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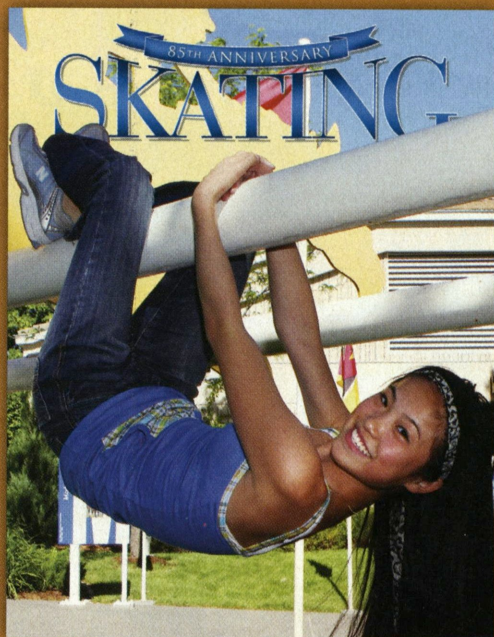


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Carolyn Zhang made her mark on the skating world at the 2007 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Spokane, Wash., where she dazzled record crowds with her remarkable flexibility and jumping ability. Now 15, a more seasoned Zhang hopes to recreate that magic, capture a medal and earn a spot on the U.S. World Team. Colorado Springs' photographer Tom Kimmell spent time last summer shooting this blossoming star at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.



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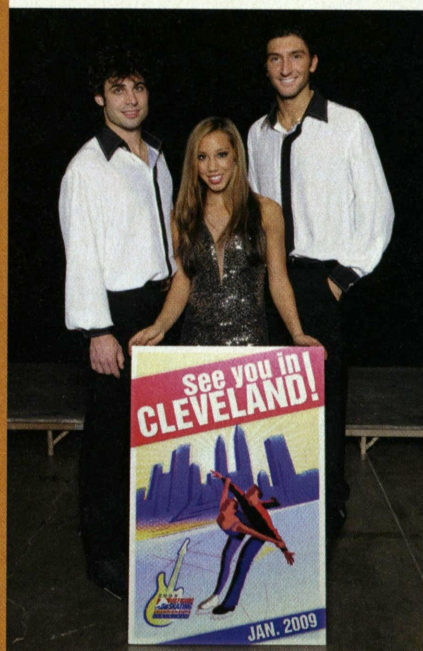
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Cleveland 'locked in' for another great finals

Ohio native Scott Hamilton considers Cleveland his second home, and the 1984 Olympic champion said local organizers are "totally locked in" to make the city's fourth U.S. Figure Skating Championships their best yet.

"It's always exciting to have a nationals in a winter town that has a history of figure skating," said Hamilton, who is the event's honorary chairman. "It seems like the Cleveland Sports Commission and local merchants and businesses have really gotten behind it. Again, the community has such a great tradition with the Cleveland Skating Club and people such as Carol Heiss Jenkins and Hayes Jenkins, and the list goes on and on."

Cleveland first hosted the U.S. Championships in 1940, with Joan Tozzer winning her third consecutive ladies title and third straight pairs crown with Bernard Fox. Eugene Turner claimed the first of his two consecutive men's titles, and Sandy MacDonald and Harold Hartshorne secured their third consecutive ice dancing titles.

In 1964, the spotlight once again fell on Cleveland as it hosted the U.S. Championships for a second time. I pulled the March 1964 edition of SKATING that recaps the event.

On the cover is a photograph of 15-year-old Peggy Fleming being interviewed rinkside by ABC's legendary announcer Jim McKay at the Cleveland Arena. The interview took place following Fleming's title-clinching free skate.

For Fleming, it was the first of five consecutive U.S. titles and the beginning of what became one of the most storied figure skating careers of all time. Fleming went on to win three World titles (1966-68) and an Olympic title (1968), and today remains figure skating's symbol of gracefulness and one of its most identifiable personalities.

I found out that Fleming actually trained for a short time in Cleveland, and her father worked at the city's *Plain Dealer* newspaper.

On page 4 of the March 1964 issue of SKATING, former U.S. Figure Skating president Charles DeMore does a beautiful job putting things into perspective with his headline and first paragraph. U.S. Figure Skating, of course, had suffered a tragedy when its entire World Team, coaches and officials perished in a plane crash in 1961.

The headline covering the 1964 U.S. Championships reads: Youngsters revive U.S. hopes. DeMore opens his coverage this way: Cleveland 1964! No doubt that his date and place will be remembered for many years. The 1964 United States Championships and Olympic Trials provided many thrills and surprises. Perhaps in years to come, it can be said that the United States' re-entry to prominence in the international figure skating picture stemmed from this competition.

In a photo above the story is the U.S. Olympic Team, which features Scott Ethan Allen, Judianne Fotheringill and Jerry Fotheringill, Fleming, Monty Hoyt, Tommy Litz, Cynthia Kauffman, Vivian Joseph, Ronnie Kauffman, Ronnie Joseph, Albertina Noyes and Christine Haigler.

Cleveland's latest success story occurred in 2000. Sasha Cohen made her senior debut and nearly upset Michelle Kwan. And Timothy Goebel, a pupil of Heiss Jenkins, became the first skater to ever land three quadruple jumps in one program enroute to the silver medal.

The 2000 U.S. Championships set attendance records with about 125,000 fans passing through the turnstiles. "Even the early events, such as novice ice dancing, had standing-room only crowds at the Winterhurst Ice Rink, the event's practice rink in 2000," wrote Amy Rosewater, in a story that appears in the 2009 official program.

Television ratings were also amazing, beating out Tiger Woods, who was attempting to win his seventh consecutive golf tournament, and the NBA All-Star Game.

With that track record, Cleveland is a sure bet to put on another memorable U.S. Championships.

"It's really been fun to see how it's come together and how excited everyone is," Hamilton said. "It's coming right up on the Olympic Winter Games, and we have so many established rivalries and stories. It's going to be a lot of fun."



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Abbott wins gold at Grand Prix Final

Jeremy Abbott proved his electric performances in the 2008 ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series were not a fluke. The 23-year-old from Colorado Springs, Colo., turned in an all-time U.S. best free skate (159.46 points) to emerge with the gold medal at the 2008 Grand Prix Final Dec. 13 in Goyang City, Republic of Korea.

Abbott's overall score of 237.72 points was also the highest ever at an international competition for a U.S. man. He bested the six-man field, which included three-time U.S. titlist Johnny Weir. Weir claimed the bronze medal. With the win, Abbott became the first U.S. man to win the Grand Prix Final.

"I wanted to come in here and do my best, and I certainly know any given day there is a chance of winning, but I didn't think it was going to happen," Abbott said. "I was so nervous, I was shaking. I felt like a novice (level) man again, but I know that I'm a lot stronger than that."

Meryl Davis and Charlie White, the 2008 U.S. ice dancing silver medalists, earned the bronze medal. Five-time reigning U.S. champions Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto were forced to withdraw after the original dance because of a back injury to Agosto. The team sat fourth entering the free dance.

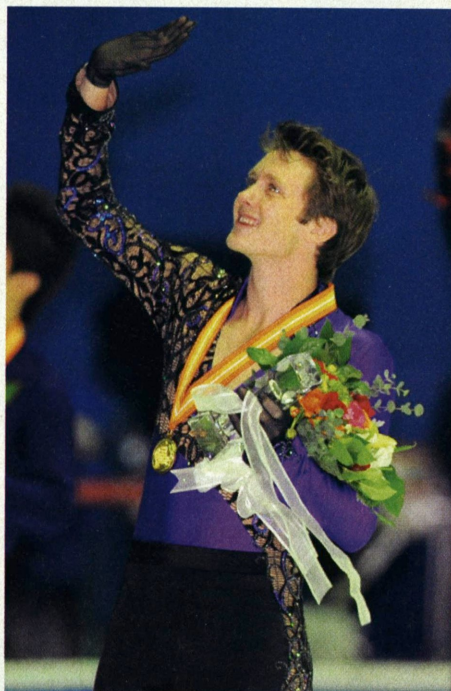
The United States also fared well at the ISU Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, held at

the same time and location as the senior competition.

Becky Bereswill captured the ladies gold medal, with 2008 U.S. junior champion Alexe Gilles winning the bronze.

The United States finished first and second in ice dancing. The team of Madison Chock and Greg Zuerlein garnered the gold, while 2008 U.S. junior champions Madison Hubbell and Keiffer Hubbell collected the silver.

Armin Mahbanozadeh earned the silver medal for the United States in men's, while teammate Richard Dornbush secured the silver medal.



Jeremy Abbott stands on top of the podium after winning the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final in Korea. Johnny Weir earned the bronze medal.

Complete coverage and results of the ISU Grand Prix Final and Junior Grand Prix Final will appear in the February issue of SKATING. Recaps of the final three Grand Prix Series events start on page 16.

'Skate for the Heart' to air Feb. 7

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The final Disson Skating special on NBC this season airs Feb. 7 when an all-star skating cast performs to the music of world-renowned saxophonist Kenny G.

Skate for the Heart airs at 4 p.m., with three repeat dates scheduled in February on the Style Network. Check your TV listings for dates and times.

Performing to the smooth-moving jazz of Kenny G are U.S. pairs champions Keauna McLaughlin and Rockne Brubaker, World champion Jeffrey Buttle, Olympic champion Victor Pe-

trenko and World ice dancing champion Shae-Lynn Bourne.

A short "making of" feature will air on ice-network.com approximately one week prior to the NBC telecast of Skate for the Heart. McLaughlin and Brubaker will take fans backstage during the filming of this Disson special.

This program, taped at the Nutter Center in Dayton, Ohio, is the last of 10 Disson Skating specials this season. Many of the Disson programs can be seen on demand on icenetwork.com.

Boitano named guest speaker for Team 2014 breakfast

Brian Boitano, the 1988 Olympic champion, will be the guest speaker for the Team 2014 breakfast at the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Cleveland, Ohio.

The breakfast on Wednesday, Jan. 21, kicks off a day full of activities for the novice-level skaters, who will compete in Cleveland.

Boitano, who also owns two World titles (1986, '88) and four U.S. crowns (1985-88), remains active in the sport since retirement, and mentors skaters who include U.S. medalists Alissa Cizny and Ryan Bradley.

In addition to the breakfast, the skaters will become familiar with many of the expectations associated with being an Olympic-eligible athlete. For more information contact organizer Juliet Newcomer at 719.635.5200.

Pennington reunites with Heiss Jenkins

Parker Pennington is glad to be back home.

Although Pennington wasn't born in Cleveland — he hails from Hartford, Conn., and is a die-hard Red Sox fan — he spent about a decade living and training in Cleveland. Now, after a five-year hiatus, Pennington has decided to return to his old stomping grounds in Cleveland.

Pennington, who turned 24 in September, is also reunited with his former coach, Carol Heiss Jenkins and is training at the Winterhurst Ice Rink.

"It's just like old times," said Pennington, who returned to Cleveland in August. "I had most of my success here and now I'm trying to get back to my winning ways."

When Pennington was 19, he left Cleveland to train in Colorado



PHOTO BY MICHELLE HARVATH

Parker Pennington is happy as can be, back in Cleveland with his former coach Carol Heiss Jenkins.

Springs, Colo. Initially, he worked with Diana Ronayne, but when she left Colorado to head a skating center in Minnesota, Pennington opted to stay in the Rocky Mountain state. He worked with Janet Champion and Kathy Casey and then decided to move to Fairfax, Va., to work with Audrey Weisiger.

In the last four years, he has not finished higher than seventh place at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, including an 11th-place showing in 2008. Pennington, who won the U.S. junior title in 2001, is hoping his return home will bring him closer to the podium.

Pennington is especially excited about the 2009 U.S. Championships being held in Cleveland. The last time the U.S. Championships were in Cleveland, in 2000, he narrowly lost the junior title, finishing runner-up to Evan Lysacek.

"I think it's great to have nationals in Cleveland," Pennington said. "Cleveland doesn't always get the greatest reviews, but I like Cleveland. I always did."

Over the summer, he decided to ask Heiss Jenkins if she would take him back as a student. He hopped in his car from suburban Washington, D.C., and drove to Aston, Pa., outside of Philadelphia for the Liberty Summer Competition. He didn't give Heiss Jenkins advance notice that he was going to come.

"I was a little bit nervous," Pennington said. "I totally took her by surprise. She had no idea. She was quite shocked. I knew I could have called her but I wanted to see her and do it in person."

So far, the change of scenery has been good.

"I definitely have more of a passion with my skating," Pennington said. "Carol's been such a joy to be around, and sometimes you forget that kind of stuff when you're away."

Although working with Heiss Jenkins is familiar to Pennington, training at Winterhurst is lot different than when he left. The rink, which once was the training home for Olympic bronze medalist Tim Goebel and three-time U.S. medalist Tonia Kwiatkowski, underwent an estimated \$1.5 million makeover. The rink recently celebrated its grand re-opening, and Pennington performed as part of the festivities.

Pennington said he is keeping his short program from last season, a "Flamenco Mix," which was choreographed by Nikoli Morozov, but will be skating to a new free skate to a violin concerto by Tchaikovsky. The free skate was choreographed by Pascale Camerlengo.

Pennington has also been involved in skating choreography, and recently crafted a program for his younger brother, Colin, who will skate in the senior circuit this season and trains in Connecticut. Pennington also has gotten involved in costume design and created his own outfits this season.

Now he's hoping for a change in his success on the ice.

"I want to get the results, but I also want to enjoy every moment I'm skating," Pennington said. "Being happy and able to jump and perform is what I want to do."

- Amy Rosewater

National Skating Month kicks off



More than 300 events are planned in January for U.S. Figure Skating's National Skating Month. Participating rinks have scheduled open skating, free introductory lessons, clinics, exhibitions, skating demonstrations, hockey games, staged races, parent education, equipment swaps, fundraising activities and parties.

"Be a part of our national promotion to attract new families to the

wonderful world of skating," said Susi Wehrli, senior director of membership at U.S. Figure Skating. "Through a series of organized on- and off-ice activities, everyone will have a fun-filled day at the rink."

The goal of National Skating Month is to increase awareness and participation in ice skating sports. All events are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and endorsed by USA Hockey and US Speedskating.

Hall of Fame class of 2009 to be honored



A two-time World medalist, the first U.S. ice dancing champions, a longtime distinguished judge and fashion icon make up the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame Class of 2009.

This remarkable group of individuals will be honored during an on-ice ceremony Jan. 23 at the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sonya Klopfer Dunfield has devoted more than 50 years to the sport as an athlete and coach. She captured the World bronze medal in 1951 and the World silver medal in 1952 as well as the 1951 U.S. title. She was a principal skater in several professional tours, including "Ice Capades." She went on to coach skaters at the World and Olympic levels.

Marjorie Parker Smith and Joseph Savage won the first "official" U.S. ice dancing title, in 1936. They earned eight U.S. medals in ice dancing and fours with each other or another partner. Parker Smith remained active after her skating days and holds age-level records for the 300- and 600-yard dashes. Savage, who died in 1956, served as a World and U.S. judge as well as U.S. Figure Skating's president from 1937-40.

Nancy Meiss began judging in 1958 and has worked in countless capacities at every level of the sport, from the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships to the Olympic Winter Games. She has served on numerous U.S. Figure Skating committees and received several awards during her distinguished judging career. Meiss served as co-chair for the 1979 U.S. Championships and the 1987 World Championships.

Vera Wang, a former U.S. Championships junior pairs competitor, went on to become one of the most famous fashion designers in the world.

The youngest-ever fashion editor of *Vogue*, Wang stayed connected to the sport after her skating career, designing Nancy Kerrigan's outfit for the 1994 Olympic Games and many of Michelle Kwan's costumes.

HQ Profile: Teresa McDonald

I am the purchasing manager for U.S. Figure Skating. I'm responsible for all procurement and negotiating of material, apparel, equipment, services and supplies from vendors. I evaluate vendor quotes and services to determine the most desirable supplier. I am also responsible for overseeing capital improvement projects as well as inventory management, which includes monthly inventories.



Teresa McDonald

What do you most like to do in your free time?

Golfing, working out, watching football, playing Frisbee and going on long walks with my dog Raider.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

Being born and raised in California, I was a major beach bum until I moved to Colorado in 1996. I lived a one-half mile from the beach and couldn't get enough of it. My family bet I wouldn't make it through one winter. Well, we know who won that bet.

What is your favorite part of the job?

I enjoy saving the organization money, the challenge of meeting deadlines and the people who I work with.

What do you cherish most?

My family, my great friends, my health and, of course, my dog Raider

If you could take a trip anywhere in the world, where would you go?

I've been on a cruise once and absolutely loved it. I would really like to go on another one to Alaska. I hear it's the best.

Tell us about your family?

My parents live in St. George, Utah. I have two brothers, Scott and Brad, who still live in California, and two sisters, Linda and Debbie, who live here in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Gift to U.S. Figure Skating quintessential way to build the sport

The first time I laced up my skates and took to the ice was not terribly impressive. My cousin, Jeanne Martin, immediately ordered what can only be described as a "walker" to prevent me from injuring myself — let alone embarrassing myself — any further. Her assistance and encouragement were invaluable. My skating career was short-lived but my appreciation for her support and countenance is forever appreciated.

Today, I have the privilege of providing a different kind of support to skaters who are being introduced to the sport and those who have spent the better part of their lives perfecting their craft with the hope of representing the United States in national and international competitions. I can't coach them, I can't train them but I can motivate them by investing in their ability and potential through my personal philanthropy.

The pressure of training for years and then having all your talents judged during a brief

period on the ice is, to me, unimaginable. The sacrifice made by the skaters, their families and friends is testimony to an unbreakable spirit of achieving perfection...if only for a few minutes at a time. A champion's reward may come in the form of a medal but their legacy will be the inspiration they provide others along the way.

After all, if it's true that no person was ever honored for what he or she received but instead for what he gave, then each and everyone of us — athletes, coaches, parents and fans — are capable of achieving great honor through the simple gesture of making a gift to the sport we all love.

As the U.S. Figure Skating Association embarks on a comprehensive development effort that includes annual giving, major gift commitments, planned giving arrangements and special events, I'm hopeful that you will be inspired to invest a portion of your treasure in myriad of disciplines and in myriad of ways. A simple

gift can make an indelible impact on an athlete and a lasting legacy on the sport.

I'm proud to invite you to join me in considering a gift to U.S. Figure Skating. Writing a check, donating stock or making a gift online is the quintessential way of expressing your faith in our athletes and your desire to help build the sport you've championed for so many years.

I look forward to working with and for all of you in the days ahead. As always, don't hesitate to drop me an e-mail at kburns@usfigureskating.org or call me direct at 719.228.3472 if I can answer your questions or provide you with assistance.

My best,
Kevin Burns
Senior Director of Development



Kevin Burns

1980 Olympian savoring life's many gifts

BY LOIS ELFMAN

After spending most of her life inside an ice rink, Lisa-Marie Allen thrives in the great outdoors these days. She and husband Peter Hendricks spent most of last year at their house in Sun Valley, Idaho, and have decided to sell their Los Angeles digs and make the popular resort community their home.

"My husband can work from his Blackberry just about anywhere," said Allen, three-time U.S. silver medalist, three-time World competitor and 1980 Olympian. "We're going to live in Sun Valley for a few years and see how we like it, and then probably head back to Los Angeles or somewhere in California."

Until the move to Sun Valley is complete, Allen calls herself a "domestic engineer" because she handles all the details of their two homes as well as a house in Florida, where her mother-in-law lives. Although she's inhabited various places throughout her life — Colorado, Long Island, Boston and on the road with "Ice Capades" — giving up roots in Los Angeles is a bit traumatic for the native Angelino, whose California blonde hair and long-legged beauty were trademarks during her skating career.

"It's kind of comical how stress free and wonderful it is in Sun Valley," Allen, 48, said.

Hendricks, who handles client services for a money manager, has an office in the couple's Sun Valley home, but he has also been known to adeptly handle business on the ski slopes.

"We're very, very fortunate," Allen said. "Don't ever think I don't know that."

The couple, which recently celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary, was introduced by prominent skating choreographer and producer Karen Kresge. After marrying Hendricks, Allen closed the books on her performing career, but she still gets out on the ice occasionally. She coaches each summer in Sun Valley and used the ice time last summer to prepare for an important performance.

Allen decided to skate at the Los Angeles Figure



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LISA-MARIE ALLEN

Skating Club's 75th anniversary celebration in past August. She dedicated her performance to her dear friend, James Yorke, who passed away in June.

Lisa-Marie Allen and family are making Sun Valley, Idaho, their new home.

"I picked a piece of music that really said what I wanted to say about him," she explained. "The song was, 'You'll Remember' by Patty Griffin. For a month and a half, every day I'd get on the ice at 12:30 p.m. In Sun Valley, we have this pro session at 12:30 p.m. I'd do 15 to 20 minutes of ice class, just working on my edges and turns. Then, before you knew it, all these people would join in and do it with me. I'd skate for 10 minutes, run my program, then back to the other rink to teach."

"I got in pretty good shape. I could get through my two-minute program at altitude, so I felt pretty happy."

She even had a new costume made for the occasion.

"I was so nervous," she said. "I got out on the ice, and they announced my name. I skated out to take my spot, and the spotlights hit me. I thought, 'This feels so natural.' All the nerves went away, and I was totally fine. It was so much fun."

An ongoing joy in Allen's life is her daughter, Sarah Lucie, 21, a senior at Boston College. Sarah's freshman year began in style when Elisabeth Hasselbeck, co-host of "The View" and a BC alumna, chose Sarah and her roommate as recipients of a dorm room redecoration.

"It was the most amazing way to start their freshman year," Allen said. "And we didn't have to buy anything."

She calls Sarah "my greatest accomplishment."



Lisa-Marie Allen on the set of *Blades of Glory* with its star Will Ferrell and directors Josh Gordon and Will Speck.



Photo by Tony Duery/Alamy

me. It was fun," she said.

Being a technical specialist keeps Allen nicely connected to skating.

"When Sarah went off to college, I needed a diversion to kill that empty nest thing," Allen said. "Luckily for me, the whole IJS (international judging system) came up at the same time, so I decided to go for it and see if it was something I could (A) do and (B) liked. It's turned out that I really enjoy it. I enjoy the camaraderie and the teamwork that's involved. I think I'm pretty competent — they keep putting me in really nice championships."

At her initial training session were fellow 1980 Olympians Charlie Tickner and David Santee as well as 1976 U.S. champion Terry Kubicka.

"We said, 'This is like the total dream team,'" she recalled. "We're trying to make the sport better and more fair than it was in our time. That's certainly my goal — to make it fair for each skater so that they're getting credit for everything they're putting out there."

"For any of the technical panel members, it's really nerve-racking. It's almost as bad as skating, but at least we're not out on the ice alone. We're a team now. That, in itself, makes it all the more enjoyable."

As for the rest of her family, Allen and her three brothers (another brother passed away about 20 years ago), all help in looking after their mother, who is still independent at age 77. Hendricks has a grown daughter who has two children. Just before Halloween, Allen helped with pumpkin carving, managing four festive designs with two children on her lap. The older girl, Charlotte, 5, recently said, "I'm ready to try the snow," so Allen is hopeful to soon take them skating in Sun Valley.

Allen keeps in touch with many of her skating friends, noting that no one understands the roads they've traveled through skating as much as each other.

"It's cool to still see my past," she said. "The skating world is really quite remarkable. As competitive as it is, when you are out of the competitive arena for a while, you sit back and you see the bond you really do have."

"We lived the same life. Sure, we were competitive and fierce at the time, but as I told Linda Fratianne (Allen's main U.S. competition in the late 1970s), no one understands her better than me. That's the kind of bond this sport brings to people if you have the head to sit back and really acknowledge it." ■

Last summer Sarah worked at acting camps in Sun Valley and Los Angeles. The latter was for inner city kids.

"It's been really incredible to watch her grow up into this beautiful woman," Allen said.

Allen visits her daughter a couple times each school year and got an unexpected trip to Boston a few months ago. She's a technical specialist and was assigned to monitor Stephen Carriere at the Skating Club of Boston.

"She came to the hotel and spent the night with me and had breakfast with (U.S. Figure Skating Director of Athlete Performance Enhancement and Tracking) Kathy Casey, (International Committee Chair) Lorrie Parker and



(l-r) Lisa-Marie Allen, her daughter, Sarah Lucie, and husband Peter Hendricks enjoy parents' weekend at Boston College with Lucie's best friend, Jackie Hubbell, and her mother, Jill.

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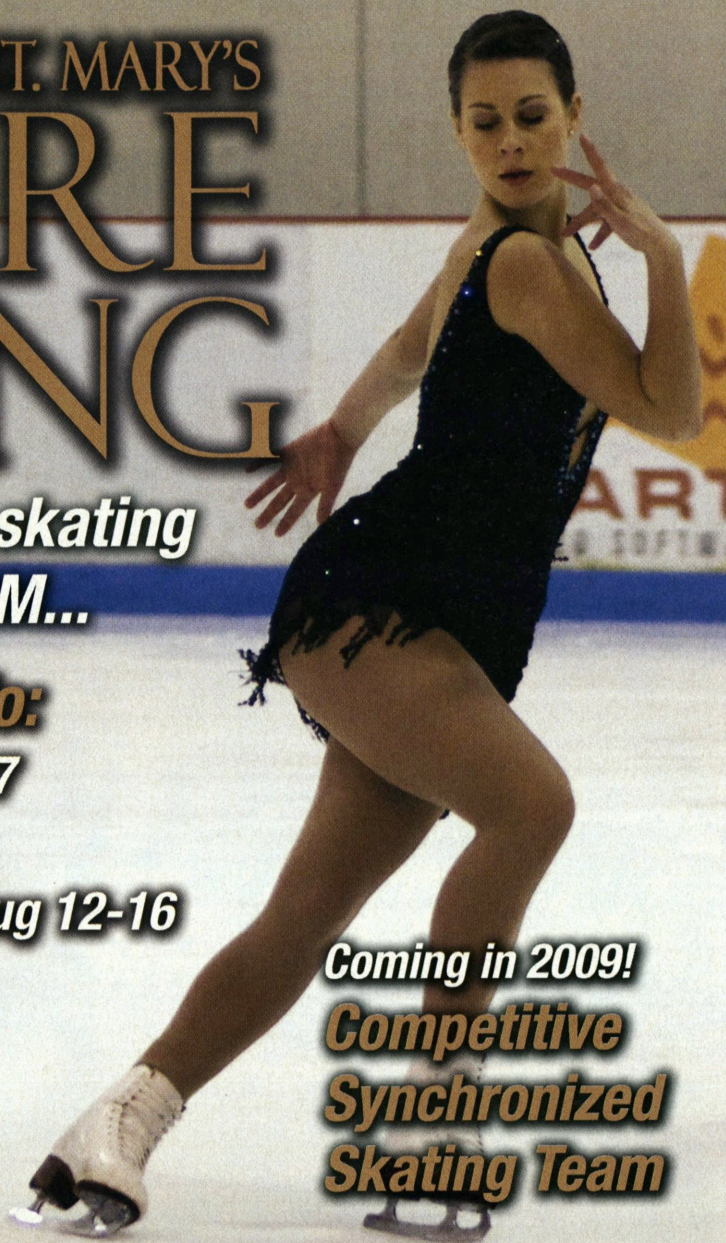
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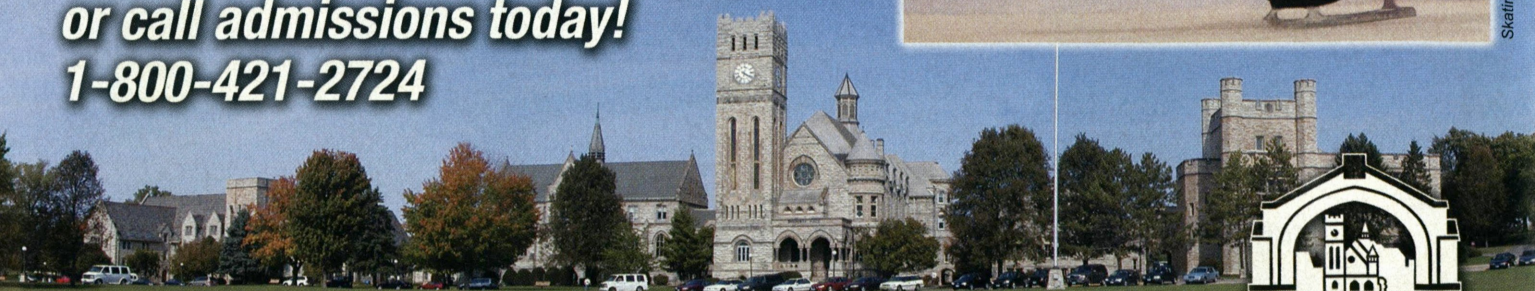
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On their way

Junior, intermediate skaters were at top of their game in Lake Placid

BY BECCA STAED, LYNN RUTHERFORD AND KATHLEEN HURLEY

More than 300 figure skaters from around the United States ventured to Lake Placid, N.Y., Dec. 8-13 to brave the single-digit temperatures and compete at the 2009 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships in search of a title or medal.

