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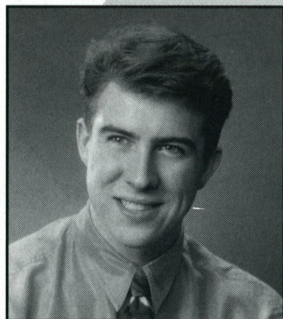
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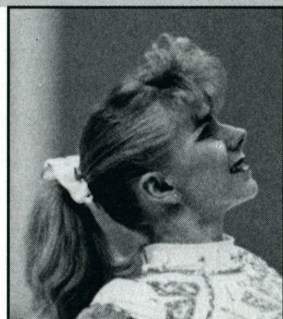


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News Briefs

The annual NBC-TV Sports special the "Sudafed Skating and Gymnastics Spectacular" (formerly titled "Symphony of Sports") is set to air on NBC as a special two-hour *Sports-World* on Saturday, February 8, 1992. Among the world-class athletes participating in this unique sports entertainment program that combines the artistry and athleticism of figure skating and gymnastics are Kitty and Peter Carruthers, Nadia Comaneci, Bart Conner, Robin Cousins, Peggy Fleming, Kelly Garrison, Brandy Johnson, Brian Orser, and Rosalynn Summers.

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The San Diego Ice Arena has added prominent Russian skating coach, Yuri Ovchinnikov, to their teaching staff. Ovchinnikov is a former USSR Olympic Team Coach (1979-1983), three-time European Freestyle Gold medalist, and two-time Olympic Team Member (1972 & 1976). He was the first Russian to initiate a private company which toured Russia

for three years and then eventually teamed with Torvill and Dean to form "Torvill and Dean and the Russian All Stars" which toured France, Australia, Canada, and the U.S.

Ovchinnikov recently made his permanent home in the U.S. and will be offering private and group instruction on a full-time basis, exclusively at the San Diego Ice Arena.

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Carol Heiss Jenkins was among seven internationally renowned athletes recently nominated in the Pioneer category for induction to the Sudafed International Women's Sports Hall of Fame. Of the nominees, Alice Coachman Davis, who won 25 U.S. National Championships in track & field and was the first black woman to ever win an Olympic gold medal, won induction.

Kristi Yamaguchi was among the finalists for the 1991 Sudafed Amateur Sportswoman of the Year Award which was won by wheelchair racer Jean Driscoll, who broke her own world record in winning her second consecutive Boston Marathon. Yamaguchi, 1991 World ladies' champion, was named the Women's Sports Foundation's "Up and Coming Artistic Athlete of the Year" in 1988.

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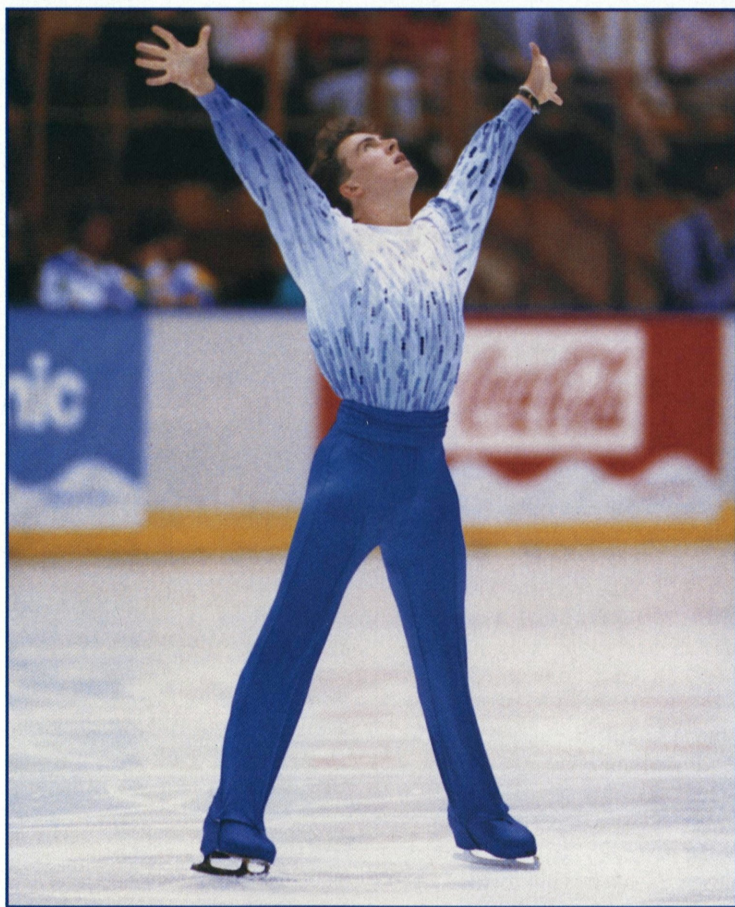
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Catching Up with Damon Allen

After placing fourth at Midwesterns, Damon Allen won the 1991 U.S. Junior men's free skating title in his first attempt at that level. His only previous appearance at Nationals was in 1987 when he placed second in Novice men.

He made his Senior debut at the U.S. Olympic Festival where he placed sixth. In his first international competitions, the Grand Prix International and the

Nebelhorn Trophy, in August, he also placed sixth.

Skating recently had the opportunity to meet this newcomer to the national and international scene.

Skating: Tell us what you have been working on since you won your '91 National title.

Damon: Since Nationals I have been working twice as hard on my triples, trying

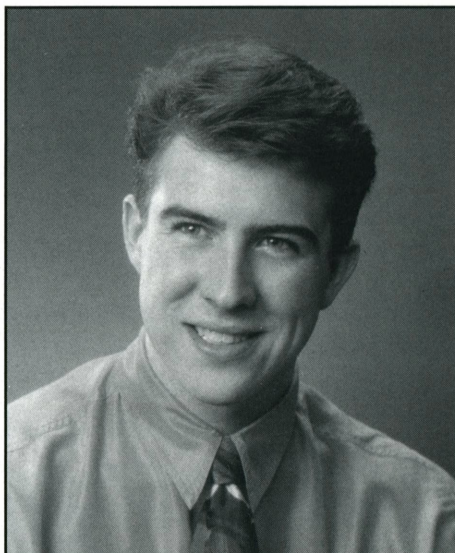
to get those done easily with a smoother flow. I have the triple loop, flip, and Lutz down consistently. I am now working on my triple-triple combinations, the triple Lutz-triple toe and triple Lutz-triple loop. I am going to do the best that I can possibly do. I want to have every triple in my program and hopefully try the triple Axel.

Skating: What type of off-ice training do you do?

Damon: We have an Olympic-size swimming pool with diving platforms, a weight room, and a ballet room at the Rochester-Olmstead Recreation Center. It is great. We do not have to go to other places for a workout. On Monday and Wednesday we have ballet in our ballet studio. We have toning aerobics twice a week. On Fridays we have impact aerobics and we work up a real sweat. On Wednesdays my coach Barbara Kossowska has her own workout that varies from off-ice jumps to weight lifting. Mainly, we do the weight lifting throughout the summer. Barbara has us do the main training in the spring.

Skating: How does your coach motivate you?

Damon: She is really positive. She is always in a good mood. It is her job and she loves doing it. You can't help but feel awake and happy in the morning around her, even if you feel you don't want to be there. She is a powerful lady. She really doesn't yell. She always knows where you are. It is great training with her because all the kids are really focused. She treats all her students the same. Every other month we have a big meeting and we talk about upcoming competitions. She is very businesslike. She makes sure that her students work well together as a group. We all go and watch each other. Most of them are competitive against each other. A little rivalry when it comes to competition. We all have the same goal. It is very open, we have a lot of fun with her.



TOM JOHNSON

Vital Statistics: Damon Allen

Born: April 12, 1973
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Hometown: Rockford, Illinois

Current Home: Rochester,
Minnesota

Club: FSC of Rockford

Coach: Barbara Kossowska

Education: Part-time student,
Rochester Community College

Titles: 1987 Upper Great Lakes
Novice Champion, 1987
Midwestern Novice Champion,
1989 Upper Great Lakes Junior
Champion, 1991 U.S. Junior
Champion

Skating: Are you satisfied with your performances at the Olympic Festival and the Grand Prix International and Nebelhorn Trophy?

Damon: I wasn't pleased with my performance at the Olympic Festival, but it was my first Senior competition. I look at it as a learning experience. I was more pleased with my performances at the Grand Prix International and Nebelhorn Trophy as they were my first international competitions.

Skating: Who do you admire most in skating? Why?

Damon: I admire Brian Boitano for his technical perfection.

Skating: Tell us about your family.

Damon: My parents are in the process of moving up to Rochester from Rockford, Ill., so I will be able to live with them again. My dad is in the car business and my mom is a beautician. My parents go to all my competitions and shows.

Skating: What do you do in your free time?

Damon: I play tennis and racquetball and go to school and movies. I like to rollerblade. I like to swim. I am going to Rochester Community College. I plan to major in business. I am only taking two classes, as I am going to focus on skating now.

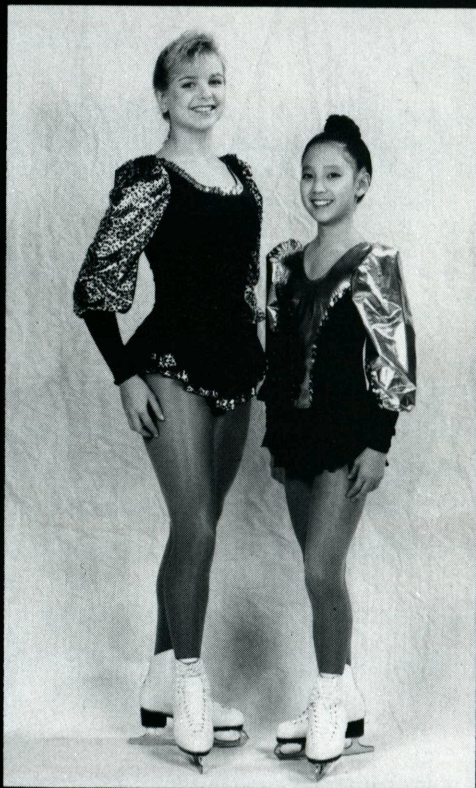
Skating: What is your strategy for this year?

