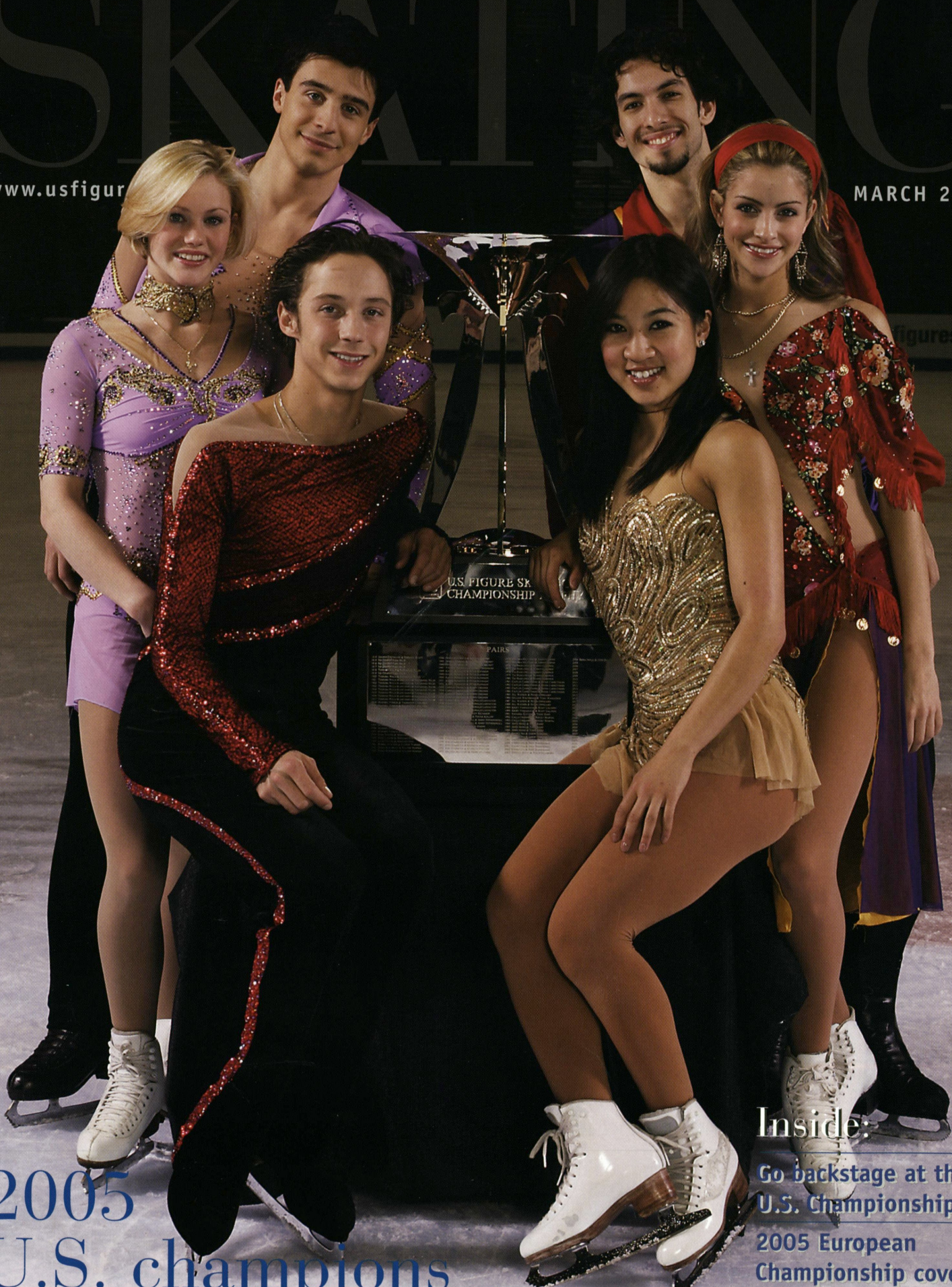


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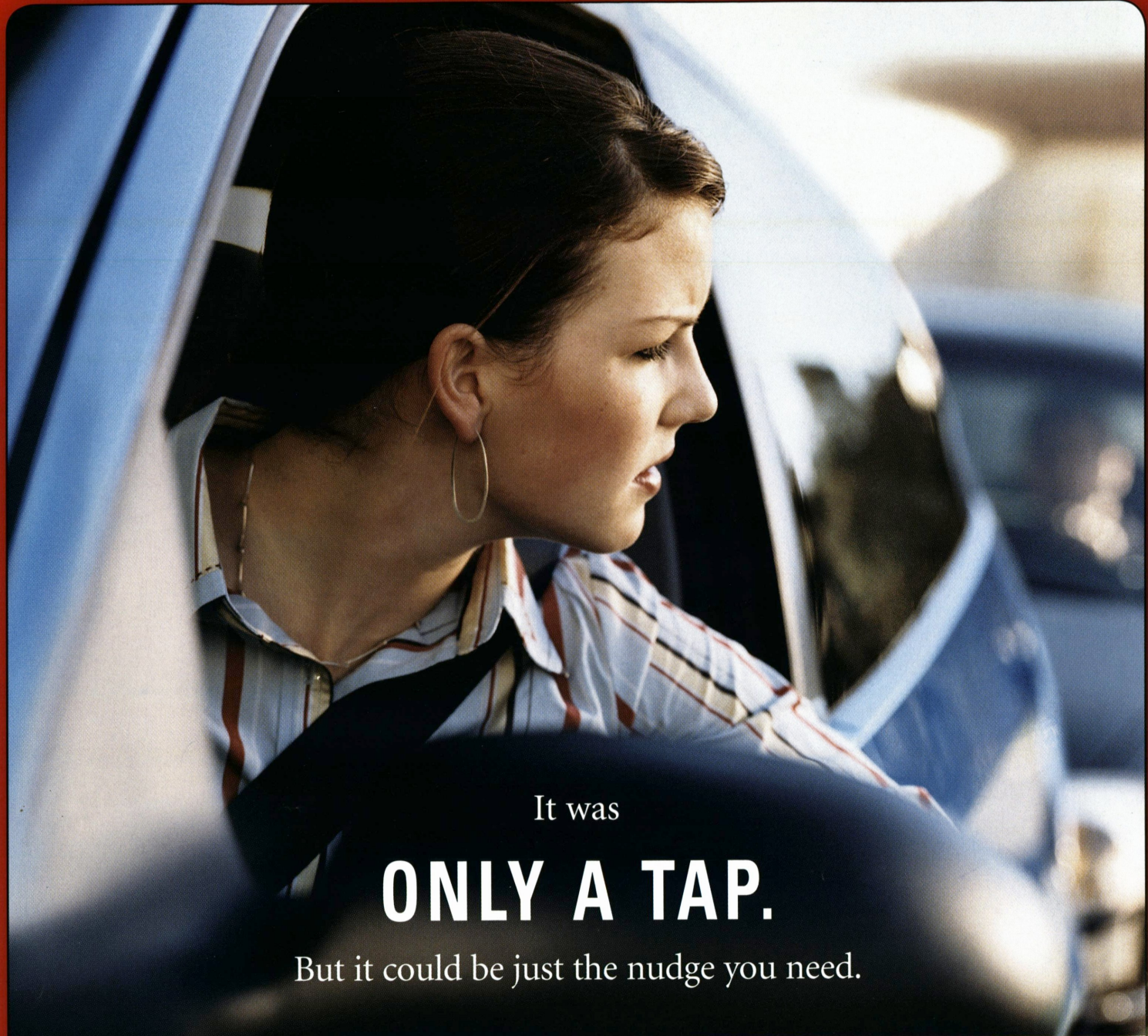
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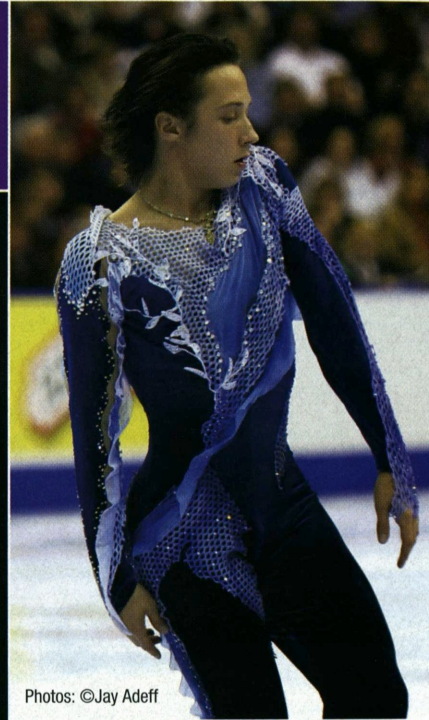
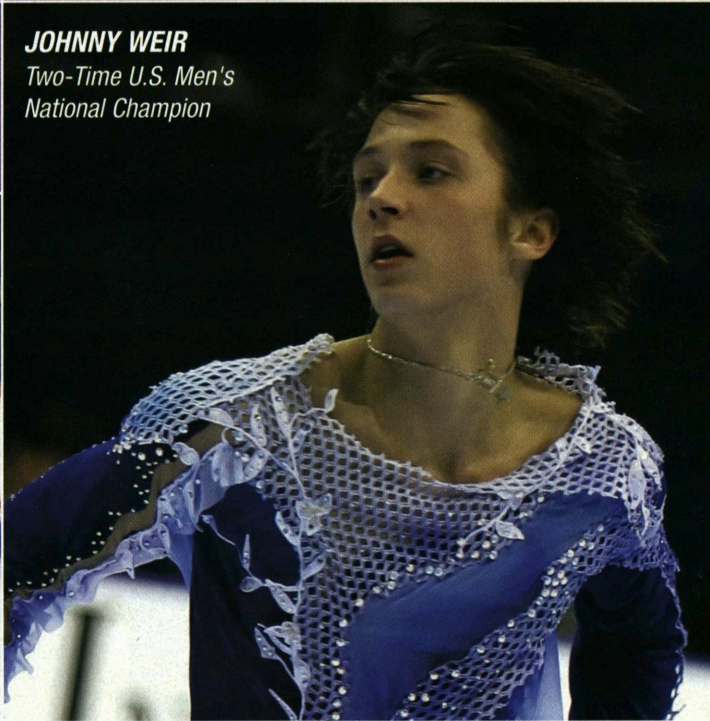
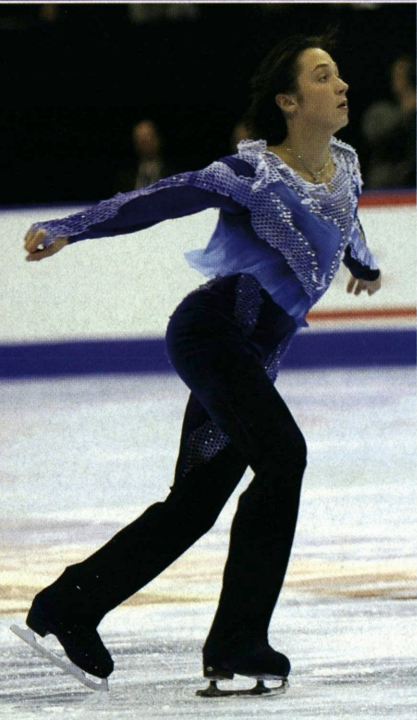
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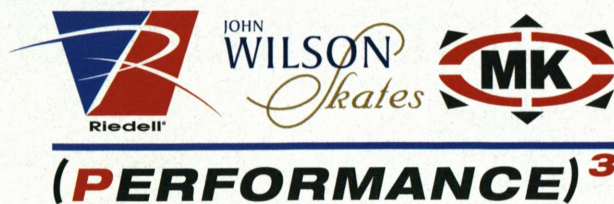
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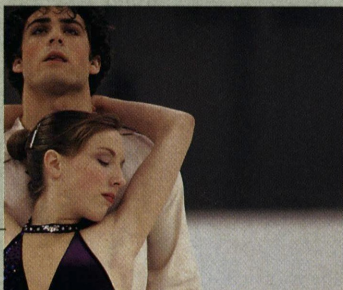
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Thanks Portland!

What a week! The 2005 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Portland, Ore., had everything you could want at an event — great skating, records, milestones, new traditions and lots of emotion.

While the skaters are, of course, the stars of the U.S. Championships, the city of Portland proved to be a star in its own right. The U.S. Championships held this January was one of the most successful for U.S. Figure Skating in recent years.

Of course, this success didn't happen without a well-organized and executed game plan.

Congratulations and thanks go to Bill Cloran, the chair of the local organizing committee, his staff and the volunteers for their outstanding preparation for this event. Being an active adult skater and competitor himself, Bill viewed the athlete as the most important thing in all of the planning. Everything had to pass the test — how did it affect the athlete? I think all would agree this was one of the best events ever from the athletes' perspective.

All of this preparation created an environment that produced some of the finest skating at the U.S. Championships in years. The senior events were exciting, thanks to close competition. And the audience was treated to a couple of milestones in the ladies event with Michelle Kwan tying the record for most titles won with nine and newcomer to the senior level Kimmie Meissner raising the technical difficulty by landing a triple Axel.

The lovely city of Portland proved to be a superb venue for our premier event. The close proximity of the two arenas made it easy to shuffle between events. Getting to the arenas was no problem thanks to the well-scheduled

bus service and the city's MAX light-rail, which was free to ride between the hotel and the arena.

Downtown Portland, where the hotels were located, served as a good host as well with lots of restaurants and shopping areas to fill those times away from the arena. And many were impressed with the large number of coffee houses around to supply them with their morning wake-up jolt.

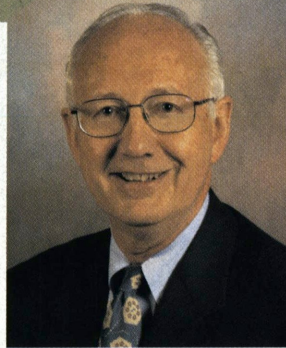
The event got off to a great start with the novice events in the Memorial Coliseum. Then the Rose Garden, a sleek, modern facility right next door, held many of the junior events and all of the senior events.

The unusually large, enthusiastic audience that turned out for the novice and junior events added energy, and these young competitors responded with some great performances.

Overall the crowds were wonderful. Ultimately, 117,000 tickets were sold placing attendance near the records set in Boston and Los Angeles.

I have almost run out of superlatives to use in explaining how the city of Portland embraced this event. Our entire experience in Portland makes us want to return soon either for an event or a vacation.

So, thanks Portland. You have earned a final and well-deserved 6.0!



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"ICE PRINCESS" OPENS IN THEATRES EVERYWHERE MARCH 18.

Figure skating takes center ice in *Ice Princess*

Figure skating takes center stage in Walt Disney Picture's new movie *Ice Princess*, starring Michelle Trachtenberg, Joan Cusack and Kim Cattrall. The movie is set to be released March 18.

Trachtenberg plays Casey Carlyle, a bookworm who dreams of becoming a figure skater, while her mom (played by Cusack) dreams of her getting into Harvard. While working on a physics project, Casey figures out a mathematical formula for doing a triple jump and her figure skating career takes off.

Trachtenberg was attracted to the movie because it was something different. She started training for the movie in January 2004, about three months before shooting began.

"I was training five days a week, four and five hours a day," she said. "Months of training, crazy hour-long ballet classes and hours and hours of everything."

All of that training paid off. When she started Trachtenberg could only skate in a straight line, but now she said she can do some cool tricks including spirals, Ina Bauers and a single toe.

"I can do a couple of cool tricks, one of them is the outside-edge spread

eagle," she said. "So whenever you see that in the movie, it's me leaning back with my skates exactly in one line."

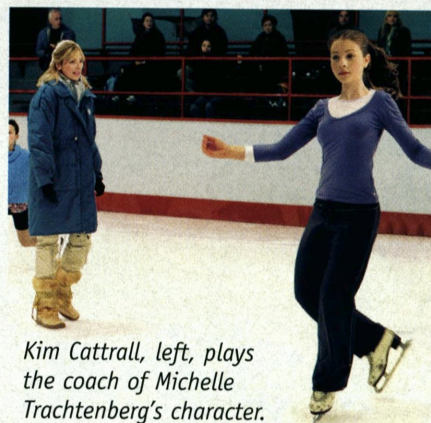
But the big skating stuff was left to her skating double – Jennifer Robinson, the six-time Canadian ladies champion.

"It's insanely hard for me to do the jumps. That I left up to my double, who could do the triples," Trachtenberg said. "She's just awesome. She makes me look really good out there."

Like all skaters, there were times during training and shooting when Trachtenberg said she was bruised.

"I'm a real skater because I have pain now," she said. "That's what all of the skaters told me at the center in L.A. where I trained. They were like, 'Oh, look, you're wrapping your ankle. You're a real skater now.'"

Interestingly this wasn't Trachtenberg's first exposure to the sport. She first became interested in figure skating when she was 8 or 9 and watching it on television. She admits that at first she thought she couldn't be that graceful, but then decided to give it a try. However, her lessons only lasted a couple of days once she figured out how hard it was.



Kim Cattrall, left, plays the coach of Michelle Trachtenberg's character.

Trachtenberg said a highlight for her during the *Ice Princess* shoot was getting to meet Michelle Kwan and Brian Boitano, who have cameo appearances in the movie as ESPN commentators.

"I've always loved figure skating and Michelle Kwan," she said. "I thought it was so cool because I was like 'Mom, her name's Michelle and my name's Michelle and she's so neat.'"

Although Kwan doesn't skate in the movie, she and Trachtenberg compared moves during a break in shooting.

"It was wonderful," she said of skating with Kwan. "I thought I'd be intimidated by Michelle because she's Michelle Kwan – she's phenomenal and amazing – but she was so awesome. We got on the ice and she was doing her regular warm up and she was so sweet. She turned to me and said, 'You know, you've got this great comfort on the ice. You're really quite great.' It was like, 'You're giving me a compliment in something that you excel at so much.' It's amazing."

Trachtenberg said she is excited about *Ice Princess* and the message that it sends to young girls.

"The most amazing thing about the movie is that it is about your everyday girl – a girl everyone can connect to," she said. "It's great that girls out there can watch this movie and see someone who succeeds in what she wants to do. It's girl power rocking out." ■



Michelle Trachtenberg, left, star of Disney's *Ice Princess*, shares the ice with 2005 U.S. champion Michelle Kwan between movie takes. Kwan makes a cameo appearance in the movie as an ESPN commentator.

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2005 State Farm/U.S. Figure Skating Scholastic Honors Team recognized

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This marks the first year of State Farm's involvement with the program, which is in its ninth year. Team members receive scholarships and team letter jackets. This year's team members are:

Megan J. Calhoun (South Bay FSC), an ice dancer, has been on the principal's high honor roll for four semesters.

Danny Curzon (Coyotes SC of Ariz.) has been an honor student since his freshman year and is a pairs skater.



Nicholas A. Girardi (ISC of Fort Collins) has received academic awards in French, math and English and is a men's and pairs skater.

Sarah Henry (Alaska Assoc. of Figure Skaters), a ladies competitor, received an award for attaining a GPA higher than 4.0.

Elizabeth Jean Millis (Lincoln Center FSC) has been on the honor roll every semester and competes in both ladies singles and pairs.

Kate Nelson (Ann Arbor FSC), a synchronized skater, is a two-year member of the National Honor Society.

Christopher Pottenger (Dallas FSC), a pairs skater, received academic recognition in four areas from the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test.

Stephanie Rosenthal (Utah FSC) has maintained at least an A-minus average while competing in ladies events.

Christopher Schleicher (Colonial FSC) is a member of the National Honor Society and a pairs skater.

Victoria Schwanda (SC of Bridgewater) is in the Academic Achievement Society and is a synchronized skating team member. ■

U.S. Figure Skating honors '05 Hall of Fame class

This year the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame inducted Catherine Machado and Mary Louise Wright during a presentation at the 2005 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Catherine Machado

Catherine Machado became the first Hispanic to represent the United States in the Olympic Winter Games, the first to be a member of the World Team and the first to be a U.S. champion (1954 junior champion). During her career, she earned the bronze medal twice at the U.S. Championships (1955–1956), finished sixth at the 1956 World Championships, and placed eighth overall (third in the free skate) at the 1956 Olympic Winter Games. Today she coaches at the Culver City Arena, home of the All Year Figure Skating Club, where for the past 30 years she has been passing on her knowledge to the next generation of skaters.

Mary Louise Wright

Mary Louise Wright enjoyed a long career in figure skating. She became the 24th skater to pass the gold figure test, and captured the silver medal for senior ladies and senior



The 2005 inductees are Catherine Machado, right, and Mary Louise Wright, whose award was accepted by her husband, Ben Wright, left, and her brother, Robert Premer, center.

dance with Arthur Preusch Jr. at the Midwestern Sectional Figure Skating Championships in 1942.

Wright also excelled as a skating judge. She received her first appointment as a judge in 1939 and became a national judge in 1943. Between 1948–1961 she added appointments as a national dance judge, an international judge, a world judge and a world dance judge. Wright's judging resume included 13 World Figure Skating Championships, two Olympic Winter Games (1964 and 1992), four North American Championships and 30 U.S. Championships. ■



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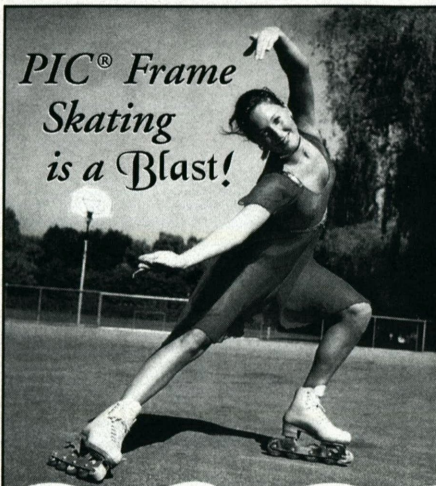
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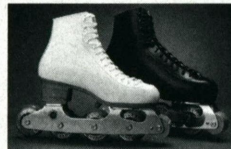
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Skate Aid raises \$37,000 for tsunami victims

Skate-Aid for Tsunami Relief, a figure skating benefit show hosted by U.S. ice dancing champions Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto, raised more than \$37,000 for the Red Cross International Response Fund for Tsunami Relief. The event was held Friday, Feb. 4, at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth, Mich.



Skate Aid for Tsunami Relief participants pose for a group photo.

Participating in the show were U.S. skaters Johnny Weir, Timothy Goebel, Amber Corwin, Alissa Czisny, Evan Lysacek, Katie Orscher and Garrett Lucash, Rena Inoue and John Baldwin, Tiffany Scott and Philip Dulebohn, Team Elan synchronized skating team, Gems on Ice synchronized skating team, Dan Hollander, former U.S. ice dancing champions Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow, and Canadian skaters, Fedor Andreev, and ice dancers Megan Wing and Aaron Lowe.

With an attendance of 1,570 and a silent auction, Belbin and Agosto were thrilled with the results of their self-run event. The \$37,000 total does not include separate donations to date.

In addition, U.S. Figure Skating, in conjunction with eBay, held an online auction of a one-of-a-kind memento with all proceeds donated to the cause. The auction was ongoing at press time. ■

Implementation plan developed for new judging system

U.S. Figure Skating is proceeding according to its plan to present a request for action to adopt the ISU judging system at the Governing Council annual meeting, May 3–7 in Columbus, Ohio. A successful test of the system and its equipment was completed in Portland, Ore., at the 2005 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

A detailed implementation plan for the judging system has been developed, which provides for gradually introducing the new system. It will first be used at the Marshalls U.S. Figure Skating Challenge on March 29. For the 2005–2006 season it will be used at sectional championships (including synchronized sectionals), the 2006 State Farm U.S. Championships and the 2006 U.S. Synchronized Team Skating Championships. The plan is to judge the

novice- to senior-level competitions under the new system at these events.

The following year the system will also be used at regional championships, starting at the juvenile level; at the 2006 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships; and, if possible, at the 2007 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. Work has already started to prepare skaters, coaches and officials.

More details on the new judging system and U.S. Figure Skating's implementation plans are available in the new judging system section of the U.S. Figure Skating web site (www.usfigureskating.org). Visitors to the site can also e-mail their questions about the new judging system or the implementation plan to the appropriate individuals. ■

HEADQUARTERS

Do you wonder what's been going on at U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters in Colorado Springs? These numbers give you an idea of what happened in the month of January.

