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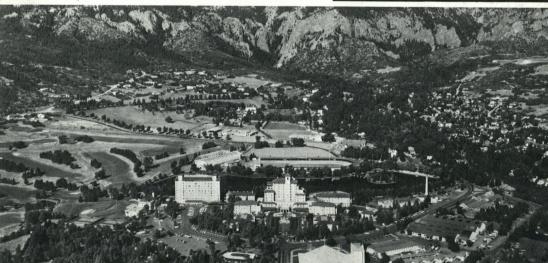
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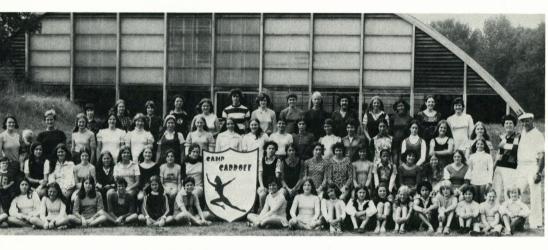


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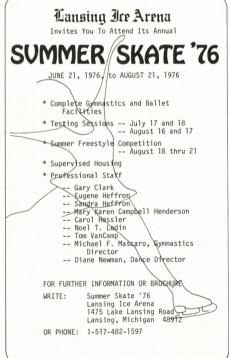




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COVER: Three-time Pacific Coast Pair Champions Tai Babilonia & Randy Gardner captured the National Pair title in Colorado Springs last month. Photo: Sepp Schönmetzler

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Readers Write

To the Editor:

In competition, Senior and even Junior skaters are required to do double revolution jumps. But wouldn't it make more sense to prescribe takeoff and landing edges and let the skater do in the air whatever he pleases? For example, if a jump with forward outside takeoff on one foot and backward outside landing on the other foot were required, the skater would be free to do a waltz jump, a single Axel, a double Axel or even a triple Axel. And, hopefully, a high, long and smooth waltz jump would earn more points than a low, short and wobbly Axel. Obviously, forcing one or more extra revolutions onto the body's relatively natural turning in the air, when both blades are off the ice, is not ice skating and therefore should be optional for ice skaters.-Henry Harlan, Free State FSC

To the Editor:

I wrote this poem after an early morning patch session a couple of years ago...I think it might be a good idea to encourage young people to express their feelings about skating creatively, especially in poetry and drawings that would be suitable for SKATING.

A Memory's Routine

Faint, quiet tracings, vaguely discernible beneath the low veil of fog Carefully retraced

The whispering turns like the rustling of a swan's feathers Before dawn

The crisp crunch of honed steel biting angrily unable to escape its own wake and so deny Its passing

Isolation within a circular orbit dizzily follows each new pattern Into eternity

Lost in the loud silence shakily attempting to regain its path, only to Begin again

-Kathy Jacobs, Cornell FSC

[We welcome creative and opinion-oriented contributions from skating enthusiasts of all ages. How about it, readers?—Ed.]

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FEBRUARY

- 4-15 XII Olympic Winter Games, Innsbruck, Austria
- 14-15 Elizabeth Sigrist Inter-Club Championships, Amherst SC, Audubon & Clearfield Rinks, Williamsville, N.Y.
- 14-15 Arrowhead Pow Wow Drill Team Competition, Arrowhead FSC, Ontario Ice Bowl, Ontario, Calif.
- 28-29 Southern California Adult Dance Competition, Glacier Falls FSC, Los Angeles FSC & Santa Monica FSC

MARCH

- 2- 7 World Figure Skating Championships, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 5-7 "Ice Parade of 1976," Dallas FSC, North Dallas Ice Arena, Addison, Tex.
- 10-13 ISU Junior Figure Skating Championships, Megeve, France
 - 13 New England Special Championships, North Shore SC, Beverly Ice Arena, Beverly, Mass.
 - 20 Cleveland Invitational Championships, Plaza FSC, Northfield Plaza Ice Rink, Warrensville Heights, Ohio
- 20-21 Free Skating & Dance Competitions, New Jersey Council of Figure Skating Clubs, William G. Mennen Sports Arena, Morristown, N.J.
- 26-28 WIM Championships, Greater Milwaukee FSC, Wilson Park Recreation Center, Milwaukee, Wis.
 - 27 Tri-State Council Open Precision Team Competition, Ann Arbor FSC, University of Michigan Ice Arena, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- 27-28 Nassau County Championships, Cantiague FSC, Cantiague Park Rink, Hicksville, N.Y.

APRIL

- 2- 4 Tri-State Council High & Low Test Competitions, Bowling Green SC, BGSU Ice Arena, Bowling Green, Ohio
- 10 Basic (pre-test) Competition, Country SC, Westwood Community Center, Westwood, Mass. (open to USFSA members and non-members)
- 10-11 "The Bay Path FSC Ice Follies Show," Loring Arena, Framingham, Mass.
- 10-11 "1976 Braemar Ice Frolics," Braemar-City of Lakes FSC, Braemar Arena, Edina, Minn.
- 16-17 Big Sky '76 Championships, Great Falls FSC, Mont.

MAY

- 1- 2 Spring Invitational Free Skating Competition, Braemar-City of Lakes FSC, Braemar Arena, Edina, Minn.
- 7-9 1976 USFSA Governing Council Meeting, Washington FSC, Statler Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- 21-23 "Parfait on Ice," Seattle SC, Highland Sports Center, Seattle, Wash.
- 21-24 ISU Council Meeting, Rome, Italy JUNE
 - 5-6 Judges' School for prospective thru Gold Figure Test level, Colorado SC, Colorado Ice Arena, Denver (For details, write Jean Goldstein, 6726 E. Cedar, Denver, Colo. 80222)
- 5-6 Tri-State Council Figure Judges' School, Columbus FSC, OSU Ice Arena, Columbus, Ohio

People

NEWSMAKERS

You may have noted in last month's report from South Atlantics that the 10-year-old Grossman twins, Amy and Karen, scored twin victories in Juvenile Girls. We think such an unusual achievement deserves a second mention. Their double-gold feat was made possible by the division of the 23 South Atlantic Juveniles into two groups, with Karen Grossman (left)



assigned to Group A and her sister Amy (right) to Group B. Each twin then gave a top-ranked free skating performance to earn a gold medal. Both girls, who live in McLean, Va., represent the Washington FSC.

ENGAGED

Lilli Blechman of North Miami Beach, Fla., to Herman A. Birnbaum, a National Accountant and member of the FSC of Minneapolis.

Donna Bumgarner, Individual Member of the USFSA, to Jeff Nussman, both of Charlotte, N.C.

Debbie Pickering to Larry Lawson, SC of Phoenix.

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February '76

People continued MARRIED

Cookie Florczak, Chicago FSC, to Steve M. Gatlin of Ann Arbor, Mich., on December 27.

TURNED PROFESSIONAL

Barbara Barto, SC of Niagara Falls, to teach at the Boulevard Twin Rinks in Wheatfield, N.Y.

Scott Sherman, 1975 Midwestern Junior Men's Champion and member of Chicago FSC, to teach in metropolitan Chicago, III. DIED

Kathryn Tenney, Vice President of Troy SC in Ohio, on October 24. Miss Tenney, a High Test and Silver Dance Test & Competition Judge, was a familiar figure at competitions in the Midwest, and her presence will be missed.

• To be responsive to the needs of ice rink patrons, the Department of Environmental Management for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has established a statewide Skating Rink Advisory Committee, Among those citizens invited to serve on the committee is USFSA President Benjamin T. Wright, a resident of Belmont, Mass. In his acceptance of the invitation, Mr. Wright noted that the USFSA is the only national sports governing body headquartered in Massachusetts and said, "Since figure skating is an important part of the activities conducted in the 18 rinks operated by the Commonwealth, we are grateful for the opportunity to represent the sport."