Skaters competed at the juvenile and intermediate levels, repeatedly breaking personal records and displaying the talent and determination needed to become U.S. Figure Skating's future elite athletes.

These young athletes qualified for the U.S. Junior Championships by finishing among the top four in singles at one of nine regional championships held throughout the country in October, or in the top eight in pairs and ice dancing at one of four sectional championships that took place in November.

The event was held at the historic Olympic Arena in Lake Placid, N.Y., best known as the site of the 1980 Olympic Games "Miracle on Ice," wherein the U.S. hockey team defeated the long-dominant and heavily favored Soviets.



Katarina Kulgeyko

PHOTOS BY BOB EWEILL

be proud of. Each 12-year-old earned personal bests and already knows what she is going to do with the medal.

"I am going to hang it in my room," said gold medalist Kulgeyko. "I have all my medals in one picture frame, except this medal will have a separate frame."

Kulgeyko looked dumbfounded when her 73.66 free skate score was announced. That gave her an overall score of 107.71.

"I wasn't expecting a personal best," she admitted. "I thought I would have a high score, but not this."

Not this, because although she has attempted to land two successful triples in her program, it never came to fruition. She either doubled them or underrotated, losing full credit in turn.

Nonetheless, coach Faye Kitariev does not focus on placement.

"We don't place emphasis on the results," Kitariev said. "If God wants her to have good results, then she will have it."

Yet, this gold medal marks a very special milestone for Kitariev.

"She is my first national champion," she said.

"Really?" chirped Kulgeyko

"Yeah, I've had a national medalist but not a champion."

Silver medalist Hicks will also keep her medal in a frame on her bedroom wall. Hicks recorded a 65.23 free skate score, for 98.92 overall.

"I was hoping for a high score but I didn't expect a personal best," she said. "I was just trying to stay clam and not tense up before skating."

Hicks' primary coach, Brian Tuck, was scheduled for surgery the week of the event and could not make it, but coach Scott Wendland was there to guide her in his place.

"We came in hoping for a top-six finish," Wendland said. "This is way beyond what we anticipated, and this is where you want to have a personal best."

"We didn't really do a perfect program, so it shows that she has a lot of room for improvement; it looks good for us in the future."

Bronze went to Timlen, who has personally decorated her room blue with green polka dots. Each polka dot is primed to hold a medal, particularly this one.

INTERMEDIATE MEDALISTS

LADIES

1. Katarina Kulgeyko (Los Angeles FSC)
2. Courtney Hicks (All Year FSC)
3. Allison Timlen (Columbia FSC)

MEN

1. Emmanuel Savary (University of Delaware FSC)
2. Nathan Chen (Salt Lake FSC)
3. Shotaro Omori (Los Angeles FSC)

PAIRS

1. Olivia Oltmanns/Tyler Broderick (Kansas City FSC)
2. Caitlin Fields/Max Settlege (Coyotes SC of Ariz.)
3. Kaitlin Budd/Matthew Blackmer (Detroit SC/Troy Academy of FS)

ICE DANCING

1. Danielle Gamelin/Alexander Gamelin (SC of New York)
2. Danvi Pham/Vu Pham (Washington FSC)
3. Laura Perry/Joshua Leggett (Detroit SC)

JUVENILE MEDALISTS

GIRLS

1. Gwendolyn Prescott (Peninsula SC)
2. Ainsley McGill (Charter Oak FSC)
3. Jessica Pfund (Broadmoor SC)

BOYS

1. Nicholas Vrdoljak (Northern Ice SC)
2. Spencer Howe (Los Angeles FSC)
3. Alex Benoit (Skokie Valley SC)

PAIRS

1. Emily Chan/J. Daniel Vallecilla (Houston FSC)
2. Maggie Gibson/David Botero (SC of North Carolina)
3. Anya Cockerell/Mark Krutzfield (FSC of the Quad-Cities/Eastern Iowa FSC)

ICE DANCING

1. Rachel Parsons/Kyle MacMillan (Washington FSC)
2. Rebekah Schneider-Farris/Joel Schneider-Farris (Broadmoor SC)
3. Katie Shipstad/Logan Bye (Broadmoor SC)

"I pushpin them in," she said.

Timlen leapfrogged from fifth after the short program to third in the free skate and overall, with a 90.86 competition mark despite having pulled her groin early in her free skate.

"My last three jumps were painful," she said. "I stepped out of a double Salchow. It was a stupid thing to step out of, but I was fifth after the short and now I am in third."

Maria Kalina of the Starlight Ice Dance Club finished fourth.

Intermediate Men

If gold were awarded to the competitor with the best smile, 10-year-old Emmanuel Savary (University of Delaware FSC) would win bar none.

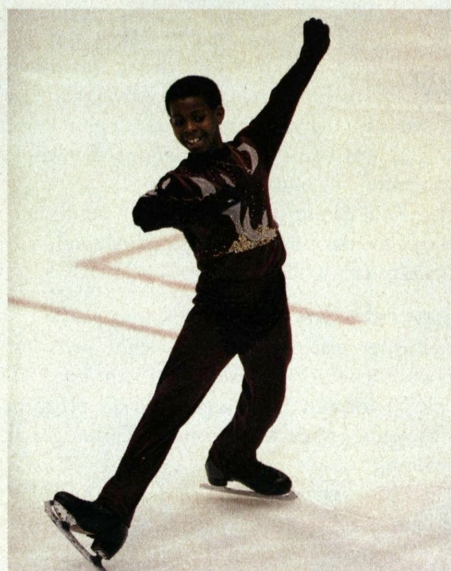
"I like smiling," he said. "I am a happy person."

However, it goes to the top skater; and in that respect, too, Savary is a sure thing.

"This kid's going to be around for a while," coach Ron Ludington said.

Intermediate Ladies

Earning medals was not the only thing intermediate ladies Katarina Kulgeyko (Los Angeles FSC), Courtney Hicks (All Year FSC) and Allison Timlen (Columbia FSC) had to



Emmanuel Savary

It was a sweet rejoinder for Savary, who placed sixth in juvenile boys two years ago. This time, he landed six clean doubles and three triples in his "Aladdin" free skate, earning 102.33 points overall.

"I was working hard and trying to stay consistent every time and building up to every competition," Savary said.

Ludington took him under his wing because he said he liked what Savary "was about" – disciplined and hardworking – a prerequisite to being one of his students, which makes his job a lot easier.

"You can take a competition like this and put it up against an Olympic Games, and I worry the same because, Olympic level or not, they can only do their own job," Ludington said.

Savary edged 9-year-old Nathan Chen (Salt Lake Figure Skating), also in his first year as an intermediate who earned 98.17 overall.

Chen said he's "pretty cool with it" though because he had only an arsenal of double Axels to Savary's triples. Yet, his Transformers-themed free skate was flawless, featuring nine double jumps (including two double Axels), two level-four spins and the highest program component score (30.03).

"Technically, he is solid," coach Genia Chernyshova said. "Because he is so young, he is not always paying attention to what he needs to do to make things work. It was easier, though, because he is mature for his age."

He will remain an intermediate another year and work on his triples, and then, his competition had better watch out.

"Next year, I will want first place even more," he said.

Moving from sixth after the short to second in the free skate was Shotaro Omori (Los

Angeles FSC), who took bronze with 95.60 points – his first national medal after three trying years. Last year as a juvenile, he finished just off the podium in fifth.

It took some time, but his coach, D.J. Vincent, who's been with the 13-year-old for five years, stuck with it not just for his talent.

"I can tell him to do something, and he will immediately work on what I told him," Vincent said. "He is always respectful to everybody. That stands out, which is why I'd love to stick with him for a long time."

Cordero Zuckerman, 16, (Fairbanks FSC) maintained his fifth place position throughout both events, landing in fourth with 87.52.

Intermediate Pairs

Last year's juvenile pairs champions Olivia Oltmanns and Tyler Broderick (Kansas City FSC) stepped it up to win the intermediate title.

Skating to "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," the duo finished with a competition mark of 59.88.

For the second year in a row, they bested Caitlin Fields and Max Settlege (Coyotes SC of Arizona), who scored 55.96. In third, with 52.37, were new partners Kaitlin Budd (Detroit SC) and Matthew Blackmer (Troy Academy of Figure Skating).

Originally from Missouri, Broderick recently relocated to Minnesota with Oltmanns' family, where the pair is coached by Oltmanns' mom, Trudy. Until last year's win, the duo focused mostly on ice dancing, not pairs.

"Last year, we were playing around in the living room and started doing pairs lifts," Broderick said.

"After we won juvenile pairs, we decided it was time to lay off ice dancing because we



Olivia Oltmanns and Tyler Broderick

could always come back to it," Oltmanns added.

So far, however, they do not intend to leave pairs.

"They've been really anxious to go ahead and move on to the next level," Trudy said. "The first thing they said was, 'We can't wait to go home and test novice.'"

Fields and Settlege's "Cowboy's Overture" program began rocky, but they came back strong midway through, receiving nary a negative GOE on their last four elements.

"They're good competitors," coach Larry Schrier said. "To come back strong like that was not only important to their placement, but it was good for them."

Though placing second two years in a row, they showed no disappointment.

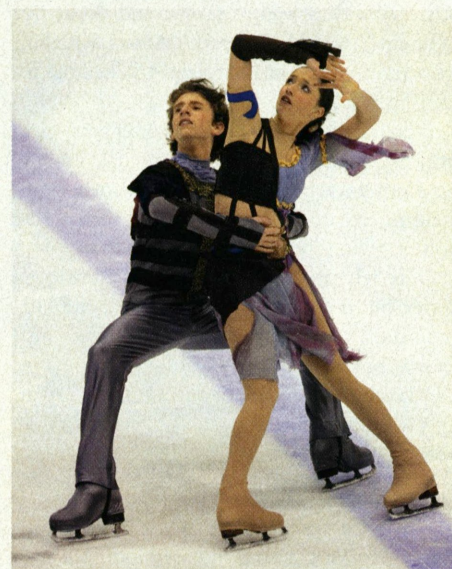
"We came in confident," Settlege said. "We are really proud of our skate."

The thrill of competing at U.S. Junior Championships and then landing on the podium was more than enough to satisfy bronze medalists Budd and Blackmer.

"It's been a great experience," said Blackmer, who was celebrating his 17th birthday. "We really feel confident about our scores; we're really happy."

They have been skating together for nine months, which Budd jokingly attributes to the lack of other boys in their area.

Carlotta and David Powers (Indiana World Skating Academy FSC) finished fourth with a score of 51.89.



Danielle Gamelin and Alexander Gamelin

Intermediate Ice Dancing

When Danielle Gamelin and Alexander Gamelin (SC of New York), 15-year-old twins from Long Island, placed second the 2009 Eastern Sectionals Championship, they saw it

as an opportunity.

"We were actually third in the free dance, because two of our lifts didn't get the levels," Alexander said. "So we went home and did a lot of work, and changed the rotational lift to a curve lift. We came into Lake Placid with a lot of confidence and that made a big difference."

The win is even more remarkable, considering that Danielle broke her pelvis just two weeks before the Eastern Sectional Championships, held in Boston in early December.

"We only found out it was broken two weeks before coming to Lake Placid," she said. "We thought it was an inflamed muscle, but the pain didn't go away, so we had an X-ray."

The Gamelins won both of the compulsory dances, the Rocker Foxtrot and European Waltz, and scored 52.16 points – a new personal best – for their dramatic free dance to music from "King Arthur."

"We even got level three for the diagonal footwork," Alexander said. "I couldn't believe it. I looked at the (judge's details) and just went, 'Wow.'"

Another pair of siblings, Danvi Pham and Vu Pham (Washington FSC) – who are just 9 and 11 years old, respectively – took the silver medal, placing second in both of the compulsories. Their smooth, sophisticated free dance to "Stranger in Paradise" also placed second, and they finished with 93.66 points overall, 4.37 points out of first place.

"They skated very well; there is a little age difference between them and (the Gamelins), but they did as well as they could do at this moment," said their coach, Alexei Kiliakov, who trains them at Maryland's Wheaton Ice Skating Academy.

Laura Perry and Joshua Leggett (Detroit SC) grabbed the bronze medal, moving up from fourth after the compulsories with a clean, elegant free dance that earned 47.29 points, giving them 89.66 overall.

"It felt pretty good; it could have been better, but it was strong," the 13-year-old Leggett said. "We'd like to move up to novice next season, but we're not sure yet."

Lorraine McNamara and Quinn Carpenter (Washington FSC) were fourth with 87.40 points.

Juvenile Girls

It was a close contest in the juvenile girls event, with just 3.76 points separating fourth and first places. For Gwendolyn Prescott (Peninsula SC), it all came down to the double Axel and coach Lynn Smith's ability to make Prescott's a thing of beauty.

Smith, who began working with Prescott last summer, could not be there to watch the 11-year-old earn her first U.S. gold, but left



Gwendolyn Prescott

her in good hands – those of stand-in coach and three-time U.S. pairs champion Todd Sand.

"Gwendolyn is very talented," Sand said. "She has worked hard this past year and is really blossoming. Getting with Lynn helped her because she now has a beautiful double Axel."

"I tried my best for her because she couldn't be here," Prescott said of Smith.

Prescott landed nine clean doubles, including two stunning double Axels that received 0.80-point GOEs, en route to a 55.01 competition mark.

"She really took a step up," Sand said. "There were a couple expectations along the way, but she handled it well."

With a 53.26 competition mark, Ainsley McGill (Charter Oak FSC) delivered the best birthday present her "Aunta" Lisa McGill could ever ask for – a silver-medal performance.

"She came off the ice and said, 'Happy Birthday, Aunta,'" said Lisa, who was celebrating her 50th birthday.

Tears flowed freely among the McGill clan, made up of the 12-year-old's parents, two aunts, an uncle, a couple of friends and coaches Vladimir and Elena Petrenko.

"My dad calls it the cheering squad," McGill said.

She has even more to look forward to when she gets home – a puppy, just for qualifying for the event.

In third place with 51.46 points was 10-year-old Jessica Pfund (Broadmoor SC), who moved from California to Colorado Springs, Colo., three years ago to work with coaches Becky Calvin and Tom Zakrajsek, who train World Junior champion Rachael Flatt.

"Her work ethic is number one for me, and she is very able to focus at a very young

age," Calvin said.

Though nervous before taking the ice, Pfund said she was able to do what Calvin told her – have command of the ice from the first to the last note and trust her training.

"I was confident throughout the whole program," she said.

Katia Shpilband (Arctic FSC), the daughter of ice dancing coach Igor Shpilband, finished fourth with a score of 51.25.

Juvenile Boys

After placing 14th in juvenile boys last year, Nicholas Vrdoljak (Northern Ice SC), was so focused on skating a clean program this year that he hadn't given much thought to winning.

"I just wanted to get in the top five," Vrdoljak said. "I wasn't expecting to win."

Spencer Howe (Los Angeles FSC) claimed silver with a score of 50.76, while Alex Benoit (Skokie Valley FSC) took the bronze, with 50.41 points overall.

For Vrdoljak's coach, Vearle Klinger, the medal is just icing on the cake. Klinger's goal is for Vrdoljak to focus on quality skating rather than placement.

"This season we made sure he understood what his purpose was every time he stepped on the ice," Klinger said. "We said the whole season, 'You're here to skate a good program and that's it.'"

Vrdoljak skated to music from "The Legend of Zorro" and said he is ready to move on to the intermediate level, citing this year's win as great experience for next year.

In his U.S. Junior Championships debut, Howe secured silver despite a misstep – literally.

Howe took off a part of his blade while



Nicholas Vrdoljak

stepping off the ice after a practice session at the event. The decision of how to treat it was one he and coach Wendy Olson deliberated over, eventually deciding to get the blade stoned.

"It was hard to make that decision," Olson said. "But it worked out pretty good."

After failing to qualify for the final round of competition last year, Benoit came back determined and focused.

"I've been training harder," he said. "I've gotten more jumps and have been doing more programs to try to reach perfection."

Benoit, who is coached by his mother's former coach Candice Brown-Burek, started skating after taking a year off from hockey and realizing he missed the ice.

James Schetelich (Upper Mountain Skating Association) placed fourth with 46.84.



Emily Chan and J. Daniel Vallecilla

Juvenile Pairs

After placing third last year in juvenile pairs, Emily Chan (FSC of Texas) and J. Daniel Vallecilla (Houston FSC) revamped their style to secure the gold this year.

The 11-year-olds skated to music from the Bruce Lee film "Enter the Dragon," chosen for its mature feel and faster pace, after skating to big band music last season.

They were rewarded with a 44.53 competition mark, which put them nearly eight points ahead of second place team Maggie Gibson and David Botero (SC of North Carolina). The bronze medal went to Anya Cockerell (FSC of the Quad-Cities) and Mark Krutzfield (Eastern Iowa FSC) who earned 34.62 overall.

The winners' high score was not lost on them. Vallecilla marveled that they had beaten the score of last year's champions, and achieved

a personal best and season-long goal of topping 40 points.

However, Vallecilla did not have much time to celebrate because he had to prepare for his next event – juvenile boys – in which he placed fifth. And both were busy thinking ahead to next season.

"We feel good, but next year we're going to have a cool program," Vallecilla said. "We don't know what it is yet, but it's going to be good."

Only together for 10 months, silver medalists Gibson and Botero had to jump through a few hoops to reach the medal podium.

"My mom never let me do pairs," said Botero, a former ice dancer. "She was scared, but Maggie's mom convinced her it would be OK."

Weather posed a dilemma for Botero, who, after leaving a balmy Raleigh, N.C., for single-digit temperatures in Lake Placid, got sick. Nonetheless, both agreed the trip was worth it.

"I like pairs so much better than ice dancing," Botero said. "It's so much more fun, and being at nationals is really exciting."

Cockerell, 9, and Krutzfield, 16, displayed solid pairs elements, but struggled in their side-by-side elements. Despite their misgivings about their performance, the couple enjoyed their first trip the U.S. Junior Championships.

They skated to music from the Broadway show "Oklahoma," chosen for its lightheartedness, which matches their view of pairs.

"We sometimes fight like brother and sister, but we're having fun," Krutzfield said.

Devynn Sharpe (All Year FSC) and Devin Perini (Los Angeles FSC) finished in fourth place with 34.10.

Juvenile Ice Dancing

Rachel Parsons and Kyle MacMillan (Washington FSC), two 11-year-olds who teamed up just last year, won juvenile dance in fine style, placing first in all three segments: the Fiesta Tango and Ten Fox compulsories, and the free dance.

They ended the event with 83.29 points, 6.54 points ahead of the field.

"I thought we skated pretty well," Parsons said. "There were some things that could have been better, but it was pretty good, especially the twizzles in our free dance."

This was Parsons' first trip to the U.S. Junior Championships. MacMillan placed sixth in juvenile dance last season with Victoria Suttora.

"I think we were able to win because our coaches (Alexei Kiliakov, Elena Novak and Dmytri Ilin at the Wheaton Ice Academy)



Rachel Parsons and Kyle MacMillan

helped us a lot, and we both concentrate a lot when we practice," MacMillan said.

Goals for next season include moving up to the intermediate level and medaling at the U.S. Junior Championships again.

The silver medal went to siblings Rebekah Schneider-Farris and Joel Schneider-Farris (Broadmoor SC). The duo placed third in both compulsories, and their Tango free dance also took third, giving them a total of 76.75 points.

"I thought it was probably the best free dance we did all year," 12-year-old Rebekah said. "We had a lot more expression and speed than we usually do."

The youngsters also competed in juvenile pairs, where they placed ninth.

"It's cool to do both," Joel said. "It's not like one is easier than the other. The jumps in pairs are a little bit harder, but in dance the lifts can be harder and the footwork is more complicated."

Katie Shipstad and Logan Bye (Broadmoor SC) took second in both compulsories and fourth in the free dance, ending the event with 76.71 points, a scant four-hundredths of a point out of second place.

"The (free dance) felt very strong," the 12-year-old Shipstad said. "We both messed up our twizzles, but other things were good."

"I like training in Colorado Springs," the 10-year-old Bye added. "(Having) so many other teams there inspires us and keeps us going."

Yuri Min and Sean Benjamin Sunyoto (Los Angeles FSC and Orange County FSC) began the competition with a tenth place in the first compulsory, but placed second in the free dance to climb all the way up to fourth overall with 75.20 points. ■

She's back

Hughes finds balance between college and skating

BY JEAN-CHRISTOPHE BERLOT

One year had passed since Emily Hughes last competed internationally, and she was ecstatic when she heard she was assigned the French stage of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating.

"I love Paris, and I am excited to go shopping and visiting," Hughes told reporters at the event. "When I told my roommate and friends that I was (coming here), they were all so envious."

Tropheé Eric Bompard was her only Grand Prix Series assignment this year after a hip injury kept her out of the 2008 U.S. Figure Skating Championships. The injury has not healed completely, but it is improving.

"The fact I could take some time off really helped," she said.

She still feels some weakness from time to time, but she stretches extensively after every skating session. Her injury has not hampered her wish to compete.

"After missing last year, I was really motivated to come back," she said. "I really like competing, and I hope I can keep improving and skate clean."

In addition to skating, Hughes is a full-time student at Harvard University. She finished her freshman year with honors and is now a sophomore.

"I just took two midterms, one in sociology and one in a core course," Hughes said. "But today I am missing one midterm in my comparative government class."

The university agreed to let her take her midterm when she returned from France, so she brought two big, fat books to read while in Paris.

"I can tell you, I do not know which is heavier — her study suitcase or her skating suitcase," chuckled her father, John.

Emily said attending college has added new dimensions to her life.

"Going to the university has matured me a lot," she said. "I am now living on my own. I drive myself to the rink every day, so there is a lot more responsibility on my part. In a way, it puts a lot of pressure on myself; yet, at the same time, I feel it less because it is not only skating. Studies take my mind off

Emily Hughes, the 2007 U.S. silver medalist, returned to action after missing most of last season because of injuries.

Hughes, a sophomore at Harvard University, said she's looking forward to once again competing.

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(of skating)."

Hughes continues training with longtime coach Bonni Retzkin, who travels from New York to Boston at the end of each week. For her part, Hughes then visits Retzkin in New York on weekends.

"We have to manage," Retzkin said. "I travel a lot; I do not sleep. I will sleep when she is done."

Hughes is also working with Tenley Albright's daughter, Elin, in Boston. Albright,

the first U.S. Olympic champion in the ladies event (1956), has been a doctor for decades and is a role model to the Hughes family.

"She is proof that you can succeed at the highest level in several undertakings," John Hughes said.

Emily did not quite achieve her ambitions in Paris this year, as some of her jumps were downgraded, but her grace, aggressiveness, fun-loving attitude and bright smile brought a lot to the competition. Her spiral sequence

was certainly the most beautiful in the field – and it also deservedly scored the highest.

She did not have much time to visit Paris, however, as she was expected to be back at Harvard just one day after the competition ended. She might have found some time to buy a pullover at the Eric Bompard store on the Champs Élysées.

"I love cashmere," she said. "But my dad will not agree, I suppose." ■

Zhang paces U.S. team in Paris

American skaters are always keen to participate in the Parisian stage of the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating. More than 8,000 people gathered each day at the event, and 12,000 attended the exhibition.

"When I was asked what assignment I would like, I picked this one," Bebe Liang said.

"This is a great venue," Brandon Mroz confirmed.

But it's not just the skating arena that attracts American athletes.

"We love Paris," Tiffany Vise said. "We went to the Louvre, Notre Dame and the Eiffel Tower."

Caroline Zhang, meanwhile, experienced a lot of "firsts" in France: first time in Paris and first Grand Prix Series medal (a bronze) after performing the only flawless free skate



Tiffany Vise and Derek Trent rallied to place fifth in pairs.

and recording a season-best score. Her finesse and seven triple jumps made her a hit with the crowd.

A strong favorite to win in Paris, Japan's Mao Asada singled or doubled five triple jumps in her two programs and settled for silver. The winner of both segments, Canada's Joannie Rochette, stole the show from practice to podium. Liang finished fifth and Emily Hughes was ninth.

In the men's event, precise edges and solid skating prevailed in Paris, with Patrick Chan of Canada and Takahiko Kozuka of Japan claiming gold and silver, respectively. Crowd-favorite Brian Joubert did not recover in the free skate after he popped his quad toe-triple toe combination in the short program; he settled for fourth overall. His teammate, Alban Préaubert, seized the opportunity, skating two clean programs and landing his quad in the free skate to win the bronze. Mroz skated two strong programs and finished fifth overall. Ryan Bradley was seventh.

France's Isabelle Delobel and Olivier Schoenfelder won the dance event ahead of Italy's Federica Faiella and Massimo Scali, and Great Britain's Sinead Kerr and John Kerr. Jennifer Wester and Daniil Barantsev collected their best score of the season to finish eighth.

Ice dancing seems to have found a renewed popularity with the audience.

"The main thing is the meaning of our programs," John Kerr said. "What you are seeing and what you are hearing should be the same thing. Programs should not look like they are a product of the rules."

The pairs event in Paris epitomized the term "blood, sweat and tears."

Tears came from Germany's Aliona Savchenko and Robin Szolkowy, who skated their winning but imperfect free skate to *Schindler's List*.

"Sad music is not easy when your program is poorly skated," said Szolkowy after they missed their two throws.

Sweat was from Vise and Derek Trent, who overcame a poor short program to finish fifth overall.

Blood came from Meagan Duhamel and Craig Buntin of Canada, when her blade hit his hand early in the program. After a bandage was wrapped around the wound, they skated flawlessly and won their first Grand Prix medal – a bronze.

"The French audience was very supportive," Buntin said, "So 'Merci la France' (Thank You, France)!"

– Jean-Christophe Berlot



Caroline Zhang won the hearts of the fans in Paris with her flawless free skate. Zhang earned a bronze medal.

Silver lining

Flatt delivers steady, sure performances

BY LAURA FAWCETT

U.S. silver medalist Rachael Flatt kept her cool – and her jumps fully rotated – at the Cup of Russia, her second ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series assignment of the year.

Flatt, who finished fourth in her Grand Prix Series debut at Skate America, showed two steady performances to grab the silver in the ladies event – the best finish by a U.S. woman in the Grand Prix Series this year.

The 16-year-old finished third in the short program and second in the free skate, thanks mostly to solid jump technique and level threes and fours on her other elements.

Like many skaters this season, Flatt had issues with downgraded jumps and/or a wrong takeoff edge during her fourth-place showing at Skate America. Not so in Moscow, where she was the only one of the top four skaters to avoid a jump deduction in both programs. As a first-year international senior skater, it's not surprising she came up a little short in the program component scores.

