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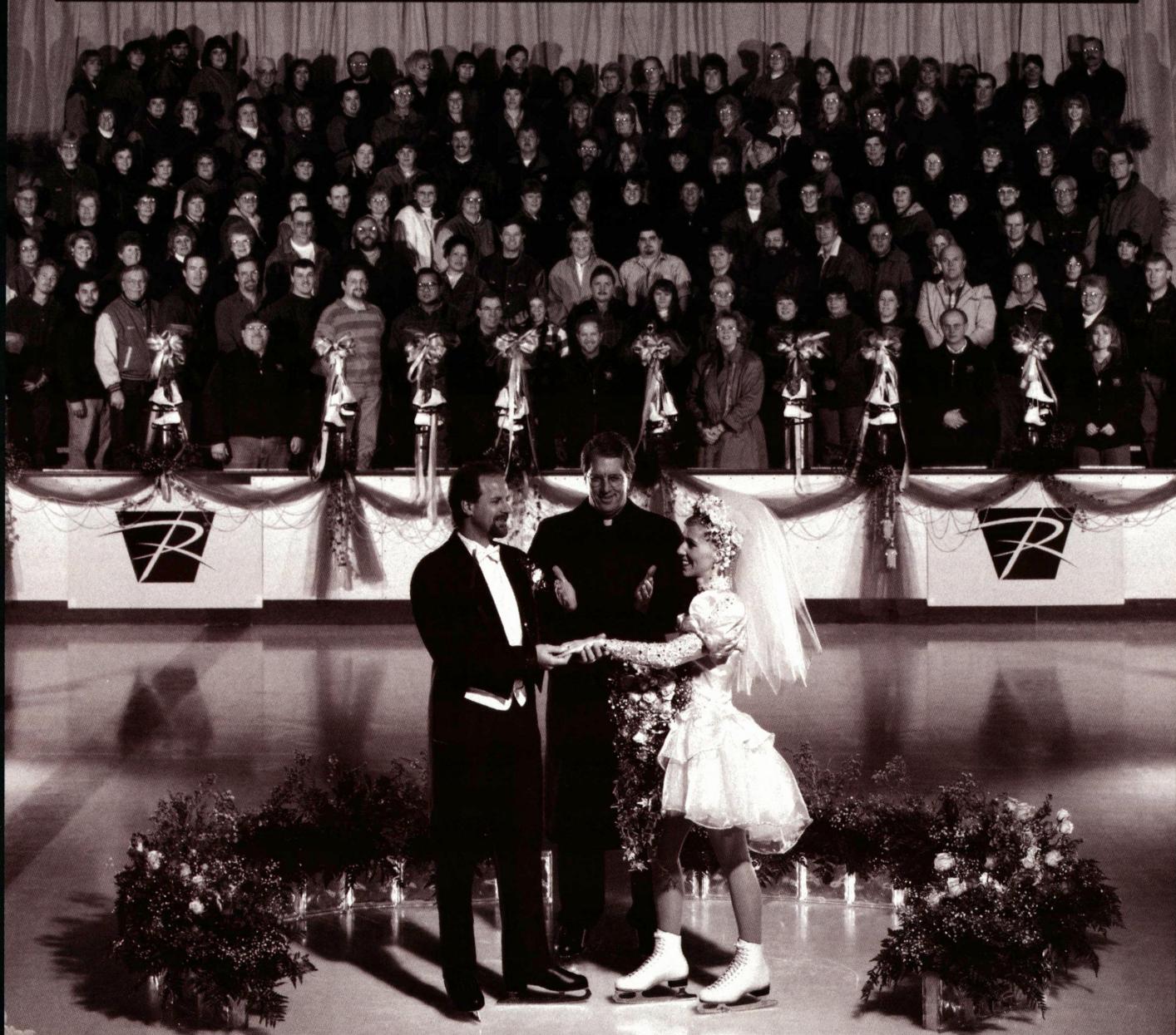


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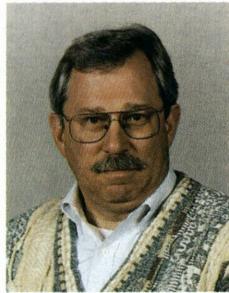
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The Changing Face of the USFSA

By **John LeFevre**
USFSA Executive Director



As a volunteer for three decades I must admit that I knew little about what happens at the USFSA Headquarters except that somehow, in some way, skating tasks were completed and our skating lives continued. Indeed, it is our job here to make your skating lives easier and more enjoyable. It is a job that has become increasingly complex over the years because of the growth of the sport in general — particularly since 1994.

At one time — before the late 1970s — USFSA Headquarters was located in Boston. At that time, it was considerably smaller and less pro-active than it is now. During the presidency of Charles A. DeMore, governing authorities in the USFSA made a decision — for a variety of reasons — to move Headquarters to Colorado Springs, Colo. and build a new building to house its offices. Since that time, in the shadows of The Broadmoor Hotel and Pikes Peak, your staff has continued to serve the varying needs of its constituency as demands associated with the sport have increased.

Historically, while the Headquarters staff has functioned in supplemental roles, you, as volunteers, have done most of the work (in the early days) at your expense. Volunteers really worked "for free" and actually absorbed most, if not all, the costs.

Now, of course, the staff is larger, your needs are greater and the organization pays the expenses of both volunteers and staff in doing the Association's work, which is considerably more complex and in greater volume than before. Today, because of the demands of our economy, volunteers cannot devote the time and energy to skating matters that they have in the past and maintain what they regard as an acceptable standard of living. Because men and women generally choose to spend less time in discretionary activities (like skating) and more time at their careers, it only follows that in order to maintain an acceptable level of activity and service in skating, someone has to "take up the slack." In most cases that "someone" has been, quite properly, your Headquarters staff. After all, that is why we exist.

You might find it incredulous when I write that today, even at increased levels (relative to 20 years ago), your staff is barely able to shoulder the workload. While we are working to correct our deficiencies, there is a limit to what we can do with what we have. The alternative is to begin the expansion process again in earnest.

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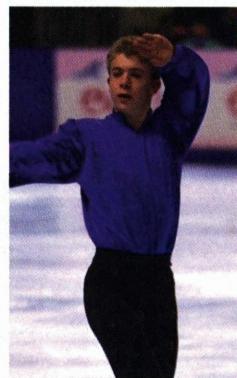
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Chevrolet signs on as title sponsor of USFSA's Skate With U.S. program

In a move that extends its already strong support of the sport of figure skating down to the grassroots level, USFSA national sponsor Chevrolet recently announced its title sponsorship of the USFSA's Skate With U.S. basic skills program.

The Chevrolet/USFSA Skate With U.S. program, which officially began Sept. 1, 1998, is the USFSA's official learn-to-skate program that teaches basic skating skills to people of all ages.

This agreement continues Chevrolet's support of figure skating in the United States. The Chevrolet / USFSA Skate with U.S. is the latest program that brings the two organizations together. Chevrolet Malibu, Cavalier and Lumina, the three car brands involved in the sponsorship, also sponsor USFSA programs unique to their brand.

The Chevy Malibu Team 2002 is comprised of top novice skaters who have been identified by the USFSA as high-potential Olympic Team members. Chevrolet helps these athletes prepare for competition by providing team training and workshops throughout the year and the Chevy Malibu "Award of Excellence," a \$2,000 scholarship given to one of these top-ranking skaters.

The Chevy Lumina Scholastic Honors Team is a group of skaters annually

selected for recognition based on a combination of their academic and athletic achievements. Chevy Lumina recognizes these athletes at an annual ceremony and provides them with \$1,000 scholarships.

Chevy Cavalier has been proud to sponsor the "Perfect Six" award, providing a new convertible to the skater who achieved the most 6.0 scores at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships. This year, Cavalier will be introducing a new sponsorship program in support of the USFSA, which will be named later this year.

"We are excited that Chevrolet is continuing its involvement with the United States Figure Skating Association by providing the support necessary to continue quality skating programs at all levels," said Jimmy Disbrow, USFSA President. "The Chevrolet/USFSA Skate with U.S. program is critical to providing opportunities for future Olympic and World-level figure skaters across the United States."

Established in 1985, the USFSA's Skate with U.S. basic skills program has

enrolled more than 315,000 people since its inception, and has attracted avid figure skaters between the ages of 1 and 94.

The new program consists of seven different areas — Snowplow Sam, Basic

Eights, free skate, precision team, dance, hockey and power hockey. This comprehensive approach uses bright-colored test badges and sticker-filled record books to attract and keep individuals enthused about figure skating from the very first lesson until the time they reach their goals.

Snowplow Sam is the introductory level that introduces preliminary moves to preschool-age skaters. The Basic Eights are eight carefully-planned levels that allow the beginning skater to feel comfortable while gaining the basic skills necessary for other levels. In free skate, skaters learn jumps, spins and other artistic moves.

Precision team introduces the skater to precision team skating and teaches them elementary holds and formations. Dance teaches participants the footwork, timing and dance holds neces-

sary for basic ice dancing skills. Hockey is designed to enhance power and speed and to incorporate stick handling, goal tending and skills of the game of hockey. Power hockey is designed to improve coordination, stamina and speed, especially desirable to those in hockey.

"Chevrolet is proud to be a sponsor of the United States Figure Skating Association for the third year and we're especially excited to be involved in a program that has the ability to reach so many families on a grassroots level," said Jim Jandasek, Chevrolet's national manager for passenger car advertising. "We are hoping that through this unique program, Chevrolet can help foster the talent of some of skating's future stars and help them reach their dreams. It's definitely a program that reflects what Genuine Chevrolet is all about."

The sponsorship includes distribution of Chevrolet / USFSA Skate With U.S. registration packets to approximately 50,000 new members annually, the creation of a promotional poster that will be distributed to 500 user groups across the country and Chevrolet Skate with U.S. informational handouts and announcements at major events such as Skate America International.



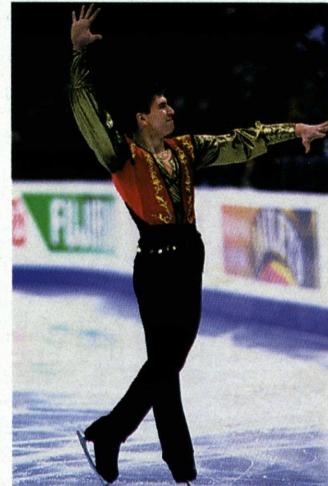
Stojko headlines world-class field for Skate America '98 in Detroit

Three-time World Champion Elvis Stojko of Canada leads an impressive lineup of U.S. and World medalists who have confirmed their participation in the Thrifty Car Rental Skate America International '98 to be held at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, Mich., Oct. 29-Nov. 1.

The Thrifty Car Rental Skate America International '98 is the first of six events that make up the ISU Champions Series that culminates with the ISU Grand Prix Final in St. Petersburg, Russia, March 4-7, 1999.

Stojko, the 1998 Olympic silver medalist, will be joined in the men's competition by 1998 World champion Alexei Yagudin of Russia and 1994 Olympic champion Alexei Urmanov of Russia. The United States will be represented by 1998 U.S. silver medalist Michael Weiss of Fairfax, Va., 1998 World Junior champion Derrick Delmore of Fort Washington, Md., and Shepherd Clark of Atlanta, Ga., who placed fourth in the 1998 State Farm U.S. Championships.

1998 World bronze medalist Maria Butryskaya of Russia and Anna Rechnio of Poland who placed fifth in the 1998 World Championships headline the ladies competition. Leading the U.S. effort will be 1998 U.S. Olympic Team member Nicole Bobek of Chicago,



Reigning World champion Alexei Yagudin of Russia will join Elvis Stojko in a star-studded men's field at the Thrifty Car Rental Skate America International '98.

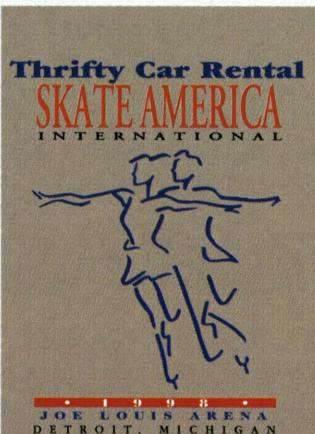
Ill. Bobek is a 1995 U.S. champion and claimed a bronze medal in the 1995 World Championships. Joining Bobek in the ladies competition will be up-and-coming U.S. star Angela Nikodinov of San Pedro, Calif. Nikodinov, who placed fourth in the 1998 Goodwill Games, returns to Skate America for the second straight year after placing fourth in 1997. Also competing will be 1994 World bronze medalist Tanja Szewczenko of Germany.

In the pairs competition, 1998 Olympic silver medalists and reigning world champions Elena Berezniaia and Anton Sikharulidze of Russia will be challenged by three strong teams from the United States. The newly formed team of Kyoko Ina of Guttenberg, N.J., and John Zimmerman of

Birmingham, Ala., with a combination of six U.S. Championship medals between them will compete together for the first time. Also representing the U.S. are the brother-sister teams of Danielle and Steve Hartsell of Westland, Mich., and Tiffany and Johnnie Stiegler of Manhattan Beach, Calif. The Hartsells placed fourth in the 1998 State Farm U.S. Championships and were 1997 U.S. Junior champions.

The dance competition will feature 1998 Olympic bronze medalists and World silver medalists Marina Anissina and Gwendal Peizerat of France. Also competing is Irina Lobacheva and Ilia Averbukh of Russia who placed fourth in the 1998 World Championships.

1998 U.S. Olympic and World Team members Jessica Joseph of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and Charles Butler of Kalamazoo, Mich., are scheduled to compete. Joseph and Butler claimed the silver medal at the 1998 State Farm U.S. Championships. Also competing for the U.S. is Naomi Lang of Allegan, Mich., and Peter Tchernyshev of Waterford, Mich. Lang and Tchernyshev were bronze medalists at the 1998 State Farm U.S. Championships.



Participants

(as of Sept. 11, 1998)

LADIES

Nicole Bobek (USA)
Maria Butryskaya (RUS)
Angela Nikodinov (USA)
Anna Rechnio (POL)
Tanja Szewczenko (GER)

MEN

Shepherd Clark (USA)
Derrick Delmore (USA)
Elvis Stojko (CAN)
Alexei Urmanov (RUS)
Michael Weiss (USA)
Alexei Yagudin (RUS)

PAIRS

Elena Berezniaia & Anton Sikharulidze (RUS)
Danielle Hartsell & Steve Hartsell (USA)
Kyoko Ina & John Zimmerman (USA)
Tiffany Stiegler & Johnnie Stiegler (USA)

DANCE

Marina Anissina/Gwendal Peizerat (FRA)
Jessica Joseph & Charles Butler (USA)
Naomi Lang & Peter Tchernyshev (USA)
Irina Lobacheva/Ilia Averbukh (RUS)

ABC, ISU ink five-year deal

ABC Sports, ESPN and Lifetime television have reached an agreement on a five-year deal with the International Skating Union (ISU) for the exclusive television broadcast rights to all ISU properties beginning in 1999. The announcement was made Sept. 17 by ABC Sports and the ISU.