Damon: I have been selected to compete at World Juniors. I hope to skate a clean program as well as I can and get the best placement I can. At Nationals, I hope to make a good showing for my first year in Seniors, possibly finishing in the top half. I am mainly looking for self-satisfaction with my performances.

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REVIEW

Catch the Spirit

by Gale Tanger

If you have noticed a new excitement among our clubs, you have taken notice of precision skating. Precision has taken the skating community by storm. This relatively new discipline of the sport has become an event for every skater, young and old, to learn and to stay active in skating. Precision brings to our skating community both an opportunity for competition at all levels as well as an opportunity to become a member of a team. Everyone is involved. Everyone is a part.

Precision blossomed in my home club seven years ago. Since that time I have seen a tremendous growth in the club. More importantly, I have noticed less turnover in membership and also noted a growth in our other skating disciplines—free skating, dance, and figures. The quiet, tense atmosphere found at the rink in the past has been replaced by a joyous atmosphere filled with warm greetings and sincere concerns for each other. On the ice I have observed advanced skaters helping our small new skaters as well as competitors helping each other master the skills of precision. The club has become a team, blending objectives and concerns as the members quickly group together to accomplish their goals. Voluntarism needed to sustain the club is now a team effort. Tasks are quickly accomplished with a spirit of comradery.

Competition time is exciting. It is a time that cumulates every team's efforts. Exhilarating cheers fill the arena as the teams perform their long-rehearsed routines. Parents cluster together to share pride in their efforts in providing these young people this

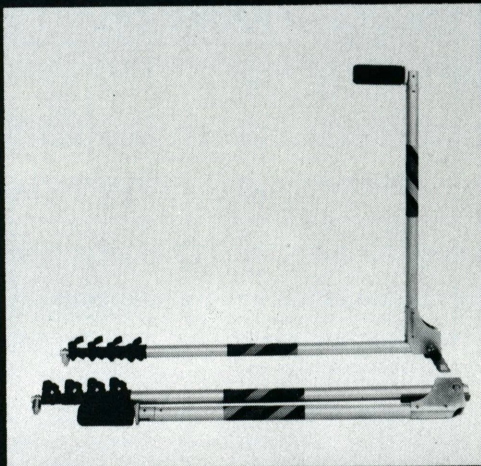
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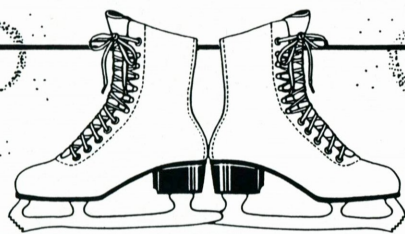


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7:00 p.m. OPENING CEREMONIES
JUNIOR LADIES Original Program
CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS Original Program

Thursday, January 9

- 10:00 a.m. JUNIOR PAIRS Free Skating (Final)
JUNIOR DANCE Original Dance
JUNIOR MEN Original Program
7:00 p.m. CHAMPIONSHIP DANCE Original Dance
CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS Free Skating (Final)

Friday, January 10

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CHAMPIONSHIP MEN Original Program
7:00 p.m. CHAMPIONSHIP LADIES Original Program
CHAMPIONSHIP DANCE Free Dance (Final)

Saturday, January 11

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JUNIOR MEN Free Skating (Final)
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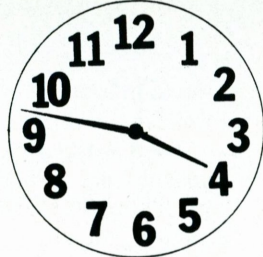
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Part II



by Pat Dolan

Skating Parents Part I appeared in the November 1991 issue of *Skating*.

One of the biggest decisions facing parents of serious skaters is whether to send the child away from home to train with a particular coach or at a professional ice skating training center, or, even sometimes whether to move the entire family.

Eldredge left home at age 9 to follow his coach, Richard Callaghan, to Philadelphia and other locations. Today the family is split between two different coasts so that Ruth Eldredge can be with Todd in California while he faces the pressures of international competition. The family manages to get together several times a year.

Surprisingly, Eldredge said the hardest time for the family was while Todd was still living at home and she spent nearly all her time traveling with him to ice rinks which were an hour or two away from the family home in Chatham, Mass. on Cape Cod.

"We spent so much time on the road that I never saw the rest of the family much. It was just Todd all day long. He'd go to school for a few hours and then we're off to a rink in Boston or somewhere. He was eating in the car, sleeping in the car, doing homework in the car with the light on at night and it was totally bizarre. We'd get home late at night and the kids would be in bed an hour later," she recalled.

Sports psychologist, Dave Yukelson, of Pennsylvania State University, said before sending a child away from home to

train parents should get a realistic assessment of the child's talent and consider his athletic goals, personality, attachment to family, the type of nurturing and lifestyle he will have, and whether he could accomplish the same thing by training locally.

Except in rare cases like Eldredge's, Yukelson feels most young athletes are better off at home. Sending a youngster away from home to train disrupts the whole social family structure and can place too much pressure on the child to become a champion.

"You have to question the win-at-all-costs philosophy that some parents have and think about what's really in the child's best interest. There's more to children than just their athletic identity. What we see with many of them who leave home is burnout. They've just been pushed so hard that they become Robo-skaters and they lose a sense of normal growth and development that kids who are 11, 12, 13, and 14 go through," Yukelson explained.

Finding the right coach who can further their child's athletic and personal growth is the single most important factor which parents of skaters say contributes to the child's happiness in the sport.

Irene and Arthur King, of Santa Rosa, Calif., remember a frustrating time when their 14-year-old daughter, Michelle, a Novice competitor, was kept off the ice several months with chronic knee pain. The Kings spent a year and a half making

the rounds to doctors before the problem was finally diagnosed.

They worked closely with Michelle's coach, Cory Fisher Gilman, of the Redwood Empire Ice Arena in Santa Rosa, to monitor the situation daily and support Michelle through the crisis.

"Having a good relationship with Cory and being able to communicate with her is essential to me as a parent. I have to know that Michelle's coach has the same goals and the same respect for my child as I do. I've found a coach I believe in and I feel it's my job as a parent to support her," Irene King said.

King stays in frequent contact with Gilman to share information about Michelle and keep track of her progress, but she said that does not mean being at the rink every minute or telling her how to teach.

"It means an occasional phone call and a meeting once or twice a year to make plans," she carefully explained.

The Kings want to make sure Michelle is well-rounded and that she has a future outside of skating if that's what she chooses. They insist that she gets good grades in school in order to keep skating, they take her skiing, and they make her take physical education to expose her to other sports.

Arthur King said the couple is grateful to skating for giving Michelle a constructive way to keep busy through her teen years and for helping her to develop self-confidence.

"We hope she'll skate through high school but we've always given her the option of quitting. It's her sport and the motivation has to come from her. If she's enjoyed it up to that point that's fine."

In recent years, the USFSA has been trying to improve communication with parents of skaters and to give them more input into decision-making. USFSA Eastern Vice President Claire Ferguson founded the U.S. National Team Advi-

sory Committee in 1986 which highlighted the need for an improved insurance package for skaters, creation of parents meetings, and the appointment of a liaison for parents at Worlds and Olympics. They conducted a survey of training costs, introduced the idea of media training seminars, and asked for more help with fundraising through the USFSA's sponsorship presentation kits.

Now, the USFSA is trying to meet the needs of parents of skaters who are further down in the structure with the Parents Liaison Committee. Neale is looking for parents from various parts of the country who might be interested in working with the committee.

"One of the things I'd like to do with the committee is to communicate to parents what other people have done that works," she said.

Members of the committee met with parents at every regional and sectional competition this past year. They are currently working on ways to standardize protocol at qualifying competitions, hope to someday publish a newsletter with an advice column written by parents, and make educational presentations on topics of interest to parents.

It's a step in the right direction and one which is richly deserved.

Parents of skaters who are interested in working with the Parents Liaison Committee please contact: Anne Morton Neale, 2257 Fiesta Drive, Troy, OH 45373; (513) 339-5656.

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Precision Review

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opportunity to enjoy the sport. Returning competitors view it as a time to renew old friendships. Many teams have established "sister clubs" which communicate throughout the year via pen pal relationships. At Nationals they meet for their annual pool and pizza parties.

The Precision Committee has worked to encourage this growing spirit by providing grants for special precision workshops and camps. These functions are being used to kick off the skating season. Teams are sharing thoughts, problems, and concerns. Coaches are networking to develop new ideas and ways

LADIES

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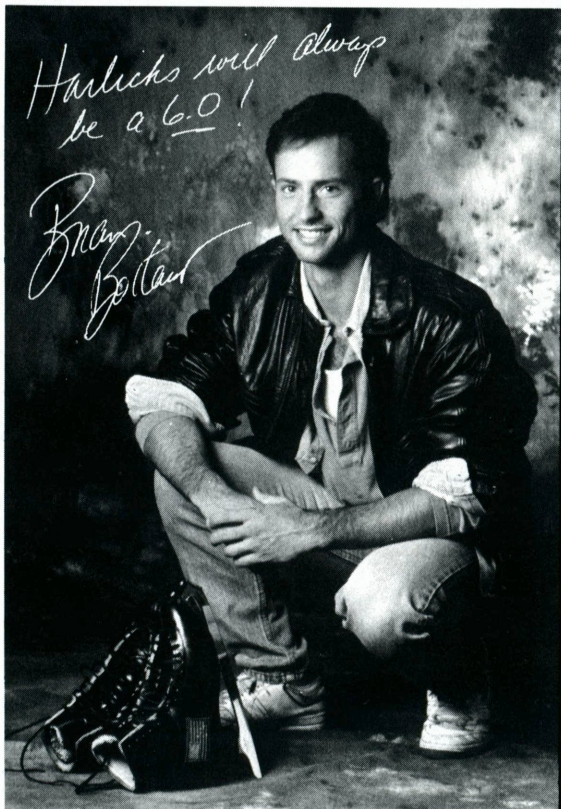


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1991 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Mary-Lucile Ager

The 1991 National Collegiate Figure Skating Championships were held August 20-25 in Lake Placid, NY. The story in this championship is not so much the skating but the skaters. Each competitor is an interesting, fascinating person, with precious few hours to practice on ice during the school year. At this competition there were numerous USFSA qualifying competitors, some with current national rankings. More than 75 skaters representing 60 colleges competed.