• The USFSA Program Development Committee has issued this clarification to procedures for Basic Competitions (announced in the December '75 SKATING, pages 6 & 26). USFSA Registered skaters who have passed no USFSA official tests may enter Basic Competitions, which are open also to non-registered skaters, provided that:

1. The Basic Competition is sponsored by a **USFSA Member Club;**

2. The Basic Competition is held apart from any other higher competition;

3. The Basic Competition is open only to those who have passed no USFSA official tests;

4. A copy of both the announcement and application for the Basic Competition has been sent to the Chairman of the USFSA Program Development Committee for approval 20 days prior to the date of the Basic Competition.

Complete procedures for Basic Competitions are outlined in Program Aid #7: Basic Competitions, now available free upon request to the **USFSA** Central Office.

• Logs for the Presidential Sports Award (see December '75 SKATING, opposite page 9) need not be initialed by a qualified instructor. In the opinion of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, most athletes would not want to wear an award if their friends would recognize that they had not really earned it. Therefore, the Council expects the program to operate on the honor system. Individuals applying for the Award may initial their own logs.

• The International Skating Union's new record for ice dancing. Volume 4, includes music for the Ravensburger Waltz, Tango Romantica and Yankee Polka. To order the single record (33-1/3 RPM Stereo) send \$10.80, plus \$2.00 for airmail postage, to the USFSA Central Office, Sears Crescent - Suite 500, City Hall Plaza, Boston, Mass. 02108.

Toller, Elva Oglanby's richly illustrated biography of the inimitable Toller Cranston, may now be ordered from the USFSA Central Office. Price: \$9.95, plus 30¢ postage & handling.

 In the current directory of Member Clubs, on page 246 of the 1976-77 USFSA Rulebook, please correct the Garfield Heights FSC of Garfield Heights, Ohio, to Active status.

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Los Angeles FSC: Judging from A to Z will be studied, discussed and demonstrated at a USFSAsanctioned Judges Seminar sponsored by the Los Angeles FSC on April 23-25. The proposed agenda includes low to high test figures, advanced free skating, Silver and Gold original setpattern dances, competition judging and a special section on pair skating. The seminar will feature Mrs. Winston F. Coy, Mrs. Eleanor Curtis and Mrs. John R. Shoemaker, members of the USFSA Judges' Education and Training Subcommittee. Local judges and professional coaches will also contribute their views. The seminar's wide range of topics should attract an equally wide range of participants. Current judges, prospective judges, skaters and parents are all welcome, For details, contact Morry Stillwell, Los Angeles FSC, Pickwick Arena, 1001 Riverside Dr., Burbank, Calif. 91506.

Niagara Frontier Association: This month the annual inter-club championships held by this active band of clubs in western New York State acquires a new name and, we're sure, a new meaning. The Elizabeth Sigrist Inter-Club Competition will be a memorial tribute to the woman who founded the event and contributed a lifetime of support to clubs in the Buffalo area before her death last July.

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Ice Abroad

Great Britain: The 1975 British Championships. held in London on December 2-3, saw Britain's main hope for an Olympic singles medal, John Curry, win the men's event for the fifth time. His victory was not as easy as had been expected, though. Robin Cousins beat him in both the short program and free skating, and only John's greater proficiency in figures kept him ahead. Cousins skated brilliantly in the long free. He included no less than four triples (Salchow, loop, toe-loop and a triple Salchow/ double loop combination) in a program that was attractively presented to music which included a jaunty arrangement of "Three Blind Mice." John Curry, stylish as ever, swept powerfully into his first jump, a triple toe-loop-and fell. He made a good recovery and went straight on to a good triple Salchow; he slightly overrotated his triple loop, but all his other jumps were clean. Glyn Jones, fourth in figures, did a triple toe-loop and triple Salchow and moved up to third place to earn Olympic selection alongside Curry and Cousins.

The ladies' championship, dominated since 1971 by Scottish skaters, provided a close contest throughout the two days. Titleholder Gail Keddie ended the figures with a bare minimum of four first places to hold the lead, but the short program brought a crucial change of fortune. Karena Richardson, third in figures, skated splendidly and won another judge over to her side. In the final free skating Miss Richardson won a fifth judge over and wrested the title from Miss Keddie. Both girls skated well-it was probably Gail's best-ever performance. She did the best headback spin and inverted camel but could not match the younger girl's content. Apart from a double Lutz landed forward, Karena did not put a foot wrong. Her 22 jumps included two fine double Axels and a double Lutz/double toe-loop combination. She skated with great confidence and at the end had the crowd clapping rhythmically to her Scott Joplin music. Her marks included a 5.8 and nine 5.7'senough to bring her the title and selection as Britain's sole entrant for the ladies' events at Europeans, Olympics and Worlds.

In pair skating, Colin Taylforth won his sixth British Championship. His first win, at the age of 12, was as long ago as 1965. This time he shared the victory with his blonde Californian bride, the former Erika Susman. Erika has a flowing grace, which smooths the more angular strength of Colin's style, and her glowing personality brings a new warmth into

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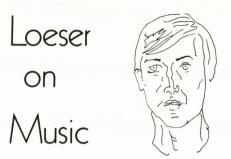
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Bicentennial Dazzling

Louis Moreau Gottschalk was a dandy. He was also a dandy composer. Born in New Orleans in 1829, the son of a British father and a Creole mother, he developed into something of a child prodigy. At age 13 he was sent to Paris to study at the famous Paris Conservatoire, where he was refused admittance because of his nationality. The head of the piano faculty dismissed the United States and Gottschalk with, "America is only a country of steam engines." This did not deter Gottschalk, for he eventually became one of Europe's most celebrated pianists. Berlioz and Chopin admired him, and he was frequently compared with Franz Liszt.

Louis Moreau's story is a traditional American success tale, and perhaps, in this bicentennial year, it might be appropriate to create a skating program that would reflect this nearly overzealous optimism. Gottschalk's music would certainly fill the bill.

Like his contemporary, Stephen Foster, Gottschalk utilized the plantation melodies and the flashy Cuban rhythms he had heard as a child. He composed reams of works for the piano which resembled the tinkling quality of a player piano. "Le Bananier" is a glittering example. "Baumbaula" is based on cakewalk rhythms, and the melody of "Le Savane," which sounds similar to "Skip to My Lou," is borrowed from a slave song called "Lolette."

Gottschalk was a classical minstrel. He toured the United States giving concerts, creating scandals and composing music. On a tour of South America he contracted yellow fever, and he collapsed and died while playing a new composition entitled "Morte." It was the death of an authentic Romantic.

Two lush works display Gottschalk's love for Latin America: *Grand Tarantelle* and the symphonic *Night in the Tropics*. The *Tarantelle* is brilliant and virtuosic while the first movement of *Night in the Tropics* is seductive and languorous. Both are excellent for skating.

There are two essential recordings of Gottschalk's music now available. One is on the Turnabout label (No. 34449) and the other, with which I am more familiar, is a fine collection titled **The World of Louis Moreau Gott**schalk (Vanguard VSD - 723/724). Eugene List is the pianist, and Maurice Abravanel conducts the Utah Symphony Orchestra for the latter.

Hershy Kay orchestrated the *Grand Tarantelle*, and he also created the musical *Cakewalk* with music by Gottschalk. The album of this show has been deleted but it still may be resurrected from a library or collector's shop. It is an RCA record (No. LSC - 2440) with the Boston Pops Orchestra playing.

Once the music has been selected, particularly if it is the *Grand Tarantelle*, skaters should view the two available films of ballet stars Patricia McBride and Edward Villella dazzling audiences with George Balanchine's choreography. The film can be rented for as little as five dollars.

