which started at the hem and grew smaller near the neckline. A supremacy of blue was surely evident. Another of the most outstanding costumes was worn by Miss Pettinger of Germany—light blue soft wool

with a mandarin collar and delicate sequin motif on the bodice. Sapphire blue velvet was worn by Miss Dijkstra of Holland. The very flared skirt carried a narrow scroll of sequins near the hem, and was lined in flesh pink ruffles. Catherine Machado looked most effective in a becoming bright apricot or flame color dress with just a few scattered sequins near the high neck. It was an excellent color for a skater with her black hair and dark eyes.

Several of the girls had windbreakers for warm-up that matched their costumes and were very effective. Some bore emblems and decorations. Ann Johnston's striking black windbreaker (decorated with shields) matched her black costume.

In the Pair competition there was a variety of color and material. Carole Ormac's dress was of watermelon chiffon, with tiny white daisies appliquéd on the entire bodice. Lucille Ash and her partner wore the same color—very bright blue. Her dress was of chiffon with a net yolk trimmed generously with sequins. There was an aqua sheer wool with interesting skirt cut with godets of tiny pleats (worn by Frances Dafoe). The other Canadian skater, Barbara Wagner, wore a vivid tomato colored wool with low V neck trimmed with a band of satin. She wore a narrow coronet of the same color. There was a pale blue brocade with skirt set on the bodice in wide flat pleats. One black velvet dress had gold satin lining the skirt and a few gold satin scrolls on the bodice. Sissy Schwarz of Austria was the only one to choose white—a metallic material. She wore a three-strand band of rhinestones in her hair. About half the skaters wore a band, a coronet, or some decoration in the hair.

In summary, it would seem that shades of blue were far in the lead, which showed up well on the ice and in any kind of light. Headdresses of narrow bands, coronets, several narrow caps tied under the chin, and several Juliet caps were in evidence. There were gloves of all sorts—even tulle (matching a violet velvet dress), white, black, and of matching material. There was great variety and latitude in costuming throughout the three days of the Olympic Competition.

## *Skating Scholarships for Juniors*

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THE LADIES AUXILIARY of the Kerrisdale FSC introduced something beneficial to future skaters—Skating Scholarships, given for individuality and progress in the four sections of the Junior Club.

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The day of the presentations finally arrived, and such excitement! We asked the Ladies Auxiliary President, Mrs. G. D. Holmes, to present these awards. To make things even more exciting, Mrs. Mitchell, one of our Board Members, had flown in from Honolulu that morning with leis for each of the children.

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If any of the Ladies Auxiliaries in Canada are looking for a project, I cannot think of a more worthwhile one. The joy and the happiness shining on each winner's face was ample reward for the many hours of work that went into setting up these Scholarships.

# The Midwestern Championships

S. E. CRAM

*Cleveland Skating Club*

THE 25TH MIDWESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS were held in Cleveland, Ohio, under the auspices of the Cleveland Skating Club, at their rink and club house, on February 16-18. One hundred and two entries arrived representing nineteen clubs.

At 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, 17 Novice Ladies began their figures, followed by seven Novice Men, four Juvenile Boys and 17 Juvenile Girls in the afternoon. Two Junior Men and three Senior Men completed their figures Thursday evening. The real work for the Judges began on Friday morning when 19 Junior Ladies started tracing four figures, followed by nine Senior Ladies with five figures to complete. All went well, however, under the able administration of George B. Jenkinson, Referee, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Harry N. Keighley of Chicago, Illinois, Assistant Referee.

The Bronze Dancers on Friday evening began the more interesting part of the program, from the audience point of view, with their initial round on the Fiesta Tango and Willow Waltz. Yvonne Drummond sparkled through her free skating to win the Juvenile Girls event, followed by Tim Hamilton who headed the list of four Juvenile Boys.

The entries in the Junior Pairs provided a real highlight in completing Friday evening's performance. The spectators' very evident pleasure and applause indicated a close decision might be required to place three very enjoyable pair numbers. The final results put Gayle Benvie & Karl Freed in first place.

The Silver Dance initial round provided an enjoyable beginning on Saturday afternoon, followed by the Bronze Dancers who completed their final round with a display of music interpretation and style not usually found at the Bronze level of dancing. Gayle Benvie & Karl Freed repeated their win of the preceding evening to become the only double winners.

The Novice Ladies then took to the ice, where Junée Rodriguez, in a red lined white lace dress, skated her way to a first place. Douglas Ramsay, Detroit SC's eleven year old, then turned in a remarkable free skating performance in Novice Men to lead a field of seven contestants with five first place ordinals.

The Senior Pairs completed Saturday afternoon's events with a duel between Antoinette Abell & Bob Keyes and Margaret Jurmo & Roy Pringle. First honors went to Antoinette and Bob, whose spectacular lifts and excellent interpretation of their music combined to produce a well-polished routine.

The evening events were led by the Silver Dancers who danced with four individual styles and interpretation to the delight of a full house who saw Judy Kay Boner & Edwin Zschau take first place.

A rainbow then took to the ice in the colorful dresses of the Junior Ladies. Stephanie Westerfeld won the event with a superb and expressive interpretation of her music. Tommy DeBaca repeated in the Junior Men's event.

Color again was the center of attraction during the Senior Ladies, which provides the best in ladies' free skating in the Midwestern section. The audience thought so, too, by the length and volume of applause. Carol Keyes won first place in a technically skillful and accomplished performance. Gladys Irene Jacobs and Sandy Blair followed close behind in second and third place.

Tommy Weinreich and Dave Shulman thrilled the audience with exciting and impressive skating, Tommy being the second skater of the competition to win with five first place ordinals.

Winners of the Juvenile, Novice, Bronze Dance and Senior Pair events gave exhibitions while the auditors, under Harold Leroux, labored to produce their final results so that George B. Jenkinson, Referee,

and Sheldon S. Reynolds, President of the Cleveland SC, could present the medals and trophies. Mr. Reynolds, to his absolute and complete surprise as he followed the announcer's directions, was obliged to present the Cleveland SC trophy for the Club winning the most points on the Harned Trophy System, to himself! The Cleveland SC vociferously welcomed the return of its own cup which had been in other hands for many years.

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(Chicago Figure Skating Club Trophy)

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2. Gladys Irene Jacobs, *Chicago FSC*
3. Sandy Blair, *Cleveland SC*
4. Tonny Hoonhout, *Lansing SC*
5. Judy Kay Boner, *FSC of Omaha*
6. Claire Waters, *Lansing SC*
7. Elaine Geyer, *Lansing SC*
8. Patricia Haggerty, *Rochester FSC*
9. Regina Kaufman, *Broadmoor SC*

#### SENIOR MEN

(Cleveland Skating Club Trophy)

1. Tommy Weinreich, *Broadmoor SC*
2. David Shulman, *Lansing SC*

#### JUNIOR LADIES

(Donald A. Raymond Cup)

1. Stephanie Westerfeld, *Broadmoor SC*
2. Diana Lapp, *Denver*
3. Dorothy Ann Nelson, *Chicago FSC*
4. Vicky Fisher, *Cleveland SC*
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1. Tommy DeBaca, *Broadmoor SC*
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1. Junée Rodriguez, *Denver FSC*
2. Carol Springman, *FSC of Omaha*
3. Mary Lou Gillengerten, *Lansing SC*
4. Blair Bacon, *Chicago FSC*
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3. Marilyn Keyes, *Cleveland SC*
4. Pamela Thatcher, *Broadmoor SC*
5. Vicki DeWeese, *Troy SC*
6. JoAnn Mazzeri, *FSC of Omaha*
7. Susan Bright, *Cleveland SC*
8. Joyce Komperda, *Wauwatosa FSC*
9. Paula Donald, *FSC of Minneapolis*
10. Aloise Samson, *Detroit SC*
11. Chickie Berlin, *Chicago FSC*
12. Joanne Heckert, *Lansing SC*
13. Sally Birkenstein, *Chicago FSC*
14. Judy Knight, *Cleveland SC*
15. Nancy Czarnecky, *Wauwatosa FSC*
16. Katherine Fraser, *Ann Arbor FSC*
17. Gwynne Shabouth, *Broadmoor SC*

#### JUVENILE BOYS

1. Tim Hamilton, *Lansing SC*
2. Monty Hoyt, *Denver CC*
3. James Bright, *Cleveland SC*
4. Larry Fulton, *Arena FSC of Cleveland*

#### SENIOR PAIRS

(Harry E. Radix Cup)

1. Antoinette Abell & Robert Keyes, *Cleveland SC*
2. Margaret Jurmo & Roy Pringle, *Detroit SC*

#### JUNIOR PAIRS

(B. H. Metternich Trophy)

1. Gayle Benvie & Karl Freed, *Queen City FSC*
2. Vivian Hayes & Bo Bergeson, *Sioux City FSC*
3. Marthine & James Browning, *WC of Indianapolis*

#### SILVER DANCE

(Harry E. Radix Trophy)

1. Judy Kay Boner & Edwin Zschau, *FSC of Omaha*
2. Gail Kizer & Roy Speeg, *FSC of Cincinnati*
3. Norma Foster & Arthur Dammkoehler, *Chicago FSC*
4. Harlene Jones & Joseph Hendrich, *Cleveland SC*
5. Elaine Geyer & David Shulman, *Lansing SC*

#### BRONZE DANCE

(Rochester Figure Skating Club Trophy)

1. Gayle Benvie & Karl Freed, *Queen City FSC*
2. Thomasine Pierce & Mike Griga, *FSC of Cincinnati*
3. Vivian Hayes & Bo Bergeson, *Sioux City FSC*
4. Catherine Rathnow & Harry La Friske, Sr., *Chicago FSC*
5. Mr. & Mrs. Newton T. Todd, *WC of Indianapolis*
6. Mrs. Rowena Lahr & Edward E. Evans, III, *Cleveland SC*
7. Ann Schweitzer & Hayward K. Kelley, Jr., *Cleveland SC*
8. Ruthanne Reynolds & Clyde Roberts, *WC of Indianapolis*





(1) Shirley Ann Robson, IC of Greater Winnipeg. (2) Nellie Brennan, Detroit SC. (3) David Butchart, Blade & Edge Club. (4) Judy Ottinger, San Diego FSC. (5) Gwynne Shabouh, Broadmoor SC. Photo credits: (1) Paul Schiffer Studios, Winnipeg; (3) William L. Udell, Hollywood.