FIGURES

The first event—Senior ladies' figures—featured 11 competitors. Skating on her home ice, Samantha Hawks, 19, a Boston College sophomore, won the gold. Hawks is an international studies major and dean's list student, and works two jobs to support skating. She is also a free skate competitor. Heather Hughes, University of Pennsylvania sophomore, won the silver, and Carese Busby, Highline Community College, placed third.

There were also 11 Junior ladies that skated figures. Cathleen Reynolds, Villanova University, won the event. Tiffany Purcell, George Washington University, was second, followed by University of Delaware's Laura Mitchell.

SENIOR FREE SKATING

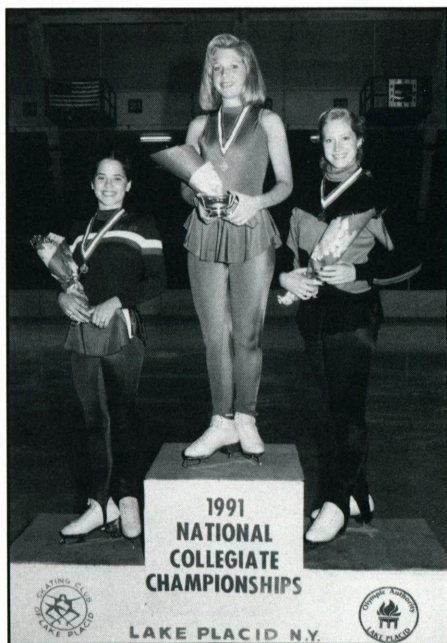
Ladies

The top three winners of the original program remained in place through the



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free skating. Twenty-one-year-old Dena Galech, Shoreline Community College sophomore, was the winner. Leana Naczynski, Indiana University, was runnerup, and Kathryn Curielli, Normandale Community College, won the bronze. Galech, a sports medicine major, was ranked eighth in the 1990 U.S. Championships Senior ladies' event. At



SENIOR LADIES FIGURES

(L to R) Heather Hughes, Second; Samantha Hawks, First; Carese Busby, Third.

this competition she won the OP by landing a triple toe loop/double toe loop combination. In the long, she fell on a triple loop, but successfully landed three triples—Lutz, toe loop, Salchow—and two difficult combinations. Naczynski, 1990 Senior ladies' Collegiate champion, placed 14th in the 1991 Nationals, her first time in that event. She skated a solid program with minimal mistakes, landing a nice triple Salchow. Curielli moved well over the ice, with high jumps and a lovely artistic dance step sequence to the music.

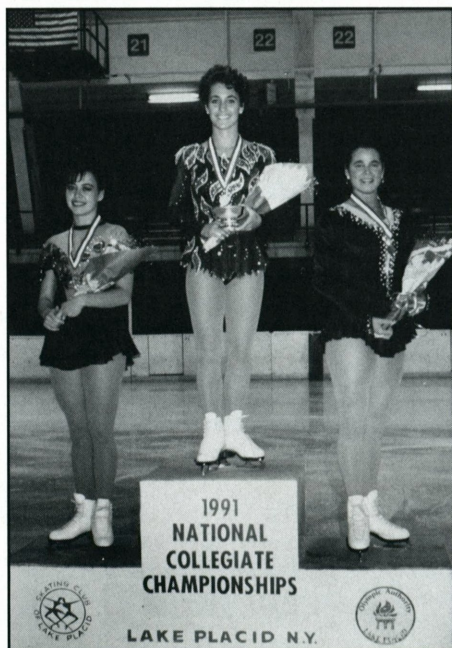
Men

The Senior men's event was won by nationally ranked Alex Chang, a government major in his junior year at Harvard

University. He skated like a champion to well orchestrated piano music and won both the original and free skate disciplines. With a triple Lutz, toe loop, and Salchow and good combinations interspersed with stylish spins and excellent flow, he earned unanimous firsts from all judges. Silver medalist Edmund Nesti is a Northeastern University senior with a biology major. He had excellent spins, triple toe loop, and triple flip (hand down), but his sensational final move—a rarely seen, perfectly done cantilever—was reminiscent of Frick and Frack and brought the audience to its feet.

JUNIOR LADIES

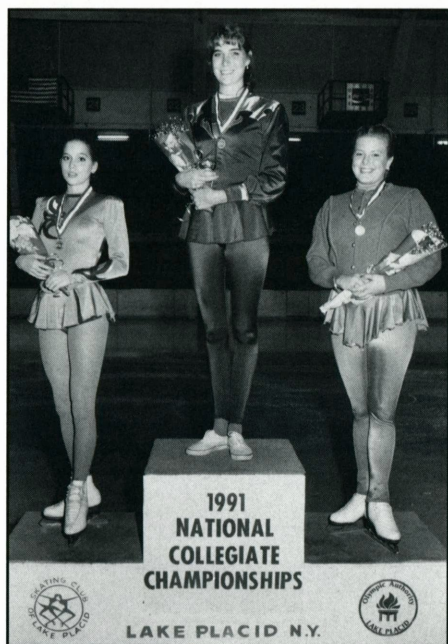
Shirl Cattani, of Pennsylvania State University, finished first, all the way,



SENIOR LADIES FREE SKATING
(L to R) Leana Naczynski, Second; Dena Galech, First; Kathryn Curielli, Third.



SENIOR MEN FREE SKATING
(L to R) Edmund Nesti, Second; Alexander Chang, First.



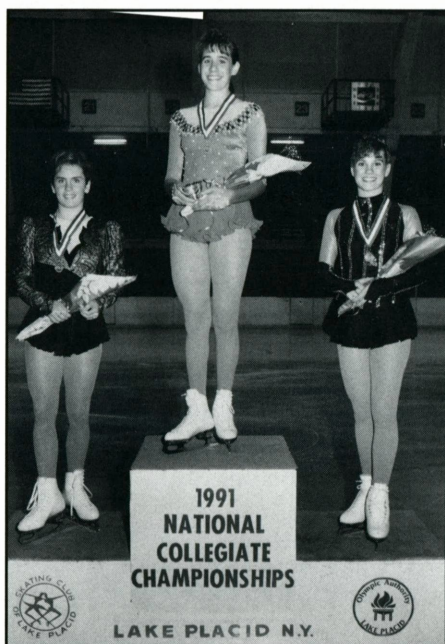
JUNIOR LADIES FIGURES

(L to R) Tiffany Purcell, Second; Cathleen Reynolds, First; Laura Mitchell, Third.

winning all the judges in the OP and all but one in the free skate portion. Cattani moved well over the ice and displayed good jumps and spins. She skated artistically *with* the music, especially her footwork sequence, done with ever step on the beat. A 1990 competitor in South Atlantics and Easterns, Cattani has been invited to enter her college's honor program in Health and Human Development. Coming in second was Ingrid Peterson, Oakland University, followed by Amy Zurlinden who attends Glendale Community College.

JUNIOR PAIRS

1991 National Novice Pair Champions, Andrea Catoia, West Chester University, and Paul Dulebohn, University of Delaware, won both OP and free skating with good, flowing unison to take the Junior



JUNIOR LADIES FREE SKATING

(L to R) Ingrid Peterson, Second; Shirl Cattani, First; Amy Zurlinden, Third.

pair title. Their program had a lot of content woven into cleverly choreographed music from *Dragnet*. It included a sophisticated slow section, a tabletop into a star lift, throw jumps, a back death spiral, and good solo jumps. Erin Covington and Brandon Powell, Portland State University, finished second. Their program contained a good guillotine spin combination, death spiral, and an unusual upside down lift. Heather Hughes, University of Pennsylvania, and Keith Tindall, finished second in the OP but dropped to a final third because of problems with unison. Hughes was entered in three events throughout the week—Senior figures and free skating, and Junior pairs. She went home with silver and bronze medals. An 18-year-old sophomore, she is going for a dual degree, computer science and philosophy.

JUNIOR DANCE

Three couples competed in Junior dance. A new team, skating together since last September, Sian Matthews and Jeremy Wyndham, University of Texas, Arlington, stood out in the group. They unanimously won both the compulsory dances and the final free dance. Their outstanding free dance, skated with good, deep edges and unison, was to "Coppelia," the story of a puppet. Their choreography was imaginative, their moves within the story delightful, and they remained in character from their entrance on the ice until leaving it. Twenty-three-year-old Wyndham is a college senior majoring in civil engineering. Eighteen-year-old Sian, who grew up in Lake Placid, was back home again for the first time, and her enthusiasm was evident. She will begin college in January.

Silver medalists were Melissa Pettus and Richard Dupaix, both students at the University of Delaware. They skated to Russian music and had some interesting

and inventive moves. Their coach is former World and Olympic team member, Suzanne Semanick. Third place went to Susan Mounce, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Kevin Elvin, both from Greensboro, NC.

SENIOR PAIR EXHIBITION

The Senior dance category had to be canceled when all but one team pulled out at the last minute. Already on hand, were Jonathan Stine, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, and Kimberly Callahan. A refreshing new team (together five months) they gave an exhibition of their winning Indianapolis free dance. They skated an excellent 'doll and doll maker' theme, to an original musical adaptation of "Babes in Toyland" by David Banks. Stine's major is marketing. Callahan just entered Pikes Peak Community College in sports nutrition.



JUNIOR DANCE

(L to R) Melissa Pettus & Richard DuPaix, Second;
Sian Matthews & Jeremy Wyndham, First;
Susan Mounce & Kevin Elvin, Third.