This brings me to a divergent note. The American Dance Guild has issued an absolutely superb book titled *Films on Ballet and Modern Dance* by John Mueller. It lists all of the available films of dance with a description of their quality. It also gives the addresses and prices of the rental sources. This directory may be ordered from The American Dance Guild (245 West 52nd St., New York, N.Y. 10019) for approximately four dollars. For Canadians, a similar but limited booklet is issued by the Canadian Film Institute (1762 Carling Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K2A 2H7). For skaters and teacher-choreographers, the dance films are an infinite source for ideas.—*Frank Loeser*

Ice Abroad continued

British pair skating. Their marks included a 5.7 and a 5.8-not seen in this event for two decades-and unquestionably earned selection for the international team.-Dennis L. Bird

West Germany: Surprising news from the West German Championships! When they were held at Bremerhaven, December 17-21, Gerti Schanderl regained the ladies' title she previously had won three times (1972-74) but lost to Isabel de Navarre in January, 1975. It was a very close contest, with Isabel's superior figures giving her a unanimous first place at the start. Gerti closed the gap in the short program, and in the long free she excelled herself, with 16 jumps including two double Axels and two combination jumps. She received nine 5.9's among her marks. Both girls should figure prominently in the Olympic ladies' event. Miss de Navarre ranked sixth in the last World Championship, and in 1974 Gerti Schanderl was fourth; last season she was badly off form, but now both these girls are at their best.-Dennis L. Bird

1976 National Championships

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LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP

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Flanked by Olympic Team Managers Hugh C. Graham, Jr., M.D., and Franklin S. Nelson, M.D. (left), and World Team Managers Paul E. George and Charles A. DeMore (right) are the skaters who earned berths on the U.S. Olympic and World Teams: (back row, from left) Linda Fratianne, Wendy Burge, Alice Cook & Bill Fauver, Susan Kelley & Andrew Stroukoff and Judi Genovesi & Kent Weigle; (front row) David Santee, Tai Babilonia & Randy Gardner, Dorothy Hamill, Jim Millns & Colleen O'Connor and Terry Kubicka.



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- 9. (6) (9) Preston Towber, SC of New York 9 7/9 9 9 7 9 NOVICE LADIES
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Treatment is fun! by Ruth L. Jackson The number of thera programs to improve agili

The number of therapeutic ice skating programs to improve agility, coordination, power and endurance have more than doubled in the past year. With this increasing interest, leaders have been seeking more information about programs for the handicapped. Such an opportunity was provided at the University of Virginia Children's Rehabilitation Center at Charlottesville, Virginia, on December 12 and 13, 1975. Some 30 attendees met in a seminar to learn what has been done in this field and to utilize this experience.

Appropriately, since ice skating instructors must know what a person with a disability can and cannot do, and the patient must have the consent of a physician to participate in an ice skating program, the discussion began with a presentation by a well gualified physician, Dr. Michael M. Hakala. A medical doctor, Dr. Hakala is Associate Professor, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, and Co-Medical Director of the Children's Rehabilitation Center, University of Virginia Hospital. Using slides, he described in laymen's terms certain disabilities that can be affected by using ice skating as a treatment. Among them were disabilities such as Idiopathic Scoliosis (sideways curvature of the spine), Legge-Perthes disease, in which the ball part of the ball and socket hip joint dies, cerebral palsy, injured knees, ankle sprains and flat feet.

The importance of an activity such as ice skating was stressed for those who have scoliosis because so many cases occur during adolescence, especially in girls, at a time when they want to participate in activities with members of their own age group and yet cannot engage in collision sports or shock-absorbing activities. The patient's treatment consists of wearing a Milwaukee Brace for corrective treatment 23 or 24 hours a day. Since dynamic balance can be maintained when the skater wears the brace, ice skating becomes an integral part of the corrective treatment as an adaptive activity.

In cases of Legge-Perthes disease the goals of treatment consist of prevention of deformity and degenerative arthritis as a result of the disease. Whereas in former years treatment consisted of bed rest for a three year period, now surgery can be performed to enlarge the socket in order to hold the hip in position while the ball of the socket grows back. With corrective treatment, patients can now even engage in competitive hockey.

Cerebral palsey victims are treated to prevent related damage. They have difficulty in integrating one side with the other and can thus benefit from a patterned activity such as ice skating.

According to Dr. Hakala, ice skating is a superb activity for people who have injured their knees or have sprains or flat feet. Such activity can be the difference between a happy and unhappy child at a time when the child may be feeling left out of things.

An interesting device consisting of a one-piece cast of molded plastic to be used inside skating boots to help hold the foot in proper position was demonstrated by the inventor, Richard Rosenberger.

Ronald Adams, director of the seminar, discussed the therapeutic value of ice skating for body awareness, appreciation of self-worth, adaptation to appliances and as a means to developing a lifelong hobby. He stressed the need for those who work with persons who have disabilities to expel the misconceptions that ice is slippery and won't support their weight and that ice is hard and a fall will break their bones.

How to expel these fears was demonstrated by Kurt Oppelt, professional at Penn State University, through his "walking" method for teaching any individual to skate. In this method, beginners are instructed to stand with toes apart on the outside edges of their skates, first on dry land and then on the ice. This position permits the beginner to support his whole body directly above his or her skates. Then the beginner is taught to walk an inch or two at a time and "do nothing" with his upper body except hold it erect. A feeling of security results, and eventually the beginner lengthens his walking step into a glide. To expel the fear of falling, Mr. Oppelt concentrates on how to get up if the beginner happens to fall, rather than teaching the child to fall, which he feels leads to negative thoughts.

After a morning of presentations and discussions, the participants in the seminar went to the Charlottesville Ice Rink to experience what the beginner does in the walking method. How difficult we skaters found it to walk on ice without gliding as we are so used to movement in space! However, beginners with disabilities must be taught to be as calm as possible and do nothing with their upper bodies to counteract their natural tendencies to wave their arms and forge ahead. These tendencies must be controlled to avoid further injury.

On the second day each participant in the seminar worked with one person with a disability in a therapeutic session on the ice. This session was a real fun session as well as a learning session. It brought into play in a very practical manner much of what we had been learning in theory in the seminar discussions. The children were a delight to be with and were very able learners. The light in their eyes on feeling their first glide, scooting or experiencing their first "spin" as the professional skated in a circle around them was fascinating to see. After two hours on the ice, some of the children were reluctant to leave. I came away from the two-day session with a greater appreciation of ice skating as both a fun and beneficial activity. Handicaps, and most of us suffer from them at one time or another, need not prevent us from enjoying the wonderful sport of ice skating. O

Tips on tapes



Vice Chairman for Music, USFSA Dance Committee

The use of audio tape for recording and playing back music at social dance sessions, tests and competitions has grown so extensively in recent years that clubs should have such devices available in addition to their basic infinitely variable speed record player. A few notes, tips and cautions would, therefore, seem to be useful.

Reel-To-Reel

Good reel-to-reel tapedecks costing in the range of \$500 or \$600 (1975 costs) are quite reliable and accurate in the speed at which they transport the tape, most commonly at a rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches per second. If such a machine is used to record music from a variable speed turntable onto the tape, the music will come out at the same metronome time when played back on another tapedeck of the same quality. Reliable reel-to-reel tapedecks are manufactured by Pioneer, Teac, Tandberg and Sony. When purchasing, consult a well established dealer who carries more than one manufacturer's product, hopefully in order to obtain as unbiased an opinion as possible.

An important advantage of reel-to-reel tape is that it is quite simple to cut it and splice it and to insert leader tape between different tunes. This is an essential feature for putting music together for a program and is important if the tape is to be used for tests or competitions and especially for dance tests and competitions at which several skaters will be using the same musical selection. It is also important for free dancing and free skating competitions so that the person playing the tape knows precisely where the music for the next skater starts. (If a cassette machine is being used, it would be best to use a separate cassette for each piece of music.)