## Children's Corner

Hello skaters, I am four years old, and have been skating at the D. S. C. for two years. I have fun skating with my sisters, Karen, Kathleen, and Mary Sue. Happy New Year.—*Nellie Brennan.*

Hello Skaters: My name is David Butchart. I am twelve years old and my home club is the Blade and Edge Club of Pasadena. I passed by Bronze Dance and First Figure Tests this year and am now

working for California State Competition. I won Southern California Juvenile Boys' Competition last summer. Good luck to all you skaters.—*David Butchart.*

Dear Friends: I am Judy Ottinger, I am four years old and have been skating one year. I am working on my Preliminary Test and my teacher is Audrey Ericson. I want to say, Thank you, to the Madison Sq. Garden F. S. Club for being so nice to me, when I skated there last summer.—*Judy Ottinger.*

Dear Skaters: My name is Shirley Ann Robson and I am almost seven years old. This is my third season with

The Ice Club of Greater Winnipeg where I am instructed by Miss Lesley Goodwin of whom I am very fond. I passed my preliminary test when I was five and hope to be successful with my first very soon. I am particularly fond of free skating in which I am working on axels. My sister Sharon who is four years old also likes skating.—*Shirley Ann Robson.*

I am a member of the Broadmoor Figure Skating Club, Colorado Springs, Colo. and my teacher is Edi Scholdan. I am eleven years old and started skating in the summer of 1954. I took part in the Broadmoor Ice Revue and in the children's number. I was Dorothy, in "The Wizard of Oz." It was a lot of fun for I enjoy skating very much. I am working now on my second test.—*Gwynne Shabouh.*



## *Meditations from the Side Lines*

GEORGIANA P. MAHARAS

*Arena FSC of Cleveland*

WE HAVE BEEN SUMMER SKATING. It was warm the day we left home, with the car filled with suitcases, extra jackets, and some of the children's "special possessions."

I remember, particularly, the second day on the road. Suddenly, we had a gorgeous view from the top of a hill, the sky and the water below a deep blue, the boats bobbing on the lake. The children, too, exclaimed at the beauty. No artist could have painted a lovelier sight. How much the youngsters learned on that trip! My knowledge of history was challenged when we passed a historic spot.

It was a pleasant experience to meet old skating friends at the summer school. We met champions from various parts of the country, many of whom we had read about in SKATING. Everyone was charmed by their naturalness, poise and simple humility. Where could we meet a finer group of young people?

How can I measure what we have gained? Sometimes we were tired. It was

difficult to make that early patch. Was it a sense of responsibility that prompted my daughter to say, "Mother, I must hurry, it's patch time and the Pro is waiting. I can't be late." Was it socialization or good sportsmanship, that prompted my son to hold out his hand and say "Congratulations," to the boy who nosed him out of first place in dance competition? It took courage, and honesty, and a sincere appreciation of another's achievement.

We worked hard for the show but it was fun. Even the little one's face flushed with pleasure at the applause. Test time, and we all had colds. With a determination to reach the goal they had set, the children went out on the ice. What a wonderful feeling of accomplishment to have heard they had passed.

We've been summer skating. What have we gained? How can I measure all that we have achieved? The children have grown an inch taller, and, do I imagine it, or have my son's shoulders become a little broader?

# Miss Albright's Title

(Reprinted from the London Times—February 3, 1956)

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Feb. 2.—We awoke to another day of brittle sunshine with the thermometer down to zero Fahrenheit and all Cortina keyed up for the duel between the two American ladies, Miss Albright, now the Olympic champion, and her tenacious young rival and runner-up, Miss Heiss, as well as that for the bronze medal between Miss Wendl, of Austria, the European champion, and Miss Sugden, of Britain. Between this latter pair after the compulsory figures there was a difference of only 14.70 points divided between 11 judges, not much when one considers Miss Sugden's free skating potential.

When watching the American ladies one is more than ever struck by their effortless speed, which comes largely from the beautiful flexibility of the tracing knee, their sway and lean and the flowing use of the free hip and leg. Another characteristic is a graciousness of presentation that is engaging to a degree.

The Europeans are perhaps a little too academic and too serious, although Miss Sugden has a certain dedicated quality in the performance of her difficult program that is impressive. Miss Batchelor has considerable charm of manner but Miss Peach, who has a good program, has not yet found herself, or learned to put herself over, but when she does she will be a force to be reckoned with, for she skated well. Today Miss Sugden was not as good as in Paris, but here, nonetheless, was a first-rate performance.

But in Olympic and World competitions we have the Americans, and it is quite impossible in the space available to describe the wonder of their skating. The first of them was Miss Machado, a powerful skater with a superb sense of rhythm, whose musical interpretation of a difficult program set us thinking deeply of what was to come. Then, way down on the program, we had Miss Albright herself, who has now won her Olympic medal and whose exquisite performance kept us spell-

bound with its delicacy of footwork, its effortless speed over the ice, together with its superb jumping and spinning.

After three others, when the sun had gone down and it had become bitterly cold there came the extraordinary vivid streak of lightning who was Miss Heiss. She skated a program at such speed and with such assurance and charm that it received an ovation such as has never, surely, been heard in any championship, let alone any Olympic competition. Last year her performance was so outstanding that it brought her from quite low in the list after the figures to second place, but this year it can only be described as phenomenal. The European champion, Miss Wendl, skated after Miss Heiss. She landed too many of her double jumps forward—that is to say, only two-thirds of the way round instead of all the way—and she seemed a little pedestrian. Miss F. Negro, the Italian champion, and Miss Pettinger, of Germany, both skated charmingly.

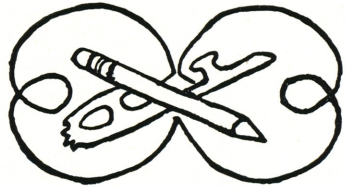


## Coming in May

THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS held in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, on February 15-19 . . . an interview with the new World—and Olympic—Pair Champions, Sissy Schwarz & Kurt Opel . . . highlights of the World Dance Championship . . . stories and rankings of some of the Sectional competitions . . . other features of general interest, and regular departments to publish news of skaters and clubs will appear in the May issue.

# Rockers and Counters

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## Midwestern Clubs

**Arena FSC of Cleveland** held its second annual club competition on Jan. 9. Although weather conditions were unfavorable, the event was well attended. The winners were: Robin Finley, senior lady; Barbara Squire, junior; Sandy Squire, pre-junior; Janice Udelf, novice; Mary Lou Monahan, juvenile; Lynn Dorrer, beginner group.

**Broadmoor SC** presented a free exhibition at an open house on Jan. 1 to give the community a chance to see the Olympic skaters training at the Broadmoor Ice Palace . . . World (and now Olympic) Champion Hayes Alan Jenkins, David Jenkins, Mary Ann Dorsey, Lucille Ash & Sully Kothman, and Canadian Champion Charles Snelling. A capacity crowd of 2800 witnessed the exhibition. Gwynne Shabouh and Pamela Thatcher also skated their Midwestern programs; these skaters were included to encourage the children and parents attending to join the club and also to give a fine opportunity to compare sectional competitive standards with that of World and Olympic calibre. Another open house was held the following Sunday, again with a capacity crowd; in addition to the Olympic Team members, all club members entering the Midwesterns skated their programs, including Steffi Westerfeld, Regina Kaufman, Tommy Weinreich, Claralynn Lewis and Paul Sibley, along with Gladys Jacobs (Chicago FSC). Olympic decals were sold and contributions requested; \$250 was raised.

**Cleveland SC's** annual championships were held late in January. The winners were: Carol Keyes, senior lady for the second consecutive year; Marilyn Keyes, junior; Barbara Wedow, novice A; Susan Bright, novice B; Sally Jean Ficker, juvenile A; Barbara Fisher, juvenile B; Jim Hacker, juvenile; Vicky Fisher & Suzie Walker, similar pairs; Antoinette Abell &

Bob Keyes, senior and sub-senior dances; Ann Schweitzer & Ward Kelley, bronze dance; Mrs. Fred Rittinger & Ben Fauver, mixed dance; Emily and Allen Kerr, parent and child dance.

**FSC of Omaha's** calendar of events included tests on Feb. 6 and Mar. 4, competitions on March 26, 29-30, and the spring costume party on Apr. 2. For this year's competitions specially designed figure skating trophies will be awarded to winners of the ladies and men's senior, junior and novice divisions. Various dance and pair events were planned to permit every member to compete. The dance committee recommended dance starts for use during sessions to facilitate getting more dancers on the ice.

**Hiawatha SC** members gave an exhibition between hockey games of the VFW Amateur Tourney on Jan. 28; their program included a solo and a group of six girls. Pros John & Helen Nightingale gave an exhibition for the benefit of the March of Dimes between hockey games of various service groups on Jan. 21.

**Lansing SC** has initiated a mimeographed club paper, called *Boots and Blades*. In addition to regular news of interest to members, the paper carries bits of historical information about skating. The Christmas party on Dec. 19 was claimed an "unmitigated success"—excellent food, presents, and exhibitions by the competitors. On Dec. 21, the junior club presented Winter Carnival Junior.

**Troy SC** members participated in the annual Hobart Brothers Christmas party on Dec. 19 at the Hobart Arena. The affair opened with a show highlighted by the skating of Donald Jackson, Canadian Junior Champion, and Elaine Richards, both of the Minto SC. Several juniors gave solos and the advanced senior dance class performed. Following the show, the arrival of Santa, treats for the youngsters, and

skating for all completed the evening's program.

**WC of Fargo-Moorhead** presented its 14th annual Ice Revue, produced and directed by Pro Jack Jost, on Jan. 27-29, at the Fargo Arena. Guest skaters were Jane Sinclair & Larry Rost, 1955 Western Canadian Junior Pair Champions.



**Wauwatosa FSC's** Christmas party was held at the rink in the Wauwatosa Recreational Building on Dec. 17. Senior Chairman Mrs. Charles Cowan and Junior Chairman Mrs. Nickel were assisted by Walter Diehnelt and Paul Smongeski and Rose Cianciola, as well as all the mothers. The children enjoyed many supervised games on the ice. A buffet luncheon was served after a visit from Santa Claus, who had gifts for all.