16

hours of education programs were provided for Team 2010 participants

200

athletes took part in the Team 2010 program

275,000

people visited the U.S. Figure Skating web site during the U.S. Championships

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were issued official credentials at the U.S. Championships

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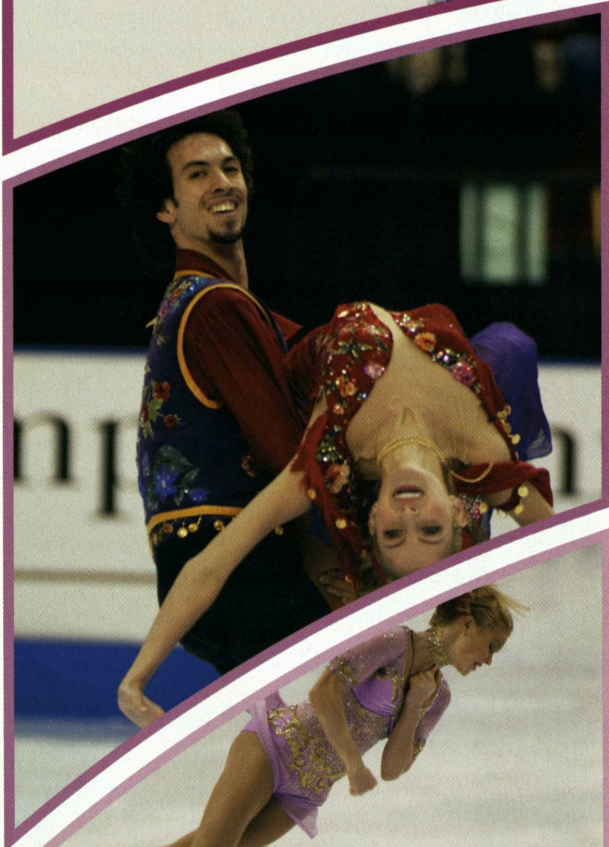
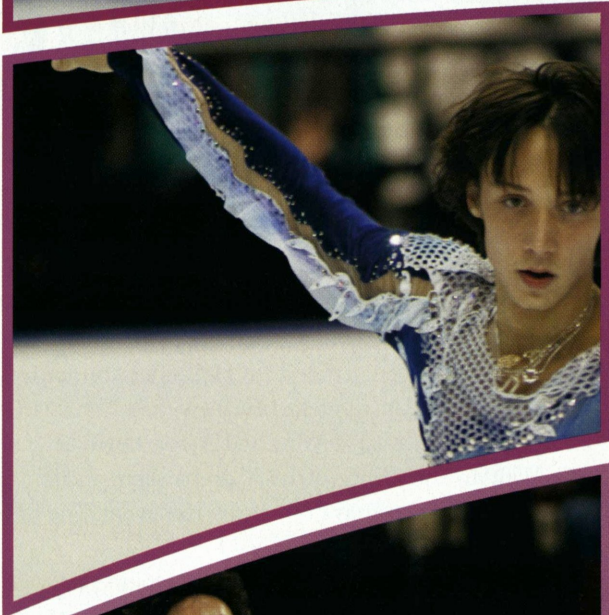
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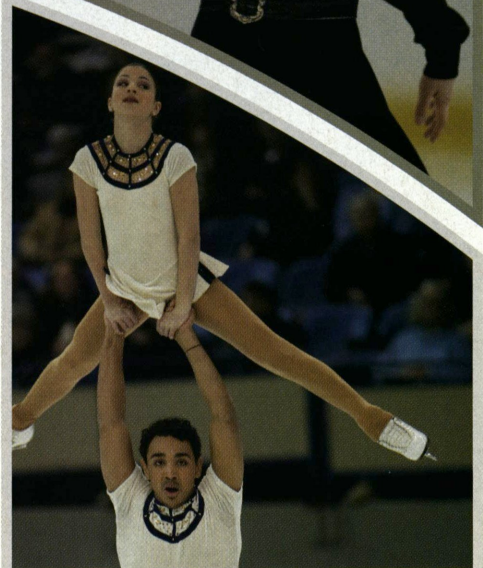
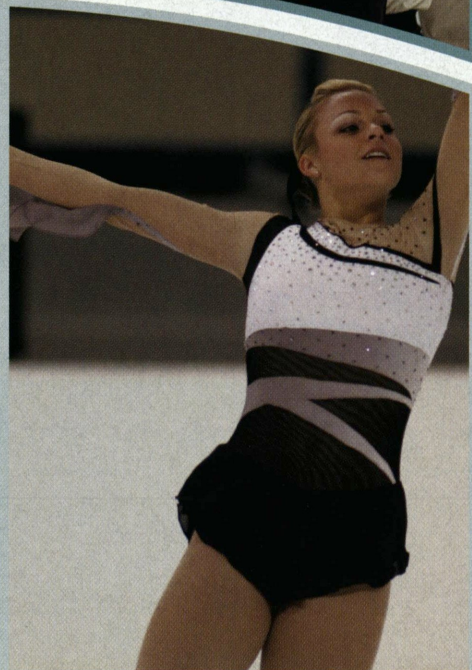
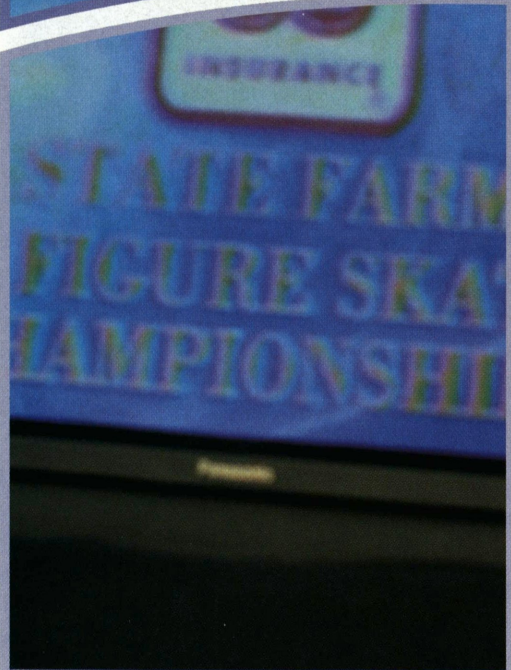
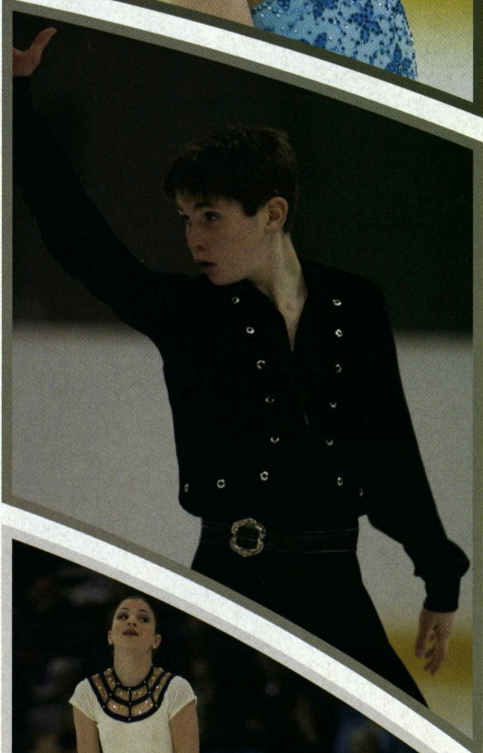
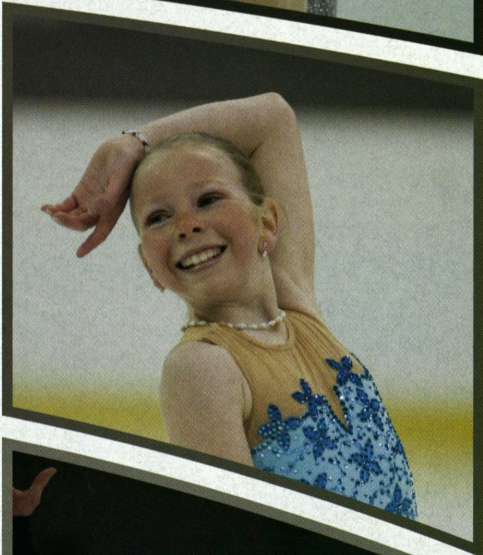
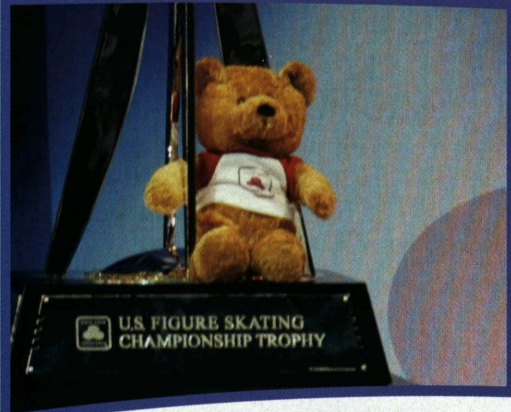
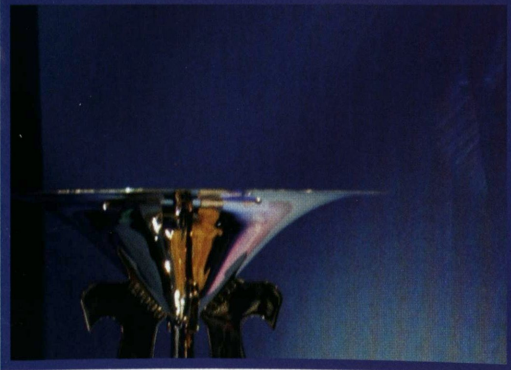
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Perfection in Portland

The 2005 U.S. Championships will be remembered for a record number of 6.0s and record-setting performances

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Entering the 2005 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Portland, Ore., Jan. 9–16, everyone expected history would be made. Michelle Kwan was going for her ninth U.S. title, a number that would tie the record held by Maribel Vinson Owen, who captured her ninth title 68 years earlier in 1937.

And by the end of the week history had indeed been made, in ways both expected and surprising.

Kwan lived up to the expectations and walked away with her ninth U.S. title. But she had to fight for the record as Kimmie Meissner did something no ladies competitor had done in 14 years at the U.S. Championships — land a triple Axel.

And while the ladies were battling it out, ice dancers Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto made history of their own, becoming the first skaters ever to receive perfect 6.0s across the board for presentation at the U.S. Championships.

Michelle Kwan, U.S. champion

ladies

For close to 60 years it seemed no other skater would ever again achieve the kind of success Maribel Vinson Owen had achieved at the U.S. Championships in the 1920s and 1930s, when she earned nine titles. That kind of longevity just didn't seem to exist in the sport any more. Then along came Kwan (Los Angeles FSC).

The final night of competition at the U.S. Championships belonged to Kwan, as has the final night of the event for the last seven years. Skating last in the final group, she performed well enough in her free skate to hold on to the lead she had built after the short program, and to etch her name into the record books.

Although Kwan never met Owen, who died in the 1961 plane crash that killed the entire U.S. World Team, she has always felt that Owen has been a part of her skating.

"There's a cosmic connection between me and Maribel," Kwan said. "She taught Frank Carroll, and Frank coached me for 10 years. To be with her (in the record books) is something else."

While the night was memorable for Kwan, her performance wasn't. She was disappointed with her free skate during which she doubled her triple Lutz and finished the program after the music ended. Kwan said she was a little nervous before her performance and tightened up on the triple Lutz.

The short program two nights earlier had gone better for Kwan. Debuting her short program to "Adagio" from *Spartacus*, Kwan completed her jumps — triple Lutz-double toe, double Axel and a triple flip — then built speed as the music reached a

crescendo. As if on cue, the skating-savvy crowd began to roar as Kwan entered into her signature change-edge spiral.

After the short program, Kwan received three 6.0s for presentation, a mark she would beat with her free skate, for which she earned four.

"I better snag all the sixes I can get," Kwan joked, referring to the likelihood that this will be the final U.S. Championships at which 6.0s will be rewarded.

Kwan will compete under the new ISU judging system for the first time at the 2005 World Figure Skating Championships in Moscow in March. After her free skate she acknowledged the need to prepare for Worlds.

"I have a lot of work to do before Worlds," she said. "I'll celebrate tonight then it's back to work tomorrow."

Though the spotlight was squarely on Kwan, Meissner, competing for the first time as a senior-level skater, did her best to steal a share of it.

Meissner (Univ. of Delaware FSC), who finished with the bronze medal, made a bit of history of her own when, on the third jump of her free skate, she landed a triple Axel, becoming the first U.S. woman to complete the jump in competition since Tonya Harding.

Harding was the first U.S. woman to perform the triple Axel at the 1991 U.S. Championships in Minneapolis, Minn. Ironically, Meissner's triple Axel came in Harding's hometown of Portland.

"It was so cool," Meissner said. "When I did it in warm-up I said, 'That's it, I'm doing it.'"

Interestingly Kwan's longevity in the sport is evident when you look at the first triple Axel landed at a U.S. Championships and the latest one landed. In 1991 Kwan was a novice competitor who didn't make the U.S. Championships. But her sister, Karen, did qualify, and the family made the trip to Minneapolis to watch her compete. So Kwan was in the stands watching Harding compete at the 1991 event.

This year Kwan was waiting to skate when Meissner landed the triple Axel. She heard the crowd scream and knew Meissner had done it. Then she saw the

replay several times on the ABC monitors. Kwan was excited about Meissner's accomplishment too.

"It's amazing for skating," Kwan said, "and for an American skater, it's fantastic. This is the hometown of Tonya Harding, so it's the perfect place for her to try and land it."

Sasha Cohen (Orange County FSC) experienced a memorable night as well, winning the silver medal for the third time. Although, like Kwan, she felt she could have performed better.

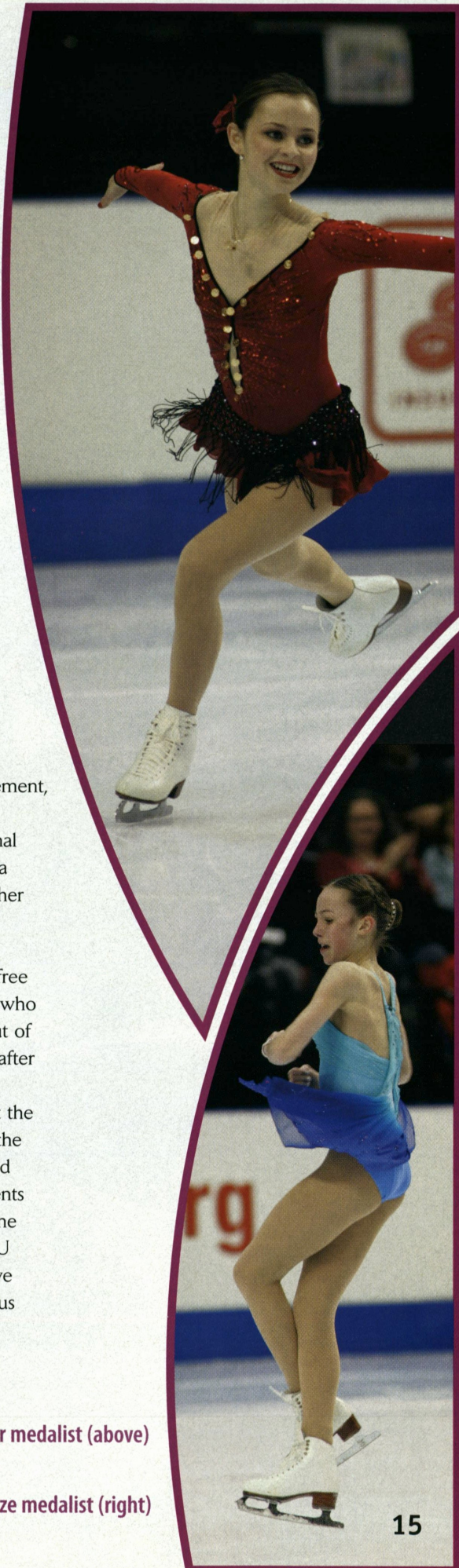
Skating to "Pas de Deux" from The Nutcracker in the free skate, Cohen put her hand down on the triple loop and fell on the triple Lutz. Afterward, she said she was proud that she skated the program "full out" but was disappointed in missing the jumps.

"It's not part of my overall plan to not skate a perfect program," Cohen said.

Her short program to "Dark Eyes" wasn't perfect either. Her opening element, a combination triple Lutz-double toe, was marred by a touch down. Her final combination spin, however, featured a unique position in which she tucked her free leg across her body creating a striking silhouette.

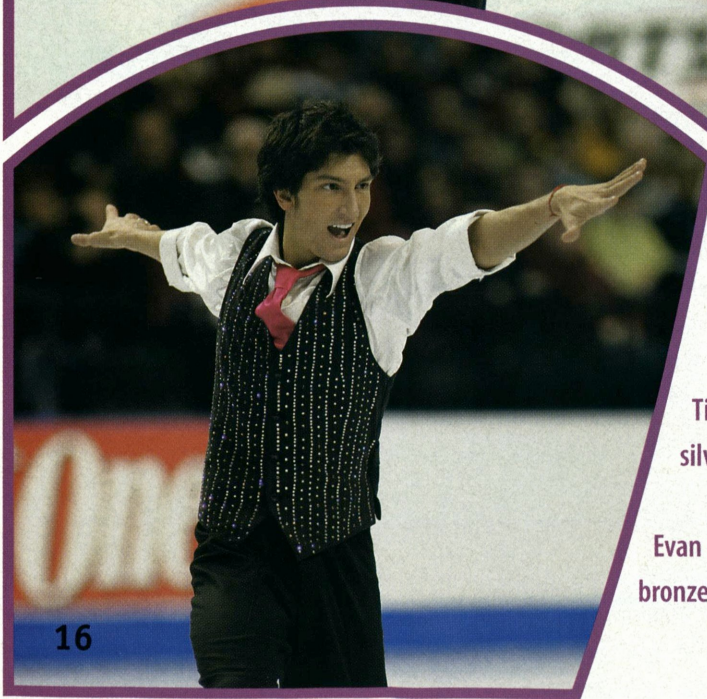
Meissner's technical scores in the free skate placed her above Jennifer Kirk, who fell on her triple loop and stepped out of the triple flip. Kirk had been in third after the short program.

Typically, the top three finishers at the U.S. Championships are selected for the World Team, but because Meissner did not meet the age eligibility requirements Kwan and Cohen will be joined on the team by fourth-place finisher Kirk. ISU rules state that a competitor must have turned 15 before July 1 of the previous year to compete at Worlds. Meissner turned 15 in October 2004.



Sasha Cohen, silver medalist (above)

Kimmie Meissner, bronze medalist (right)



Johnny Weir,
U.S. champion (top)

Timothy Goebel,
silver medalist (middle)

Evan Lysacek,
bronze medalist (bottom)

men

Many of the men arrived in Portland with something to prove. Johnny Weir (SC of New York) was looking to prove that his win at last year's U.S. Championships wasn't a fluke. Timothy Goebel (Winterhurst FSC) was out to show that his comeback was complete. Evan Lysacek (DuPage FSC) wanted to show that he was ready to take a place among the medal winners. And Michael Weiss was hoping to be back on top of the podium. Three accomplished their goals.

All season Weir has proven he's no flash in the pan. But it was important to make a statement at the U.S. Championships. Weir held up under the pressure that goes with defending a championship and performed well in the competition to retain his title.

The short program proved particularly trying due to an automobile accident the day before that took the life of Angela Nikodinov's mother, and left the popular ladies competitor, her father and her coach injured. The loss was particularly hard for Goebel, who is close to Nikodinov. Goebel broke down in tears at center ice when he finished his short program, obviously grieving for his friend.

"The last 24 hours have been very difficult for a lot of us," he said. "But this is out of my control. I'm here to do a job. I have a World Team to make and demons to conquer after last year."

Goebel's short program performance was solid, despite his emotional state. Skating to Rachmaninov's "Concerto Elegiaque for Piano in D Minor" he completed a quad toe-double toe combination, a triple Axel and footwork into a triple flip. His spins were nicely positioned and his footwork was solid.

Weir, too, skated a good short program completing a triple Axel, triple Lutz-double toe and a triple flip. While his landings weren't as solid as normal, his artistry and spins were up to his usual standard.

"It was a struggle," Weir said of the short program. "I saw Tim skate because I was waiting for the warm-up, and I don't think I've ever seen him skate that well."

He skated with his whole heart. Today I think Tim was unbeatable.”

By the time the night of the free skate rolled around, it was Weir who was unbeatable. Weir’s free skate, save a weak landing on his triple flip, looked effortless. A fluid lightness and grace encompassed all facets of his performance.

“I’m pleased with the way I did business today,” Weir said. “I was nervous coming into this because, as much as I try not to let it affect me, it is harder coming in as the defending champion. I’m completely floored and thrilled because I was able to harness my nerves and perform the best I could.”

While all aspects of his skating are solid, Weir’s signature strength is his artistry – a fact that the judging panel in Portland acknowledged. He received five 6.0s for presentation in the free skate.

“6.0s are great. They are very cool,” Weir said. “As far as the artistic side of the program, I know I could have performed it better. But if the judges wanted to give me 6.0s, that was their choice. Since this was the last competition where we’ll have 6.0s, I was, of course, excited to get a few.”

When pressed to look forward to the World Championships, Weir acknowledged that he is missing one vital puzzle piece – a quadruple jump – which he will need to challenge the best international skaters.

“A quad is a very big part of men’s skating today and I do realize I need one,” Weir said. “I will put one in when I’m ready to.”

One year after withdrawing from the event in Atlanta, Goebel proved he is back and a force to be reckoned with. He had another strong outing in the free skate with his symphonic Queen medley.

Although he lacked a perfect quad (his quad toe in the quad-triple toe combination was slightly two-footed) and had problems landing his triple Axels, there was improvement in Goebel’s transitions and posture.

“Obviously I was a little disappointed with having made some mistakes,” Goebel said. “It’s been a really rough week for me. Making it back to the World Team consid-

ering I didn’t finish last year, I feel like it was a success overall. I’m just going to train that much harder for Worlds.”

Evan Lysacek (DuPage FSC) placed third in the free skate to win bronze, his first U.S. senior medal. His technical elements weren’t perfect, but both triple Axels were big and well-controlled.

Despite the mistakes, Lysacek sold his “Singin’ in the Rain” free skate to the audience. The program is a great vehicle to showcase his personality, as he makes eye contact with the audience and brings them into his performance. He said overall he was pleased and excited about being on the World Team.

“... I’m glad I was able to get one before they do away with the good old 6.0.”

– evan lysacek

“Tonight I faced a couple of challenges,” Lysacek said. “First of all, having to go last and wait after the warm-up. It was hard for me once I got on the ice to try to build up that energy, but once Johnny’s marks came up – obviously he skated wonderfully – I kind of used the audience’s excitement and was able to feed off that a little bit.”

Lysacek was solid in the short program both technically and artistically. He was secure in his jumps, including a triple Axel, triple Lutz-triple toe and a triple flip from footwork in his “Espana Cani” program. His spins were fast and his footwork intricate.

He was pleased with his performance and rightfully so. Lysacek received his first 6.0 in the short program, even though he was only the third competitor to skate.

“I’m so stoked!” Lysacek said. “That’s my first one in my career, and I’m glad

I was able to get one before they do away with the good old 6.0.”

Weiss (Washington FSC) struggled throughout the competition, placing fifth in both segments to finish fifth overall.

pairs

After winning the pairs silver medal at the last two U.S. Championships, this year’s event was golden for Katie Orscher and Garrett Lucash. They skated a clean free skate to “Samson and Delilah” despite Lucash being sick most of the week.

“At the beginning of the week I wanted to withdraw,” Orscher said. “His strength just wasn’t there. But he came through tonight and I’m very proud of him.”

Orscher (SC of Hartford) and Lucash (Charter Oak FSC) skated what might have been the best performance of their career, opening with a triple twist and side-by-side triple toes into double flips. They performed the rarely seen throw triple flip and a lasso tap combination lift that ended with Orscher balanced on Lucash’s legs in a handstand backbend position.

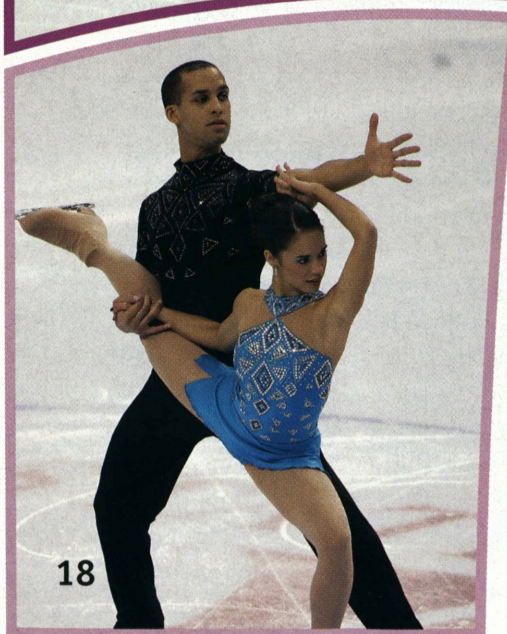
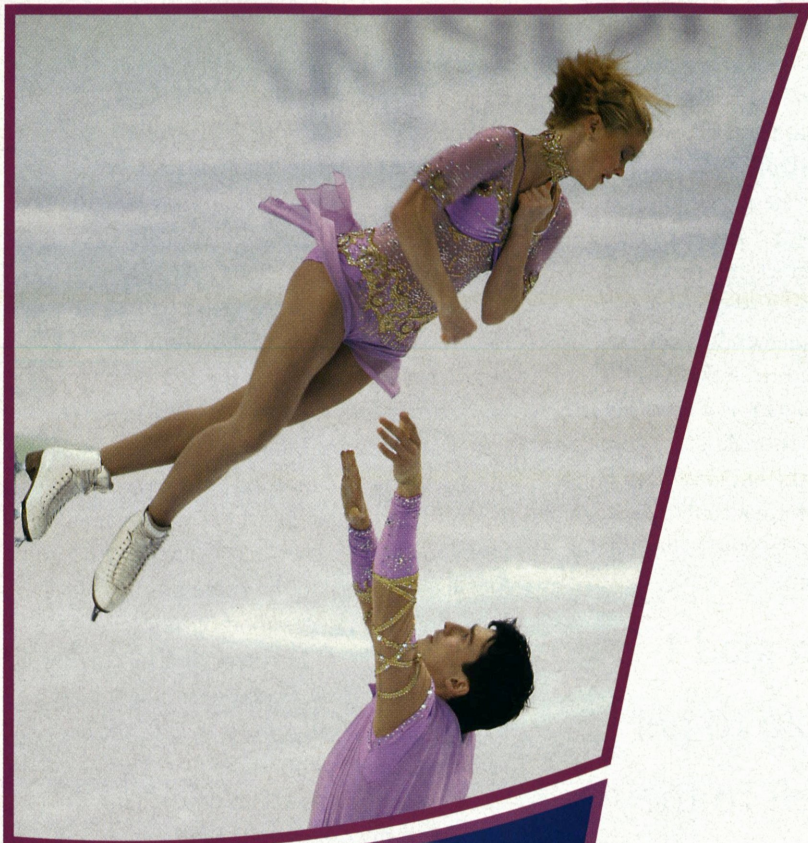
That performance followed their “Still Got the Blues” short program, in which they nailed their side-by-side triple toes and suffered only one major mistake when Orscher lost her landing edge and fell on the throw triple flip. That performance gave them the early lead in the competition.

Rena Inoue and John Baldwin (All Year FSC) won the silver medal despite struggling throughout the competition.

Skating to Salsoul’s “Bird of Fire” in the short program, Baldwin doubled his planned triple Lutz, Inoue pitched forward on the landing of the throw triple loop, and the pair had unison problems on their side-by-side spins.

In their free skate Inoue two-footed the landing on the throw triple Salchow, then a planned three-variation star lift was aborted. Both had problems with their side-by-side triple Lutz jumps in both the short program and the free skate.

The 2004 U.S. champions were disappointed with their performances.



**Katie Orscher and Garrett Lucash,
U.S. pairs champions (top)**

**Rena Inoue and John Baldwin,
silver medalists (middle)**

**Marcy Hinzmann and Aaron Parchem,
bronze medalists (bottom)**

"We didn't think our title was for sale and we weren't ready to give it up, but we were out-skated by Katie and Garrett," Baldwin said. "It was an honor to be national champions."

"We had a good Grand Prix Series and we made it to the Grand Prix Final. But I'll tell you the truth, this title means the most to me; this skate means the most to me. So it's definitely disappointing."

In just their second season together, Marcy Hinzmann (Winterhurst FSC) and Aaron Parchem (Detroit SC) won the bronze medal.

They started off with a solid short program to Pink Floyd's "Hey You." The program, choreographed by Parchem's wife, 1992 Olympian Zuzanna Szwed, included a throw triple loop, strong moves and good unison. Parchem said he was thrilled and that he and Hinzmann really "gelled." But the free skate didn't go as well. Skating in the final group seemed to take its toll, and the pair struggled on several elements during their "La Esperanza" program.

"It's different being in the final warm-up," Hinzmann said. "I was terrified out there. I tried to maintain composure."

The problems started when Hinzmann fell on the triple toe. Then she doubled the second side-by-side attempt and later slid into the boards on the throw triple Salchow.

"We were a little sloppy," Parchem said, "but we're sitting in third and I don't care how we got here."

ice dancing

Before this year's U.S. Championships, Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto had never received a 6.0 at a major competition. After the event, it was a different story. Now they can say they've received 14.

Belbin and Agosto received 6.0s from all nine judges for the presentation mark in their free dance, becoming the only U.S. skaters to ever accomplish that feat. Kwan and Brian Boitano have come the closest, each being awarded eight 6.0s in 1998 and 1988 respectively.

The nine 6.0s in the free dance, added to the four they received in the original dance and one in the compulsory dance,

set a record for 6.0s in an ice dancing competition at the U.S. Championships.

"I can't think of a better way to say goodbye to the 6.0 system," Agosto said.

Each part of the competition was solid for Belbin and Agosto and seemed to build on the one before. Skating this year's rhythm for the compulsory dance, the Midnight Blues, Belbin and Agosto met one of the tests of a good compulsory; if there had been no music playing, the audience would still know this dance was the blues. They retained their speed throughout the turns and swoops with fluid, deep edges.

An exceptional original dance extended their lead. Over the course of the season, Belbin and Agosto have polished their "Cabaret" program so that it flows from one element to the next with playful, rhythm-appropriate embellishments. The diagonal sequence featured turns in both directions, and their side-by-side footwork sequence has become their signature.

Their gypsy free dance to "Shedritsa" has grown over the season as well.

Intricacies and sureness now round out the technical difficulty, which includes speed, closeness, lifts, twizzles and spins that are some of the best in the world.

"It felt great tonight," Agosto said. "We focused on presentation and connecting with the audience. It's the best we've ever done in the free dance. I felt we were able to push it to another level."

Throughout the competition Melissa Gregory and Denis Petukhov, who won the silver medal, showed improvement.

In the compulsory dance they skated with soft knees, confident posture and effortless turns. Skating to *Chicago* in the original dance, Gregory and Petukhov showed good unison and included a unique final slide utilizing their new Diamond blades. Gregory said they have been working to improve their presentation and the way they connect with the audience, which was obvious in the original dance.

Though Gregory and Petukhov didn't have the best free dance of their career, they managed to hang on to second place. Gregory said her blade caught a stone or bead on the ice during their first twizzles,

which caused her to stumble. They were disappointed with the performance, saying they expect more of themselves.

But after skating all of their events so far this season overseas, they were thrilled to be skating for of an enthusiastic U.S. audience.

"It felt nice to skate in front of a home crowd," Gregory said. "It's the first time this year. It's nice to be on home turf and have a home audience."

Lydia Manon and Ryan O'Meara, who won the bronze medal, started off the competition a little slow, placing fourth in the compulsory dance.

But things picked up in the original dance, which they skated to "You Can't Take That Away From Me" and "42nd Street," when they stole one second-place ordinal from Gregory and Petukhov and moved into third place. Their original dance included a side-by-side sequence that traveled half the rink on one foot with twizzles in both directions.