One problem with reel-to-reel as well

as cassette tapedecks is that most of them cannot have the speed varied to produce the precisely correct metronome time in the case that the tape was not recorded correctly, or in the case of recording from a fixed speed turntable from a record whose metronome time is not correct at the fixed speed. There are, however, some tapedecks which provide for "pitch control," which means that the speed at which the tape is transported can be varied within certain ranges. Another problem. however, is that there are no "speed dials" available for tapedecks that could be used the way speed dials are used on records. Even if a set of such speed dials were available, they would have to be attached to the roller or "capstan" that provides the speed for transporting the tape. This is often not visible and even when visible there would be no easy way to change speed dials since the design of the transport capstan varies from one manufacturer to another. So even if your tapedeck should have "pitch control," the exact "pitch" or metronome time of the music, which is determined by the speed of the transport of the tape, would have to be found by trial and error each time a change in the speed might be necessary.

Both the playing and take-up reels should be of the same diameter (for example, both 7-inch). Different sized reels will result in speed variations (about 2%).

There is always some danger of a tape breaking. When this happens it is rarely possible to splice the tape back together without losing some music and some metronome time. For this reason, and because it lasts longer, only mylar tape with a thickness of no less than 1 mil and preferably 1.5 mils should be used.

Cassettes

Cassettes seem like an answer to a musicman's dream. The machines, or "decks" as they are called, are compact and often portable, and the cassettes themselves are small and handy. If properly understood and used within their limitations, they are, indeed, a very useful and practical medium.

There are, however, some disadvantages

to cassette tapes for figure skating music. especially for compulsory dances. Unfortunately the tape is not transported at a reliably uniform speed. Manufacturers themselves accept a plus or minus 1% to 2% tolerance for the speed of transport. For a Foxtrot at 100 beats per minute. this could amount to a variance from 98 to 102 beats per minute. This is, of course, not acceptable for ice dancing. A fiveminute free skating program could be six seconds too short or too long, and a fourminute free dance program could be five seconds too short or too long. Again, unfortunately, many manufacturers do not adhere even to this variation. If cassettes are used even for practice, they must be played back on the same machine on which the music was recorded. There is no other way to be sure of the accuracy of the metronome time when played at the rink.

This introduces the problem of transportability. The small (and less expensive) cassette decks are not as reliable and lack some of the important features of the larger and more expensive decks, notably a lever or knob to control the "volume" or loudness of the music being recorded and a built-in "VU" meter that enables one to monitor the volume. An input volume control from the record player to the cassette deck can be bought as an accessory for under \$10, but if there is no VU meter built in, one cannot be added.

Variations in speed from one cassette tapedeck to another can be present even in different machines of the same model and manufacturer, to say nothing of variations from one manufacturer to another.

Cassette decks, especially the easily transportable types, are very popular with the general public. For that very reason they are easily transported away from the owner. For security, therefore, they must be kept carefully under lock and key. This is not possible in many rinks, especially those used for hockey and general public skating sessions in addition to figure skating club sessions. Under these circumstances, the cassette deck must be carried to and from the rink by the person

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PACIFIC COASTS

Coastal report

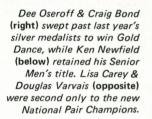
Sunny skies sustained themselves, as if on purpose, throughout the three days of the Pacific Coast Championships, December 18-20, in Berkeley, California. It was hoped that the entire competition would be as flawless. But such was not to be.

This was an unusual Pacific Coasts, in that it was not entirely dominated by Southern Californian skaters. This was immediately evident in the Intermediate categories, in which Brian Boitano of Silver Edge FSC and Lynn Smith of St. Moritz ISC won their separate divisions. Lynn's victory was particularly satisfying since her strong free program, including two double Axels, pulled her up from fourth in figuresdespite an injured knee. There was a great deal of position changing in this class, with Stella Signorello, a very polished skater, moving up from seventh to fourth. The excellence of Phoenix-area dancers made itself known in Bronze Dance, won by Robi Shepard & Kelly Witt.

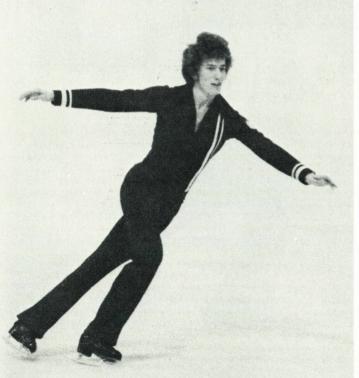
In Novice Pairs, the most striking couplefor reasons that had little to do with technical merit-was seven-year-old Renee Sartuche and nine-year-old Jordan Bell. Being young and small, Jordan had a hard time lifting Renee much above his shoulders, but the mere attempt was utterly charming, and even the judges were hard put to keep from laughing. The event was won by Michelle Dornan & Alan Wardin.

The pursuit of the much revered triple jump appeared at the Novice level, in both men's and ladies' categories. Jill Sawyer's triple helped raise her from seventh to third, while Vicki Heasley just edged out Lori Benton for first place. A similar giant step up came in the Men's division. Reggie Raiford ultimately maintained the lead he gained in figures, but Scott Prussack, who was ninth in figures, won the free skating with two double Axels and a triple Salchow.

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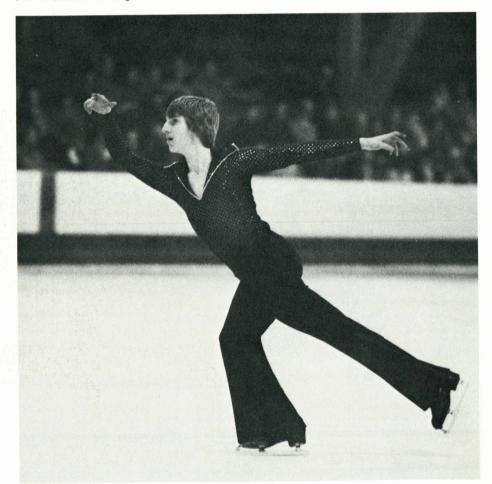
He thus placed third, just behind Robert Taylor.

Like several other events, Junior Men was a statistical puzzle. This was partly due to the fact that Robert Wagenhoffer, seventh in figures, pulled up to third, thanks to his outstanding free skating. He executed a triple Salchow/double toe-loop combination in his short program and a triple Salchow, triple toe-loop and near perfect triple Lutz in the final round. But the winner and, being a local boy, the crowd's favorite, was Allen Schramm. Allen gets more spectacular every year, not so much in technical ability-he missed his triple Salchow-as in the dynamism of his presentation. One skater who has great potential is 13-year-old Mark Cockerell, the runner-up who had a solid triple Salchow and a not quite so solid triple toe-loop. He was done a disservice, however, by skating his short program in a red, white and blue outfit to the tune of "You're a Grand Old Flag"-a clear case of overreaching in the cuteness category.

Junior Ladies had some surprises, too. Carrie Rugh had the most outstanding short program, and it seemed she might take the lead. But Clarissa Perrella, with her high-energy free skating, won out. Clarissa is an especially good jumper, with high double Axels and a combination of three double jumps. Sally Anderson, a very pleasing skater to watch, was a very close second to Clarissa, losing ground on technical merit. Tai Babilonia, showing her versatility as a singles skater, placed fourth in this event.

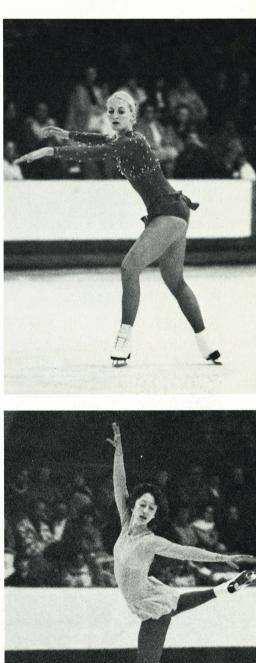
Junior Pairs was a particularly controversial category, with Danelle Porter & John Maddison coming out on top. They had the most interesting choreography of the class, with several moves, including Danelle's shoot-the-duck through John's legs, borrowed from roller skating. Dana & Edward Reisman, in second, were one of several couples to do an Axel lift into a forward somersault by the girl.