"I will definitely be working on my components, especially my posture," said Flatt, taking the time to talk while cramming for high school finals. "I think my programs are challenging me to improve my components, including overall speed, interpretation and posture, but I still have a lot to work on."

Her technical success at the Cup of Russia doesn't mean she's totally happy with all the elements. She's working on the consistency of her triple-triples and the speed and strength of her spins. Although she just missed qualifying for a spot in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, by all accounts her first year on the Grand Prix Series circuit was a success.

She might have gone in looking for a learn-

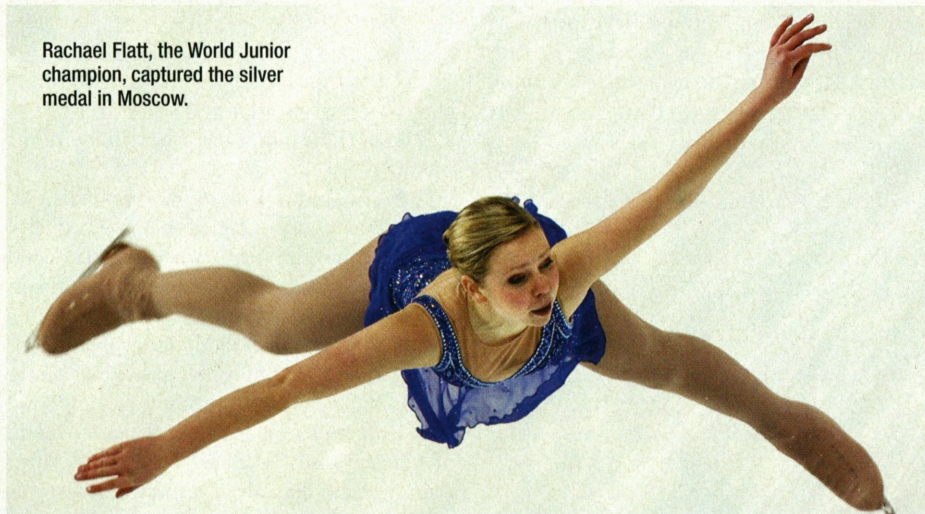
ing experience, but she came out as a force to be reckoned with.

"(Competing in the Grand Prix Series for the first time) did feel a lot different," she said, "but I felt much more comfortable at Cup of Russia since I knew what to expect ... It was a tremendous learning experience, and I am definitely using the lessons I learned for my current training."

Those learning experiences included handling the pressure when her skates arrived a day later than expected in Moscow – the first time she has dealt with that problem. She's also learning how to keep her mind off the pressure, despite the fact she's been thrust into the spotlight of U.S. ladies skating.

For Flatt, the time between Russia and the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating Championships is being spent the same as it always is – training, going to school and studying. Oh, and she'll be getting her braces off as well, a huge occasion in the life of any teenage girl.

Rachael Flatt, the World Junior champion, captured the silver medal in Moscow.



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CUP OF RUSSIA MEDALISTS

LADIES

1. Carolina Kostner, Italy
2. Rachael Flatt, United States
3. Fumie Suguri, Japan

MEN

1. Brian Joubert, France
2. Tomas Verner, Czech Republic
3. Alban Preaubert, France

PAIRS

1. Dan Zhang/Hao Zhang, China
2. Yuko Kawaguchi/Alexander Smirnov, Russia
3. Tatiana Volosozhar/Stanislav Morozov, Ukraine

ICE DANCING

1. Jana Khokhlova/Sergei Novitski, Russia
2. Oksana Domnina/Maxim Shabalin, Russia
3. Meryl Davis/Charlie White, United States

The success has also led to some fun opportunities.

"I was in the Parade of Lights recently in Colorado Springs," said Flatt, referring to the city's annual holiday parade. "I was marching with the athletes who train at the Olympic Training Center – some of them went to Beijing – and my friends texted me and said, 'Oh my gosh! I saw you in the parade. It was so cool.' It's really neat to have these opportunities." ■

Abbott, Davis and White sew up Grand Prix Final berth

Jeremy Abbott qualified for his first Grand Prix Final with a fourth-place finish in the Cup of Russia, the fifth of six Grand Prix series events. That placement, combined with his win at Cup of China, puts Abbott on track for his best season ever. He was fourth and eighth at his two Grand Prix events last season.

The Colorado Springs, Colo., skater did not have a great start to the competition,

finishing sixth in the short program. But he landed eight triples, including a triple Lutz-triple toe-double toe combination, to collect the highest technical score and finish second in the free skate.

Frenchman Brian Joubert won the gold despite finishing fourth in the free skate and falling on his opening quad toe. His commanding 16-point lead after the short program kept him eight points ahead of second-place

finisher Tomas Verner of the Czech Republic, who won the free skate. Alban Preaubert finished third, and Adam Rippon improved upon his eighth-place Skate America-finish with a fifth-place showing in Moscow.

China's Dan Zhang and Hao Zhang captured their second gold medal of the 2008 Grand Prix Series with an eight-point win over Russia's Yuko Kawaguchi and Alexander Smirnov. Both teams had subpar performances

CUP OF RUSSIA



Jeremy Abbott capped his best Grand Prix campaign ever, finishing fourth at Cup of Russia and qualifying for the Grand Prix Final.

but clearly outdistanced the field. The Zhangs' program was marred by errors on the side-by-side jumps and a lift, and they won the free skate by just a slim margin. The highlight of the Russians' program was a successful throw quad Salchow, which earned them 7.20 points, but they also struggled with lifts and jumps.

No American teams were in the competition, and third place went to Ukraine's Tatiana

Volosozhar and Stanislav Morozov, who won their second Grand Prix medal after finishing second in China.

Meryl Davis and Charlie White recovered from a disastrous original dance to finish third and earn a spot in their first Grand Prix Final. They collected the gold medal earlier this season at Skate Canada. Normally impeccable, White fell twice in the original dance and had trouble with two other elements. He and his partner regrouped for a second-place free dance that helped earn the bronze medal.

The top two spots went to Russian teams, but in a surprising twist, gold went to Jana Khokhlova and Sergei Novitski instead of the higher-ranked Oksana Domnina and Maxim Shabalin. It was Khokhlova and Novitski's first Grand Prix gold, and they secured victory with high levels on lifts and step sequences, while their compatriots received level 2s on both step sequences and the combination spin.

Rachael Flatt's silver medal in the ladies event was sandwiched between two solid performances by skaters who have seen ups and downs in their careers. Reigning World silver medalist Carolina Kostner continued her comeback by capturing gold with a program that included six triples (she fell on the back end of a double Axel-triple toe combination).



Meryl Davis and Charlie White rebounded from a forgettable original dance to claim the bronze medal and a trip to the Grand Prix Final.

Since her rocky 2005-06 season, Kostner has finished out of the medals just twice in major competitions – sixth at 2007 Worlds and fourth at this year's Skate Canada.

Flatt landed six triples in the free skate to finish second – the highest finish for a U.S. woman in the Grand Prix Series this year. She finished just ahead of three-time World medalist Fumie Suguri of Japan, who had jump troubles in the free skate and dropped from first to third overall. With so many great Japanese ladies, Suguri has finished fourth in the last two Japanese nationals and failed to qualify for Worlds. ■

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Inoue, Baldwin make most of Japan trip

BY LAURA FAWCETT

For Rena Inoue and John Baldwin, winning silver at the NHK Trophy was just the beginning. The second-place finish kicked off a weeklong media tour in Inoue's home country, and the duo did not return to the United States until Dec. 9.

But that's par for the course whenever Inoue returns to Japan. Their December appearances included TV interviews, endorsements, openings and a headlining spot with Shizuka Arakawa and other skaters in "Christmas on Ice."

Their strong performance at the NHK Trophy came on the heels of a shaky fifth-place finish at Skate America. Their busy off-season schedule kept them from serious training, and they used the five weeks between events to return to form. But after more than 25 years of competitive skating each, just deciding to return at all is a major decision.

"At this point in our career, it's always tough to make decisions way in advance because we never know what new opportunities will be presented to us," Baldwin said. "Luckily, we have been offered many chances to present ourselves in different ways over the past couple years and experience things that every skater would love to have the chance to do. We love being busy, but it does put a strain on competitive training."

At 35 and 32, respectively, Baldwin and

Inoue are older than most top pairs skaters, but they continue to be competitive, even finishing ahead of World bronze medalists Jessica Dube and Bryce Davison of Canada at NHK.

"The main reason we decided to come back and compete is simple – because we can," Baldwin said. "We are still in great shape, and getting more and more comfortable performing every day. Competition is also an incredible challenge and a rush that's hard to experience anywhere else in life ... it's fun to see if I can still handle all of it and keep up with younger skaters. So far, we can."

Part of their excitement for the season stems from coach Phillip Mills, who made a name for himself in skating as a choreographer. Baldwin said Mills has rekindled the duo's love for skating and inspired them when they most needed it.

"The first time we worked together, everything just clicked as if we had been working with him for years," Baldwin said. "That is how Phillip can put a skater at ease. It really made us trust and respect his judgment. Most importantly, he always comes to the rink prepared and with a game plan for the day, and (that relieves pressure) from a skater who already has more than enough to think about."

Thinking is what Mills, Inoue and Baldwin will do when they return to the practice ice. Although NHK was an improvement, they still have elements to sharpen. Their death spirals have earned low levels. (Baldwin said they've received feedback on how to increase the value.) The team has always worked to strategize and maximize their points, which Baldwin knows can make a big difference.

The other strategy revolves around their trademark element – the throw triple Axel. They took it out of the short program at NHK and replaced it with the throw triple loop, receiving positive GOEs for the element. The element was back in the free skate; Inoue stood up but two-footed the landing. Baldwin said they took it out of the short program because it had not been at its best before the trip to Japan.

Rena Inoue and John Baldwin, two-time U.S. titlists, rebounded from a fifth-place finish at Skate America to win the silver medal at the NHK Trophy in Tokyo.

So, it's back to practice and hopefully a new house as they prepare for the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Their 3,600-square-foot dream home in San Diego was scheduled to be completed Oct. 17, but, alas, the couple wasn't able to move in until the end of December – right before Christmas.

"No pressure there, right?" Baldwin said. "The house is going to be such a welcome for us because we have been living at the beach in a 700-square-foot house. Ahh, space ... and a real closet and bathroom."

What more could a person want? ■



Rena Inoue and John Baldwin appear on a popular talk show in Japan.

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NHK TROPHY MEDALISTS

LADIES

1. Mao Asada, Japan
2. Akiko Suzuki, Japan
3. Yukari Nakano, Japan

MEN

1. Nobunari Oda, Japan
2. Johnny Weir, United States
3. Yannick Ponsero, France

PAIRS

1. Qing Pang/Jian Tong, China
2. Rena Inoue/John Baldwin, United States
3. Jessica Dube/Bryce Davison, Canada

ICE DANCING

1. Federica Faiella/Massimo Scali, Italy
2. Nathalie Pechalat/Fabian Bourzat, France
3. Emily Samuelson/Evan Bates, United States

Weir, Samuelson and Bates secure medals

Nobunari Oda of Japan returned to the ISU Grand Prix Series of Figure Skating after a yearlong suspension to collect the gold medal at the 2008 NHK Trophy. Japanese fans welcomed back Oda, who was suspended by

the Japanese Skating Federation in the summer of 2007 for driving under the influence. He led

from start to finish in Tokyo, grabbing a three-point lead over Johnny Weir in the short program. Oda increased his lead in the free skate despite an uncertain start that included a wobbly quad toe and triple Axel.

Weir notched the silver and a spot in the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final with two performances that kept him comfortably ahead of the rest of the field. His elegant choreography, spins and footwork were rock solid, but he had a few jump problems. Two jumps had issues in the short program, and he doubled a Lutz and singled a flip late in an otherwise stellar free skate. Weir's stamina was most likely affected by a bad cold from which he suffered throughout the week.

France's Yannick Ponsero won the bronze, his first Grand Prix Series medal. American Stephen Carriere popped two triple Axels in

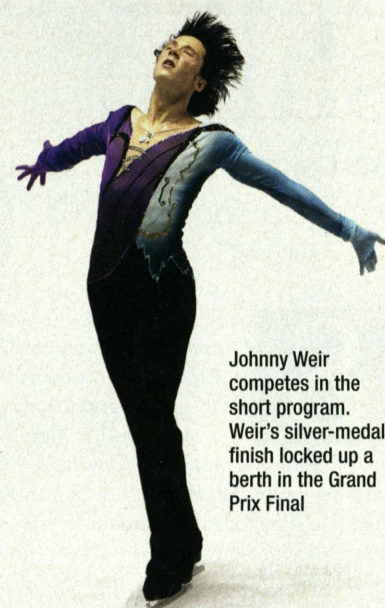
his free skate and finished sixth overall.

Japanese skaters swept the ladies podium, including a surprise second-place finish by Akiko Suzuki.

World champion Mao Asada outdistanced the field with 191.13 points – the second-best overall score this season. She landed a triple Axel in the free skate and followed it with a triple Axel-double toe combination, but the second Axel was downgraded. Suzuki, meanwhile, jumped from fourth to second by landing five triples (two others were cheated). Die-hard skating fans might remember Suzuki, 23, who finished third at the 2001 Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final but suffered from health problems that derailed her rise in the skating world.

Third place went to Yukari Nakano, while Americans Ashley Wagner, Katrina Hacker and Mirai Nagasu finished fourth, sixth and eighth, respectively. Judges hit all three Americans hard in the free skate by downgrading a number of jumps.

Reigning World Junior champions Emily Samuelson and Evan Bates won their first Grand Prix Series medal by collecting the ice dancing bronze. Ahead of them, Italy's Federica Faiella and Massimo Scali traded place-



Johnny Weir competes in the short program. Weir's silver-medal finish locked up a berth in the Grand Prix Final

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Emily Samuelson and Evan Bates perform their free dance. The longtime duo secured the bronze medal.

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ments with France's Natalie Pechalat and Fabian Bourzat. The French won the original dance and free dance but never made up the two-point deficit from the compulsory segment. That gave Faiella and Scali their first Grand Prix Series gold and first berth in the Grand Prix Final.

Americans Kimberly Navarro and Brent Bommentre had minor errors in the original dance and finished sixth overall.

China's Qing Pang and Jian Tong rebounded from a subpar performance at the Cup of China to win the pairs title. The couple's uncharacteristic mistakes in China were attributed to a lack of practice time because of Tong's Achilles tendon injury, and the extra few weeks of healing time made a difference. The only major error in their free skate happened when both partners singled one of two Axels in a double-double sequence.

Inoue and Baldwin made significant improvements from their first outing of the season at Skate America and finished second. World bronze medalists Jessica Dube and Bryce Davison struggled with jumps throughout the competition and captured the bronze. Team USA's MeeRan Trombley and Laureano Ibarra were seventh. ■

ISU GRAND PRIX FINAL QUALIFIERS, GOYANG CITY, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

LADIES

Yu-Na Kim, Korea
Joannie Rochette, Canada
Mao Asada, Japan
Carolina Kostner, Italy
Yukari Nakano, Japan
Miki Ando, Japan

MEN

Patrick Chan, Canada
Takahiko Kozuka, Japan
Johnny Weir, United States
Brian Joubert, France
Jeremy Abbott, United States
Tomas Verner, Czech Republic

PAIRS

Aliona Savchenko/Robin Szolkowy, Germany
Dan Zhang/Hao Zhang, China
Yuko Kawaguchi/Alexander Smirnov, Russia
Qing Pang/Jian Tong, China
Tatiana Volosozhar/Staniislav Morozov, Ukraine
Maria Mukhortova/Maxim Trankov, Russia

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Oksana Domnina/Maxim Shabalin, Russia
Federica Faiella/Massimo Scali, Italy
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Time to shine

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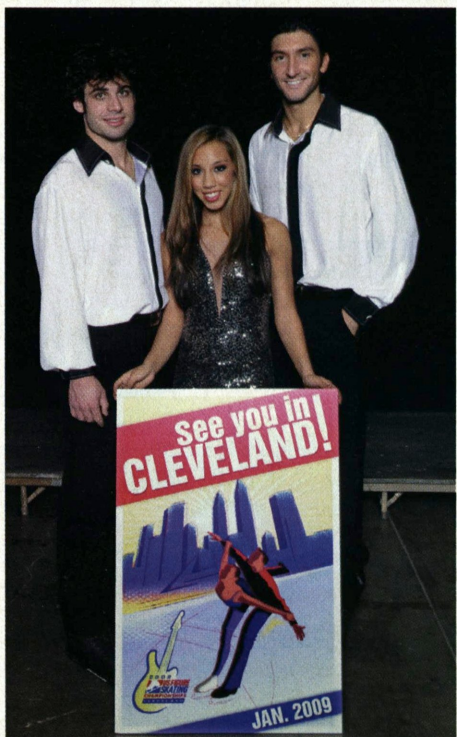
BY KAMA KORVELA

Some will rise to the occasion. Some will fall. Some will leave the ice in tears. Some will leave with medals and pride.

The 2009 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Cleveland, Ohio, promises to be an exciting event for skating fans, featuring talented athletes in every division who are ready to put on a great show.

Skaters in the novice, junior and senior levels will vie to represent the United States in international competitions, including the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships in Vancouver, British Columbia, and the ISU World Figure Skating Championships in Los Angeles.

Last year's showdown between reigning U.S. men's champion Evan Lysacek and three-time U.S. titlist Johnny Weir didn't disappoint, with the competition ending in a tie before Lysacek was declared the winner because



U.S. champions Evan Lysacek and pairs team Keauna McLaughlin and Rockne Brubaker will help headline this month's U.S. Figure Skating Championships.



The city of Cleveland will roll out the red carpet for the 90th edition of the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

of his higher free skate score. Weir has been a major force internationally this season, placing second at both Skate America and the NHK Trophy, and third at the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final. Lysacek finished third at both Skate America and Skate Canada.

There are plenty of other men primed to steal the spotlight from Weir and Lysacek, including Jeremy Abbott, who was the surprise winner of the Cup of China and ISU Grand Prix Final, and Ryan Bradley, who finished second at Skate Canada. Last year's U.S. bronze medalist, Stephen Carriere, placed second at the Cup of China. Adam Rippon, the 2008 World Junior champion and 2008 U.S. junior champion, made his senior international debut at Skate America and is poised to stand on the podium in Cleveland.

It's hard to predict who will skate away

with the gold medal in the ladies competition. Last year's winner, Mirai Nagasu, competed internationally as a senior for the first time this season and finished fifth at Skate America and eighth and the NHK Trophy. An ankle injury prevented her from showcasing her exquisite talents and jumping ability.

Caroline Zhang fared a better, winning a bronze medal at Tropheé Eric Bompard and finishing fifth at Skate Canada. The 2008 World Junior champion and last year's U.S. silver medalist, Rachael Flatt, placed second at the Cup of Russia and fourth at Skate America. Flatt has proven to be the most consistent U.S. skater on the international circuit and is considered a solid medal contender.

Kimmie Meissner, the 2007 U.S. titlist, continued to struggle this fall, finishing eighth at Skate America and the Cup of Russia. Last

year's bronze medalist, Ashley Wagner, recorded a pair of fourth-place finishes at the Cup of China and the NHK Trophy and should not be counted out. Veterans Bebe Liang and Alissa Czisny are also strong candidates for medals.

Keauna McLaughlin and Rockne Brubaker, last year's gold medalists at the U.S. Championships, are primed to defend their pairs title. They've skated well this season, winning a silver at Skate America and a bronze at Skate Canada. Rena Inoue and John Baldwin will challenge the young pair, as they placed second at the NHK Trophy. Last year's bronze medalists, Brooke Castile and Ben Okolski, have not competed this season because of injuries.

There are plenty of other teams in the medal hunt, including veterans Amanda Evora and Mark Ladwig, last year's fifth-place finishers, and Tiffany Vise and Derek Trent, who placed fourth in 2008. The new tandem of Caitlin Yankowskas and John Coughlin finished a promising sixth at Skate America and could challenge some of the more seasoned couples.

Five-time reigning U.S. ice dance champions Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto have a new look and attitude this season, and are ready to defend their title. If they win in Cleveland, they will have won more U.S. ice dancing titles than any other team. But with teams such as 2008 U.S. silver medalists Meryl Davis and Charlie White nipping at their heels, it won't

be easy. Davis and White won Skate Canada, placed third at Cup of Russia and won a bronze medal at the Grand Prix Final; they are a formidable challenge to the 2006 Olympic silver medalists.

Emily Samuelson and Evan Bates are making great strides, finishing third at the NHK Trophy and fourth at Skate America, and will be favorites for a medal. Last year's bronze medalists, Kim Navarro and Brent Bommertre, would love to make another trip to the World Championships and will battle Samuelson and Bates for the podium. The team of Jane Summersett and Todd Gilles won the crowd over at Skate America and could be in the mix for a medal. ■



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MONDAY, JAN 19

Novice compulsory dance	7:40 a.m.
Novice pairs short program	10:10 a.m.
Novice ladies short program	12:30 p.m.
Novice men's short program	2:20 p.m.
Junior compulsory dance	4:30 p.m.
Junior ladies short program	6:25 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 20

Novice men's free skate	11:20 a.m.
Novice ladies free skate	1:30 p.m.
Novice free dance	3:30 p.m.
Novice pairs free skate	5:55 p.m.
Junior original dance	8:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 21

Junior men's short program	12:50 p.m.
Senior compulsory dance	3:30 p.m.
Junior pairs short program	5:50 p.m.
Opening ceremony	8:20 p.m.
Junior ladies free skate	9:10 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 22

Junior free dance	10:50 a.m.
Senior pairs short program	1:40 p.m.
Senior original dance	4:50 p.m.
Senior ladies short program	7:25 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 23

Junior men's free skate	12:30 a.m.
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Junior pairs free skate	3:05 p.m.
Senior men's short program	8:05 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

Senior free dance & pairs free skate (early groups)	11 a.m.
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SUNDAY, JAN. 25

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(All times Eastern)

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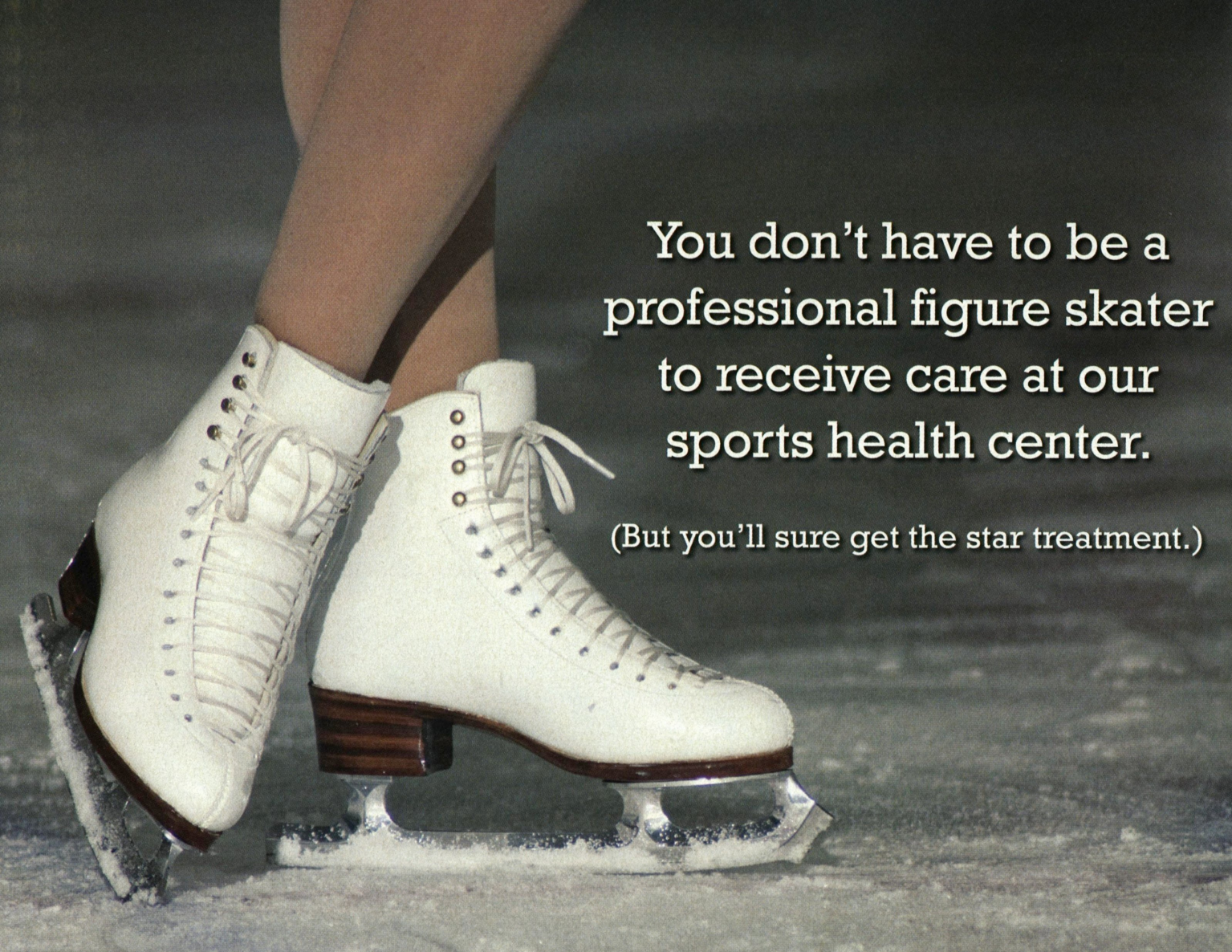
ICE CHIPS

(Some little-known facts about figure skating and Cleveland)

- Peggy Fleming was born in San Jose, Calif., but has ties to Cleveland. In fact, she trained in Cleveland for about three months while her father worked at *The Plain Dealer*. She also won her first U.S. title in Cleveland, in 1964.
- How popular is figure skating in the Cleveland metropolitan area? There are 17 figure skating clubs, and they are all a part of the Greater Cleveland Council of Figure Skating Clubs. There are 60 clubs in the state, with 2,323 competitive registered U.S. Figure Skating members and nearly 6,000 Basic Skills members.
- Carol Heiss Jenkins was the first Olympic champion who was coached by Olympic gold medalists (Andree and Pierre Brunet). Heiss Jenkins trained in New York but moved to Akron, Ohio, shortly after winning her Olympic gold medal in 1960. She now is a full-fledged Clevelander and has called the city's suburb of Westlake home for nine years. She was in-

- ducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in 2008.
- During Heiss Jenkins' competitive career, she was invited to perform at the Cleveland Skating Club for benefit shows three times. The first time, in 1952, is when she won the U.S. junior crown. That year she was joined in Cleveland by her sister, Nancy (who became a U.S. junior champion and a U.S. silver medalist), and her brother, Bruce, a junior-level skater.
- Timothy Goebel made skating history in Cleveland in 2000 when he became the first skater to land three quadruple jumps in one program at a U.S. Championships.
- The 2009 U.S. Figure Skating Championships will mark the fourth time in the 90-year history of the event that it has been held in Cleveland (1940, 1964, 2000).
- When the Winterhurst Ice Rink opened in Lakewood, Ohio, in 1931, it was the largest outdoor artificial

- ice rink in the country. It later became the coaching home of Carol Heiss Jenkins, and numerous Olympians and U.S. medalists trained there, including Timothy Goebel (2002 Olympic bronze medalist), Jenni Meno (three-time pairs Olympian), Elizabeth Punsalan (two-time ice dancing Olympian) and Tonia Kwiatkowski (three-time U.S. medalist).
- Three presidents of U.S. Figure Skating were Clevelanders: Henry Beatty, 1946-49; H. Kendall Kelley, 1952-55; and Charles DeMore, 1976-80.
- Hayes Jenkins and his younger brother, David, are the only brothers to have ever won Olympic gold medals in figure skating. Hayes and David both trained at the Cleveland Skating Club. Hayes is a retired attorney who worked at Goodyear in Akron. David, who became a doctor and went to medical school at Cleveland's Case Western Reserve University, now lives in Oklahoma.