"I had a great time with these rhythms, especially the fox trot and the quickstep," Manon said of the original dance. "It's just so dancy, and you can feel the audience along with you. It was a great audience, and it helped to see the faces of the audience as we skate by and see them smiling."

Their "Black Cat, White Cat" free dance solidified their third-place finish with striking lifts and multi-revolution twizzles.

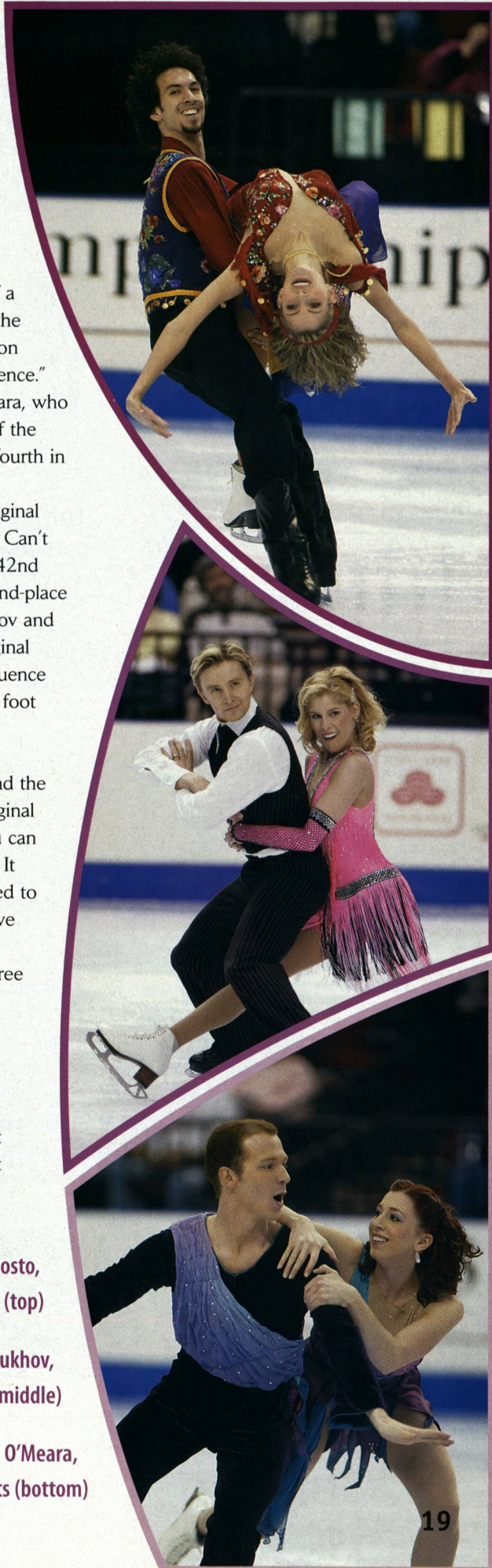
"I think we came in with the hope of medaling," O'Meara said, "so that was one of our goals. Just skate our best and see where that takes us."

Mission accomplished. ■

**Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto,
U.S. ice dancing champions (top)**

**Melissa Gregory and Denis Petukhov,
silver medalists (middle)**

**Lydia Manon and Ryan O'Meara,
bronze medalists (bottom)**



Gaining Momentum

Junior skaters find focus and achieve their goals

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Sandra Jean Rucker,
U.S. junior champion (left)

Christine Zukowski,
silver medalist (middle)

Megan Oster,
bronze medalist (right)

Focus and nerves play a part in competition. And when the event is the 2005 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships having focus and overcoming nerves can make all the difference.

junior ladies

The winner of the junior ladies event had focus. The bronze medalist lost it and then recovered.

Sandra Jean Rucker spent most of the U.S. Championships week in her room visualizing her programs. It may not sound that exciting but that focus paid off this year with a gold medal.

Rucker took the lead with a first-place finish in the short program, thanks to her completed triple Lutz-double toe combination, triple loop and double Axel.

In the free skate Rucker fell on her triple flip and put her hand down on her triple Lutz, but otherwise the program was solid. She completed three clean triples, including a triple Salchow-double toe combination and a double Axel – more than enough to win the gold medal.

“I felt focused, really mentally and physically prepared this year and confident in my programs,” Rucker said.

In Rucker’s opinion, her success is a factor of her focus, as well as the fact that she’s been

healthy all season. Last year a strained hip kept Rucker off the ice. She didn’t medal at regionals, which kept her out of the 2004 U.S. Championships. At the 2003 U.S. Championships she finished ninth in the junior ladies event.

Problems on a couple of jumps left 2004 U.S. novice champion Christine Zukowski in third after the short program. She stepped out of the landing on her double Axel then put her hands down on the landing of the final jump of her triple Lutz-double toe.

But a solid free skate allowed her to move into second place overall and take home the silver medal. She fought for the landing of her first jump, a double Axel, then stuck her next five jumps including a triple Lutz-double toe, triple toe-double toe and triple Salchow, before falling on her last jump, a triple Lutz.

“I felt good going out,” Zukowski said. “I rushed some things and could’ve landed the last Lutz but I didn’t check it.”

Megan Oster’s goal coming into the U.S. Championships was to finish in the top two, and after the short program she was right on track. Though she fell twice in the short program – once on her loop and then again at the end of her footwork – she found herself in second place entering the free skate.



But loss of focus in the middle of her free skate resulted in three missed jumps, and Oster finished with bronze medal. She completed two combinations – a triple toe-triple toe and a triple Lutz-double toe – before falling on the triple flip and singling her loop and Lutz. But she fought for the program, regained focus and completed a double Axel and triple Salchow-double toe.

“I lost focus because I was so excited after I did my first two jumps,” Oster said. “But I regained my focus because I knew I had to have those last two jumps to medal.”

junior men

The triple Axel is a standard for men’s figure skating at the higher levels. But Jeremy Abbott (Broadmoor SC) didn’t need it during the junior men’s free skate. His speed and well-executed choreography helped him overcome a popped triple Axel to win the gold medal.

“I’m really excited, but the program wasn’t the best that it has been,” Abbott said. “The highlight for me was the triple Lutz, which I haven’t done in competition this season. I was disappointed about the triple Axel because it’s usually consistent.”

Abbott said that though it wasn’t a clean program, one of his goals was to improve upon each performance, which he feels he’s done.

“I feel like I’ve improved from regionals to sectionals to nationals,” he said. “But it hasn’t hit me yet that I’ve won.”

Abbott was first after the short program as well, landing a triple Axel-triple toe combination and a triple loop. But he lost focus near the end of his short program and fell on

his double Axel. Still the program earned him the highest presentation marks of the event.

Craig Ratterree (Washington FSC) moved up a spot from his placement in the short program to win the silver medal. He fought through his free skate, completing a triple Axel and four other triples, but he struggled at the end of the program when he popped a Lutz and put his hand down on a double Axel.

“I’ve had bronchitis for three weeks,” Ratterree said. “I was just trying to breathe. This was actually my first run-through of the week.”

In the short program, Ratterree struggled with the landing of his triple Axel. Despite the mistake, he completed the planned combination by landing the double toe.

After a sixth-place finish in the short program, it seemed unlikely that Michael Peters (Peninsula SC) would medal at the U.S. Championships. But when he completed a free skate with only one major error – a fall on the triple Lutz – and others ahead of him struggled, Peters leaped ahead in the standings to win the bronze medal.

“I pulled a groin before regionals, so it is just a joy to be here,” Peters said. “This year’s been such a struggle, so medaling is much more than I’d hoped for this season.”

junior pairs

Marief Miller and Rockne Brubaker (Broadmoor SC) came into the 2005 U.S. Championships with confidence that comes from experience. After competing in the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series in the fall, the team was relaxed and ready to take the junior pairs title, which is exactly what they did.

In the short program they received eight of nine first-place ordinals to take the early lead. Skating to “Romeo and Juliet” they completed a split double twist, a throw triple toe and side-by-side double Axels with good unison.

Skating last in the free skate, Miller and Brubaker nailed their elements, including a triple twist, side-by-side double Axels and overhead lifts with interesting positions and exits. The triple twist probably made the difference for Miller and Brubaker since the other pairs in the top three performed double twists.

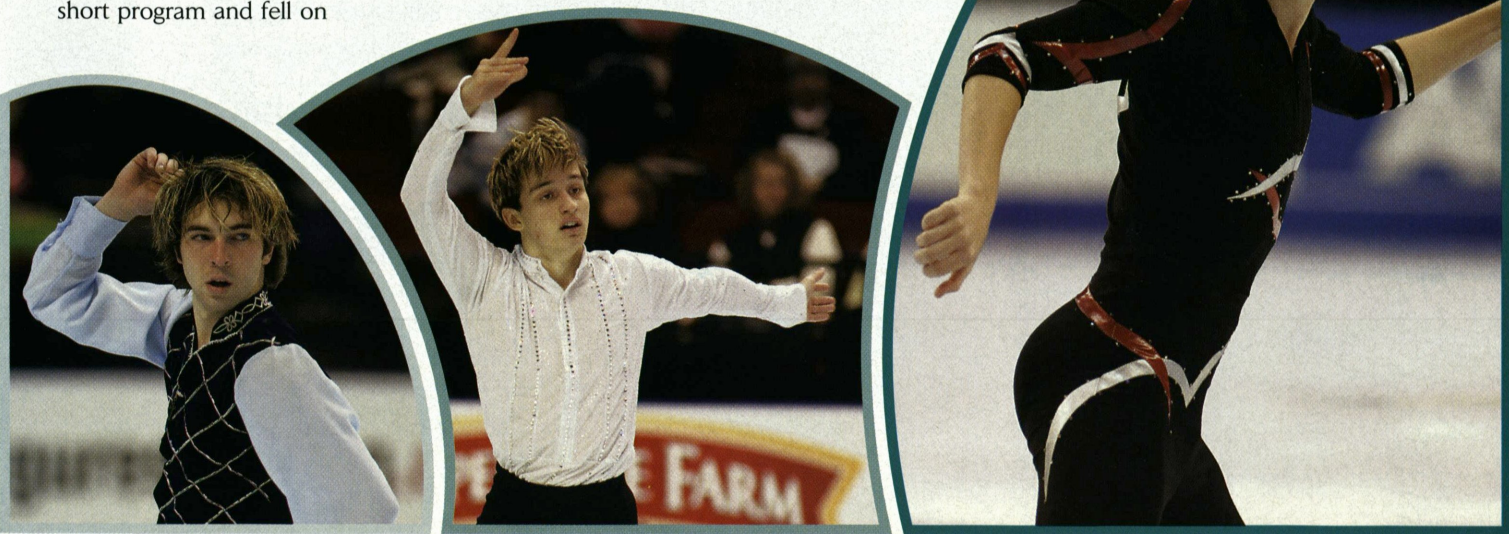
“All of our work is paying off,” Brubaker said. “We’ve been working really hard the last couple of weeks, and I think it showed because that was the best long program we’ve skated all year.”

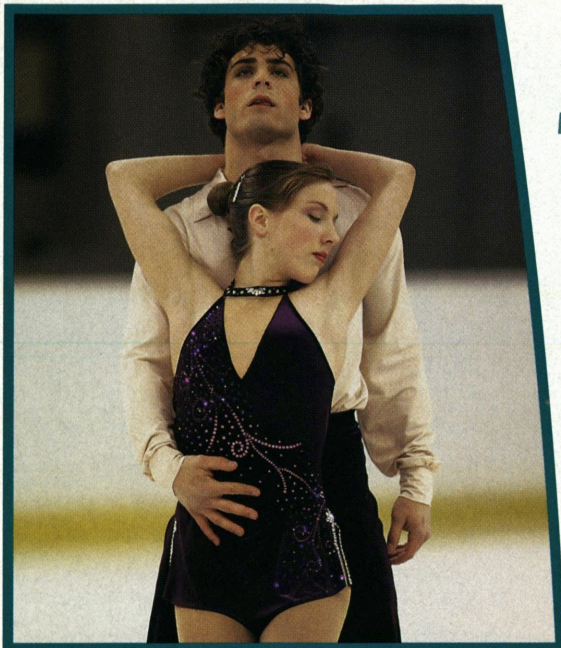
At the beginning of the season Miller and Brubaker set three main goals for the season: to make the

Jeremy Abbott, U.S. junior champion (right)

Craig Ratterree, silver medalist (middle)

Michael Peters, bronze medalist (left)

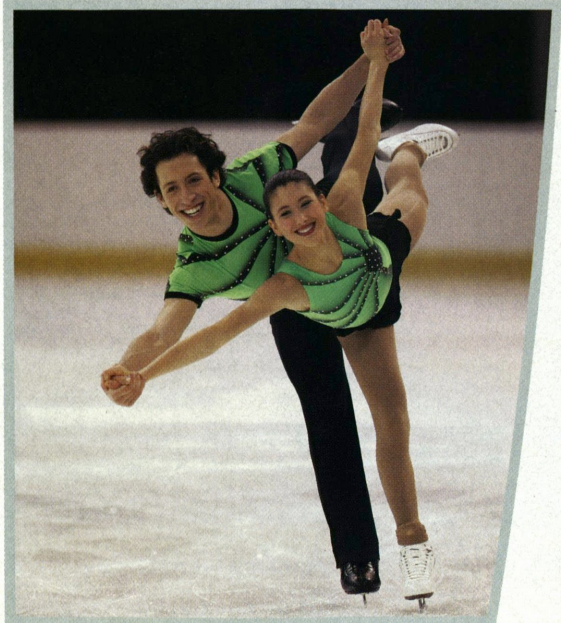
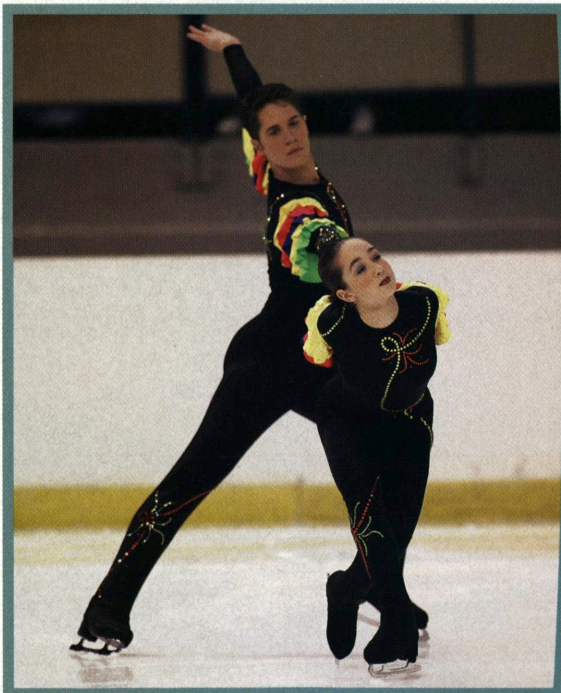




**Mariel Miller and Rockne Brubaker,
U.S. junior pairs champions (top)**

**Julia Vlassov and Drew Meekins,
silver medalists (middle)**

**Chloe Katz and Joseph Lynch,
bronze medalists (bottom)**



ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, to medal at the U.S. Championships, and to make the World Junior Team. By the end of the U.S. Championships, they had accomplished all three.

Silver medalists Julia Vlassov and Drew Meekins (Elite Training Academy) made it a close race. Vlassov and Meekins were third after a rough short program. Skating to Vanessa Mae's "Picante," both struggled on their planned side-by-side double Axels — she singled the jump and he fell. Their side-by-side spins were another problem as they were executed far apart and their unison was off for part of the element. They received ordinals for the program that ranged from second to eighth.

Skating to music from the movie *Paycheck*, their free skate had good speed and unison and they completed double Axels, a side-by-side double Lutz-double toe sequence and a throw triple toe. Though their last overhead lift, which was the last major element in the program, didn't go up, they were nonetheless pleased with the program.

"We're happy," Vlassov said. "We could have skated better, but for today it was good. We're glad we finished second."

Chloe Katz and Joseph Lynch (SC of New York), who were in second after the short program, struggled a little in the free skate and dropped a place to win the bronze.

Katz put her hand down on one of their throw triples, and Lynch fell on their side-by-side triple toes. But they recovered and completed a jump sequence of double Axel into double toes.

Their short program went better, opening with a throw triple toe, side-by-side double Axels and a lasso to one-arm lift.

junior ice dancing

After taking home the bronze medal in junior ice dancing in 2004, Trina Pratt and Todd Gilles (Broadmoor SC) were back in 2005, and this time they wanted the title. That will to win was obvious as they took the lead in the compulsory dance and never let go.

They were awarded all first-place ordinals for their cha-cha, then received

five first-place ordinals for their Starlight Waltz compulsory dance.

Once they were finished with the original dance, Pratt and Gilles felt the hardest part of the competition was over.

"The original dance is the harder of the programs for us," Gilles said. "It's more stressful so we're glad to be through."

Their original dance included two excellent footwork sequences — a straight-line sequence that was performed close together and a diagonal sequence that was performed almost completely on one foot.

"The original dance is the harder of the programs for us."

— todd gilles

Pratt and Gilles shined in the free dance looking comfortable on the ice as they interpreted "Romeo and Juliet." The program transcended individual elements with transitions that wove from one requirement to the next, creating a seamless program. Circular footwork with twizzles, fast spins and speed across the ice helped quantify the athleticism.

After the compulsory dances, Caitlin Mallory (St. Moritz ISC) and Brent Holdburg were tied for second place with Kimmerly Lauten and Augie Hill (Stars FSC of Texas).

But after the original dance the tie was broken and the places were set. Mallory and Holdburg, who won the silver medal, claimed second place with their original dance to the fox trot and quickstep rhythms. They exhibited good speed, dance quality and good unison, especially during their twizzles in the straightline footwork. They received seven of nine second-place ordinals.

The free dance concluded an exciting week for Mallory and Holdburg, who said

they didn't expect to place second. Their free dance featured long, sweeping lines, gracefully extended limbs, and technical difficulty.

"It has been a long year, but a good year," Holdburg said. "Last year I was 11th and now we moved to second. I am thankful for everything that has happened this year. Now we will work on getting stronger and faster."

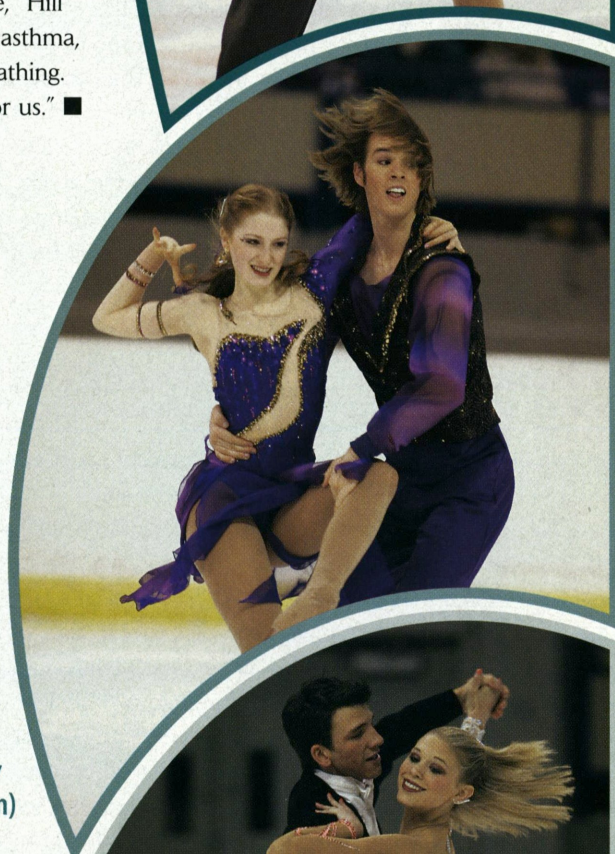
Lauten and Hill fell to third place after the original dance. Their performance was solid, although they did struggle with their unison at the end of the straightline footwork sequence.

They were somewhat disappointed in their free dance. Their lines were not extended, the twizzles were out of sync, and the straightline sequence was lacking in difficulty compared to the other top free dances.

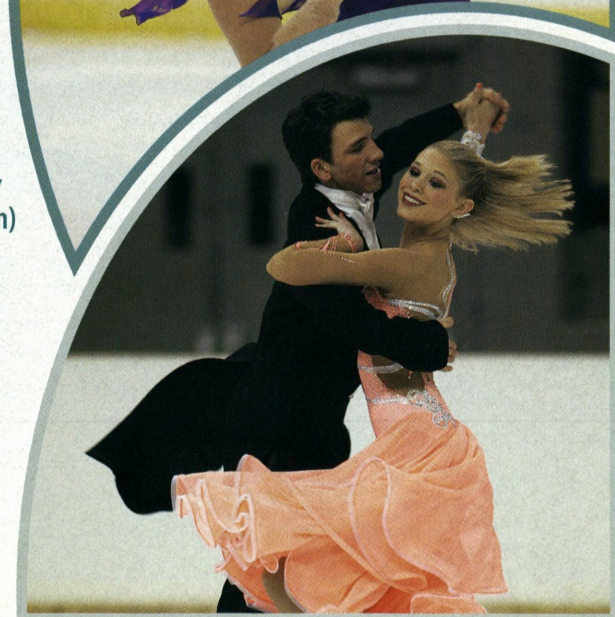
"It wasn't our best performance," Hill said. "I was a little affected by my asthma, and was having a little trouble breathing. Technically, it was a little sloppy for us." ■



**Trina Pratt and Todd Gilles,
U.S. junior ice dancing
champions (top)**



**Caitlin Mallory and
Brent Holdburg,
silver medalists (middle)**



**Kimmerly Lauten and Augie Hill,
bronze medalists (bottom)**

Medalists Show Their Mettle

Talent on display in the novice division
bodes well for future of U.S. skating

by Michelle Wojdyla, Amy Partain,
Mikel Bowman and Laura Fawcett

photos by Paul and Michelle Harvath

It's called the novice division of the U.S. Championships. Yet the word novice could hardly be used to describe the competitors this year. The competition included textbook triples, unique interpretations of the music, intricate pairs lifts, energetic ice dancing and poise under pressure. With these solid competitors coming up through the ranks, the future looks bright for U.S. Figure Skating.

Ladies

Their looks, style and movements are undeniably distinct, but the top ladies in the novice division all had one thing in common during the free skate – composure under pressure. Rachael Flatt (Broadmoor SC), Megan Hyatt (Wagon Wheel FSC) and Katrina Hacker (Rye FSC) finished first, second and third, respectively, and each overcame her own unique hurdle to medal.

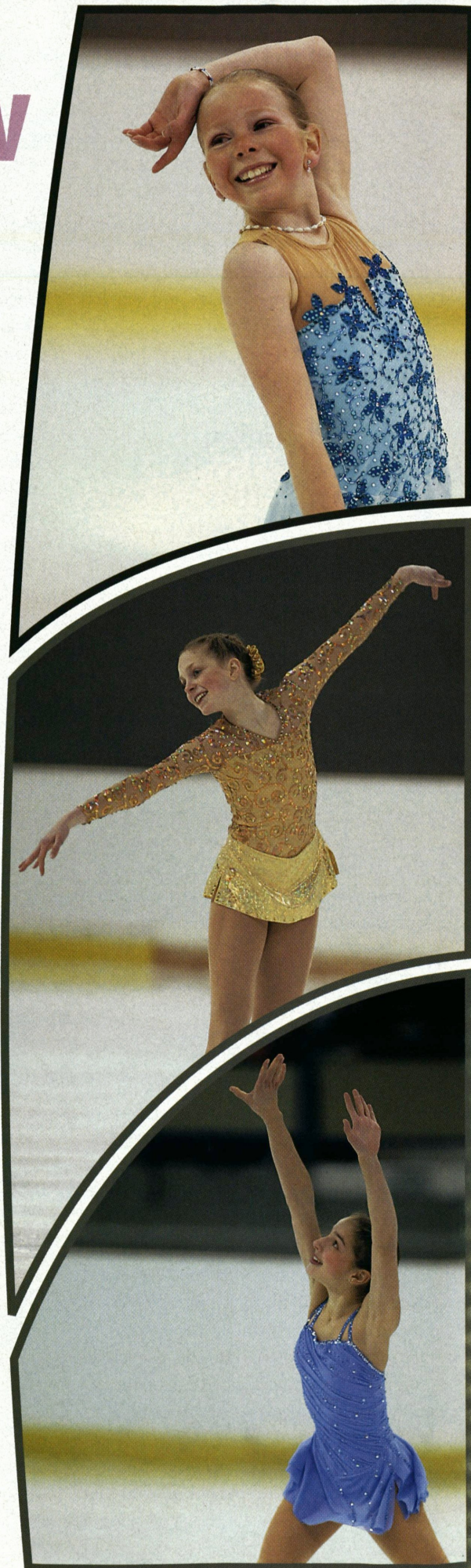
Flatt looked confident from the start when she opened with a solid double Axel. But she suffered a fall on her second jump, a triple flip, which threatened to sap that confidence. It was immediately clear though that Flatt, who was second after the short program, wasn't going to let anything as trivial as an early fall detract from her performance.

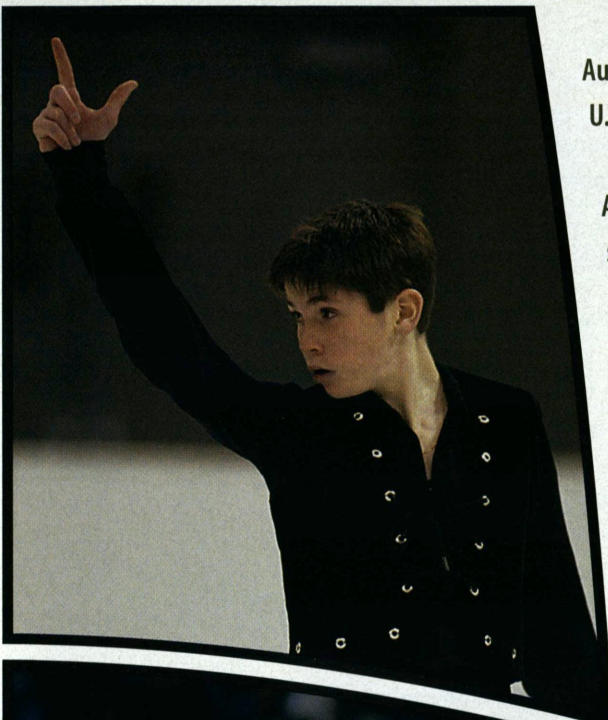
After rising off the ice, Flatt proceeded to land the remainder of her jumps, including a triple Salchow-double toe

Rachael Flatt,
U.S. novice
champion (top)

Megan Hyatt,
silver medalist
(middle)

Katrina Hacker,
bronze medalist
(bottom)





**Austin Kanallakan,
U.S. novice champion (top)**



**Adam Rippon,
silver medalist (middle)**



**William Brewster,
bronze medalist (bottom)**

combination and a triple toe-double toe combination. She also impressed the audience and the judges with her expressive movements and superb connecting spins.

"I feel like I'm on cloud nine," Flatt said. "It's an amazing feeling. At the very end I was kind of running on adrenaline and trying to do my best."

Of the final three ladies to medal, only Flatt was in the top three after the short program, which she skated to "Summertime" and completed all of her required elements, including a triple toe-double toe combination, double Axel and double loop.

Hyatt, who was placed fifth after the short program, was the only skater in the final group to land all of her jumps, but she also experienced a bit of scare early on when she popped her Lutz, the second jump of her program. She recovered quickly though and went right into a flying camel, followed by a walley-running combination and a double Axel-double toe combination.

Hyatt was quick to point out her areas for improvement in regards to her future goals.

"I'll be working on junior programs once I find my music," Hyatt said. "And with the new judging system, I'll need more difficult entries into my spins."

Hacker entered the free skate in sixth position. Unlike Flatt and Hyatt, she didn't experience any difficulty with her second jump. Her troubles came much sooner – two seconds into the program to be exact.

Sliding out of her opening position, Hacker caught an unfortunate blade and went tumbling to the ice. That might have been enough to dishearten most skaters, but not Hacker, who had set a goal a year earlier, when she placed sixth at the 2004 U.S. Championships, to earn a medal in the novice division.

"I took a deep breath and said 'OK, that doesn't matter, it wasn't on anything important,'" and I just kept skating," Hacker said. "I thought it was really good that I got back up and did everything else."