The joint agreement includes the World Figure Skating Championships, the Grand Prix Series events and final; the World Speed Skating Championships; the World Short Track Championships and numerous other international skating competition. In all, there are 11 figure skating championships; five speed skating championships and four short-track speed skating championships in the the deal.

In commenting on the agreement, Brian McAndrews, Executive Vice President and General Manager of ABC Sports, said, "We are excited to extend our partnership with the ISU through 2004 and to give these world-class events unprecedented exposure on ABC, ESPN and, for the first time, Lifetime Television. The ISU package coupled with our existing long-term agreement with the USFSA will ensure that ABC Sports will be the home of all figure skating's premiere championship events well into the next century."

In jointly acquiring the ISU package, ABC ESPN and Lifetime will share events and have an unprecedented opportunity to cross-promote events throughout the skating season. The three networks are scheduled to broadcast a total of 60 hours of programming dedicated to the ISU each year.

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Already, thanks to Tom Collins, we are preparing to move into a new second floor, which will almost double our working space. We will fill this new space easily. We are in the process of modernizing our technological base — from installation of a new telephone system to rejuvenation of our computer network. Even so, almost every department at Headquarters is currently insufficiently staffed to comfortably meet the increasing demands of our volunteer forces and the sport. Financial projections indicate, however, that we will

shortly have the resources to expand significantly, a process which we have now begun. How comprehensive should this expansion be? How big should we get? We all know that there is always something more to be done.

Much of this expansion is being driven by the influx of money — both to the organization and to our skaters. Take our different events, for example. There are relatively small made-for-TV events which volunteers often eschew and Headquarters staff often (exclusively) support. These events usually make money for the organization and the skaters, but do little for our volunteer

Kwan adds HS diploma to list of accomplishments

Reigning World ladies' champion Michelle Kwan recently added another title to her already impressive list of accomplishments this past year: high school graduate.

In mid-September, the 18-year-old Kwan from Torrance, Calif., officially graduated from Rim of the World High School in Lake Arrowhead, Calif. Principal Walt Harris presented Kwan with her diploma in a private ceremony (shown right).

Despite a demanding skating schedule that took her around the world, Kwan excelled academically, earning a near-perfect 3.9 (out of 4.0) grade point average in her senior year and graduated with an impressive 3.61 cumulative GPA.

"I had two goals this year: to make it to the Olympics and to



graduate high school," said Kwan, who captured five titles and the Olympic silver medal this past skating season. "Accomplishing both has really made it a dream year."

"It has been a pleasure to watch Michelle mature and develop as a student and as a person," said Linda Ward, the supervising teacher for Kwan's independent study program.

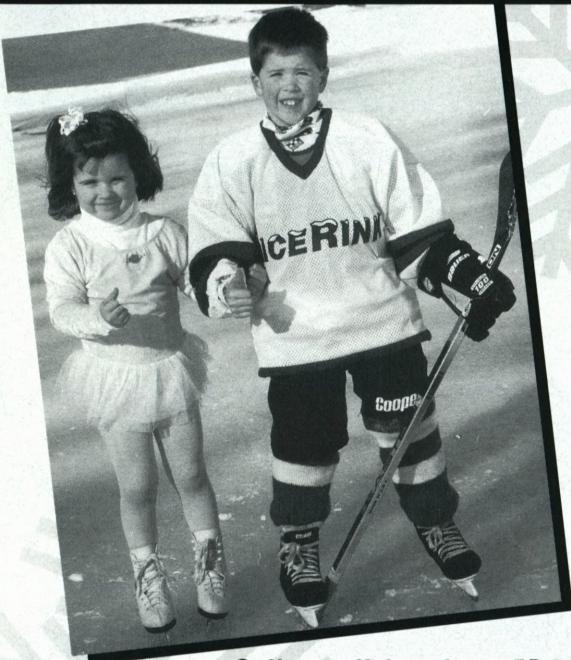
Kwan will take this year off from full-time studies to concentrate on her skating. She will, however, begin considering colleges for entry in the fall of 1999.

base. There are our traditionally "volunteer-staffed" events such as qualifying and non-qualifying competitions. Most of the time (with few exceptions), Headquarters staff is not directly involved in these events except in a distant support role (such as processing regional entry forms). However, these events have always been a part of the USFSA's *raison d'être*. Last, there are what I term our two "crossover" events, Skate America and the U.S. Championships, which Headquarters staff and volunteers traditionally work as a team to produce. Is this division of labor as it should be? Or, should the two

camps join forces more often? Should Headquarters staff become more directly involved in the USFSA's traditional competition structure? Should we encourage our volunteers to become more involved in our "proams"? The answer to this question will dictate, for example, just how large our Events Department at Headquarters needs to be. How broad is its mission?

I would love to hear from you (in writing only, please) on these questions and other issues raised by this article. There will be more articles. Keep reading and thinking. Thanks and good skating!

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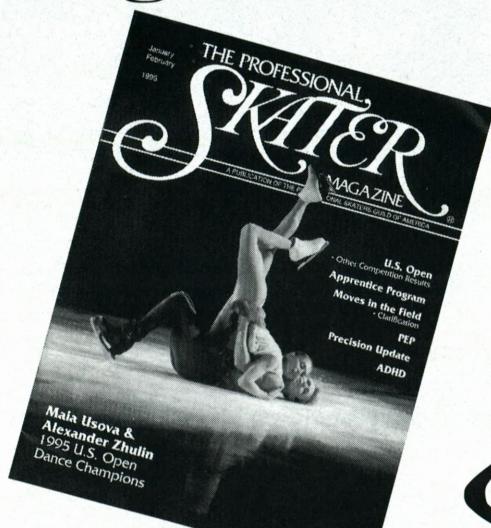
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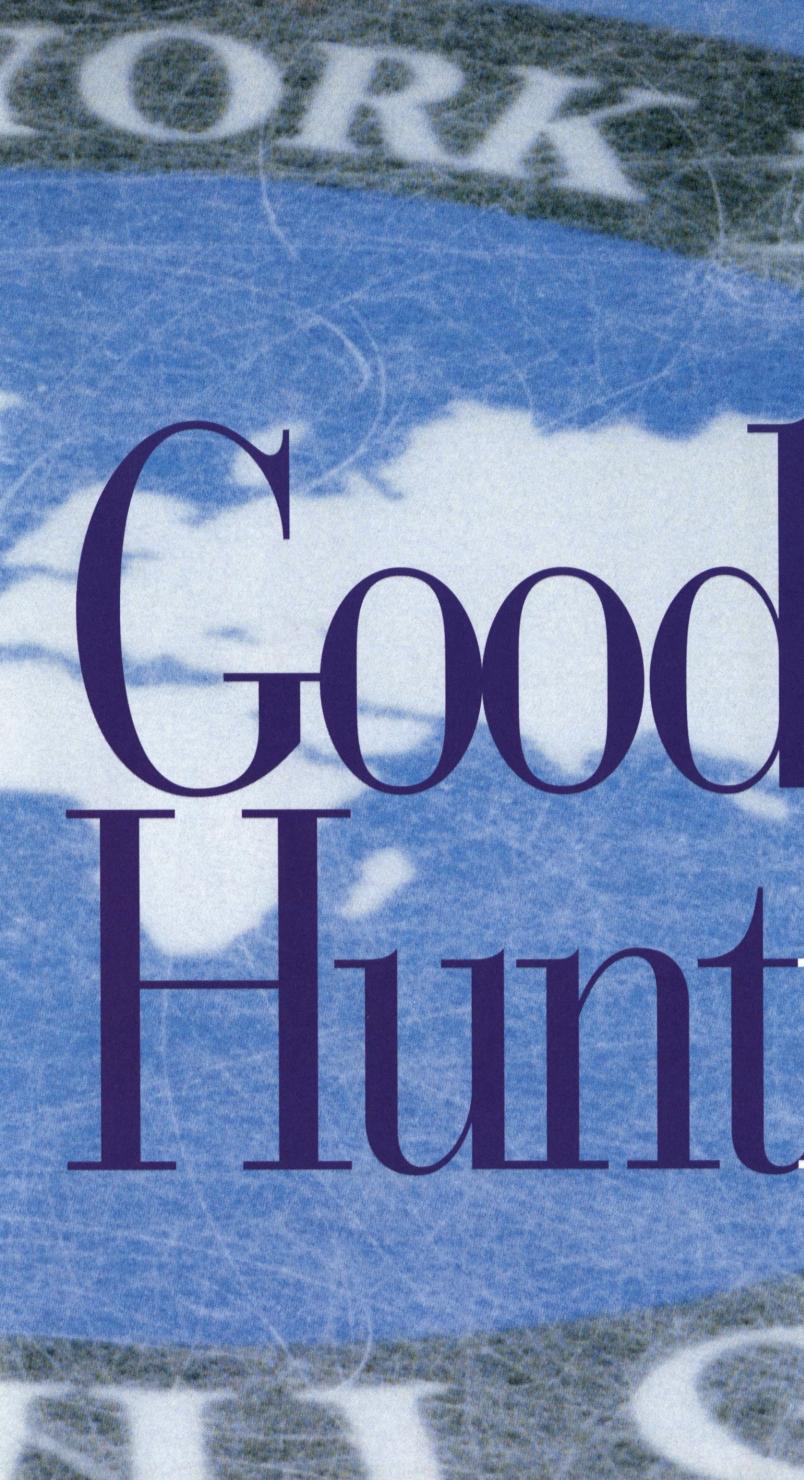
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Four years ago, Princess Diana, Mother Teresa, Sergei Grinkov and Carlo Fassi were still alive. Christopher Reeves wasn't a quadriplegic, and Scott Hamilton and Peggy Fleming weren't cancer survivors.

Madonna and Nancy Kerrigan hadn't yet become mothers. And the general populace hadn't yet heard of Monica Lewinsky or Tara Lipinski.

A lot has happened in both the world and the world of skating in the four years since the 1994 Goodwill Games took place in St. Petersburg, Russia. Media mogul Ted Turner's multi-sport event started in Moscow in 1986 as a method of thawing out the Cold War. It will continue indefinitely as a benefit for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America domestically and UNICEF internationally.



Goodwill Hunting.

Skating wrapped up these New York Goodwill Games, running from July 29—Aug. 2 at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum on Long Island. And though taking place in the middle of the off-season, it gave an idea of what could happen at least on the ice over the next four years.

As the closing act to the 1998 Goodwill Games, skating showed us that the search for excellence is a continuing quest.

By Susan Coulby

Men

Anyone who witnessed American Todd Eldredge's short, marked at 5.7-5.9, attested to its brilliance — not a step out of place or a movement out of line. Russia's Alexei Urmanov, coming back from more than a year of rehabilitation for a torn groin muscle, also delivered — earning 5.5-5.9 for second.

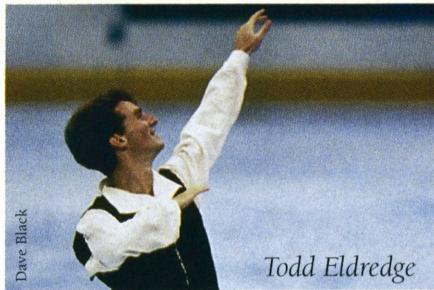
Evgeny Plushenko of Russia (5.3-5.8) followed in third, with Takeshi Honda of Japan (5.15-5.6) and Michael Weiss of the United States (4.5-5.6) completing the top five. Timothy Goebel of the United States (4.5-5.6), Evgeny Pliuta of Ukraine (4.5-5.4), Steven Cousins of Great Britain (4.5-5.4) and Li Yunfei of China (4.2-5.1) completed the field from sixth to ninth respectively.

Skating stronger in the free skate than he had in the short, Li, 19, was able to move up a spot to finish eighth, skating to the James Bond theme "For Your Eyes Only."

Goebel, 17, opened with a clean triple flip and an equally clean triple Axel-triple toe before launching into a quadruple Salchow that looked almost too easy. After completing that quad, he hit another triple Axel before popping what he had meant to be a quad toe. As Gasparyan's "A Cool Wind is Blowing" and "I Will Not Be Sad in This World" wound down, he whirled through a scratch spin before receiving marks of 5.2-5.7 and his first-ever standing ovation.

"It was probably the best program I have ever done in my entire life," said

Timothy Goebel of Rolling Meadows, Ill., nailed a clean quadruple Salchow in his free skate at the Goodwill Games — a program that he later described as "one of the best of my entire life."



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Todd Eldredge

Goebel, who moved up to fifth.

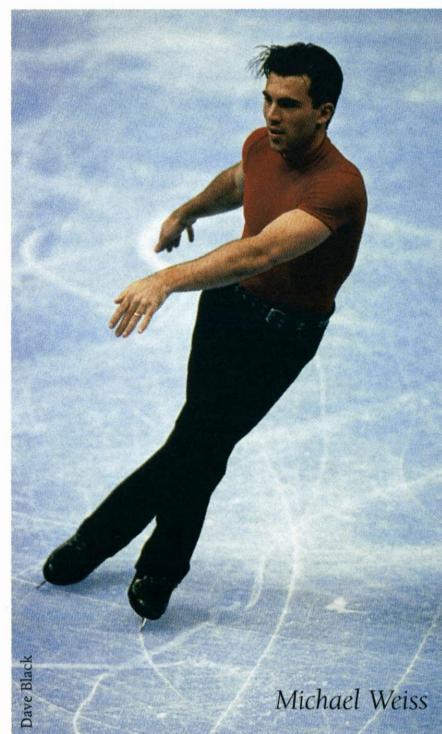
Cousins, 26, failed to capitalize on the momentum created by Goebel, by fluffing, falling on or fudging much of his program to Max Steiner's "Gone With the Wind" score. He did manage a triple Lutz, a triple Salchow and a triple flip-triple toe, but doubled a triple Axel and fell on a second triple Axel and triple flip. Marks of 4.8-5.5 put him last.

To a medley by Jean Michel Jarre, Plushenko, 15, impressed as he knocked off two triple Axels and a triple Lutz-triple toe before throwing in a few more triples for good measure. He two-footed his quad toe and back problems hindered his Bielmann spins, but he received 5.6-5.8 for the bronze medal.

Eldredge, 27, nearly equaled his finesse of two days earlier, hitting all eight triple jumps to the now-familiar sound of Jerry Goldsmith's "First Knight" soundtrack. Particularly noteworthy were the speed and form of his spins, the last of which led into the evening's second standing ovation and marks of 5.7-5.9. He completed the set of Goodwill Games medals he started in 1990 with bronze and added to in 1994 with silver.

"This is only my third competition since Nagano," Eldredge said. "It was difficult at the time, but it is one of those things that you put behind you and move on. It's not the end of my career and hopefully I'll do many other things in the future that will be even better than that."