#### **Pacific Coast Clubs**

**Arctic Blades FSC** presented a carnival for the Paramount Kiwanis Club at Iceland in November, starring Joan Zamboni & Roland Junso. The annual Christmas party was held at Iceland, complete with gifts and refreshments. In January a benefit was given for the World Dance Team members, Joan Zamboni & Roland Junso, who exhibited their Free Dance program. A box social at Paramount found the men bidding on box lunches prepared by the ladies; dancing and games were enjoyed throughout the evening.

**Blade & Edge Club** held a Preliminary Dance Competition on Feb. 8, won by Wanda Guntert & Vincent Nahrstedt. A Valentine party was held on Feb. 15 at the regular club session, called "Start a Skater" night. Each member was

supposed to bring a guest—a beginner, a former member, or a person interested in the sport. So that the members can get better acquainted with the competitive skaters and be able to watch them in action, the club turned over the last 15 minutes of certain Friday sessions for competitors' solos.

**Los Angeles FSC** junior members held a meeting in January to elect new officers, as follows: Gail Mosher, President; Sandy Carson, Vice-President; Carlene Mooslin, Secretary. Lorin Caccamise, the out-going President, presided.

**St. Moritz ISC** members of the junior sessions are working to set up a new membership record in their respective groups. Each person who brings in four new members receives a silver skate pin and, at the season's end, the one who has brought the greatest number will receive an award of a scrip book to public sessions for summertime skating. A junior poster contest with 15 entries found the top three awards going to Kim Barrett, Ann Marie Strait and Laurie Hickox.

**San Diego FSC** juniors elected Dennis Howard President and Clarence Quinlog Vice-President. The installation of officers was held on Feb. 13, and refreshments were served afterwards. The juniors have set aside the first Monday of the month as "Guest Nite" to increase their already increased membership.

#### **Canadian Clubs**

**Brandon FSC** tried a new promotional stunt with a "Courtesy Day" on Nov. 19. Handbills were distributed in advance to every household in the city, advertising the "Courtesy Day"—free skating all day for everyone. Pro Leone Miller attended and "talked up" figure skating; eight new members were acquired. With the date for the annual Ice Revue set for Mar. 24, members planned to stage the show at Shilo Army Camp in February.

**Brant FSC** held its annual competitions on Jan. 15. In the various divisions, the winners were: Marlene Lichti, senior; Gail Snyder, intermediate; Linn Wilson, junior; Judy Wilson, novice. The carnival, Flashing Blades, is to be held on Apr. 6-7.

**Burlington FSC's** competitions were

held on Jan. 28; President and Mrs. Campbell entertained the judges at an informal supper following the events. The champions are: Myrna Scade, junior ladies open; Ann Willis, intermediate; Jackie Gibson, intermediate novice; Pamela Tufford and Billie Schelter, novice; Jackie Huffman and Jim Hall, junior; Carol Sargeant & Pat Babion, pair skating open. On Jan. 15, 60 per cent of the test-takers passed; Mrs. C. Williams entertained at a buffet supper afterwards.

**Capilano WC's** clubhouse was rapidly nearing completion in January. The new club has a majority of new skaters. The skating rink opened a year ago, and the curling rink began operating on Nov. 26; both are now going strong seven days a week.

**East York SC** (Toronto) is a part of the recreational program of the township and members skate at the East York Memorial Arena. The club was formed in the 1951-52 season, and it now has a membership of 353. Club champions since 1954-55 are: Marilyn Gostlin, John Hollinger Memorial Trophy; Elinor Flack & Philip McCordic, Earl Hanna Trophy; Sharon Barclay, J. Albert Hazelton Trophy; Heather Dean, Cecil Ball Trophy; Marilyn Gostlin & Peggy Jakeman, Crystal Glass & Plastics Trophy.

**Edmonton FSC's** skating time was cut again to only five days at the Gardens for the month of February. In order to keep up the children's interest, plans were made for club competitions and also for a parents' night.

**Galt FSC's** first club competitions, directed by Mrs. Gaye Kimpel, were held on Dec. 18, and proved very successful. The first club champions are: Eleanor Schoenau and Robert McDonald, senior; Nancy St. Clair and Wayne Palmer, junior; Edna MacVicar and Dennis McLean, novice; Linda Ward & Neil Carpenter, junior pair. Of the tests held on Jan. 15, a high per cent were passed. The preparations for the carnival (Feb. 24 directed by Pro Alex Fulton) and for the Canadian Championships in March kept members busy.

**IC of Greater Winnipeg,** through the cooperation of the management of the new two-million dollar arena in Winnipeg, in-

augurated Sunday afternoon sessions early in January. Plans were formulated to hold a wind-up ice show at the Olympic rink to be produced by Pro Gordon Casey.

**Kerrisdale FSC** winners of the Ladies Auxiliary junior scholarship awards (see article on page 9) were: Mary Lou Edgar, intermediate; Ursula Hupfau, junior A; Margot King, junior B; Carolyn Main, juvenile. The seniors held a masquerade on ice during one of their sessions. Another successful senior party was a dance at the Golden Dragon. An exhibition with all groups in the club participating was scheduled for Feb. 23, and club competitions for Mar. 11.

**Kirkland District FSC** held a Fun-Nite in December; all skaters took part in the exhibition and a drawing for \$100 was held. Proceeds went toward club financing. On Feb. 5, the annual championships were held; 60 competitors entered, the highest entry list since the competitions were organized 10 years ago. A pre-juvenile class



was included for the first time, for skaters six to eight years who had passed no tests; a trophy was donated by Tom Fong for this class. Also a trophy was given for senior pairs by Dave & May Finger. A pop concert will be held Mar. 17, featuring a square dance done on the ice with skates by the seniors and an Irish number for St. Patrick's Day.

**Newmarket FSC** held a Christmas party for about 150 skaters. Relay races, competitions and prizes were highlights. Refreshments were provided and served by the Executive. The carnival dates have been set for Mar. 23-24, 26.

**Norwich & District FSC** juniors were given a Christmas party on Dec. 23. The children played games and races, and there

were prizes for the winners. During the session, Santa visited the youngsters and distributed bags of candies, oranges and nuts. A grand march followed by rinkside refreshments brought the afternoon to a close.

**Pembroke FSC** entertained parents and members at a skating party on Jan. 1. On-the-ice games, a grand march and refreshments were enjoyed. Some members were to take part in the Campbells Bay Lions Club Carnival on Mar. 18, with solos and pairs by Ann Boyd, Elizabeth Brose, Andre Pellerin, Joyce Griffith, Joan Dornan, and Laetitia Tardiff.

**Peterborough FSC's** competitions were held on Feb. 5. The new title-holders are: Francis Finn, club champion and men's open; Nancy Zolyomy, ladies open; Helen Wright, senior; Carole Hollingsworth, junior; David Clarke, novice; Marina Zakos, juvenile; Marilyn Clark & Francis Finn, senior pair; Karen Wood & Jean Anne Dobbin, senior similar pair; Marina Zakos & Kathleen Carlin, junior pair; Nancy Zolyomy & Bruce Mason, senior dance; Clarinda Cole & Elaine Purdon, junior dance. Preparations are now underway for the seventh annual carnival; the theme for the juniors is "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and the seniors are skating to hit selections from "Carousel" and "Oklahoma."

**Saskatoon FSC** sponsored a meeting of all figure skating clubs in Northern Saskatchewan on Nov. 20. The meeting's purpose was to discuss skating in all its phases—figure skating, dancing, judging, competitions, carnivals, problems of club management, professionals, the CFSA and the ISU. Attending were 79 delegates representing 21 clubs, both CFSA and non-CFSA clubs. A demonstration of figures by a group of young skaters in the morning was presided over by Pro David Spalding. Volunteers were asked to judge a Preliminary Test, Herbert Larson acting as Referee. Then different jumps, spins and dances were demonstrated; an exhibition by Gale Rennie showed the incorporation of these to form a free skating program. President Hugh Glynn presided over the afternoon session and introduced the following speakers: Herbert Larson,

Bert Penfold, Mel Hepburn, Glen Stewart, and Mrs. Jean Norman. A question period closed the meeting.

**Sundridge FSC** in Ontario is one of the new additions to the Canadian skating scene. With a membership of over 50, the club is sponsored by the North Bay and Sudbury clubs and has been granted a temporary membership in the CFSA. The village of Sundridge—population 650—is proud of the new artificial ice arena which can accommodate 2,000 spectators, and club members hope to have a capacity crowd at their first carnival on Mar. 23.

**Toronto SC** had many holiday festivities including a Christmas dance on Dec. 17, with the Christmas ice revue, starring Frances Dafoe & Norris Bowden, held the same day. The Christmas Frolic on Dec. 16 featured fun on the ice and prizes for costumes. The Turkey Bridge night was on Dec. 15 and the annual bridge party on Dec. 29. A semi-formal sub-deb dance was held Dec. 27 for the teenagers. Members celebrated on New Year's Eve with a supper and dance; New Year's Day featured dinner and an orchestra dance session.

**University SC of Toronto** held 125 tests during the regular morning session on Feb. 5, the greater part of them dance tests. On Jan. 15, an orchestra session was held for both juniors and seniors; an afternoon coffee social hour followed the senior session. The annual Valentine costume party was set for Feb. 14, with prizes for the best outfits. Feb. 26 was the date for the junior free skating competitions. Past President Dr. Sidney V. Soanes was appointed to serve as Chairman of the CFSA authorized Judges' Bureau in the Toronto district. The Bureau's primary function is supplying judges for tests and competitions, but it has been helpful in other ways by arranging for more trial judging, assisting clubs to organize and run off their tests, etc. A number of Judges' Schools and Conferences have been planned for the balance of the season.

**Wascana WC** held a social to honor Mrs. A. G. E. Robbins, international judge, who was moving to Vancouver. The affair, held on Jan. 4 and arranged by Clarence Williams, was attended by members of the senior dance group. Allan Kerr, assisted

by Dr. Urban Gareau, presented Mrs. Robbins with a gift from her skating friends.

**West End FSC** (Montreal) came into being last fall on Sept. 26. A few prominent citizens organized it, realizing the need of the youngsters in the west end of the city to have their own club. The sole purpose of the club is to encourage, improve and advance figure skating among the children in the districts of Westmount, Notre Dame de Grace, Montreal West and Snowden. Ice has been obtained for two sessions at the Loyola College Auditorium on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and at the Montreal Forum on Sunday mornings. The response to the membership campaign was beyond expectations, and the total membership is 175, with a waiting list. At the Christmas party for the juniors, solos were performed by Dawn Ward, Dianna Luck and Jen Wrigley; a group of beginners took part in a number directed by Pro Jean Ramus; Pros Shirley Luffman and John Harding gave an exhibition of dance variations; Santa paid a surprise visit and club founder Irene Wall distributed club crests to all present.