JUNIOR PAIRS

(L to R) Erin Covington & Brandon Powell, Second;
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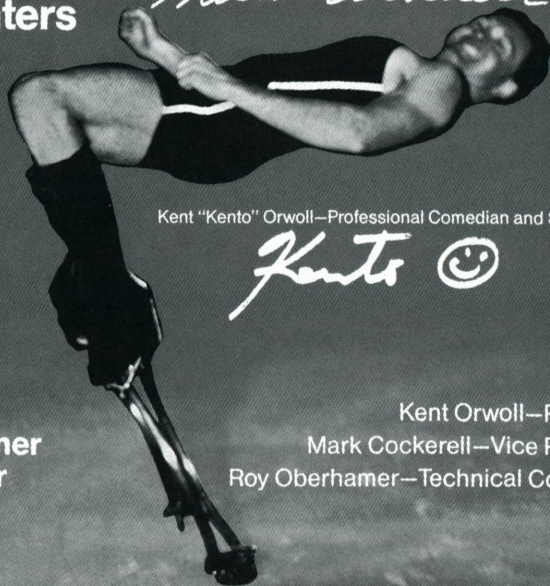
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- 3-7 **Eastern Sectional Championships**, hosted by the Bridgeport SC, at the Wonderland of Ice, 123 Glenwood Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06610. For information contact: Mrs. Dorothy F. Fedick, President, 51 Bartling Dr., Easton, CT 06612.
- 4-7 **Midwestern Sectional Championships**, hosted by the Winterhurst FSC, at the Winterhurst Ice Rink, 14740 Lakewood Heights Blvd., Lakewood, OH 44107. For information call: 216-529-4236.
- 10-14 **Pacific Coast Sectional Championships**, hosted by the Lakewood WC, at the Sprinker Recreation Center, 14824 South C Street, Tacoma, WA 98444. For information call: 206-573-2600.
- 14-15 **1991 Holiday Season Competition**, sponsored by the Columbus FSC, at the Ohio State University Ice Rink, Columbus, OH. Compulsory and freestyle events for beginners through Juvenile Freestyle and Adult Junior; Holiday Showcase for Preliminary through Juvenile; solo and team dance for Preliminary through Bronze plus open Willow Waltz and open Fourteenstep. Adult participation is encouraged. For information contact: Marcia Ouellette, 2470 Southway Dr., Columbus, OH 43221, 614-486-1305.
- 15 **Judges' Dance Seminar**, Class B, sponsored by the Puget Sound Inter-Club, at the Sprinker Recreation Center, 14824 South C Street, Tacoma, WA 98444. Judge-In-Charge Ida Tateoka. 2 years credit. For information contact: Karen Woods, 7811 112th St. S.W., Tacoma, WA 98498, 503-653-5671.

JANUARY 1992

- 3-5 **Laval International 1992**, sponsored by the Laval FSC at the Centre Sportif Laval. Open precision skating competition with Juvenile through Adult events. For information contact: Laval International, 4939 de la Fabrique, Laval, Quebec H7C 1E4.
- 4-12 **1992 U.S. Figure Skating Championships**, sponsored by the USFSA and hosted by the Orlando FSC, at the Orlando Arena, Orlando, FL. For tickets write: 1992 All-Event Tickets, P.O. Box 1992, Orlando, FL 32801-1992; or call: '92 Nationals, Hotline, 407-263-8973.
- 25 **Fraser Mid America Precision Team Championships**, sponsored by the Fraser FSC, at the Fraser Ice Arena, 34400 Utica Rd., Fraser, MI 48026. Preliminary, Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior, and Adult events. For information contact: Russ or Sharon Brown, 43110 Ulman, Sterling Heights, MI 48313, 313-247-5915.
- 31-2/2 **1992 Wisconsin Badger State Games Competition**, fourth annual Wisconsin State competition to be held in Stevens Point, WI. Competition areas include Solo Freestyle, Original Program, Solo Dance, Precision, and Entertainment. For more information call: Bob Gall at 715-848-3283.

FEBRUARY

- 8-9 **3rd Annual Clinton FSC Precision Competition**, sponsored by the Clinton FSC, at the Clinton Arena, 36 Kirkland Ave., Clinton, NY 13323. Precision events from Preliminary Teams to University Teams. Also Team Maneuvers, Shadow Dance, Solo Dance, Compulsory Moves, Team Figures, and Showcase events. For information call: Connie Burnham, 315-865-8879.
- 14-16 **Colorado Mid-Winter Invitational**, sponsored by the Pueblo FSC, at the Pueblo Plaza Ice Arena, 100 N. Grand, Pueblo, CO 81003. Compulsory Moves, Free Skating, Original Program, Artistic Free Skating, Dance, and Precision Team events, Pre-Preliminary through Adult levels. For information contact: Nancy Mastreno, 2 Sandcastle Ct., Pueblo, CO 81001, 719-545-0604 (6:00 P.M. -9:00 P.M. MST.)
- 14-16 **Eastern Sectional Precision Skating Championships**, hosted by the Wallace FSC, at the Wallace Civic Center, 1000 John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg, MA 01420. For information call: 508-597-5036.
- 21-23 **Pacific Coast Sectional Precision Skating Championships**, hosted by the San Diego FSC, at the San Diego Ice Arena, 11001 Black Mountain Rd., San Diego, CA 92126. For information call: 619-530-1826.
- 28-3/1 **17th Annual Creve Coeur Figure Skating Competition**, sponsored by the Creve Coeur FSC, at the Creve Coeur and Queeny Park Ice Arenas, Creve Coeur, MO 63141. Freestyle, Compulsory Moves, Pairs, Figures, Showcase, Dance, and Short Program events, Beginner through Senior levels. Also, Intermediate Short Program and Adult events. For information call: Karen Shannon, 314-394-0533 or Shirley Sisson, 314-394-4947.
- 29-3/1 **Erie Invitational**, hosted by the Westminster FSC of Erie, at the Erie Civic Center, Erie, PA. Freestyle, Compulsory Moves, Showcase, Similar Pairs, and Solo Dance events. For information call: Donna Cerami, 814-825-6513 or Renee Kloecker, 814-456-5794.

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Lisa Anne Venne, Lake Minnetonka FSC

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Deveny Deck, Detroit SC
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Wendy Boylan, Silver Blades FSC
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Kim Hostelley, Greenbrier FSC
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KUDOS

Judy Blumberg was presented the Athlete of the Year Award by the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. Blumberg was bestowed this honor as she is one of the few 1984 Olympic athletes who is still stretching her potential in her sport of ice dancing as a professional competitor, performer, teacher, choreographer, philanthropist and TV commentator.

Laurie Brandel Stern, 1971 U.S. Novice and 1973 U.S. Junior ladies' champion, is now a doctor of optometry with a practice in Southern California. Dr. Stern is married and has three children.

MARRIAGES

Joseph Mero and **Annie Lieber**, a figure skater, who also trained at Costa Mesa while Mero was an amateur there under John Nicks, were married last spring. The newlyweds have partnered as an adagio pair team and recently appeared in a show at a resort in Verano, Italy. Mero and former pairs partner Kathy Keeley were bronze medalists at the 1989 U.S. Championships.

BEREAVEMENTS

Mrs. Suzanne Davis King Bradshaw, former champion and member of the 1932 U.S. Olympic Team, died July 28, after a lengthy illness. She was 79.

Born in Waban, Mass., she began to skate at age 9. When she was 13, her family joined the SC of Boston, and at 15, she won the national Junior ladies' championship. In 1930, she was bronze medalist at U.S. Nationals and finished sixth at the World Championships. The following year she finished second to Maribel Vinson at U.S. Championships and in 1934, she won the title (at the same time creating controversy with her above-the-knee skirt). She was also on the championship fours team and won the dance event with partner Frederick Goodridge in 1934.

A graduate of Erskine College, she retired from competitive skating in 1935 when she married William Haven King and moved to Richmond. Davis King was a USFSA judge and, along with her husband, organized the SC of Richmond in 1974. Her husband died in 1978 and in 1981, Davis King married William Richmond Bradshaw.

In addition to her husband, survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Susan King French of Richmond; a son, William Haven King Jr. of Richmond; and four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Elsie Ursula Weinstein died July 31, 1991, in Denver, Colo. She was president of the Denver FSC intermittently for the past 20 years. She also served as assistant dance test chairman and secretary of the club. Weinstein was instrumental in initiating the Mile High FSC and its programs and she also served as a chairman for the 1988 U.S. Championships. Weinstein was known among the skating community for her wonderful sense of humor and for always recognizing those who dedicated their time to the sport. She was preceded in death by her husband William. She is survived by four children: Debbie, a skating coach, Amy, Bobby, and David; and three grandchildren, two of whom are active skaters. An Elsie Weinstein Skating Scholarship Fund will be set up in her memory to benefit local skaters.

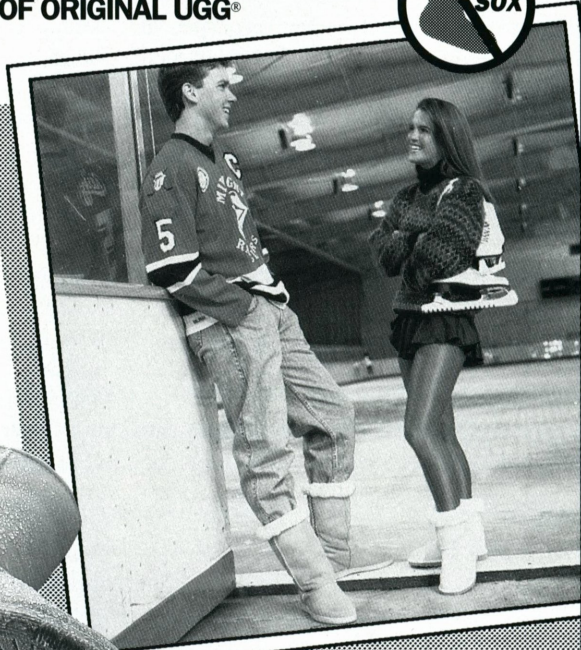
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Call it tired from the Tour, too early in the season, or even injury-ridden, the fact remains that the U.S. national champions did not skate their best performances at Skate America '91; a politically crucial international competition especially during an Olympic year.