Weiss, who turned 22 on exhibition day, began his free skate to Beethoven's "Egmont Overture" and "Pathetique" piano sonata with a missed landing on his quadruple toe. Though logging some good elements — triple Axel-triple toe and a triple Axel out of a jump counter — sloppy execution of a triple flip and a



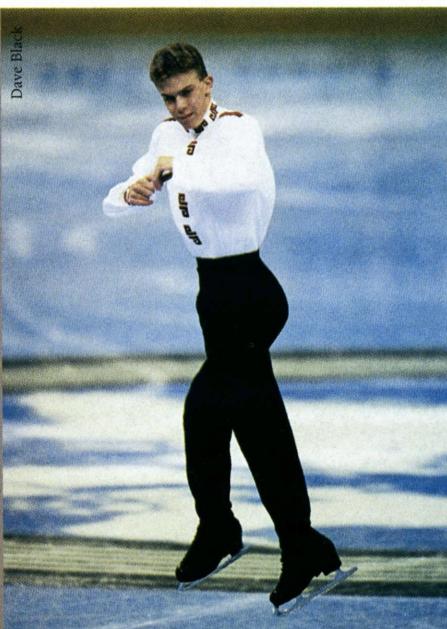
Dave Black

Michael Weiss

triple Lutz plus a lackluster scratch spin led to the 5.3-5.7 marks he received. They moved him up one spot, but kept him out of the medals.

Honda, 17, stumbled through a program to music from "The Man in the Iron Mask" that omitted a jump combination and included a crashed quad toe, a turned-out triple Lutz, a two-footed triple Axel and a popped triple Lutz. His marks ranged from 4.7-5.5, placing him sixth.

Urmanov, 24, made a well received return to competitive ice with a new tango program that had the audience clapping along. Though nailing a triple Axel-triple toe combination, he made no quad attempt. He also doubled a triple Lutz and spun out of a triple loop, earning scores of 5.6-5.9 for second.



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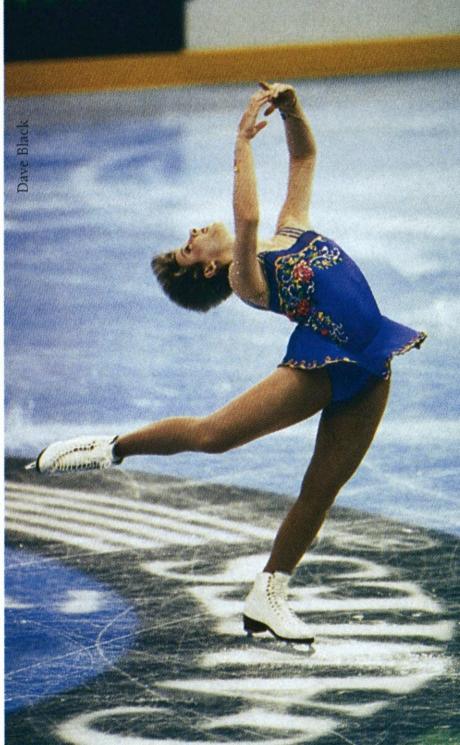
Ladies

The short program was an exercise in excellence for American Michelle Kwan, who tallied 5.8s, 5.9s and one 6.0 for presentation in her last performance of the Rachmaninov routine that she never sullied with a spill. Maria Butyrskaya of Russia (5.0-5.8) was second, with teammate Viktoria Volchkova (5.1-5.5) third and France's Laetitia Hubert (5.0-5.6) fourth. Completing the field were Russia's Irina Slutskaya (4.7-5.7), fifth; the United States' Angela Nikodinov (4.8 - 5.5) sixth; Poland's Anna Rechnio (4.7 - 5.5) seventh; and Russia's Elena Sokolova (4.6-5.6).

Sokolova, 18, presented the evening's first free skate, to Max Gazzola's "La Parole du Soleil." She completed only three triples — loop, Lutz and Salchow — having doubled two others that had been planned. She moved up one spot to finish seventh with scores of 5.2-5.3.

After a fall-filled practice, Slutskaya, 19, performed her long to the Russian folk piece "Ah, Nastasia" likewise. Though she managed a triple Salchow-double loop, a triple loop and two double Axels, a doubled Lutz and other errors gave her scores of 5.0-5.7 and left her in fifth place.

Rechnio, 20, fell on or doubled all but one of her jumps skating to a piece from Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty."



Managing just a triple loop, she received scores ranging from 4.4-5.2 and finished last.

It took a good landing on her opening triple Lutz-double toe, but Nikodinov, 18, did treat the audience to a rare smile. She also nailed a triple flip, a triple loop and a triple toe-double toe, but put a hand down on a triple Salchow and doubled a second Lutz. Her program to Prokofiev's "Cinderella" deserved the 5.3-5.6 marks that put her in fourth place.

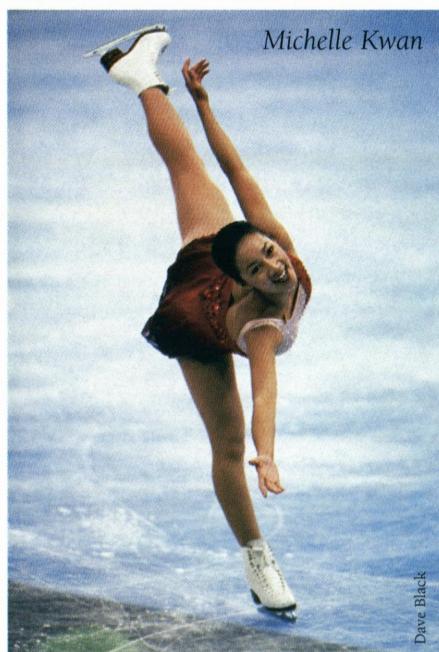
"It was really great in front of the home crowd," Nikodinov said. "I felt really comfortable skating tonight."

Butyrskaya, 26, followed with a less clean but more mesmerizing skate to "Otapal" by Raul di Blasio. She fell on a triple flip and a triple loop combination and touched down on a triple toe and a triple loop. But fluid spins and interesting choreography helped her earn the 5.2s-5.8s that gave her the silver medal.

Volchkova, who turned 16 the day of the short program, skated well to Rimsky-Korsakov's "Spanish Melody," but appeared nervous. She turned in a clean triple Lutz, flip and toe, but tripped out of her triple loop, fell on her triple Salchow and spun out of a triple Lutz-double toe. She tallied scores of 4.9-5.7 to keep the bronze.

Skating to Alwyn's "Lyra Angelica" and Satie's "Gymnopedie No. 3," Kwan, 18, nailed a triple Lutz-double

Angela Nikodinov delivered a solid free skate to "Cinderella," but finished just off the medal stand at the Goodwill Games.



toe, a triple toe-double toe, a triple flip, a double Axel, a second triple Lutz and a final triple toe. She fell on her least favorite jump, the triple loop, but her spins, steps and spirals clicked as usual. She earned marks of 5.7-5.9 for the win.

"These two programs that I performed here were two of my best, and I'm sad to see them go," said Kwan, who was presented her gold medal by former President Jimmy Carter. "Both have such meaning to everyone."

Like Slutskaya, Hubert, 24, suffered a dismal practice that carried over into the event. Her "Dead Can Dance" freeskate was marred by a triple flip that pitched forward, a doubled triple loop, wobbles on her triple Salchow and footwork and a fall on her triple flip. And as she headed off the rink to receive the scores, which ranged from 4.9-5.7, one of the flower girls collided with her and crashed to the ice. Hubert finished sixth.

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Maria Butyrskaya

Pairs

Leading after the short program were Russians Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze (5.7-5.9). Countrymen Oksana Kazakova and Artur Dmitriev (5.6-5.9) followed, with China's Shen Xue and Zhao Hongbo (5.0-5.6) in third. Dorota Zagorska and Martiusz Siudek of Poland (5.1-5.6) were fourth, with Sarah Abitbol and Stephane Bernadis of France (4.9-5.6) fifth and Kristy Sargent and Kris Wirtz (4.4-5.3) of Canada sixth. Americans Tiffany and Johnnie Stiegler (4.6-5.1) completed the field in their first senior international competition.

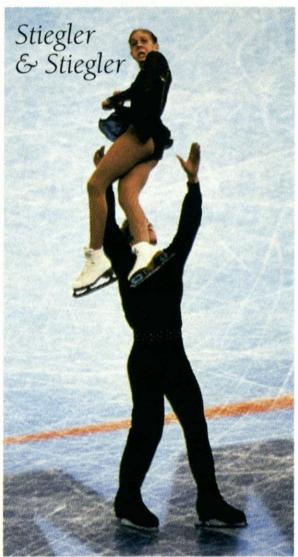
"We did a good job for our ages," noted Johnnie. "We just need to get older and be patient."

Sargent, 24, and Wirtz, 28, started the finals with a freeskate to Prokofiev's "Piano Concerto No. 1."

Tiffany & Johnnie Stiegler (upper right) of Manhattan Beach, Calif., are the brightest young stars on the U.S. pairs horizon. The young brother-and-sister tandem made their international senior debut at the Goodwill Games. Reigning world champions Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze of Russia (right) overcame compatriots and reigning Olympic champions Oksana Kazakova and Artur Dmitriev in both portions of the pair competitions to take home the gold.

Despite some miscalculations — a landing break here, a crooked dismount there — the program included a pair of perfectly synchronized sit spins. They earned 5.3s and 5.4s for a fifth-place finish.

The Stieglers remained last after their program to Adam's "Giselle," which suffered a singled double flip and several slight breaks. The siblings did present a quick, clean throw triple toe and great posture on their lifts and death spiral to garner scores of 4.8-5.3. Abitbol, 23, and Bernadis, 24, debuted a new Yanni free skate and made fast, clean work of split triple twist, throw double Axel and side-by-side triple toes. Their effort was marred by her fall on an individual double Axel and sit spins that ended a half-revolution apart. They dropped to sixth (4.9-5.6), but weren't displeased. "This was very good for us because we were skating a new program for the first time in its



Stiegler & Stiegler

entirety," Bernadis said. "The crowd liked what we did."

Touring and off-season competition, said Kazakova, 23, and Dmitriev, 30, made the Goodwill Games

"difficult" for them. Their fatigue showed in their performance to Handel's "Passacaglia," which included a doubled triple toe from him, stepouts on their double axel combinations, a doubled split triple twist and a rather wild layout star lift. Their marks of 5.2-5.8 left them with silver.

Berezhnaya, 20, and Sikharulidze, 21, also missed nearing perfection. Their program to the traditional Russian tune "Dark Eyes" included a doubled split triple twist, a stepout on the throw triple loop and spins that were just off. A sharp throw triple Salchow and a graceful lasso lift helped them earn 5.5s to 5.9s and the title.

Skating to "Mount Olympus," Shen, 19, and Zhao, 23, once again failed to take advantage of good short-program placement. Their split triple twist and throw triple toe moved fast, traveled far and ended cleanly, but errors such as out-of-synch side-by-side spins and a throw triple Salchow that sent her skidding across the ice dropped them to fourth with scores of 5.0-5.7.

Zagorska, 22, and Siudek, 26, took advantage of the Chinese team's missteps to step into third with their pro-



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Zagorska & Siudek

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gram to Maurice Jarre's "Dr. Zhivago" score. Faults included trouble on the side-by-side jumps and a hand down on their throw triple Salchow. Highlights included a crisp flip in/flip out reverse star lift and a rapid, well-landed throw double Axel. They tallied marks of 5.1-5.6.

Dance

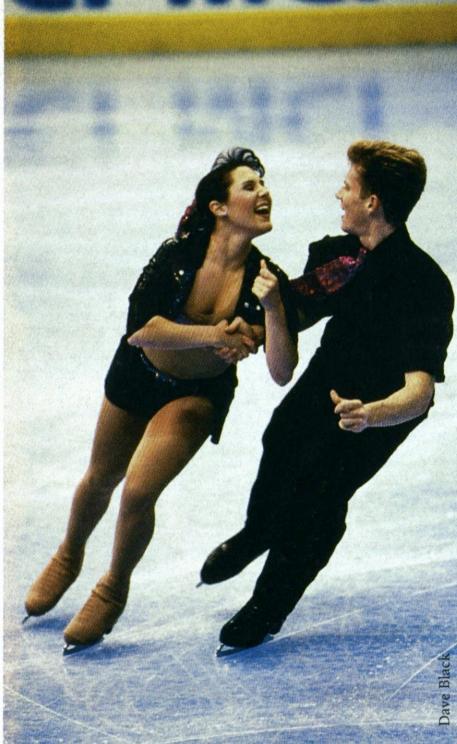
Dance again proved to be the least suspenseful portion of the competition. World champions Angelika Krylova and Oleg Ovsianikov of Russia, teammates Irina Lobacheva and Ilia Averbukh, Elena Grushina and Ruslan Goncharov of Ukraine and Jessica Joseph and Charles Butler of the United States danced to their expected places during the compulsory round and stayed there.

The gold medalists — Krylova, 25, and Ovsianikov, 28 — were fluidly crisp as usual in their "Five Months, Two Weeks" jive original and their "Carmen" free dance. Their scores were 5.7-5.9 for the compulsory, 5.8 and 5.9 for the OD and 5.8-6.0 for the free.

Intriguing lifts and unusual combinations marked both the "Tutti Frutti" jive and the "Jesus Christ Superstar" free presented by the silver medalists, Lobacheva, 25, and Averbukh, 24. They received 5.5-5.7 for the compulsory, 5.6-5.8 for the original dance and 5.5-5.8 for the free.

Bronze medalists Grushina, 23, and Goncharov, 25, were largely unknown to the audience, but their "Rock Around the Clock" jive and Ukrainian folk free dance soon familiarized them. They tallied 5.1-5.3 in the compulsory and 5.2-5.4 for the other two phases.

Joseph, 16, and Butler, 19, performed solidly in only their third senior international competition. Though one judge marked them at 4.4 and 4.5 for the compulsory, the other scores ran 4.9 to 5.1 there and rose to 5.0 to 5.5 for their "Great Balls of Fire" OD and 5.1 to 5.5 for their Gypsy Kings free dance.



Americans Jessica Joseph and Charles

Butler (left) made inroads into the upper echelons of international dance with a third-place finish at the Goodwill Games.

Olympic silver medalists and reigning world champions Angelika Krylova and Oleg Ovsianikov (below) continued the Russian dominance of the dance discipline by taking Goodwill gold.



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Exhibition

Parts of Sunday's exhibition were broadcast live while others were taped for a future airing. The show began with Joseph and Butler (flipping to "Great Balls of Fire"), Honda (nailing triples to "I Believe I Can Fly") and Nikodinov (smiling to "Spice Up Your Life").

Plushenko's Russian folk routine included pleas for applause and an encore jumpfest. Shen and Zhao's "Madame Butterfly" was notable for its soaring throw triple Salchow. Weiss followed with his Doors medley.

Zagorska and Siudek included a flipover into star lift in their piece set to a slow song while Volchkova seemed shy to "All By Myself." Goebel ("Greased Lighting"), Slutskaya ("Autumn Leaves") and Grushina and Goncharov (Ukrainian dance) concluded the first half.

After intermission, 1998 U.S. Junior Ladies champion Sarah Hughes of New York earned a partial standing ovation for her "Swan Lake" program that included five well-executed triples. The Stieglers took the resulting

mood from elegant to daring with their trick-filled turn to "All That Jazz."

The playful feeling continued with Lobacheva and Averbukh's "Tutti Frutti" but changed back to serious with Butyrskaya's quietly entrancing program. Kazakova and Dmitriev then presented a modern dance on ice to guitar music, which was followed by Urmanov's one-glove Michael Jackson routine.

Next, Krylova and Ovslannikov went sultry before Berezhnaya and Sikkharulidze got energetic to a John Tesh number.