**Winnipeg WC's** skating section embarked on a new venture—a half-hour television show to be broadcast over a local station on Mar. 12. If the show measures up well, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation may broadcast the film in other parts of Canada. The show will be divided into two production numbers—a historical portrayal of figure skating—and an Easter Parade consisting of solos, pairs and precision routines by the juniors and dances by the seniors. Lois Parkhill, a skating member who is on the production staff of the TV station, is chairman of the show. A panel of five Gold Judges conducted a school on judging figures in January which was attended by 25, including members from the IC of Greater Winnipeg and Assiniboine FSC. A masquerade on ice for the juniors was planned for Feb. 24 with the junior carnival on Apr. 7.

#### Eastern Clubs

**Baltimore FSC** suffered the loss of its home rink—Carlin's Iceland—when it was completely destroyed by fire on Jan. 23. Many members lost their skates in the

blaze, and most of the competitors were unable to skate in the Middle Atlantic. The club has managed to get a little ice time at the Sports Centre early Sunday mornings and also from midnight to 2:00 A.M. on Friday nights. The Glenn L. Martin Company invited members to attend its Tuesday private session. On Feb. 14, a meeting was held to discuss future plans. Minerva Burke, one of the original club members, was presented with a gold skate pin before leaving Baltimore to take up residence in Syracuse.



**Commonwealth FSC** held a Christmas party for the junior members on Dec. 18. Exhibitions were given by Julie Graham, Ronna Goldblatt, Nancy Rouillard & Ronald Ludington. After games and a grand march, Santa appeared with favors for all. Elizabeth Dooley and Mrs. Carleton Graham were hostesses, and refreshments were served off the ice.

**Garden State SC of Asbury Park** held its first tests at the junior session early in February, with 14 junior candidates all passing the Preliminary Test after only six months of skating; one Second and one Third Test were also passed. The total membership in the junior division is 92.

**Metropolitan FSC's** Valentine party, arranged by Social Committee Chairman Edward Sieminski and his wife, was held on Feb. 11, on the ice and later in the Union Hall above the rink. Prizes were awarded for costumes to Ann Sadowski and Max Adler; the best Swing Dancer was Charles Rizzo and his partner Mary Fracchia; door prizes were won by Harold Moy, Albert Lee and Ruth Corbett. Dancing performances were given by Lee & Ann Sadowski

and Sandy Thomas, and each was given a gift from the club.

**New Haven SC**, which sponsored the New England Championships, held the evening events outdoors on Jan. 21, using the artificial rink at the Choate School. The outdoor rink was the scene of the senior free skating, pairs, and exhibitions.

**North Shore SC** has 68 attending the Thursday evening session, in addition to the 85 who hold joint membership for the Sunday and Thursday sessions. An American Legion Post is sponsoring the Saturday evening performance of the carnival; prior to show time, Jim Quinn arranged to take photographs of skaters, with the nominal charge going into the club's Ways and Means Fund.

**Philadelphia SC & HS** competitions will take place after the Nationals, on Apr. 7. At the Board of Governors meeting on Jan. 9, the annual meeting was scheduled for Apr. 4, and the closing date of the club Apr. 15. The Board has appointed a new committee—the Music Library Committee, composed of Messrs. McConnell, Hires and Mayer—to study the operation of the new sound system, catalog and purchase records, and make tape recordings. The committee is to function until the end of the year, in cooperation with the Music and Dance Committee. On Feb. 10, an "O-Limp-ic" party was held with members invited to "come as your favorite sport."

**Pittsburgh FSC** members practiced for the carnival to be held Mar. 15, with solo and group numbers scheduled for both advanced and novice skaters. Following the show a buffet supper was to be held at the University Club. Founded about 32 years ago, the club has a diversified membership—totalling 80—who are engaged in many professional fields. Members skate at the Gardens at three weekly sessions, and cordially invite skaters to visit them when in Pittsburgh.

**Quaker City FSC** had a gay Christmas party for members and guests on Dec. 17. Gifts, prizes, and delicious refreshments were abundant. On Jan. 9 the first club competition (trials for the Dr. Ruthrauff Trophy for improvement in compulsory figures) was held, with a large group of all ages taking part. They will be judged

again in March and at the annual banquet in April the recipients of the awards will be named. A weekly dance competition, designed to inspire interest in dancing, is being held to decide the winners of the dance trophies.

**Rye FSC's** carnival on Mar. 23-24 was to star guest Ronald Robertson. The carnival in addition to giving entertainment will also benefit the United Hospital which serves the towns of Rye, Harrison, Port Chester and Mamaroneck. "The Twigs," an organization of women who devote time to the task of raising money for the hospital, will receive a percentage of the proceeds. In return, they have volunteered their services to sell tickets, get advertising for the programs and other similar chores.

**St. Lawrence FSC's** Christmas party on ice was held on a cold Dec. 20—23 degrees below zero. After Santa skated with the youngsters, he presented each child with a gift, and later the children received bags of candy.

**The SC of New York** planned its carnival for Mar. 19-20, featuring Ronnie Robertson, Frances Dafeo & Norris Bowden, and Carol Heiss. A group of members, along with Genesee FSC members Ethel Badger, II, and F. Ritter Shumway, performed for the Greenwich SC at its outdoor rink and enjoyed the club's hospitality. At a buffet supper on Jan. 24, Robert Bruneau showed old skating movies; exhibitions were given by Carol Wanek, Bruce Heiss and Susan Halperin.

**Sports Centre FSC** presented its first ice show since 1948 on Dec. 11. The theme was based on "The Night Before Christmas" with Santa and his eight Dears (senior ladies). Christmas music was featured; the juniors dressed in bright pajamas and night shirts supplied most of the costuming at no cost. Pro Anne Haroldson Leitch directed the youngsters' numbers while Louise Thiele and Ralph Lee directed the senior groups and choreographed the show. Guest skaters were Barbara Coteler and Anne Lockwood, both Washington FSC, and Baltimore FSC skaters Claire O'Neill, Johnny Bejshak, Larry Lovett and Dennis Appell. The Christmas party held on Dec. 26 featured games on the ice, and Santa skated with

# USFSA Annual Meeting

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Governing Council for the United States Figure Skating Association will be held at the Hotel Claremont, Ashby and Claremont Avenues, Berkeley 5, California, on Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6.

Friday evening, May 4, there will be an open round-table discussion designed to give everyone an opportunity to present questions on skating problems not clearly covered in the *Rulebook* and to offer suggestions. Most of the Association's officers and committee chairmen will participate in this session. During the Governing Council sessions on Saturday, open committee meetings scheduled for Saturday night will be announced. In addition to the Governing Council delegates, adult members of the Association are cordially invited to attend the general meetings and to take an active—though non-voting—part in the discussions at open meetings.

This annual event should be interesting and informative to all skaters. It is also an opportunity to become acquainted with

the Association's officers and chairmen and members of other clubs.

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all the children; refreshments were served in the club room.

**Washington FSC**, to raise funds for the Olympics and for its building fund, planned to produce a show, *Ice Interlude*, in March. Starring Catherine Machado, the show was to be put on in cooperation with the D. C. A. A. U.

## New Gold Medalists

TWO U. S. EIGHTH TESTS were passed in January: **Harriet Beloff** (International FSC of Philadelphia) on Jan. 8 at Lake Placid, and **Karin Hepp** (The SC of New York) on Jan. 15 at her home club. By completing the Canadian Gold Dance on Feb. 5 at the University SC of Toronto, **William McLachlan** (Granite Club) be-

came a double Gold Dance Medalist, having passed the U. S. test last fall.

## Ice Scrapings

THE FIRST VALENTINE BALL of the **Albuquerque FSC** was held on Feb. 4 in the new gym at the College of St. Joseph; the Mardi Gras was scheduled for Feb. 21. **Woodstock FSC** held numerous competitions on Feb. 12, with juniors, intermediates and seniors participating; members are working hard for the carnival to be held the end of March. **WC of St. Catharines** has a membership of 95 seniors and 270 juniors who skate at the Garden City Arena, four sessions a week. **Esmeralda Junior FSC** (Spokane, Wash.), formed last fall, has about 15 senior and 375 junior members.

## Tenley's Injury

AT THE REQUEST OF SKATING, Dr. Hollis L. Albright, Newton surgeon and father of Tenley Albright, U. S. Olympic Champion, obligingly furnished the following details concerning Tenley's gashed leg for the benefit of SKATING's readers.

Two days after the U. S. Team arrived in Cortina, during a practice session, Tenley was skating backwards at a high rate of speed when she cut sharply to one side to avoid other skaters who were being photographed. She caught her right blade in a rut. At the same time her left leg was extended horizontally. As she fell, the heel of the left skate blade hit her right ankle joint with force, penetrating three layers of boot. The blunt blade cut through a large vein and coursed obliquely downward, scraping the bone severely. Blood poured through the hole in the boot.

She remained in bed for 48 hours until Dr. Albright arrived by plane. Upon examination he found the foot was swollen; he strapped the lower leg and ankle joint with adhesive reinforced with elastic bandage, and got her up immediately to prevent the leg muscles from becoming softened. That same night she tried on her skates and wore them around the room. The next day Tenley returned to the ice,

and from then on skated daily, making every effort to be ready for the beginning of the competition ten days away.

On the sixth day, the question of phlebitis arose, for the pain was in the lower leg four inches up from the gash, but fortunately it spread no further. The leg and foot had to be strapped each morning, and the strapping taken off after each skating session to preserve the skin. Each day she skated up to the limit of pain, trying to overcome it by doing figures.

It was revealed, after she won the Championship, that she had not rehearsed her program for 20 days. As the right foot is her landing foot for all her jumps, the question was: Would she be able to land on it? In Cortina, the only time she showed the effect was on the double loop, which was taking off and landing on the right foot. Her leg was strapped daily afterwards and she still wears an elastic tape, reinforced with foam rubber to keep the pressure of the boot away from the injury.

In the two weeks of exhibitions following the Olympics, the leg still hurt during her free skating. But Tenley never felt the pain during the actual skating in competition, because of her intense concentration.