Many of the U.S. Skate America competitors were slated to compete at Trophee Lalique November 8 - 11, held at the Games venue in Albertville, France. Following the fallout of Skate America performances, many of those athletes pulled out of the Lalique competition; an even more crucial competition this year en route to the 1992 Olympics.

Men's Champion Todd Eldredge felt unrested following the Tom Collins Tour of World Champions and last summer's U.S. Olympic Festival. It was later discovered that he also suffered from a stress fracture to his left foot and stayed off of the ice for three weeks following the competition (Consequently, forcing his withdrawal from Lalique.) Kristi Yamaguchi, U.S. ladies' champion, felt her free skate program was still new and needed fine tuning. Seeming to have recovered from a loss of composure at '91 Nationals and building on their competitive edge, Pair Champions Natasha Kuchiki and Todd Sand lost all momentum in their free skate program, falling to their lowest placement at an international or national competition in almost two years. They, too, withdrew

from Trophee Lalique in order for Sand to nurse his injuries. U.S. Dance Champions Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow perhaps met with the stiffest competition of the event and were still in position to hold on to a bronze medal. Showing improvement in their compulsory dances, the duo lost their bronze medal edge with a simple slip during the polka. They were also tired from off-season touring and Festival competition; coupled with illness, they, too, withdrew from Trophee Lalique.

Despite the champions' thwarted efforts, the Oakland/San Francisco residents came out to support the competitors and some of their favorite, more famous locals. Daily exhibitions were given by Charlie Tickner, Debi Thomas, and Brian Boitano immediately following each evening's events. For those fans able to stay that late, the skating stars did not disappoint them.

CBS Television covered the competition with color and commentary by Scott Hamilton and Tracy Wilson; coverage aired three consecutive Saturdays in October and November. With this most recent television contract, CBS continues to provide figure skating with competition coverage.

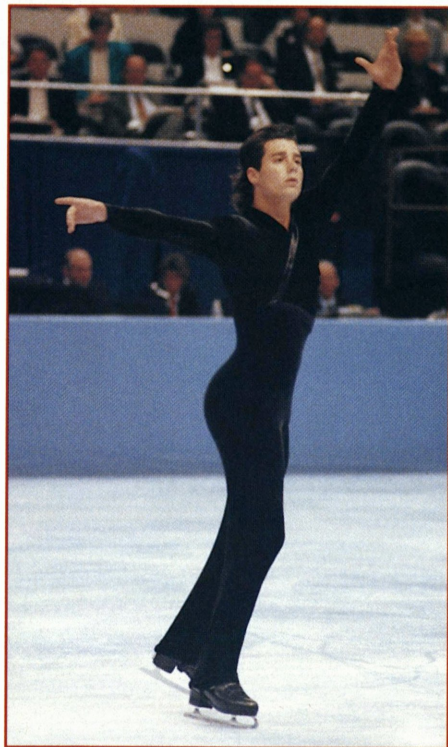
MEN

Not to disappoint national media, Christopher Bowman arrived in Oakland with a sidebar to the competition story -- he was sans coach Toller Cranston.

Skate America Team



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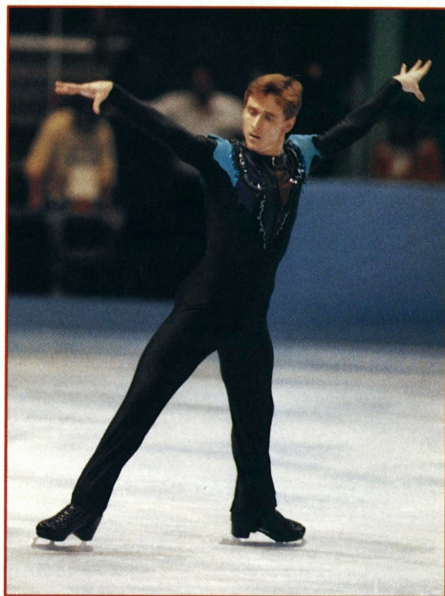


INGRID BUTT

Men's Gold
CHRISTOPHER BOWMAN
USA

Bowman often stands in the limelight for one reason or another and even when the scenario looks all but good, he has an uncanny ability to turn things his way.

Such was the case at Skate America '91. Bowman drew an unenviable last to skate in the original program. He skated the same original program -- "Concerto No. 3" by Rachmaninoff -- that he introduced at last year's Skate America competition in Buffalo. This year he added a triple Axel/triple toe combination to his OP and finished, though tired, a clean program. He "collapsed" onto the ice afterward taking a few moments to soak up the cheers.



GEORGE S. ROSSANO

Men's Silver
PETR BARNA
CZE

Momentarily, Bowman the Showman returned. He was in the second place slot going into the free skating program.

"I am very pleased with myself for being able to do what I did," said Bowman in reference to competing without Cranston present. He said that Cranston had business to take care of in Toronto and was unable to attend.

Bowman was first to skate the long program followed by teammate and National Champion Todd Eldredge. Bowman's confidence prevailed and he skated one of his best performances this year. He performed eight triple jumps; four of them in combination, along with one double Axel. He skated an elegant number to his tried "Sherzo" by Lalo, "Romance" by Shostakovich, "Waltz" by

Khachaturian, "Stone Flower" by Shostakovich, and "Piano Concerto" by Khachaturian, occasionally mugging to members of the audience or media. Bowman's competitors were not to outdo him and he became the second man in U.S. history to win three Skate America titles -- 1988, 1989, and 1991. Scott Hamilton was the first to set that mark in 1979 - 1982.

Following the Skate America competition Bowman fell victim to a Toronto mugger, sustained facial injuries requiring surgery, and also had to withdraw from Trophee Lalique.

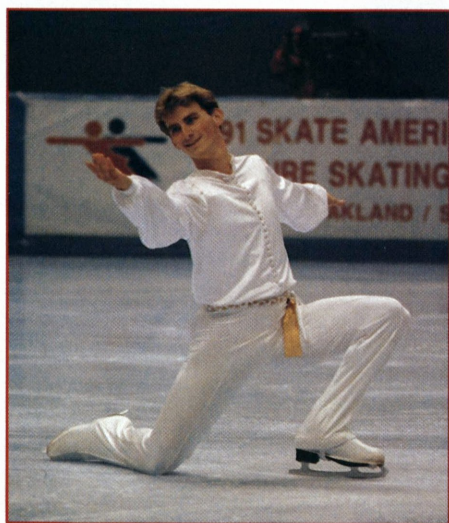
Czechoslovakia's skating stylist Petr Barna provided Bowman with his toughest bout at this competition. Barna's programs were nearly flawless, but lacked the technical difficulty needed to overcome Bowman.

Barna led after the OP, however, falling to second place overall after completing six

triple jumps -- to the champion's eight -- and only one triple Lutz/triple toe combination during the free skate portion.

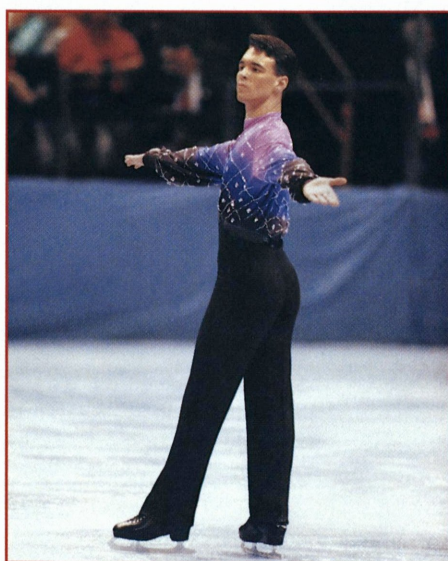
Todd Eldredge's bronze medal simply does not reflect all of the troubles that met him at this competition. He was fourth to skate his new original program and fourth to finish in that discipline. He made two attempts at a triple jump combination -- finally ending his program with one more failed attempt at the earlier-missed triple Axel/triple toe combination.

Eldredge followed Bowman in the free skating event and from the moment he skated onto the ice it was evident that something was amiss. His new program has potential but he lacked charisma and his usual strong, competitive attitude. He showed marked technical improvement from the previous night and successfully executed seven triple jumps, two in combination, and managed to salvage the bronze medal.



PAM LUCAS

Men's Bronze
TODD ELDREDGE
USA



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Men's Fourth
MICHAEL CHACK
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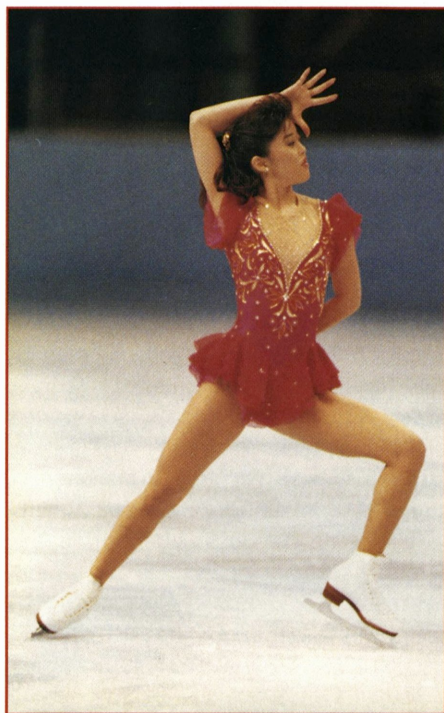
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**Ladies' Gold
TONYA HARDING
USA**

Michael Chack made an impressive appearance at his first major international competition. He moved from sixth after the original program to fourth overall and brought the audience to a standing ovation with his performance. Another crowd pleaser and popular entertainer, Steven Cousins from Great Britain, brought the audience to their feet. He finished seventh at this competition just behind the Soviet Union's Viacheslav Zagorodniuk who is plagued with inconsistency.