Closing the show was Eldredge being flawless again, this time to an operatic piece from Andrea Bocelli's "Romanza" album, and Kwan's latest lyrical Disney interpretation, this time to "Mulan." With the parade of champions, during which the skaters tossed souvenirs to the spectators, it was over.

And who knows what'll happen before the Goodwill Games come around again?

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Results

July 29 — August 2, 1998
New York, N.Y.

MEN

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES
1. Todd Eldredge, USA, 1-1-1.5
2. Alexei Urmanov, RUS, 2-2-3.0
3. Evgeni Plushenko, RUS, 3-3-4.5
4. Michael Weiss, USA, 5-4-6.5
5. Timothy Goebel, USA, 6-5-8.0
6. Takeshi Honda, JPN, 4-7-9.0
7. Evgeny Pliuta, UKR, 7-6-9.5
8. Li Yungfei, CHN, 9-8-12.5
9. Steven Cousins, GBR, 7-9-12.5

LADIES

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES
1. Michelle Kwan, USA, 1-1-1.5
2. Maria Butyrskaya, RUS, 2-2-3.0
3. Victoria Volchkova, RUS, 3-4-5.5
4. Angela Nikodinov, USA, 6-3-6.0
5. Irina Slutskaya, RUS, 5-5-7.5
6. Laetitia Hubert, FRA, 4-6-8.0
7. Elena Sokolova, RUS, 8-7-11.0
8. Anna Rechnio, POL, 7-8-11.5

PAIRS

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES
1. Elena Berezhnaya & Anton Sikkharulidze, RUS, 1-1-1.0
2. Oksana Kazakova & Artur Dmitriev, RUS, 2-2-3.0
3. Dorota Zagorska & Mariusz Siudek, POL, 4-3-5.0
4. Xue Shen & Hongbo Zhao, CHN, 3-4-5.5
5. Kristy Sargent & Kris Wirtz, CAN, 6-5-8.0
6. Sarah Abitbol & Stephane Bernadis, FRA, 5-6-8.5
7. Tiffany Stiegler & Johnnie Stiegler, USA, 7-7-10.5

DANCE

NAME, COUNTRY, CD-OD-FD-PLACES
1. Anjelika Krylova & Oleg Ovsiannikov, RUS, 1-1-1-2.0
2. Irina Lobacheva & Ilya Averbukh, RUS, 2-2-2-4.0
3. Elena Grushina & Ruslan Goncharov, UKR, 3-3-3-6.0
4. Jessica Joseph & Charles Butler, USA, 4-4-4-8.0

The U.S. Team for the 1998 Goodwill Games (left to right): Team Leader John Millier, Charles Butler, Jessica Joseph, Michael Weiss, Tiffany Stiegler, Johnnie Stiegler, Michelle Kwan, Angela Nikodinov, Timothy Goebel, Todd Eldredge and Team Leader Joan Gruber.



Janet Allen

U.S. captures first-ever team award at St. Gervais

By Klaus Reinhold Kany

For the second year, the Grand Prix of St. Gervais in the French Alps marked the beginning of the Junior Grand Prix (formerly known as the Junior Champions Series).

The 1998-99 edition saw the junior series expanded from six to eight competitions with the addition of an event in Mexico City and one in Beijing, China, with the series culminating with the Junior Grand Prix Final, March 12-14, in Detroit, Mich.

A well-balanced U.S. Team captured its first-ever Dr. Albert Mure Trophy in St. Gervais — awarded to the country accumulating the most team points.

The most interesting event was the ice dance as many new rules (required spins and step sequences, deductions for mistakes) were tested for the first time. During the compulsory dance, judges took a minute and a half longer than usual in registering their marks for each couple and each judge had many rules papers on the table in front of them.

In the Rocker Foxtrot, the U.S. team of Jamie Silverstein and Justin Pekarek were leading. Although they are only 14 and 17 years old respectively, their waltz was extraordinarily mature, elegant, flowing and highly superior to all other waltzes. The couple's coaches Igor Shpilband and Elizabeth Coates have managed to form a very promising couple that continues to make remarkable progress.

In their free program, however, Silverstein fell twice (once in a required step sequence), and both showed less energy in their performance. Ukrainians Tatjana Kurkudym and Yuri Kocherzenko seized the opportunity to capture the gold, per-

forming fresh Russian folk dances.

The U.S. team of Kendra Goodwin and Paul Goldner made their international and junior-level debut in St. Gervais, but finished last.

The ladies' field exhibited some early-season jitters as the majority of skaters made more mistakes than usual.

The winner, Irina Nikolaeva of Russia, showed a technically brilliant short program with a triple flip and required triple loop and a free skate with four different triples.

Poland's Anna Jurkiewicz fell on her triple Lutz in the short and could land only one triple jump in the long. She is no longer a wunderkind, but still showed good skating class.

The United States' Morgan Rowe fell on the triple Lutz in the short and completed only one triple Salchow in the free skate. Fellow American Lisa Nesuda placed 16th, landing only one triple Salchow and missing several others.

Vincent Restencourt of France, the men's winner, completed a flawless short program with a triple Axel and a good free skate with two more axels. His jumps seemed more stable than those of his rivals. Restencourt, a student of longtime coach of Philippe Candeloro, Andri Brunet, earned a deserving win, although his performance still lacked in personality and presentation.

All other skaters' attempts at triple Axels failed. Matt Savoie, who finished second her in 1997, landed a solid triple Axel in the short, but only a double loop and single Axel. In the long, he landed four triples, but no Axel.

Results

Grand Prix de St. Gervais

Aug. 18-21, 1998

St. Gervais, France

JUNIOR LADIES

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES
1 Irina Nikolaeva, RUS, 1-1-1.5
2 Anna Jurkiewicz, POL, 4-3-5.0
3 Darya Tymoshenko, RUS, 2-4-5.0
4 Gwenaelle Julien, FRA, 11-2-7.5
5 Morgan Rowe, USA, 7-5-8.5
6 Sanna Muja Wiksten, FIN, 6-7-10.0
7 Melania Albea, SUI, 9-6-10.5
8 Jekaterina Golovatenko, EST, 5-11-13.5
9 Veronique Lainesse, CAN, 3-12-13.5
10 Sarah Jentgens, GER, 8-10-14.0
11 Jessica Lim, NED, 14-8-15.0
12 Sophie Favrichon, FRA, 16-9-17.0
13 Tina Svajger, SLO, 12-12-18.0
14 Anetta Dyrlova, CZE, 10-16-21.0
15 Jennifer Holmes, GBR, 15-14-21.5
16 Lisa Nesuda, USA, 17-14-22.5
17 Viktorija Dzirko, BLR, 13-17-23.5
18 Iwona Szczepka, POL, 19-18-27.5
19 Ellen Mareels, BEL, 18-19-28.0
20 Celine Masson, FRA, 20-20-30.0
21 Simone Joseph, RSA, 21-21-31.5
22 Jennifer Tena, ESP, 23-22-33.5
23 Dominyka Valiukeviciute, LTU, 22-23-34.0

JUNIOR MEN

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES
1 Vincent Restencourt, FRA, 1-1-1.5
2 Ryan Bradley, USA, 2-2-3.0
3 Matt Savoie, USA, 3-3-4.5
4 Matthew Davies, GBR, 4-4-6.0
5 Yon Garcia, ESP, 7-5-8.5
6 Alexander Smokvina, UKR, 6-7-10.0
7 Hugh Yik, CAN, 9-6-10.5
8 Stephane Lambiel, SUI, 8-7-11.0
9 Pavel Kersha, RUS, 5-11-13.5
10 Gregor Urbas, SLO, 12-9-15.0
11 Mathieu Delambre, FRA, 11-10-15.5
12 Nicolas Beaudelin, FRA, 10-13-18.0
13 Tomas Srom, CZE, 13-12-18.5
14 Paul Pradel, GER, 14-14-21.0
15 Aidas Reklys, LTU, 15-15-22.5

JUNIOR PAIRS

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES
1 Yulia Obertas & Dmitry Palamarchuk, UKR, 1-1-1.5
2 Viktoria Shiklova & Vladi Mintal, EST, 2-2-3.0
3 Joisa Macadam & Garrett Lucash, USA, 3-3-4.5
4 Valentina Raskazova & Alexander Markutsev, RUS, 4-4-6.0
5 Ashley Daly & Greg More, CAN, 5-5-7.5
6 Stephanie Kalesavich & Amaan Archer, USA, 7-6-9.5
7 Veronika Ruzkova & Mark Sedlmaier, CZE, 6-7-10.0

JUNIOR DANCE

NAME, COUNTRY, CD-OD-FD-PLACES
1 Tatjana Kurkudym & Yuri Kocherzenko, UKR, 2-2-1-3.0
2 Jamie Silverstein & Justin Pekarek, USA, 1-1-2-3.0
3 Nelly Gourvest & Cedric Pernet, FRA, 3-3-3-6.0
4 Svetlana Kulikova & Arseny Markov, RUS, 4-4-4-8.0
5 Hermine Ferron Bradin & Fabrice Blondel, FRA, 5-5-6-11.0
6 Brenda Key & Ryan Smith, CAN, 7-6-5-11.4
7 Kseniya Kashnikova & Sergey Magerowski, RUS, 8-7-7-14.4
8 Mariella Bernard & Damien Biancotti, FRA, 6-8-8-15.2
9 Gloria Agogliati & Alessandro Italiano, ITA, 10-10-9-19.0
10 Valentina Anselmi & Fabrizio Pedrazzini, ITA, 9-10-10-19.0
11 Kornelia Przyk & Sławomir Janicki, POL, 12-12-11-23.0
12 Kendra Goodwin & Paul Goldner, USA, 11-11-12-12.0

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Nebelhorn Trophy celebrates 30th anniversary

By Klaus Reinhold Kany

This year, Nebelhorn Trophy celebrated its 30th anniversary and many former World and Olympic medalists can trace their international beginnings to this Oberstdorf competition.

Dorothy Hamill, Debi Thomas, Tonia Kwiatkowski, Tara Lipinski, Todd Eldredge, Michael Weiss, Caitlin and Peter Carruthers. But the future of this competition is in jeopardy as it remains outside of the ISU's two new major series — the Grand Prix and the Junior Grand Prix.

Despite the fact that skaters and officials from all over the world, especially from North America, always like to come to Oberstdorf, the financial loss to the German federation is getting greater every year. Several ISU seminars and meetings as well as the ISU judge's examination have taken place there for years. Because the skating world needs Oberstdorf for many reasons, the German Federation has indicated it plans to ask for more financial support from the ISU.

This year's competition was a complete triumph for the U.S. Team. They won three gold medals, one silver and therefore also the Fritz-Geiger-Memorial Trophy for the best team as well as the Coupe des Alpes for the combination of St. Gervais and Oberstdorf.

The best performance of the whole event came from pair winners Laura Handy and Paul Binnebose of the United States. The team from Newark, Del., 18 and 20 years old respectively, has been skating together for two years now with their coaches Tracey Poletis and Ron Ludington. But, there is another reason for their progress: "This summer, we worked for our new choreography with ice dance coach Natalia Linichuk, who helped us to improve our style quickly," Binnebose said.

Their elements are already world

class. In the short program, the couple showed a brilliant triple toe loop, an excellent throw triple Salchow and a very difficult lift. The Nebelhorn Trophy therefore became the first competition, where according to the new rules, a double or throw triple jump is included in the short program.

In the free, Handy and Binnebose had three very good triple throws, another side-by-side toe loop and a double Axel. They were, according to many observers, the best pair at Nebelhorn Trophy in more than 10 years.

The Canadians Lariviere and Faustino won silver in spite of some mistakes, and the judges gave them .9 lower marks on the average than the winners. The second American couple Heather Allebach and Matthew Evers showed side-by-side jumps and spins in different directions, but no triple jump. Allebach doublefooted the landing of the throws and it was reflected in the marks.

In the ladies' competition, no skater received marks much above 5.0. Brittney McConn of Marietta, Ga., seventh at last year's U.S. Championships, was third with a good triple loop in the short, although she doubled the Lutz which was planned triple.

In the long, the 18-year-old skater completed four different triples and received three firsts, five seconds and one fourth place ordinal which was enough to win.

Elena Ivanova from Russia impressed the judges with a good music interpretation. Veronika Dytrtova from the Czech Republic was the only skater with a clean short program with a triple Lutz. Until last season she had lived in Germany and competed under her former last name of Dytrt.

Sydney Vogel of Anchorage, Alaska, missed all three jumps in the short, but convinced the judges in the long

Results

Nebelhorn Trophy

Aug. 25-28, 1998

Oberstdorf, Germany

LADIES

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES
1 Brittney McConn, USA, 3-1-2.5
2 Elena Ivanova, RUS, 2-2-3.0
3 Veronika Dytrtova, CZE, 1-4-4.5
4 Jennifer Robinson, CAN, 4-3-5.0
5 Zuzana Paurova, SVK, 6-6-9.0
6 Sydne Vogel, USA, 10-5-10.0
7 Christina Riedel, GER, 7-8-11.5
8 Elina Kettunen, FIN, 11-7-12.5
9 Zoe Jones, GBR, 8-10-14.0
10 Barbara Hantsch, GER, 12-9-15.0
11 Jekaterina Golovatenko, EST, 9-11-15.5
12 Marta Senra, ESP, 14-12-19.0
13 Noemi Bedo, ROM, 13-13-19.5
WD Lucinda Ruh, SUI, 5
WD Elena Lashchenko, UKR

MEN

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES
1 Trifun Zivanovic, USA, 1-1-1.5
2 Evgeny Martynov, UKR, 4-2-4.0
3 Vitaly Danilchenko, UKR, 2-4-5.0
4 Derrick Delmore, USA, 5-3-5.5
5 Daniel Bellemare, CAN, 8-6-10.0
6 Emanuel Sandhu, CAN, 11-5-10.5
7 Robert Kazimir, SVK, 7-8-11.5
8 Johnny Ronne Jensen, DEN, 13-7-13.5
9 Silvio Smalun, GER, 9-10-14.5
10 Robert Grzegorczyk, POL, 3-13-14.5
11 Juraj Svitko, SVK, 6-12-15.0
12 Jordi Pedro, ESP, 10-11-16.0
13 Clive Shorten, GBR, 15-9-16.5
14 Pavel Kersha, RUS, 14-14-21.0
15 Angelo Dolfini, ITA, 12-16-22.0
16 Sergei Davydov, RUS, 16-15-23.0
17 Gheorghe Chiper, ROM, 17-17-25.5
18 Roman Martonenko, EST, 18-18-27.0
19 Matthew van den Broeck, BEL, 19-19-28.5

PAIRS

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES
1 Laura Handy & Paul Binnebose, USA, 1-1-1.5
2 Jocinthe Lariviere & Lenny Faustino, CAN, 3-2-3.5
3 Meliza Brozovich & Anton Nimenko, RUS, 2-3-4.0
4 Marsha Poluliaschenko & Andrew Seabrook, GBR, 4-4-6.0
5 Heather Allebach & Matthew Evers, USA, 5-5-5.5
6 Viktoriya Shklover & Valdis Mintals, EST, 6-6-9.0
7 Ekaterina Danko & Gennadi Emeljanenko, BLR, 9-7-11.5
8 Olga Bestandigova & Josef Bestandig, SVK, 8-8-12.0
9 Marie-France LaChapelle & Sacha Blanchet, CAN, 7-9-12.5