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## WORLD RESULTS

THE FOLLOWING are the unofficial results of the World Championships held in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, on February 15-19. Further details on the Championships will appear in the May issue. Only the first six places are given, plus rankings of all U. S. and Canadian entries.

LADIES: 1. Carol Heiss, United States; 2. Tenley Albright, United States; 3. Ingrid Wendl, Austria; 4. Yvonne Sugden, Great Britain; 5. Hanna Eigel, Austria; 6. Catherine Machado, United States; 9. Ann Johnston, Canada; 10. Mary Ann Dorsey, United States.

MEN: 1. Hayes Alan Jenkins, United States. 2. Ronald Robertson, United States. 3. David Jenkins, United States. 4. Charles Snelling, Canada. 5.

Michael Booker, Great Britain. 6. Karel Divin, Czechoslovakia.

PAIRS: 1. Sissy Schwarz & Kurt Oppelt, Austria. 2. Frances Dafoe & Norris Bowden, Canada. 3. Marika Kilius & Franz Ningel, Germany. 4. Carole Ann Ormaca & Robin Greiner, United States. 5. Barbara Wagner & Robert Paul, Canada. 6. Lucille Ash & Sully Kothman, United States.

DANCE: 1. Pamela Weight & Paul Thomas, Great Britain; 2. June Markham & Courtney Jones, Great Britain; 3. Barbara Thompson & Gerard Rigby, Great Britain; 4. Joan Zamboni & Roland Junso, United States; 5. Fannie Besson & Jean Paul Guhel, France; 6. Carmel & Edward Bodel, United States; 7. Sidney Foster Arnold & Franklin Nelson, United States; 9. Lindis & Jeffery Johnston, Canada.

# The Olympic Championships

HERESA WELD BLANCHARD

THE VIIITH WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES opening ceremonies created a day full of pageantry and color. The morning dawned clear and bright, and a true Alpine sun shone on the new Stadium and on the flag-bedecked streets of Cortina. The U. S. skaters donned their official Olympic uniforms for the first time—snow white jackets, blue ski trousers, and red hats, in the colors of our National flag.

The Olympic Parade, headed by 24 flag bearers carrying Olympic flags, moved on to the Olympic Stadium, after which the flags of all the participating nations were raised; at the same time, the costumed trumpeteers sounded a fanfare on either side of the stand, which later received the Olympic Torch and Flame.

After a short ceremony by dignitaries, including a welcoming greeting by the President of the Italian Republic, and the playing of the Olympic Hymn, a silence fell upon the Stadium then in anticipation of the arrival of the famous Olympic Torch. Soon it could be seen on a rise outside being carried by a skier to the edge of the Stadium. Here it was passed to the Italian Speed Skating Champion who took it, skated around the assembled athletes, then up to the large unlighted torch which was then ignited to burn before all and for the duration of the Olympic Games. In an impressive moment, the Olympic oath was recited by an Italian lady athlete. The teams of each country then marched out of the Stadium to close the festivities.

The new Olympic Stadium is built high and open, with two large artificial rinks approximately 15 feet apart. Each rink is 200 x 100 feet. The Stadium seats 7000 with standing room for 5000, or a total of 12,000. The dressing rooms—about 20 each for men and ladies—are tiled and each contains a shower and wash room. The hockey rooms have all sorts of special baths and equipment. There is a hospital room, also, and steam baths. Even the engine room is painted in pastels, and most

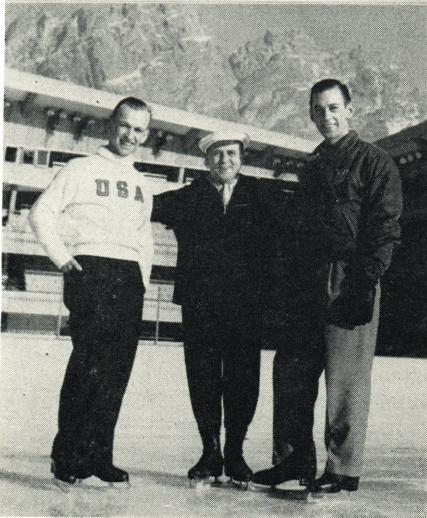
attractive. And the corridors and waiting rooms are filled with potted plants in bloom, smelling wonderfully.

## Men's Figures

The men skated the first two figures, starting at 7:30 A.M. on a morning cold and damp, without benefit of sunshine and with electric lights burning. The ice was marvelous, excellent for turns, and there was no wind. Hayes Jenkins drew third starting place, Charles Snelling No. 4, David Jenkins No. 6, and Ronnie Robertson No. 10. As World Champion, the pressure was on Hayes' shoulders; he appeared nervous on his first figure and received a 3.8 from the Australian judge for the counter. He recovered on the second figure like a champion, and skated a fine double-three-change-double-three. From this point the U. S. men were nip and

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HERESA WELD BLANCHARD, *Editor of SKATING*, left for the Olympic Winter Games in Cortina, Italy, on January 23. Among the group on the same flight were Olympic Judge H. Kendall Kelley & Mrs. Kelley, Col. Harold G. Storke, Mr. & Mrs. Lyman M. Drake, Jr., Mrs. L. A. Graham, Mrs. Walter S. Powell, and Dr. George Foster. Mrs. Blanchard has not missed an Olympic competition since 1920—first as a competitor, later as Assistant Team Manager, and then as press representative. The story of this, her eighth time at an Olympics, has been compiled from her airmail letters written from abroad to give SKATING's readers a more personal account of the figure skating events than could be gleaned from newspaper dispatches. After leaving Cortina, she spent time in Venice and in Davos, Switzerland, before going on to Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, for the World Championships. Visits to Munich and London were on the itinerary before her return to Boston in early March.



tuck with first one and then the other gaining a slight advantage in marks. The sun came out around noon and the last three figures were skated under conditions almost perfect. Sixteen is quite a lot for the men's class; there is a Spanish boy who learned most of his skating in London, and two Australian men. It is about the first time for these nations to have entries in the men's class.

At the end of the five compulsory figures, Hayes was in first place, with Ronnie a close second, and David only slightly behind in third place. It was really a competition among the U. S. boys. Hayes had five first places and was second on four Judges' cards for a total of 16 ordinals and 852.2 points. Ronnie had 20 ordinals and 840.1 points; while David had 26 ordinals and 837.3 points. Alain Giletti, French and European Champion, followed with 32½ ordinals, 822.5 points; Karel Divin, Czechoslovakia, was next with 52½ ordinals and 788.5 points. Charles Snelling finished ninth with 75 ordinals and 755.3 points.

Hayes wore a grey sweater and trousers, David was in brown, Ronnie wore a darker grey than Hayes. The two French boys (Alain Giletti and Alain Calmat) had marvelously fitting suits with tight short coats and trousers in navy blue. They are still young. Michael Booker, British Champion, was also in grey. Charles Snelling looked very well in dark trousers and a red sweater sporting the Canadian crest.

#### Ladies' Figures

The first figure was skated in a heavy snowstorm, so dense that it was almost impossible for the judges to examine the tracings during this figure, the forward inside counter. The snowfall diminished during the second figure and had stopped before the third figure was skated. Tenley drew first in the starting order, Carol Heiss No. 10 (a good spot), and Catherine Ma-

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Photos, top to bottom: Robert Paul, Barbara Wagner, Charles Snelling; Ronald Robertson; David Jenkins, Pro Edi Scholdan, Hayes Alan Jenkins. Photos by A. Zardini, Cortina.

chado No. 6. Ann Johnston drew fourth place, and Carole Pachl No. 11. After the first three figures, Tenley appeared to have won the first two figures, and Carol the third. The remaining two figures were skated the next morning; although it was cold and damp, there was no snowfall. At the end of the five figures, Tenley's lead was fractional, setting up a situation for a terrific free skating competition. Tenley had 13 ordinals (nine of 11 first places) and 1070.7 points; Carol had 20½ ordinals and 1055.7 points. Ingrid Wendl of Austria was third with 39 ordinals and 1006.1 points.

For the figures, Tenley wore attractive apricot color shorts and sweater, and a scarf of the same color which she wore around her head except when she skated. Beige color boots matched her tights. Carol wore bright red and had her hair tied in a pony tail with a red ribbon. Carole Pachl was in black and wore a bonnet. Most of the girls wore something on their heads as it was so cold. When warming up they usually wore windbreakers covered with ski shields or the shields of different countries, which were very colorful. Erica Batchelor of Great Britain was fine looking in royal blue with a close hood. Joan Haanappel of Holland was dressed in a red tunic with a white sweater and hood. Ingrid Wendl chose a purple-blue dress. Catherine Machado was dressed in a fine costume of royal blue with a tight jacket fastened with gold buttons made in duplication of the USFSA Gold Test medal. The Italian girls had very neat jersey dresses with simple flared skirts, all royal blue.

### Men's Free Skating

David skated in number 2 position, Ronnie number 13, and Hayes number 15. The weather continued cold and the sun was unable to warm the day or soften the ice. As a result, the ice for the free skating was as hard as steel, so brittle and flint-like that it handicapped the skaters by injecting



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Photos, top to bottom: **Ann Johnston; Carol Heiss; Sully Kothman & Lucille Ash.** Photos by A. Zardini, Cortina.

an unnatural caution into their programs. David told me that the sun on the ice was very bad as the glare made it hard to tell where the ice was when landing a jump. Half the ice was in shadow and half in the sun. David did not skate his best, for he fell twice; he probably suffered more from the ice conditions than the others due to the powerful way that he goes into his jumps. On the triple loop, he could not quite hold the finishing edge and fell, very briefly, after a perfect landing. With the exception of the jumps he could not quite hold, he did everything else perfectly, and received good marks for an easy third place. Charles Snelling seemed to outdo himself; he had a fine program and skated it extremely well. Karel Divin has good form and flow, and Michael Booker has improved a lot since I saw him in 1953.

The real battle was between Ronnie and Hayes, and I never felt such a strain; everyone was exhausted from it. Ronnie came on the ice smiling and skated a fine program, doing everything perfectly. He had marvelous jumps and spins which amazed the crowd, but not elaborate connecting steps. His was a dramatic program, full of real showmanship, and several of his highlights, such as the "crawl" into a sit spin, drew a tremendous ovation. He received very high marks, but others felt, as I did, that his program marks were too high and his performance not given enough credit. Ronnie won the free skating, with six first places.