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Avoiding Hip Flexor Injuries

A perfectly executed double salchow or Russian split can make a skater jump for joy, but doing too many triples and quads may lead to the painful hip flexor injuries that have sidelined seasoned skaters like Tara Lipinski and Michelle Kwan, cautions Robert J. Dimeff, M.D.

Dr. Dimeff is President of the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine and Director of Primary Care Sports Medicine at Cleveland Clinic Sports Health, a proud sponsor of the 2009 U.S. National Figure Skating Championships.

Cleveland Clinic Sports Health physicians have provided medical care for figure skaters and hockey players at all levels of competition for nearly two decades. Dr. Dimeff and his colleagues will provide in-house medical coverage at practice rinks and at Quicken Loans Arena for the Figure Skating Championships in Cleveland, Jan. 18 - 25, 2009.

Overtraining strains hip flexors

"Athletes can strain their hip flexors if there are imbalances in their core, abdominal, back or hip muscle groups, or when constant repetitions overwork them – for example, when skaters overtrain, trying too many jumps," says Dr. Dimeff.

Hip flexor injuries can also happen when skaters lack sufficient speed to launch themselves into a jump or the core strength to twist and complete several revolutions mid-air. Instead, they rely on centrifugal force to propel the hips, further stressing the flexor muscles. "It's important to avoid throwing yourself into a jump," advises Dr. Dimeff.

Conditioning off the ice

To avoid a hip flexor strain, look for a good strength and conditioning program. "Skaters use the same muscle groups as gymnasts and dancers, and must warm up properly before each training session. They need to work as hard on their conditioning off the ice as they do on the practice rink," Dr. Dimeff advises. Cleveland Clinic Sports Health physicians, physical therapists and exercise physiologists design personalized training programs for athletes at all levels in every sport.

Take early warning signs seriously

One of the first signs of a hip flexor injury is discomfort deep in the groin when going into the jump. Unfortunately, skaters often ignore this signal because the pain tends to clear up the next day, so they practice just as hard as ever. Then, when the pain worsens, skaters compensate by changing their mechanics. Repeating these awkward motions only serves to strain the muscles more and will eventually force the skater off the ice.

Don't skate through pain

Skaters should not ignore a hip flexor strain because further stressing the injury can worsen the condition and increase the recovery time. "The general rule of thumb is if your pain is above a level 4 on a scale of 1 to 10, you're practicing too hard," he notes.

The best treatment for minor hip flexor strains is relative rest. Moist heat can help loosen muscles that spasm, and compression undergarments are helpful. For more serious injuries, physical therapy should involve strengthening the back and abdominal muscles, deep massage and mobilization techniques.

Although the Cleveland Clinic Sports Health team will be on standby at the Figure Skating Championships, "Hopefully, all we will need to do is watch some fantastic skaters perform some wonderful routines," Dr. Dimeff says.

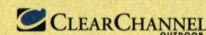
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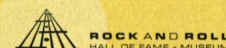
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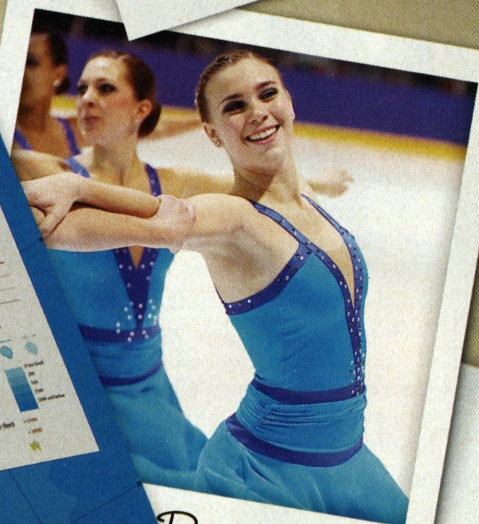
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More mature Zhang puts focus on Cleveland

BY AMY ROSEWATER

When the skating world was formally introduced to Caroline Zhang, back at the 2007 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Spokane, Wash., she was a giddy teen who was just excited to get close enough to Kimmie Meissner and

have the U.S. champion give her an autograph.

Zhang, 13, at the time, finished runner-up at the junior level, which is not a bad considering Tara Lipinski finished second as a junior to Sydne Vogel in 1995. (We all know how Lipinski's career turned out.)

Even though Zhang and 2007 U.S. junior champion Mirai Nagasu competed early in the week, they became a hot topic of conversation. Their performances were so extraordinary that they were featured in the television broadcast, a spot usually reserved only for senior skaters.

"There's our future rivalry," U.S. Figure Skating President Ron Hershberger said back then. "They are what our future needs to be."

Zhang, now a worldly 15, has done a lot of growing up since then. For starters, she's not only stepped up to a new level of the sport, competing at the senior level, but she's also literally bigger. Standing 5'2, she's three inches taller than she was in Spokane. If you want to get the height update on Zhang, just ask Nagasu, who has also grown several inches.

"We're having a contest," Zhang said. "I think we're different heights every week. She was taller about a month ago, and now I'm taller."

There's no timetable for the end of this contest or a prize for the winner, just bragging rights.

"We get to tease each other," Zhang said, "but maybe we should have it so Mirai gets Whoppers and I get Skittles. Those are our favorite candies."

On the ice, Zhang has matured quite a bit, too. She decided to make the jump to the senior level in the 2007-08 campaign, while Nagasu remained at the junior level for international events. Zhang won a bronze medal in her first Grand Prix Series event, Skate America, and then secured a silver medal at the Cup of China. Her finishes were strong enough to qualify her for the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Final, where she placed fourth.

But at the 2008 U.S. Championships in Saint Paul, Minn., where Zhang battled injuries and wound up fourth. Nagasu, meanwhile, won the title.

"Under the conditions," Zhang said, "I thought it was pretty strong."

At the 2008 ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an event she won in 2007, Zhang battled a bruise on her left hip. It didn't help that her skates didn't arrive in Sofia, Bulgaria, until her third day there. Still, she skated well enough to place second behind fellow American Rachael Flatt.

Over the summer, Zhang battled tendinitis. She placed fifth at Skate Canada, but was the only female competitor to land a triple-triple combination (triple flip-triple toe loop). She then ventured to Paris and was the bronze medalist at Trophee Eric Bompard. She was excited to go to Paris because it was her first visit there (aside from one brief airport stopover). Still, most of her time was spent at the rink. Although she didn't actually visit the Eiffel Tower, she managed to get her fill of French chocolate, and she snagged several small Eiffel Tower gifts for her friends.

Her memories of the city are good — especially that of the chocolate mousse she devoured after the competition — but she wishes she had skated better. She went for the triple-triple in the short program but under rotated the triple toe, missed her double Axel and didn't hold onto her spiral long enough, costing her valuable points.

In the free skate, a couple jumps were downgraded, but she earned level-four marks for all her spins. The placements were not high enough for her to qualify for the Grand Prix Final, which was one of her goals this season, but there is still plenty of time to achieve other goals of hers.

Following her trip to Paris, Zhang and her coaches decided to change her free skate. Instead of using the *Sleeping Beauty* program she had used at the two Grand Prix events, she opted to return to the "Ave Maria" routine she used last season.

Zhang has been working with Lori Nichol, the choreographer who created both her old and her new free skate programs (in addition to Zhang's short programs to "La Bayadere" by Leon Minkus).

To Zhang's surprise, she didn't have to



Photo by Tom Korman

re-learn much of the “Ave Maria” number, a program she had not skated since competing at the World Junior Championships.

“Actually, I remembered most of it,” Zhang said. “The rest I got off YouTube.”

Spoken like a true next generation skater.

Her focus now is performing well enough at the 2009 U.S. Championships in Cleveland, Ohio, to be selected to compete at the 2009 ISU World Figure Skating Championships, which will be held in her hometown of Los Angeles. A Boston native, Zhang moved to Southern California when she was about 4. Now a full-fledged California girl, Zhang trains with coaches Mingzhu Li and Sondra Holmes at the East West Ice Palace, located in Artesia, Calif.

When Zhang was 8, she had a chance to watch the 2002 U.S. Championships at the Staples Center.

“I was supposed to be a flower girl, but I missed a rehearsal, so I didn’t get to,” Zhang said.

If she qualifies for the U.S. World Team, she might have a young, admiring flower girl looking up to her.

“Now I might be able to go,” she said. “so it is like a dream coming true.”

Still, Zhang doesn’t want to think too far ahead.

“I want to take one step at a time,” Zhang said. “Because Worlds are in Los Angeles, it would be a lot more special.”

Over the years, Zhang has received a lot of advice from a good resource: Michelle Kwan, the five-time World champion and nine-time U.S. titlist. Zhang not only trains at the rink owned by the Kwans but also works with Michelle’s older sister, Karen, a former U.S.-level competitor who choreographed Zhang’s exhibition program this season.

When Zhang was younger, she revered Kwan, and the thought of getting Kwan’s autograph seemed unfathomable.

“Imagine if I could actually meet her,” Zhang once thought.

Now, Zhang not only has met her, she’s practiced on the same ice as Kwan has and even receives periodic advice – and some ribbing, too – from the most decorated skater in U.S. history.

“She asked me about the double Axel (the one she missed in the short program in Paris) and said, ‘What were you thinking?’ I told her, ‘Clearly, I wasn’t thinking anything.’”

“She’s told me that I have to think not only about the jumps,” Zhang added. “The artistry is worth a lot, too.”

Zhang and Kwan also share a similar heritage, as both of their families are from China. Zhang’s parents emigrated from China, and she speaks English and Mandarin. Zhang’s Chinese name is “Yuan Yuan,” which translates to “round round.” (She was given the name because when she was born her parents thought her face was especially round). In retrospect, her name makes sense because she is easily recognized most when she spins around and around; Zhang’s skating trademark is her “pearl” spin, her innovative twist on a Biellmann layback position.

Her main coach, Li, is also Chinese, and coached China’s two-time Olympic bronze medalist Lu Chen.

Li has worked with Zhang for the past four years. Over the summer, she trained seven days a week.

“Miss Li is very strict with the program and very strict with the spins,” Zhang said. “I heard she was really strict before. Actually, Michelle Kwan told me that, but I think she’s pretty strict right now.”

When Zhang is not skating, she is either catching up on schoolwork (she’s a sophomore in high school and takes courses online) or hanging out with friends at the mall. Although she has achieved some fame as a top skater, she can usually lead a normal teenager’s life.

Once, however, she was surprised when she stopped at a nearby Yogurt Land and was noticed by a skating fan.

“Somebody asked for my autograph, which was kind of surprising because I never expected anyone to recognize me,” Zhang said.

Her close friends don’t see her as anyone but Caroline.

“One of the nicest things I have seen Caroline do is always be-

Zhang a quick read

When Caroline Zhang isn’t dazzling fans with her exquisite spins and spirals, she can be found buried in a favorite book or playing the violin.

Zhang loves to read, especially British literature.

“She reads all the time – in the bathroom, in the car,” said Yang Yang, Zhang’s older sister, who also has a passion for reading. “When I came home a couple years ago my bookshelf was depleted, which I wasn’t too upset about because I got to go and get more books.”

At the 2008 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Saint Paul, Minn., Zhang hauled with her several books to read, including *A Tale of Two Cities* and *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*.

She also plays the piano and was concert master on violin in her middle school’s orchestra.

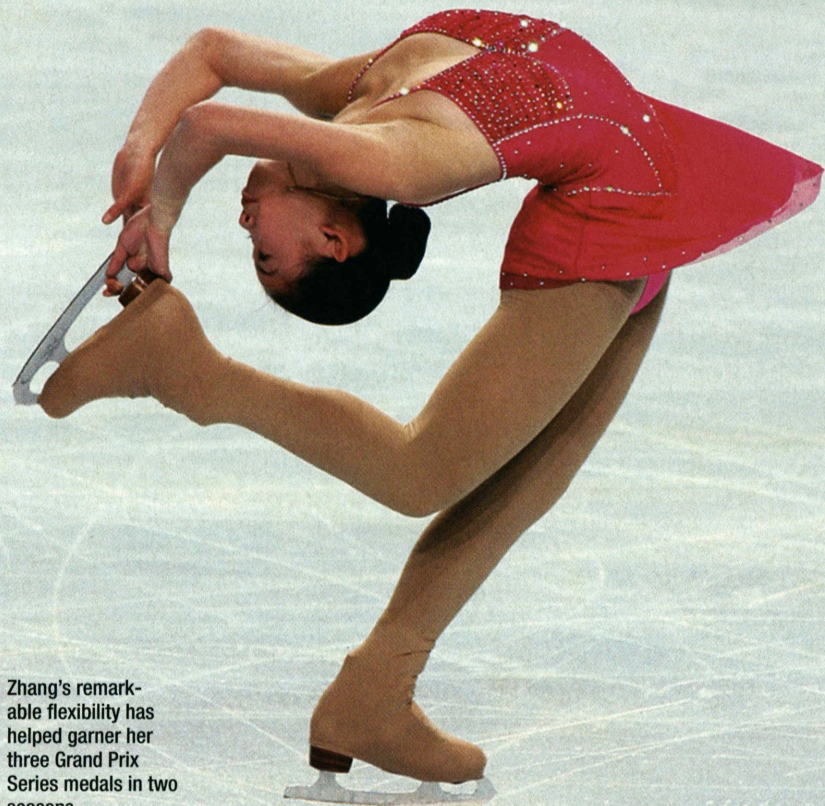
Zhang enjoys spending time with her Pomeranian named Toffee Lutz Zhang, which became part of the family in late 2007.

No doubt, Toffee Lutz is receiving plenty of tender, loving care. Zhang loves animals and would like to someday become a veterinarian or work in a humane shelter.

Zhang also enjoys reading and playing the violin (see photo on page 30). One of her favorite books is about King Henry VIII.

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Zhang's remarkable flexibility has helped garner her three Grand Prix Series medals in two seasons.

Photo by Jazzy Bukato

ing there for her friends," said Marina Gu-
terres, who has known Zhang for about eight
years and is also a skater. "She always makes
time for her friends with her busy sched-
ule, whether it's helping them with personal
problems or skating or even school."

Among Zhang's friends is Nagasu.
The two were roommates when many of
the country's top skaters convened at the
U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado
Springs, Colo., in June. Although they don't
spend much time together during competi-
tions, they do see each other occasionally
on the weekends at the Paramount Iceland
rink.

"Sometimes we skate together there and
help with group lessons," Zhang said. "Then
we then go to Starbucks and eat a lot of
whipped cream."

The two don't see each other as rivals,
even though they're both after the same
goal.

"We definitely communicate well," said
Nagasu, who has known Zhang since they
were 6. "Even though we're competing, it's
not like we're fencing, and we have to attack
each other. We both want to show the world
how much we love skating."

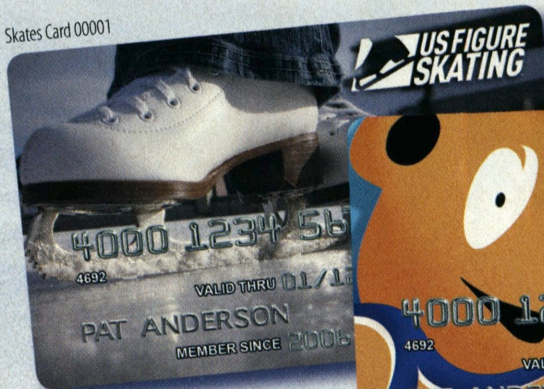
And the world is eager to watch them,
too. ■



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EDITOR'S NOTE: SKATING, the official magazine of U.S. Figure Skating, celebrates its 85th consecutive year of publication in 2008-09. This is the fourth in a series of 10 stories produced by U.S. Figure Skating historian Ben Wright, who is using his complete library of SKATING magazines to give you a glimpse into U.S. Figure Skating's glorious past.

THE THIRD DECADE (1940-'49)

BUTTON BRINGS IT

'Golden Age' emerges following World War II

BY BENJAMIN T. WRIGHT, SENIOR PAST PRESIDENT USFSA

The war in Europe that started in September 1939 and became global in 1941 as World War II impacted U.S. Figure Skating and SKATING magazine.

Because of the war, the World and European Championships were discontinued after 1939 and not renewed until 1947, while the previously awarded Olympic Winter Games of 1940 and 1944 were also cancelled. The 1948

Olympic Games at St. Moritz, Switzerland, was the first post-war event.

The U.S. Figure Skating Championships continued unchanged through 1943, but the senior men's event was cancelled in 1944 and 1945. The senior events of the Canadian Figure Skating Championships were cancelled in 1943, while in 1944, only the senior ladies competed. The full championships returned in 1945.

Another casualty of the war was the biennial North American Figure Skating Championships between Canada and the United States, begun in 1923. The 10th championship took place in 1941 in Philadelphia, with the Canadians capturing the men's, ladies and pairs, but the four from Saint Paul, Minn., consisting of Janette Ahrens, Mary Louise Premer, Robert Uppgren and Lyman Wakefield, Jr., prevented a sweep by winning for the first time for the U.S. since the fours event commenced in 1913. The second Saint Paul four, consisting of Janet Gerhauser, Marilyn Thomsen, John Nightingale and Marlyn Thomsen, won the title again in 1949.

In 1945, only the ladies competed at the North American Championships, with Barbara Ann Scott of Canada winning her first international championship. The full championships were revived in 1947 in Ottawa, Canada, but no fours event was held that year.

The magazine experienced an "up-and-down" ride during the decade's early years. When The Skating Club of Boston built its own rink in 1938, it no longer needed the office in the Back Bay of Boston it shared with the magazine, so the latter moved in 1939 to the first floor of a three-floor apartment house on the club property, remaining there until 1942 when it returned to 30 Huntington Ave. in Boston. The author remembers the office at 1 Telford St. well, as it was his duty as an unpaid volunteer to organize the association and magazine records, which were stored in the bathtub.

For the first time, the magazine employed in 1939 a full-time professional editor to serve as managing editor under Mrs. (Theresa) Blanchard, who continued as the unpaid and volunteer editor. It was a modest beginning to a paid staff, which expanded with the addition of a business manager and a circulation manager. The new managing editor was Winfield Hird, who remained in that post for three seasons until 1942 when he went into the U.S. Air Force. Sadly, he never returned, being killed in action in China in 1943.

Edith Ray came on board as an assistant editor in 1941, replacing Hird in 1942 as managing editor. She, too, left for the service in 1944, becoming one of the first "Waves" in the U.S. Navy. She returned in 1946, and served faithfully until 1963, the same year that Blanchard retired as editor while still remaining involved as editor emeritus until her death in 1978.

Among the innovations Hird initiated was a column titled "Spins Through Professional Circles," which reported on the professional side of the sport, such as the touring shows, the Ice Follies and Ice Capades as well as the inauguration of the what became the Professional Skaters Guild of America (PSGA, now the Professional Skaters Association, PSA), the association of figure skating coaches back then.



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Dick Button captured the gold medal at the 1948 Olympic Winter Games in St. Moritz, Switzerland. Button went on to defend his crown in 1952 in Oslo, Norway.

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He also substantially increased advertising and developed many of the magazine's physical features, such as type size, double columns, composite picture pages and many of the departments. He also organized the circulation department.

While Canadian activities had been reported in the magazine since the "beginning," Hird added news about roller figure skating, including its championships. This coverage lasted only until 1942, when it was discontinued due to a jurisdictional dispute over the control of roller skating in the United States between the Amateur Roller Skating Association and the Roller Skating Rink Operators Association, with the latter being a professional organization.

The magazine reported its circulation at 5,000 in 1940 and 6,400 in 1941, of which 17 percent were from 27 Canadian clubs, a level which together with increased advertising revenue enabled the SKATING to break even by the end of the war.

International activity resumed in 1947, with Scott becoming the first skater ever from North America to win the World Championships and European Championships. She went on to win the 1948 Olympic Winter Games and retained her World and European titles.

At the 1947 World Championships, the men's runner-up was Dick Button, who had won the North American title that year. In 1948, Button won the Olympic title, the World and European titles as well as his third U.S. title, a grand slam if there ever was one and the start of what is described as the "Gold-

en Age of American skating." The golden time ended abruptly in 1961 when the entire U.S. World Team perished in an airline accident in Brussels, Belgium.

In 1940, U.S. Figure Skating published an annual yearbook that included in one volume such items as the list of association officials, committee lists and member clubs, and meeting minutes of the Governing Council and Executive Committee (now the board of directors). Three issues of the yearbook were published between 1941 and 1943, but it died in 1944 and was never revived, other than the meeting minutes being added to the rulebook. It was the forerunner of the current directory.

Later in 1940, the publication of an annual rulebook was approved, which combined in one volume all the rules until then that were published in separate booklets of various shapes and sizes. The first rulebook was published in 1941 and has been published annually since then, except between 1971-'79, when it was published every two years, with a supplement being published in the year in between. The magazine staff had a major hand in the publication process of the yearbook and rulebook in the absence of an association office at the time.

The magazine observed its 25th anniversary in 1948, which was fully covered in an article in November 1948 written by Ray and Richard Hapgood, a former U.S. Figure Skating secretary and managing governor of the Boston club, which even included reproductions of the cover and several pages of the first issue in 1923. ■

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Dick Button shares the spotlight at the 1948 Olympic Winter Games with ladies champion Barbara Ann Scott of Canada.

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The poster for the 1948 Olympic Winter Games in St. Moritz, Switzerland hangs in the IOC, Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland.

A LOOK BACK AT THE 1940S

The 1940s were the decade of World War II and massive military mobilization. On the home front, the nation endured wartime rationing and grew food in victory gardens. Millions of women entered the workforce. When the GIs returned from the war, the women returned to the home; the reunited couples generated the so-called Baby Boom, increasing the nation's population by more than 70 million.

Around the nation: Elected to four terms and the only president to serve more than two, Franklin D. Roosevelt left office in 1945. The two-term limit had been an unwritten rule since George Washington had declined to run a third time in 1796; it became law with the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution in 1947.

In sports: In 1940, the Chicago Bears trounced the Washington Redskins 73-0, still the most lopsided victory in National Football League history. Legend has it the pre-game comments of Redskins owner George Preston Marshall inflamed the Bears' passions; they entered the game

wanting revenge, along with the title, and took both.

In skating: The World Figure Skating Championships were discontinued from 1940 to 1946 because of the disruption of World War II. When competition resumed in 1947, the World champions were Barbara Ann Scott of Canada, Hans Gerschwiler of Switzerland and Micheline Lannoy and Pierre Bagniet of Belgium (pairs).

At the movies: *Rebecca*, a psychological thriller directed by Alfred Hitchcock, received the Oscar for Best Picture at the 13th annual Academy Awards. Released in 1940, the film starred Laurence Olivier, the brilliant Shakespearean actor, and Joan Fontaine, the younger sister of actress Olivia de Havilland.

The cost of living: In 1940, a single-family home with two stories and six rooms cost \$8,500, and only 55 percent of Americans had indoor plumbing. The average annual salary was \$1,299, and minimum wage was 30 cents an hour. A new Pontiac was \$828, and a gallon of gas cost 18 cents. Boys wore sports coats at \$13 each; a girl's white pinafore cost \$1.

Cost of skates: In 1940, a pair of "professional" skates

from CCM Inc., Buffalo, N.Y., cost \$25, while "pastime" skates were \$6.50/pair and "juniors" were \$5/pair. CCM, founded as the Canada Cycle and Motor Company Ltd. in 1899, originally produced bicycles in Toronto, Ontario. The company started making skates and other gear for hockey in 1905, acquiring Manitoban George Tackaberry's "Tackaberry" brand in 1937. "Tacks" would become their signature skate.

- Compiled by Lee Overmann

The cost of other items in:

	1940	1950	1960
Daily newspaper	3¢	5¢	7¢
Postage stamp	3¢	3¢	5¢
Hershey Bar	5¢	5¢	
Loaf of bread	10¢	14¢	23¢
Kellogg's Corn Flakes	11¢	16¢	27¢
Theater ticket	15¢	90¢	\$1
Pound of coffee	24¢	87¢	59¢
Dozen eggs	45¢	45¢	46¢
Pair of skates	\$3.98	\$8.95	\$15.95
Bicycle	\$26.95	\$37.88	\$46.88

Time to fly

Team USA looks for return to medal stand

BY KELLY HODGE

The 2009 U.S. Synchronized Skating Team is poised to reclaim its place on the World podium. Team USA, composed of nearly 240 skaters on 12 teams, figures to be one of the strongest yet, with two teams making their international debuts.

The 2008 season was a challenging one for many teams as the United States dropped off the medal stand at the World Synchronized Skating Championships and World Synchronized Skating Challenge Cup for Juniors. In 2007, Miami University won the first-ever medal for the United States – a silver – at the World Synchronized Skating Championships, while Chicago Jazz had secured bronze medals at the 2006 and 2007 World Challenge Cup for Juniors.

Miami gets things started Jan. 31-Feb. 1 at the Prague Cup, in Prague, Czech Republic. The Redhawks will go head to head with some of the world's top teams, including reigning World silver medalists Team Surprise of Sweden and Finland's powerhouses Marigold Ice Unity and Team Unique.

Miami appears up for the challenge with a new creative and artistic free skate choreographed by Sara Kawahara. The program is a modern interpretation of the ballet *Swan Lake*, with the pieces "Swan Fake," "Really Big Swans" and "Nuclear" by Project Deviation.

Miami's junior team also competes at the Prague Cup, its second international event in the team's short history. At the junior level, skaters must be younger than 19 years old, which means freshmen dominate the Redhawks' roster. The age rule creates a unique challenge because the team must gel quickly once the season starts. The Redhawks chose "Alone" by Celine Dion for their short program and a Motown-themed medley for their free skate.

"We are so excited and honored to have multiple teams competing internationally," Miami coach Carla DeGirolamo said. "We have our strongest group of athletes ever. These young women bring a wealth of technical skill, synchro experience and enthusiasm. They all have a strong, competitive spirit and will not be satisfied unless they are on the top of their game, which I think will serve us well on the international scene. Our goal is to skate clean, strong programs and bring home a medal from each event."

Also in the field of 20 junior teams at the Prague Cup are the Colonials, led by coach Merita Mullen. The reigning U.S. silver medalists and two-time competitors at the World Challenge Cup for Juniors chose "Suddenly I See" by K.T. Tunstall for their short program, which was choreographed by Anu Oksanen, coach of Marigold Ice Unity. The team selected an elegant ocean theme for its free skate, with selections from the *Titanic* and *Little Mermaid* soundtracks.



Jamie Hartman and Miami University showcase their short program at the 13th annual Dr. Porter Synchronized Classic in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Haydenettes, the 17-time U.S. champions, lead the U.S. contingent at the next international event, the French Cup, in Rouen, France, Feb. 6-8. The event boasts three of the top four teams from the 2008 World Synchronized Championships, including the Rockettes, the reigning World champions from Finland; Nexxice, who took home the bronze for Canada; and the Haydenettes, who finished fourth.

The team from Lexington, Mass., coached by Finn Saga Krantz, the Haydenettes debuted their short program to "Lebertango" by Bond at a nonqualifying competition, where they finished on top of a strong field. The team dons kimono-style dresses to music from the *Forbidden*

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Kingdom soundtrack for its free skate.

"We want to improve with every single performance and strive to perfect our programs and earn high marks both technically and artistically," Krantz said. "We try to be the absolute best that we can be."