Everything else included five clean triple jumps, and the accomplishment of her yearlong goal.

men

Though the music used in the free skate by the top skaters in the novice men's competition may have been familiar, the performances were unique.

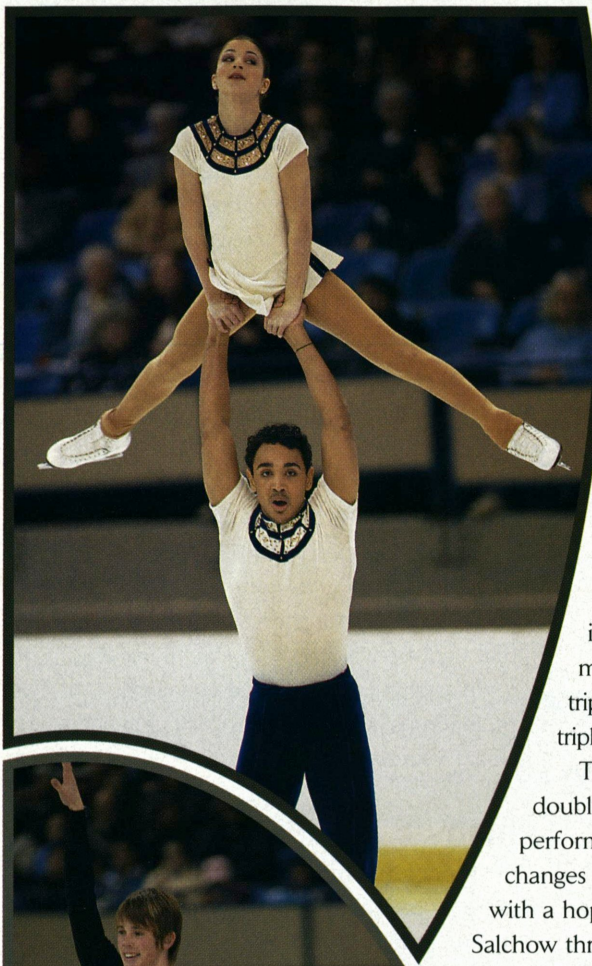
Austin Kanallakan (All Year FSC) captured seven first-place ordinals with his powerful rendition of *Gladiator*. The program featured three combinations including a triple Salchow-double toe and a triple loop with a textbook checkout.

Of course, to win a U.S. title a skater needs more than just jumps. A wild death drop into a well-centered combination spin and straight-line footwork were two of the highlights of the program. Despite his success, Kanallakan does not consider this his best performance, claiming his program at the Pacific Coast Sectional Championships was superior.

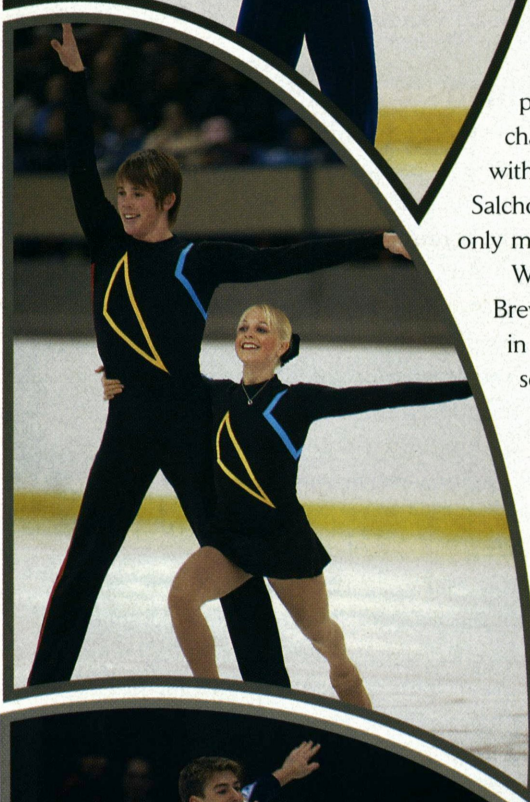
In fact, winning the gold came as a surprise to the modest Kanallakan.

"All I came here for was to place in the top six," he said.

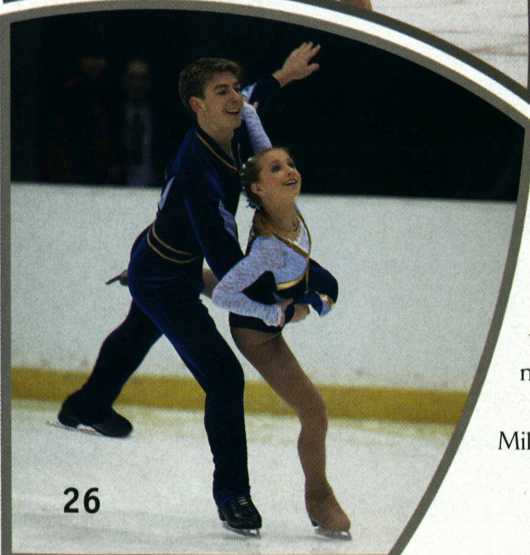
Kanallakan was in third place after the short program, despite collecting three first-place ordinals. Though he hit all his jumps, he chose not to attempt a triple Lutz-double toe, which was performed by some of the other competitors, opting instead to land a triple toe-double toe.



**Claire Davis and Nathan Miller,
U.S. novice pairs champions (top)**



**Bianca Butler and Joseph Jacobsen,
silver medalists (middle)**



**Lisa Moore and Nicolas Girardi,
bronze medalists (bottom)**

Leading after the short program, Adam Rippon (University of Delaware FSC) placed second in the free skate to finish second overall with his "Don Quixote" program. Rippon showed excellent edge work into his elements and connecting moves in the field. A spread eagle into triple toe and multiple changes into a triple loop were first rate.

Tight air position on his triple Lutz-double toe showed control early in the performance. His spins were fast with changes of position, including a flying camel with a hop into the sit spin. A fall on the triple Salchow three minutes into the program was the only major error.

Winning the bronze medal was William Brewster (Detroit SC). Brewster finished fourth in the free skate but third overall thanks to a second-place finish in the short program.

Skating to *Gettysburg* in the free skate, Brewster struggled on a couple of jumps, falling on the triple flip and triple Lutz. His opening triple Lutz-double toe had great spring, his double Axel floated and smooth skating highlighted the slow section of the music.

"I thought it could have been better," Brewster said. "But it's been a pretty good competition for me."

Skating to "Funicula, Funicula" in the short program, Brewster hit the triple Lutz-double toe combination and a double loop, but he had a slight turnout on the double Axel.

pairs

There must be something to be said for high altitude, as two of the top three novice pairs teams train in Colorado.

Claire Davis (Colorado SC) and Nathan Miller (Broadmoor SC) won the title by finish-

ing first in both the short program and the free skate in their first trip to the U.S. Championships.

"It's really exciting," Davis said. "We've been training really hard the last few months and it's nice to see all our work pay off."

Davis and Miller's free skate to music from the *Prince of Egypt* included side-by-side double Axels and side-by-side double flips into double toes, as well as a double twist with a unique entrance, a throw double Salchow with a swoosh landing, a star lift with a flip out exit, and the impressive overhead lift to one-arm star with three changes of position.

Their coach/choreographer Dalilah Sappenfield shaped a program that highlighted the importance of transitions and multiple changes of position.

Being their first trip to the U.S. Championships, Davis said the event can be a little intimidating. While they have experience competing at the U.S. Junior Championships, Miller said that experience was like a baby step.

"I get goose bumps every time I walk the halls," he said of competing at the U.S. Championships. "I'm so excited and the adrenaline is pumping. It's awesome."

Bianca Butler and Joseph Jacobsen (All Year FSC) found that the third time is indeed a charm, as they moved up from back-to-back seventh-place finishes in Atlanta and Dallas to capture the silver medal. The dynamic pair stole two first-place ordinals from Davis and Miller with their dramatic program to *Spartacus*. Their speed across the ice was first rate.

"It's much easier to go faster," Butler explained. "It helps with the momentum."

Butler and Jacobsen were the only team to attempt a triple twist, and although they were short of rotation, their coaches, Jenni Meno and Todd Sand, were supportive.

"We're proud of them for trying," Meno said.

Lisa Moore and Nicolas Girardi (ISC of Fort Collins), who came into the event after a third-place finish at the Midwestern Sectionals, were thrilled with their bronze medal finish on the national level.

Their free skate to “Camelot” featured smooth throw jumps (a double loop and double Salchow), a lasso/star/platter lift, and death spirals with original entrances. Perhaps the only thing that kept the pair from placing even higher were the difficulties they experienced on their side-by-side spins, as Moore missed her toe and couldn’t catch up to Girardi.

ice dancing

The future of American ice dancing appears to be bright, as the novice free dancers at the U.S. Championships performed one technically difficult routine after another and displayed a level of showmanship that rivaled many of the senior-level dancers.

Leading the way were Emily Samuelson and Evan Bates (Ann Arbor FSC) with an energetic free dance that earned them first-place marks from all nine judges. Their Ricky Martin free dance has more changes of position and hand holds than seemed possible for young skaters, but these two did that and more.

“At the beginning of the year our coaches gave us the music and said ‘This is a program we think you can perform well at nationals.’ And we did! They were right,” Bates said.

“We skated well,” Samuelson said. “The program itself is fun to skate to. It’s really energetic. It gave us a good chance to present. It also prepares us for next year.”

While Samuelson and Bates were already thinking ahead to next year, Blake Rosenthal and Calvin Taylor (SC of Wilmington) had their hands full just trying to get through the night. Rosenthal took a nasty fall near the end of their routine, which resulted in a cut to her left lower thigh/upper knee area.

“There was kind of a fall and a mix up of feet,” Taylor said. “I can’t really pinpoint what happened. It’s just a freak accident.”

Despite the fall, Rosenthal and Taylor finished the dance, which included a difficult inverted split lift with a change of position, and placed third in the free dance and overall. At the completion of the dance, Taylor carried Rosenthal off.

Rosenthal received six stitches on-site at the arena and was in good spirits.

“It’s not really that bad, actually,” Rosenthal said. “It doesn’t hurt that much. It’s just kind of like a shock.”

As a result of Rosenthal’s cut, and the resulting blood trail on the ice, a resurface was ordered, forcing the last skaters of the evening, Kaitlyn Weaver (Charter Oak FSC) and Charles Clavey (Texas Gulf Coast FSC), to endure a 20-minute delay. But the duo handled it with a maturity beyond their years.

“Right away I felt for Blake,” Clavey said. “We’ve been competing against each other for a long time. Then I thought, ‘This has to be about us. We have to go out there; we have jobs to do.’”

“We’ve taught them to not panic about those sorts of things,” said Mathew Gates, who coaches Weaver and Clavey along with Eve Chalom. “They were well in control of it. We weren’t worried.”

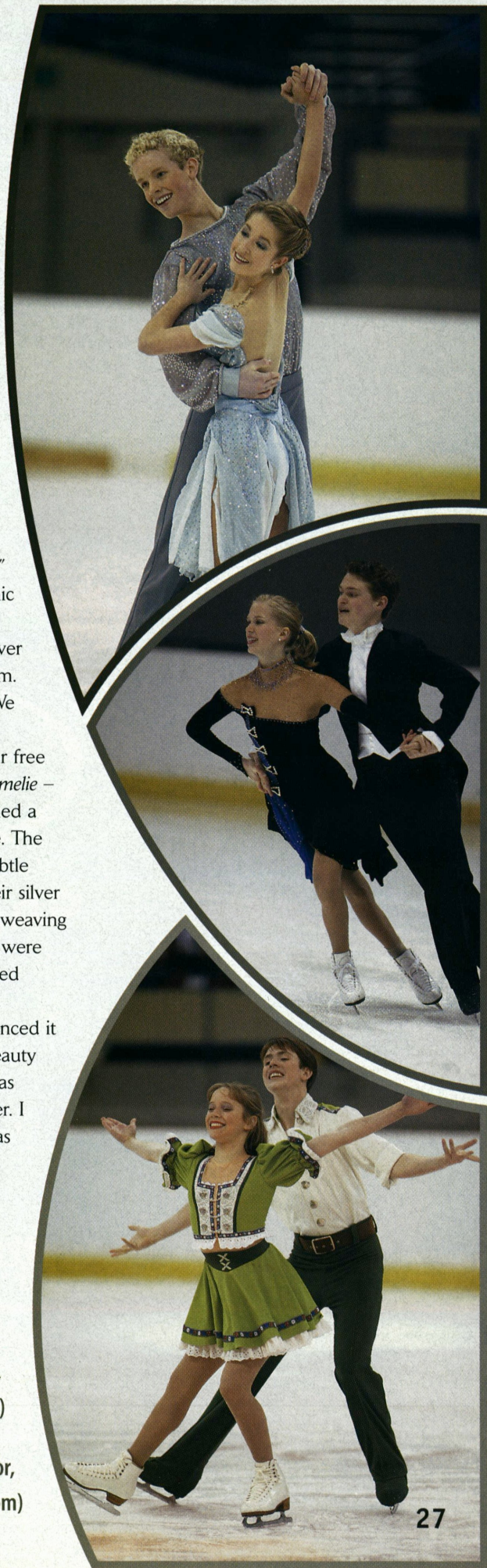
Weaver and Clavey skated their free dance to music from the movie *Amelie* – skated it so well, in fact, they earned a silver medal for their performance. The intricacies in the program were subtle but showed abilities worthy of their silver medal. Changes of arm positions, weaving footwork, and a twizzle sequence were among the elements in this nuanced free dance.

“During the program, I experienced it as a series of events, the innate beauty of the program,” Clavey said. “I was actually quite sad when it was over. I felt like I was really in it, and it was so wonderful. I’ve never felt that good in my entire life.” ■

**Emily Samuelson and Evan Bates,
U.S. novice ice dancing
champions (top)**

**Kaitlyn Weaver and Charles Clavey,
silver medalists (middle)**

**Blake Rosenthal and Calvin Taylor,
bronze medalists (bottom)**



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8. Amber Corwin, All Year FSC, 10-9-11.5
9. Katy Taylor, Texas Gulf Coast FSC, 6-10-13.0
10. M. Williams-Stewart, Univ of Delaware, 10-9-14.0
11. Danielle Kahle, All Year FSC, 12-11-17.0
12. Jane Bugaeva, SC of North Carolina, 11-12-17.5
13. Erica Archambault, Broadmoor SC, 13-13-19.5
14. Stephanie Rosenthal, Utah FSC, 14-14-21.0
15. Angela Lien, Duluth FSC, 16-15-23.0
16. Yebin Mok, All Year FSC, 17-16-24.5
17. Katherine Hadford, Univ of Delaware FSC, 15-18-25.5
18. Shanell Noji, All Year FSC, 18-17-26.0

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Gold/Pair Test

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1. Johnny Weir, SC of New York, 2-1-2.0
2. Timothy Goebel, Winterhurst FSC, 1-2-2.5
3. Evan Lysacek, DuPage FSC, 3-3-4.5
4. Matthew Savoie, Illinois Valley FSC, 4-4-6.0
5. Michael Weiss, Washington FSC, 5-5-7.5
6. Shaun Rogers, Univ of Delaware FSC, 6-7-10.0
7. Derrick Delmore, Washington FSC, 9-6-10.5
8. Nicholas Laroche, All Year FSC, 8-9-13.0
9. Scott Smith, SC of Boston, 7-11-14.5
10. Braden Overett, Denver FSC, 15-8-15.5
11. J. Brauning, Northern Kentucky SC, 11-10-15.5
12. Jordan Wilson, Santa Rosa FSC, 12-12-18.0
13. Ryan Jahnke, Broadmoor SC, 10-13-18.0
14. Wesley Campbell, Nashville FSC, 13-15-21.5
15. Jason Wong, SC of Boston, 18-14-23.0
16. Parker Pennington, Broadmoor SC, 16-16-24.0
17. Daniel Steffel, Peninsula SC, 14-17-24.0
18. Mauro Bruni, SC of New York, 17-18-26.5
19. Pierre Balian, All Year FSC, 19-19-28.5
- Dennis Phan, All Year FSC, -withdrew

SENIOR PAIRS

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1. Michelle Kwan, Los Angeles FSC, 1-1-1.5
2. Sasha Cohen, Orange County FSC, 2-2-3.0
3. Kimberly Meissner, Univ of Delaware FSC, 4-3-5.0
4. Jennifer Kirk, SC of Boston, 3-4-5.5
5. Beatrisa Liang, All Year FSC, 5-5-7.5
6. Emily Hughes, SC of New York, 9-6-10.5



Francisco,CA; 5 Lawrence Mondschein, East Windsor,NJ; 6 Kimberly Heim, Troy,OH; 7 Melissa Kent, Bend,OR; 8 Colette Nygren, Sudbury,MA; 9 Bette Todd, Edwards,CO; REFEREE: Gale Tanger, Wauwatosa,WI; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Scott Cormier, Providence,RI; ACCOUNTANT: Morton Rosenstein, Fresno,CA

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Katie Orscher, SC of Hartford, Garrett Lucash, Charter Oak FSC, 1-1-1.5
 2. Rena Inoue, All Year FSC, John Baldwin, All Year FSC, 2-2-3.0
 3. Marcy Hinzmann, Winterhurst FSC, Aaron Parchem, Detroit SC, 3-4-5.5
 4. Tiffany Scott, Colonial FSC, Philip Dulebohn, Univ of Delaware FSC, 6-3-6.0
 5. Amanda Evora, Southwest Florida FSC, Mark Ladwig, Red River Valley FSC, 4-5-7.0
 6. Jennifer Don, Texas Gulf Coast FSC, Jonathon Hunt, Univ of Delaware FSC, 5-6-8.5
 7. Brooke Castile, St. Clair Shores FSC, Benjamin Okolski, St. Clair Shores FSC, 7-8-11.5
 8. Brittany Vise, Broadmoor SC, Nicholas Kole, Broadmoor SC, 10-7-12.0
 9. Tiffany Vise, Broadmoor SC, Derek Trent, Broadmoor SC, 8-9-13.0
 10. Shantel Jordan, Southwest Florida FSC, Jeremy Barrett, Southwest Florida FSC, 12-10-16.0
 11. Colette Appel, Connecticut SA at Newington, Lee Harris, Detroit SC, 11-11-16.5
 12. Stephanie Kuban, Broadmoor SC, Laureano Ibarra, All Year FSC, 9-13-17.5
 13. Julian Burns, Capital City FSC, Themistocles Lettheris, Los Angeles FSC, 15-12-19.5
 14. Katie Beriau, New England FSC, Joseph Gazzola, Charter Oak FSC, 13-14-20.5
 15. Lauren-Marie Simm, Glacier Falls FSC, Devin Matthews, St. Moritz ISC, 14-15-22.0
- Kristen Roth, Detroit SC, Steve Hartsell, Detroit SC, withdrew
Marisa Sharma, Los Angeles FSC, Amir Ganaba, Los Angeles FSC, withdrew

SENIOR DANCE

JUDGES-COMP DANCE & ORIGINAL DANCE: 1 Robert Horen, New Hope,PA; 2 Richard Dalley, Grosse Ile,MI; 3 Janis Engel, Valencia,CA; 4 Susan Keogh, Greenwich,CT; 5 Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor,MI; 6 Sam Singer, San Francisco,CA; 7 John Millier, Atlanta,GA; 8 Carol Wooley, Alvord,TX; 9 Kanae Tagawa, Los Altos,CA; REFEREE: Charles Cyr, Palm Desert,CA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Shawn Rettstatt, New York,NY; ACCOUNTANT: Elaine Sonderegger, Orange,CT

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NAME, CLUB NAME, CD-OD-FD-PLACES

1. Taniith Belbin, Arctic FSC, Benjamin Agosto, Arctic FSC, 1-1-1-2.0
2. Melissa Gregory, SC of New York, Denis Petukhov, Skokie Valley SC, 2-2-2-4.0
3. Lydia Manon, Arctic FSC, Ryan O'Meara, Coyotes SC of Arizona, 4-3-3-6.4
4. Tiffany Stiegler, Los Angeles FSC, Sergey Magerovskiy, Arctic FSC, 3-4-6-9.6
5. Morgan Matthews, SC of New York, Maxim Zavozin, SC of New York, 6-6-4-10.0
6. Kendra Goodwin, Univ of Delaware FSC, Brent Bommentre, Philadelphia SC & HS, 5-5-5-10.0
7. Kate Slattery, All Year FSC, Chuen-Gun Lee, SC of Wilmington, 8-8-7-15.0
8. Julia Rey, Stars FSC of Texas, Philipp Rey, Univ of Delaware FSC, 7-7-8-15.0
9. Lindsay Evans, Colorado SC, Kevin O'Keefe, SC of Boston, 9-9-9-18.0
10. Stephanie Ellis, Escondido FSC, Ian Ross-Frye, All Year FSC, 10-10-11-21.0
11. Alisa Allapach, All Year FSC, Benjamin Westenberger,

- All Year FSC, 12-11-10-21.4
12. Elizabeth Palmer, Portland ISC, Ryland Stucke, Portland ISC, 11-12-12-23.6
13. Francesca Cheli, Garden State SC, Alex Clark, SC of Wilmington, 13-13-13-26.0

JUNIOR LADIES

JUDGES-SHORT PROGRAM & FREE SKATE: 1 Peggy Graham, Denver,CO; 2 Wendy Enzmann, Stow,MA; 3 Colette Nygren, Sudbury,MA; 4 Kimberly Heim, Troy,OH; 5 Melissa Kent, Bend,OR; 6 Lawrence Mondschein, East Windsor,NJ; 7 Linda Chihara, Seattle,WA; 8 Sharon Watson, Los Angeles,CA; 9 Susan Johnson, Atlanta,GA; REFEREE: Scott Cormier, Providence,RI; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Gale Tanger, Wauwatosa,WI; ACCOUNTANT: Barbara Gloeckner, Cincinnati,OH

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Sandra Jean Rucker, All Year FSC, 1-1-1.5
2. Christine Zukowski, Univ of Delaware FSC, 3-2-3.5
3. Megan Oster, Wagon Wheel FSC, 2-3-4.0
4. Tenile Victorsen, Los Angeles FSC, 5-4-6.5
5. Anna Peng, Univ of Delaware FSC, 4-6-8.0
6. Juliana Cannarozzo, SC of Boston, 8-5-9.0
7. Molly Oberstar, Duluth FSC, 6-9-12.0
8. Danielle Shepard, Granite State FSC, 11-7-12.5
9. Crystal Shum, Glacier Falls FSC, 9-8-12.5
10. Melissa Telecky, Detroit SC, 7-11-14.5
11. Margaret Wang, Peninsula SC, 10-10-15.0
12. Caroline Miller, Rocky Mountain FSC, 12-12-18.0

JUNIOR MEN

JUDGES-SHORT PROGRAM: 1 Wendy Enzmann, Stow,MA; 2 Lynn Goldman, Austin,TX; 3 Hal Marron, Phoenix,AZ; 4 Anne Cammett, Rush,NY; 5 Joyce Komperda, Menomonee Falls,WI; 6 Kathleen McBride, San Francisco,CA; 7 Carolyn Clausius, Sun Prairie,WI; 8 Jan Serafine, Lake Forest,IL; 9 Karen Terry, New York,NY; REFEREE: Larry Kriwanek, Culver City,CA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: William Smith, Tulsa,OK; ACCOUNTANT: Mary Holman, Toledo,OH

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NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Jeremy Abbott, Broadmoor SC, 1-1-1.5
2. Craig Ratterter, Washington FSC, 3-3-4.5
3. Michael Peters, Peninsula SC, 6-2-5.0
4. Douglas Razzano, Coyotes SC of Arizona, 2-4-5.0
5. Princeton Kwong, Peninsula SC, 7-5-8.5
6. Geoffrey Varner, Peninsula SC, 4-7-9.0
7. Stephen Carriere, SC of Boston, 8-6-10.0
8. David Weintraub, Onyx Skating Academy, 9-8-12.5
9. Casey McCraw, Broadmoor SC, 5-11-13.5
10. T. Steenberg, SC of Northern Virginia, 10-9-14.0
11. Traighe Rouse, Univ of Delaware FSC, 11-10-15.5
12. John Coughlin, Silver Blades FSC of KC, 12-12-18.0

JUNIOR PAIRS

JUDGES-SHORT PROGRAM & FREE SKATE: 1 Doug Williams, Los Angeles,CA; 2 Patricia St. Peter, Minneapolis,MN; 3 Karen Terry, New York,NY; 4 Kitty DeLio, Denver,CO; 5 Joyce Burden, San Carlos,CA; 6 Deveny Deck, Reston,VA; 7 Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor,MI; 8 Jessica Gaylor, San Francisco,CA; 9 Anne Cammett, Rush,NY; REFEREE: Sharon Wiggins, Atlanta,GA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: William Smith, Tulsa,OK; ACCOUNTANT: Edward Mann, Park Ridge,IL

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Mariel Miller, Broadmoor SC, Rockne Brubaker, Broadmoor SC, 1-1-1.5
2. Julia Vlassov, Elite Training Academy, Drew Meekins, Elite Training Academy, 3-2-3.5
3. Chloe Katz, SC of New York, Joseph Lynch, SC of New York, 2-3-4.0
4. Keauna McLaughlin, All Year FSC, Ethan Burgess, All

- Year FSC, 6-4-7.0
5. Jenna Yount, Coyotes SC of Arizona, Grant Marron, Coyotes SC of Arizona, 5-6-8.5
6. Aaryn Smith, Broadmoor SC, Will Chitwood, Broadmoor SC, 4-7-9.0
7. Katelyn Uhlig, Detroit SC, Colin Loomis, Ann Arbor FSC, 9-5-9.5
8. Sydney Schmidt, Dallas FSC, Christopher Pottenger, Dallas FSC, 7-8-11.5
9. Lindsey Seitz, Orange County FSC, Andy Seitz, FSC of the Quad-Cities, 8-9-13.0
10. Lucy Galleher, Denver FSC, Justin Gaumond, All Year FSC, 10-10-15.0
11. Katie Boxwell, SC of New York, Danny Curzon, Coyotes SC of Arizona, 11-11-16.5
12. Tanya Aziz, SC of Boston, Chad Brennan, SC of Boston, 14-12-19.0
13. Catherine Rigoulot, Charter Oak FSC, Michael Jorgens, Washington FSC, 12-13-19.0
14. Eden Delphely, San Diego FSC, Cole Davis, Escondido FSC, 13-14-20.5

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JUDGES-ORIGINAL DANCE & FREE DANCE: 1 Janis Engel, Valencia,CA; 2 Sam Singer, San Francisco,CA; 3 John Millier, Atlanta,GA; 4 Kanae Tagawa, Los Altos,CA; 5 Carol Wooley, Alvord,TX; 6 Bette Todd, Edwards,CO; 7 Michael Bauer, Olympia,WA; 8 Richard Dalley, Grosse Ile,MI; 9 Susan Keogh, Greenwich,CT; REFEREE: Shawn Rettstatt, New York,NY; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Charles Cyr, Palm Desert,CA; ACCOUNTANT: Byron Chan, Rancho Palos Verdes,CA

NAME, CLUB NAME, CD1-CD2-OD-FD-PLACES

1. Trina Pratt, Broadmoor SC, Todd Gilles, Broadmoor SC, 1-1-1-1-2.0
2. Caitlin Mallory, St. Moritz ISC, Brent Holdburg, Stars FSC of Texas, 3-2-2-2-4.2
3. Kimmerly Lauten, Stars FSC of Texas, Augie Hill, Stars FSC of Texas, 2-3-3-4-6.8
4. Meghan McCullough, SC of Boston, Joel Dear, Indiana World Sk Acad FSC, 4-4-4-3-7.0
5. Jane Summersett, New England FSC, Elliot Pennington, SC of Boston, 5-5-5-6-11.0
6. Adrienne Koob-Doddy, Peninsula SC, Robert Antonelli, Philadelphia SC & HS, 8-8-6-5-11.8
7. Christina Chitwood, Broadmoor SC, Stephen Chasman, Broadmoor SC, 6-6-7-7-13.6
8. Katherine Copely, SC of New York, Patrick Connelly, Univ of Delaware FSC, 7-7-8-8-15.6
9. Samantha Cepican, SC of Boston, Phillip Lichter, SC of Boston, 9-9-9-9-18.0
10. Mauri Gustafson, Spokane FSC, Logan Giulietti-Schmitt, DuPage FSC, 10-10-10-10-20.0
11. Katrina Reyes, Washington FSC, Jon Wright, All Year FSC, 11-11-11-11-22.0
12. Stephanie Segien, Stars FSC of Texas, Jay Lilly, Stars FSC of Texas, 12-12-12-12-24.0