Hayes had terrific pressure on him to hold his first place. He looked calm and the perfect gentleman and sportsman he has shown himself throughout. He started in a restrained manner, a little tense in his first few jumps, and we were worried he would not get going. But then he steadied down and really cut loose, going all out with confidence. It is the general consensus among European critics that there has not been such an athletic and artistic skater since Gillis Graftstrom. He went back to his 1953 music, "Scheherazade," which suits him and his polished rhythmic style. It seemed to me that his program was a masterpiece, with plenty of jumps and spins beautifully blended with fascinating and surprising connecting steps.

He made no important errors, and had fine composition and style. Many thought that he did not get high enough marks in either division. After the marks were calculated, Hayes had won his biggest victory, the Olympic Championship, and the United States' first Gold Medal of the 1956 Olympic Games.

#### Ladies' Free Skating

In the order of skating Tenley drew 14, Carol 18, "Chado" 3, Carole Pachl 21 (last), and Ann Johnston 4. Tenley skated a beautifully finished program, just as artistic and rhythmic as possible, to a Jacques Offenbach medley. Dressed in dark rose, she seemed poised and confident. Skating beautifully, she covered the length of the ice with artistic flow and motion, with intricate connecting steps between tremendous jumps and spins. Only after landing the double loop did she falter, a landing made on the gashed right leg. The ovation from the 8000 spectators was long and vociferous as she finished.

Carol Heiss, dressed in aquamarine, with a sequin cap and black gloves, skated with daring and appeal. Fast, and with complete assurance, she performed an intricate program, and faltered only on one double jump. At the conclusion of her four minutes cheers rang throughout the stadium. Ingrid Wendl of Austria skated very rhythmically as did Rose Pettinger and Sjouke Dijkstra. Ann Johnston never skated better, nor did Carole Pachl. Machado performed splendidly; she is a fine showman and skated with dash and good form, pulling up two places with her excellent free. When the marks were up Tenley had won the Ladies' title, and made history in becoming the first United States Lady Olympic Champion. Free skating marks gave her 795.7 points to 794 for Carol Heiss. Catherine Machado received 758.9 points for third in the free skating phase, ahead of the Austrian girls in fourth and fifth positions.

#### Pair Championship

The pairs drew a day that was cold and windy, but a sunny one. The U. S. pairs skated number two and three; I thought both were excellent and much improved over last year. Carole Ormaca & Robin

Greiner are very graceful and skated well throughout except for one slip. Lucille Ash & Sully Kothman were striking in bright blue and gave a fine performance.

The European Champions, Sissy Schwarz & Kurt Oppelt, have a program different from American ones, which I liked very much, but many did not. It did not seem to have as much variety nor seem as spectacular; however, several European critics around me claimed the two U. S. pairs and Frances Dafoe & Norris Bowden violated the ISU pair rules on lifts. The second Austrian pair, Elisabeth Ellend & Konrad Lienert, was pleasing but not in the race for top honors. The Nagys, who skated sixth, had less grace and flow, skating with more effort, but they had a good program. The World Champions, Frances Dafoe, dressed in a beautiful shade of aquamarine, and Norrie Bowden, in black, to me were splendid. I liked their program better than last year and thought it very well skated. They have many unusual lifts and deserve credit for their originality. They had an unfortunate break at the end of their program when Frannie faltered slightly on a lift, but recovered quickly. They lost to Schwarz-Oppelt by a hair and failed to gain the Olympic title.

The German pair, Marika Kilius & Franz Ningel gave a dashing performance, but the crowd objected to the judges' marks, feeling they were too low. They threw oranges at the judges and referee; the ice was cleared three times and still the oranges fell and people booed and screamed. Young Marika is 12 years old while her partner is 19 but looks younger. Barbara Wagner, dressed in bright red, & Bob Paul, who followed the Germans, skated well despite the strain of waiting during the uproar. They looked extremely well together, in a close knit performance, although their pair was not as spectacular as some of the others. They well deserved their sixth place.

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Photos, top to bottom: **Frances Dafoe & Norris Bowden**; Catherine Machado; Robin Greiner & Carole Ann Ormaca. Top photo by A. Zardini, Cortina; others by Foto Roma, A. Cardelli, Cortina.





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5. Carole Ann Ormaca & Robin Greiner									35½
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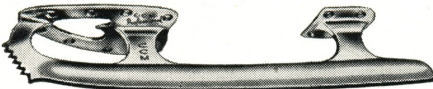
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# European Championships

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PARIS WAS THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION when the European Championships took place there on January 19 through 21. Men's figures took place first, with holder Alain Giletti establishing an impressive lead over Michael Booker (Great Britain) and Karel Divin (Czechoslovakia). Much interest was aroused by the appearance for the first time of three competitors from the U.S.S.R.—Igor Persiantsev, Valentine Zakharov, and Lev Mikhailov. They proved to be well below the best European standards.

The compulsory dances resulted in an overwhelming triumph for the three British pairs, who finished first, second, and third.

Pair skating took place on the evening of the first day. Defending Champions Marianne and Laszlo Nagy, of Hungary, gave a vigorous and acrobatic performance, but could not equal the brilliantly fast program of the Austrian pair. Germany took third and tenth places, while the two young British pairs, appearing in international competition for the first time, did very well; Joyce Coates and Anthony Holles were fourth, and 12-year-old Carolyn Krau and her partner Rodney Ward were ninth. Lidia Guerassimova and Iurii Kisselev of the Soviet Union finished eighth.

Ladies' figure skating next day saw Ingrid Wendl unexpectedly ahead of Yvonne Sugden after five figures. The British Champion led at the end of the fourth figure, but was overtaken on the back change loops. In the men's free skating that evening Booker outskated all his rivals, but could not overcome Giletti's long lead on the figures. Brian Tuck, the other British skater, was ninth. The free dancing took place on the same evening, and confirmed the results of the compulsories.

On the morning of the third day the 22 lady competitors reassembled to skate the last figure, the back bracket-change-bracket. Ingrid Wendl finished first with 16 place

numbers from nine judges, Erica Batchelor was second with 18, and Yvonne Sugden, with 20, could place no higher than third. Rosl Pettinger (Germany) was fourth, Sjoukje Dijkstra (Holland) fifth, and Dianne Peach (Great Britain) sixth.

Miss Sugden really found her form in the evening, and her performance, to Tschaikowsky's "Swan Lake" ballet music, placed her first in the free, but (like Booker in the men's) she was too far behind in the figures to win. Ina Bauer, last year's Junior Champion of Germany, jumped several places, and beat Erica Batchelor in the free. Dianne Peach finished sixth in the final placings.

## LADIES

1. Ingrid Wendl, *Austria*
  2. Yvonne Sugden, *Great Britain*
  3. Erica Batchelor, *Great Britain*
- (22 Competitors)

## MEN

1. Alain Giletti, *France*
  2. Michael Booker, *Great Britain*
  3. Karel Divin, *Czechoslovakia*
- (16 Competitors)

## PAIRS

1. Sissy Schwarz & Kurt Oppelt  
*Austria*
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## ENGAGEMENTS

**Albuquerque**—Miss Beverly MacMillan to Mr. Bruce Gardner of Palisades Park, N. J. Wedding in February.

**Berkeley**—Miss Elise Forster to Mr. Bruce Denning.

**Montreal**—Miss Frances Elizabeth Mary Jauch to Mr. Richard Louis Duroure of Buffalo, N. Y.

**Philadelphia**—Miss Joan LaCasse to Mr. Jack Devitt.

**Saranac Lake, N. Y.**—Miss Phyllis Diane Krinowitz to Mr. Philip Feinberg.

**Toronto**—Miss Constance Boast to Mr. Romeo Doucet—Miss Margaret Nield to Mr. Richard L. P. Browne.

## MARRIAGES

**Albuquerque**—Mr. James Ketner and Miss Rhoda Lanoma Kutzscher, June 4.

**Boston**—Mr. Robert Underwood Johnson and Miss Patricia Marion Yates, daughter of Mrs. George Marion Yates, Circulation Manager of SKATING, Feb. 5.

**Cincinnati**—Mr. Douglas Dean Vance and Miss Dorothy Ellen Ward, July 16.

**Denver**—Mr. Albert Romano and Miss Irene Waltraut, Jan. 28, in Stuttgart, Germany.

**Long Beach, Calif.**—Mr. William Douglas and Miss Betty Boland, Feb. 11.

**New York**—Mr. Winfield D. Davis and Miss Marceline Marquis, July 5.

**Pasadena**—Mr. Charles H. Koch and Miss Virginia Slavik, Jan. 21.

**Peterborough**—Mr. Jack Martin and Miss Joan Begley, in October.

**Seattle**—Mr. Arnold Rolf Bergh and Miss Shirley Jean Givins, Jan. 14—Mr. Edward Albert Werner and Miss Janet Eleanor Money, Feb. 11.

**Winnipeg**—Mr. Bill Addison Griffin, of San Antonio, Tex., and Miss Vyonne Page, Apr. 14, 1955.

## DEATHS

**Denver**—Mr. Luther P. Turner, Jan. 11. A member of the Denver FSC since 1938, he was a Past President and was currently serving as Treasurer, Membership Chairman, and member of the Board of Directors.

**Montreal**—Miss P. G. McNair, a co-founder and a Past Vice-President of the Montreal FSC, Inc., Jan. 2.

## TURNUED PROFESSIONAL

**Kirkland Lake, Ont.**—Frances Pulchinski to teach at the Kirkland District FSC.

**Minneapolis**—Bertelle Beaverson to join Ice Follies—Marlene Sherman to join Ice Capades.

**Seattle**—Audrey Rogers and Nanette Stranahan to skate in Frederick & Nelson Christmas display window.

**Toronto**—Nancy Lou Brown to teach at East York SC.



## THE CALENDAR OF

# Coming Events

### March

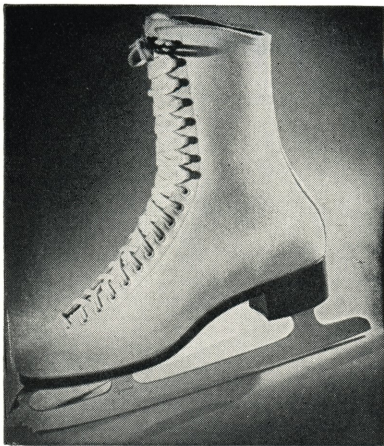
- 14-17 U. S. Championships at Philadelphia Arena held by Philadelphia SC & HS
- 22-24 Canadian Championships at Galt FSC
- 23 Hershey FSC Carnival
- 23 Sundridge FSC Carnival
- 23-24 North Bay FSC Carnival
- 23-24 Rye FSC Carnival
- 23-25 Clinton FSC Carnival
- 23-24, 26 Newmarket FSC Carnival
- 24 Brandon FSC Carnival
- 27-28 Woodstock FSC Carnival
- 30 Philadelphia Area Championships at International FSC of Philadelphia
- 31 Pembroke FSC Carnival

### April

- 5-7 East York SC Carnival
- 5-8 The SC of Boston Carnival
- 6-7 Brant FSC Carnival
- 6-7 Peterborough FSC Carnival
- 7 Winnipeg WC Junior Carnival
- 7-8 Great Falls FSC Carnival
- 14-15 North Shore SC Carnival
- 26-28 Cleveland SC Carnival
- 27-29 Butte FSC Carnival

### May

- 4-6 USFSA Governing Council Meeting at Hotel Claremont, Berkeley, Calif.