The Crystallettes captured the bronze medal at the 2008 U.S. Synchronized Championships and will compete alongside the Haydenettes. Sisters Shannon Peterson and Holly Teets coach the team. They selected music from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* for their short program, while their free skate was inspired by the popular television show "Dancing With the Stars." For their free skate, the Crystallettes move to a wide variety of ballroom music, including "You Should be Dancing" by the Bee Gees, "Devil's Waltz," "Foot Stompin' Jive" and "Ballroom Blitz." The team hopes to win its third consecutive medal at an International Skating Union competition, having captured bronze medals at the Prague Cup in 2007 and 2008.

In the junior event, reigning U.S. junior champions Chicago Jazz set its sights high, with the ultimate goal of returning to the podium at the 2009 World Challenge Cup for Juniors. the Jazz, from the Chicago FSC, is the only U.S. team to have qualified for that event every year since 2002.

The Lexettes' bronze-medal finish at the 2008 U.S. Synchronized Championships earned them their first berth on Team USA, and the French Cup will be their international debut. The team skates out of the Hayden Recreation Centre FSC in Lexington, Mass. Deidre Wilson serves as head coach, with Krantz adding her expertise as an assistant. They selected the song "Baby, I Love Your Way" for their short program and have set their free skate to music from the motion picture *Indiana Jones: Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*.

California Gold, now in its second international season, leads Team USA at the Spring Cup in Milan, Italy. As part of this year's strategy, the Los Angeles-based team is participating in more U.S. competitions in the Midwest to better prepare it for success. The team debuted both programs, the short set to *Beetlejuice* and the free skate to the soundtrack from *Iron Man* at the Dr. Richard Porter Synchronized Classic in Ann Arbor, Mich., in early December. The team, coached by Miami University graduate Jillian Janik Cipresso, looks forward to performing an exhibition at the 2009 ISU World Figure Skating Championships later this season in Los Angeles.

Evolution, coached by Benoit Venne and Brooke Sloan of the Detroit Skating Club, will join California Gold, while Team Braemar from Edina, Minn., and the Skating Club of New York's Skyliners will compete in the junior division.

Team USA competes for the first time at the Jegvirag Cup in Miskolc, Hungary. Western Michigan University, which is in its third season as a member of Team USA, competes in the senior event, while the ICE'Kateers, of Anaheim, Calif., make their international debut as juniors. The 2009 season marks the first time that two teams from the Pacific Coast Section are part of the international program.

"We are heading into the new season with high hopes and a strong will," ICE'Kateers captain Kimberly Kelly said. "It is an honor and pleasure to represent the United States."

The final event before the U.S. Synchronized Championships is a special one. In 2007, synchronized skating debuted as an exhibition sport at the Winter World University Games, an event modeled after the Olympic Winter Games and supported by the International Olympic Committee. After great reviews, it was made a full medal sport beginning with the 2009 Winter World University Games, to be held Feb. 21-24 in Harbin, China.

Miami University, selected by the U.S. Synchronized Management

Subcommittee to compete, will send its collegiate team to Harbin, and it couldn't be more excited.

"The Miami athletes are humbled by the opportunity to represent the United States in such a prestigious event for the second time.

"The skaters are looking forward to a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit China and participate in the multi-sport competition."

"Our athletes have taken a great interest in the Chinese culture in anticipation of their trip," DeGirolamo said. "For example, they learn a new Chinese word every day and post it in the locker room. They also look forward to taking in the university athletes' village atmosphere, meeting athletes from around the world and cheering on the other U.S. athletes throughout the week."

The Miami athletes will be joined by U.S. collegiate men's and ladies champions Jason Wong and Alissa Czisny, respectively, pairs team Andrea Best and Trevor Young and ice dance team Marsha Snyder and Peter Fischl. ■



Jenna Longo and her Haydenettes teammates gear up for the 2009 campaign.

A holiday tradition benefits local food bank

The Centennial Skating Club (CSC) of Colorado Springs, Colo., under the direction of Dianna-lynn Webster Wells, performed *The Nutcracker on Ice*, Dec. 20 with partial proceeds benefiting Care and Share Food Bank for southern Colorado.

The production at Sertich Ice Center featured a cast of 61 skaters, including 12 soloists and eight skaters in small group numbers and cameos, for matinee and evening performances. The majority of skaters represented CSC, with a few performers from the Broadmoor Skating Club. Beginning skaters from the Sertich Ice Center learn-to-skate program participated as well. Webster Wells, a board member of CSC, suggested the idea for this production after choreographing the show at the Louisville Skating Academy, Inc. in Louisville, Ky.

"For Centennial Skating Club, my goal was to keep as close to the traditional tale as possible," Webster Wells said. "The adaptations made in our production were to better fit the skaters involved and to best match the talents of our performers' characteristic highlights."

The choreography was a joint effort by many coaching members of the CSC who also doubled as performers in the show.

"The support we have received from local business, radio stations and news channels has been amazing," CSC president Sharon Lebron-Frank said. "They've really gone out of their way to help us get show supplies and the word out for show times and food donations. I know that I speak for all cast and club members when I say that helping Care and Share makes being involved with this show that much more special and fulfilling."

More than 60 volunteers assisted in the production.

"The biggest challenge of performing this production has been

building the story-line idea, set, costumes, direction and scheduling from scratch," Webster Wells said.

Fifty percent of the proceeds go to the Care and Share Food Bank, with canned- good donations during ticket sales. The additional money raised supports CSC.

Webster Wells is coaching, as well as skating competitively again as an adult, with several championship medals to her credit. She also specializes in choreography and creates competitive teams for Theatre on Ice.



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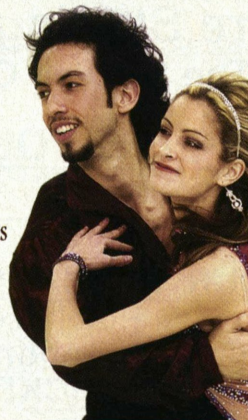
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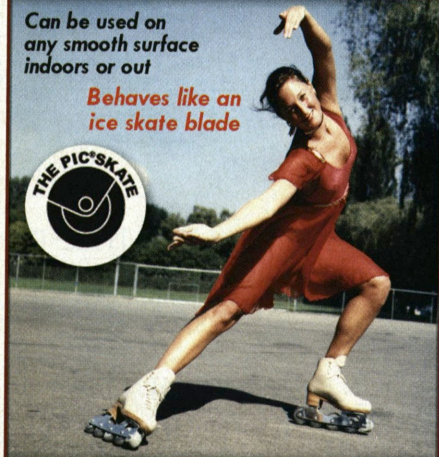
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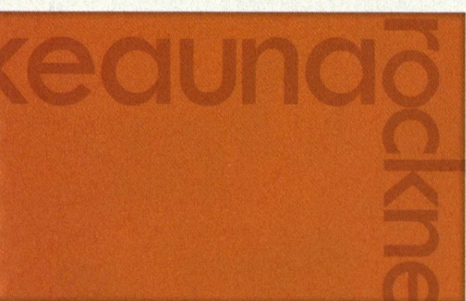
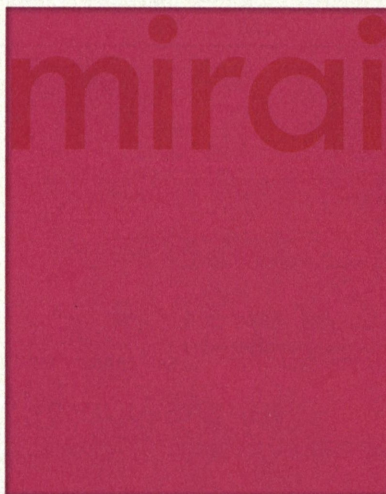


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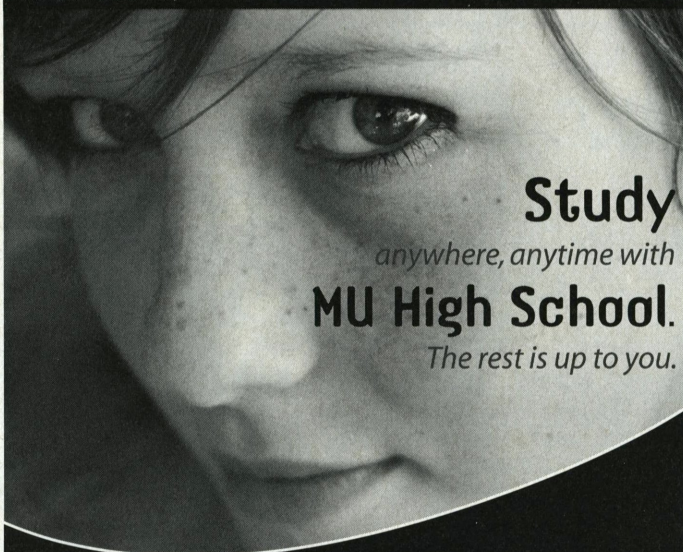
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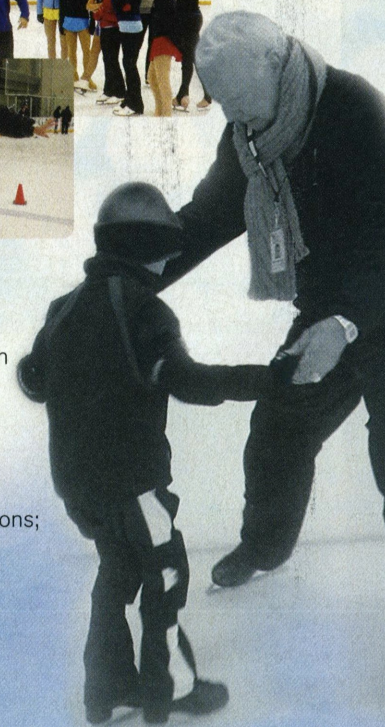
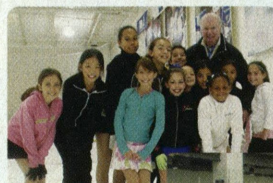
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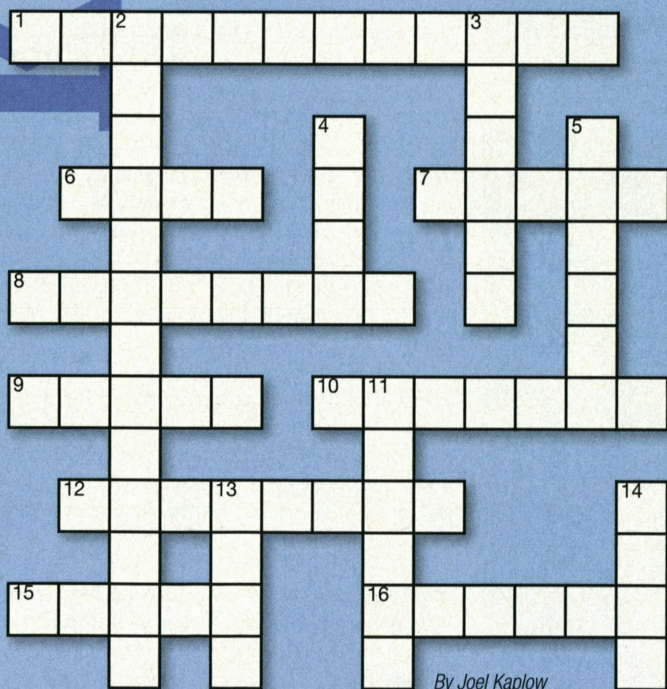
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By Joel Kaplow

KIDZ SPOTLIGHT

Name: Brooke Harter

Age: 11

Hometown: Aurora, Ill.

Club: Northern Ice Skating Club

Level: Preliminary

Coaches: Karina Kappel, Dona Bengson, Jamie Whyte, Denise Peters

How often I skate: Five to six days a week

Favorite skaters: Kimmie Meissner, Sasha Cohen, Ashley Wagner

Favorite jumps/moves: Axel, double toe, double Salchow, flying camel

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends and families

How I got started: My mom and grandma took me to a public skate session when I was 5, and I loved it.

What else you should know about me: I am an honor roll student and love math. I have a sister, Maggie, and a very supportive mother and father. My best friend is Olivia. My goal is to make it to regionals in 2009.

You can be in the spotlight, too. Send your picture along with information about yourself to: SKATING magazine, Kidz Spotlight, 20 First Street, Colorado Springs, CO, 80906.



ACROSS

- 1 ____ of Colorado Springs took the ladies silver at November's Cup of Russia (2 wds.)
- 6 World Junior champ ice dancers Emily Samuelson and Evan Bates try to squeeze a round of ____ into their busy schedules
- 7 November's "Kristi Yamaguchi Friends & Family" TV special featured music by the ____ Brothers
- 8 Of all their elements, Emily Samuelson and Evan Bates say they like doing ____ the most
- 9 SKATING magazine has a monthly article about skaters of yesteryear titled "____ Are They Now?"
- 10 Besides English, ice dancer Meryl Davis is fluent in French and ____

- 12 "Kristi Yamaguchi Friends & Family" had world-class skaters with their ____ out on the ice

- 15 Motivational athletic instructor Dr. Alison Arnold uses the Olympic symbol as a model for her "Five ____ of Mental Toughness" training

- 16 Versatile ice dancer Charlie White played the ____ in a string quartet and hockey while in high school

DOWN

- 2 At the 2008 Tropheé Eric Bompard, ____ of the United States, grabbed the ladies bronze (2 wds.)
- 3 November's "McDonald's Family Tribute on Ice" TV special featured well-knowns skating to the music of ____ Amy

- 4 This month's U.S. Figure Skating Championships will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, which is on Lake ____

- 5 Team ____ took the men's and ladies gold at the Tropheé Eric Bompard last November

- 11 Meryl Davis and Charlie White can almost read each other's thoughts since they've been skating together for more than ____ years!

- 13 Former Canadian champs Tracy Wilson and Kurt Browning are trying hard to watch more and talk ____ when they are commenting

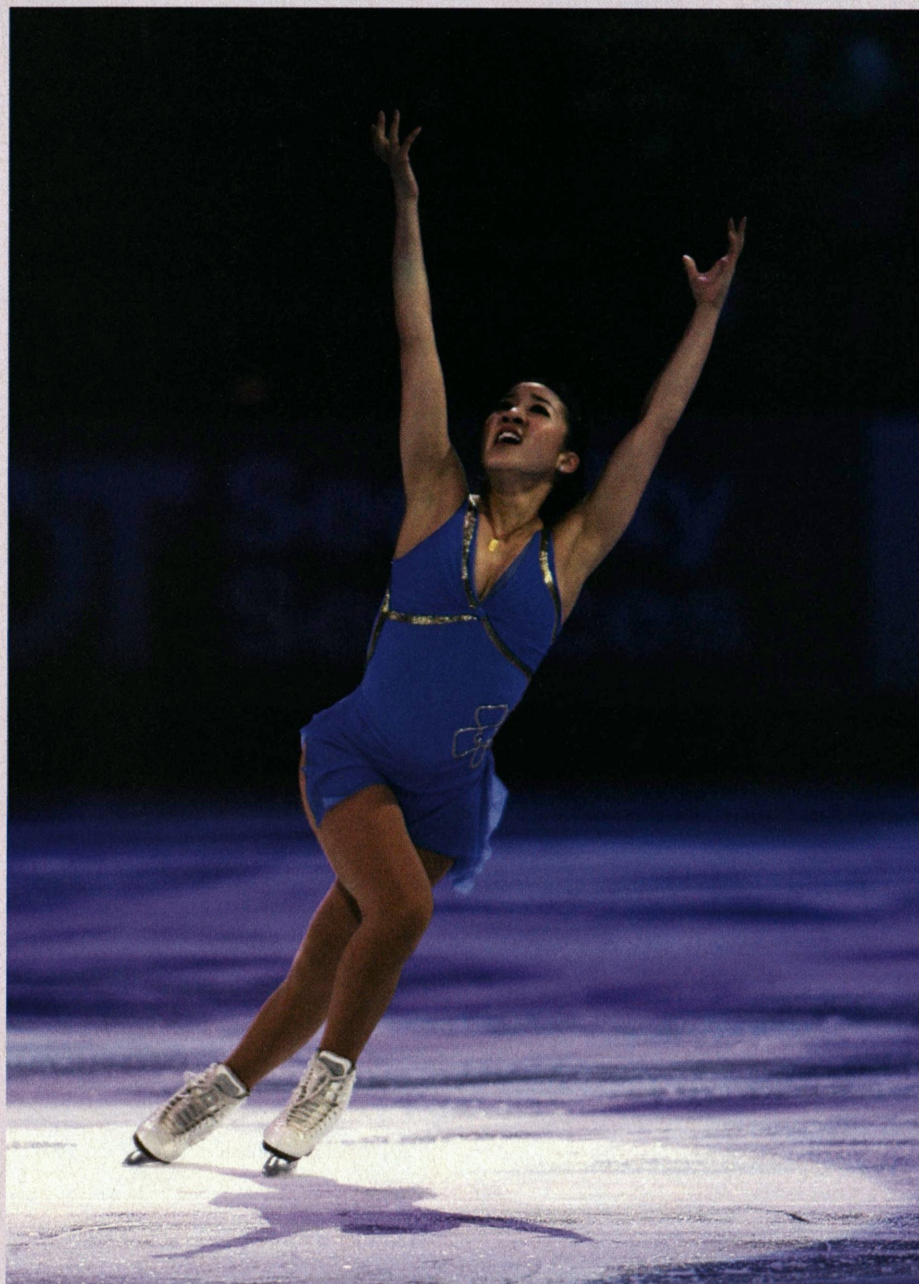
- 14 Dr. Alison Arnold says that training the ____ is as essential as training your body

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KID S QUESTIONS

with Michelle Kwan

Michelle Kwan is the most decorated figure skater in U.S. history. Kwan has won an unprecedented 43 championships, including five World titles, nine U.S. titles and two Olympic medals. In the last few years, she's been in college and has represented her country as the first American public diplomacy envoy, helping promote cross-cultural dialogue with international youth and increase understanding of America by sharing her story and life experiences.



Michelle Kwan performs during the Skating Spectacular after the 2005 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Portland, Ore.

My mom says you are the greatest skater in the world. Will you ever make a DVD of your greatest performances? I would want a copy.

Natalie Bongirno, 7 • Columbus, Ohio

Michelle: Thank your mom for her kind words. I never thought about making a DVD of all my performances, mainly because with the advances in technology, almost all of my performances are on YouTube. So, if you want to watch any programs you can probably find them there.



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Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice introduces Michelle Kwan as America's first public diplomacy envoy.

PHOTO BY JONATHAN FERREY/GETTY IMAGES

When you skated competitively and trained hard, what kinds of food did you eat? Was there a food that prevented you from getting extremely tired?

Lauren Shay, 13 • Ventura, Calif.

Michelle: I used to be a huge junk eater – candy, soda pop, chips, fried foods, ice cream... yummmmm. However, as I got older I realized the importance of good nutrition. I try to avoid fried and sugary foods. During the competitive season, I eat lean protein such as chicken, buffalo, fish and seafood. I love salads and veggies so I make sure that I have something green at every meal. I try not to overload on white flour foods, like bread and pasta. Instead, I eat foods that don't make me crash fast and sustain me for a couple of hours. Instead of candy I try to eat nature's candies: raspberries, blueberries, and apples.

I miss you and your skating, and was sorry to see you withdraw from the Olympics. Will you ever return to compete or perform in shows? Your fans are sad because we didn't get a chance to give you a much deserved farewell.

Mae Allan, 12 • Cleveland, Ohio

Michelle: I miss you guys, too! I took a long break from skating because I wanted to focus on finishing up college. I do look forward to performing again soon....stay tuned.

What was your hardest U.S. Championship? Also, what competition gave you the most satisfaction?

Kate Manzagol, 15 • Clarkston, Mich.

Michelle: The hardest U.S. Championships was in 1998. I was struggling with a stress fracture in my left foot which caused me to be off the ice for a month before the championship. The competitions where I skated my best – whether or not I won – gave me the most satisfaction.

What qualities make a good skater and what did you look for in your coach and support system?

Amber Ruiz, 15 • Colorado Springs, Colo.

Michelle: I always feel that the best skaters are the ones who work hard and do not give up after a fall. Successful skaters don't give up – instead, they learn from their mistakes and try harder the next time. Your coach and support system should be people who you trust and believe in; who will be there for you through good times and bad. Your parents, brothers and sisters should be at the top of the list.

What do you think about the international judging system?

Kim Stevens, 15 • Baltimore, Md.

Michelle: It's very complicated! Period.

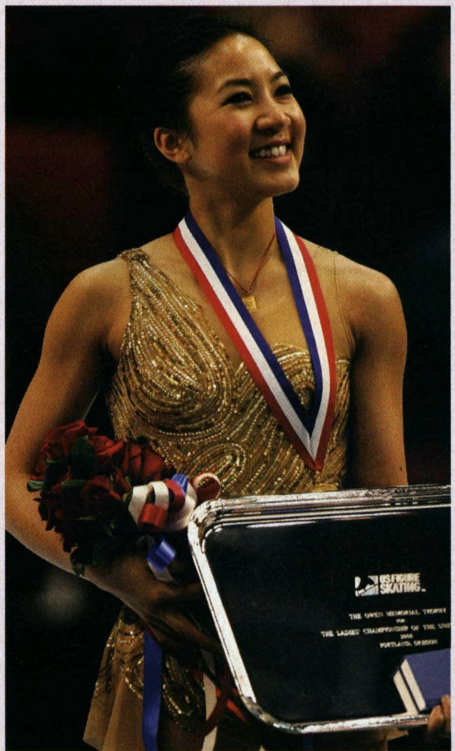
Where can I get the pink bunny slippers you wore in the Kraft commercial?

Kelly Harwood, 13, • Missoula, Mont.

Michelle: When you do a commercial there is usually a stylist on the shoot who is responsible for getting all of the clothes you wear. I don't know where those slippers came from, but I loved them because I was able to slide across the floor which was really fun. You might try looking in small boutique stores, or try to find them online.

The skating dresses you wore in competitions were all stunning. Do you have a particular favorite?

Kiara Sonoda, 16 • Chicopee Mass.



Michelle Kwan poses with her gold medal after winning the 2005 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Portland, Ore.

Michelle: I love all of my skating dresses. One of my favorites is the purple dress that I wore for the short program at the 2002 Olympics.

As American public diplomacy envoy you have traveled to Argentina, China and Russia. How have these trips worked in promoting cross-cultural dialogue with international youth?

Jordan Rheanne Murphy, 12 • Fresno

Michelle: Wherever I go as an American public diplomacy envoy I meet with high school and university students. We always have a great dialogue because they are eager to learn more about the United States and I want to learn about them. I encourage these young people to get to know more about all of their global neighbors, not just the United States. I tell them to take the time to learn more about the customs, culture and beliefs of people from a country that is foreign to them. The world is getting smaller and I feel that the more you know about people from another country, the better the relationship between people and countries will be.

What program did you enjoy skating the most?

Marshall Hartman, 9 • Vista, Calif.

Michelle: Boy, that's a hard one to answer. I really love skating to programs that allow me to get into character I'd have to say that my Salome free skate in 1996 was my favorite. As soon as I got into the costume and put on the makeup I became Salome, which was really fun.

Did you ever find it hard managing school work, skating and other activities outside of school and skating?

Jennfier Nguyen, 15 • Dallas, Texas

Michelle: Life is a juggling act. I've found that the best way to handle all of your activities and responsibilities is to focus on the task at hand. So, if you are studying – study, if you are skating – skate and if you are playing – play!

What attributes do you take from your figure skating career and apply to your American diplomacy envoy position?

Kanishka Jayasuriya, 16 • San Jose, Calif.

Michelle: Figure skating has taught me a lot of valuable lessons that I've been able to apply in almost everything I do. I've learned that to succeed takes hard work, sacrifice, the ability to work together as a team and, most importantly: to never give up. These are universal concepts that I believe can help people succeed, not only in skating, but also in life. In my work as an American public diplomacy envoy I share these ideas with the young people I meet.

Would you like to someday get married and have a family?

Jennifer Hilburn • San Francisco

Michelle: Yes and Yes...someday. ■



Michelle Kwan attended the 29th annual Salute to Women in Sports Awards presented by the Women's Sports Foundation last fall in New York.



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Your responsibilities as a skating parent

As a parent of a skater(s), you want the best for your child. This information should help you do more than survive your child's skating experience. It should equip you to enjoy it to the fullest and help you make it fun and valuable for your child. To accomplish this, you need to understand your responsibilities:

1. Encourage your child to skate but don't pressure. Let your child choose to skate.
2. Understand what your child wants from skating and provide a supportive atmosphere for achieving these goals.
3. Put your child's participation in perspective. Don't make skating everything in your child's life; make it a part of life.
4. Make sure the coach is qualified to guide your child through the skating experience.
5. Keep winning in perspective and help your child do the same.
6. Help your child establish challenging but realistic performance goals rather than focusing only on "winning."
7. Help your child understand the lessons skating can teach.
8. Help your child meet responsibilities to the coach.
9. Discipline your child when necessary.
10. Turn your child over to the coach at practices and competitions – don't meddle or coach from the sidelines.

Helping your child enjoy skating

You can help your child enjoy skating by doing the following:

- Develop a winning perspective
- Build your child's self-esteem
- Emphasize fun, skill development and striving to do his or her best



- Help your child set realistic performance goals

Making your skater a champion for life

What is success?

Success is the easily measured distance between your origin and final achievement. Participation and competition in figure skating allow your child the opportunity to develop and excel. While pursuing self-improvement and achievement, athletes transcend themselves and become better people or champions for life.

Here are some valuable characteristics that are developed and enhanced in successful athletes:

- Persistence
- Courage
- Perspective
- Concentration
- Self-confidence
- Self-worth
- Desire

Values kids learn through skating

Your child can benefit greatly by skating, but those benefits are not guaranteed. They are the result of a cooperative effort among local skating clubs, coaches, officials and parents. Those benefits come more readily when adults put the interests of children first and leave their own egos and desires about winning at home.

Through skating your child can:

- Acquire an appreciation for an active lifestyle
- Develop self-esteem, self-confidence, self-discipline and self-reliance by mastering and performing skating skills

- Learn to manage stress, perform under pressure, and test emotional and physical balance
- Develop social skills with other children and adults
- Learn about managing success and disappointment
- Learn about fair play and being a good sport
- Learn respect for others

Skating parents' dos and don'ts

Focus on effort, participation, fun and skill-building, not on winning. Practice good sportsmanship. Teach your child to be gracious in defeat. Show interest, enthusiasm and support for your child and other skaters. Be in control of your emotions. Read the Rulebook. Parents need to parent, and coaches need to coach. Do not compare your child with other skaters. Do not make negative comments to skaters, parents, officials or coaches.

Additional resources are available online at www.usfigureskating.org under PROGRAMS – BASIC SKILLS

- Parents Survival Guide Order Form (PDF)
- Parents Code of Conduct (PDF)
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The most valuable resource available to you is other skating parents. Seek their advice and help. Most of us have learned something new over the course of time by asking other parents for information.

Last but not least, utilize the Parents Committee. We are here to help; feel free to contact me directly or a representative assigned from each region. Use them to help you along the way. Their information is available on the web site under About Us – Leadership/Staff/Committees

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Members of Iron Ice from Houston, Texas, include, (front row (l-r) Lisa Milam, Beth Parsons, Sandi Weberlein and Kristin Kassaw; back row (l-r) Liz Crawley, Kim Johnson, Markell Lacy, Gray Johnson and Leticia Jarowski.

Act 1

Adults finding Theatre on Ice worth price of admission

BY HEIDI MACDONALD

Theatre on Ice (TOI) is the youngest and fastest-growing discipline of U.S. Figure Skating. Adults turn to TOI as a fun and rewarding way to stay on the ice, make friends, travel and keep in shape.

Clubs benefit from TOI with adult members who are historically involved in volunteering on club boards, helping with test sessions, running competitions and other day-to-day needs of their clubs.