NOVICE LADIES

JUDGES-SHORT PROGRAM & FREE SKATE: 1 Kimberly Heim, Troy,OH; 2 Doug Williams, Los Angeles,CA; 3 Peggy Graham, Denver,CO; 4 Jan Serafine, Lake Forest,IL; 5 Melissa Kent, Bend,OR; 6 Colette Nygren, Sudbury,MA; 7 Linda Chihara, Seattle,WA; 8 Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor,MI; 9 Lawrence Mondschein, East Windsor,NJ; REFEREE: Gale Tanger, Wauwatosa,WI; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Scott Cormier, Providence,RI; ACCOUNTANT: Edward Mann, Park Ridge,IL

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Rachael Flatt, Broadmoor SC, 2-2-3.0
2. Megan Hyatt, Wagon Wheel FSC, 5-1-3.5
3. Katrina Hacker, Rye FSC, 6-3-6.0
4. Caroline Zhang, All Year FSC, 4-4-6.0
5. Kirsten Olson, FSC of Bloomington, 3-7-8.5

6. Kaysi Kitsell, SC of New York, 1-8-8.5
7. Ashley Wagner, Anchorage FSC, 8-5-9.0
8. Melissa Bulanahagi, Univ of Delaware FSC, 7-6-9.5
9. Brittney Rizo, SC of Boston, 9-10-14.5
10. Victoria Rackohn, All Year FSC, 12-9-15.0
11. Ameena Sheikh, Northern Kentucky SC, 10-11-16.0
12. Tiffany Yu, All Year FSC, 11-12-17.5

NOVICE MEN

JUDGES-SHORT PROGRAM & FREE SKATE: 1 Kitty DeLio, Denver,CO; 2 Karen Terry, New York,NY; 3 Hal Marron, Phoenix,AZ; 4 Patricia St. Peter, Minneapolis,MN; 5 Anne Cammett, Rush,NY; 6 Jessica Gaynor, San Francisco,CA; 7 Bette Todd, Edwards,CO; 8 Deveny Deck, Reston,VA; 9 Joyce Burden, San Carlos,CA; REFEREE: William Smith, Tulsa,OK; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Sharon Wiggins, Atlanta,GA; ACCOUNTANT: Byron Chan, Rancho Palos Verdes,CA

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Austin Kanallakan, All Year FSC, 3-1-2.5
2. Adam Rippon, Univ of Delaware FSC, 1-2-2.5
3. William Brewster, Detroit SC, 2-4-5.0
4. Eliot Halverson, St. Paul FSC, 8-3-7.0
5. Richard Dornbush, All Year FSC, 4-5-7.0
6. Brian Simm, Los Angeles FSC, 7-6-9.5
7. Nathan Bartholomay, Univ of Delaware FSC, 5-9-11.5
8. Grant Hochstein, St. Clair Shores FSC, 10-7-12.0
9. Robert Tyrrell, Peninsula SC, 9-8-12.5
10. Jeremy Anderson, SC of New York, 6-11-14.0
11. Q. Kelvin Vu, New England FSC, 11-10-15.5
12. Roger Corvasce, Broadmoor SC, 12-12-18.0

NOVICE PAIRS

JUDGES-SHORT PROGRAM & FREE SKATE: 1 Carolyn Clausius, Sun Prairie,WI; 2 Susan Johnson, Atlanta,GA; 3 Kathleen McBride, San Francisco,CA; 4 Joyce Komperda, Menomonee Falls,WI; 5 Jan Serafine, Lake Forest,IL; 6 Sam Singer, San Francisco,CA; 7 Lynn Goldman, Austin,TX; 8 Wendy Enzmann, Stow,MA; 9 Sharon Watson, Los Angeles,CA; REFEREE: Larry Kriwanek, Culver City,CA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Charles Cyr, Palm Desert,CA; ACCOUNTANT: Barbara Gloeckner, Cincinnati,OH

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Claire Davis, Colorado SC, Nathan Miller, Broadmoor SC, 1-1-1.5
2. Bianca Butler, All Year FSC, Joseph Jacobsen, All Year FSC, 4-2-4.0
3. Lisa Moore, ISC of Fort Collins, Nicholas Girardi, ISC of Fort Collins, 3-3-4.5
4. Molly Aaron, Coyotes SC of Arizona, Taylor Toth, Pittsburgh FSC, 2-4-5.0
5. Amanda Hrbacek, Detroit SC, Trevor Young, Detroit SC, 6-5-8.0
6. Chelsea Roach, All Year FSC, Gregory Benton, Escondido FSC, 10-6-11.0
7. Lara Shelton, SC of Boston, Neill Shelton, Colonial FSC, 8-7-11.0
8. Kelsey Syme, Utah FSC, John Pfoh, Rye FSC, 7-8-11.5
9. Lilly Pixley, Fort Wayne ISC, John Salway, Fort Wayne ISC, 5-9-11.5
10. Molly Schleicher, Colonial FSC, Christopher Schleicher, Colonial FSC, 9-10-14.5
11. Kalie Budvarson, Inland Northwest FSC, Christopher Anders, Inland Northwest FSC, 11-11-16.5
12. Alyssa Murray, SC of Mt Lebanon, Anthony Giunipero, SC of Mt Lebanon, 12-12-18.0

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

1. Emily Samuelson, Ann Arbor FSC, Evan Bates, Ann Arbor FSC, 1-1-1-4.0
2. Kaitlyn Weaver, Charter Oak FSC, Charles Clavey, Texas Gulf Coast FSC, 4-2-2-10.0

3. Blake Rosenthal, SC of Wilmington, Calvin Taylor, SC of Wilmington, 5-3-3-14.0
4. Pilar Bosley, Peninsula SC, John Corona, Philadelphia SC & HS, 3-4-4-15.0
5. Madison Hubbell, Ann Arbor FSC, Keiffer Hubbell, Ann Arbor FSC, 2-6-6-20.0
6. Brianne Oswald, Coyotes SC of Arizona, Nathan Truesdell, Arctic FSC, 6-5-7-25.0
7. Isabella Cannuscio, Univ of Delaware FSC, Kyle Herring, Univ of Delaware FSC, 10-8-5-28.0
8. Charlotte Maxwell, Stars FSC of Texas, Brad Coulter, Stars FSC of Texas, 7-7-9-32.0
9. Katie Wyble, Buffalo SC, Chad Reinhold, All Year FSC, 9-9-8-34.0
10. Clare Farrell, Spokane FSC, Ashley Deavers, Birmingham FSC, 11-10-10-41.0
11. Brooke Frieling, SC of Boston, Buckley Withrow, SC of Boston, 8-12-12-44.0
12. Stacy Kim, Broadmoor SC, Nathan Miller, Broadmoor SC, 12-11-11-45.0

Results:

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SENIOR

JUDGES-SHORT PROGRAM: 1 Leonard Colarusso, Quincy,MA; 2 Evelyn Minter, Waterbury Center,VT; 3 Kim Cool, Venice,FL; 4 Marie Pearce, Alpharetta,GA; 5 Joyce Burden, San Carlos,CA; 6 Dann Krueger, Minneapolis,MN; 7 Shirley Koppel, Williamsville,NY; REFEREE: Wendy Enzmann, Stow,MA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Robert Bell, Lincoln,RI; ACCOUNTANT: Joanne Nipple, Harrisburg,PA

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Patricia Lynch, Glen Ridge,NJ; 2 Robin Greenleaf, Wayland,MA; 3 Shirley Koppel, Williamsville,NY; 4 Evelyn Minter, Waterbury Center,VT; 5 Kim Cool, Venice,FL; 6 Joyce Burden, San Carlos,CA; 7 Jacqueline Addis, Palm Harbor,FL; REFEREE: Wendy Enzmann, Stow,MA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Susan Haugh, Livonia,NY; ACCOUNTANT: Joanne Nipple, Harrisburg,PA

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Superettes, Warwick Figure Skaters, 1-1-1.5
2. Team Millennium, New England FSC, 2-2-3.0
3. Ice Storm, New Jersey Council of FSC, 3-3-4.5

JUNIOR

JUDGES-SHORT PROGRAM: 1 Leonard Colarusso, Quincy,MA; 2 Robin Greenleaf, Wayland,MA; 3 Patricia Lynch, Glen Ridge,NJ; 4 Dann Krueger, Minneapolis,MN; 5 Elizabeth Barrow Freidman, New York,NY; 6 Jacqueline Addis, Palm Harbor,FL; 7 Susan Johnson, Atlanta,GA; REFEREE: Judith Edmunds, West Yarmouth,MA; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Susan Haugh, Livonia,NY; ACCOUNTANT: Paul Kreppel, Williamsville,NY

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1. The Colonials, Colonial FSC, 1-1-1.5
2. Superettes, Warwick Figure Skaters, 2-2-3.0
3. Skyliners, SC of New York, 3-3-4.5
4. Black Pearl, Hayden Rec Centre FSC, 4-4-6.0
5. Metroliners, Bowie FSC, 5-5-7.5
6. Team Image, Yonkers FSC, 7-6-9.5
7. Ice-lantics, Garden State SC, 6-7-10.0
8. Black Diamonds, Univ of Delaware FSC, 8-8-12.0

NOVICE

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Leonard Colarusso, Quincy,MA; 2 Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Lake Placid,NY; 3 Susan Johnson, Atlanta,GA; 4 Marie Pearce, Alpharetta,GA; 5 Patricia Lynch, Glen Ridge,NJ; 6 Dann Krueger, Minneapolis,MN; 7 Evelyn Minter, Waterbury Center,VT; REFEREE: Robert Bell, Lincoln,RI; ACCOUNTANT: Paul Kreppel, Williamsville,NY

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Ice Mates, Hayden Rec Centre FSC, 7/1
2. The Colonials, Colonial FSC, 6/2
3. Munchkins, Warwick Figure Skaters, 5/3
4. Skyliners, SC of New York, 6/4
5. Team Image, Yonkers FSC, 4/5
6. Team Millennium, New England FSC, 7/6

INTERMEDIATE

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Elizabeth Barrow Freidman, New York,NY; 2 Joyce Burden, San Carlos,CA; 3 Evelyn Minter, Waterbury Center,VT; 4 Kim Cool, Venice,FL; 5 Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Lake Placid,; 6 Jacqueline Addis, Palm Harbor,FL; 7 Robin Greenleaf, Wayland,MA; REFEREE: Robert Bell, Lincoln,RI; ACCOUNTANT: Cecelia Erisman, Reading,PA

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. The Colonials, Colonial FSC, 7/1
2. Diamond Chips, Univ of Delaware FSC, 4/3
3. Sheer Ice, Pawtucket & Providence FSC, 4/3
4. Twin Ponds Reflections, Twin Ponds FSC, 4/4
5. Ice-lantics, Garden State SC, 5/5
6. Team Boston, SC of Boston, 4/5
7. The Storm, North Shore SC, 4/5
8. Saratoga Stars Too!, Saratoga Springs FS, 4/8
9. Precisely Right, SC of Morris NJ, 7/9

JUVENILE

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Kim Cool, Venice,FL; 2 Elizabeth Barrow Freidman, New York,NY; 3 Marie Pearce, Alpharetta,GA; 4 Robin Greenleaf, Wayland,MA; 5 Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Lake Placid,; 6 Joyce Burden, San Carlos,CA; 7 Leonard Colarusso, Quincy,MA; REFEREE: Judith Edmunds, West Yarmouth,MA; ACCOUNTANT: Joanne Nipple, Harrisburg,PA

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Ice Cubes, Hayden Rec Centre FSC, 6/1
2. The Colonials, Colonial FSC, 4/2
3. Team Millennium, New England FSC, 4/3
4. Icy Hots, Pawtucket & Providence FSC, 4/4
5. Team Image, Springdale FSC, 7/5
6. Skyliners, Windy Hill SC, 4/5
7. Snowflakes, Warwick Figure Skaters, 5/7
8. Synchroettes, Essex SC of NJ, 6/8
9. Mirror Images, Thomas Creek FSC, 7/9

PRELIMINARY

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Dann Krueger, Minneapolis,MN; 2 Judith Edmunds, West Yarmouth,MA; 3 Patricia Lynch, Glen Ridge,NJ; 4 Evelyn Minter, Waterbury Center,VT; 5 Susan Johnson, Atlanta,GA; 6 Shirley Koppel, Williamsville,NY; 7 Jacqueline Addis, Palm Harbor,FL; REFEREE: Robert Bell, Lincoln,RI; ACCOUNTANT: Cecelia Erisman, Reading,PA

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. The Storm-1, North Shore SC, 5/2
2. Team Image, Yonkers FSC, 4/2
3. National Blades "Toe Picks," Washington FSC, 4/2
4. Skyliners, Windy Hill SC, 4/3
5. The Storm-2, North Shore SC, 5/6
6. Ice Angels, St. Lawrence FSC, 4/6
7. Ice-lantics, Garden State SC, 4/6
8. Team Boston, SC of Boston, 4/8
9. Team Millennium, New England FSC, 6/9
10. Precisely Right, SC of Morris NJ, 5/9

COLLEGIATE

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Robert Bell, Lincoln,RI; 2 Judith Edmunds, West Yarmouth,MA; 3 Elizabeth Barrow Freidman, New York,NY; 4 Jacqueline Addis, Palm Harbor, FL; 5 Kim Cool, Venice,FL; 6 Patricia Lynch, Glen Ridge, NJ; 7 Joyce Burden, San Carlos,CA; REFEREE: Susan Haugh, Livonia,NY; ACCOUNTANT: Cecelia Erisman, Reading,PA



NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Univ of Delaware Precisionaires, Univ of Delaware FSC, 7/2
2. Boston Univ Terrierettes, Boston Univ, 4/2
3. Boston College, Boston College, 4/3
4. Eduskates, Suny Potsdam, 5/4
5. Syracuse Univ Orange Experience, Syracuse, 4/4
6. Univ of New Hampshire, Univ of New Hampshire, 7/6
7. Pentagon Inter-Collegiate SST, U.S. Figure Skating, 4/7
8. Princeton Univ FSC, Princeton Univ FSC, 5/8
9. Oswego State Lakers, Oswego State Univ of New York, 4/8

ADULT

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Lake Placid, NY; 2 Jacqueline Addis, Palm Harbor, FL; 3 Patricia Lynch, Glen Ridge, NJ; 4 Dann Krueger, Minneapolis, MN; 5 Evelyn Minter, Waterbury Center, VT; 6 Susan Johnson, Atlanta, GA; 7 Robin Greenleaf, Wayland, MA; REFEREE: Susan Haugh, Livonia, NY; ACCOUNTANT: Cecelia Erisman, Reading, PA

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Esprit de Corps, Hayden Rec Centre FSC, 7/1
2. Diamondaires, Univ of Delaware FSC, 7/2

MASTERS

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Marie Pearce, Alpharetta, GA; 2 Joyce Burden, San Carlos, CA; 3 Robin Greenleaf, Wayland, MA; 4 Kim Cool, Venice, FL; 5 Elizabeth Barrow Freidman, New York, NY; 6 Leonard Colarusso, Quincy, MA; 7 Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Lake Placid, NY; REFEREE: Wendy Enzmann, Stow, MA; ACCOUNTANT: Joanne Nipple, Harrisburg, PA

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1. Esprit De Corps, Hayden Rec Centre FSC, 6/1
2. Ice Force One, Washington FSC, 6/2
3. Delaware Diamonds, Univ of Delaware FSC, 7/3
4. The Colonial, Colonial FSC, 5/5
5. Team Carolinas, Carolinas FSC, 5/5
6. Ice Magic, Hickory Hill FSC, 6/6
7. Philly Spirit, Philadelphia SC & HS, 7/7

JUNIOR CLASSIC

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Evelyn Minter, Waterbury Center, VT; 2 Shirley Kreppel, Williamsville, NY; 3 Elizabeth Barrow Freidman, New York, NY; 4 Susan Johnson, Atlanta, GA; 5 Leonard Colarusso, Quincy, MA; 6 Marie Pearce, Alpharetta, GA; 7 Joyce Burden, San Carlos, CA; REFEREE: Wendy Enzmann, Stow, MA; ACCOUNTANT: Joanne Nipple, Harrisburg, PA

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Ice Illusions, Ogdensburg FSC, 6/1
2. Sharper Edge, Great Bay FSC, 4/2
3. Clinton Silver Blades, Clinton FSC, 4/3
4. Team Esprit, Hamden FSA, 5/4
5. Capitol Steps, SC of Northern Virginia, 6/5
6. Wallace Synergy, Wallace FSC, 6/6
7. Genesee Express, Genesee FSC, 5/7
8. Bluewater Blades, Skaneateles FSC, 7/8

JUNIOR CLASSIC GROUP A (QR)

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Judith Edmunds, West Yarmouth, MA; 2 Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Lake Placid, N.Y.; 3 Kim Cool, Venice, FL; 4 Jacqueline Addis, Palm Harbor, FL; 5 Dann Krueger, Minneapolis, MN; 6 Patricia Lynch, Glen Ridge, NJ; 7 Robin Greenleaf, Wayland, MA; REFEREE: Wendy Enzmann, Stow, MA; ACCOUNTANT: Joanne Nipple, Harrisburg, PA

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Ice Illusions, Ogdensburg FSC, 7/1
2. Capitol Steps, SC of Northern Virginia, 4/2
3. Genesee Express, Genesee FSC, 6/3
4. Bluewater Blades, Skaneateles FSC, 4/3
5. Saratoga Stars, Saratoga Springs FSC, 5/5
6. Crown City Jewels, Cortland FSC, 5/6
7. Mirror Images, Thomas Creek FSC, 7/7

JUNIOR CLASSIC GROUP B (QR)

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Leonard Colarusso, Quincy, MA; 2 Elizabeth Barrow Freidman, New York, NY; 3 Evelyn Minter, Waterbury Center, VT; 4 Marie Pearce, Alpharetta, GA; 5 Joyce Burden, San Carlos, CA; 6 Susan

Haugh, Livonia, NY; 7 Susan Johnson, Atlanta, GA; REFEREE: Robert Bell, Lincoln, RI; ACCOUNTANT: Joanne Nipple, Harrisburg, PA

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Sharper Edge, Great Bay FSC, 5/2
2. Clinton Silver Blades, Clinton FSC, 4/2
3. Team Esprit, Hamden FSA, 6/3
4. Wallace Synergy, Wallace FSC, 5/4
5. Starlets of Lower Cape, Lower Cape FSA, 5/5
6. CNY Synchronettes, U.S. Figure Skating, 6/6
7. Sharper Image, SC of Utica, 7/7

TEEN INTRODUCTORY

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Joyce Burden, San Carlos, CA; 2 Leonard Colarusso, Quincy, MA; 3 Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Lake Placid, N.Y.; 4 Evelyn Minter, Waterbury Center, VT; 5 Susan Johnson, Atlanta, GA; 6 Elizabeth Barrow Freidman, New York, NY; 7 Marie Pearce, Alpharetta, GA; REFEREE: Shirley Kreppel, Williamsville, NY; ACCOUNTANT: Cecelia Erisman, Reading, PA

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Shadows, SC of Southern Connecticut, 5/2
2. Shoreline of Cape Cod, Bourne SC, 4/2
3. Crystalettes, Alexandria Bay FSC, 4/2
4. Metroliners, Bowie FSC, 5/4
5. Lady Ducks, SC of Wilmington, 4/5
6. Synchronettes, Essex SC of NJ, 5/6
7. Carolina Ice Sensations, Central Carolina SC, 5/8
8. Rainbow Connection, Potsdam FSC, 4/8
9. Cutting Edge, Camillus FSC, 5/9
10. Sharper Edge, Great Bay FSC, 4/9

TEEN INTRODUCTORY GROUP A (QR)

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Lake Placid, N.Y.; 2 Leonard Colarusso, Quincy, MA; 3 Kim Cool, Venice, FL; 4 Elizabeth Barrow Freidman, New York, NY; 5 Joyce Burden, San Carlos, CA; 6 Robin Greenleaf, Wayland, MA; 7 Jacqueline Addis, Palm Harbor, FL; REFEREE: Wendy Enzmann, Stow, MA; ACCOUNTANT: Cecelia Erisman, Reading, PA

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Shadows, SC of Southern Connecticut, 5/1
2. Metroliners, Bowie FSC, 7/2
3. Cutting Edge, Camillus FSC, 5/3
4. Sharper Edge, Great Bay FSC, 5/5
5. Lady Ducks, SC of Wilmington, 4/5
6. Ice Magic, Hickory Hill FSC, 7/6
7. Crystal Ice, Commonwealth FSC, 5/6
8. Philadelphia Symmetry, Wissahickon SC, 4/8
9. Team Carolinas, Carolinas FSC, 7/9

TEEN INTRODUCTORY GROUP B (QR)

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Susan Johnson, Atlanta, GA; 2 Patricia Lynch, Glen Ridge, NJ; 3 Dann Krueger, Minneapolis, MN; 4 Jacqueline Addis, Palm Harbor, FL; 5 Evelyn Minter, Waterbury Center, VT; 6 Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Lake Placid, N.Y.; 7 Robert Bell, Lincoln, RI; REFEREE: Susan Haugh, Livonia, NY; ACCOUNTANT: Cecelia Erisman, Reading, PA

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Crystalettes, Alexandria Bay FSC, 5/1
2. Shoreline of Cape Cod, Bourne SC, 4/2
3. Synchronettes, Essex SC of NJ, 4/3
4. Carolina Ice Sensations, Central Carolina SC, 5/5
5. Rainbow Connection, Potsdam FSC, 4/5
6. National Blades, Washington FSC, 6/6
7. WV Synchro, Charleston FSC, 4/6
8. Clinton Silverettes, Clinton FSC, 5/8
9. Richmond Twizzlers, Richmond FSC, 7/9

YOUTH INTRODUCTORY

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Dann Krueger, Minneapolis, MN; 2 Robert Bell, Lincoln, RI; 3 Jacqueline Addis, Palm Harbor, FL; 4 Robin Greenleaf, Wayland, MA; 5 Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Lake Placid, N.Y.; 6 Kim Cool, Venice, FL; 7 Patricia Lynch, Glen Ridge, NJ; REFEREE: Robert Bell, Lincoln, RI; ACCOUNTANT: Paul Kreppel, Williamsville, NY

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Ice Illusions, Ogdensburg FSC, 7/1

2. Shimmers, SC of Southern Connecticut, 5/3
3. Team Esprit, Hamden FSA, 4/3
4. River Stars, Clayton FSC, 6/4
5. Pittsfield Pinwheels, Pittsfield FSC, 4/4
6. Capitol Steps, SC of Northern Virginia, 6/6
7. Cutting Edge, Camillus FSC, 5/8
8. Bluewater Blades, Skaneateles FSC, 4/8
9. Ice Prisms, Pilgrim SC, 6/9
10. Ice Magic, Hickory Hill FSC, 7/10

YOUTH INTRODUCTORY GROUP A (QR)

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Leonard Colarusso, Quincy, MA; 2 Elizabeth Barrow Freidman, New York, NY; 3 Jacqueline Addis, Palm Harbor, FL; 4 Robin Greenleaf, Wayland, MA; 5 Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Lake Placid, N.Y.; 6 Kim Cool, Venice, FL; 7 Joyce Burden, San Carlos, CA; REFEREE: Robert Bell, Lincoln, RI; ACCOUNTANT: Paul Kreppel, Williamsville, NY

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Ice Illusions, Ogdensburg FSC, 6/1
2. River Stars, Clayton FSC, 7/2
3. Capitol Steps, SC of Northern Virginia, 4/3
4. Bluewater Blades, Skaneateles FSC, 4/4
5. Ice Magic, Hickory Hill FSC, 5/5
6. Genesee Express, Genesee FSC, 4/6
7. Team Carolinas, Carolinas FSC, 6/7
8. Sharper Image, SC of Utica, 7/8

YOUTH INTRODUCTORY GROUP B (QR)

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Susan Haugh, Livonia, NY; 2 Wendy Enzmann, Stow, MA; 3 Evelyn Minter, Waterbury Center, VT; 4 Patricia Lynch, Glen Ridge, NJ; 5 Marie Pearce, Alpharetta, GA; 6 Dann Krueger, Minneapolis, MN; 7 Susan Johnson, Atlanta, GA; REFEREE: Shirley Kreppel, Williamsville, NY; ACCOUNTANT: Paul Kreppel, Williamsville, NY

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Shimmers, SC of Southern Connecticut, 6/1
2. Team Esprit, Hamden FSA, 4/2
3. Pittsfield Pinwheels, Pittsfield FSC, 5/3
4. Ice Prisms, Pilgrim SC, 4/4
5. Cutting Edge, Camillus FSC, 4/5
6. Saint Sensations, St. Lawrence FSC, 5/6
7. Peach Blossoms, Univ of Delaware FSC, 4/6
8. Crystal Ice, Commonwealth FSC, 7/8

ADULT INTRODUCTORY

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Jacqueline Addis, Palm Harbor, FL; 2 Marie Pearce, Alpharetta, GA; 3 Patricia Lynch, Glen Ridge, NJ; 4 Dann Krueger, Minneapolis, MN; 5 Evelyn Minter, Waterbury Center, VT; 6 Kim Cool, Venice, FL; 7 Robin Greenleaf, Wayland, MA; REFEREE: Susan Haugh, Livonia, NY; ACCOUNTANT: Paul Kreppel, Williamsville, NY

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Carolina Ice Classics, Central Carolina SC, 4/1
2. Men N Sync, SC of New York, 6/2
3. Cutting Edge, Camillus FSC, 6/3
4. Delaware Dazzle, Univ of Delaware FSC, 5/4
5. Team Boston, SC of Boston, 7/5
6. Capital Classics, Washington FSC, 7/6

Results:
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Synchronized Team Skating
Sectional Championships
Frisco, Texas, Jan. 26-30, 2005

SENIOR

JUDGES-SHORT PROGRAM: 1 Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor, MI; 2 Hazel Weal, Denver, CO; 3 Daren Patterson, Massena, NY; 4 Sharon Wright, Waukesha, WI; 5 Charles Cope, Dearborn, MI; 6 Rose Mary Santee, Park Ridge, IL; 7 Karin Sherr, San Diego, CA; 8 Eleanor Curtis, Albuquerque, NM; 9 William Beharrell, Lunenburg, MA; REFEREE: Hannelore Murphy, Almont, MI; ASSISTANT REFEREE: Ann Fauver, Kennebunk, ME; ACCOUNTANT: Carmilla Scott, Grand Prairie, TX

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Karin Sherr, San Diego,CA; 2 Charles Cope, Dearborn,MI; 3 Rose Mary Santee, Park Ridge,IL; 4 Eleanor Curtis, Albuquerque,NM; 5 Daren Patterson, Massena, NY; 6 William Beharrell, Lunenburg,MA; 7 Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor,MI; 8 Christine Wenger, Morton Grove,IL; 9 Hazel Wecal, Denver,CO; **REFEREE:** Hannelore Murphy, Almont,MI; **ASSISTANT REFEREE:** Ann Fauver, Kennebunk,ME; **ACCOUNTANT:** Carmilla Scott, Grand Prairie,TX

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Miami U Senior Varsity, Miami Univ, 1-1-1.5
2. Western Michigan Univ, Western Mich Univ, 2-2-3.0
3. Hockettes, Ann Arbor FSC, 3-3-4.5
4. Revolution, Illinois Valley FSC, 4-4-6.0

JUNIOR

JUDGES-SHORT PROGRAM: 1 Hazel Wecal, Denver,CO; 2 Bette Todd, Edwards,CO; 3 Charles Cope, Dearborn,MI; 4 Daren Patterson, Massena, NY; 5 Sharon Wright, Waukesha,WI; 6 Lynne Robertson, White Lake,MI; 7 Karin Sherr, San Diego,CA; 8 Christine Wenger, Morton Grove,IL; 9 Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor,MI; **REFEREE:** Hannelore Murphy, Almont,MI; **ASSISTANT REFEREE:** William Beharrell, Lunenburg,MA; **ACCOUNTANT:** Rebecca Watford, Canton,MS