One of the real surprises and upsets came in Gold Dance, in which Dee Oseroff & Craig Bond edged out Debbie Ganson & Gerry Lane. Oseroff & Bond were notable in having an original set-pattern that was clearly a rhumba, and not a samba or tango. They had the liveliest free dance, as well, with several mini-lifts and



Senior Lady Linda Fratianne (below) used two triple jumps to best Lisa Allen (right) and Suzie Brasher (lower right). Local favorite Allen Schramm (opposite) won the Junior Men's crown.







an especially good Kilian section.

One of the anomalies of the Senior Men's and Ladies' competitions was that the technical merit of the women was generally higher than that of the men. Two women, Lisa-Marie Allen and the phenomenal Linda Fratianne, executed perfect triple jumps, but none of the men did, although three men made attempts. Also, whatever stylistic or artistic influence Toller Cranston may have had last year seems not to have carried over to this year's men's programs, which all heavily emphasized athleticism over artistry. Ken Newfield won, having established a strong position in figures. His long program was marred by a fall on the triple Lutz, but his masculine, unfussy style held him in good stead. Randy Gardner held a consistent second throughout, followed closely by Perry Jewell, who came the closest to a distinctively dancelike style.

The real showstoppers came in Senior Ladies. Despite Teresa Foy's lead in figures, the event was dominated by Linda Fratianne's free skating. In her long program she pulled off a triple Salchow, a triple toe-loop and a double Axel in combination, an achievement that earned her a 6.0 for technical merit from one judge. Lisa-Marie Allen was the other Senior Lady to have a triple jump, in her case a triple Salchow, plus a spectacular double Lutz/double toe-loop combination. It was nice to see Suzie Brasher pull up from sixth to third, as she has marvelously





light double jumps, an interesting flying camel with variations of position, and front and back split jumps.

Up to this point the competition was trouble free, but Senior Pairs was to change that. The first accident came in warm-up for the final, when Lyndy Marron severely injured her knee on a throw double Axel, and she and her brother Hal had to scratch. Then, a few seconds into their program, Joyce Hanson & Anthony Kudrna collided on side-by-side flying camels, and his chin was gashed by her blade. They had to end their program at that point and placed third. Tai Babilonia & Randy Gardner won by a healthy margin, proving once again that they are better together than apart. In addition to their customary flair, they had an especially spectacular one-hand cartwheel lift, a throw double Axel and an all-the-way-down death spiral. Perhaps inevitably, they overshadowed another excellent pair, Lisa Carey & Douglas Varvais, who were second.-Sue Schauppner

(Clockwise, from right:) Silver Dancers Karen Berzon & Gary Forman; Senior Pair Joyce Hanson & Anthony Kudrna; Novice Ladies Cindy Moyers and Jill Sawyer; Junior Lady Champion Clarissa Perrella.





MIDWESTERNS

Mile high hoopla

When the entries for the '76 Midwestern Figure Skating Championships came in, it became readily apparent that the competition would be tight, tough and terrific. As the events unfolded December 11-13, hosted by Denver's Colorado SC, the skaters' actual performances fully lived up to expectations.

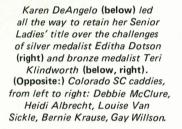
Senior Man Scott Cramer, coming to Mids with a first place from Southwesterns, goes on to Nationals with another first to his credit. It was a hard fought placement, however, for Scott was in third after the compulsory figures and second after the short program. His strong, dynamic, superbly skated long program brought him a standing ovation from the audience and a string of firsts from the judges, thereby allowing him to overtake Billy Schneider's commanding figure lead. Billy Schneider skated the long program directly after Scott and in no way succumbed to the terrific pressure that Scott had placed on him. His high content program, featuring double Axels, triple toe-loop and intricate diagonal and serpentine footwork, was performed with skill and assurance. Frank Sweiding came from fifth in figures to capture the bronze medal with a mature program of double and tuck Axels and triple Salchow.

After taking the lead in figures, Karen DeAngelo, 1975 Midwestern Senior Ladies' Champion, skated a short program the perfection of which was marred only by one missed jump in the jump combination. Her long program, set to Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*, clinched the title for her. Teri Klindworth and Editha Dotson, who train at the host Colorado Ice Arena, battled it out for second and third places. Editha's artistic interpretation of the music from the *Carmen Ballet* by Shchedrin garnered the silver medal for her. Beautiful spins and expressive arm movements evoked an ap-





Superb free skating brought the Junior Ladies' title to Kathy Gelecinskyj (above) and the Senior Men's crown to Scott Cramer (above, left). Cramer's performance was highlighted by a triple Salchow/ triple Salchow, the first time that combination had ever been performed in competition. Jackie Booth, with new partner Eric Walden (left), took the silver medal in Gold Dance, while Holly Blunt & Bruce Hurd (opposite) won Senior Pairs.









preciative response from the audience as well as the judges. Teri, who pulled to second on the strength of her beautifully executed third figure, captured second place in the short program, but was third overall. Her free skating displayed all the double jumps coupled with interesting moves and agile footwork.

A second standing ovation was given to the Junior Ladies' Champion, Kathy Gelecinskyj from the FSC of Minneapolis. Her strong program included three big double Axels, one of them preceded by a double Lutz and a second coming out of a big spiral. Its spectacular finale was an arena-length layback lunge terminating in double toe-loop, half loop, double Salchow and flying camel into a sit spin. The second placed Junior Lady, Laura McDonald, presented an arresting interpretation of the classic "Blue Danube" by Johann Strauss. Each measure of her beautifully choreographed program included an interesting skating movement, either a gracerul head or hand motion, layback spin or powerfully executed jump including double Axels, double Lutz and a split/split/half loop/ half loop/double toe-loop combination. Sandy Lenz of the Wagon Wheel FSC came from fourth in figures to take third overall with solid performances in both the short and long programs.

Junior Men's laurels went to Scott Hamilton, David Kinser and Ted Masdea. Their programs included the full range of double jumps. The only Junior Man to do a triple combination was Patrick Hughes, whose triple Salchow/double loop combination in the short program helped bring him up to fourth overall.

Kelsy Ufford was the unanimous first place choice of the judges in Novice Ladies' singles. Her exciting program, set to modern music, featured a Russian split/double toe-loop/double Axel combination. Alicia Risberg, Colorado SC, moved up from fourth in figures to capture the silver medal with a well executed, difficult program including split/double flip/double toeloop combination and flying change sit spin. Third place went to Sharon Meredith, whose *West Side Story* program had two double Axels.

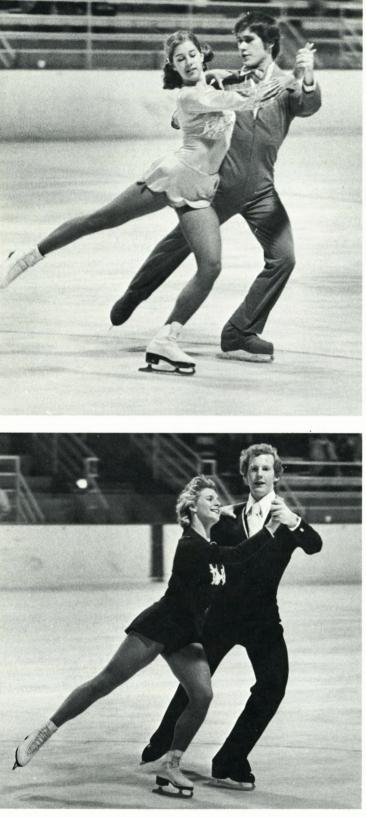
Berths to Nationals in the Novice Men's classification went to Stuart Bailey (FSC of Minneapolis), James Santee (Broadmoor SC) and Greg Kajfez (Midland FSC). Stuart's program featured high, clean jumps, including a double Lutz and double loop.