LADIES

The ladies' event provided one more tête-a-tête battle between two U. S. competitors -- National Champion Tonya Harding and World Champion Kristi Yamaguchi -- either of which is capable of dethroning the other on a given day. Yamaguchi, the likely victor at '91



GEORGE S. ROSSANO

**Ladies' Silver
KRISTI YAMAGUCHI
USA**

Nationals, was defeated by Harding and her history making triple Axel. Armed with a bag full of triples and an elegant style, Yamaguchi marched into Munich last spring to capture the ladies' World title and to lead her own history making U.S. ladies' sweep. This was their third duel this year; their last before the 1992 Nationals next month in Orlando, Fla.

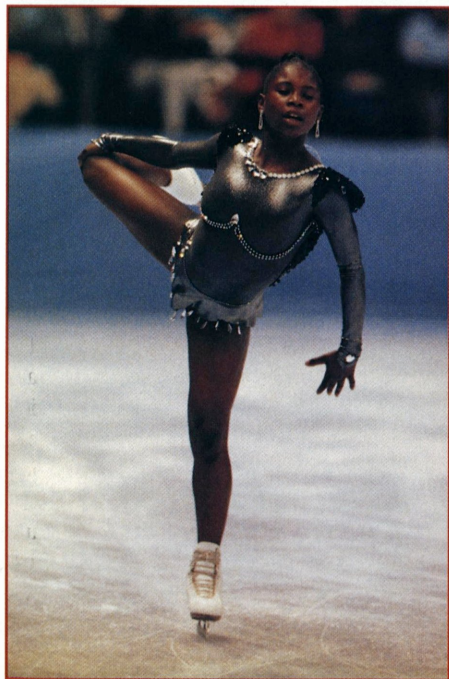
Just as Bowman brought a bit of drama to the men's event, Tonya Harding provided a tale of her own. She was stranded in heavy traffic outside of the Oakland Coliseum just one-half hour

before she was scheduled to warm-up for the ladies free skate program. She managed to hitch a ride in a convertible carrying three people sympathetic to her situation. They drove backward through traffic to get her to the arena on time.

It was Tonya Harding's turn to win. She was fourth to skate the ladies' original program; Yamaguchi fifth. Harding skated a clean program, only stumbling near the end on a double Axel. It was the first time she had fallen on a double Axel in competition in nine years. The fall, coupled with a beautiful OP by Yamaguchi, put Harding in the second place position after the original program.

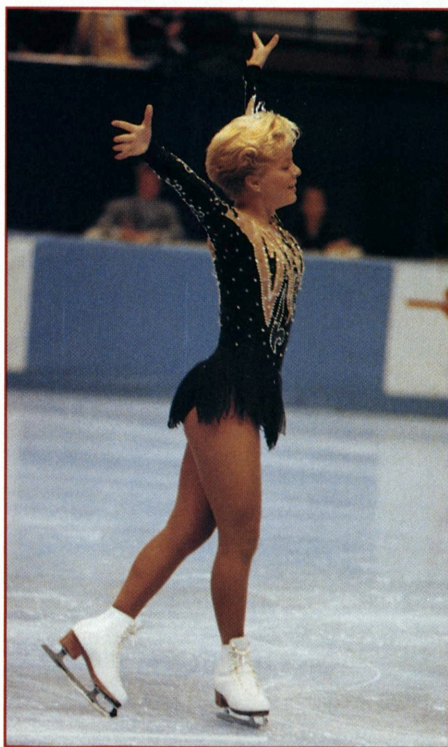
Ironically, it was this same jump that would provide her only flaw in the long program.

Harding unveiled her second of two new programs for the free skating portion of the competition. She came out strong with her trademarked audience-pleasing triple Axel. She performed a total of six triple jumps executing each near perfection -- two judges thought her program was technically perfect and awarded her with 6.0's. She turned a double into a single (because a hook broke off of her boot) at the very end of her program, again on the double Axel, but nothing significant enough to lower her marks.



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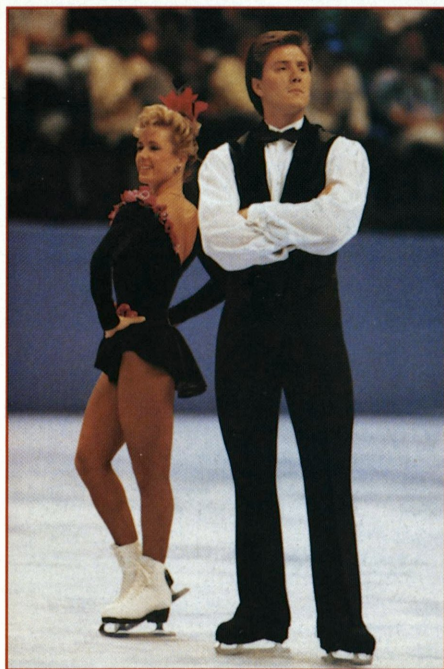


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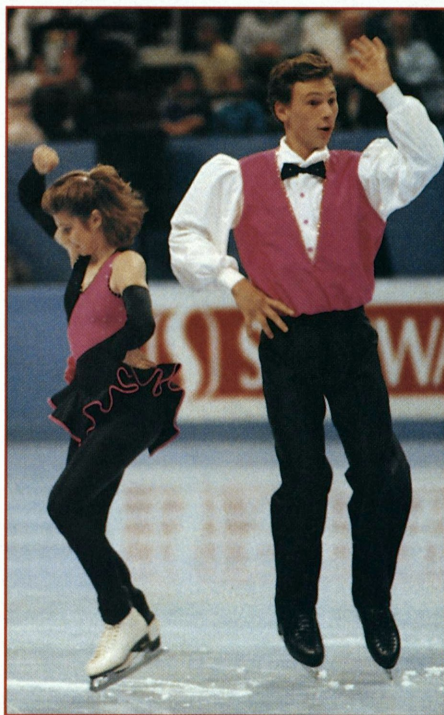


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Pair's Gold
CALLA URBANSKI &
ROCKY MARVAL
USA

She skated with a strong style easily revealing the confidence she has developed within the past 10 months. She has fine tuned her own style including her music, "2001 Space Odyssey," and her costumes -- complete to her gold blades. She won the free skating portion of the event and the title.

Skate America '91 silver medalist Kristi Yamaguchi also unveiled her new programs at this competition. Yamaguchi skated the OP immediately following Harding. Her marks for technical merit were higher than Harding's and she received all 5.8's and 5.9's for her artistic interpretation to "Blue Danube." Yamaguchi led the ladies after the original program.



INGRID BUTT

Pair's Silver
ELENA NIKONOVA &
NICKOLI APTER
URS

She did not fare as well in the free skating portion of the event. Yamaguchi opened with a new triple Lutz/triple toe combination and fell. After her initial fall, she completed three triples, singled one, and stepped out of another one.

"As far as the overall program I am very happy with it. I made some mistakes and have time to polish it," Yamaguchi added, "I was a little surprised (with her marks) but I made some major mistakes."

Capturing the competition's bronze medal was Surya Bonaly of France. She was wedged into the third position after the original program -- a slot that she held through the free skate.

Bonaly, (known for her jumping prowess) too, said she needed more rest and recovery time before this competition. She performed seven triple jumps; touching down on the first, stumbling on a couple of others, and stepping out of the final triple toe.

Although she fought through her original program and sat in last place, Tisha Walker skated to "Escape from Venice," Theme from "Missing," "Live and Let Die," and "Olympic Fanfare and Theme," for her free skate program, successfully completing five triples to boost her final placement to fifth place.

China's 14-year-old Lu Chen held fourth place through both programs and certainly left a first and lasting impression on the audience and skating judges with her technical ability and beautiful style. She was third at World Juniors last year and 12th at the 1991 World Championships in Munich.

Another young newcomer, 14-year-old Nathalie Krieg of Switzerland, was an audience favorite with her fast and unique variations of the Biellmann spin.

PAIRS

Now partnered one year, Calla Urbanski and Rocky Marval skated well together and showed good speed and confidence in their style.

"We've had better communication this year and we've worked a lot on repetition," said Urbanski in reference to their fast rise through the ranks of U.S. pair teams. "We want to go after the National title and the Olympics."

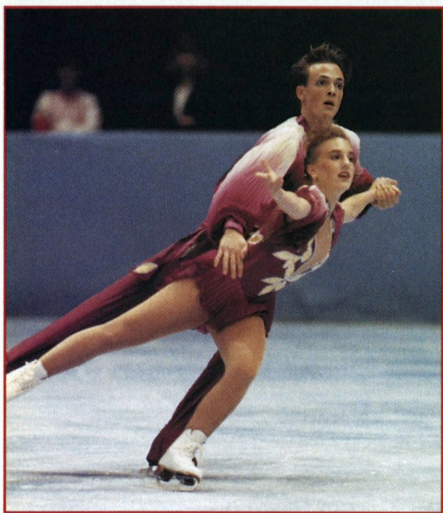
Their sync was off a bit during their original program but the technical elements were strong enough to keep them in second position, just behind U.S. Pair Champions Natasha Kuchiki and Todd Sand, going into the free skate program.

The duo skated their new long program demonstrating good height in their throw



INGRID BUTT

Pair's Bronze
PEGGY SCHWARZ & ALEXANDER KÖNIG
GER



GEORGE S. ROSSANO

Pair's Fifth
JENNIFER HEURLIN &
JOHN FREDERIKSEN
USA

jumps and good speed throughout the program. Their high energy routines quickly captivated the audience. Urbanski fell on a side-by-side double Axel but the remainder of the program looked strong.

Kuchiki and Sand performed beautifully to "Concerto in F" by Gershwin and skated like national champions. They were deservedly first going into the free skate.

It was hard to believe that this was the same pair skating the long program. Kuchiki and Sand experienced one problem after another on their usually consistent elements. They did a beautiful forward inside death spiral but Kuchiki fell out of a throw triple loop. Both fell coming out of a split triple twist and were sent into the barrier. They finished seventh in this portion of the competition; sixth overall.