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Bette Todd, Edwards,CO; 2 Rose Mary Santee, Park Ridge,IL; 3 Christine Wenger, Morton Grove,IL; 4 Daren Patterson, Massena, NY; 5 Hazel Wecal, Denver,CO; 6 Ann Fauver, Kennebunk,ME; 7 Lynne Robertson, White Lake,MI; 8 Sharon Wright, Waukesha,WI; 9 Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor,MI; **REFEREE:** Hannelore Murphy, Almont,MI; **ASSISTANT REFEREE:** William Beharrell, unenburg,MA; **ACCOUNTANT:** Rebecca Watford, Canton,MS

NAME, CLUB NAME, SP-FS-PLACES

1. Fond Du Lac Blades, Fond du Lac Blue Line FS, 1-1-1.5
2. Fraser Eclipse, Fraser FSC, 2-2-3.0
3. Starlights, Skokie Valley SC, 3-3-4.5
4. Team Braemar, Braemar-City of Lakes FSC, 4-4-6.0
5. Velocity, Greater Cleveland Council FSC, 5-5-7.5
6. Ice Elite, U.S. Figure Skating, 6-6-9.0
7. Team Charisma, U.S. Figure Skating, 7-7-10.5
8. Northern Lights, Twin Bays SC, 8-8-12.0

NOVICE

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 April Mendlewski, Macomb,MI; 2 Terryl Crabtree, Scandia,MN; 3 Daren Patterson, Massena, NY; 4 Shelley Danner, Bloomfield Hills,MI; 5 Lynne Robertson, White Lake,MI; 6 Rose Mary Santee, Park Ridge,IL; 7 Bette Todd, Edwards,CO; 8 Karin Sherr, San Diego,CA; 9 William Beharrell, Lunenburg,MA; **REFEREE:** Ann Fauver, Kennebunk,ME; **ACCOUNTANT:** Maureen Dalton, Laingsburg,MI

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Starlights, Skokie Valley SC, 5/1
2. Gems on Ice, Plymouth FSC, 9/2
3. Team Elan, Detroit SC, 5/3
4. Crystallettes, Dearborn FSC, 5/4
5. Fond Du Lac Blades, Fond du Lac Blue Line FS, 5/4

INTERMEDIATE

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Elizabeth Harty, St Paul,MN; 2 Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor,MI; 3 Sharon Wright, Waukesha,WI; 4 Eleanor Curtis, Albuquerque,NM; 5 Christine Wenger, Morton Grove,IL; 6 Karin Sherr, San Diego,CA; 7 Bette Todd, Edwards,CO; 8 Charles Cope, Dearborn,MI; 9 Lynne Robertson, White Lake,MI; **REFEREE:** Robert Bauer, Schiller Park,IL; **ACCOUNTANT:** Rebecca Watford, Canton,MS

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Starlights, Skokie Valley SC, 8/1
2. Chicago Jazz, Chicago FSC, 5/2
3. Wisconsin Edge, Wisconsin FSC, 7/4
4. Crystallettes, Dearborn FSC, 6/5
5. Hockettes, Ann Arbor FSC, 5/5
6. Synchro Panache, FSC of Minneapolis, 5/6
7. Team Braemar, Braemar-City of Lakes FSC, 8/7
8. Maplewood Highsteppers, Maplewood FSC, 6/7
9. Go Figure, Line Creek FSC, 9/9

JUVENILE

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Christine Wenger, Morton Grove,IL; 2 Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor,MI; 3 Lynne Robertson, White Lake,MI; 4 Hazel Wecal, Denver,CO; 5 Ann Fauver, Kennebunk,ME; 6 Elizabeth Harty, St Paul,MN; 7 Karin Sherr, San Diego,CA; 8 Charles Cope, Dearborn,MI; 9 Bette Todd, Edwards,CO; **REFEREE:** Robert Bauer, Schiller Park,IL; **ACCOUNTANT:** Carmilla Scott, Grand Prairie,TX

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Gems on Ice, Plymouth FSC, 6/2
2. Chicago Jazz, Chicago FSC, 5/2
3. Team Elan, Detroit SC, 7/4
4. Starlights, Skokie Valley SC, 7/4
5. Crystallettes, Dearborn FSC, 9/5

PRELIMINARY

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Lynne Robertson, White Lake,MI; 2 Christine Wenger, Morton Grove,IL; 3 April Mendlewski, Macomb,MI; 4 Shelley Danner, Bloomfield Hills,MI; 5 Elizabeth Harty, St Paul,MN; 6 Bette Todd, Edwards,CO; 7 Daren Patterson, Massena, NY; 8 Charles Cope, Dearborn,MI; 9 William Beharrell, Lunenburg,MA; **REFEREE:** Hannelore Murphy, Almont,MI; **ACCOUNTANT:** Maureen Dalton, Laingsburg,MI

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Chicago Jazz, Chicago FSC, 6/1
2. Team Elan, Detroit SC, 6/2
3. Fraser Eclipse, Fraser FSC, 5/2
4. Team Braemar, Braemar-City of Lakes FSC, 5/5
5. Starlights, Skokie Valley SC, 7/6
6. Wisconsin Edge, Wisconsin FSC, 7/6
7. Gems on Ice, Plymouth FSC, 6/7
8. Teams Elite, Wagon Wheel FSC, 6/7
9. Synchro Shooting Starz, Willowbrook-Champions FSC, 9/9

ADULT

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Sharon Wright, Waukesha,WI; 2 Eleanor Curtis, Albuquerque,NM; 3 Karin Sherr, San Diego,CA; 4 Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor,MI; 5 Hazel Wecal, Denver,CO; 6 Charles Cope, Dearborn,MI; 7 Ann Fauver, Kennebunk,ME; 8 Elizabeth Harty, St Paul,MN; 9 Christine Wenger, Morton Grove,IL; **REFEREE:** Lydia Wolanchuk, Eastpointe,MI; **ACCOUNTANT:** Rebecca Watford, Canton,MS

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Team Elan, Detroit SC., 9/1
2. Crystallettes, Dearborn FSC, 9/2
3. Synchro Panache, FSC of Minneapolis, 5/3
4. Texas Chilly Peppers, Stars FSC of Texas, 9/4

MASTERS

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Terryl Crabtree, Scandia,MN; 2 Rose Mary Santee, Park Ridge,IL; 3 Daren Patterson, Massena, NY; 4 Lynne Robertson, White Lake,MI; 5 Charles Cope, Dearborn,MI; 6 April Mendlewski, Macomb,MI; 7 Sharon Wright, Waukesha,WI; 8 Shelley Danner, Bloomfield Hills,MI; 9 Hazel Wecal, Denver,CO; **REFEREE:** Ann Fauver, Kennebunk,ME; **ACCOUNTANT:** Maureen Dalton, Laingsburg,MI

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Gems on Ice, Plymouth FSC, 9/1
2. Cleveland Edges, U.S. Figure Skating, 6/2
3. North Coast Line, Shaker FSC, 7/3
4. Turning Points, Midland FSC, 8/4
5. Ice Cadettes, DuPage FSC, 9/5

JUNIOR CLASSIC

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Daren Patterson, Massena, NY; 2 Sharon Wright, Waukesha,WI; 3 Terryl Crabtree, Scandia,MN; 4 Bette Todd, Edwards,CO; 5 Eleanor Curtis, Albuquerque,NM; 6 William Beharrell, Lunenburg,MA; 7 Rose Mary Santee, Park Ridge,IL; 8 April Mendlewski, Macomb,MI; 9 Shelley Danner, Bloomfield Hills,MI; **REFEREE:** Hannelore Murphy, Almont,MI; **ACCOUNTANT:** Maureen Dalton, Laingsburg,MI

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Wisconsin Edge, Wisconsin FSC, 6/1
2. Chicago Jazz, Chicago FSC, 6/2
3. Synchro Panache, FSC of Minneapolis, 5/3

4. Chicago Skates, Windy City FSC, 6/4
5. Sailorettes, Lake Minnetonka FSC, 6/5
6. St Louis Fleur De Lis, U.S. Figure Skating, 6/6
7. Northern Ice, Copper Country SA, 6/7
8. Texas All Stars, Stars FSC of Texas, 5/7

JUNIOR CLASSIC GROUP A (QR)

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Christine Wenger, Morton Grove,IL; 2 Shelley Danner, Bloomfield Hills,MI; 3 April Mendlewski, Macomb,MI; 4 Rose Mary Santee, Park Ridge,IL; 5 Terryl Crabtree, Scandia,MN; 6 Hazel Wecal, Denver,CO; 7 Charles Cope, Dearborn,MI; 8 Eleanor Curtis, Albuquerque,NM; 9 Daren Patterson, Massena, NY; **REFEREE:** Lydia Wolanchuk, Eastpointe,MI; **ACCOUNTANT:** Maureen Dalton, Laingsburg,MI

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Chicago Jazz, Chicago FSC, 9/1
2. St Louis Fleur De Lis, U.S. Figure Skating, 6/2
3. Northern Ice, Copper Country SA, 5/3
4. Texas All Stars, Stars FSC of Texas, 5/4
5. Ice Force, South Dayton FSC, 7/5
6. Silverblades, Mankato FSC, 9/6

JUNIOR CLASSIC GROUP B (QR)

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor,MI; 2 Elizabeth Harty, St Paul,MN; 3 Terryl Crabtree, Scandia,MN; 4 Karin Sherr, San Diego,CA; 5 Bette Todd, Edwards,CO; 6 Sharon Wright, Waukesha,WI; 7 Lynne Robertson, White Lake,MI; 8 Christine Wenger, Morton Grove,IL; 9 April Mendlewski, Macomb,MI; **REFEREE:** Robert Bauer, Schiller Park,IL; **ACCOUNTANT:** Carmilla Scott, Grand Prairie,TX

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Wisconsin Edge, Wisconsin FSC, 6/1
2. Synchro Panache, FSC of Minneapolis, 8/2
3. Chicago Skates, Windy City FSC, 5/3
4. Sailorettes, Lake Minnetonka FSC, 8/4
5. Synchro St Louis Diamond Edges, St Peters FSA, 8/5
6. Oxford Ice Crystals, Oxford SC, 6/5
7. Synchro Starz, Willowbrook-Champions FSC, 9/7

TEEN INTRODUCTORY

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Terryl Crabtree, Scandia,MN; 2 April Mendlewski, Macomb,MI; 3 Eleanor Curtis, Albuquerque,NM; 4 William Beharrell, Lunenburg,MA; 5 Sharon Wright, Waukesha,WI; 6 Shelley Danner, Bloomfield Hills,MI; 7 Daren Patterson, Massena, NY; 8 Hazel Wecal, Denver,CO; 9 Rose Mary Santee, Park Ridge,IL; **REFEREE:** Lydia Wolanchuk, Eastpointe,MI; **ACCOUNTANT:** Rebecca Watford, Canton,MS

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Rhythm and Blades, Rochester FSC, 5/1
2. Maplewood Highsteppers, Maplewood FSC, 8/2
3. Cleveland Edges, U.S. Figure Skating, 7/4
4. Synchro St Louis, Metro Edge FSC of Missouri, 5/5
5. Granite City Rockettes, St. Cloud FSC, 5/5
6. Team du Coeur, Lakeland SC, 7/6
7. Fraser Eclipse, Fraser FSC, 5/8
8. Oxford Ice Crystals, Oxford SC, 5/8
9. Ice Elite, U.S. Figure Skating, 6/9
10. Fire on Ice, U.S. Figure Skating, 6/9

TEEN INTRODUCTORY GROUP A (QR)

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Charles Cope, Dearborn,MI; 2 Elizabeth Harty, St Paul,MN; 3 Rose Mary Santee, Park Ridge,IL; 4 Hazel Wecal, Denver,CO; 5 Lynne Robertson, White Lake,MI; 6 Shelley Danner, Bloomfield Hills,MI; 7 April Mendlewski, Macomb,MI; 8 Eleanor Curtis, Albuquerque,NM; 9 Karin Sherr, San Diego,CA; **REFEREE:** Lydia Wolanchuk, Eastpointe,MI; **ACCOUNTANT:** Maureen Dalton, Laingsburg,MI

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Maplewood Highsteppers, Maplewood FSC, 8/1
2. Synchro St Louis, Metro Edge FSC of Missouri, 5/2
3. Ice Elite, U.S. Figure Skating, 5/3
4. Fire on Ice, U.S. Figure Skating, 6/5
5. Oxford Ice Crystals, Oxford SC, 5/5
6. Indiana Synchro Edges, ISC of Indianapolis, 6/6
7. Chicago Skates, Windy City FSC, 5/6
8. Cutting Edge, Timberline SC, 5/7

TEEN INTRODUCTORY GROUP B (QR)

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Elizabeth Harty, St Paul, MN; 2 Daren Patterson, Massena, NY; 3 Sharon Wright, Waukesha, WI; 4 April Mendlewski, Macomb, MI; 5 Terryl Crabtree, Scandia, MN; 6 Hazel Wecal, Denver, CO; 7 Christine Wenger, Morton Grove, IL; 8 Bette Todd, Edwards, CO; 9 Margaret Faulkner, Ann Arbor, MI; REFEREE: Hannelore Murphy, Almont, MI; ACCOUNTANT: Rebecca Watford, Canton, MS

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Rhythm and Blades, Rochester FSC, 8/1
2. Cleveland Edges, U.S. Figure Skating, 6/3
3. Team du Coeur, Lakeland SC, 6/4
4. Granite City Rockettes, St. Cloud FSC, 5/4
5. Fraser Eclipse, Fraser FSC, 5/5
6. Northern Ice, Copper Country SA, 5/5
7. Go Figure, Line Creek FSC, 6/6
8. Golden Edge, Eau Claire FSC, 6/6
9. Revolution, Illinois Valley FSC, 9/9

YOUTH INTRODUCTORY

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Rose Mary Santee, Park Ridge, IL; 2 Terryl Crabtree, Scandia, MN; 3 Karin Sherr, San Diego, CA; 4 Sharon Wright, Waukesha, WI; 5 Lynne Robertson, White Lake, MI; 6 Eleanor Curtis, Albuquerque, NM; 7 Ann Fauver, Kennebunk, ME; 8 Shelley Danner, Bloomfield Hills, MI; 9 Hazel Wecal, Denver, CO; REFEREE: Robert Bauer, Schiller Park, IL; ACCOUNTANT: Carmilla Scott, Grand Prairie, TX

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Fond Du Lac Blades, Fond du Lac Blue Line FS, 5/1
2. Maplewood Highsteppers, Maplewood FSC, 7/2
3. Hockettes, Ann Arbor FSC, 7/3
4. Synchro St. Louis, Metro Edge FSC of Missouri, 5/4
5. Cleveland SC Ice Reflections, Cleveland SC, 7/5
6. Cleveland Edges, U.S. Figure Skating, 8/6
7. Cutting Edge, Timberline SC, 9/7
8. Tulsa Synergy, Tulsa FSC, 9/8

ADULT INTRODUCTORY

JUDGES-FREE SKATE: 1 Terryl Crabtree, Scandia, MN; 2 Rose Mary Santee, Park Ridge, IL; 3 Daren Patterson, Massena, NY; 4 Hazel Wecal, Denver, CO; 5 April Mendlewski, Macomb, MI; 6 Sharon Wright, Waukesha, WI; 7 Shelley Danner, Bloomfield Hills, MI; 8 Charles Cope, Dearborn, MI; 9 Lynne Robertson, White Lake, MI; REFEREE: Ann Fauver, Kennebunk, ME; ACCOUNTANT: Carmilla Scott, Grand Prairie, TX

NAME, CLUB NAME, MAJORITY-TIE BREAKER

1. Maplewood Highsteppers, Maplewood FSC, 9/1
2. Chicago Skates, Windy City FSC, 8/2
3. Free Spirits, U.S. Figure Skating, 8/3
4. Cincinnati Style, FSC of Cincinnati, 9/4

Calendar of Events

may 2005

12-15 **Santa Fe Skate Fest 2005** sponsored by the Santa Fe SC at the Genova Chavez Community Center, 3221 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, N.M. For more information contact A. Tanya Nash at 505.856.7546.

13-15 **Silver Skate 2005** sponsored by the South Dayton FSC at Kettering Ice Arena, 2900 Glengary Drive, Kettering, Ohio. For more information contact Gayle Lemoine at 937.433.6388.

19-22 **AA 21st Annual Springtime Invitational** sponsored by the Ann Arbor FSC at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, Mich. For more information contact Ann Dougherty at 734.665.4547.

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3-5 **42nd Annual NJCFSC Championships** sponsored by the Atlantic City FSC, Inc. at Vineland Ice Arena, 2111 Industrial Way, Vineland, N.J. For more information contact Joan Branella at 609.823.8587 or 609.502.3290.

4-5 **Traverse City Cherry Classic** sponsored by the Twin Bays SC at Center Ice Arena, 1544 Hammond Road, Traverse City, Mich. For more information contact Kim Prust at 231.223.4074.

10-12 **Buckeye Skate** sponsored by the Chiller FSC at Chiller North, Powell, Ohio. For more information contact Stormy Holderman at 614.206.1724.

10-12 **Edward G. Picken Pro Am Dance Classic** sponsored by the Washington FSC at Ashburn Ice House, 21545 Smiths Switch Road, Ashburn, Va. For more information contact Barbara Shaw at 301.493.5133.

23-25 **Grand Rapids Open** sponsored by the Greater Grand Rapids FSC at the Standard Federal Ice Center, 2550 Patterson Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, Mich. For more information contact Wendie Bander at 616.949.0014.

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Colleen Stuart, Space Coast FSC

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Susan Naka, Hawaii FSC

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Obituaries

Olga Gelecinskyj

Olga Gelecinskyj, 70, died in Richfield, Minn. He was active with the Broadmoor SC in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the FSC of Minneapolis, Minn.

Gelecinskyj is survived by husband, George Gelecinskyj; son, Wally Gelecinskyj and his wife, Rene'; daughter, Katherine Fontaine and her husband, Greg; grandchildren, Onia Gelecinskyj, Anders Gelecinskyj, Tenley Fontaine, Caitlin Fontaine; niece, Maria Semeniuk; brother-in-law, Antin Semeniuk; sister-in-law, Oleksandra Gelecinskyj; great-aunt, Tanya Sklanczenko and many friends.

Donations can be made to the Memorial Fund.

Dr. Scott Nadler

Dr. Scott Nadler, 2004 World Team physician, died Dec. 26, 2004, after a battle with cancer. In addition to serving as the 2004 World Team physician, Nadler also served as the 2003 Four Continents physician. In March 2004 he was presented with the first U.S. Figure Skating Excellence in Sports Science and Medicine Award.

Nadler is survived by his wife, Jodi; two daughters, Sydni and Haley; parents, Allen and Judy; a sister, Meryl; and a brother, Robert.

Julienne Palluel

Julienne Palluel, 69, died Oct. 4, 2004. She was the mother of French ice dancing champion and Olympian Frederic Palluel.

Kenneth Spence

Kenneth Spence, 80, died Sept. 25, 2004. He began skating with the Seattle SC as a teenager, where he was a

member of the Pacific Coast Sectional Championship "fours" team of 1943. He was designated an emeritus judge by U.S. Figure Skating in 1989 after 25 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Doris (Thornquist), who is also an emeritus judge; three daughters, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Louise Wright

Mary Louise Wright, 81, died Dec. 15, 2004, after a long battle with cancer. Born in St. Paul, Minn., in 1923 to Frederic and Marie Premer, Wright became just the 24th skater to pass the gold figure test. Wright is an honorary member of the SC of Boston and was co-founder of the University of Minnesota FSC.

She is survived by her husband, former U.S. Figure Skating President Benjamin T. Wright.

Births

Trevor Corcoran

Trevor John (T.J.) Corcoran was born to Shawn and Gaby Corcoran on Aug. 26, 2004, at 9:06 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19¼ inches long. Gaby is the skating director and Basic Skills coordinator at the Richmond Ice Zone in Richmond, Va.

Jack Sand

Jenni Meno and Todd Sand are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Jack Henry Sand. He was born Dec. 1, 2004 at 7:04 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19¾ inches long. Todd said the little guy has red hair and is "just awesome." To see photos and read more about the new addition to the Sands family go to www.meno-sand.net.

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Such recognition will occur in the programs of qualifying competitions, in SKATING magazine, with various certificates and personal notes.

ASK MR. EDGE

MR. Edge



'CAUSE HE KNOWS

Well skaters, it's that time again. With spring just around the corner and the season nearly completed, not much is happening in the industry right now. So, let's move right into your questions.

Q: I have been skating for more than 10 years. After lacing my skates tightly across my insteps for so long I developed a cyst underneath the tendons of my instep on one foot, damaged my nerves (which had to be cut away), and damaged muscles beyond repair (which were cut away and re-sectioned).

I'm now left with a nasty scar as well as related nerve damage ranging from my big toe (base) up to the incision on my instep. Help! How can I break in my new boots without too much pain?

LINDA, MARYLAND

A: Before I answer this question, I think it is important to look at the probable cause of your problem. From what you have described, I would say that your previous boot had too much support for your level of skating and did not fit properly around the ankle and instep area. This caused the tongue of your boot to break down very badly, creating a shelf-like crease that would fold into your instep every time you would land a jump or bend your knee in any manner. Remember, the uppers of the boots are supposed to be creasing, and not only the tongues.

Now for the fix – first, I would double check with the manufacturer and see how much support was built into your new boots. You'll probably want to have it reduced somewhat, but maybe not. Secondly, you should probably check to see if you are a candidate for an orthotic. Lastly, you should make some sort of a doughnut hole cut on the tongue so as to help lift the tongue off the injury site.

Q: Is it normal for your feet to be so cold when you're skating that you can't even feel them? If not, what can I do to prevent this?

MELISSA, 11, MADISON, WIS.

A: Well Melissa, I would suggest you buy a new pair of skates that fit you. Sorry to say, but you've finally grown out of your current ones.

Q: The seam on the back of my boot is splitting, and I'm afraid that if it splits any more, I'll end up with an ankle injury.

I would take it to a shoe repair store, but the same thing happened to my last skates (which happened to be a different brand) and they did a poor job of fixing them.

Do I really need new skates?

RACHEL, WASHINGTON

A: Well my dear, this is odd that it would happen to two pairs of skates, even though they are different. I've only seen this happen to either very old single-lined leather boots or those made of vinyl and not leather. No matter, if they are really good leather boots, I would suggest you contact the manufacturer via e-mail and ask for their advice. P.S. – I hope you're not putting on your skates like most kids try to put on their tennis shoes.

My coach has been complaining that when I do crossovers I make a scratching sound with my toe picks. I bought new boots and blades a couple months ago. Could this scratching sound be because I now have a larger toe pick?

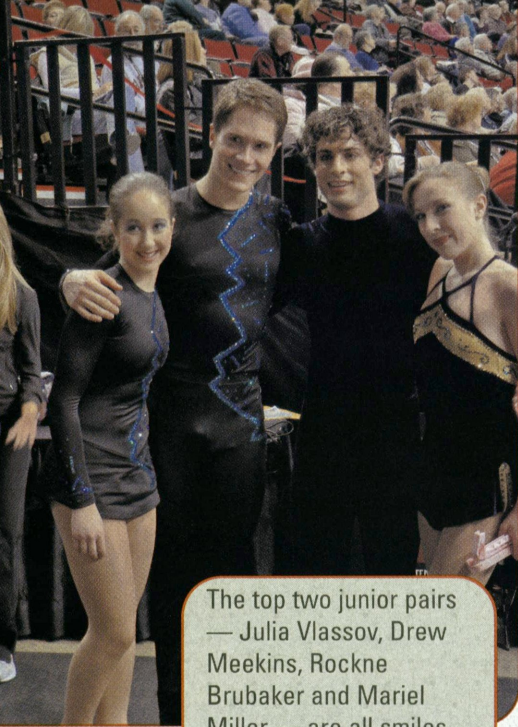
BECKY, MISSOURI

A: Yes! End of story. Take note of your technique and be sure that you are not leaning too far forward. Also try arching your back a bit more.

Well skating fans, it's again time to close out yet another column of Ask Mr. Edge. Everyone take care now, and please take off your guards before stepping onto the ice. Happy skating!

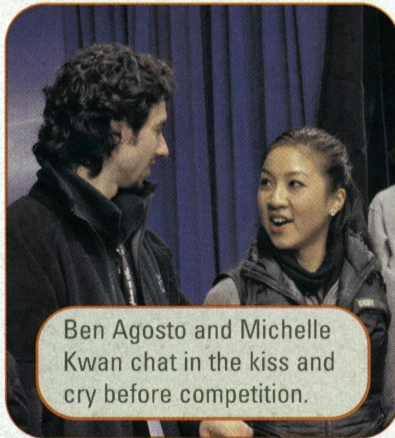
Mr. Edge has been a skate technician for boots and blades for more than 20 years.





The top two junior pairs — Julia Vlassov, Drew Meekins, Rockne Brubaker and Mariel Miller — are all smiles after the free skate.

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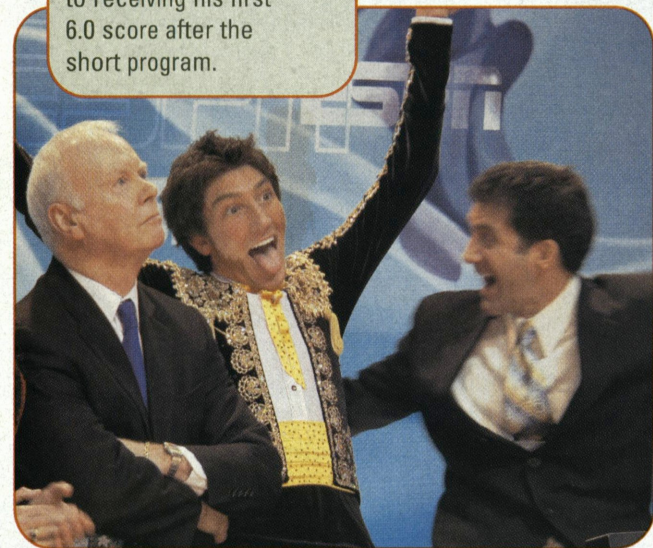


Ben Agosto and Michelle Kwan chat in the kiss and cry before competition.



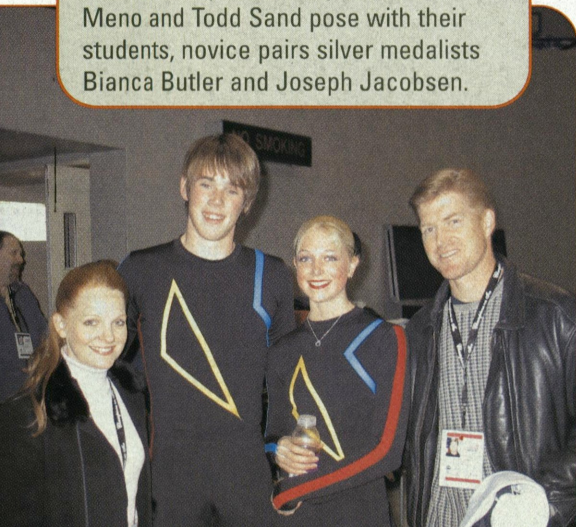
Fans count the 6.0s received by Michelle Kwan.

Evan Lysacek reacts to receiving his first 6.0 score after the short program.

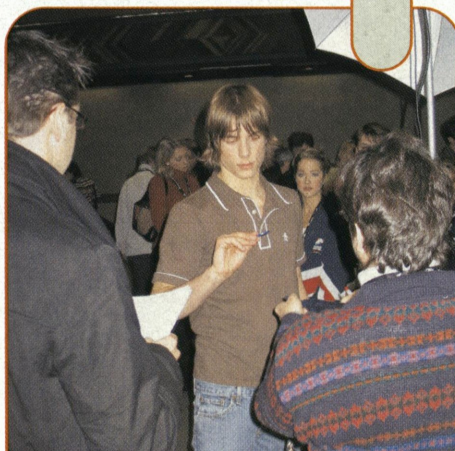


Craig Ratterree, Jeremy Abbott and Michael Peters, the junior men's medalists, pose in the kiss and cry.