A strong Intermediate Ladies' class was headed by Marianne Zauss of the Colorado SC. Her program was exceptionally mature for this group and featured double Lutz, double toeloop and double loop/double loop combination. Mary Beth Trotter of Tulsa FSC and Michelle MacLean of St. Paul FSC were second and third, respectively.

Intermediate Men Eddie Dom and David Montaleone ranked first and second in figures and maintained those placements in the final standings. Gary Kemp, seventh in the initial round, came up to capture third by turning in a first place free skating performance.

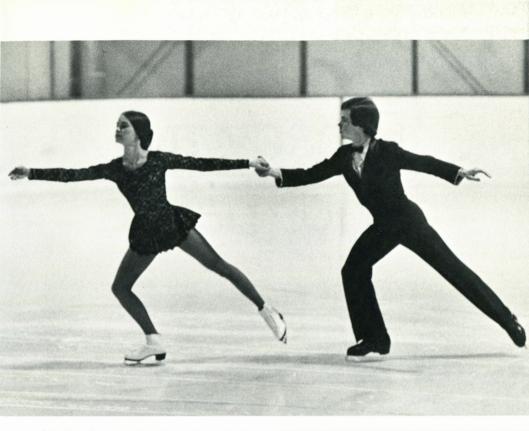
Very sound compulsory dances and a light and lively OSP rhumba were topped off by a fluid, high quality free dance to give the gold medal to Gold Dancers Cathy Macri & Tim Hodges. Jackie Booth & Eric Walden were awarded the silver, and Kathy Russell & David Hold, the bronze.

In the Silver Dance, Detroit SC's Carol Fox & Richard Dalley were number one all the way. Solid performances were also turned in by silver medalists Kelly Ann Morris & Michael



Laura Pierce & Rick Berg (left) took the bronze medal in Silver Dance. Other Silver Dancers included Randi Rodenkirch & Lee Cobb (below, left), Karen Kelley & Ronald Plank (opposite, top) and Linda Munz & Donald Steiner (below).

Photos: Larry Shirkey



Seibert, who have skated together only three months, and bronze medalists Laura Pierce & Rick Berg.

Only three couples entered the Senior Pairs' competition, and the judges didn't deviate from their placements after the short program. Holly Blunt & Bruce Hurd were their choice for first; brother and sister Beth Ann & Frank Sweiding, second; and Janet Van Camp & Gordon Black, third. Good unison and high, well executed lifts characterized the group as a whole.

Winners of Junior Pairs were Joy Hoepfl & Bruce Forciea, whose program featured an impressive throw Axel and an original lift (called the "JB," after Joy and Bruce). Broadmoor SC's Kathy Laisure & Brian Kader were a close second, while Denver FSC's Debbie Weinstein & Richard Dodson were third. Debbie had broken her elbow while doing a tabletop lift earlier this fall, and the pair had only resumed lift practice on Thanksgiving. Their program included the illfated tabletop as well as the unusual star lift and cross spread eagles.

Novice Pair winners were Dana Jo Boles & Dale Copenhaver, followed by Cindy Bailey & Andrew Ouellette. A second brother and sister team, Cheryl & David Michalowski, were third.

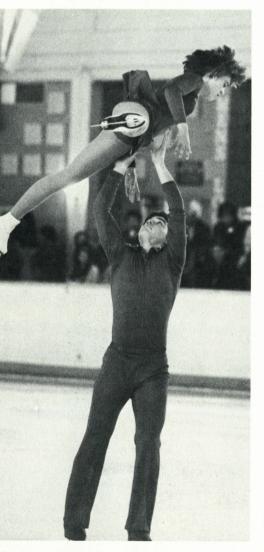
A midnight dinner-dance at the Regency Inn concluded the week's activities, and the competitors, with their usual enthusiasm and energy, turned in 6.0 performances on the dance floor!— *Lois C. Miller*



Photo: Elissa Baldwin; others: Margaret Williamson

EASTERNS

Broadway performance



Sky Rink, its fresh blue and white paint job aflutter with international flags, was the scene of the first Easterns held in New York since the 1940's. From December 10-14, the SC of New York hosted the especially happy competition, which was rife with quadrennial speculation about who might make this Olympic team and the one four years hence.

Who but the judges remembered to count the required elements in Senior Lady Priscilla Hill's exquisite short program as her willowy, lithe body floated and arced to Saint-Saëns's "The Swan"? Blending spin and jump combinations with undulating arms and footwork, her moves flowed into moves like ripples on a lake to create a breathtaking mood unbroken by fling of arms or grins of triumph. Nor did the audience break the spell until their final cheers.

During warm-up for the long, Priscilla was the last to take the ice. After an unobtrusive little spin, she spent the remaining time skating in her mind and quietly practicing the two triples—Salchow and loop—she minutes later was flawlessly to execute. This was only the second time a triple loop had been performed in competition by a girl. The first, 14-year-old Priscilla also did in winning the Prague Skate in November. In New York, as in Prague, she unfurled an astonishing program, in whirling, silken convolutions unlike any other female skater seen before by this observer, eliciting five 5.9's and five 5.8's (four, a split, and four).

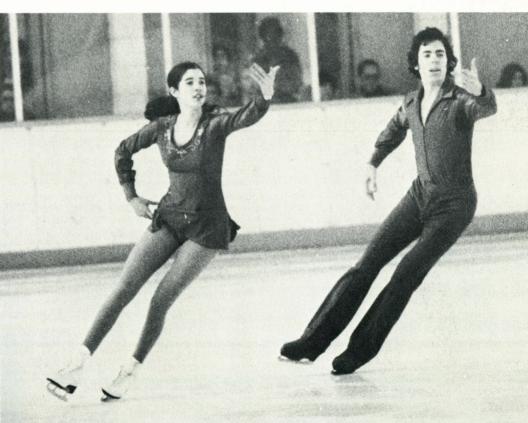
Why no 6.0? "Because," a judge quipped, "it's never done in the East."

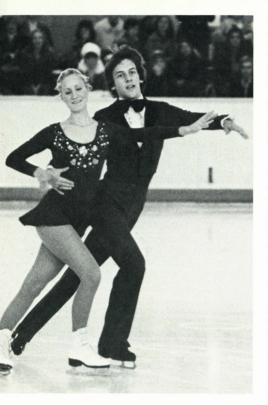
Radiant runner-up Elizabeth Freeman, with smooth footwork and an especially effective sit/layback/crossback spin, and Barbara Salomon, with tour de force power, were both athletic and technically dynamic in the traditional sense.

Eastern dancers, responding to the big news of Olympic recognition, were alive and boding well for the future of U.S. dance. Susan Kelley & Andrew Stroukoff evidenced the maturity and polish of international seasoning in their



Susan Kelley & Andrew Stroukoff (left) won Gold Dance, then captured a spot on the Olympic Team in Colorado Springs. Senior Pair Gale & Joel Fuhrman (below) needed a strong long program to overtake Lorene & Donald Mitchell (opposite) for the silver.







subtle, musical rhumba and equally sophisticated and difficult (no cruising for the man) free dance to Russian music. She harmonizes her winsome femininity to his authoritative style and superb control, as their effortlessly pliant bodies speed and lean on silent blades.

The elegant lines of Jennifer Vogel & David Siebert in a stately, fairly intricate rhumba and involved free held their second, followed by Stacey Smith & John Summers with a fast, bold OSP "we all could do," and a charming, dance-y free dance.