INGRID BUTT

Pair's Sixth
NATASHA KUCHIKI & TODD SAND
USA

The Soviet team of Elena Nikonova and Nickoli Apter were in fourth position after the original program and easily moved up to a silver medal finish. They skated well together showing good anticipation of one another's moves. Their free skate program contained a high level of difficulty which they performed with confidence.

The pair bronze medal went to Peggy Schwarz and Alexander König from Germany. They skated a strong original program that put them into contention for the bronze medal. They dropped slightly to fourth place in the free skate portion of the event when she stumbled out of their side-by-side triple toe loops. They had

outstanding synchronization for both programs. Schwarz and König were seventh at Worlds in Munich last year.

Americans Jennifer Heurlin and John Frederiksen skated a stunning original program to España Cani. They are now training with Bill Fauver at the Broadmoor World Arena in Colorado Springs, Colo. They have made marked improvement in their musical interpretation, balletic moves, and with their speed and confidence. One judge awarded them with a first place mark. They finished fifth in the free skate and fifth overall.

DANCE

The Soviets can still surprise even the most dedicated skating fans with their covey of graceful and polished ice dancers and they did so at this competition by introducing relative "unknown" skaters Tatiana Navka and Samuel Gezaletan. The

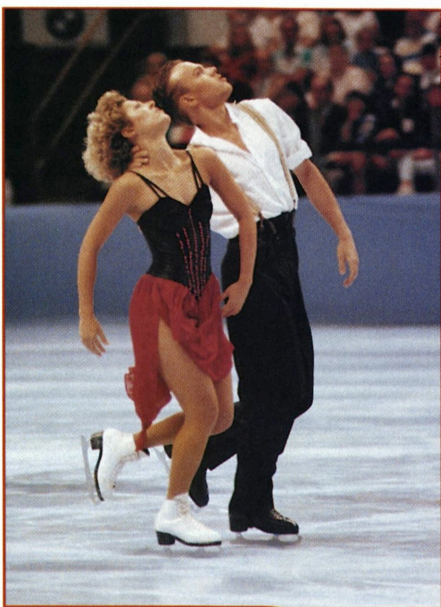
audience was enamored with the couple's beautiful balletic moves, long lines, and speed. They were fourth after the compulsory dances but with a strong polka and elegant free dance program they won the gold medal.

Close behind them were Finns Susanna Rahkamo and Petri Kokko. They easily led after the compulsory dances but dropped to fourth place with their rendition of the polka. Some felt it was more of a Hoedown than a polka. They improved their marks with innovative moves and a difficult free dance program to "Symphonic Number 6" by Tchaikovsky that boosted them two places to their silver medal finish. This couple trains in Oberstdorf, Germany and placed seventh at last year's World Championships; just ahead of the French couple that captured this competition's bronze medal.



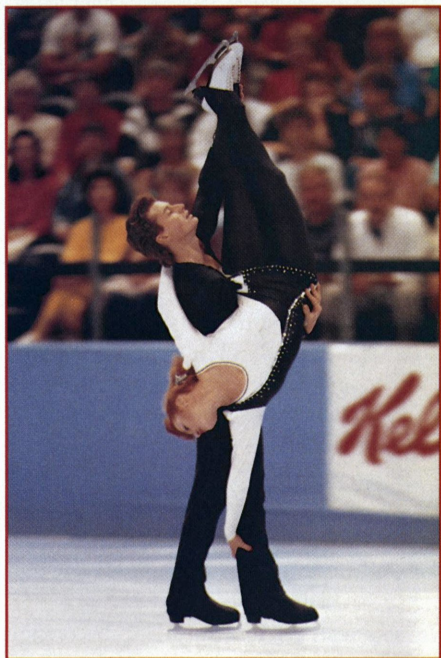
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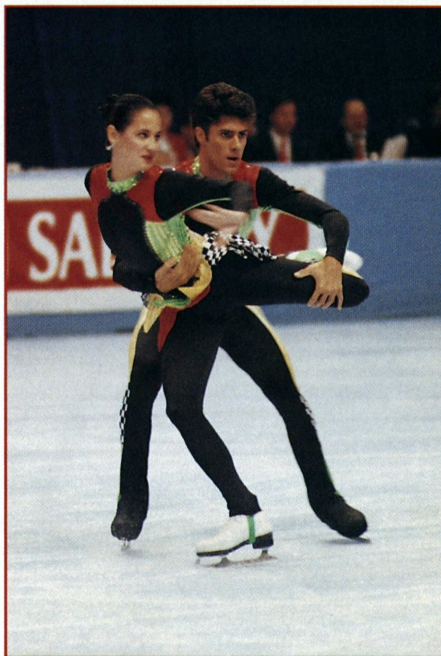


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Dance Bronze
DOMINIQUE YVON &
FREDERIC PALLUEL
FRA

French dancers Dominique Yvon and Frederic Palluel edged U.S. Champions Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow from their third place standing. The French couple was second going into the free dance; Punsalan and Swallow, third.

Punsalan and Swallow, who, under the tutelage of Sandra Hess, showed improvement in their compulsory dances. They had one small slip at the beginning of their polka; enough to bump them to fourth place overall for the competition. They skated their now well-known race car program that looked polished and comfortable.



INGRID BUTT

Dance Fourth
ELIZABETH PUNSALAN &
JEROD SWALLOW
USA

Other U.S. ice dancers Rachel Mayer and Peter Breen received fifth and sixth place marks from the judges to finish sixth at the competition. They have nice lines and edges and showed difficult footwork throughout the original program. They are also training with Sandra Hess in Colorado Springs.

Beth Buhl and Neale Smull finished in ninth place. Two days before the free skate event, Buhl fell during a practice and was temporarily hospitalized for a minor concussion.

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2. Petr Barna, CZE, 1-2-2.5
3. **Todd Eldredge, USA, 4-3-5.0**
4. **Michael Chack, USA, 6-4-7.0**
5. Eric Millot, FRA, 5-5-7.5
6. Viacheslav Zagorodniuk, URS, 3-7-8.5
7. Steven Cousins, GRB, 7-6-9.5
8. Mirko Eichhorn, GER, 8-8-12.0
9. Fumihiko Oikawa, JPN, 10-9-14.0
10. Michael Slipchuk, CAN, 9-10-14.5

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1. **Tonya Harding, USA, 2-1-2.0**
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4. Chen Lu, CHN, 4-4-6.0
5. Natalia Gorbenko, URS, 5-7-9.5
6. **Tisha Walker, USA, 10-5-10.0**
7. Patricia Neske, GER, 9-6-10.5
8. Junko Yaginuma, JPN, 7-8-11.5
9. Josee Chouinard, CAN, 6-9-12.0
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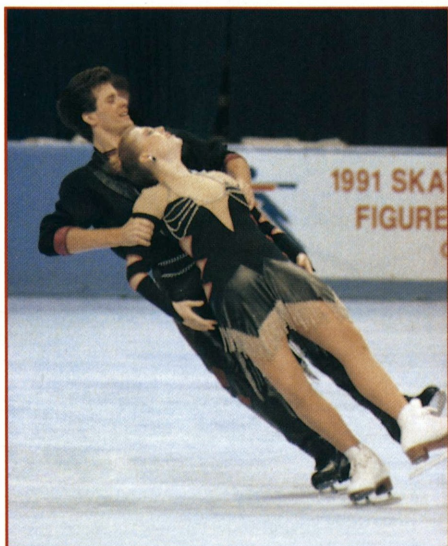
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6. **Natasha Kuchiki & Todd Sand, USA, 1-7-7.5**
7. M. Savard-Gagnon & Luc Bradet, CAN, 8-6-10.0
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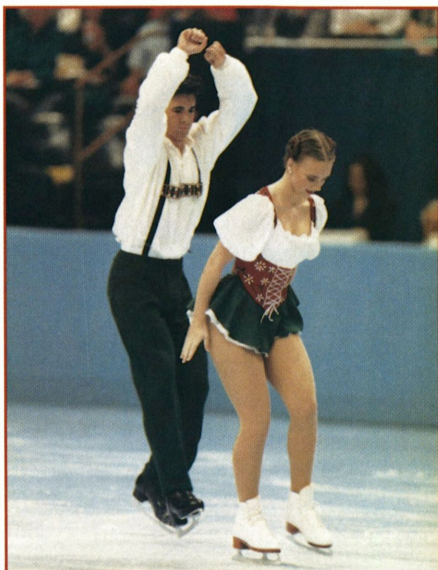
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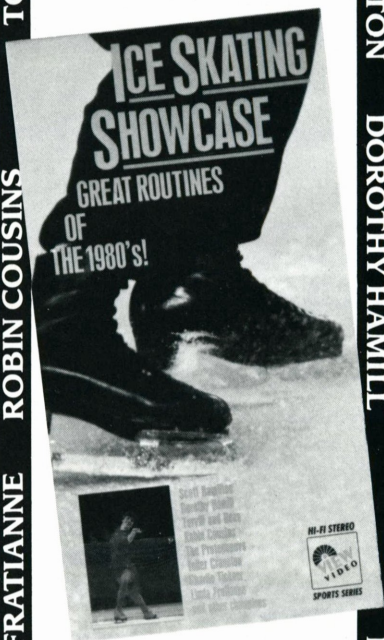
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A choreographer in dance is the creator and selector of music, theme, choreography, dancers, costumes, etc. But a skating choreographer fulfills several needs of the coaches who require their services.

In analyzing the situation, I placed skating choreographers into several categories:

The Complete Choreographer

This choreographer is one who thinks of the idea or motivation and carries it out from beginning to end; i.e., selecting the music, arranging the elements into the pattern of the program, and continuing to work on it until it is performed. However, sometimes the complete choreographer will finish the program and not see it until it is in competition. The complete choreographer is seldom used in the lower levels.

Choreographer

A choreographer in this category may or may not select the music and theme. Since the coach is responsible for the success of the technical elements, he may have definite feelings about the placement of jumps and arrangement of spins, especially for the young or immature skater. Here again the alliance must be close between the coach and the choreographer. When the skater is mature, responsible, and wise enough to work with the complete choreographer, the coach can step out of the picture.