DANCE

NAME, COUNTRY, C1-C2-OD-FD-PLACES
1 Nina Ulanova & Mikhail Stifounin, RUS, 1-1-1-1-12.0
2 Debbie Koegel & Oleg Fedukov, USA, 2-3-2-2-4.2
3 Alia Ouadbeljamel & Benjamin Delmas, FRA, 2-2-3-3-5.6
4 Marjolaine Mineau & Dana Grant, CAN, 4-4-4-4-8.0
5 Sinead Kerr & Jamie Ferguson, GBR, 5-5-5-5-10.0
6 Elena Solonikova & Evgeni Polituk, UKR, 6-6-6-6-12.0

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SENIOR LADIES

JUDGES - SHORT PROGRAM: 1 Nancy Archie-Meyer, Lake Placid, NY; 2 Joyce Burden, San Carlos, CA; 3 Joy Cunningham, Hudson, OH; 4 Jack Curtis, Albuquerque, NM; 5 Barbara Davis, Highwood, MT; 6 Ann Fauver, Gorham, ME; 7 Chip Ludlow, Venice, FL; REFEREE: Todd Bromley, Fort Worth, TX; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Oscar Iobst, Peyton, CO; ACCOUNTANT: John Phelps*, Marietta, GA

JUDGES - FREE SKATING: 1 Lester Cramer, Colorado Springs, CO; 2 Jack Curtis, Albuquerque, NM; 3 Barbara Davis, Highwood, MT; 4 Ann Fauver, Gorham, ME; 5 Shirley Hage, Marine St. Croix, MN; 6 Carole Ludlow, Venice, FL; 7 Margery Schleh, Sacramento, CA; REFEREE: Kathy Slack*, Troy, OH; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Todd Bromley, Fort Worth, TX; ACCOUNTANT: John Phelps*, Marietta, GA

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Sydne Vogel, Univ. of Alaska - Anchorage, 2-1-2.0
2. Kristy Evans, California State Univ.- San Bernardino, 1-2-2.5
3. Kimberly Cole, University of Minnesota, 5-3-5.5
4. Nina Siromaskul, University of Illinois, 3-5-6.5
5. Jennifer Holden, Citrus College, 6-4-7.0
6. Alexandra Kaye, American River College, 4-6-8.0
7. Angela Meadows, University of Delaware, 7-7-10.5
8. Aimee Micu, California State Univ.- Long Beach, 10-8-13.0
9. Nicol Lally, Boston University, 11-9-14.5
10. Lynne Petta, Arizona State University, 8-11-15.0
11. Angela Kung, Boston College, 12-10-16.0
12. Debra Risch, Univ. of California - Riverside, 9-13-17.5
13. Ursula Wolfer, University of Delaware, 15-12-19.5
14. Jennifer Kabat, U.S. Air Force Academy, 14-14-21.0
15. Becky Hochstein, University of Delaware, 13-15-21.5
16. Stephanie Longchamps, Merrimack College, 16-16-24.0
17. Carrie Collins, California State Univ.- Long Beach, 18-17-26.0
18. Stacie Ferrazzo, Augsburg College, 17-18-26.5

SENIOR LADIES - GROUP A

JUDGES: 1 Nancy Archie-Meyer, Lake Placid, NY; 2 Joyce Burden, San Carlos, CA; 3 Jack Curtis, Albuquerque, NM; 4 Ann Fauver, Gorham, ME; 5 Shirley Hage, Marine St. Croix, MN; 6 Chip Ludlow, Venice, FL; 7 Peggy Stark, Ramona, CA; REFEREE: Kathy Slack*, Troy, OH; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Oscar Iobst, Peyton, CO; ACCOUNTANT: John Phelps*, Marietta, GA

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Sydne Vogel, Univ. of Alaska - Anchorage, 7/1
2. Nina Siromaskul, University of Illinois, 5/3
3. Alexandra Kaye, American River College, 4/3
4. Aimee Micu, California State Univ.- Long Beach, 4/3
5. Nicol Lally, Boston University, 5/5
6. Stacie Ferrazzo, Augsburg College, 5/6
7. Angela Meadows, University of Delaware, 5/7
8. Ursula Wolfer, University of Delaware, 4/8
9. Kimberly Cole, University of Minnesota, 4/9
10. Kelly Hodge, University of Delaware, 6/10
11. Chrystal Reed, Univ. of Alaska - Anchorage, 6/11
12. Kisha Richburg, Carleton College, 6/12
13. Brenda Blackmer, Eastern Michigan Univ. , 5/13
14. Kelly Pipitone, Univ. of Wisconsin - Madison, 7/14

SENIOR LADIES - GROUP B

JUDGES: 1 Nancy Archie-Meyer, Lake Placid, NY; 2 Joyce Burden, San Carlos, CA; 3 Lester Cramer, Colorado Springs, CO; 4 Joy Cunningham, Hudson, OH; 5 Barbara Davis, Highwood, MT; 6 Carole Ludlow, Venice, FL; 7 Margery Schleh, Sacramento, CA; REFEREE: Todd Bromley, Fort Worth, TX; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Kathy Slack*, Troy, OH; ACCOUNTANT: Byron Chan, Rancho Palos Ver, CA

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Kristy Evans, California State Univ.- San Bernardino, 6/1
2. Jennifer Holden, Citrus College, 6/2
3. Lynne Petta, Arizona State University, 4/3
4. Debra Risch, Univ. of California - Riverside, 4/4
5. Angela Kung, Boston College, 7/6
6. Becky Hochstein, University of Delaware, 5/7
7. Jennifer Kabat, U.S. Air Force Academy, 6/8
8. Carrie Collins, California State Univ.- Long Beach, 4/8
9. Stephanie Longchamps, Merrimack College, 4/9
10. Bettina Weber, Baldwin-Wallace College, 4/10
11. Brooke Luckock, U. of Michigan - Dearborn, 6/11
12. Jennifer Jackson, Miami University, 5/12
13. Erin Murdoch, Univ. of New Hampshire, 7/13

SENIOR MEN

JUDGES - SHORT PROGRAM: 1 Nancy Archie-Meyer, Lake Placid, NY; 2 Joyce Burden, San Carlos, CA; 3 Joy Cunningham, Hudson, OH; 4 Ann Fauver, Gorham, ME; 5 Shirley Hage, Marine St. Croix, MN; 6 Carole Ludlow, Venice, FL; 7 Margery Schleh, Sacramento, CA; REFEREE: Kathy Slack*, Troy, OH; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Todd Bromley, Fort Worth, TX; ACCOUNTANT: Byron Chan, Rancho Palos Ver, CA

JUDGES - FREE SKATING: 1 Joyce Burden, San Carlos, CA; 2 Joy Cunningham, Hudson, OH; 3 Jack Curtis, Albuquerque, NM; 4 Barbara Davis, Highwood, MT; 5 Shirley Hage, Marine St. Croix, MN; 6 Chip Ludlow, Venice, FL; 7 Peggy Stark, Ramona, CA; REFEREE: Todd Bromley, Fort Worth, TX; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Oscar Iobst, Peyton, CO; ACCOUNTANT: Byron Chan, Rancho Palos Ver, CA

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Justin Dillon, Laney College, 1-1-1.5
2. Danny Clausen, University of St. Thomas, 2-2-3.0
3. Janusz McKinnon, Weber State University, 3-3-4.5

JUNIOR LADIES

JUDGES - SHORT PROGRAM: 1 Nancy Archie-Meyer, Lake Placid, NY; 2 Lester Cramer, Colorado Springs, CO; 3 Jack Curtis, Albuquerque, NM; 4 Shirley Hage, Marine St. Croix, MN; 5 Carole Ludlow, Venice, FL; 6 Margery Schleh, Sacramento, CA; 7 Peggy Stark, Ramona, CA; REFEREE: Oscar Iobst, Peyton, CO; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Todd Bromley, Fort Worth, TX; ACCOUNTANT: Harry McBeth, Pomona, CA

JUDGES - FREE SKATING: 1 Lester Cramer, Colorado Springs, CO; 2 Joy Cunningham, Hudson, OH; 3 Ann Fauver, Gorham, ME; 4 Shirley Hage, Marine St. Croix, MN; 5 Chip Ludlow, Venice, FL; 6 Margery Schleh, Sacramento, CA; 7 Peggy Stark, Ramona, CA; REFEREE: Oscar Iobst, Peyton, CO; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Todd Bromley, Fort Worth, TX; ACCOUNTANT: Harry McBeth, Pomona, CA

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Alexandra Dunne-Bryant, Wellesley College, 1-1-1.5
2. Maiysha Glaude, Laney College, 2-2-3.0
3. Caitlin Marino, Curry College, 3-3-4.5
4. Richelle Dante, Santiago Canyon College, 7- 4-7.5
5. Kristen Cederquist, De Anza College, 5-5-7.5
6. Kimberly Landis, University of Michigan, 4-7-9.0
7. Kristin Tronolone, State University of NY - Buffalo, 10-6-11.0
8. Kendall Newell, Brigham Young University, 6-8-11.0
9. Tami Tarnow, University of Michigan, 9-9-13.5
10. Angie Casiano-Crowson, Northern Illinois Univ., 8-10-14.0

JUNIOR MEN

JUDGES - SORT PROGRAM: 1 Lester Cramer, Colorado Springs, CO; 2 Jack Curtis, Albuquerque, NM; 3 Barbara Davis, Highwood, MT; 4 Ann Fauver, Gorham, ME; 5 Chip Ludlow, Venice, FL; 6 Margery Schleh, Sacramento, CA; 7 Peggy Stark, Ramona, CA; REFEREE: Oscar Iobst, Peyton, CO; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Kathy Slack*, Troy, OH; ACCOUNTANT: Mort Rosenstein, Fresno, CA

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NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Derek Trent, U. of Colorado - Colorado Springs, 1-1-1.5
2. Eric Schroyer, Baldwin-Wallace College, 4-2-4.0
3. Jason Heffron, Rock Valley College, 2-3-4.0
4. Joseph Di Pasquale, Harvard University, 3-4-5.5
5. Nick Mutton, Indiana University - Purdue, 5-5-7.5
6. Jonathan Keen, Univ. of California-Berkeley, 6-6-9.0
7. Brandon Prosansky, Miami University, 7-7-10.5

SENIOR FIGURES

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JUDGES - FIGURE 2: 1 Nancy Archie-Meyer, Lake Placid, NY; 2 Joy Cunningham, Hudson, OH; 3 Barbara Davis, Highwood, MT; 4 Shirley Hage, Marine St. Croix, MN; 5 Margery Schleh, Sacramento, CA; REFEREE: Todd Bromley, Fort Worth, TX; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Kathy Slack*, Troy, OH; ACCOUNTANT: Mort Rosenstein, Fresno, CA

JUDGES - FIGURE 3: 1 Nancy Archie-Meyer, Lake Placid, NY; 2 Joy Cunningham, Hudson, OH; 3 Barbara Davis, Highwood, MT; 4 Shirley Hage, Marine St. Croix, MN; 5 Margery Schleh, Sacramento, CA; REFEREE: Todd Bromley, Fort Worth, TX; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Kathy Slack*, Troy, OH; ACCOUNTANT: Mort Rosenstein, Fresno, CA

1. Amanda Adams, Springfield College, 1-1-3-5.0
2. Lynne Petta, Arizona State University, 2-2-1-5.0
3. Amy Thompson, Paradise Valley Comm. College 3-3-2-8.0
4. Theresa Palascak, Boston College, 4-4-4-12.0

NAME, CLUB NAME, CF1-CF2-CF3-PLACES

JUDGES - FIGURE 1: 1 Joyce Burden, San Carlos, CA; 2 Lester Cramer, Colorado Springs, CO; 3 Ann Fauver, Gorham, ME; 4 Carole Ludlow, Venice, FL; 5 Peggy Stark, Ramona, CA; REFEREE: Oscar Iobst, Peyton, CO; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Kathy Slack*, Troy, OH; ACCOUNTANT: Harry McBeth, Pomona, CA

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NAME, CLUB NAME, CF1-CF2-CF3-PLACES

1. Danielle Detrolio, William Patterson U., 1-1-2-4.0
2. Christina Edwards, George Washington U., 2-2-1-5.0

"I was a bit disappointed in my performance, especially about the two Axels," Savoie, who would settle for the bronze, said.

U.S. Novice champion Ryan Bradley of Colorado Springs overtook Savoie for the silver medal with six good, easy-looking triples.

The pairs' competition had a relatively high standard because all couples had many more good than bad

elements.

Ukrainians Yulia Obertas and Dmitry Palamarchuk interpreted a brilliant Charleston in the short program — perfectly synchronized to the music and reminiscent of Ekaterina Gordeeva & Sergei Grinkov.

In the free skate, the Junior World Champions were not as flawless, but nevertheless superior to the other pairs and captured the title.

Americans Jaisa MacAdam and Garrett Lucash performed two harmo-

ny-filled programs without mistakes — a seeming rarity among junior pairs. But, apart from a good triple throw Salchow they exhibited no other difficult throws or side-by-side jumps in their program.

Compatriots Stephanie Kalesavich and Amaan Archer had problems with the side-by-side jumps in both programs and finished sixth.