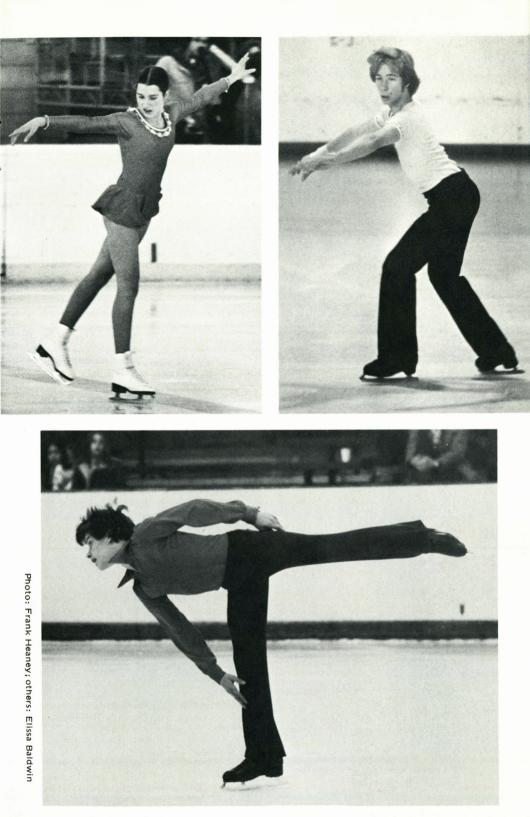
Then, watch out Gold, here comes Silver. Bonnie & Bill Burton clinched the title with edges, flow and an outstanding OSP tango including an uncanny touch-foot, revolving-door turn and expressions of amazing impassivity. Personification of the waltz in the compulsories; Diana Runde & Kenneth Simler were second with an OSP distinguished by simultaneous reverse twizzles and dramatic dip slide. Technically impressive Felicia DiGiusto & Donald Adair were third in their first year in Silvers.

And there's more where they came from. After the final round Willow in Bronze Dance, an NBC-TV crewman, wiping misty eyes, restrained his colleagues: "Aw, lay off, that was very moving..." Causing the emotion were Ellen Pulver & Paul Fidel, Susan Costantino & Danny Mulroy, Beth Barton & Thomas Midney and Betsy Day & David Cole, who finished in that order. May they all hang in there until Veterans' Dance-where Dixie Courson & Gerard Nordin nipped Audrey Bills & Leonard Colarusso in a strong field of seven.

In other television action, Referees Keebler and Ross smoothly re-cued the schedule while CBS sportscaster Jim Bouten interviewed Judge Ed Cossitt and Senior Men aimed warm-up Axels in camera range. Precisely at 6:37 P.M. the spot went-live-from the Zamboni gate to a CBS truck 16 floors below, zoom to the Empire State Building antenna, thence to CBS transmitters.

Harvard freshman Mahlon Bradley, with blitz footwork and jump combinations, then went on to hold his title against the Tim Zink challenge and competent Eastern debut of Yale freshman Chris Kales. Tim, who avoided the roccoco through integral use of body to express his evocative music, is making a strong, original creation from the Cranston idiom. He got full

Diana Runde & Kenneth Simler (top) repeated as Silver Dance silver medalists, while last year's Novice Pair Champions Martha & Orest Jowyk (left) advanced to the Junior title. Adam Leib (opposite, bottom) ran away with the Novice Men's crown, which Senior Men's runner-up Tim Zink (top right) won in 1972. Carol Hansen (opposite left) ranked third among strong Junior Ladies.



Linda Blount (right) placed third in Intermediate Ladies, while David Fedor (below) took the Intermediate Men's crown.



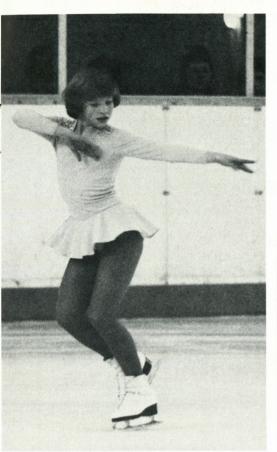


credit for keeping on through the last third of his longprogram unaccompanied—and unfazed after someone leaning against a plug disconnected the sound.

Because Senior Pair Alice Cook & Bill Fauver obviously enjoy themselves and their music, so does their audience. Supported by strong skating, they insert such features as the pleasing optical intimacy of their tea-cozy sitspin, to weave an uninterrupted thread in their programs. Lorene & Donald Mitchell, with two firsts in the short, will bear out their auspicious entry in Seniors as the girl fully projects the élan their skating warrants. Gale & Joel Fuhrman's short, marred by incomplete extension on the overhead and lost unison in the camel, pulled out their full roster of inventive lifts and spread eagle combinations to finish second overall.

In Juniors, Richard Rigby's razzle-dazzle, Ray Belmonte's unstrained suppleness and Orest Jowyk's big power put them in the medals, while Martha Jowyk's flowing lyricism and Tracy Doyle's fiery determination edged Carol Hansen out of her first in figures. It was a good class; too bad that Kirk Wyse's superbly aggressive, modernistic style and Sheryl Franks' outstanding long didn't also find them room on the winners' stand. South Atlantic champion Reggie Stanley got a bye because of an ankle injury. In pairs, the Jowyks and Marylou Robinson and Ray Belmonte covered first and third, while scintillating Caitlin Carruthers and brother Peter slid into second.

From notes on Novice finalists: Adam Leibcarriage, good command of doubles; Bruno Jerry-powerful Russian splits, butterfly combo, every inch an athlete; Preston Towber-poised, greatly improved; Tim Murphy-second in the free, really moved, combining great spins with



clean doubles. Diane Creighton—spirited, plucky, unwraps free leg on jumps; Lori Nichol—graceful sprite in second, won the free with dispatch and humor; Marylou Robinson—assured, purposeful, came up to claim third.

Novice Pair Champions Jennifer Rhule & Robbie Baker, without attempting to leap tall buildings, maintained glorious unison, knew the music was there and did all that was required at appropriate controlled moments. Leanne & Jeffrey LaBrake, second, with a snappy camel/ sit spin, would enhance their good moves with better shoulder carriage. Maryan & Bryan Amaral, third, had a nice section with matched double flips, a double twist and throw double loop.

In Intermediates, doubles galore, some observed the skating basics and marks were scattered, with David Fedor leading Geoffrey Thomas and Paul Tsigrikes. Kristy Hogan won the free, going from fifth to second, really stretching and using her body with only minor shoulder hunching. Joan Vienneau was first in figures, first overall, and Linda Blount, with deep stroking and soft landings, was third. Tiny Valerie Wender, albeit in 8th, was noticed for future reference.—*Astrid Hagenguth* Intermediate silver medals were won by Kristy Hogan (left) in the Ladies' division, and Geoffrey Thomas (below) in the Men's.



Beatrix Loughran



Competitive Honors in Ladies Singles

- United States Lady Champion, 1925-27
- North American Lady Champion, 1925, 1927
- World Ladies' bronze medalist, 1924
- Olympic Ladies' silver medalist, 1924
- Olympic Ladies' bronze medalist, 1928

United States Junior Lady Champion, 1921

in Pairs, with Sherwin C. Badger

United States Pair Champions, 1930-32 World Pair bronze medalists, 1930, 1932 Olympic Pair silver medalists, 1932

Beatrix Loughran Harvey, who made her mark in competitive figure skating half a century ago, died on December 9, 1975. As both a singles and pair skater, she compiled an admirable record. She competed in the Olympic Winter Games three times, and in the 1928 Games earned the Ladies' bronze medal while placing fourth in Pairs with the late Sherwin C. Badger.

A member of the Skating Club of New York for many years, Miss Loughran excelled in other sports as well. She was an accomplished skier and won many awards in golf and diving.

She was the wife of the late Raymond L. Harvey of New York and Bermuda. She is survived by her niece, Audrey Peppe Rapée.

Beatrix Loughran will be remembered as one of the best skaters of the 1920's and early 1930's. Hers was an era when Americans first demonstrated that they could absorb the techniques of European masters and then execute figures and skating programs worthy of international honors.

Show your appreciation

by Barbara R. Boucher

The past three months of competitive activity—from Regionals to Nationals—emphasized, to me, the on-going contribution judges make to figure skating. The hours they spent determining the outcome of these events are dwarfed by the time they spend all year long judging figure, pair and dance tests. A thousand other judges around the country are also on call, usually to officiate at test sessions. All this they do as volunteers.