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## Middle Atlantics

THE 35TH MIDDLE ATLANTIC Championships were held on January 27-29, sponsored by The Skating Club of New York. Chairman Edward LeMaire was assisted by Vice-Chairman Mrs. Howard J. Meredith. Frank J. Goodwin was Referee with Benjamin T. Wright as Assistant Referee. The unusually large entry list had about 110 participating skaters.

### SENIOR LADIES

(Grover O'Neill Trophy)

1. Karin Hepp, *The SC of New York*
  2. Carol Wanek, *The SC of New York*
  3. Barbara Boschen, *Rye FSC*
- (5 Contestants)

### JUNIOR LADIES

(Mr. & Mrs. George H. Thornley Trophy)

1. Bridget O'Rourke, *Great Neck FSC*
  2. Rickie Rendich, *Rye FSC*
  3. Brenda Farmer, *Brooklyn FSC*
- (10 Contestants)

### JUNIOR MEN

(John S. Phipps Trophy)

1. Bruce Heiss, *The SC of New York*
  2. Nelson Kulz, *The SC of Lake Placid*
  3. George Kojac, *Brooklyn FSC*
- (3 Contestants)

### NOVICE LADIES

(Middle Atlantic Skating Association Trophy)

1. Marion Osterhout, *R. P. I. FSC*
  2. Meg Davis, *International FSC of Philadelphia*
  3. Barbara Uhlich, *Park FSC*
- (11 Contestants)

### NOVICE MEN

(Manhattan Figure Skating Club Trophy)

1. Edward Emerson, *Brooklyn FSC*
  2. Dennis Appell, *Baltimore FSC*
  3. William Gedalecia, *Garden State SC*
- (6 Contestants)

### JUVENILE GIRLS

(Yvonne Claire Sherman Trophy)

1. Susan Halperin, *The SC of New York*
  2. Mary Batdorf, *Hershey FSC*
  3. Lynda Waldrop, *Buffalo SC*
- (25 Contestants)

### JUVENILE BOYS

(Edward LeMaire Trophy)

1. Rick Anderson, *R. P. I. FSC*
2. Scott Ethan Allen, *The SC of New York*

### MIXED PAIRS

(Middle Atlantic Skating Association Trophy)

1. Mary Kay & Richard Keller, *Buffalo SC*
  2. Bridget O'Rourke, *Great Neck FSC*, & Carl Olsson, *The SC of New York*
  3. Kitty Nekervis & Bruce Brackett, *Baltimore FSC*
- (5 Pairs)

### LADIES' PAIRS

(Vera Elliott Trophy)

1. Connie Garverick & Connie Sommer, *The SC of New York*

2. Kim & Linda Stephenson, *Hershey FSC*
  3. Anne & Mary Batdorf, *Hershey FSC*
- (3 Pairs)

### SENIOR DANCE

(Harold Hartshorne Trophies)

1. Eleanor & Sydney Reiss, *Manhattan FSC*
  2. Patricia Major & Peter Moesel, *Metropolitan FSC*
  3. Marilyn Grace, *Metropolitan FSC*, & F. K. J. Geisler, *The SC of New York*
- (7 Couples)

### JUNIOR DANCE

(Walter K. Bachrach Trophies)

1. Mary Kay & Richard Keller, *Buffalo SC*
  2. Wilma Piper & Floyd G. Helfrey, Jr., *Buffalo SC*
  3. Elizabeth Herman & Charles Hatfield, *Rye FSC*
- (10 Couples)

### VETERANS DANCE

(Harold Hartshorne Trophies)

1. Ethel W. Badger, II, & F. Ritter Shumway, *Genesee FSC*
  2. Florence Schaefer, *Brooklyn FSC*, & Harold Hartshorne, *The SC of New York*
  3. Margo Kass, *Manhattan FSC*, & Joseph Brown, *Baltimore FSC*
- (3 Couples)

## Northern Ontario

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL Northern Ontario Championships were held at the Porcupine Skating Club in Schumacher on January 27-28. The Judges included Suzanne Morrow Francis, Ian Greenway, and Dr. D. E. Steckley. J. D. Deyell was Referee. Local arrangements were handled by Dr. J. Martin, Mrs. S. C. Kean, Mrs. E. P. Thompson, and E. H. Stratford. Announcements were made by Phil Tatton.

### SENIOR LADIES

(Norman V. S. Gregory Trophy)

1. Doreen Lister, *Porcupine SC*
  2. Joy Barnard, *Sudbury SC*
  3. Bonnie Wallace, *North Bay FSC*
- (7 Contestants)

### JUNIOR LADIES

(E. A. Collins Trophy)

1. Judy Lou Sutter, *Noranda WC*
  2. Connie Strickland, *Porcupine SC*
  3. Margaret Martin, *Porcupine SC*
- (7 Contestants)

### JUNIOR MEN

(John S. MacLean Trophy)

1. Reverdy Lutz, *Porcupine SC*
  2. Christopher Shields, *Porcupine SC*
  3. John Thomas, *Georgian FSC*
- (4 Contestants)

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(Duncan Finlayson Trophy)

1. Jennifer Wilkin, *Port Arthur Thunder Bay FSC*
  2. Gwen Hodgins, *Noranda WC*
  3. Louise Maheu, *Noranda WC*
- (9 Contestants)

JUVENILE BOYS  
(North Bay Daily Nugget Trophy)

1. Nelson Belmore, *Sudbury SC*
2. John Wilson, *Tisdale FSC*

SENIOR LADIES' PAIRS  
(Colonel C. E. Reynolds Trophy)

1. Gloria Partridge & Marilyn Mutrie, *North Bay FSC*
2. Jane Oille & Gail Grosvenor, *Noranda WC*
3. Betty Peura & Kaarina Tulisalo, *Copper Cliff SC*

(4 Pairs)

JUNIOR LADIES' PAIRS  
(Bannon Brothers Trophy)

1. Jaye Jarrett & Lynn Gladstone, *Copper Cliff SC*
2. Donna McArthur & Cynthia Cameron, *Kirkland District FSC*
3. Pat Arnold & Carol Jenkins, *New Liskeard FSC*

(3 Pairs)

JUNIOR MIXED PAIRS  
(Copper Cliff Skating Club Trophy)

1. Alexis & Christopher Shields, *Porcupine SC*
2. Gertrude Desjardins & Maurice Lafrance, *Sudbury SC*

BRONZE DANCE (Ladies' Couples)  
(J. D. Deyell Trophy)

1. Jane Oille & Gail Grosvenor, *Noranda WC*
2. Betty MacElwee & Myra Poole, *Porcupine SC*
3. Faye Wilson & Susan Legault, *Tisdale FSC*

(5 Couples)

AMERICAN WALTZ  
(R. J. Ennis Trophy)

1. Connie Strickland & Christopher Shields, *Porcupine SC*
2. Doreen Lister & Reverdy Lutz, *Porcupine SC*

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(D. E. Keeley Trophy)

1. Doreen Lister & Reverdy Lutz, *Porcupine SC*
2. Connie Strickland & Christopher Shields, *Porcupine SC*
3. Gertrude Desjardins & Maurice Lafrance, *Sudbury SC*

(3 Couples)

DUTCH WALTZ (Mixed Couples)

1. Alexis Shields & Allan Poole, *Porcupine SC*
2. Jocelyne Maheu & Bill McKelvey, *Noranda WC*
3. Carolyn Hartling & John Wilson, *Tisdale FSC*

(5 Couples)

DUTCH WALTZ (Ladies' Couples)

1. Faye Wilson & Susan Legault, *Tisdale FSC*
2. Joane Scott & Sandra Cattarello, *Tisdale FSC*
3. Marilyn Verbik & Diane Sollitt, *Porcupine SC*

(7 Couples)



# Northern California

THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Inter-Club Championships were held in San Francisco on February 2-4, sponsored by The Skating Club of San Francisco. Mrs. John R. Shoemaker was General Chairman. USFSA President Kenneth L. Brown acted as Referee, with Henry F. Swift as Honorary Referee; Frederick W. Amery was Chief Accountant.