North American Challenge Skate

Lake Placid, N.Y. • July 9-12, 1998

NOVICE LADIES

JUDGES: 1 Kathleen Kelly Cutone, USA; 2 Deborah G. Hagenauer, USA; 3 Suzanne Fournier, CAN; 4 John D. Cole, USA; 5 Laura McLellan, CAN; REFEREE: Scott P. Cormier, USA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Susan E.M. Keogh, USA; ACCOUNTANT: Gloria Earnhardt, USA

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Sasha Cohen, USA, 2-1-2.0
2. Jennifer Kirk, USA, 3-2-3.5
3. Marianne DuBuc, CAN, 1-3-3.5
4. Stephanie Freitag, USA, 5-4-6.5
5. Jacqui Meyers, CAN, 6-5-8.0
6. Jackie Milman, CAN, 4-6-8.0

NOVICE MEN

JUDGES: 1 Laura McLellan, CAN; 2 Deborah G. Hagenauer, USA; 3 Suzanne Fournier, CAN; 4 Kathleen Kelly Cutone, USA; 5 Shawn Reitstatt, USA; REFEREE: Scott P. Cormier, USA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Susan E. M. Keogh, USA; ACCOUNTANT: Gloria Earnhardt, USA

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Marc-Olivier Bosse, CAN, 1-1-1.5
2. Jordan Wilson, USA, 2-2-3.0
3. Joel Geleynse, CAN 3-4-5.5

4. Nicholas L. LaRoche, USA, 6-3-6.0

5. Daniel Eden, CAN, 5-5-7.5

6. Adam Kaplan, USA 4-6-8.0

NOVICE PAIRS

JUDGES: 1 Suzanne Fournier, CAN; 2 Deborah G. Hagenauer, USA; 3 Kathleen Kelly Cutone, USA; 4 John C. Millier, USA; 5 Laura McLellan, CAN; REFEREE: Scott P. Cormier, USA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Susan E.M. Keogh, USA; ACCOUNTANT: Gloria Earnhardt, USA

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Emily Morgan & Justin Cogley, USA, 1-1-1.5
2. Christie Jaszewski & Joshua Murphy, USA, 2-2-3.0
3. Stephanie Skavdahl & Samuel Milby, USA, 3-3-4.5
4. Jenny-Lynn Armstrong & Jonathan Veilleux, CAN, 5-4-6.5
5. Tori Maden & Kevin Maguire, CAN, 4-5-7.0

NOVICE DANCE

JUDGES: 1 John D. Cole, USA; 2 Suzanne Fournier, CAN; 3 Laura McLellan, CAN; 4 Shawn Reitstatt, USA; 5 John C. Millier, USA; REFEREE: Susan E.M. Keogh, USA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Scott P. Cormier, USA; ACCOUNTANT: Paul J. Kreppel, USA

NAME, CLUB NAME, D1-D2-FD-PLACES

1. Melissa Piperno & Paul Furfaro, CAN, 3-1-1-3.0
2. Alison Murphy & Chris Glover, CAN, 1-3-2-4.0
3. Deborah Allworth & Jon Lane, CAN, 2-2-3-5.0
4. Caitlin Obremski & Brian C. Boissonneault, USA, 4-4-4-8.0
5. Holly Nadeau & Aaron M. Wolff, USA, 5-5-5-10.0

JUNIOR PAIRS

JUDGES: 1 Deborah G. Hagenauer, USA; 2 Kathleen Kelly Cutone, USA; 3 Elizabeth Clark, CAN; 4 Taffy Holliday, USA; 5 Anne E. Commett, USA; 6 Suzanne Fournier, CAN; 7 Laura McLellan, CAN; REFEREE: Scott P. Cormier, USA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Susan E.M. Keogh, USA; ACCOUNTANT: Gloria Earnhardt, USA

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Larisa Spielberg & Craig Joeright, USA, 2-1-2.0
2. Heather Allebach & Matthew Evers, USA, 1-2-2.5
3. Jaisa MacAdam & Garrett Lucash, USA, 4-3-5.0
4. Chantal Poirier-Saykaly & David Lewin, CAN, 5-4-6.5
5. Amy Lee Gonye & Dany Provost, CAN, 3-5-6.5
6. Tiffany Sfikas & Josiah Modes, USA, 8-6-10.0
7. Keridawn Thomson & Robert Davison, CAN, 7-7-10.5
8. Meredith Leadle & Kevin Johnston, CAN, 6-8-11.0

North American Challenge Skate

Memramcook, New Brunswick • July 24-26, 1998

NOVICE LADIES

JUDGES: 1 Nicole Richard, CAN; 2 Glen Fortin, CAN; 3 Bill Bridel, CAN; 4 Mary Karen Henderson, USA; 5 Gerald Miele, USA; REFEREE: Sally Rehorick, CAN.

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Matthew Wesenberg, USA, 2-1-2.0
2. Ben Miller, USA, 3-2-3.5
3. Nicolas Young, CAN, 1-3-3.5
4. Shawn Sawyer, CAN, 5-4-6.5
5. Sam Dafoe, USA, 4-5-7.0
6. John Mattatall, CAN, 6-6-9.0

NOVICE PAIRS

JUDGES: 1 Nicole Richard, CAN; 2 Glen Fortin, CAN; 3 Gerald Miele, USA; 4 Mary Karen Henderson, USA; 5 Bill Bridel, CAN; REFEREE: Sally Rehorick, CAN.

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Amanda Ross & Michael McPherson, USA, 2-1-2.0
2. Tiffany Vise & Ryan Bradley, USA, 3-2-3.5
3. Carla Montgomery & Stefan Dean, CAN, 1-3-3.5
4. Josee Courchesne & Simon Cantin, CAN, 5-4-6.5
5. Colette Appel & Adam Kaplan, USA, 4-5-7.0

NOVICE MEN

JUDGES: 1 Mary Karen Henderson, USA; 2 Nicole Richard, CAN; 3 Glen Fortin, CAN; 4 Gerald Miele, USA; 5 Bill Bridel, CAN; REFEREE: Sally Rehorick, CAN.

NAME, COUNTRY, D1-D2-FD-PLACES

1. Penny Schnering & Timothy Jones, USA, 3-1-1-3.0
2. Catherine Perreault & Charles Perreault, CAN, 2-3-2-4.5
3. Stephanie Destrempe & Mathieu Tanguay, CAN, 1-2-3-4.5
4. Lydia Manon & Chris Obzansky, USA, 4-4-4-8.0
5. Marie-Eve Menard & Jean-Philippe Menard, CAN, 5-5-5-10.0

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with a triple flip, Salchow and toe loop in spite of two falls on triple Lutz and double axel.

The third American victory came in the men's competition where Trifun Zivanovic overcame a strong field. While the judges could see a brilliant triple Lutz and a good triple Axel combination in the short and five triples (one axel) in the long, his style lacked some elegance and flow. But this is no surprise, because until the age of 18 he played ice hockey more often than jumping and spinning.

The Ukrainian Evgeni Martinov, who had missed the triple Axel in the

short program, would have merited at least the victory in the free program because of his better style and as many triples as Zivanovic.

Derrick Delmore, the second American, stepped out of the triple Axel and the second triple toe loop in the short program. In the long, he tried a quadruple toeloop in vain, but completed five triples.

Only six ice dance couples competed in Oberstdorf, because the new rules had to be adapted in all programs. Therefore, half a dozen couples withdrew in the last moment.

Three of the six couples had Khachaturian's Masquerade Waltz as their original dance. The victory of the

Russian former World Junior Champions Nina Ulanova (a niece of Irina Rodnina's first pair partner Ulanov) and Micheal Stifunin was no surprise. They interpreted an Arabic dance in costumes which conservative Americans would call undecent. Debbie Koegel and Oleg Fediukov danced to a Waltz sung by Bryan Adams and interpreted the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" in the free dance — in a fresh style.

North American Challenge Skate

Winnipeg, Manitoba • August 7-8, 1998

NOVICE LADIES

JUDGES: 1 Michelle Kho, CAN; 2 Sasha Martinez, MEX; 3 Anthony Bardin, USA; 4 Nicole Lehto, CAN; 5 Margery Schleh, USA; REFEREE: Susan Morriss, CAN.

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES

1 Andrey Chua, USA, 1-2-2.5
2 Sara Wheat, USA, 4-1-3.0
3 Connie Colwell, CAN, 3-3-4.5
4 Elizabeth Winger, CAN, 5-4-6.5
5 Courtney Sokal, CAN, 6-5-8.0
6 Tamara Rajunov, MEX, 8-6-10.0
7 Daniela Mora, MEX, 7-7-10.5
WD Deanna Stellato, USA, 2

NOVICE MEN

JUDGES: 1 Nicole Lehto, CAN; 2 Jeff Lukasik, CAN; 3 Anthony Bardin, USA; 4 Margery Schleh, USA; 5 Sasha Martinez, MEX; REFEREE: Susan

Morriss, CAN.

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES

1 Johnny Wier, USA, 1-1-1.5
2 Christopher Mabee, CAN, 2-2-3.0
3 Mathew King, CAN, 3-3-4.5
4 John Salway, USA, 4-4-6.0
5 Matthew Bohannan, USA, 5-5-7.5
6 Patrick Enis, CAN, 6-6-9.0
7 Humberto Contreras, MEX, 7-7-10.5

NOVICE PAIRS

JUDGES: 1 Margery Schleh, USA; 2 Anthony Bardin, USA; 3 Nicole Lehto, CAN; 4 Jeff Lukasik, CAN; 5 Michelle Kho, CAN; REFEREE: Susan Morriss, CAN.

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES

1 Melissa Mazzon & Mark Leslie, CAN, 2-1-2.0

2 Alexa Ainsworth & Noah Abrahams, USA, 3-2-3.5

3 Jessica Waldstein & Devin Patrick, USA, 1-3-3.5

4 Nicole Smith & Jesse Sturdy, CAN, 4-4-6.0

NOVICE DANCE

JUDGES: 1 Michelle Kho, CAN; 2 Margery Schleh, USA; 3 Nicole Lehto, CAN; 4 Anthony Bardin, USA; 5 Jeff Lukasik, CAN; REFEREE: Susan Morriss, CAN.

NAME, COUNTRY, D1-D2-FD-PLACES

1 Sheri Moir & Danny Moir, CAN, 1-1-1-2.0
2 Ikaika Young & Kakani Young, USA, 2-2-2-4.0
3 Lauren Flynn & Lief Gislason, CAN, 4-4-3-7.0
4 Gillian Hinnegan & Jamie Plaskett, CAN, 3-3-4-7.0
5 Tara Eshkaki & Rory McKenrick, USA, 5-4-5-9.5

North American Challenge Skate

San Jose, Calif. • Aug. 28-29, 1998

NOVICE LADIES

JUDGES: 1 Lourdes Barrera, MEX; 2 Leslie Keen, CAN; 3 Diane Kamagianas, CAN; 4 Frederick Hagedorn, USA; 5 Karen Snoddy, USA; REFEREE: Robert Horen, USA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Jon Jackson, USA.

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES

1 Elizabeth Kwon, USA, 1-1-1.5
2 Carina Chen, USA, 3-2-3.5
3 Kristen Adamczyk, USA, 4-3-5.0
4 Kristen Avis, CAN, 2-4-5.0
5 Nilda Nancy Garcia, MEX, 6-5-8.0
6 Alesha Checkly, CAN, 5-6-8.5
7 Courtney Goodwin, CAN, 7-6-9.5
8 Claudia Vazquez, MEX, 8-8-12.0

NOVICE MEN

JUDGES: 1 Diane Kamagianas, CAN; 2 Jan Serafine, USA; 3 Lourdes Barrera, MEX; 4 Linda Chihara, USA; 5 Leslie Keen, CAN; REFEREE: Jon Jackson, USA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Robert Horen, USA.

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES

1 Brad Griffes, USA, 1-1-1.5
2 Rory Allen, CAN, 4-2-4.0
3 Michael Villareal, USA, 3-3-4.5
4 Michael Sasaki, USA, 2-5-6.0
5 Stuart Kelly, CAN, 5-4-6.5
6 Vaughn Chipeur, CAN, 6-6-9.0
7 Manuel Segura, MEX, 7-7-10.5

NOVICE PAIRS

JUDGES: 1 Diane Kamagianas, CAN; 2 Leslie Keen, CAN; 3 Linda Chihara, USA; 4 Jan Serafine, USA; 5 Jennifer Mast, USA; REFEREE: Jon Jackson, USA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Lourdes Barrera, MEX.

NAME, COUNTRY, SP-FS-PLACES

1 Katie Gadkowski & Derek Trent, USA, 1-1-1.5
2 Lindsey Rogeness & Brian Rogeness, USA, 2-2-3.0
3 Erin Rex & John Wagner, USA, 3-3-4.5

4 Kelsic Pedneault & Ashley Mangles, CAN, 4-4-6.0

5 Annie Laurie & Lukas Laurie, CAN, 5-5-7.5

6 Candace Goodwin & Chad Goodwin, CAN, 6-6-9.0

NOVICE DANCE

JUDGES: 1 Jennifer Mast, USA; 2 Diane Kamagianas, CAN; 3 Karen Snoddy, USA; 4 Leslie Keen, CAN; 5 Frederick Hagedorn, USA; REFEREE: Robert Horen, USA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Linda Chihara, USA.

NAME, COUNTRY, CD-OD-FD-PLACES

1 Allison Seitchik & Ross Brown, USA, 2-1-1-2.5
2 Lia Nitake & Ryan Omeara, USA, 1-2-2-3.5
3 Jennifer Young & Matthew Willis, CAN, 3-3-3-6.0
4 Christie Hansen & John Simpson, CAN, 4-4-5-9.0
5 Laura Smith & Andrew Smith, USA, 6-6-4-10.0
6 Jamie Bunka & Mitchell Schlosser, CAN, 5-5-6-11.0

Calendar of Events

October

2-4 Skate SunCoast 1998 and the 1998 SunCoast Team Championship sponsored by the Florida SunCoast FSC at the Sunblades Ice Arena in Clearwater, Fla. For more information contact Kathy Lemasters at 813-525-3950 or <http://members.aol.com/jonrubin/sk8sun.htm>.

3-5 1998 Autumn Classic sponsored by the Colorado SC at the South Suburban Ice Arena, 6850 South Vine St., Littleton, Colo. For more information, contact Judy Mickelson, 303-471-0404 or Michele Beserra, 303-773-3719.

4 Wichita's 2nd Annual Mid-Continent Skate sponsored by the Wichita FSC. For more information contact Karin Glenn-Miller, 316-942-9458 or Barb Strawn, 316-744-8321.

7-10 Skate Cleveland sponsored by the Winterhurst FSC at the Winterhurst Ice Rink, 14740 Lakewood Heights Blvd., Lakewood, OH 44107. For more information contact Diane Murphy, 14740 Lakewood Heights Blvd., Lakewood, Ohio 44107, 216-228-4030.

9-11 1998 DuPage Invitational sponsored by the DuPage FSC at the Northbrook Sports Complex, 1730 Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, Ill 60062. For more information contact Joseph Serafine, 730 S. Ridge Road, Lake Forest, Ill. 60045, 847-362-9110 or 847-234-4659.

9-11 Tri-Valley Open Skating Championships sponsored by the Tri-Valley FSC at the Panorama City-Ice Chalet, 8750 Van Nuys Blvd., Panorama City, Calif. 91402. For more information contact Caprise Hewes, 7651 Reseda Bl. #19, Reseda, Calif. 91335, 818-609-9899 or 818-846-8099 x172.



11 Astounding Ice Arobats presented by Global Ice at Sky Rink at Chelsea Piers. International figure skaters demonstrating very special circus skills on ice. 7:00 pm. All tickets \$15. Series subscriptions available, 212-336-6881.

15-18 Octoberfest 1998 sponsored by the Plymouth FSC at the Compuware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth, Mich. 48170. For more information contact Ellen Kolarik, 940 High Ridge Dr., Canton, Mich. 48187, 313-981-8846.

15-18 Providence Open sponsored by the Pawtucket-Providence FSC at the Dennis Lynch Arena, Beatty St, Pawtucket, R.I. For more information contact: Lee Ann Miele, 23 Gardiner St., Narragansett, R.I. 02882, 401-783-8277.

15-18 Maplewood Fall Classic sponsored by the Maplewood FSC at the Aldrich Arena and Polar Arena, 1850 White Bear Ave., Maplewood, Minn. 55109. For more information contact: Joyce Petsch, 2751 Chisholm Ave., North St. Paul, Minn. 55109, 612-297-2720 or 612-770-6028.

16-18 35th Annual Arrowhead Open Championships sponsored by the Arrowhead FSC at the Ontario Ice Skating Center, 1225 West Holt Blvd., Ontario, Calif. 91762. For more information contact Linda Henderson, 2870 N. Towne #18, Pomona, Calif. 91767, 909-624-3447.