Any activity that relies upon volunteers—and figure skating is no exception—cannot ignore the willing service of these individuals. When a judge travels some distance for a test session, is it too much to ask that you show your appreciation? Judges seek no compensation for their time and efforts, but you can let them know how important their service is.

Here's one way you can thank a much-travelled judge and help the sport and other skaters at the same time. For each complete test he or she judges, make a donation in the judge's name to the USFSA Memorial Fund. Suggested donations might be \$5 for a figure test and \$1.00 for a dance test. A donation to the Memorial Fund will give the judge and you the satisfaction of doing something more for figure skating. Monies received by the Fund provide grants for the skating education of promising competitors, academic scholarships for worthy figure skaters and support for beginners' skating clinics when other assistance is not available.

Donations of appreciation to the Memorial Fund would seem appropriate on many occasions. You could make them for judges from other clubs who officiate at your club's test sessions. They travel several miles and sometimes great distances to help you out. The test sessions at summer skating schools, in particular, demand a lot from judges. After weeks of intensive training, the skaters get ready to test in one or more marathon sessions. Then local judges tackle a testing schedule made heavier by the number of out-of-town skaters enrolled in the school. Skating school organizers should consider acknowledging the extra work judges devote to school tests by making donations of appreciation to the Memorial Fund. Donations could be made for each completed test marked by a judge, except those taken by skaters who are members of the judge's home club.

From another standpoint, if you are a judge, why not recommend these donations to test organizers? When you are asked to travel some distance to judge or to help at a summer school, suggest that the Memorial Fund, as well as the test candidates, benefit from your efforts.

Figure skating needs judges, and the USFSA Memorial Fund needs your support. A "thank you" gift to the Fund will let our judges know how important we think their volunteer work is. And that gift will foster the continued growth of skating through the programs of the Memorial Fund. O

I'm 12 years old and have been skating for four years. I'm on my Third Test. I just love to ice skate. My pro is Shirley Winters. I want to become a really good ice skater like my pro.

> Yours truly, Karen Jones Polar Palace FSC

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Dear Kid Talk,

I skate with the Newbridge Road Park FSC. I enjoy skating very much. I have a pen pal Jenna Little and we met at a competition where we competed against each other. I want to thank my pro, Brenda Farmer, and my parents for helping me in skating.

> Patty Johnson Newbridge Road Park FSC

Skating Skating is the joy of landing your first Axel. It is the frustration of a flat on a patch. Skating is the hope of someday being a champion. It is the pain of giving it all that you've got. and still not being good enough. It is the joy of knowing that you've done your very best; it is the suspense when the judges decide the rest. Whether you've passed or failed the judges' expectation you keep on going and that's dedication!

> Betsy Harris Lockport FSC

Dear Kid Talk,

I am 12, I live in France and have been skating for 6 months. I can do the bunnyhop (in French: *saut pique*), the spiral (*arabesque*) and the one-foot spin (*pirouette sur un pied*). My pro is an ex-champion of France, Annie Hirch. I hope to get into competition some time.

For any figure translations, English-French or French-English, write to me: 107 bd du cap, Antibes 06600, France.

> Francisco Negrin, Jr. Montfleury FSC



Dear Kid Talk,

I am 10 years old and skate at the Rocky River FSC. When I was in the C.I.C. competition, I took my doll Raggedy Ann (she was supposed to bring me good luck). She gave me bad luck. I also took Raggedy to the Tri-State competition in Columbus (Ohio) and she gave me bad luck there, too, so when I got home I put Raggedy Ann in the refrigerator for a few hours to show her how mad I was. But then later I made up with her. Maybe someday I'll have good luck.

> Very truly yours, Jill Kinzie Cleveland, Ohio

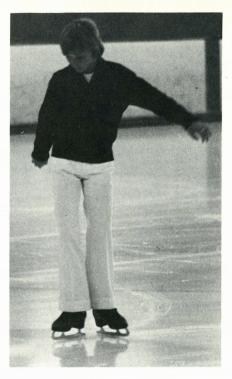
Dear Kid Talk,

I am 6 years old and skate with the Yarmouth Ice Club in South Yarmouth, Mass. I started skating at 3½ years old, started taking lessons at 4½ and passed my Pre Test when I was 5. I had my first solo as "Thumbellina" in our ice show, "Icicles 75." Pictured below are me and my coach Joanne Kelley Coggeshell, preparing for my solo.

I just love getting SKATING Magazine and seeing all the pictures of skaters from all over the country.

> Best wishes always, Laura Ann Edmunds





Todd Fisher St. Moritz ISC

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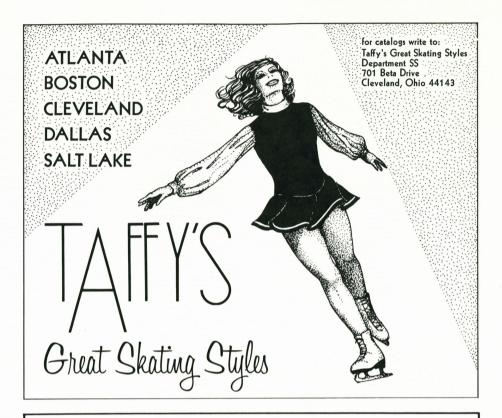
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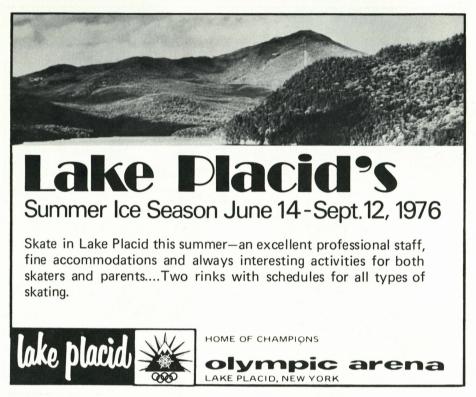
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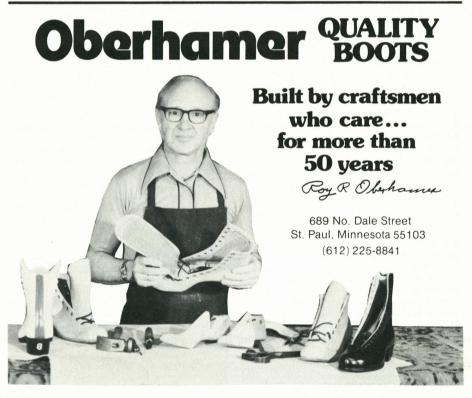
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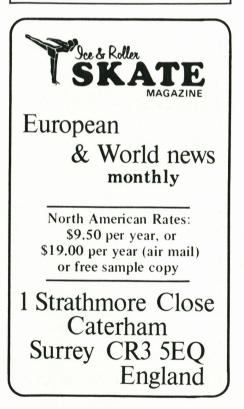
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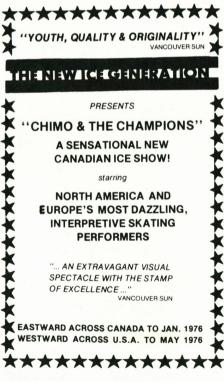
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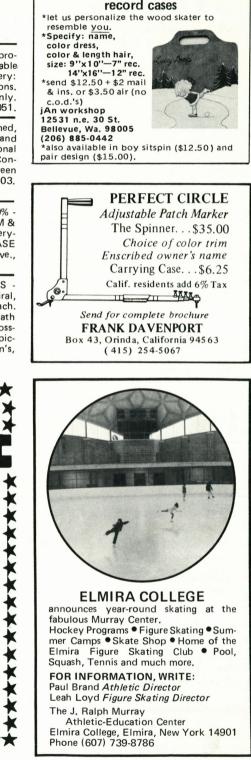
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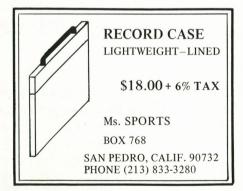
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