SENIOR LADIES

1. Agnes Tyson, *St. Moritz ISC*
2. Betty Jean Clark, *St. Moritz ISC*
3. Carol Smith, *St. Moritz ISC*

(4 Contestants)

SENIOR MEN

1. Richard Swenning, *St. Moritz ISC*
2. Roy Cofer, *St. Moritz ISC*

SENIOR PAIRS

1. Barbara Kucserka & Edward Murray, *The SC of San Francisco*
2. Billene Spellins & Dennis Alvernaz, *The SC of San Francisco*
3. Alyce Kaye Moffett & Leon Landresse, *The ISC of Fresno*

(4 Pairs)

JUNIOR LADIES

1. Lynn Carmichael, *Capitol City FSC*
2. Nancy Wadsworth, *St. Moritz ISC*
3. Sandra Slawson, *Capitol City FSC*

(3 Contestants)

JUNIOR MEN

1. Bill Hickox, *St. Moritz ISC*
2. Dennis Alvernaz, *The SC of San Francisco*

NOVICE LADIES

1. Sally Kaufman, *St. Moritz ISC*
2. Joyce Hoover, *St. Moritz ISC*
3. Marilyn Frampton, *St. Moritz ISC*

(9 Contestants)

NOVICE MEN

1. John Adams, *The SC of San Francisco*
2. Leroy Farwell, *The SC of San Francisco*

PRE NOVICE LADIES

1. Lyn Martinez, *St. Moritz ISC*
2. Lois Knickerbocker, *St. Moritz ISC*
3. Roberta Johnson, *St. Moritz ISC*

(14 Contestants)

JUVENILE GIRLS

1. Mary Crowley, *The SC of San Francisco*
2. Susanne Shipstad, *St. Moritz ISC*
3. Michele Monnier, *The SC of San Francisco*

(12 Contestants)

PRE JUVENILE GIRLS

1. Ellen Kullmann, *The SC of San Francisco*
2. Sandra Farnham, *The SC of San Francisco*
3. Melinda Morrow, *Capitol City FSC*

(10 Contestants)

PRE JUVENILE BOYS

1. Bill Obershaw, *The SC of San Francisco*
2. Norman Kirby, *The SC of San Francisco*

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3. Barbara Amery, *St. Moritz ISC*, & Alvah Allen, *The SC of San Francisco*  
(3 Couples)

#### JUNIOR DANCE

1. Sharon Lee Hussey & Jack Wilson, *The ISC of Fresno*
2. Mary Bigelow & Richard Wayland, *St. Moritz ISC*
3. Patricia Allen, *The SC of San Francisco*, & Jerry Leger, *St. Moritz ISC*  
(7 Couples)

#### VETERANS DANCE

1. Jeanne Eriksen & Louis Rosenthal, *St. Moritz ISC*
2. Fernie Bearse, *The SC of San Francisco*, & Howard Taylor, *St. Moritz ISC*

## California State

THE 1956 CALIFORNIA STATE Championships were held on February 17-18 at the Polar Palace, sponsored by the Los Angeles Figure Skating Club. Forrest Burke was Chairman, Ted Shepherd, Assistant Chairman, and Frederick Amery, Referee. Margie Ackles & Howard Harrold, in addition to winning the Silver Dance, also won the Treacy Tango Trophy, the Wyman Waltz Trophy, and the Polar Palace Waltz Trophy. After the presentation of awards all adjourned to a midnight buffet supper dance at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

#### SENIOR LADIES

1. La Ree Coyle, *Blade & Edge Club*
2. Dee Dee Wayland, *Blade & Edge Club*
3. Gloria Linek, *Los Angeles FSC*  
(6 Contestants)

#### SENIOR MEN

1. James Short, *Los Angeles FSC*
2. Richard Swenning, *St. Moritz ISC*
3. Don Mike Anthony, *Los Angeles FSC*  
(5 Contestants)

#### JUNIOR LADIES

1. Barbara Roles, *Blade & Edge Club*
2. Marlene Gaynor, *Los Angeles FSC*
3. Linda Ann Epperson, *St. Moritz ISC*  
(11 Contestants)

#### JUNIOR MEN

1. Bill Hickox, *St. Moritz ISC*
2. Randy Phillips, *Blade & Edge Club*

#### NOVICE LADIES

1. Diane Swanson, *Los Angeles FSC*
2. Carlene Mooslin, *Los Angeles FSC*
3. Mary Jo French, *Los Angeles FSC*  
(20 Contestants)

#### NOVICE MEN

1. Harvey Balch, *Blade & Edge Club*
2. John Adams, *The SC of San Francisco*
3. Dennis Howard, *San Diego FSC*  
(3 Contestants)

#### JUVENILE GIRLS

1. Judie Lynn Brown, *Los Angeles FSC*
2. Mary Crowley, *The SC of San Francisco*
3. Wanda Mae Guntert, *Blade & Edge Club*  
(17 Contestants)

#### JUVENILE BOYS

1. Ronnie Frank, *Blade & Edge Club*
2. David Butchart, *Blade & Edge Club*
3. Jamie Bigelow, *St. Moritz ISC*  
(3 Contestants)

#### JUNIOR PAIRS

1. Eleanor Banneck & Jack Curtis, *Los Angeles FSC*
2. Barbara Kucserka & Edward Murray, *The SC of San Francisco*
3. Alyce Kaye Moffett & Leon Landresse, *The ISC of Fresno*  
(4 Pairs)

#### GOLD DANCE

1. Sharon McKenzie & Bert Wright, *Los Angeles FSC*
2. Elda Stillwell & Ray Sato, *Los Angeles FSC*

#### SILVER DANCE

1. Margie Ackles & Howard Harrold, *Los Angeles FSC*
2. Barbara Roles, *Blade & Edge Club*, & James Short, *Los Angeles FSC*
3. Eleanor Banneck & Jack Curtis, *Los Angeles FSC*  
(6 Couples)

#### BRONZE DANCE

1. La Ree Coyle & Randy Phillips, *Blade & Edge Club*
2. Margaret Hosford & Ben Wade, *Arctic Blades FSC*
3. Patricia Avery & Alfred Perry, *Los Angeles FSC*  
(6 Couples)

## Northwestern States

THE NORTHWESTERN STATES Championships were held at the Spokane Figure Skating Club on February 18-19. The Babbit Artistic Award was won by Sally Price, Lakewood WC. The Lakewood Cup for the club scoring the most points went to the Great Falls FSC.

#### SENIOR LADIES

1. Sally Price, *Lakewood WC*
2. DeAnn Beideck, *Seattle SC*
3. Janet Borrevik, *Seattle SC*  
(6 Contestants)

#### JUNIOR LADIES

1. Kathleen Seabeck, *Lakewood WC*
2. Karen E. Howland, *Seattle SC*
3. Gail Gaudy, *Seattle SC*  
(6 Contestants)

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1. Bill Thomas, *Seattle SC*
2. John Sanfrid Swanson, *Lakewood WC*
3. Jimmy Murray, *Great Falls FSC*  
(4 Contestants)

#### NOVICE LADIES

1. Sharon Constable, *Seattle SC*
2. Valarie Hvatum, *Seattle SC*
3. Peggy Groves, *Seattle SC*  
(8 Contestants)

#### NOVICE MEN

1. James Parr, *Great Falls FSC*
2. James David, *Seattle SC*
3. Ed Heck, *Seattle SC*  
(5 Contestants)

#### JUVENILE GIRLS

1. Judy Cook, *Great Falls FSC*
2. Carol Allana Mittun, *Seattle SC*
3. Marsha Deen, *Seattle SC*  
(29 Contestants)

#### JUVENILE BOYS

1. Joey Barrett, *Seattle SC*
2. Ray Hadley, Jr., *Seattle SC*
3. Joseph Surace, *Seattle SC*  
(9 Contestants)

#### JUNIOR PAIRS

1. Judianne & Jerry Fotheringill, *Lakewood WC*
2. Mary Lou Raymond & Jack Nankervis, *Butte FSC*

3. JoAnn Malyevac & Duane Roberts, *Butte FSC*  
(5 Pairs)

#### LADIES PAIRS

1. Carol Allana Mittun & Karen Howland, *Seattle SC*
2. Janet Borrevik & Gwen Bergh, *Seattle SC*
3. Annette Kennedy & Sally Price, *Lakewood WC*  
(7 Pairs)

#### SILVER DANCE

1. Jan Jacobson & Raymond Brown, *Seattle SC*
2. Maurine Lewis & O. S. Jones, *Seattle SC*
3. Dorothy Anderson & Frank Murphy, *Seattle SC*  
(3 Couples)

#### BRONZE DANCE

1. Kathy Casey & Walter Sandvig, *Great Falls FSC*
2. Sandra Brown & Robert Tuininga, *Seattle SC*
3. Linda Cunningham & Hans Reichl, *Seattle SC*  
(10 Couples)

#### PRELIMINARY DANCE

1. Ila & Ray Hadley, Jr., *Seattle SC*
2. Judianne & Jerry Fotheringill, *Lakewood WC*
3. Mary Lou Raymond & Jack Nankervis, *Butte FSC*  
(8 Couples)

#### VETERANS DANCE

1. Betty Haber & Haldo Burns, *Seattle SC*
2. Hilda Jones & Holger Ortquist, *Seattle SC*



## Tests Passed by USFSA Skaters

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**ALL YEAR FSC:** Pre Silver—Dr. John Fraleigh.

**ANN ARBOR FSC:** Pre—Sally Bates, Jean Craig, Susan Holt. 1—Carol Ann Bolt, Kathy Fraser. 2—Judy Hamel. Pre D.—Mary Gay Banchemo, Sally Bates, Susannah Brown, Kathy Fraser, Elizabeth Haight, Johan Katz, Emily Palmer. Bronze—Carol Ann Bolt. Pre Silver—Ann Bigby.

**ARCTIC BLADES FSC:** Pre—Priscilla Childers, Meysa Higgins, Sandra Lee Holmes. 3—Charlotte Fowler. Pre Silver—Silver—Paul Matthews.

**ARENA FSC OF CLEVELAND:** Bronze—Carolyn Hallett.

**BALTIMORE FSC:** Pre—Chester Jandzinski. 1—Donna Kirby. Pre D.—Mary Carolyn Spears. Pre Silver—Silver—Kitty Nekervis.

**BROADMOOR SC:** 1—Christine Haigler. 5—Donna Abbott.

**BROOKLYN FSC:** 5—Brenda Farmer. Pre Silver—Florence Schaefer, Ernest Sidler.

**BUFFALO SC:** Pre—Billie Leslie, Ann Massoti, Billy Mitchell. 1—Ann Buck. 3—Patricia Keller. Pre D.—Mollie Burke, Floyd Helfrey, Phyllis Kuhn. Bronze—Floyd Helfrey.

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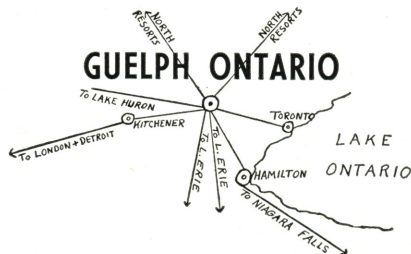
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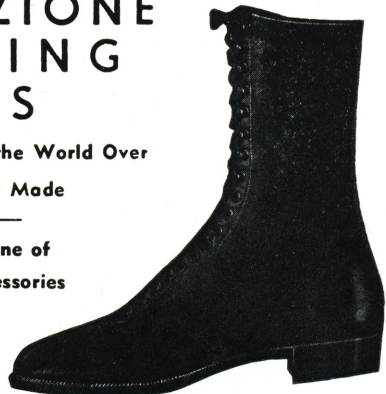
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