Like their younger counterparts, adult skaters enjoy having a place to express themselves without the pressure of having to perform difficult jumps and spins. TOI is attracting adults who skated as children as well as those who are lacing up skates for the first time.

One of those first-time adult skaters is a member of Iron Ice, a newly formed team in Houston, Texas. Markell Lacy is the director of wellness at Ondrusek Sports Medicine in Sugar Land, Texas. An all-around athlete who grew up swimming competitively, Markell has twice run the Houston Marathon, participated in other road races and competed in two Ironman triathlons. (An Ironman triathlon features a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile marathon).

Markell's clientele includes several adult skaters who persuaded her to join them on the ice. After completing her second Ironman triathlon in November, the 24-year-old turned her attention to skating. Markell can be found early mornings and late evenings at Sharpstown Ice Center or Polar Ice at the Houston Galleria, working with coaches Gray Johnson and Roland Bessette.

"Markell has put the same dedication in learning to skate as she does working toward a triathlon," Bessette said. "From never having put skates on just a few months ago to skating on an adult TOI team is a tremendous accomplishment"

Iron Ice is an example of the diversity of adults joining the skating community. The team includes a doctor, a college student and a stay-at-

home mom, with an age range of 20 to 50-plus. These former strangers have formed a bond on the ice.

Team members include Kristin Kassaw, Beth Parsons, Lisa Milam, Sandi Weberlein, Liz Crawley, and Kim and Gray Johnson. Iron Ice performed for the first time in December at the Polar Ice Christmas Show, followed by a guest appearance at the Iceland FSC show a week later. The team travels to Dallas this month to compete in the State Games of Texas, where it hopes to qualify for the 2009 State Games of America, to be held July 30-Aug 2 in Colorado Springs, Colo. Iron Ice also plans to attend the National and International Theatre on Ice competitions in Chicago, June 27-29, 2009.

Unlike other disciplines of skating, TOI blends skaters of all ages and abilities on a single team. Along with adults, TOI includes four other levels: introductory, novice, junior and senior.

Theatre on Ice consists of two programs: the choreographic exercise (CE) and the free skate. The CE is similar to the short program in singles skating; however, the two programs are judged separately. The CE is based on three required elements, which change each year. Elements for the 2009 season are: theme – living together, choreographic process – amplification and gesture – lively.

The free skate allows teams to develop their own story. Since 1994, when the first International TOI Competition was held in Burlington, Vt., judges and spectators have been treated to teams presenting everything from interpretations of blockbuster movies, such as *Titanic*, to original productions of their own creation, such as a story of a garden surviving a thunderstorm. Skaters are judged on the overall performance, including their ability to convey the story to the audience.

For those interested in learning more about TOI team levels, program requirements and rules, or to find a team in your area, visit www.usfigureskating.org. ■

Joining forces

Basic Skills Series great way to build club programs

The Basic Skills Series concept has been a huge success for beginning skaters and their families in Florida, Colorado, Michigan and Wisconsin, and while the growth of the series has been important, it is the ease with which it runs that makes it so appealing.

The general principle of a series is at least three or more local competitions join forces and share one standard announcement, and all participating skaters earn points for their placements, which are totaled up throughout the series (loosely modeled after the ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series). During the last competition of the series, the top-three finishers at each level receive an additional award for participation.

Some additional benefits are the collaboration of the participating programs and clubs on the master schedule so skaters and their families can plan their travel after the posting of the announcement, with all the competition dates and locations within the series. These organizations share one standard announcement so skaters, coaches and judges know what is expected of them in each level at each event.

Programs and clubs advertise and support each other, and hopefully earn a profit from a well-attended competition.

It all began in 2003 when Kent Johnson, skating program director for Kendall Ice Arena in Miami, Fla., started contacting the skating directors of local rinks who operated U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Programs. His idea was to use one competition announcement that advertised and promoted a series of competitions equally to promote Basic Skills and arena coopera-

tion in south Florida. At the time, cooperation between the local arenas was at an all-time low, and grassroots skating had degenerated into mostly in-house events. With the new Basic Skills competition series concept, each arena hosting an event agreed to participate in all the events, guaranteeing success and opportunity to all parties involved. Johnson soon realized that all the rinks contacted were interested in participating and eager to give it a try.

Since starting the series, the Kendall Ice Arena Basic Skills Program has enjoyed steady growth. Skaters are encouraged to compete as much as possible and they are able to gain valuable competition experience in a fun atmosphere. In addition to the normal placement medals, the skaters are awarded points based on their placements. The shiny trophies awarded to the skaters at the end of the series have proven to be a wonderful incentive to work hard. The south Florida Basic Skills Series is in its sixth year and has been going strong ever since.

In 2004, this idea caught on in Colorado when Linda Alexander, Honnen Ice Arena manager at Colorado College, heard that the Basic Skills Series concept was working so well in Florida.

"I contacted Kent, as I wanted to find out about the series to figure out how we could sell this in Colorado," Alexander said. "I had never run a Basic Skills competition before, so it was important for me to dive in completely."

When Alexander brought together a few key people in the Colorado Springs area, it was decided that the existing individual competitions would greatly benefit from being part of a series. The official Basic Skills Competition Series of Colorado was born. In four years, the Colorado Series has grown from four to seven events.

"The growth is the greatest testimonial to this effort," Alexander said. "It was more than I could have hoped for."

Maureen Dalton, Michigan Basic Skills Series director, wanted to take the successful Colorado template and build upon it for her home state.

"We started our series in 2007 with seven clubs and jumped to 16 in 2008 with almost 700 participants," Dalton said. "We have had positive responses from parents, skaters and coaches."

The only requirement of programs interested in joining the Michigan Basic Skills Series is that the announcements be identical to everyone else's, making the process easier for everyone involved. Representatives from each participating program serve as directors, assistants and associates.

"The greatest and somewhat unexpected result of the series has been the way the directors, assistants and associates have worked together to help each others' Basic Skills programs," Dalton said. "They are sharing information, equipment and ideas while operating under the concept of helping each other so the series is successful."

Many volunteer contributions have been pivotal to the Michigan series. They put together the floral arrangements for the skaters, design the medals and flyers, and create the



Under the series concept, skaters earn points for their skills as well as their participation.

banners on display at each competition.

"Hours and hours of dedication and commitment have been instrumental in this being a success," Dalton said.

When Carolyn Clausius heard about the successful series events taking place in Florida, Colorado and Michigan, she thought it was something that could work well in her state of Wisconsin. Since there were several programs around Madison that were offering spring Basic Skills competitions, the series concept seemed like a great way to bring those groups together rather than having them compete to attract the same skaters to their individual events.

"I pitched the idea to three area skating directors, and they were excited to give this a try," Clausius said. The first Wisconsin Basic Skills Series wrapped up in August 2008.

With all of the success that the Basic Skills Series has had, other areas around the country are starting to catch on. Sue Clemente of Cleveland, Ohio, got her area excited about its series that started in November 2008 that will include five competitions.

"We are excited to offer our new, young skaters an opportunity to compete and have fun with their new skills," Clemente said. "Many sports have clinics and lessons where players learn the sport, and then they have recreational and fun games for them to use their new skills in a fun and friendly competitive arena. I think the Basic Skills Series offers that atmosphere to the new, young skater. Hopefully, the series will encourage the skaters to keep working toward their goals and increase their skating skills while having fun."

To learn more about organizing a Basic Skills Series in your area, contact U.S. Figure Skating at 719.635.5200. It only takes three Basic Skills Programs to get it going, and many, many benefits will be realized. ■



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Skater sheds light on Alzheimer's disease

By Kama Korvela

Imagine not being able to remember your address, your birthday or even your name. Alzheimer's disease is a debilitating condition that five million Americans cope with every day, and Kelcie Lee wants you to know more about it.

Seventeen-year-old Lee, a figure skater from Sacramento, Calif., is doing what she can to bring awareness to this progressive brain disorder.

Lee has known about the disease for most of her life. Her mother, Jennifer, introduced her to it at a young age.

"When I was 3, she transformed our home into an Alzheimer's facility," Lee said. "We basically lived with the patients. For me, it was kind of normal. I became friends with them. There was always someone around to play with or talk to."

Lee's background allows her to have a deeper understanding of the disease than most people do.

"Even as I was growing up, I'd see the pa-

tients go through the different stages," she said.

Lee developed another connection to the disease through her former coach, Justin Dillon. Dillon's mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2005 at the relatively young age of 57. In fact, she is the youngest recorded woman to be stricken with the disorder in the state of California.

"Kelcie's mom mentioned that she worked daily with Alzheimer's patients in homes she runs in the Sacramento area," said Dillon, U.S. Figure Skating's Athlete Advisory Committee chair. "I was floored and told her that my mother was affected with the disease. We have had this bond ever since."

Lee also heard firsthand accounts from Dillon of what life is like with a loved one suffering from Alzheimer's.

"My mother was such a passionate, hard worker," he said. "Watching her not be able to do simple daily tasks that everyone does frustrates you, and it is easy to lose your patience. It is presently a losing battle. You want to fight the battle for them, but you can't."

Lee has been active in getting the word out about Alzheimer's.

"At my high school, I started an Alzheimer's class," Lee said. "Since then, other schools in Northern California have added the class. I've

donated some of my skating funds to the cause. Justin and I are in the process of planning a show to raise money."

As she continues her skating career (Lee is competing in junior pairs with longtime U.S. competitor Derrick Delmore), and prepares to start college in the fall, Lee will continue to bring much needed attention to this disease. Dillon is grateful for her and the efforts of the entire Lee family and feels that her involvement makes her stand out.

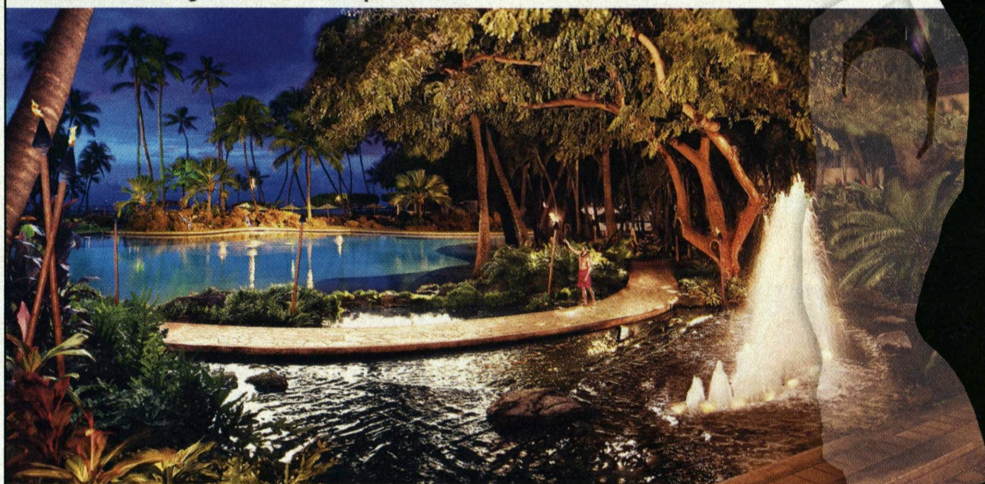
"Kelcie has always dedicated so much of her time to good causes," he said. "This is very unusual for a 17-

year-old. I remember her working with the Always Dream Foundation (Olympic champion Kristi Yamaguchi's nonprofit organization), and I knew that giving back brought this skater so much joy. She has a kind spirit and a generous heart."



Besides being an accomplished skater, 17-year-old Kelcie Lee has helped carry the torch in raising awareness about Alzheimer's disease.

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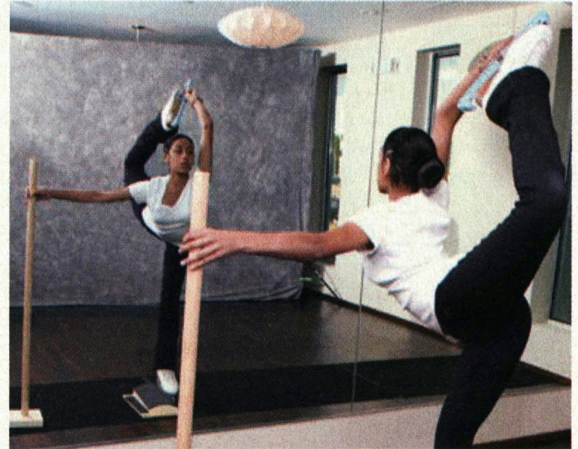


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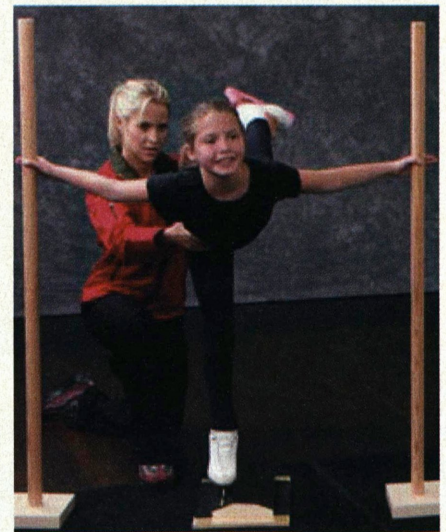
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enough around my ankles to give me the support I need.

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From these measurements, it will be easy to determine in what length boot you should be.

Keep in mind, not all boots fit alike. Riedell in size 5 will not be a Jackson, Harlick, Klingbeil or SP-Teri size 5.

There are many more factors involved to determine proper width. Aside from a measurement around the ball of the foot (again in a standing position), one must consider the instep height and thickness of the foot. Not all boots have the same toe box height. The bottom line is that there are few feet that fit into stock boots well.

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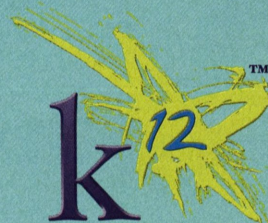
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3. Yukari Nakano, JPN, 54.82-112.05-166.87
4. **Ashley Wagner, USA, 61.52-99.58-161.10**
5. Laura Lepisto, FIN, 59.14-99.71-158.85
6. **Katrina Hacker, USA, 53.80-85.66-139.46**
7. Cynthia Phaneuf, CAN, 53.48-85.42-138.90
8. **Mirai Nagasu, USA, 50.14-74.08-124.22**
9. Na-Young Kim, KOR, 47.92-71.85-119.77
10. Annette Dytrt, GER, 37.62-77.95-115.57
11. Anastasia Gimazetdinova, UZB, 42.84-72.26-115.10
12. Katarina Gerboldt, RUS, 42.42-71.53-113.95

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1. Nobunari Oda, JPN, 81.63-154.55-236.18
2. **Johnny Weir, USA, 78.15-146.27-224.42**
3. Yannick Ponséro, FRA, 74.39-142.85-217.24
4. Kevin Reynolds, CAN, 67.51-132.23-199.74
5. Takahito Mura, JPN, 69.70-128.37-198.07
6. **Stephen Carriere, USA, 68.99-123.31-192.30**

7. Adrian Schultheiss, SWE, 66.31-111.44-177.75
8. Yasuharu Nanri, JPN, 63.87-103.86-167.73
9. Andrei Luta, RUS, 56.34-110.02-166.36
10. Peter Liebers, GER, 58.27-107.63-165.90
11. Anton Kovalevskii, UKR, 58.84-99.10-157.94
12. Jamal Othman, SUL, 55.94-101.96-157.90

Referee: Patrick Ibens; Technical Controller: Marina Sanaya; Technical Specialist: Shin Amano; Assistant Technical Specialist: Todd Sand; Judges: Anne Shean, Michelle Collett, Alexei Shirshov, Katarina Henriksson, Wei Shi, Veronique Tolazzi, Mayumi Kato, Natalia Primachenko, Deborah Islam, Nikolai Salnikov; Data Operator: Michael Waldvogel; Replay Operator: Lisa Jelinek

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2. **Rena Inoue/John Baldwin, USA, 57.60-103.89-161.49**
3. Jessica Dube/Bryce Davison, CAN, 55.24-101.52-156.76
4. Stacey Kemp/David King, GBR, 49.36-83.53-132.89
5. Maria Sergejeva/Ilya Glebov, EST, 45.32-82.38-127.70
6. Laura Magitteri/Ondrej Hotarek, ITA, 45.10-82.08-127.18
7. **Meeran Trombley/Laureano Ibarra, USA, 44.40-80.52-124.92**
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2. Nathalie Pechalat/Fabian Bourzat, FRA, 33.20-54.27-87.95-175.42
3. **Emily Samuelson/Evan Bates, USA, 32.18-50.92-78.35-161.45**
4. Ekaterina Bobrova/Dmitri Soloviev, RUS, 29.80-49.61-80.55-159.69
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8. Cathy Reed/Chris Reed, JPN, 27.17-39.87-68.79-135.83
9. Xiaoyang Yu/Chen Wang, CHN, 25.46-40.78-65.66-131.90
10. Isabella Pajardi/Stefano Caruso, ITA, 23.86-40.52-63.97-128.35

Referee: Miko Fujimori; Technical Controller: Gilles Vandenbroeck; Technical Specialist: Sergei Ponomarenko; Assistant Technical Specialist: Thomas Rauer; Judges: Evgeni Rokhin, Michela Malingambi, Chihee Rhee, Tianyi Zhang, Rolf Pipoh, Julia Andreeva, Kaoru Takino, John Millier, David Molina; Data Operator: Lisa Jelinek; Replay Operator: Michael Waldvogel

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3. Fumie Suguri, RUS, 58.30-103.74-162.04
4. **Alissa Csisny, USA, 53.50-97.53-151.03**
5. Alena Leonova, RUS, 50.96-94.97-145.93
6. Elena Glebova, EST, 51.02-89.65-140.67
7. Julia Sebestyen, HUN, 53.64-77.90-131.54
8. **Kim Meissner, USA, 48.08-83.28-131.36**
9. Na-Young Kim, KOR, 43.26-82.69-125.95
10. Nina Petushkova, RUS, 43.30-82.31-125.61

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2. Tomas Verner, CZE, 73.20-149.74-222.94
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9. Artem Borodulin, RUS, 58.84-121.20-180.04
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3. Tatiana Volosozhar/Staniislav Morozov, UKR, 58.34-109.52-167.86
4. Lubov Iliushechkina/Nodari Maisuradze, RUS, 49.96-100.83-150.79
5. Ksenia Ozerova/Alexander Enbert, RUS, 52.26-95.62-147.88
6. Monica Pisotta/Michael Stewart, CAN, 47.86-81.47-129.33
7. Amanda Velenosi/Mark Fernandez, CAN, 35.56-63.29-98.85
8. Ekaterina Sokolova/Fedor Sokolov, ISR, 31.06-66.67-97.73

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3. **Meryl Davis/Charlie White, USA, 35.77-43.68-91.16-170.61**
4. Anna Cappellini/Luca Lanotte, ITA, 32.57-54.25-82.94-169.76
5. Alexandra Zaretski/Roman Zaretski, ISR, 29.33-45.99-76.11-151.43
6. Katherine Copely/Devidas Stagniunas, LTU, 29.57-47.65-73.97-151.19
7. Anastasia Platonova/Alexander Grachev, RUS, 28.46-47.04-75.64-151.14
8. Anna Zadorozhniuk/Sergei Verbillo, UKR, 30.16-48.38-67.18-145.72
9. Allie Hann-McCurdy/Michael Coreno, CAN, 26.43-41.49-70.59-138.51
10. Zoe Blanc/Pierre-Loup Bouquet, FRA, 24.43-40.47-67.38-132.28

Referee: Alexandr Gorshkov; Technical Controller: Ingrid Charlotte Wolter; Technical Specialist: Judy Blumberg; Assistant Technical Specialist: Maria Tumanovskaya; Judges: Katalin Alpern, Noriko Shirota, Philippe Maitrot, Miroslav Misurec, Janice Hunter, Laimute Krauziene, Elena Fomina, Jenny Mast, Ludmila Mikhailovskaya, Rossella Cecattini; Data Operator: Roumen Jordanov; Replay Operator: Eva Martinek

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4. Candice Didier, FRA, 47.96-87.29-135.25
5. **Beatrisa Liang, USA, 49.60-84.69-134.29**

6. Binshu Xu, CHN, 40.68-83.15-123.83
7. E. Gedevisanishvili, GEO, 41.48-80.30-121.78
8. Anastasia Gimazetdinova, UZB, 45.44-71.55-116.99
9. Emily Hughes, USA, 44.32-71.16-115.48
10. Gwendoline Didier, FRA, 47.58-63.60-111.18

Referee: Junko Hiramatsu; Technical Controller: Joseph Inman; Technical Specialist: Olga Markova; Assistant Technical Specialist: Zsafia Kulczar, Judges: Salome Chigogidze, Tamie Campbell, Yoshiko Kobayashi, Feng Huang, Benoit Lavoie, Massimo Orlandini, Evgeni Rokhin, Elena Buriak and Valerie Greugny; Data Operator: Eugen Larasser; Replay Operator: Frederic Avot

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7. **Ryan Bradley, USA, 69.35-106.27-175.62**
8. Jialiang Wu, CHN, 62.74-106.62-169.36
9. Gregor Urbas, SLO, 55.01-112.86-167.87
10. Igor Macypura, SVK, 61.58-103.62-165.20
11. Andrei Luta, RUS, 53.33-106.77-160.10
12. Yoann Deslot, FRA, 55.65-101.03-156.68

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2. Maria Mukhortova/Maxim Trankov, RUS, 64.84-106.03-170.87
3. Meagan Duhamel/Craig Buntin, CAN, 58.66-107.97-166.63
4. Huibo Dong/Yiming Wu, CHN, 51.12-89.46-140.58
5. **Tiffany Vise/Derek Trent, USA, 46.48-93.52-140.00**
6. Adeline Canac/Maximin Coia, FRA, 47.54-88.10-135.64
7. Vanessa James/Yannick Bonheur, FRA, 44.34-76.81-121.15
8. Melodie Chataigner/Medhi Bouzzine, FRA, 41.78-78.28-120.06

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2. Federica Faiella/Massimo Scali, ITA, 34.46-55.79-89.33-179.58
3. Sinead Kerr/John Kerr, GBR, 32.32-55.52-89.12-176.96
4. Vanessa Crone/Paul Poirier, CAN, 31.75-52.71-87.03-171.49
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7. Ekaterina Rubleva/Ivan Shefer, RUS, 28.44-48.40-80.00-156.84
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10. Joanna Budner/Jan Moscicki, POL, 24.73-37.09-69.98-124.80
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Name, Places, Points

1. Molly Oberstar, 2-1, 126.57
2. Melissa Telecky, 4-2, 121.69
3. Brittney Westdorp, 5-3, 116.97
4. Tatyana Khazova, 1-11, 116.69
5. Erica Archambault, 3-8, 114.90
6. Abigail Legg, 6-5, 114.64
7. Amy Nunn, 7-7, 111.91
8. Chelsea Morrow, 9-4, 106.81
9. Lindsey Wilson, 10-6, 105.47
10. Rachel Balsch, 8-13, 100.76
11. Theresa LoRusso, 15-9, 99.74
12. Megan Hyatt, 11-10, 99.19
13. Stephanie Lecheler, 13-12, 95.45
14. Jacqueline Nguyen, 14-14, 89.93

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FREE SKATE

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Name, Places, Points

1. Parker Pennington, 1-1, 192.54
2. Elliot Halverson, 2-2, 186.21
3. Jonathan Cassar, 3-3, 173.05

4. William Brewster, 4-6, 158.32
5. Wesley Campbell, 5-5, 157.04
6. Michael Peters, 8-4, 149.45
7. Osadolo Irowa, 6-7, 135.63
8. Nathan Chastain, 7-8, 124.15

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Name, Places, Points

1. Caitlin Yankowskas/John Coughlin, 1-2, 138.16
2. Andrea Best/Trevor Young, 2-1, 134.68
3. Lisa Moore/Justin Gaumond, 3-4, 122.75
4. Kendra Moyle/Steven Pottenger, 4-3, 122.25
5. Amber Wehrle/Nicholas Kole, 5-5, 112.37

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Name, Places, Points

1. Christina Gao, 4-1, 129.83
2. Marissa Secundy, 1-5, 124.63
3. Kirsten Olson, 3-3, 121.81
4. DeeDee Leng, 2-4, 120.69
5. Agnes Zawadzki, 6-2, 118.65
6. Alexa Scimeca, 9-6, 111.48
7. Kayla Hovey, 5-7, 108.34
8. Gabrielle Schorg, 8-9, 101.33
9. Chelsea Christopher, 10-11, 100.39
10. Regan Alsup, 11-8, 99.91
11. Sophia Lamay, 7-12, 94.79
12. Ashley Strojny, 12-10, 94.59

JUNIOR MEN

SHORT PROGRAM

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FREE SKATE

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Name, Places, Points

1. Grant Hochstein, 3-1, 158.63
2. Roger Corvasce, 1-2, 155.13
3. Juran Yang, 2-4, 144.99
4. Daniel O'Shea, 4-3, 141.01
5. Pines Kopka-Ross, 4-3, 118.94
6. Charles Pao, 8-6, 115.57
7. Christopher Darling, 5-7, 112.66
8. Max Aaron, 7-8, 109.90
9. Jon Felder, 6-9, 102.51

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Name, Places, Points

1. Brynn Carman/Christopher Knierim, 1-1, 136.50
2. Brittany Chase/Andrew Speroff, 2-3, 121.93
3. Ameena Sheikh/Aaron VanCleave, 4-2, 120.51
4. Britney Simpson/Nathan Miller, 3-4, 112.52

JUNIOR DANCE

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Name, Places, Points

1. Shannon Wingle/Timothy McKernan, 1-1-2, 142.53
2. Rachel Tibbetts/Collin Brubaker, 2-2-1, 141.09
3. Brittany Marshall/Ashley Deavers, 3-3-3, 107.96

NOVICE LADIES

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Name, Places, Points

1. Kiri Baga, 5-1, 115.82
2. Nina Jiang, 3-2, 112.34
3. Lauren Dinh, 2-5, 106.97
4. Mary Beth Marley, 6-4, 103.35
5. Sydney Kolodziej, 7-3, 102.98
6. Lexie Hood, 4-9, 96.53
7. Madeline Koehler, 8-6, 95.44
8. McKinzie Daniels, 1-11, 95.37
9. Mara Gueli, 9-8, 92.15
10. Roxanna Schmidt, 11-7, 90.69
11. Lauryn Cummings, 10-10, 86.57
12. Shelby Sylvester, 12-12, 66.79

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Name, Places, Points

1. Joshua Farris, 1-1, 150.11
2. Jason Brown, 2-4, 128.01
3. Steven Evans, 4-3, 121.79
4. Jason Thomas, 6-2, 120.78
5. Ryan Hartley, 3-7, 105.79
6. Joe Gorecki, 8-5, 103.01
7. Justin Brachet, 5-8, 102.15
8. Edward Sprogis, 9-6, 99.76
9. Troy Tomasello, 7-9, 96.33
10. Chaz Shanley, 10-10, 92.56
11. Anthony Lo, 11-11, 90.29
12. Dylan DeWitt, 12-12, 81.02

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Name, Places, Points

1. Cassie Andrews/Nicholas Anderson, 1-1, 112.91
2. Lauren Gifford/Carson Bodnarek, 3-2, 101.18
3. Ashley Cain/Sergey Sidorov, 2-3, 98.80
4. Rachel Cole/Colin Glabinski, 4-4, 92.25
5. Stefanie Griffin/Jordan Griffin, 5-5, 74.78
6. Alexandra Lunsford/Andrew Lunsford, 6-6, 65.57

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Name, Place, Points

1. Anastasia Olson/Jordan Cowan, 2-1-1, 102.12
2. Sameena Sheikh/Daniel Eaton, 4-2-3, 92.38
3. Moriah Tabor/Matt Kleffman, 3-4-2, 91.81
4. Grace Lee Sells/Robert Cuthbertson, 1-3-5, 91.38
5. Stephanie Zastrow/Michael Lueck, 5-5-4, 87.45
6. Elizabeth Ritenour/Derek Ontko, 6-6-6, 73.44