18 Oktoberdancefest Competition sponsored by the Santa Rosa FSC, at the Redwood Empire Ice Arena, 1667 West Steele Lane, Santa Rosa, Calif. 95403. For more information call Laura O'Dell 707-836-0303 or Nola Joy Carello 916-362-6477.

23-25 South Atlantic Challenge sponsored by the SC of Mt. Lebanon at the Mt. Lebanon Recreation Center Rink, 900

Cedar Blvd., Mt. Lebanon, Pa. 15228. For more information contact Laurel Milberg, 4415 Schenley Farms Terrace, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213, 412-858-2769 or 412-687-3319.

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Timothy Goebel's a pretty special kid.

By Susan Coulby

Still left to convince, however, is Goebel himself. The 18-year-old from Rolling Meadows, Ill., is the first American skater to land a quadruple jump of any kind in competition as well as the first skater worldwide to be credited for a four-revolution salchow. Despite his place in history, Goebel assesses his station among current men's competitors modestly, says there's nothing "super-unique" about his life and describes himself as "sort of a regular guy."

Even the TV program he likes best is about, well, nothing much, really.

"My favorite show definitely was 'Seinfeld' so I was, you know, devastated when NBC took it off the air," he admits. "But life goes on, and I watch the reruns on Fox every day."

Watts has worked with Goebel almost every day since late 1991. That's when the skater came to train with him and Heiss Jenkins at Winterhurst Figure Skating Club in the Cleveland suburb of Lakewood.

But the first time Watts watched him on ice was during a solo visit to Colorado the year before. Goebel had no triples and only a cheated double axel, yet he managed to make Watts — a 1976 Olympian — eager to tell his coaching partner about the promising young intermediate he's seen.

"I said, 'If Timmy Goebel or Mrs. Goebel ever calls, you've got to take a look,'" Watts remembers. "And almost a year to that day, Carol told me, 'There's a Mrs. Goebel from Chicago...'. And I said, 'You'd better get them in here straight away.'"

Goebel and his mother, Ginny, met the 1960 Olympic champion during Midwestern regionals while they were in the process of seeking full-time, high-caliber coaching. Goebel had begun the sport during public sessions in a mall rink at age 4. He also took gymnastics and studied karate, but was ready for skating to take precedence.

Though the Chicago area is rife with ice arenas, none offered the level of training Goebel wanted. Among the other places he explored were Colorado Springs and Atlanta, where he'd spend summer hours. The reason he picked the Heiss Jenkins camp is a simple one.

"Out of all of them, I liked Carol the best," he says. "I knew that it was the place I wanted to go."

Goebel doesn't recollect his first practice as an official pupil of Watts and Heiss Jenkins, but he does recall well the week-long audition that led to their becoming a threesome. Particularly vivid are his memories of the first day of that session.

"Carol and Glyn worked with me for about three hours," he says. "When I first got there, I didn't have a clean double Axel or a triple Sal(chow), and by the end, I could land them both."

"There's just always been a chemistry."

Under their tutelage, Goebel quickly advanced from having promise to fulfilling it. He won the 1994 U.S. novice title, placed second at the summer's U.S. Olympic Festival and ended the year with a 14th-place finish at World Juniors. The following season saw him jump to fifth nationally as a junior, repeat his Olympic Festival feat and move up to seventh at World Juniors.

Winning the 1996 U.S. junior title and the 1997 world junior silver capped the next year. His senior debut at the subsequent U.S. Figure Skating Championships culminated in a respectable sixth-place finish.

While recording these major achievements, he also placed well at many lesser international events — several of which took place in Germany. Goebel, whose German last name employs the German pronunciation that makes it sound like it should be spelled "G-A-B-L-E," placed fourth at the 1994 Pokal der Blauen Schwerter event in Chemnitz and second there two years later.

He also won the 1997 Nebelhorn Trophy, which was televised throughout Germany from Oberstdorf. Goebel now gets "a lot" of mail from German fans — all of which he tries to answer with a note or a photograph.

Through the present, he's been able to do that. With no major exhibition commitments and limited senior-level competitions except nationals, Goebel's also had enough time to be the average teen he claims to be.

Since coming to Winterhurst, where he's one of two dozen or so athletes with Watts and Heiss Jenkins, the only child has shared an apartment with his mom. Left behind in Illinois is his electrical engineer father, Richard, who flies to Cleveland about two weekends a month. The family spends these bi-weekly reunions doing what Goebel calls "normal family stuff" like dining out together.

On non-dad weekends, Goebel amuses himself with dance clubs, films and "going shopping and stuff." He likes "everything but rap, pretty much" musicwise and sees "almost all the movies that come out." Although pals with skaters such as Garrett Lucash and Brandon Forsyth, Goebel often hangs out with non-skaters.

"It's good, I think, to get away from skating people a little bit," he says. "So I have quite a few school friends."

The Lakewood High senior says he maintains as much of a "regular school" schedule as is possible. He takes two morning classes, spends 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the rink and then returns for extracurricular study with

Off the ice, Timothy Goebel is a typical American teen who likes to go shopping, hang out with his friends, take in a movie or two and listen to virtually all kinds of music.



teachers after the other students have been dismissed. The aspiring cardiologist says his favorite courses are those in science —like last year's anatomy class.

Around the same time Goebel became a typical high-schooler, he started working on the jump that's

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already made his athletic career atypical. Choosing the triple to which he's added an extra twist was as uncomplicated for him as deciding to take up with Watts and Heiss Jenkins. That all other quads of record had been toe loops didn't matter. Neither did the reality that Michael Weiss was starting to attempt the quad Lutz in competition.

“Triple Sal has always been my easiest triple, my biggest triple, so the next natural step was to try the quad,” Goebel says. “I'd worked on the quad toe a little bit at the beginning when I started working on the Sal, and the Sal was just a lot easier.”

With all the quad work, he seriously overtaxed the muscles in and around his left hip. The problems with these and the effect of subsequent overcompensation on others led him to enter last fall's World Juniors injured. Competing in the initial round left him with more pulls, partial tears and a withdrawal. He also had to skip the 1998 U.S. Championships.

By March, he'd healed enough to

head to Lausanne for the ISU Junior Champions Series Final. In fourth place after the short, he warmed up a flawless quad Sal and then hit one of a slightly lesser quality — though still clean enough for credit — in the competition. It vaulted him to his first big international win that day and — once ISU officials viewed a videotape provided by the Stiegler family — into the record books one month later.

The Associated Press did cover the ratification of the jump, and Sports Illustrated did feature Goebel in its “Faces in the Crowd” section. According to Watts, though, Goebel's quad should've earned much more notice at home. Whatever the reason it didn't, he says, things should be changing now that Goebel has landed his quad Salchow in New York.

“It was hard to get the Americans to realize and appreciate that Timmy was the first to land this jump,” Watts says. “When he did it at the Goodwill Games right there on national TV, that was even better than in Switzerland.”

This event also brought something else new to Goebel, who placed fifth in a field of 1998 Olympic and world championships competitors. While whirling through his final spin, the audience noise that erupted when he landed his quad returned. It grew louder, progressing into his first standing ovation.

“In that last spin, I thought, ‘Wow, they might be on their feet,’ he recalls. “And when I came out of the spin and saw it, I was really surprised.

“Whenever you go out onto the ice and you know that you have the crowd behind you, it's exciting.”

Goebel's goals for the 1998-99 season include nabbing a world championships' berth. But he knows his quad Sal and the quad toe he's also learned won't guarantee him a trip to Helsinki. He names Dan Hollander, Derrick Delmore, Shepherd Clark and Damon Allen among the possible blocks on his road there.

“I think I've started to become more of a threat to the older kids,” Goebel says. “We're pretty much all equal right now, though I think I have an edge in the technical aspect of it.”

Other objectives include landing both of his quads in the same program

regularly — because “having two quads would be really cool,” he says — and tacking a triple toe onto one of them. Watts predict Goebel won't stop there.

“Timmy's a tremendous competitor — I think that's paramount in him — and his skills and knowledge make him probably one of the finest jumpers in the world today,” he says. “I don't mean to put any undue pressure on him, but he already does a quad toe and a quad Sal, and knowing him, he will probably try to get a third.”

“He likes to have an extra ace in his hand on the technical side, but he has to show the skating world that he's trying to grow artistically, too. Timmy's style needs improvement. Carol knows it. I know it. He knows it.”

And Goebel's willing to labor at it. He admires the two athletes he calls his “co-heroes” — Todd Eldredge and Ilya Kulik — for working hard and tries his best to equal their dedication. While training to make it to worlds and the 2002 Olympic Games, he also plans to enroll in college and work toward getting into Harvard's medical school.

“I want to do my undergrad at either Case Western or John Carroll (Universities) — those are both pretty close to Cleveland,” he says. “I'll probably do my undergrad in five years and take off the whole fall-winter semester in 2001-2002 to prepare for nationals and — hopefully —Olympics and worlds.”

“After the 2002 season, I'll evaluate my situation.”

No matter what else he achieves on the ice or after he hangs up his competitive skates, Goebel already has secured himself a place in skating history.

“To be the first in anything like that,” Watts says, “is kind of a big kind of badge that you wear the rest of your life.”

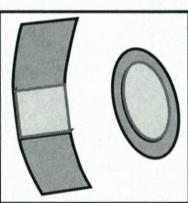
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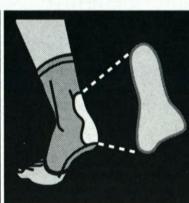
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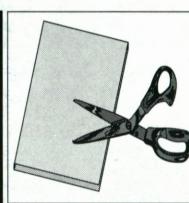
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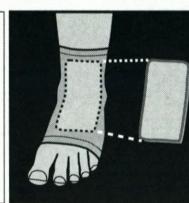
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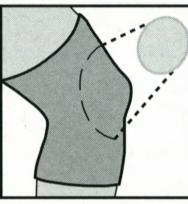
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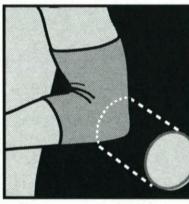
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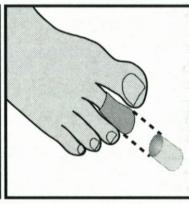
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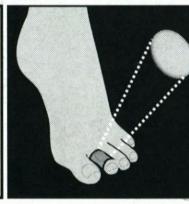
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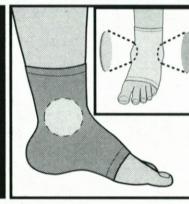
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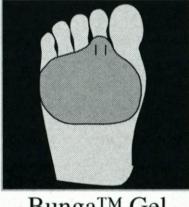


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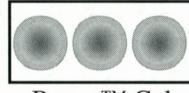


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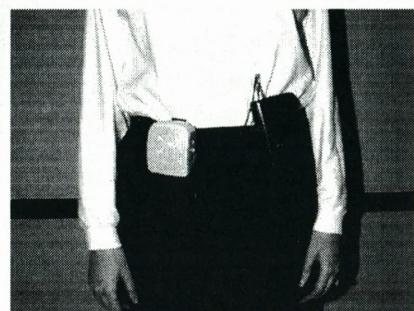
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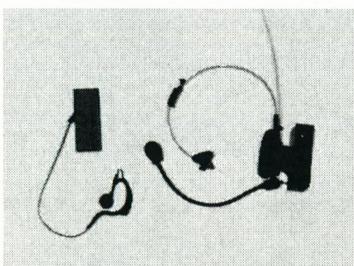


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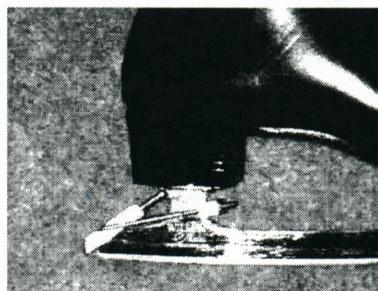
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Your team will consist of two men, two ladies, two pair and two dance teams that you will select from the Fantasy Skating Series Competitors List appearing on Page 32. All of the skaters appearing on this list are scheduled to appear in at least one of the six events in the 1998-99 Grand Prix of Figure Skating series.

Each of the skaters on the Competitors List has been assigned a Power Rating by the Commissioner of the Fantasy Skating Series (a.k.a. Skating Editor Jay Miller). The Power Rating is

based on each skater's finish at the most recent World Championships (if he/she/they competed) and/or other finishes throughout the past season. The Power Rating is important in determining the mix of competitors you will be allowed to have on your team.

HOW TO SELECT YOUR TEAM: As mentioned, you select two competitors in each of the four disciplines: men's, ladies, pairs and dance. The Power Rating total of your two competitors, however, in each discipline **cannot exceed 14**. For example, if you select reigning men's World Champion Alexei Yagudin of Russia (Power Rating = 12) as one of your men's singles competitors, you must select a men's singles competitor with a Power Rating of two (2) or less to round out your men's roster. It is permissible to have a Power Rating total of less than 14 in any discipline.

Aside from the Power Rating limit of 14 per discipline, there are no other limitations on the make-up of your team.

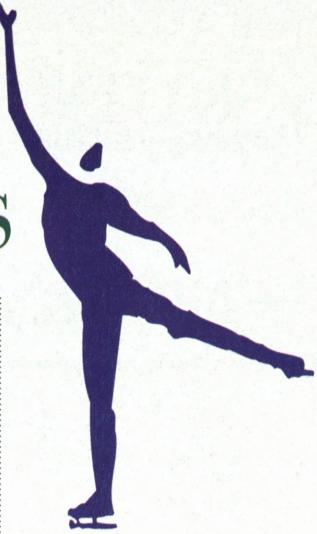
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SCORING: The skaters on your team will receive individual points based on their real-life performances in the six Grand Prix events. Individual points for each event will be calculated according to the following formula: *Reverse order of final placement X 2*. Skaters who fail to finish or who do not compete as scheduled for any reason receive 0 points. The individual scoring formula will be the same for each of the four disciplines — men's ladies, pairs and dance.

SCORING EXAMPLE: The men's competition at Skate America International ends with Elvis Stojko in first, Michael Weiss in second and Alexei Yagudin in third with 10 competitors finishing in the men's singles field.