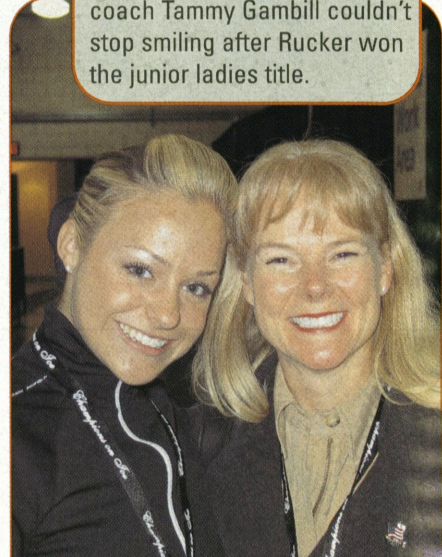
Former U.S. pairs champions Jenni Meno and Todd Sand pose with their students, novice pairs silver medalists Bianca Butler and Joseph Jacobsen.



Novice ice dancer Keiffer Hubbell draws for his skating order.



Sandra Jean Rucker and coach Tammy Gambill couldn't stop smiling after Rucker won the junior ladies title.

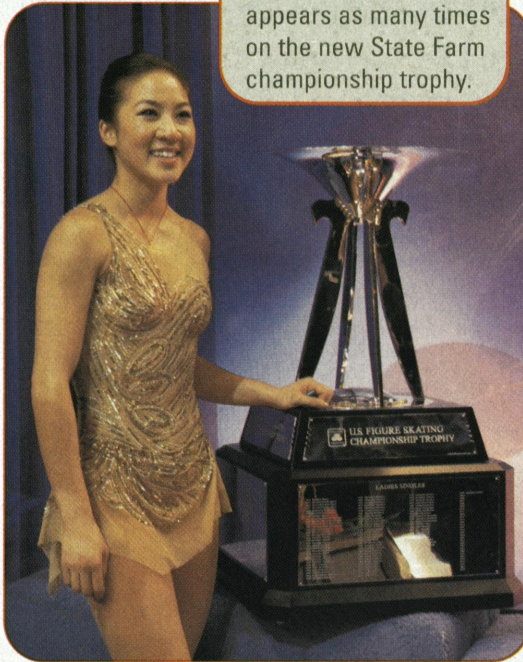


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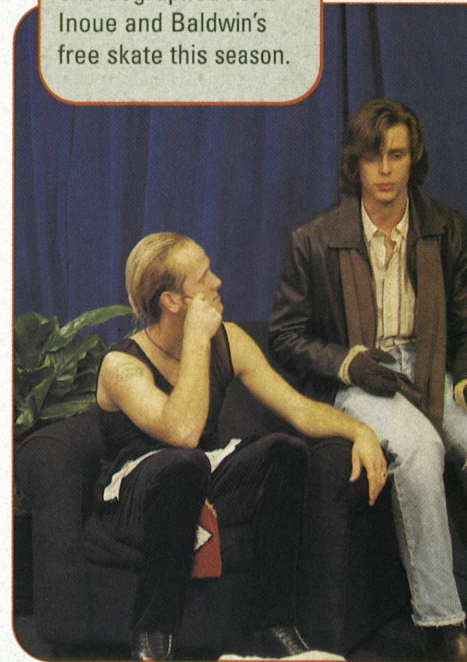
Michelle Kwan signs autographs after the ladies' medal ceremony.



It was an historic year for Michelle Kwan, winning her ninth U.S. title. Only Maribel Vinson Owen's name appears as many times on the new State Farm championship trophy.



John Baldwin talks with Peter Tchernyshev in the backstage skater's area. Tchernyshev choreographed Rena Inoue and Baldwin's free skate this season.



Kimmie Meissner talks to Christine Brennan during an ABC interview about her free skate, which included a triple Axel.



In what may be the last year the 6.0 judging system is used at the U.S. Championships, Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto accomplished something never before done at the event — they received straight 6.0s for presentation in the free dance.



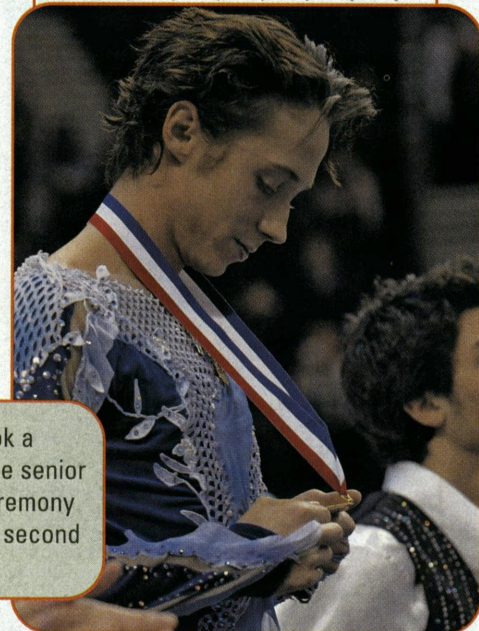
The judging panel for the ladies free skate poses with 6.0 paddles given out by Marshalls. This panel is most likely the last one to use the 6.0 system at the U.S. Championships.



Novice men's silver medalist Adam Rippon participates in a mock interview as part of the State Farm Team 2010 program.



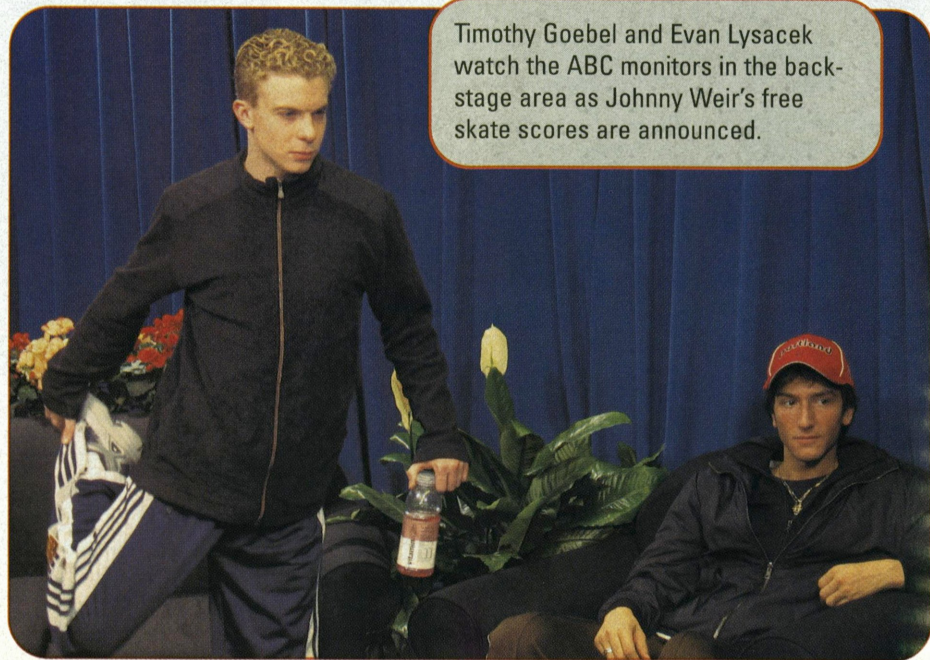
Jennifer Kirk looks on as NuSkin style consultants work on her hair before the ladies competition.



Johnny Weir took a minute during the senior men's award ceremony to check out his second U.S. gold medal.



Katie Orscher admires the engraved platter given to the U.S. gold medalists as she and her partner, Garrett Lucash, claim the U.S. title for the first time.

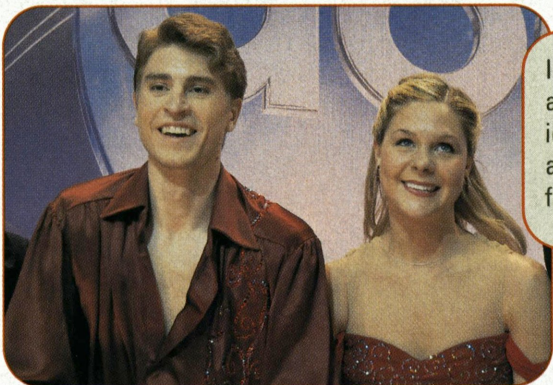


Timothy Goebel and Evan Lysacek watch the ABC monitors in the back-stage area as Johnny Weir's free skate scores are announced.

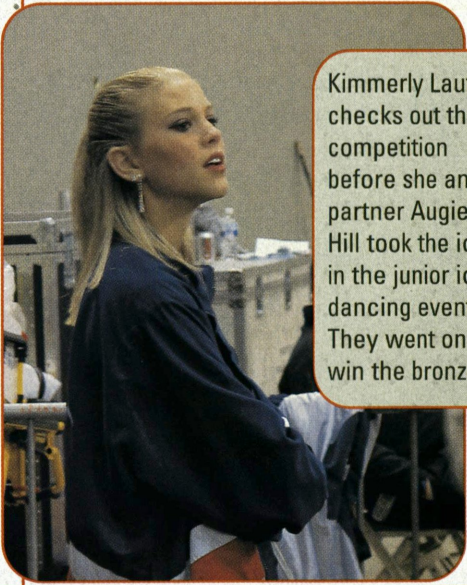


Tanith Belbin, Ben Agosto and coach Marina Zoueva react to the team's nine 6.0 scores in the free dance.

Tiffany Scott and Philip Dulebohn were all smiles while they waited for their scores in the kiss and cry after the free skate.



In their first season together and her first season as an ice dancer, Tiffany Stiegler and Sergei Magerovski finished in fourth place.



Kimmerly Lauten checks out the competition before she and partner Augie Hill took the ice in the junior ice dancing event. They went on to win the bronze.



The 2005 World Team, from left to right — back row: John Baldwin, Garrett Lucash, Timothy Goebel, Johnny Weir, Evan Lysacek, Ben Agosto and Denis Petukhov; front row: Rena Inoue, Katie Orscher, Sasha Cohen, Michelle Kwan, Jennifer Kirk, Tanith Belbin and Melissa Gregory.

2005 European Championships

Russians swept the titles once again

by Sal Zanca

At first glance, the 2005 European Championships in Torino, Italy, seemed to be business as usual. For the fifth time since 1997 the Russians won the titles in all four disciplines, and Irina Slutskaya and Evgeny Plushenko remained unbeaten for the season.

But in other ways the event was anything but usual. All of the skaters had to confront the future – including the new ISU judging system and the 2006 Olympic Winter Games on the horizon.

Thoughts of the Olympics were ever present at Europeans since the competition was held at the recently completed Palavela, which will host the figure skating events in 2006.

ladies

Slutskaya's extended time off because of health problems may finally be catching up with her. After two rousing victories in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series, her free skate performances lately have been plagued by mistakes.

She was brilliant in the short program and took the early lead over defending champion Julia Sebestyen, but she struggled in the free skate. Mistakes on her first four jumps – a left-out combination, a popped jump, a scale down and a fall – proved costly under the new judging system. After she landed just three triples in the free skate, many wondered about her victory.

"Today I made mistakes. Now there is a lot of space in which to work," she said. "I hope these mistakes never come back again."

Despite the mistakes, Slutskaya won the free skate and the overall title because of two things: her program component scores offset mediocre technical marks, and the other skaters who had a chance to overtake her didn't do much better.

Susanna Poykio of Finland started off well in the free skate with five triples, including three combinations, then she tired.

"After I did a single Axel and a double (jump), I thought, *OK, bye bye medal*," she said. "But everyone had some mistakes."

Poykio held on for the silver medal and became the first Finnish woman to medal in singles at the European Championships.

Elena Liashenko managed second in the free skate to finish third overall. But the detail sheet for her free skate was littered with deductions.

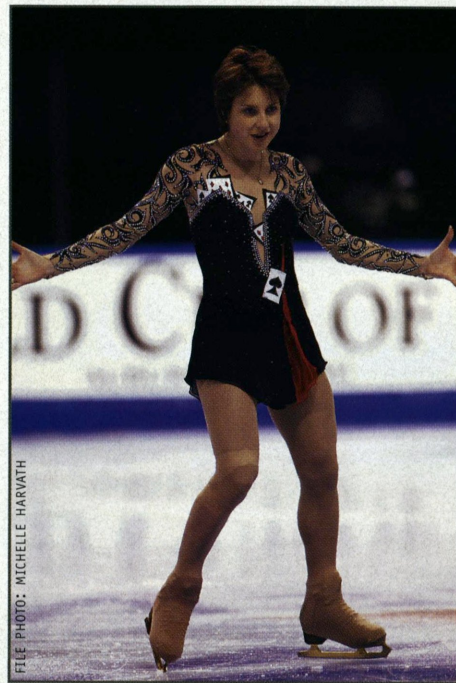
Sebestyen, who was second after the short program, had a chance to win but matched Slutskaya mistake-for-mistake in the free skate – a popped jump, a blown combination, a scale down and a fall. The judges pounded her on the program component scores, and she finished sixth in the free skate and fourth overall.

With Slutskaya's victory, resulting in her sixth title, she equaled the number of European titles won by figure skating greats Sonja Henie and Katarina Witt.

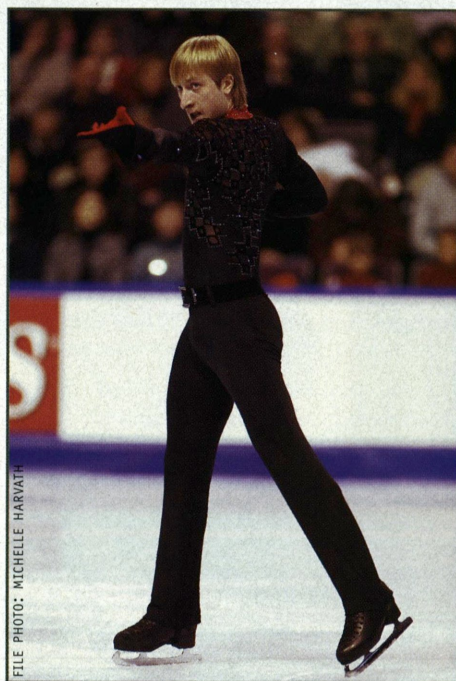
"Ten years ago, when I started, I never thought I could win six times," she said. "Ten years ago, I thought, *Well, maybe once*. Now, looking back, I say, *Wow!*"

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Plushenko may have won his fourth title but he looked unimpressive. He appeared



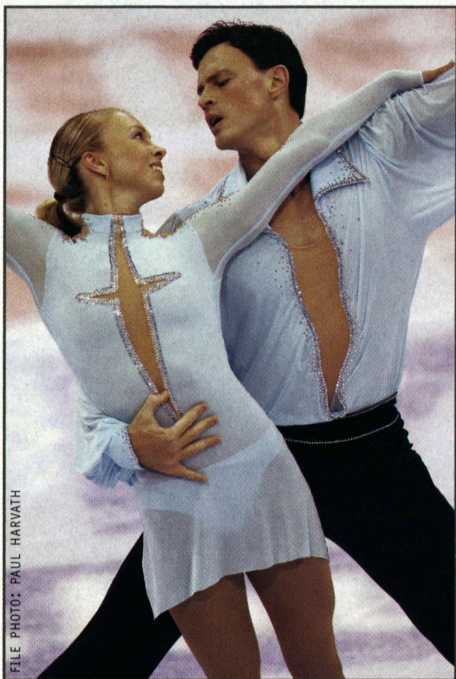
Irina Slutskaya won despite a flawed free skate.



Evgeny Plushenko won his fourth European men's title.

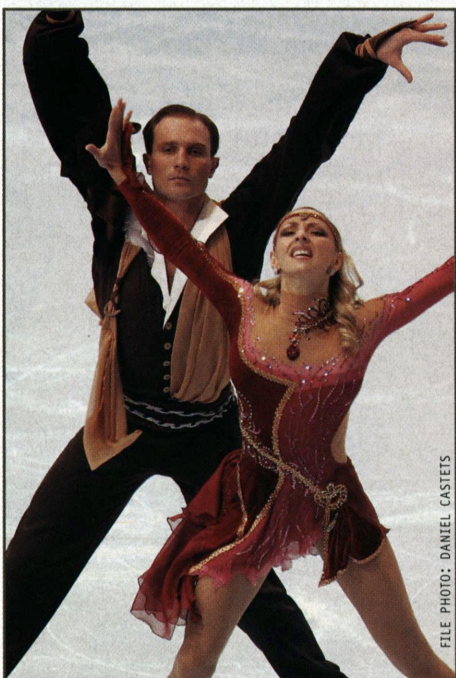
listless and flat in the short program and couldn't control his quad landing. After the short program, Plushenko was second to defending champion Brian Joubert of France, who had his own problems.

Neither of the top men's contenders performed clean free skates, but in the end Plushenko's mistakes proved less



FILE PHOTO: PAUL HARVATH

Tatiana Totmianina and Maxim Marinin proved they're still one of the best.



FILE PHOTO: DANIEL CASTETS

Tatiana Navka and Roman Kostomarov overcame mistakes to win the title.

costly than Joubert's. Plushenko's major problem, doubling the triple loop, more than offset the step out of a triple Lutz and a turn out on a combination by Joubert.

Plushenko admitted he was starting to feel the effects of his almost 10 years of skating at the top level of the sport.

"I am tired this year because I have had a lot of competitions," he said. "For 10 years I have skated in a lot of competitions. I need a little bit of rest actually, a little bit of a pause."

Unlike the past when Plushenko would punch the air and eagerly await his marks, this time Plushenko sat almost impassively when the marks came up showing he was in first. His coach, Alexei Mishin, seemed more excited.

Mishin told reporters that Plushenko had lost nearly two weeks of training traveling to and from the ISU Grand Prix Final in Beijing in December — a competition in which neither coach nor skater wanted to participate.

Joubert, meanwhile, had to deal with his own turmoil. After months of discord with his coach Laurent Depouilly, the two parted ways two weeks before Europeans.

Joubert quickly, though reluctantly, reunited with his former coach, Veronique Guyon. The two had not spoken since an acrimonious split 15 months earlier, just before Joubert won the 2004 European title. Guyon made only a very brief appearance at Europeans saying she had other commitments.

"For me, this silver medal is like a gold medal since I had a lot of problems before the European Championships," Joubert said.

In third was Stefan Lindemann of Germany, who overtook Stephane Lambiel of Switzerland.

pairs

After winning her fourth European title with partner Maxim Marinin, Tatiana Totmianina reflected on two thoughts. The first thought came to her in a hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., last October after her fall at Smart Ones Skate America, in which she suffered a concussion, a swollen eye and bruises on her forehead.

"Next morning when I woke up, my first thought was, *When can I go back on the ice?*" Totmianina said. "And our coach told me 'Please relax. Tatiana, get out of the hospital first.'"

After she and Marinin won the title she shared another thought — one that showed she wasn't completely confident they would recover. "I said inside of my head, *Thank God, I can do it again.*"

In one of their best performances — and easily the best of the four champions in Torino — Totmianina and Marinin dominated. Their short program was ethereal and almost religious in its gentleness. Their free skate was marred only by a rough landing on the triple twist. They executed three different lifts with Marinin easily supporting her with one arm.

Not bad considering they started over in November 2004 doing simple crossovers as they, especially Marinin, worked to regain confidence.

Their coach, Oleg Vasiliev, said he had to "help Max believe in himself and not worry about what he is doing.

"With Tatiana it was a little bit easier because she wanted to come back on the ice the next day," Vasiliev said.

Their comeback helped ensure another Russian sweep of the pairs podium. It was the 11th time Russians won all of the pairs medals and the 10th consecutive time a Russian pair won.

But there was a little shake-up with Julia Obertas and Sergei Slavnov finishing in second ahead of Maria Petrova and Alexei Tikhonov — for the first time ever.

Slavnov is Obertas' third partner since 2000, but this one is working. Coached by Tamara Moskvina, they again did their quadruple twist but got marked down a little for a rough landing.

Still it was good enough to beat their veteran teammates Petrova and Tikhonov, who had a number of little mistakes after a season of relatively clean programs.

ice dancing

Tatiana Navka and Roman Kostomarov of Russia won as expected, finishing first in all three segments of the dance event. But their win didn't come without mistakes. In

the original dance, Kostomarov made a mistake in the step work to "Sing, Sing, Sing" and it was noticed by the judges, who deducted technical points from the program. It was also noticed by his partner.

"I skated very clean, but Roman lost coordination in the side-by-side footwork," Navka said.

Though Navka and Kostomarov were in first as expected, the teams occupying the other placements seemed unusual for those who follow the sport.

After the Golden Waltz compulsory dance, Ukraine's Elena Grushina and Ruslan Goncharov were in second ahead of Albena Denkova and Maxim Staviysky of Bulgaria. Denkova, who was battling a severe case of bronchitis, looked strained as she completed the dance.

In the original dance the placements continued to shift. Denkova and Staviysky dropped to fourth with Galit Chait and Sergei Sakhnovsky of Israel taking over the third spot. France's Isabelle Delobel and Olivier Schoenfelder were fifth after the

first two segments of the competition.

Hours before the free dance was to begin, the only couple to beat Navka and Kostomarov over the past two years, Denkova and Staviysky, called it quits saying she was too ill to continue.

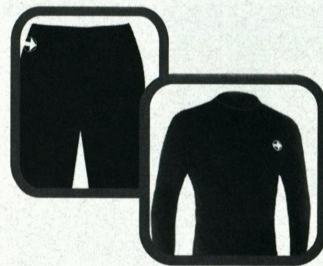
Skating to "Tosca" in the free dance, Kostomarov again made mistakes. Their technical scores for the free dance were just third best. Navka was again critical of the mistakes saying once Kostomarov had problems in the twizzles it was hard to concentrate. Still their victory was the 16th European ice dancing title for a Russian team since 1985.

Grushina and Goncharov managed to hang on to second place and win the silver medal, despite placing third in the free dance to Vivaldi's "Four Seasons."

A second-place finish in the free dance moved Delobel and Schoenfelder from fifth place to third overall. Their European bronze medal was their first in a major international competition. ■

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Building a rink of dreams

BY MIKEL BOWMAN

Two sisters share their Basic Skills lessons with the community

The tiny town of Waunakee, Wis., located just north of Madison, is home to a modern-day *Field of Dreams* – only the “field” is actually an ice rink, and the lead actors are not Kevin Costner and James Earl Jones, but a real estate developer and two young girls, sisters Ariel and Alexi Arneson.

if you build it

The story begins in 1999, when local real estate developer Don Tierney decided to build an outdoor ice rink directly across the street from the Arneson’s house.

It didn’t take long for the two Arneson sisters to venture over to the rink, and they immediately developed a love for the sport of figure skating.

“I drove over to the development one morning just a couple of days after we finished building the rink,” Tierney said. “It was cold and damp and my headlights caught something moving on the ice. It was one of the little Arneson girls, she couldn’t have weighed more than 50 pounds soaking wet, out there skating in the dark.”

The sisters convinced their parents, Kim and Shawn Arneson, to let them enroll in a local Basic Skills program, and they were off and skating.

A few years, and many, many lessons later, Ariel and Alexi, who at the time were 10 and 8 years old respectively, decided they would like to pass their love of skating on to other children in the neighborhood. The girls started their own “school” at the outdoor rink across the street and distributed promotional fliers throughout the neighborhood.

As a guide for their instruction, they used the curriculum from the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program presented by Marshalls.



The Arneson sisters pose with some of their students on their neighborhood rink. Pictured from left to right are: Cassie Brucker, Alexi Arneson, Ariel Arneson, Morgan Larson, Daniel Kind, Lexie Evan and Alex Zeigler.

they will come

The first year, eight children participated in the Arneson sisters’ homegrown program (though the sisters base their instruction on Basic Skills program curriculum, they are not part of the official Basic Skills Program presented by Marshalls). In the second year, the attendance grew.

This past January the girls began their third year of teaching, and received calls from families throughout the neighborhood asking about everything from the availability of private lessons to the girls’ advice on skate purchases.

The sisters, their parents and the entire neighborhood are amazed at how this little rink, and this little program have become such an important part of the community and how well the children have progressed through the various levels.

“I enjoy watching the kids improve and seeing more kids show up each year,” Alexi said. “This year we are teaching the kids programs that they will do in a show for their parents. I am really excited about that.”

proud parents

As far as Kim and Shawn are concerned, skating has proven to be an invaluable addition to their family and has added greatly to their children’s development.

“We have watched our girls’ confidence soar with each new jump or spin,” Kim said. “Our goal as parents is to raise our children with a ‘can do’ attitude and know that anything is possible.”

The message is getting through. Ariel and Alexi plan to continue teaching the children in the neighborhood for years to come and are already making plans for life outside of Waunakee as figure skating coaches.

But until that time comes, they’ll gather at the local rink on cold, crisp winter Sundays with their students, pass along the skills they’ve learned, and make the community, and their parents, proud.

“We truly feel blessed to have this rink across the street from our house,” Kim said. “Someday, when the kids are all grown up and move out, I am sure I will shed a tear as I watch them put in the ice rink that year. There are a lot of memories over there.” ■

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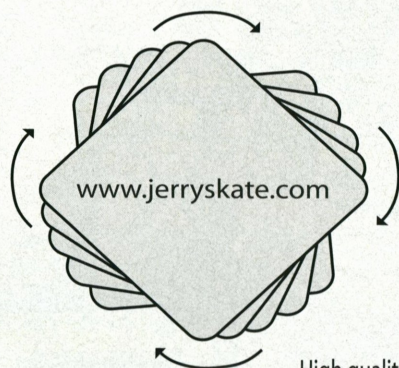
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Adult team's dream comes true

BY SHAWNA ERVIN

Denver Synchronicity adults share their international experiences

When the results sheets were posted at the 2004 U.S. Synchronized Team Skating Championships, members of the Denver Synchronicity team from Denver, Colo., couldn't believe their eyes.

After a program with two falls, the team expected to place somewhere near the bottom of the pack, but instead they found themselves in sixth place – their best finish ever at the U.S. Synchronized Championships.

"I don't think the newer members understood the significance of it," said Julie Nyikos, one of a trio of team captains, "but those of us who have skated with the team for years – we were in tears when we heard the results because we were so happy."

It was a dream come true for Denver Synchronicity, and little did they know at the time that it was just the beginning.

new opportunities

In the fall of 2004, U.S. Figure Skating extended an invitation to all of the adult-level teams that placed in the top half at the 2004 U.S. Synchronized Championships – positions one through six – to compete at the 10th International Synchronized Skating Cup in Hutwill, Switzerland, Jan. 8–9, 2005.

While most of the teams declined the invitation due to family, work and financial commitments, Denver Synchronicity decided it was a chance of a lifetime and represented the United States in the competition.

"I was concerned at first that the team wouldn't vote to go," Nyikos said. "It's a huge expense and commitment to

do this. But this team is hungry. And we just could not let this opportunity pass us by. We get to represent the USA in an international competition. How cool is that?"

To prepare for the competition, the team added another practice to its weekly schedule, doubling the time the team members spent on the ice. If they were going to represent the United States overseas, they were going to give it an all out effort.

So in January the team members packed their bags, endured the long flight and landed ready to go in Hutwill.

That's when the experience became even more cool.

In preparation for their first international competition, Denver Synchronicity doubled its training schedule. The extra work paid off with a gold medal for the team.



a winning experience

Once on the ice at the International Synchronized Skating Cup, Denver Synchronicity proved that they were there to win. And their commitment paid off. Skating to a medley of hero-themed music, their program included a movement in isolation with four skaters doing spread eagles around the group, which is performing a four-spoke wheel in a hydroblade.

They skated a clean program — the best that they could have skated — but the competition was stiff. There were three teams from Switzerland competing, including the Ice Wings.

When all of the marks had been tabulated, Denver Synchronicity learned it had won the gold medal.

“We knew the competition was close, but because of the language barrier we did not know we had won first place until the medal ceremony,” said Joy Harrison, co-captain. “We trained hard for the competition, and it was gratifying to see our hard work pay off. We are thankful for the experience in Switzerland and it will be a competition that the team members will never forget.”

denver synchronized roots

Jane Martz and Mickey Galloway started the team more than 20 years ago as a women’s team after they’d been on a mixed team.

Over the years the team, which has also been known as The Cutting Edge and The Hotline, quit competing. Then, in 1993 when the Pacific Coast Synchronized Team Skating Sectional Championships came to Denver, the members decided to re-enter the competitive ranks. Thinking they had no chance of qualifying, they were shocked when they won the bronze medal and qualified for the U.S. Synchronized Championships in Detroit, Mich., where they went on to finish 10th overall.