Withdrawn, Katie Donaldson/Brock Jacobs

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS

FREE SKATE

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Specialist: Nancy Ruedebusch; Assistant Technical Specialist: David Kirby; Referee: Nancy Iida; Judges: Kim Moore, Lynn Goldman, Patricia Smith, Marcia Chaffee, Roger Glenn, Patricia St. Peter

Name, Points

1. Olivia Oltmanns/Tyler Broderick, 55.93
2. Nicole Perkey/Brandon Frazier, 54.59
3. Carlotta Powers/David Powers, 49.23
4. Kaitlin Budd/Matthew Blackmer, 46.40
5. Sarah Bloom/Taylor Wilson, 43.55
6. Rachel Burgett/Thomas Ontko, 33.89
7. Lauren Chiavetta/David Chiavetta, 31.80
8. Grace Wood/Max Wood, 29.05

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Name, Places, Points

1. Laura Perry / Joshua Leggett, 1-1-1, 82.05
2. Molly Raymond / Douglas Stevenson, 4-2-2, 73.95
3. Jessica Mancini / Michael Hopkins, 3-3-4, 70.50
4. Brittany Schmucker / Charles Meadows, 2-4-6, 68.35
5. Hannah Rosinski / Paul Shapiro, 5-5-3, 65.44
6. Rachelle Fragedakis / Thomas Ontko, 6-7-5, 63.60
7. Carina Glasir / Noah Shroats, 7-6-7, 55.97

JUVENILE PAIRS

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Name, Points

1. Emily Chan/J. Daniel Vallecilla, 38.71
 2. Anya Cockerell/Mark Krutzfield, 37.63
 3. Rebekah Schneider-Farris/Joel Schneider-Farris, 34.19
 4. Lisa Krentz/Brian Krentz, 31.29
 5. Linde LaChance/Kenneth Anderson, 30.52
 6. Lauren Marks-Strauss/Cameron Nowrouzi, 29.96
 7. Carolyn Diehl/Preston Culepper, 29.84
 8. Peyton Lee/Brian Johnson, 29.42
 9. Francesca Block/Jacob Simon, 24.39
 10. Thea Millburn/Brandon Kozlowski, 24.25
 11. Jessica Hirsch/Bobby Johnson, 22.20
- Withdrawn, Sarah Edgar/Cale Ambroz

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Name, Places, Points

1. Katie Shipstad/Logan Bye, 2-1-1, 75.12
2. Rebekah Schneider-Farris/Joel Schneider-Farris, 3-2-2, 70.67
3. Sierra Chadwick/Alexander Martin, 1-3-5, 67.48
4. Maeve Pascoe/Daniel Takayama, 6-7-3, 64.14
5. Holly Moore/Daniel Klaber, 8-8-4, 63.46
6. Greta Riebe/Jacob Jaffe, 7-4-6, 62.02
7. Paolina Bushur/Jason Garofolo, 9-12-7, 58.43
8. Haley Leonard/Jordan Gober, 10-5-11, 56.07
9. Alexandria Sipes/Stephen Brower, 5-6-12, 55.87
10. Jessica Manahan/Alex Schachtel, 12-9-9, 55.81
11. Taylor Olson/Scott Dudley, 15-13-8, 55.51
12. Rachel Musselwhite / Karel Safar, 13-10-10, 54.49
13. Paige Schurman/Cullen Young, 4-11-14, 53.54
14. Claire Mifsud/Bobby Johnson, 11-14-15, 49.95
15. Cassie Lark/Clark Meek, 14-17-18, 46.44
16. Allison Kearney/Milo Skalicky, 18-18-13, 45.97
17. Angelina Giordano/Christopher Davis, 17-15-16, 45.67
18. Natalia Progar/Anthony Falbo, 16-16-17, 45.53

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Name, Places, Points

1. Joelle Forte, 1-1, 150.92
2. Brittney Rizo, 3-2, 145.15
3. Blake Rosenthal, 2-3, 136.29
4. Taylor Firth, 4-4, 126.38
5. Amanda Gordon, 9-5, 117.44
6. Melissa Bulanagui, 8-6, 116.59
7. Kaela Pflumm, 7-7, 116.52
8. Leslieann Alasagas, 6-9, 112.08
9. Jamie Kim, 5-10, 111.77
10. Jazmyne Manzouri, 10-8, 99.34
11. Allison Krein, 11-13, 80.41
12. Taryn Brandt, 12-12, 76.29
13. Christina Perfetto, 13-11, 76.09
14. Jaimee Fernald, 14-14, 70.99

SENIOR MEN

SHORT PROGRAM

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Name, Places, Points

1. Shaun Rogers, 2-1, 189.38
2. Curran O'i, 1-2, 185.76
3. Jason Wong, 6-3, 165.55
4. Tommy Steenberg, 3-5, 155.28
5. Michael Solonoski, 5-4, 149.18
6. Colin Pennington, 4-6, 143.14
7. Robbie Crowley, 8-7, 132.66
8. Daniel Raad, 7-8, 128.70
9. Schuyler Eldridge, 9-9, 125.18
10. Brad Vigorito, 10-10, 95.82
11. David Mueller, 11-11, 89.92
12. Sam Gordon, 12-12, 80.14

SENIOR PAIRS

SHORT PROGRAM

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FREE SKATING

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Name, Places, Points

1. Caydee Denney/Jeremy Barrett, 1-1, 154.12
2. Chloe Katz/Joseph Lynch, 2-2, 149.88
3. Jessica Rose Paetsch/Drew Meekins, 3-3, 119.72

SENIOR DANCE

COMPULSORY DANCE

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Name, Places, Points

1. Morgan Matthews / Leif Gislason, 1-1-1, 163.81
2. Clare Farrell / Charles Fishpaw, 2-3-2, 132.98
3. Lauren Corry / Alexander Lorello, 3-2-3, 131.68

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Cammett, Roberta Parkinson, Sara Kastner, Alison Arnold

Name, Places, Points

1. Kristiene Gong, 1-3, 131.23
2. Kendall Wyckoff, 4-1, 127.11
3. Samantha Cesario, 6-2, 123.46
4. Gretchen Donlan, 5-4, 118.34
5. Haley Dunne, 9-6, 114.79
6. Caydee Denney, 10-5, 114.18
7. Kelsey Traunero, 7-7, 112.22
8. Rebecca Stern, 3-9, 105.57
9. Anastasiya Kononenko, 8-10, 102.40
10. Olivia Gibbons, 11-8, 98.01
11. Raina Narita, 2-12, 97.10
12. Victoria True, 12-11, 94.38

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Name, Places, Points

1. Ross Miner, 1-1, 178.32
2. Alexander Aiken, 2-2, 160.43
3. Peter Max Dion, 4-3, 149.74
4. Michael Chau, 3-7, 146.51
5. Scott Dyer, 6-5, 138.85
6. Lloyd Ting, 10-6, 135.71
7. Alexander Zahradnick, 11-4, 135.60
8. Vincent Ip, 8-8, 125.76
9. Stephen Kuo, 5-9, 124.63
10. Aaron Gillespie, 9-10, 116.15
11. Kevin Sun, 7-11, 115.07
12. Jesse Berman, 12-12, 86.76

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Name, Places, Points

1. Tracy Tanovich/Michael Chau, 1-1, 116.03
2. Lauren Farr/Mac Kern, 2-3, 108.20
3. Lauren Ryan/Taylor Toth, 3-2, 107.91
4. Rachel DeRita/Brandon Accardi, 4-4, 102.68
5. Erika Smith/Nathan Bartholomay, 5-5, 99.28

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Horen; Judges: John Millier; Barbara Buch, Gerald Miele, Jenny Mast, Kathaleen Kelly Cutone

Name, Places, Points

1. Isabella Cannuscio/Ian Lorello, 2-2-1, 148.35
2. Sara Bailey/Kyle Herring, 1-1-2, 146.65
3. Anastasia Cannuscio/Colin McManus, 4-3-3, 133.89
4. Chloe Wolf/Rhys Ainsworth, 3-4-4, 130.26

NOVICE LADIES

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Name, Places, Points

1. Christopher Fernandes, 1-5, 113.39
2. John McKenna, 3-1, 109.43
3. Colin Grafton, 4-2, 108.60
4. Austin Wagner, 5-3, 107.88
5. Timothy Dolensky, 6-4, 103.87
6. Matej Silecky, 2-6, 103.35
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10. Shiochee Liang, 10-9, 75.60
11. Joseph Dolkiewicz, 11-11, 61.85

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Name, Places, Points

1. Olivia Gibbons/Tyler Harris, 1-1, 102.44
2. Haven Denney/Daniel Raad, 2-4, 90.16

3. Kylie Duarte/Colin Grafton, 3-3, 86.90
4. Meredith Pipkin/Brett Dunie Neustadt, 4-2, 85.86
5. Jennifer Milton / Michael Solonoski, 5-5, 54.82

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Name, Places, Points

1. Una Donegan/Andrew Korda, 1-4-1, 100.22
2. Gabrielle Friedenberg/Benjamin Nykiel, 2-1-2, 97.00
3. Katharine Zeigler/Samuel Rashba, 5-2-3, 90.91
4. Natalie Wojton/Michael Soyfer, 3-5-5, 90.03
5. Liza Branella/Paul Bellantuono, 6-3-4, 89.33
6. Janine Halstead/Robert Knopf, 4-8-7, 85.00
7. Kirsten Seagers/Nicholas Taylor, 7-6-6, 83.31
8. Susan Enright/Michael Bramante, 8-7-8, 80.34

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller: Lucy Brennan; Technical Specialist: Jacki Crugnola; Assistant Technical Specialist: Jeffrey DiGregorio; Referee: Anne Cammett; Judges: Jessica Bussgang, Sara Kastner, Deborah Currie, Deborah Weidman, Taffy Holliday, Colette Nygren

Name, Places, Points

1. Cailey Weaver/Matthew Walsh, 50.13
2. Kay Bergdolt/Miles Addison, 45.71
3. Katherine Maratea/Craig Segall, 45.43
4. Molly Massarelli/Daniel Durak, 38.86
5. BriAnna-Marie Habeeb/Timothy Habeeb, 32.49

INTERMEDIATE DANCE

COMPULSORY DANCE

Technical Controller: John Cole; Technical Specialist: Kate Slattery; Assistant Technical Specialist: Ron Kravette; Referee: Robert Horen; Judges: Barbara Buch, John Millier, Kathaleen Kelly Cutone, Gerald Miele, Jenny Mast

FREE DANCE

Technical Controller: John Cole; Technical Specialist: Kate Slattery; Assistant Technical Specialist: Ron Kravette; Referee: Robert Horen; Judges: Barbara Buch, John Millier, Kathaleen Kelly Cutone, Gerald Miele, Jenny Mast

Name, Place, Points

1. Danvi Pham/Vu Pham, 2-3-1, 93.39
2. Danielle Gamelin/Alexander Gamelin, 3-1-3, 90.62
3. Kristina Rexford/Michael Parsons, 1-2-4, 89.29
4. Lorraine McNamara/Quinn Carpenter, 4-4-2, 88.02
5. Jennifer Stuart/David Lenz, 5-5-5, 73.02
6. Kristina Pepe/Brian Kutsop, 7-6-6, 62.18
7. Lauren Donnelly/Brian D'Agostino, 6-7-7, 60.15

JUVENILE PAIRS

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller: Lucy Brennan; Technical Specialist: Jeffrey DiGregorio; Assistant Technical Specialist: Jacki Crugnola; Referee: Alexander Enzmann; Judges: Anne Cammett, Lynne Lauer, Alison Arnold,

Susan Johnson, Roberta Parkinson, Jessica Bussgang

Name, Points

1. Maggie Gibson/David Botero, 33.24
2. Emma Chinault/Noah Chinault, 31.67
3. Audrey Goldberg/Joseph Dolkiewicz, 28.45
4. Katherine Maloney/Michael Johnson, 27.21
5. Brooke Demetri/Michael Chang, 23.75

JUVENILE DANCE

COMPULSORY DANCE

Technical Controller: John Cole; Technical Specialist: Ron Kravette; Assistant Technical Specialist: Kate Slattery; Referee: Robert Horen; Judges: Gerald Miele, Kathaleen Kelly Cutone, Jenny Mast, John Millier, Barbara Buch

FREE DANCE

Technical Controller: John Cole; Technical Specialist: Ron Kravette; Assistant Technical Specialist: Kate Slattery; Referee: Robert Horen; Judges: Gerald Miele, Kathaleen Kelly Cutone, Jenny Mast, John Millier, Barbara Buch

Name, Place, Points

1. Rachel Parsons/Kyle MacMillan, 1-1-1, 79.53
2. Cassandra Jeandell/Damian Dodge, 2-2-2, 75.65
3. Stephanie Albrecht/David Cruikshank, 3-3-6, 59.83
4. Caroline Patton/William Dean, 4-4-3, 58.03
5. Katherine Gourianova/Andrew Hickey, 6-6-4, 55.16
6. Ramona Wright/Matthew Loiacono, 5-5-5, 52.63
7. Charlotte Hoover/David Morgan, 7-7-7, 37.79

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SENIOR LADIES

SHORT PROGRAM

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FREE SKATING

Technical Controller: Kathleen McBride; Technical Specialist: Charles Tickner, Assistant Technical Specialist: Dianne Deleeuw-Chapman; Referee: Stefanie Mathewson; Judges: Anne Curzon, Jennifer Chen, Mary Lou Rothman, Kevin Rosenstein, Larry Kriwanek, Paula Naughton

Name-Places-Points

1. Karen Zhou, 1-4, 132.29
 2. Laney Diggs, 2-2, 131.88
 3. Tenile Victorsen, 7-1, 126.37
 4. Chrissy Hughes, 4-3, 122.42
 5. Angelyn Nguyen, 3-5, 116.52
 6. Jessica Houston, 9-6, 106.12
 7. Danielle Kahle, 6-9, 101.83
 8. Kristina Struthwolf, 12-7, 98.89
 9. Christina-Maria Sperduto, 5-12, 98.49
 10. Erin Reed, 8-11, 95.50
 11. Laura Lipetski, 11-10, 91.90
 12. Jacquelyn Garces, 14-8, 88.37
 13. Kimmi Jeffers, 10-13, 86.78
 14. Anna Madorsky, 13-14, 76.74
- Withdrawn - Anna Malkova

SENIOR MEN

SHORT PROGRAM

Technical Controller: Janis Engel; Technical Specialist: Todd Sand; Assistant Technical Spe-

cialist: Dianne Deleeuw-Chapman; Referee: Wayne Hundley; Judges: Kevin Rosenstein, Jennifer Chen, Caren Kirsch, Anne Curzon, Stefanie Mathewson, Larry Kriwanek

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller: Janis Engel; Technical Specialist: Dianne Deleeuw-Chapman; Assistant Technical Specialist: Todd Sand; Referee: Wayne Hundley; Judges: Caren Kirsch, Laurie Johnson, Carla Golubski, Kelly Davies, Lisa Erle, Tiffani Shipley

Name-Places-Points

1. Dennis Phan, 1-2, 189.92
 2. Douglas Razzano, 4-1, 183.03
 3. Scott Smith, 2-4, 177.58
 4. Nicholas LaRoche, 3-3, 171.97
 5. Peter Lindstrom, 5-5, 129.70
- Withdrawn - Jordan Wilson

SENIOR PAIRS

SHORT PROGRAM

Technical Controller: Kathleen McBride; Technical Specialist: Scott Wendland; Assistant Technical Specialist: Whitney Gaynor; Referee: Wayne Hundley; Judges: Lisa Erle, Larry Kriwanek, Kevin Rosenstein, Caren Kirsch, Carla Golubski, Jennifer Chen

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller: Kathleen McBride; Technical Specialist: Whitney Gaynor; Assistant Technical Specialist: Scott Wendland; Referee: Stefanie Mathewson; Judges: Kevin Rosenstein, Paula Naughton, Tiffani Shipley, Mary Lou Rothman, Kelly Davies, Larry Kriwanek

Name, Place, Points

1. Lindsay Davis/Alexander Merritt, 1-1, 148.68
2. Jennifer Brunn/Don Baldwin, 2-2, 134.72
3. Bianca Butler/Joseph Jacobsen, 3-4, 130.73
4. Laura Lepzinski/Ethan Burgess, 4-3, 126.21

SENIOR DANCE

COMPULSORY DANCE

Technical Controller: Janis Engel; Technical Specialist: Judy Blumberg; Assistant Technical Specialist: Jonathan Ige; Referee: Hal Marron; Judges: Hazel Weal, Kanae Tagawa, Terri Levine, Marilyn Whelan, Dee Pascoe, Sam Singer

ORIGINAL DANCE

Technical Controller: Janis Engel; Technical Specialist: Jonathan Ige; Assistant Technical Specialist: Judy Blumberg; Referee: Hal Marron; Judges: Kanae Tagawa, Hazel Weal, Terri Levine, Marilyn Whelan, Sam Singer, Dee Pascoe

FREE DANCE

Technical Controller: Janis Engel; Technical Specialist: Judy Blumberg; Assistant Technical Specialist: Jonathan Ige; Referee: Hal Marron; Judges: Hazel Weal, Marilyn Whelan, Terri Levine, Kanae Tagawa, Dee Pascoe, Sam Singer

Name, Places, Points

1. Lynn Kriengkrairut/Logan Giulietti-Schmitt, 2-2-1, 157.39
2. Trina Pratt/Chris Obzansky, 1-1-2, 156.95
3. Jessica Perino/William Avila, 3-3-3, 130.03
4. Emma Cyders/evgenii Kriasnaki, 4-4-4, 117.09

JUNIOR LADIES

SHORT PROGRAM

Technical Controller: Wayne Hundley; Technical Specialist: Charles Tickner; Assistant Technical Specialist: Scott Wendland; Referee: Hal Marron; Judges: Carla Golubski, Laurie Johnson, Paula Naughton, Lisa Erle, Mary Lou Rothman, Jennifer Chen

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller: Wayne Hundley; Technical Specialist: Scott Wendland; Assistant Technical Specialist: Charles Tickner; Referee: Stefanie Mathewson; Judges: Kevin Rosenstein,

Mary Lou Rothman, Tiffani Shipley, Kelly Davies, Anne Curzon, Caren Kirsch

Name, Places, Points

- 1 Ellie Kawamura, 1-1, 139.97
- 2 Carolyn-Ann Alba, 2-2, 135.66
- 3 Vanessa Lam, 3-3, 122.51
- 4 Keli Zhou, 4-4, 117.64
- 5 Victoria Hecht, 5-5, 107.09
- 6 Michelle Hong, 6-7, 99.37
- 7 Alyona Bilash, 9-6, 92.80
- 8 Samiera Abou-Nasr, 8-9, 90.69
- 9 Heidi Nelson, 10-8, 89.57
- 10 Katrina Phan, 7-10, 85.56
- 11 Mericlen Venzon, 11-11, 80.97
- 12 Charissa Giori, 12-12, 70.51

JUNIOR MEN

SHORT PROGRAM

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FREE SKATE

Technical Controller: Kathleen McBride; Technical Specialist: Whitney Gaynor; Assistant Technical Specialist: Dianne Deleuw-Chapman; Referee: Wayne Hundley; Judges: Jennifer Chen, Carla Golubski, Laurie Johnson, Paula Naughton, Lisa Erle, Mary Lou Rothman

Name, Places, Points

- 1 Keegan Messing, 3-1, 176.50
- 2 Austin Kanallakan, 1-2, 161.29
- 3 Andrew Gonzales, 2-3, 154.93
- 4 David Wang, 8-4, 138.64
- 5 John Lomazzi, 6-5, 134.70
- 6 Grisha Fournier, 5-6, 127.78
- 7 Sean Rabbitt, 4-8, 127.52
- 8 Stanislav Samohin, 7-7, 125.54
- 9 Dan Dang, 9-9, 111.45

JUNIOR PAIRS

SHORT PROGRAM

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FREE SKATE

Technical Controller: Kathleen McBride; Technical Specialist: Todd Sand; Assistant Technical Specialist: Whitney Gaynor; Referee: Larry Kriwanek; Judges: Lisa Erle, Anne Curzon, Caren Kirsch, Carla Golubski, Jennifer Chen, Laurie Johnson

Name, Places, Points

- 1 Megan Gueli/Grant Marron, 2-1, 124.08
 - 2 Emily Glassberg/Gabe Woodruff, 1-3, 121.95
 - 3 Molly Aaron/Daniyel Cohen, 5-2, 120.70
 - 4 Kloe Bautista/Galvani Hopson, 3-4, 118.32
 - 5 Kelcie Lee/Derrick Delmore, 4-5, 107.65
- Withdrawn—Ashlee Brown/James MaMoody, 6, 35.04

JUNIOR DANCE

COMPULSORY DANCE

Technical Controller: Janis Engel; Technical Specialist: Jonathan Ige; Assistant Technical Specialist: Judy Blumberg; Referee: Hal Marron; Judges: Sam Singer, Dee Pascoe, Marilyn Whelan, Terri Levine, Hazel Wecal, Kanae Tagawa

ORIGINAL DANCE

Technical Controller: Janis Engel; Technical Specialist: Judy Blumberg; Assistant Technical Specialist: Jonathan Ige; Referee: Hal Marron; Judges: Sam Singer, Terri Levine, Hazel Wecal, Kanae Tagawa, Dee Pascoe, Marilyn Whelan

FREE DANCE

Technical Controller: Janis Engel; Technical

Specialist: Jonathan Ige; Assistant Technical Specialist: Judy Blumberg; Referee: Hal Marron; Judges: Sam Singer, Dee Pascoe, Kanae Tagawa, Hazel Wecal, Marilyn Whelan, Terri Levine

Name, Places, Points

- 1 Elyse Matsumoto/Patrick Mays, 2-1-1, 139.83
- 2 Charlotte Lichtman/Dean Copely, 3-5-2, 126.98
- 3 Katie Wyble/Justin Morrow, 1-2-5, 122.99
- 4 Alison Carey/Daniel Donigan, 4-3-3, 121.10
- 5 Katherine Pilgrim/Adam Goujane, 5-4-4, 113.29

NOVICE LADIES

SHORT PROGRAM

Technical Controller: Stefanie Mathewson; Technical Specialist: Charles Tickner; Assistant Technical Specialist: Dianne Deleuw-Chapman; Referee: Lisa Erle; Judges: Laurie Johnson, Jennifer Chen, Paula Naughton, Kelly Davies, Tiffani Shipley, Mary Lou Rothman

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller: Stefanie Mathewson; Technical Specialist: Dianne Deleuw-Chapman; Assistant Technical Specialist: Charles Tickner; Referee: Larry Kriwanek; Judges: Caren Kirsch, Anne Curzon, Kevin Rosenstein, Lisa Erle, Jennifer Chen, Mary Lou Rothman

Name, Places, Points

- 1 Lindsay Davis, 1-2, 107.51
- 2 Angela Wang, 2-1, 105.49
- 3 Katlynn McNab, 4-3, 97.72
- 4 Kelly Nguyen, 6-4, 93.50
- 5 Carol Lin, 5-6, 88.69
- 6 Kelsey Chan, 9-5, 88.16
- 7 Samantha David, 7-7, 84.48
- 8 Cheyenne Amaro, 10-8, 81.95
- 9 Michelle Ito, 8-9, 79.74
- 10 Yuna Kinoshita, 3-12, 78.46
- 11 Michelle Murphy, 11-10, 75.55
- 12 Raelani Mark, 12-11, 68.35

NOVICE MEN

SHORT PROGRAM

Technical Controller: Kathleen McBride; Technical Specialist: Scott Wendland; Assistant Technical Specialist: Charles Tickner; Referee: Stefanie Mathewson; Judges: Anne Curzon, Larry Kriwanek, Caren Kirsch, Kevin Rosenstein, Laurie Johnson, Jennifer Chen

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller: Kathleen McBride; Technical Specialist: Charles Tickner; Assistant Technical Specialist: Scott Wendland; Referee: Hal Marron; Judges: Laurie Johnson, Kevin Rosenstein, Paula Naughton, Tiffani Shipley, Kelly Davies, Carla Golubski

Name, Places, Points

- 1 Joshua Santillan, 1-1, 135.51
 - 2 Jay Yostanto, 2-3, 124.11
 - 3 Edward Tea, 3-2, 123.73
 - 4 Allen Gaghinjan, 5-4, 113.03
 - 5 Philip Warren, 6-5, 107.11
 - 6 Bryan Chiang, 4-6, 89.57
 - 7 Zack Sidhu, 7-9, 83.58
 - 8 Mark Jahnke, 8-7, 81.63
 - 9 Chester Weger, 9-10, 77.16
 - 10 Evan Bender, 10-8, 75.30
- Withdrawn Robert Przepioski

NOVICE PAIRS

SHORT PROGRAM

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FREE SKATE

Technical Controller: Kathleen McBride; Technical Specialist: Scott Wendland; Assistant Technical Specialist: Whitney Gaynor; Referee: Stefanie Mathewson; Judges: Larry Kriwanek, Jennifer Chen, Carla Golubski,

Paula Naughton, Anne Curzon, Laurie Johnson

Name, Places, Points

- 1 Tori Vollmer/Zack Sidhu, 1-1, 98.48
 - 2 Cali Fujimoto/Nicholas Barsi-Rhyne, 3-2, 83.21
 - 3 Marissa Spector/Christopher Nolan, 2-5, 81.03
 - 4 Morgan Agster/Adam Civiello, 5-3, 80.06
 - 5 Taylor Sirset/Craig Norris, 4-4, 79.83
- Withdrawn Hayley Templeton-Norris / Jason Pacini

NOVICE DANCE

COMPULSORY DANCE

Technical Controller: Janis Engel; Technical Specialist: Jonathan Ige; Assistant Technical Specialist: Judy Blumberg; Referee: Hal Marron; Judges: Dee Pascoe, Sam Singer, Marilyn Whelan, Hazel Wecal, Terri Levine, Kanae Tagawa

FREE DANCE

Technical Controller: Janis Engel; Technical Specialist: Judy Blumberg; Assistant Technical Specialist: Jonathan Ige; Referee: Hal Marron; Judges: Sam Singer, Hazel Wecal, Marilyn Whelan, Dee Pascoe, Kanae Tagawa, Terri Levine

Name, Places, Points

- 1 Lauri Bonacorsi/Travis Mager, 3-1-1, 105.95
- 2 MacKenzie Reid/Adam Munday, 2-3-3, 96.71
- 3 Joylyn Yang/Jean-Luc Baker, 1-4-2, 96.05
- 4 Julia Leix/Thomas Zebrasky, 4-2-7, 88.83
- 5 Kassy Kova/Justin Ross, 5-7-4, 87.44
- 6 Alexandra Aldridge/Jonathan Cohn, 6-6-5, 85.98
- 7 Meredith Zuber/Ryan Van Natten, 7-5-6, 85.38
- 8 Maddison Bullock/Brady Miller, 8-8-8, 63.36
- 9 Amy Bailey/William Wong, 10-10-9, 55.08
- 10 Tracy Tom-Hoon/Christopher Tom-Hoon, 9-9-10, 53.79

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller: Kathleen McBride; Technical Specialist: Wayne Hundley; Assistant Technical Specialist: Whitney Gaynor; Referee: Stefanie Mathewson; Judges: Lisa Erle, Kelly Davies, Mary Lou Rothman, Kevin Rosenstein, Caren Kirsch, Tiffani Shipley