So, in this category, the coach is by the choreographer's side, advising and learning all the choreography to help the skater fulfill

the choreographer's plan and maintain the original concept.

Choreographer/Artistic Coach

The coach in this category probably picks the music, sets the arrangement of the elements, and then hands the skater over to the choreographer/artistic coach. I use the title choreographer now in a looser context, because there have been restrictions placed which limit the choreographer's ability to be fully creative, as the choreographer has nothing to say about the music and the way it is cut.

When listening to music, a choreographer is thinking about bringing out a story or the emotions of the music, as well as highlighting the athletic abilities of the skater. On the other hand, coaches may be listening for the "bangs" or "booms" on which to land a jump. I'm not saying that this is wrong, but there are all kinds of dynamics that can be used. Landing a jump on silence or setting unusual movements to strong musical sounds can be very effective.

Artistic Coach/Choreographer

Now we have another situation. The coach has choreographed the program and says to the choreographer "do the arms." This always makes me want to respond with "I don't do windows!" However, I must say, this is valid. This coach may love to choreograph or is trying to learn how to choreograph and needs help. The coach might also say "I have left certain places open because I could not think of anything to do there." The only danger here is that the program may lack cohesiveness if too many different styles are introduced.

Artistic Coach

The coach now is the choreographer, and just needs someone to develop the dynamics, articulations, presentation, or "pizzazz"; and is definite about not wanting anything changed. The choreographer is now the *artistic or style coach*.

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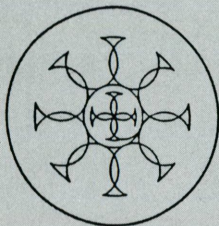
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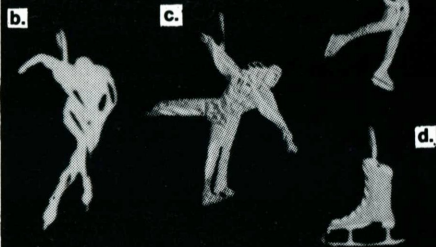
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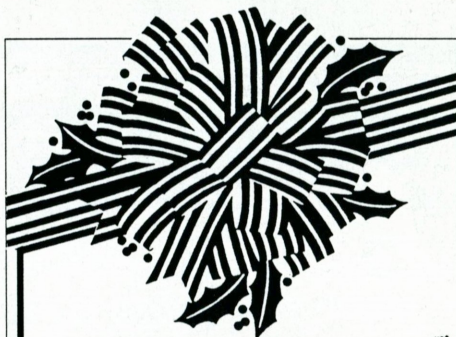
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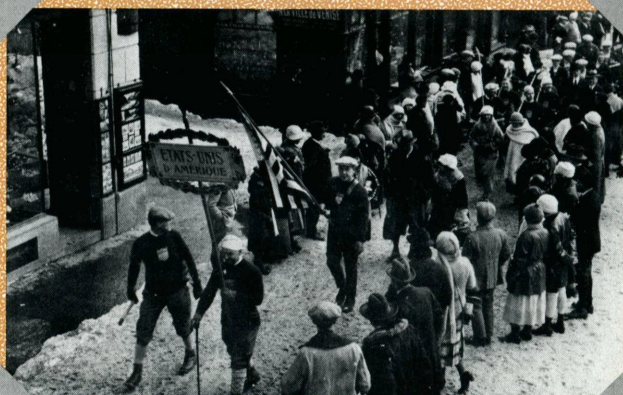
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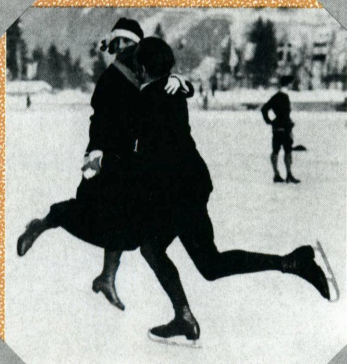
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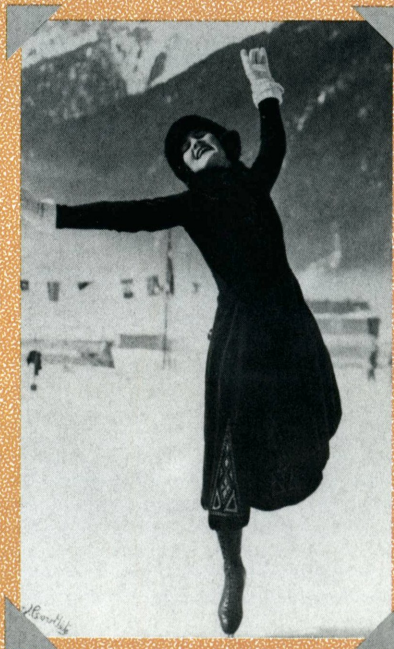
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Chamonix-Mont-Blanc — January 25 to February 4, 1924

The success of the skating and hockey events at the 1920 Olympiad in Antwerp increased the demand for a separate Olympic Games for winter sports. The International Olympic Committee could not come to a consensus, but instead, it approved an international Winter Sports Week to be held in Chamonix-Mont-Blanc in 1924. It was planned to be distinctly separate from the VIIIth Olympiad with separate awards and diplomas, though held with the sanction of the IOC.

The Games opened with 294 competitors from 17 countries, the largest gathering ever of winter athletes. All ice events were held in the giant outdoor ice stadium with a surface of 27,000 square meters. The speed skating oval occupied the outside ring with two hockey surfaces in the middle of the stadium. Curling fields and areas for figure skating were located on each end.

Gillis Grafström of Sweden, the 1922 World Champion, successfully defended his 1920 Olympic title. Willy Böckl, the 1923 World silver medalist placed second, followed by Georg (Georges) Gautschi of Switzerland.

Herma Plank-Szabo of Austria won the ladies' gold medal, followed in a surprising showing by Beatrix Loughran, of the United States in her first international meet, winning the silver medal. (No other American woman would finish as high for the next 28 years.) Popular Ethel Muckelt of Great Britain placed third.

In the pairs at Chamonix a classic battle was staged between two rival teams: the 1920 Olympic and 1914 and 1923 World Pair Champions Ludowika and Walter Jakobsson of Finland, against the 1922 and later 1924 World Champions, Helene Englemann and Alfred Berger from Austria. The latter won, putting an end to the Finnish couple's domination. Third place was taken by Andrée Joly and Pierre Brunet of France, the first signs of a new domination.

At the meeting of the IOC in Prague in 1925, based on the success of the Chamonix week, a resolution was passed on May 27 to establish official Olympic Winter Games on a four-year cycle in the same year as the summer games but without the use of the word "Olympiad." In the process, the 1924 Winter Sports Week was recognized as the first Olympic Winter Games ... after the fact ... and St. Moritz, Switzerland, was chosen as the site for the second Games.

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In the many years that I have been involved with skaters, I have found myself in all of the above categories at sometime or another. Being an artistic coach to low level skaters is by far the most difficult, and yet it can be very rewarding work. It is here that the coach can build the skater's body by developing, through exercises, the correct body placement to prepare it for the difficult work that lies ahead. At this age level the skaters' bodies are easier to mold and you can teach the kind of work that will prevent bad habits that later are difficult to break.

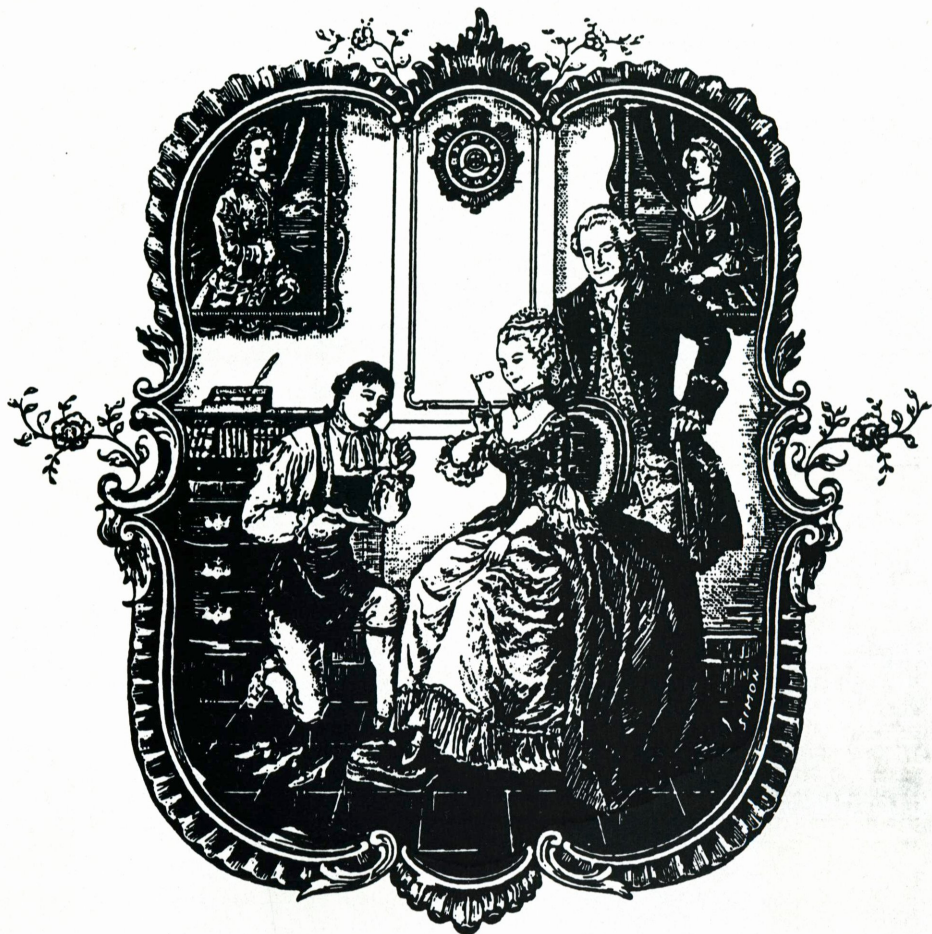
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