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005	10	Andrei Vlasenko	GER	Nations Cup	NHK	Trophy Lalique
006	10	Michael Weiss	USA	Skate America	Trophy Lalique	
007	8	Jeff Langdon	CAN	Skate Canada	Nations Cup	Cup of Russia
008	8	Evgeny Pluta	UKR	Cup of Russia	Skate Canada	NHK
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010	6	Takeshi Honda	JPN	NHK	Skate Canada	
011	6	Szabolcs Vidrai	HUN	Cup of Russia	Skate Canada	
012	4	Alexander Abt	RUS	Nations Cup	Cup of Russia	
013	4	Thierry Cerez	FRA	Nations Cup	Trophy Lalique	
014	4	Ivan Dinev	BUL	Skate Canada	Cup of Russia	
015	4	Robert Grzegorczyk	POL	Nations Cup		
016	4	Markus Leminen	FIN	Skate Canada		
017	4	Sven Meyer	GER	Nations Cup	Skate America	
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028	2	Timothy Goebel	USA	Cup of Russia		
029	2	Jean-Francois Hebert	CAN	Nations Cup	Skate America	
030	2	Michael Hopfes	GER	Skate Canada		
031	2	David Jaschke	GER	Cup of Russia	NHK	
032	2	Stanick Jeannette	FRA	Trophy Lalique		
033	2	Andre Kaden	GER	Nations Cup		
034	2	Sergei Litvinov	KZK	Skate America		
035	2	Gabriel Monnier	FRA	Skate Canada	Cup of Russia	
036	2	Makoto Okazaki	JPN	Cup of Russia		
037	2	Naoki Shigematsu	JPN	Nations Cup		
038	2	Seiichi Suzuki	JPN	Trophy Lalique		
039	2	Jens Ter Laak	GER	Trophy Lalique		
040	2	Neil Wilson	GBR	Skate Canada	Nations Cup	

LADIES

Champions Series Assignments as of Sept. 15, 1998

101	12	Maria Butyrskaya	RUS	Trophy Lalique	Skate America	Nations Cup
102	12	Irina Slutskaya	RUS	Skate Canada	NHK	Cup of Russia
103	10	Loetitia Hubert	FRA	Trophy Lalique	Cup of Russia	Skate Canada
104	10	Anna Rechnio *	POL	Skate America	Nations Cup	Cup of Russia
105	8	Elena Lischchenko *	UKR	Trophy Lalique	Skate Canada	NHK
106	8	Elena Sokolova *	RUS	Skate America	Cup of Russia	Nations Cup
107	8	Tanja Szewczenko	GER	Nations Cup	Skate America	
108	6	Nicole Bobek	USA	Skate America	Trophy Lalique	
109	6	Yulia Lavrenchuk	UKR	Nations Cup	Cup of Russia	
110	6	Diana Poth	HUN	Skate Canada	Trophy Lalique	
111	6	Yulia Vorobieva	AZE	Skate Canada	NHK	
112	4	Shizuka Arakawa	JPN	NHK	Skate America	
113	4	Angela Derochie	CAN	Skate Canada	Cup of Russia	
114	4	Alisa Drei	FIN	Skate Canada	Nations Cup	
115	4	Sylvia Fontana	ITA	Skate America		
116	4	Vanessa Gusmeroli	FRA	Trophy Lalique	NHK	
117	4	Marie-Pierre Leray	FRA	Trophy Lalique	Skate America	
118	4	Tatjana Malinina	UZB	NHK	Skate America	
119	4	Julia Sebestyen	HUN	Cup of Russia		
120	2	Fanny Cognard	FRA	Nations Cup		
121	2	Amber Corwin	USA	Skate Canada	Cup of Russia	
122	2	Andrea Dewart	GER	Trophy Lalique	Skate Canada	
123	2	Tara Ferguson	CAN	Trophy Lalique	Nations Cup	
124	2	Eva-Maria Fitze	GER	NHK		
125	2	Franziska Gunther	GER	Nations Cup	Cup of Russia	
126	2	Rena Inoue	JPN	Trophy Lalique	NHK	
127	2	Elena Ivanova	RUS	Trophy Lalique	NHK	
128	2	Zoe Jones	GBR	Skate Canada		
129	2	Britney McConn	USA	Nations Cup	Cup of Russia	
130	2	Angela Nikodinov	USA	Skate America	NHK	
131	2	Keyla Ohs	CAN	NHK	Skate Canada	
132	2	Jennifer Robinson	CAN	Skate America	Nations Cup	

COMPETITOR NO.

COMPETITOR NO.	POWER RATING	SKATER'S NAME, COUNTRY & COMPETITIONS PLANNED.
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REMEMBER: Do not exceed 14 total Power Rating points when selecting your two competitors in each discipline.

PAIRS

Champions Series Assignments as of Sept. 15, 1998

133	2	Sumie Seguri	JPN	Skate Canada	NHK
134	2	Marta Senra	ESP	Trophy Lalique	NHK
135	2	Elena Soldatova	RUS	Cup of Russia	Nations Cup
136	2	Hanae Yokoya	JPN	Cup of Russia	Nations Cup
201	12	Elena Bereznina / Anton Sikharulidze	RUS	Skate America	NHK
202	12	Peggy Schwarz / Mirka Muller	GER	Trophy Lalique	Cup of Russia
203	10	Xue Shen / Hongbo Zhao	CHN	NHK	Skate Canada
204	10	Dorota Zagorska / Mariusz Siudek	POL	Skate Canada	Cup of Russia
205	8	Sarah Abitbol / Stephan Bernadis *	FRA	Nations Cup	Trophy Lalique
206	8	Kristy Sargent / Kris Wirtz	CAN	Skate Canada	Skate America
207	8	Marie-Claude Savard Gagnon / Luc Bradet	CAN	Skate Canada	Trophy Lalique
208	6	Evgeniya Filonenko / Igor Marchenko	UKR	NHK	Nations Cup
209	6	Marina Khalturina / Andrei Kroukov	KZK	NHK	Skate America
210	4	Elaine Asencio / Alcvin Schulen	GRE	Cup of Russia	Trophy Lalique
211	4	Katerina Beranova / Otto Dlabola	CZE	Nations Cup	Skate Canada
212	4	Yoko Ina / John Zimmerman	USA	Trophy Lalique	Skate America
213	4	Marsha Polubruchko / Andrew Seabrook	GBR	Skate Canada	
214	4	Inga Rodionova / Alexander Anischenko	AZE	NHK	Trophy Lalique
215	2	Heather Albleach / Matthew Evers	USA	Skate Canada	Cup of Russia
216	2	Danielle Hartsell / Steve Hartsell	USA	NHK	
217	2	Mariana Koutz / Norman Jeschke	GER	Cup of Russia	Nations Cup
218	2	Sabrina Lefrancois / Nicolas Osseland	FRA	Trophy Lalique	Skate Canada
219	2	Victoria Maksova / Vladislav Zhovnirsky	RUS	Skate America	
220	2	Nadia Micallef / Bruno Marcotte	CAN	Cup of Russia	
221	2	Maria Petrova / Evgeny Tikhonova	RUS	Nations Cup	Skate Canada
222	2	X. Sale / X. Pellsner	CAN	Skate Canada	
223	2	Valerie Surette / Jean-Sebastien Fecteau	CAN	Nations Cup	Trophy Lalique
224	2	Tiffany Siegler / Johnnie Siegler	USA	Skate America	Nations Cup
225	2	Tatjana Totmjanina / Marksim Marinin	RUS	Trophy Lalique	Cup of Russia

ICE DANCING

Champions Series Assignments as of Sept. 15, 1998

301	12	Marina Anissina / Gwendol Peizerat	FRA	Trophy Lalique	NHK	Skate America
302	12	Shae-Lynn Bourne / Victor Kraatz	CAN	Skate Canada	Nations Cup	
303	12	Anjelika Krylova / Oleg Ovsiannikov	RUS	Nations Cup	Cup of Russia	
304	10	Barbara Fusar-Poli / Mariusz Margajlo	ITA	Trophy Lalique	Cup of Russia	Skate America
305	10	Irina Lobacheva / Iliu Averbukh	RUS	Cup of Russia	NHK	Skate America
306	8	Margarite Drobiazko / Povile Vanagas	LTU	Trophy Lalique	NHK	Skate Canada
307	8	Kati Winkler / Rene Lohse	GER	Nations Cup	NHK	
308	6	Sylvia Nowak / Sebastian Kolasinski	POL	Cup of Russia	Skate Canada	
309	4	Kornelia Baranay / Andras Rushnik	HUN	Skate Canada	Cup of Russia	
310	4	Galit Chait / Sergei Sakhnovski	ISR	Nations Cup	Trophy Lalique	
311	4	Charlotte Clements / Gary Shortland	GBR	Skate Canada	NHK	
312	4	Isabelle Delobel / Matthew Schoenfeld	FR	Trophy Lalique	Cup of Russia	
313	4	Dominique Denicau / Marcial Jaffredo	FR	Nations Cup	Nations Cup	
314	4	Albeno Denkova / Maxim Stavitsky	BUL	Skate Canada	Cup of Russia	
315	4	Angelika Furhing / Bruno Ellinger	AUT	Skate America	Cup of Russia	
316	4	Elena Grushina / Ruslan Goncharov	UKR	Trophy Lalique	Nations Cup	
317	4	Elain Hugentobler / Daniel Hugentobler	SUI	Trophy Lalique		
318	4	Jessica Joseph / Charles Butler	USA	Skate America	Nations Cup	
319	4	Chantal Lefebvre / Michel Brunet	CAN	Skate America	Cup of Russia	
320	4	Zuzana Merzova / Thomas Morbacher	SVK	Trophy Lalique	Nations Cup	
321	4	Anna Semenovich / Vladimir Fedorov	RUS	Skate America	Trophy Lalique	
322	2	Rie Arikawa / Kenji Mikimoto	JPN	Skate America	NHK	
323	2	Eve Chalon / Mathew Gates	USA	Skate America	NHK	
324	2	Marie-France Dubreuil / Patrice Lauzon	CAN	Nations Cup	Trophy Lalique	
325	2	Debbie Koegel / Oleg Fediukov	USA	Trophy Lalique	Skate Canada	
326	2	Katerina Kovalova / David Suzman	CZE	Cup of Russia		
327	2	Noomi Long / Peter Chernyshev	USA	Cup of Russia	Skate America	
328	2	Marina Navka / Roman Kostomarov	RUS	Cup of Russia	NHK	
329	2	Stephanie Rauer / Thomas Rauer	GER	Nations Cup	Cup of Russia	
330	2	Magali Souri / Olivier Chapuis	FRA	Trophy Lalique		
331	2	Olga Sharutenko / Dmitry Naumkin	RUS	Nations Cup	Skate Canada	
332	2	Nozumi Watanabe / Akayuki Kido	JPN	NHK	Skate Canada	
333	2	Megan Wing / Aaron Lowe	CAN	Skate Canada	NHK	

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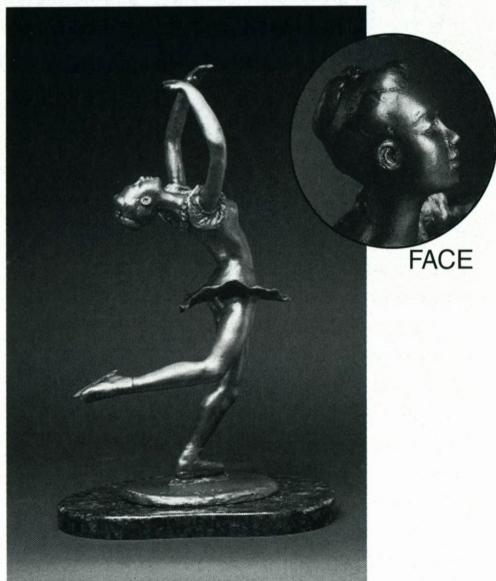
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What Makes An Elite Team?

Top U.S. precision coaches offer insight into reaching discipline's upper echelons

Text by Ann S. Gooding

If hard work, desire, skill, great coaching, creative choreography and focus make a team, then what — we wonder — makes an exceptional or elite team?

Surveying this country's top coaches at the recent Project 2000 meeting, in Detroit, Mich., revealed some interesting and common ideas and techniques for doing just that. With the first-ever 2000 World Championships of Synchronized Skating just around the corner, the USFSA is set on producing the best precision teams in the world.

Looking at the likes of Miami University at Ohio, Team Elan and the Haydenettes — senior-level winners year after year — it is easy to see why we're in such a competitive mode. Nevertheless, the question remains: Just what makes these teams so competitive and what would they do to be better still?

Ask Lynn Benson her secret to success, and this modest top coach will say her Senior gold-medal Haydenettes succeed because, "we strive for perfection even though perfection is something that can never be attained. I am never totally satisfied...I expect the skaters to work very hard but I work as hard as they do. Work ethic is very important."

Looking at busy collegiate- and senior head coach Vicki Korn, she will tell you that it takes three simple but critical elements: "Commitment, dedication and a strong work ethic," to build a team that can hold its own in the international arena

Jeannine Cullen, director of precision for Team Elan, adds that, "Creating and maintaining a high level of physical fitness is one way to develop our teams. Upper body and core body strength, flexibility and developing the skaters' level of endurance through aerobic and anaerobic conditioning gives the team a good foundation." But more can still be done.

Making our mark on the international skating world a big one means never resting on your laurels, they'll tell you. According to these experts, taking the world by storm means added work and development.

Moves-in-the-field and dance are two elements of skating. Coach Benson has

identified as building "quality" competitors, but more ice time, large, mirrored ballet rooms in the rinks, and additional coaching and dance staff could build even stronger teams, she asserts.

Cullen says creating a team that, "performs as one is essential. (Perhaps) utilizing one dance coach to help create a unified approach is one way of creating a synchronized skating style or "technique." She says using ballet as a tool to create "awareness of the space around them" is another. It would offer skaters "another opportunity to work together in developing a team chemistry...," which can only improve their ice performance.

Coach Karen Wiesneier of Team del Sol — who has logged some 18 years in precision coaching — says additional ice dance

is critical ("Dancers have the best "knees" for precision and the edge quality needed" to be competitive.) She adds that more and better ice time and extra off-ice training would go a long way towards making the U.S. as strong a challenger as possible.

The USFSA agrees. This year it has committed additional grants for elite teams to increase access to dance, choreography and similar activities to develop senior- and junior-level skaters who represent this country in world and international events. While the funds have initially been limited, the message to all remains the same: continue working and perfecting your programs and your skill levels — and the rewards will bear themselves in both the short- and long run.

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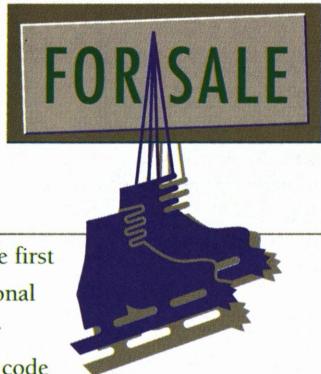
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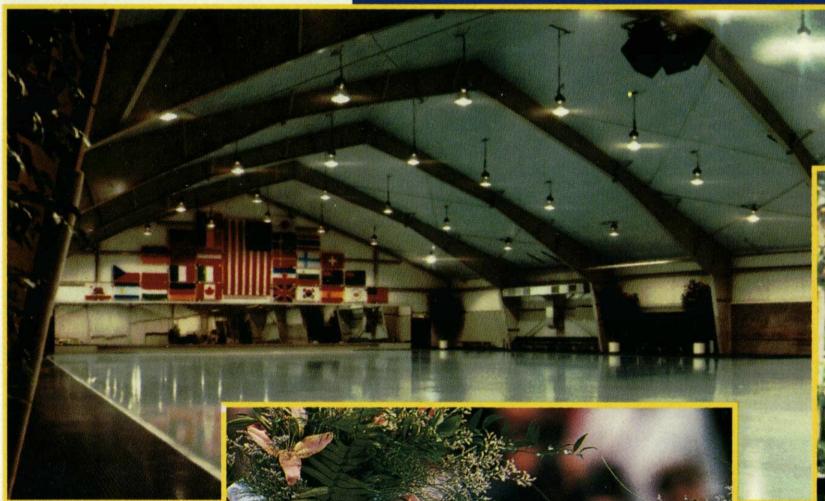
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