That year when the team entered the Detroit arena they could hardly believe they were there. Sharon Funk



Denver Synchronicity's sixth-place finish at the 2004 U.S. Synchronized Team Skating Championships placed them in a position to represent the U.S. at a competition in Switzerland in January.

had been on the team since 1989 and walked in with wide eyes.

“When I walked into that arena [for our first nationals, I felt like it was a childhood dream come true,” Funk said.

In Detroit, the team had the opportunity to witness the top adult teams in the country performing complex programs. The experience ignited a desire in the team to improve, something that has grown each year.

growing pains

Though the skaters had the desire to improve, the team needed a coach before it could really grow. That’s an area in which the team has struggled because of the lack of synchronized coaches in the Denver area.

For the 2003–2004 season, team member Susan McInnes volunteered to coach the team. McInnes’s direction proved to be just the spark the team needed. Following their success at the

U.S. Synchronized Championships, McInnes, who continues to skate on the team and has just received a synchronized judging appointment, passed the coaching torch to another team member, Alicia Towns, who competed with the Haydenettes on the 2002 and 2003 U.S. World Synchronized Skating Teams.

Under Towns’ direction, Denver Synchronicity continues to make strides on the road to improvement. In late January the team accomplished one of its major goals — winning gold at the 2005 Pacific Coast Synchronized Team Skating Championships in Fort Collins, Colo. In late February they competed at the 2005 U.S. Synchronized Championships in Lowell, Mass., with hopes of medaling there as well.

creative outlet

Synchronized skating isn’t just about the podium and climbing the ranks, it’s a way to unwind after a busy day at

work or school and be with friends. Denver Synchronicity's members come from many walks of life – doctors, lawyers, massage therapists, teachers, students, moms – who choose to continue skating. Many of the members on the team skated competitively as children. So for them skating on an adult team is a way to either continue skating or revive an old passion.

"I like to skate with people my own age," said Sharon Lebron-Frank, Denver Synchronicity member. "As adults we are allowed to cheer each other on. We are allowed to pat each other on the back. We can be friends with other teams. It's a lot different as a kid."

Lebron-Frank is one of several team members who drive long distances to weekly practices. She drives close to an hour each way; others on the team drive even farther from cities north and south of Denver. That dedication fuels team improvement.

"I like getting to know women from all types of occupations and family situations," McInnes said. "I get to meet people I otherwise wouldn't meet in my small world. Adults choose to skate. It's not like kids whose parents get them to the rink. Adults have to get themselves to the rink. Those who come do it because they love it."

It's easy to enjoy yourself when you're among friends and doing something you love. And for the members of Denver Synchronicity, being invited to compete internationally, and winning, was just icing on the cake.

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Synchronized Spotlight

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Adults, synchronized skating a good match

As the first generation of synchronized skaters has grown up, they have helped to shape an entirely new aspect of the sport – the adult division. And, U.S. Figure Skating has continued to change the rules and add new opportunities to meet the needs of these athletes. First, the masters division was separated from the adult division, then the adult introductory division was created, and last year the age qualifications were relaxed to meet the needs of more young adults.

The average age of skaters on adult teams is 30, and the teams are rich in talent. Many of those who skate on adult synchronized teams are former World Team and collegiate skaters who have turned to synchronized skating to keep active in the sport after a career in singles.

"The adult division has grown by leaps and bounds. It is almost like the collegiate level in

skating quality," said Helene Wolf, head coach of Team Elan's adult program. "There has been a huge explosion at the collegiate level in recent years, and it has overflowed to adult as kids graduate. Skaters fall in love with synchro and they can't stop. Seventy-five percent of our skaters have skated on teams in the past."

Adult skaters are perhaps some of the most interesting people in the sport. In addition to the hours they spend on the ice practicing routines, many also maintain full-time careers as teachers, CPAs, nurses, doctors, lawyers and stay-at-home moms. The one thing they all have in common is their love of the sport.

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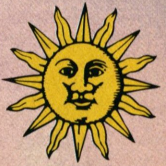


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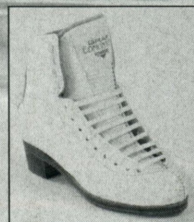
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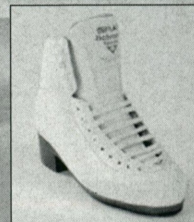
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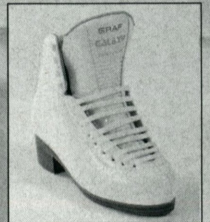
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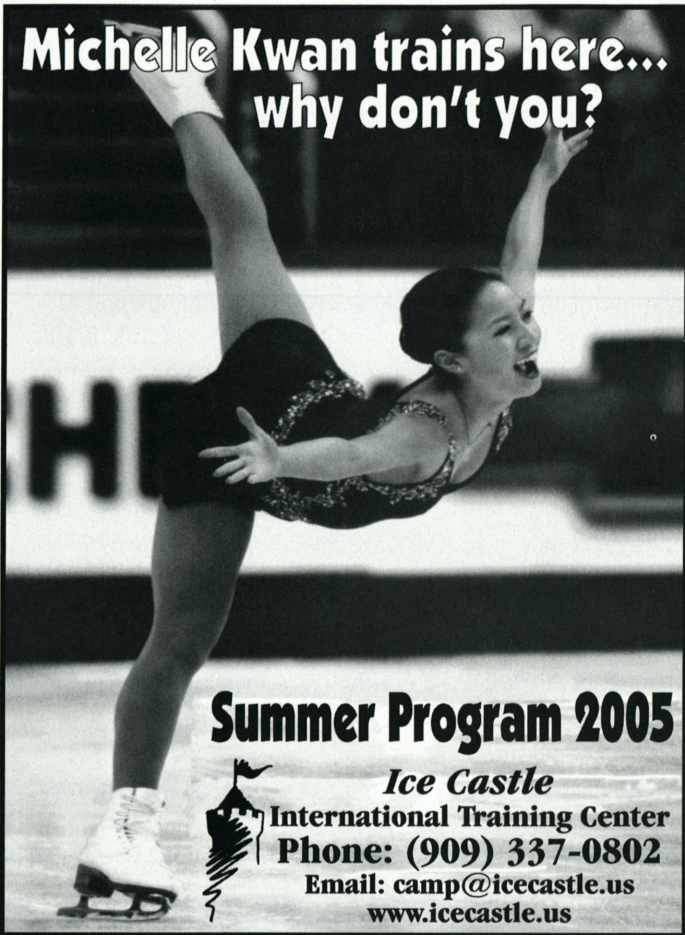


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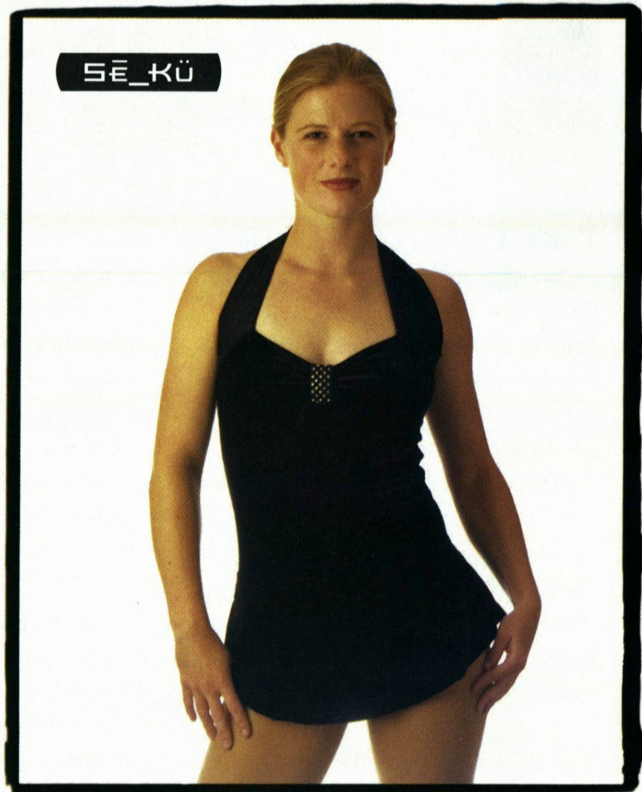


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Making the Connection

BY JACQUELENE BOUCARD, ANNE MARINE, DEBBIE PITSOS, JEROD SWALLOW

Ballet classes enhance skating technique in many ways

For years skating coaches have been encouraging their skaters to take ballet classes to aid in on-ice performance. And for years, parents and coaches have heard their skaters ask, "What has ballet got to do with skating?"

A fair question to be sure.

Though skating and ballet experts agree that studying ballet will enhance a skater's on-ice technique, it isn't always so obvious how this will happen. What is it specifically that is taught and practiced in ballet that relates to the elements on the ice?

posture and power

Skaters require strong core muscles to connect the upper and lower body for controlled, powerful movements. They must be able to keep their shoulders over their hips throughout jumps, spins, footwork and edges and be able to check their shoulders against their hips in mohawks, three-turns, brackets, rockers, counters and choctaws. Thus it is to the skater's benefit to become aware of the feeling of twisting in the middle of the torso, and also the feeling of staying square.

Ballet teachers spend hours teaching students correct ballet posture, which is the same posture needed for skating – a neutral spine with the shoulders over the hips. The ballet student is taught to engage the lower abdominal muscles while maintaining a neutral spine, thus learning to connect the upper and lower body for strong, powerful movements.

balance and body lines

Maintaining a neutral spine is essential to both ballet technique and to performing on-ice elements. Ballet teaches the skater how to move the pelvis without losing balance or disconnecting the center in footwork sequences, including

pirouette turns, jumps and leaps across the floor. With every movement, in either skating or ballet, there is a weight shift from one foot to the other, which causes a constant change in the center of balance.

Having a good sense of balance and a strong core is critical to a skater's alignment and directly affects the skater's edge quality, footwork, jump preparation, landings and spins.

Correct placement, power and quickness are addressed in ballet classes through basic skills such as pliés, tendus, degages, frappe, fouette and grand battement. These movements teach the basic "snap through the hips, knees, ankles and feet" used for skating basics, such as power for stroking, pushing through the feet for jumps, and, of course, agility in quick footwork.

As the skater progresses in dance and skating, both disciplines focus on details of the basics – extension of body lines, flexibility while maintaining body alignment, quality of movement, and development of strength and confidence.

The skater learns to perform to different music rhythms and tempos, to count the beats of the music and how style and carriage change with the mood or theme of the music, thus establishing a dynamic range in presentation.

expression and emotion

While ballet is often thought of by skaters as one more thing to do, it is the ballet that teaches the skaters how to perform. Ballet can teach a skater how to interpret and express their music by telling a story or conveying an emotion through the connecting steps of their program. This is what makes the difference between a program that is

all jumps with a lot of crossovers or stroking between the jumps, and a program that is interesting and artistic. When you look at the photos on the facing page, you will see just how similar ballet and skating are to one another.

Jacqueline Boucard received her B.F.A. in dance from the University of Utah. She danced for seven seasons with the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble. She has worked with skaters both on and off the ice, including creating choreography for Zuzanna Szwed and Yuka Sato.

Anne Marine graduated magna cum laude with her B.F.A. in dance from Western Michigan University. She danced professionally for the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble (EDE) for 10 years, and now serves as the director of operations for EDE. Marine has taught at Oakland University, the EDE Center for Dance, and the Detroit Skating Club for more than 10 years.

Debbie Pitsos has been the off-ice coordinator for the Detroit Skating Club for 15 years. She has a liberal arts degree with a concentration in exercise science. Pitsos has served 10 years on the U.S. Figure Skating Sports Science Council, and as a faculty member for Sports Medicine/Science Camps. Pitsos is a rated professional ice dancing coach through the PSA.

Jerod Swallow is a five-time U.S. ice dance champion and was a senior U.S. competitor in pairs. He is also a five-time World and two-time Olympic team member. Swallow served on the U.S. Figure Skating Board and various committees as an athlete representative for 16 years. He is the new ice dance coordinator for the Detroit Skating Club, and is the figure skating representative for the United States Olympic Committee Athlete Advisory Council.

Corresponding Moves

The following photos show examples of several ballet moves or positions and their skating counterparts:



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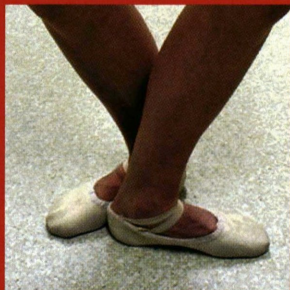
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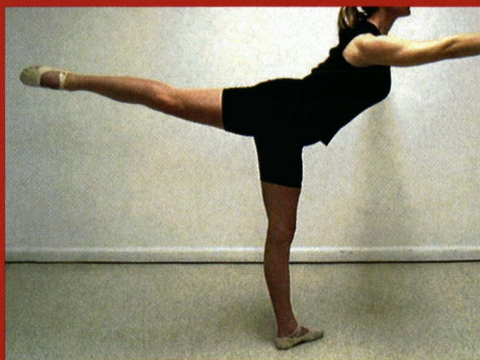
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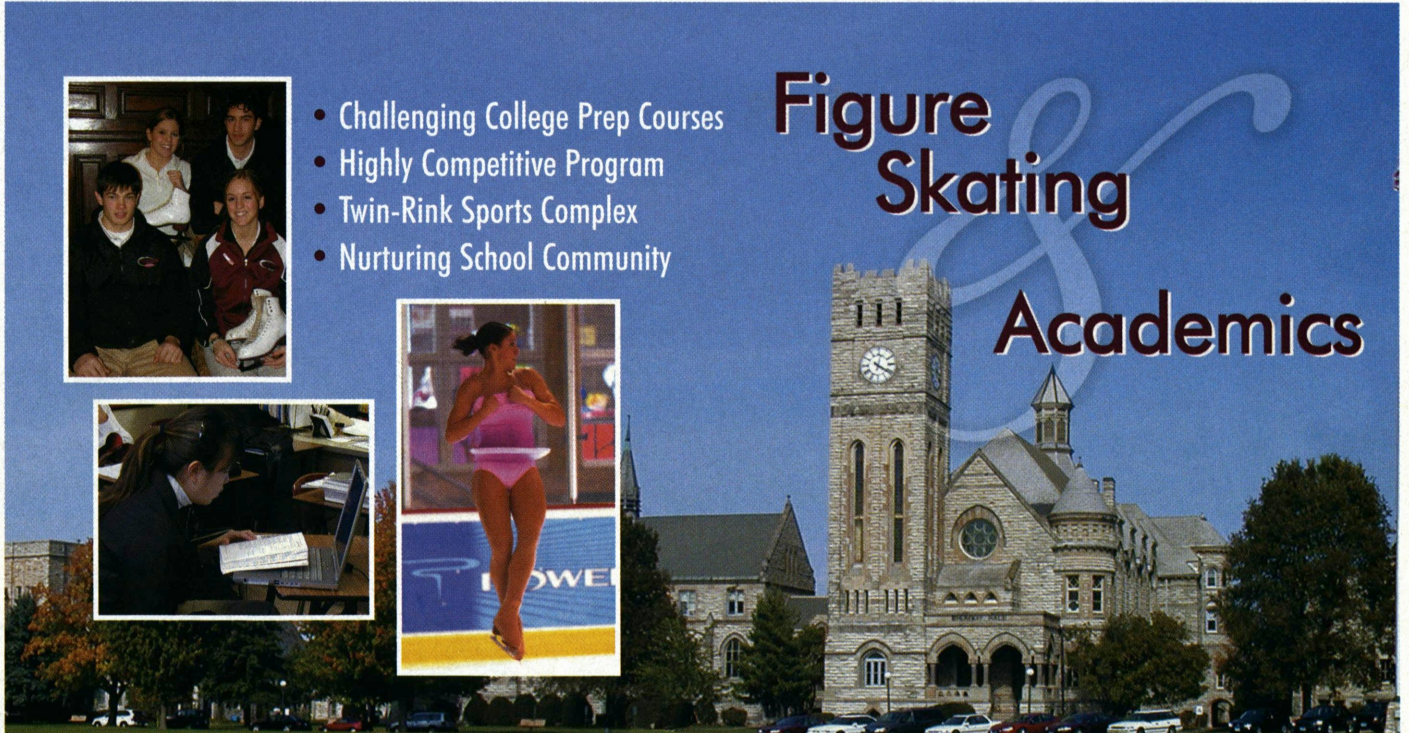
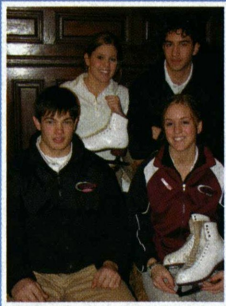
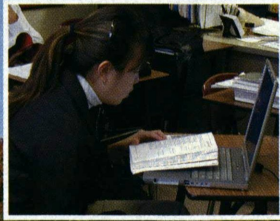
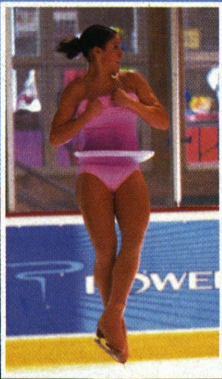


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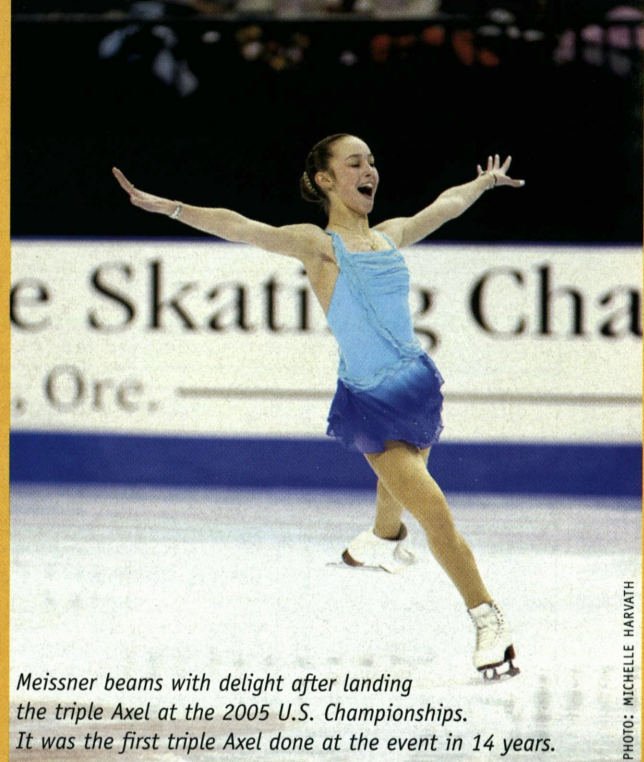


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KIDS' QUESTIONS

with **Kimme Meissner**

Kimme Meissner's motto is "Don't take yourself too seriously; have fun." But when it comes to skating, she's all business. She wowed the crowds at the 2005 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships when she landed a triple Axel and won the bronze medal in her first season competing at the senior level. Meissner was the 2004 U.S. junior ladies champion and the 2003 U.S. novice ladies champion.



Meissner beams with delight after landing the triple Axel at the 2005 U.S. Championships. It was the first triple Axel done at the event in 14 years.

PHOTO: MICHELLE HARTVATH

How does it feel to be skating and competing with some of the top figure skaters in the world? How do you stay cool and calm when you go out to skate against girls you have looked up to all your life?

SASHA SMITH, 15, WARWICK; AND ANNA SHEERAN, 13, PORTLAND, ORE.

It's very exciting to be skating and competing with some of the top skaters. It's something I've looked forward to and worked for since I started. At the same time it's a bit overwhelming, but I know I'm up for the challenge.

How long have you been skating and why did you choose to skate?

LAUREN KALBACH, 13, MASS.

When I was around 6, our backyard was frozen and my brother Adam had me put on an old pair of hockey skates and we went out in the backyard and skated. After that I went to a couple of public skates and started group lessons. I loved it from that day on!

What is your "average" day like?

CHRISTINA ATKINSON, 10, ATLANTA, GA.

My average day begins when I wake up at 6 a.m. I have five periods of school a day without a break, so when my mom picks me up I'm usually starved. I eat my lunch in the car and try to get some homework done on the way to the University of Delaware. I skate three sessions a day and do another session of off-ice training. Usually I get back home for dinner around 6 p.m. After dinner I finish up my homework, take the dogs for a walk and maybe watch a bit of TV before going to bed. It isn't always easy, but it's well worth it because I enjoy skating so much.

What is your favorite food?

KLARA LIPPICK, 11, PEORIA, ILL.

I have a lot of favorite foods, but right now I'd have to say a turkey sub or pizza.

What do you consider your greatest accomplishment? Was this something you set out to do, or were you pleasantly surprised?

KELLY ROGERS, 14, ARVADA, COLO.

My first accomplishment that I remember was finally getting my double Axel. I couldn't wait to have that jump, so when it finally happened I was very excited. Of course, winning nationals was awesome and something I'll never forget.

Which type of skating do you enjoy doing more, exhibitions or competitions?

AN VUONG, 13, READING, PA.

At this point in my career I enjoy competitions because I like the challenge that it gives me and I also like the adrenaline rush.

How much have you sacrificed to get to where you are now?

ANGIE FISHLER, 14, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

I guess in some ways I've sacrificed my social life. I miss a lot of the social times in high school, like not being able to participate in after-school sports and functions. But I wouldn't change a thing because I love to skate and it's a choice I'm making.

Do you ever get really tired of practicing and training?

TAYLOR GALARNYK, 15, EAU CLAIRE

I think that everyone has days when you're not up for your regular routine, but I just push myself forward because I know I will be better for it.

Did you have a role model you looked to when you were younger and just learning how to skate? If so, who?

AMANDA CEASER, 15, BENSENVILLE, ILL.

When I first started skating at Delaware, when I was about 8, I remember looking up to Johnny Weir. He was just awesome and I loved to watch him jump. Of course I also looked up to Kristi Yamaguchi and Michelle Kwan, and many others.

What is it like being so well-known in the skating world? Do kids know about your accomplishments?

EMILY BAKER, 14, FEEDING HILLS, MASS.

I don't know how well-known I am in the skating world yet, since this will be my first year competing as a senior. As far as kids knowing my accomplishments, I know that the kids at my school really don't know what I do.

What do you enjoy most about skating?

ROBIN HUNTLEY, 15, COOPERS MILLS, MAINE

The freedom I feel when I'm out on the ice. I also enjoy the challenge that skating gives me and the satisfaction of accomplishment. I also just enjoy being able to express myself through my skating.

If you were to give one important piece of advice to a skater, what would it be?

STACY McALLISTER, 14, MAINE

Work hard and have fun doing it.



in the SPOTLIGHT

Caroline McCormick



Age: 8 **Home club:** Southern Wisconsin FSC **Skating level:** Pre-preliminary **Coaches:** Tricia Offerdahl and Trevor Laak **Favorite skater:** Sasha Cohen because she uses great expression and her programs always flow with her music and look pretty. **How often I skate:** In the summer I try to skate six times a week. During the school year I skate at least four but sometimes five times a week. **How I got started:** When I was 3 I saw some figure skaters on "Sesame Street" and I told my mom, "I can do that." So she enrolled me in classes. **Favorite jumps/moves:** I really like my flip. When I do it, it feels like I jump really high. I also like my sit spin. **Favorite skating moment:** Last year at the Badger State Games I won first in pre-pre moves in the field. When I was on the medal stand I remember looking up and seeing some of my friends cheering and clapping and dancing around ... for me! **Goals:** I want to keep learning more jumps and moves and whatever else I can. **What else you should know about me:** I love animals of all kinds. I have two hermit crabs, a dog and a hamster. I especially love my dog, Zel. He sleeps on my feet at night. I also love to dance and I take tap, jazz and ballet.

Caroline

How much do you know about the World Figure Skating Museum and Hall of Fame

Take this quiz and find out! Give yourself two points for each correct answer. Answers are shown at the bottom of this page.

1. More than 100 members have been inducted into the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame. *True or False*
2. The U.S. Hall of Fame was established in 1976. *True or False*
3. The World Figure Skating Museum is the world's second largest repository of figure skating materials. *True or False*
4. The Museum and Hall of Fame are located in Lake Placid, N.Y. *True or False*

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Answers: 1. True. The number of inducted members now stands at 105. 2. True; although the World Museum and Hall of Fame was originally established in 1965. 3. False. The museum contains the largest collection of figure skating materials in the world. 4. False. The Museum and Hall of Fame are both located at the U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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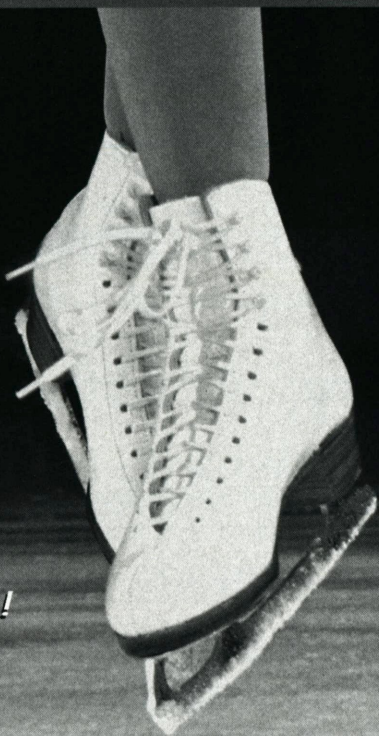
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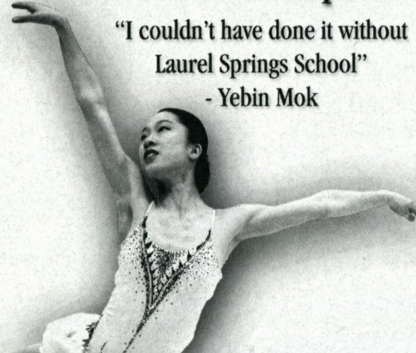
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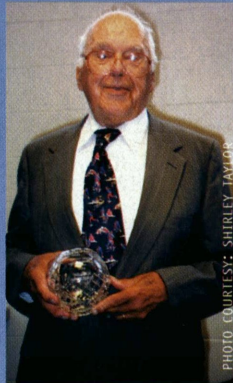


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Bill Appeltofft receives Spirit of Skating award

Wilhelm Appeltofft, a figure skating judge since 1941, has received the Lee Ann Miele Spirit of Skating Award by the Pawtucket & Providence FSC.



"Bill" Appeltofft poses with the Miele award.

The award celebrates U.S. Figure Skating judges whose careers include outstanding contributions to all phases of skating. The award was created in 2002 to honor Lee Ann Miele. Miele was a national judge in several disciplines and an international synchronized skating judge. She died in 2001 following a long struggle with cancer.

The 95-year-old Appeltofft, who says he was "born two years before the Titanic went down" has been a national-level judge since 1953 and has judged the U.S. Championships in dance on a number of occasions.

"Bill Appeltofft's whole life has been devoted to skating ... and his life spans such a huge part of American history and skating history," said Jerry Miele, Lee Ann's husband. "No snowstorm has ever been so bad as to stop Bill from a judging assignment."

Appeltofft received his award at the 2004 Providence Open. Nearly two dozen judges were nominated for the award this year. The first recipient of the award was Elaine Hickman of West Chester, Pa., and Ann Fauver of Lexington, Mass., won the award in 2003. ■

Michigan couple helps improve international skating relations

After visiting Lebanon in search of his ancestral roots, Ed Alice came across a surprising find – the Beirut Skating Club. Ed and his wife, Marge, have deep connections with skating. She competed in adult synchronized skating, five of their sons played hockey and their daughter, Joanne, and granddaughter, Nicole, now figure skate.

After stumbling onto the existence of the Beirut Skating Club, Ed learned it had been operating from an arena built by a Saudi prince in 1997, and included more than 80 active members. Ed, who says he fell in love with Lebanon after his first visit in 1998, became a consultant for the skating club, helping with various tasks, including finding the club a safety glass supplier.

In 2001, Marge decided to get in on the act. On a visit to Lebanon and the skating club, Marge, who recently retired from competition, donated thousands of dollars worth of skating dresses to the members. ■



Ed and Marge Alice hold two of the outfits they donated to the Beirut Skating Club.



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