Name, Places

- 1 Caitlin Fields/Max Settlege, 59.29
- 2 Brooke Johnson/Brooks Ishler, 47.04

INTERMEDIATE DANCE

COMPULSORY DANCE

Technical Controller: Janis Engel; Technical Specialist: Hal Marron; Assistant Technical Specialist: Jonathan Ige; Referee: Sam Singer; Judges: Terri Levine, Marilyn Whelan, Dee Pascoe, Kanae Tagawa, Hazel Wecal

FREE DANCE

Technical Controller: Janis Engel; Technical Specialist: Jonathan Ige; Assistant Technical Specialist: Hal Marron; Referee: Sam Singer; Judges: Terri Levine, Kanae Tagawa, Dee Pascoe, Marilyn Whelan, Hazel Wecal

Name, Places, Points

- 1 Madeline Heritage/Nathaniel Fast, 1-1-1, 92.24
- 2 Megan Lee/Mark Jahnke, 2-2-2, 79.24
- 3 MaryJane Robles/Joshua Patterson, 3-3-3, 51.25

JUVENILE PAIRS

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller: Hal Marron; Technical Specialist: Whitney Gaynor; Assistant Technical Specialist: Scott Wendland; Referee: Lisa Erle; Judges: Tiffani Shipley, Kelly Davies, Carla Golubski, Paula Naughton, Anne Curzon, Laurie Johnson

Name, Points

- 1 Devynn Sharpe/Devin Perini, 33.92
- 2 Maya Mendonsa/Sean Benjamin Sunyoto,

32.04

- 3 Alexis Gagnon/Michael Petropoulos, 28.52
- 4 Rachel Trail/Darian Weiss, 27.66

JUVENILE DANCE

COMPULSORY DANCE

Technical Controller: Janis Engel; Technical Specialist: Hal Marron; Assistant Technical Specialist: Jonathan Ige; Referee: Sam Singer; Judges: Marilyn Whelan, Dee Pascoe, Kanae Tagawa, Terri Levine, Hazel Wecal

FREE DANCE

Technical Controller: Janis Engel; Technical Specialist: Jonathan Ige; Assistant Technical Specialist: Hal Marron; Referee: Sam Singer; Judges: Terri Levine, Marilyn Whelan, Dee Pascoe, Kanae Tagawa, Hazel Wecal

Name, Places, Points

- 1 Yura Min/Sean Benjamin Sunyoto, 2-1-1, 78.30
- 2 Kiley Pearl/Rahul Coburn, 1-2-2, 69.56
- 3 Brianna Tramontano/Tyler Vollmer, 3-3-3, 62.01
- 4 Trinity Greene/Dylan Greene, 5-5-4, 48.36
- 5 Jacqueline Batchelor/Alex Crogh, 4-4-5, 45.00

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SHORT PROGRAM

Technical Controller: Sara Kastner; Technical Specialist: Dawn Eyerly; Assistant Technical Specialist: Terry Kubicka; Referee: Linda Chihara; Judges: Joyce Burden, Leslie Gianelli, Glennace Cohen, Lucy Brennan, Kathy Slack, Kirsten Novak, Ann Greenthal

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller: Sharon Wiggins; Technical Specialist: Terry Kubicka; Assistant Technical Specialist: Dawn Eyerly; Referee: Richard Kern; Judges: Cheryl Marker, Melissa Kent, Judith Owens, Sharon Watson, Kirsten Novak, Leslie Gianelli, Todd Bromley

Name, Places, Points

1. Katarina Kulgeyko, 1-1, 107.71
2. Courtney Hicks, 2-2, 98.92
3. Allison Timlin, 5-3, 90.86
4. Maria Kalina, 6-5, 87.44
5. Lexis Verhulst, 15-4, 87.33
6. Crystal Nguyen, 7-8, 85.95
7. Haley Mulera, 8-6, 85.88
8. Nicole Rajic, 4-10, 85.60
9. Amanda Hofmann, 11-7, 85.00
10. Marilyn Cai, 10-9, 83.68
11. Ibuki Mori, 3-15, 83.41
12. Ashton Miller, 9-11, 83.03
13. Katherine Gorodetsky, 12-12, 81.22
14. Kaitlyn Gaither, 13-16, 78.08
15. Jordan King, 16-14, 77.40
16. Monika Chung, 14-18, 76.63
17. Jaylyn Kelly, 19-13, 75.27
18. Zhaira Costiniano, 20-17, 73.41
19. Shyamali Moujan, 17-19, 72.92
20. Caitlyn Nemastil, 18-20, 72.71

INTERMEDIATE LADIES - GROUP A (QR)

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller: Dana Graham; Technical Specialist: Terry Kubicka; Assistant Technical Specialist: Nancy Ruedebusch; Referee: Richard Kern; Judges: Lucy Brennan, Dorothy Jamison, Kirsten Novak, Ann Greenthal, Shirley Sherman, Sharon Watson, Kathaleen Kelly Cutone

Name, Points

1. Maria Kalina, 58.43

2. Ibuki Mori, 58.42
3. Katarina Kulgeyko, 58.16
4. Crystal Nguyen, 57.34
5. Lexis Verhulst, 57.14
6. Shyamali Moujan, 53.37
7. Monika Chung, 52.41
8. Jaylyn Kelly, 52.35
9. Haley Mulera, 52.18
10. Zhaira Costiniano, 51.08
11. Polina Edmunds, 48.82
12. Bianca Capone, 47.90
13. Abby Kimmelman, 46.77
14. Mikayla Davis, 45.87
15. Emily Rochford, 45.20
16. Taylor Hoover, 44.75
17. Hannah Smith, 44.35
18. Karolyne Shieh, 42.15
19. Kristie Robinson, 41.62
20. Alison Jeffers, 41.57

INTERMEDIATE LADIES - GROUP B (QR) FREE SKATE

Technical Controller, Dana Graham; Technical Specialist, Dawn Eyerly; Assistant Technical Specialist, Terry Kubicka; Referee, Linda Chihara; Judges, Kirsten Novak, Ann Greenthal, Todd Bromley, Dorothy Jamison, Sharon Watson, Lucy Brennan, Shirley Sherman.

Name, Points

1. Courtney Hicks, 62.63
2. Amanda Hofmann, 58.98
3. Katherine Gorodetsky, 56.03
4. Nicole Rajic, 55.63
5. Ashton Miller, 55.13
6. Caitlyn Nemastil, 53.51
7. Allison Timlen, 52.90
8. Jordan King, 51.19
9. Marilyn Cai, 51.08
10. Kaitlyn Gaitner, 49.82
11. Amelia Xu, 49.60
12. Annalisa Naccarato, 48.97
13. Madison DeLuca, 48.39
14. Allison Mai, 48.33
15. Anna Britt Hall, 47.15
16. Ola Czerwinski, 45.86
17. Leigh Seitz, 45.54
18. Yu Miao, 44.97
19. Mia Eisenhandler, 42.98
20. Molly Crawford, 40.86
21. Michelle Parece, 38.24

INTERMEDIATE MEN

SHORT PROGRAM

Technical Controller, Sharon Wiggins; Technical Specialist, Nancy Ruedebusch; Assistant Technical Specialist, Ann Barr; Referee, Linda Chihara; Judges, Kirsten Novak, Jessica Bussgang, Todd Bromley, Shirley Sherman, Lucy Brennan, Leslie Gianelli, Dorothy Jamison.

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller, Sara Kastner; Technical Specialist, Ann Barr; Assistant Technical Specialist, Scott Brown; Referee, Linda Chihara; Judges, Kathy Slack, Judith Owens, Sharon Watson, Kirsten Novak, Dorothy Jamison, Glennace Cohen, Lucy Brennan.

Name, Place, Points

1. Emmanuel Savary, 2-1, 102.33
2. Nathan Chen, 1-3, 98.17
3. Shota Omori, 6-2, 95.60
4. Cordero Zuckerman, 5-5, 87.52
5. Taylor Blair, 3-6, 87.51
6. Lukas Kaugars, 4-10, 84.53
7. Kevin Shum, 8-7, 83.67
8. Miles Addison, 18-4, 83.03
9. Ethan Amaral, 7-8, 83.03
10. BJ Conrad, 9-9, 81.69
11. Robert Korycinski, 10-12, 78.10
12. Cale Ambroz, 16-11, 77.11
13. Max Settlege, 14-13, 76.95
14. Jack Newberry, 13-14, 76.30
15. Devin Perini, 19-15, 74.33
16. Matthew Ko, 17-16, 73.70

17. Alexander Newman, 11-20, 73.21
18. Jacob Jaffe, 12-19, 72.96
19. Marcus Mimidis, 15-18, 72.79
20. Sebastien Payannet, 20-17, 71.76

INTERMEDIATE MEN - GROUP A (QR) FREE SKATE

Technical Controller, Sharon Wiggins; Technical Specialist, Ann Barr; Assistant Technical Specialist, Terry Kubicka; Referee, Kimberly Heim; Judges, Todd Bromley, Leslie Gianelli, Melissa Kent, Cheryl Marker, Ann Greenthal, Sharon Watson, Joyce Burden.

Name, Points

1. Emmanuel Savary, 66.48
2. Cale Ambroz, 60.37
3. Shota Omori, 59.63
4. Devin Perini, 53.92
5. Robert Korycinski, 53.35
6. Sebastien Payannet, 52.31
7. Jack Newberry, 50.84
8. Kevin Shum, 50.42
9. Matthew Ko, 50.24
10. Lukas Kaugars, 50.13
11. Wilbur Ji, 49.37
12. Konstantin Chizhikov, 49.13
13. Ryan Otto, 48.44
14. Tyler Broderick, 48.41
15. David Conley, 44.69
16. Alexander Bjelde, 42.89
17. Christopher Freeman, 41.32
18. Matthew Swinton, 40.04
19. Jimmy Ma, 35.39
20. Tate Racine, 34.53

INTERMEDIATE MEN - GROUP B (QR) FREE SKATE

Technical Controller, Sara Kastner; Technical Specialist, Terry Kubicka; Assistant Technical Specialist, Ann Barr; Referee, Lucy Brennan; Judges, Cheryl Marker, Ann Greenthal, Sharon Watson, Todd Bromley, Joyce Burden, Leslie Gianelli, Melissa Kent.

Name, Points

1. Nathan Chen, 60.25
2. BJ Conrad, 58.98
3. Cordero Zuckerman, 55.68
4. Ethan Amaral, 53.43
5. Miles Addison, 52.64
6. Alexander Newman, 51.43
7. Taylor Blair, 50.33
8. Max Settlege, 49.95
9. Marcus Mimidis, 47.20
10. Jacob Jaffe, 46.37
11. Alexander Strupinski, 45.91
12. Andrew Saelee, 45.87
13. Ryan Santee, 45.60
14. Nix Phengsy, 45.49
15. Jordan Moeller, 45.46
16. Kyle Shropshire, 41.84
17. Patrick Liu, 40.75
18. Michael Chang, 37.99
19. Jason Ho, 26.82

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller, Dana Graham; Technical Specialist, Nancy Ruedebusch; Assistant Technical Specialist, Dawn Eyerly; Referee, Richard Kern; Judges, Judith Owens, Dorothy Jamison, Melissa Kent, Leslie Gianelli, Jessica Bussgang, Joyce Burden, Cheryl Marker.

Name, Points

1. Olivia Oltmanns/Tyler Broderick, 59.88
2. Caitlin Fields/Max Settlege, 55.96
3. Kaitlin Budd/Matthew Blackmer, 52.37
4. Carlotta Powers/David Powers, 51.89
5. Nicole Perkey/Brandon Frazier, 50.21
6. Kay Bergdolt/Miles Addison, 49.68
7. Katherine Maratea/Craig Segall, 48.38
8. Brooke Johnson/Brooks Ishler, 46.26
9. Cailey Weaver/Matthew Walsh, 44.61
10. Molly Massarelli/Daniel Durak, 43.07

11. Rachel Burgett/Thomas Ontko, 37.35
12. Grace Wood/Max Wood, 36.35
13. Lauren Chiavetta/David Chiavetta, 33.02
14. Brianna-Marie Habeeb/Timothy Habeeb, 30.64

INTERMEDIATE DANCE COMPULSORY DANCE

Technical Controller, Janice Benoit; Technical Specialist, Richard Dalley; Assistant Technical Specialist, Stephanie Segien; Referee, Jenny Mast; Judges, Glenn Cummings, Kevin Elvin, Terri Levine, Molly Marron, Shirley Sherman, Kathaleen Kelly Cutone, David Hold.

FREE DANCE

Technical Controller, Janice Benoit; Technical Specialist, Stephanie Segien; Assistant Technical Specialist, Richard Dalley; Referee, Jenny Mast; Judges, Kevin Elvin, Glennace Cohen, Glenn Cummings, Molly Marron, Kathaleen Kelly Cutone, Terri Levine, David Hold.

Name, Place, Points

1. Danielle Gamelin/Alexander Gamelin, 1-1-1, 98.03
 2. Danvi Pham/Vu Pham, 2-2-2, 93.66
 3. Laura Perry/Joshua Leggett, 4-5-4, 89.66
 4. Lorraine McNamara/Quinn Carpenter, 5-10-3, 87.40
 5. Kristina Rexford/Michael Parsons, 3-4-10, 83.45
 6. Megan Lee/Mark Jahnke, 6-8-8, 81.16
 7. Molly Raymond/Douglas Stevenson, 9-6-5, 80.94
 8. Madeline Heritage/Nathaniel Fast, 10-3-9, 80.81
 9. Brittany Schmucker/Charles Meadows, 7-9-6, 80.74
 10. Hannah Rosinski/Paul Shapiro, 8-7-7, 80.22
 11. Jennifer Stuart/David Lenz, 12-13-11, 71.19
 12. Carina Glastis/Noah Shroats, 11-14-12, 70.39
 13. Rachelle Fragedakis/Thomas Ontko, 13-12-13, 69.45
 14. Kristina Pepe/Brian Kutsop, 15-11-15, 61.24
 15. Lauren Donnelly/Brian D'Agostino, 14-15-14, 59.16
 16. MaryJane Robles/Joshua Patterson, 16-16-16, 46.98
- Withdrawn - Jessica Mancini/Michael Hopkins

JUVENILE GIRLS

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller, Sara Kastner; Technical Specialist, Terry Kubicka; Assistant Technical Specialist, Scott Brown; Referee, Kimberly Heim; Judges, Melissa Kent, Cheryl Marker, Lucy Brennan, Todd Bromley, Ann Greenthal, Joyce Burden, Sharon Watson.

Name, Points

1. Gwendolyn Prescott, 55.01
2. Ainsley McGill, 53.26
3. Jessica Pfund, 51.46
4. Katia Shpilband, 51.25
5. Angel Sarkisova, 49.94
6. Barbie Long, 49.29
7. JoAnn Tinker, 48.37
8. Hannah Miller, 48.15
9. Selena Zhao, 46.68
10. Kayla Ryndak, 46.26
11. Delaney Hoberecht, 46.03
12. Ysabel Tran, 45.21
13. Hannah Peterson, 45.19
14. Adrianna Goner, 45.06
15. Brianna Brazee, 44.65
16. Brenda Ji, 43.51
17. Madison Chessare, 43.42
18. Avyane Lee, 42.10
19. Antonina Rusetskaya, 41.94
20. Madeleine Rutledge, 33.79

JUVENILE GIRLS - GROUP A (QR)

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller, Dana Graham; Technical Specialist, Nancy Ruedebusch; Assistant Technical Specialist, Scott Brown; Referee, Richard Kern; Judges, Judith Owens, Kathy Slack, Jessica Bussgang, Shirley Sherman, Glennace Cohen, Kirsten Novak, Dorothy Jamison.

Name, Points

1. Ainsley McGill, 53.47
 2. Ysabel Tran, 52.74
 3. Hannah Miller, 50.43
 4. Gwendolyn Prescott, 50.25
 5. Jessica Pfund, 47.33
 6. Madison Chessare, 46.81
 7. Angel Sarkisova, 46.57
 8. JoAnn Tinker, 46.52
 9. Hannah Peterson, 46.15
 10. Brianna Brazee, 46.04
 11. Emily Keiser, 45.30
 12. Lexi Petkovic, 43.33
 13. Ana Draovitch, 43.19
 14. Elena Pulkinen, 42.58
 15. Kathryn Albaugh, 39.99
 16. Christie Corn, 38.08
 17. Alexia Rogers, 37.86
 18. Caitlin Henricks, 36.62
 19. Jacqueline Martin, 35.11
 20. Tiana Lee, 33.37
- Withdrawn
Avery Kurtz

JUVENILE GIRLS - GROUP B (QR) FREE SKATE

Technical Controller, Sharon Wiggins; Technical Specialist, Scott Brown; Assistant Technical Specialist, Nancy Ruedebusch; Referee, Linda Chihara; Judges, Kathy Slack, Kirsten Novak, Kathaleen Kelly Cutone, Jessica Bussgang, Dorothy Jamison, Shirley Sherman, Glennace Cohen.

Name, Points

1. Katia Shpilband, 53.03
 2. Delaney Hoberecht, 48.76
 3. Adrianna Goner, 48.52
 4. Antonina Rusetskaya, 48.00
 5. Selena Zhao, 45.78
 6. Brenda Ji, 45.38
 7. Barbie Long, 44.66
 8. Madeleine Rutledge, 43.66
 9. Kayla Ryndak, 43.60
 10. Avyane Lee, 42.99
 11. Isabella Dow, 42.77
 12. Heidi Munger, 42.30
 13. Maya Newlin, 41.89
 14. Ariel Yu, 41.56
 15. Cheryl Douglass, 41.14
 16. Clare Untalan, 40.98
 17. Jordan Rheanne Murphy, 39.52
 18. Rachel Zeppi, 39.19
 19. Alana Walker, 38.86
 20. Ayaha Chen, 38.36
 21. Kasey Tamayo, 27.92
- Withdrawn - Ramona Blue Miller

JUVENILE BOYS

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller, Sharon Wiggins; Technical Specialist, Dawn Eyerly; Assistant Technical Specialist, Terry Kubicka; Referee, Richard Kern; Judges, Leslie Gianelli, Jessica Bussgang, Todd Bromley, Shirley Sherman, Ann Greenthal, Cheryl Marker, Melissa Kent.

Name, Points

1. Nicholas Vrdoljak, 53.04
2. Spencer Howe, 50.76
3. Alex Benoit, 50.41
4. James Schetelich, 46.84
5. J. Daniel Vallecilla, 45.35
6. Lawrence Lung, 43.61
7. Oleksiy Melnyk, 43.32
8. Daniel Samohin, 42.75
9. Timothy Sterbenz, 42.48
10. Logan Bye, 41.59

11. Philip Chen, 40.82
12. Daniel Takayama, 40.10
13. Graham Newberry, 39.68
14. Austin Hale, 37.95
15. Colton Johnson, 37.64
16. Albert Zeng, 37.57
17. Mickey Sinthawachiwa, 37.21
18. Tony Lu, 36.25
19. Bennett Gottlieb, 34.39
20. Luke West, 33.41

JUVENILE BOYS - GROUP A (QR) FREE SKATE

Technical Controller, Sharon Wiggins; Technical Specialist, Ann Barr; Assistant Technical Specialist, Scott Brown; Referee, Kimberly Heim; Judges, Glennace Cohen, Melissa Kent, Joyce Burden, Leslie Gianelli, Cheryl Marker, Judith Owens, Jessica Bussgang.

Name, Points

1. Spencer Howe, 47.32
2. James Schetelich, 45.96
3. Oleksiy Melnyk, 44.60
4. Graham Newberry, 42.64
5. Alex Benoit, 42.57
6. Daniel Takayama, 41.56
7. Logan Bye, 40.37
8. Bennett Gottlieb, 39.88
9. Austin Hale, 38.95
10. Tony Lu, 38.30
11. Daniel Petrenko, 37.76
12. Patrick Leahy, 33.42
13. Daniel Danny Neudecker, 32.40
14. Tomoki Hiwatashi, 29.39
15. Corey Phillips, 29.00
16. Austin Harper, 27.32
17. Tyler Vollmer, 27.12
18. Kenneth Anderson, 26.95
19. Justis Davidson, 25.22

20. Taki Zira, 19.06
- Withdrawn - Joseph Lee

JUVENILE BOYS - GROUP B (QR) FREE SKATE

Technical Controller, Sara Kastner; Technical Specialist, Scott Brown; Assistant Technical Specialist, Ann Barr; Referee, Richard Kern; Judges, Jessica Bussgang, Glennace Cohen, Judith Owens, Kathaleen Kelly Cutone, Melissa Kent, Kathy Slack, Joyce Burden.

Name, Points

1. Nicholas Vrdoljak, 50.59
2. Lawrence Lung, 47.99
3. J. Daniel Vallecilla, 46.13
4. Daniel Samohin, 45.69
5. Timothy Sterbenz, 43.07
6. Philip Chen, 41.87
7. Mickey Sinthawachiwa, 40.60
8. Colton Johnson, 40.29
9. Albert Zeng, 39.18
10. Luke West, 37.40
11. Jack Gleisberg, 36.16
12. Adrian Huertas, 35.34
13. Remington Burghart, 34.96
14. Justin Ly, 34.92
15. Liam Thomas, 32.07
16. Justin Smith, 31.11
17. Brian Park, 30.99
18. Sam Anderson, 29.88
19. Brian Johnson, 28.84
20. David Kent, 26.74
21. Richard Scheno, 22.33

JUVENILE PAIRS

FREE SKATE

Technical Controller, Dana Graham; Technical Specialist, Dawn Eyerly; Assistant Technical Specialist, Nancy Ruedebusch; Referee, Kimberly Heim; Judges, Ann Greenthal,

Cheryl Marker, Judith Owens, Dorothy Jamison, Jessica Bussgang, Lucy Brennan, Todd Bromley

Name, Points

1. Emily Chan/J. Daniel Vallecilla, 44.53
2. Maggie Gibson/David Botero, 36.65
3. Anya Cockerell/Mark Krutzfeld, 34.62
4. Devynn Sharpe/Devin Perini, 34.10
5. Katherine Maloney/Michael Johnson, 33.71
6. Rachel Trail/Darian Weiss, 33.57
7. Maya Mendonsa/Sean Benjamin Sunyoto, 33.56
8. Carolyn Diehl/Preston Culpepper, 33.50
9. Rebekah Schneider-Farris/Joel Schneider-Farris, 32.77
10. Audrey Goldberg/Joseph Dolkiewicz, 31.56
11. Lisa Krentz/Brian Krentz, 31.19
12. Alexis Gagnon/Michael Petropulos, 30.35
13. Lauren Marks-Strauss/Cameron Nowrouzi, 29.60
14. Brooke Demetri/Michael Chang, 29.22
15. Emma Chinault/Noah Chinault, 27.50
16. Linde LaChance/Kenneth Anderson, 26.12
17. Peyton Lee/Brian Johnson, 24.12

JUVENILE DANCE

COMPULSORY DANCE

Technical Controller, Janice Benoit; Technical Specialist, Richard Dalley; Assistant Technical Specialist, Stephanie Segien; Referee, Jenny Mast; Judges, Terri Levine, Kathaleen Kelly Cutone, David Hold, Glennace Cohen, Molly Marron, Glenn Cummings, Kevin Elvin.

FREE DANCE

Technical Controller, Janice Benoit; Technical Specialist, Stephanie Segien; Assistant Technical Specialist, Richard Dalley; Referee, Jenny Mast; Judges, Glenn Cummings, Kathaleen Kelly Cutone, David Hold, Terri

Levine, Kevin Elvin, Molly Marron, Shirley Sherman.

Name, Place, Points

1. Rachel Parsons/Kyle MacMillan, 1-1-1, 83.29
2. Rebekah Schneider-Farris/Joel Schneider-Farris, 3-3-3, 76.75
3. Katie Shipstad/Logan Bye, 2-2-4, 76.71
4. Yura Min/Sean Benjamin Sunyoto, 10-5-2, 75.20
5. Holly Moore/Daniel Klaber, 9-6-8, 70.28
6. Greta Riebe/Jacob Jaffe, 11-10-5, 69.55
7. Cassandra Jeandell/Damian Dodge, 6-12-6, 69.43
8. Sierra Chadwick/Alexander Martin, 4-4-10, 68.61
9. Maeve Pascoe/Daniel Takayama, 7-14-7, 68.10
10. Stephanie Albrecht/David Cruikshan, 5-7-13, 65.11
11. Kiley Pearl/Rahul Coburn, 14-11-11, 65.09
12. Paolina Bushur/Jason Garofolo, 12-9-12, 64.08
13. Brianna Tramontano/Tyler Vollmer, 13-16-9, 63.53
14. Haley Leonard/Jordan Gober, 8-8-17, 62.01
15. Katherine Gourianova/Andrew Hickey, 15-15-14, 60.21
16. Caroline Patton/William Dean, 15-15-14, 59.47
17. Trinity Greene/Dylan Greene, 18-19-15, 53.98
18. Ramona Wright/Matthew Loiacono, 17-17-18, 53.16
19. Charlotte Hoover/David Morgan, 19-18-19, 48.81

Adult skating Update

By Lexi Rohner

New for the 2009 U.S. Adult Championships

Please read the announcement and rulebook for questions on competition rules and processes.

- Interpretive prop rules
- Solo dance
- Free dance
- Bronze free skate duration change to 1:50

Official Adult Skating logowear

IceLife, the official provider of U.S. Figure Skating apparel, is offering Adult Skating logowear for the competition season. Please visit the Adult Skating apparel online store at: http://www.icelife.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?Screen=CTGY&Store_Code=USA&Category_Code=Adult_Skating to get your logowear in time for competition.

eNewsletter

The first quarterly Adult Skating eNewsletter is on its way. If you have not received it in your e-mail inbox, please send an e-mail to: memberservices@usfigureskating.org to sign up. You can also find a copy online here: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Story.asp?id=41612>.

U.S. Figure Skating web site

The U.S. Figure Skating web site will soon undergo a makeover. If you have a suggestion for content you would like to see on the Adult Skating pages, e-mail Lexi Rohner at: LexiSk8@aol.com, or contact a member of the Adult Skating Committee: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=114>.

Adult Skating Ambassadors' Network (ASAs)

Joanne Rupinkas, ASA in Dallas Texas, hosted the first Dallas-area adult skater dinner meeting in September 2008. With more than 40 coaches, judges and adult skaters in attendance, Rupinkas offered a survey to assess what adult skaters in her area need and want, and came away with the sense of a growing community. "Head pro Pierre Panyai is enthusiastic and supportive, and it is our goal to eventually expand into a multi-day Southwest region adult skater camp," Rupinkas said. "Although this is a local sampling, my feeling is that the same concerns, wish lists, etc., exist across the country."

For more information on the ASA Network, or to establish a dinner or other adult skating event in your town, contact Rohner at LexiSk8@aol.com.

PROGRAM NAME	EVENT DATES	CITY, STATE			
Alaska Association of Figure Skaters	Jan. 3, 17, 31	Anchorage, AK	The SC of Boston	Jan. 10	Boston, MA
Alaska Speedskating Club	Jan. 10	Anchorage, AK	East Coast Skating Academy	All January	Brockton, MA
Anchorage FSC	All January	Anchorage, AK	Winchester FSC	late Jan	Burlington, MA
Delta Skating Association	Jan. 17	Delta Junction, AK	The Bog Skating School	Jan. 17	Duxbury, MA
Point Mallard Ice Complex	Jan. 19	Decatur, AL	The Bourne SC	Jan. 5, 10, 24, 26	East Sandwich, MA
Diamond Edge FSC	TBD	Little Rock, AR	Edge Center LTS	TBD	Malden, MA
Ozark FSC	Jan. 17	Rogers, AR	Medford Rec Hockey Assoc.	TBD	Medford, MA
Desert School Coyote Center - Chandler	Jan 9-10	Chandler, AZ	Silver Streaks SC	TBD	Middleton, MA
Flagstaff FSC	Jan. 24	Flagstaff, AZ	Nantucket LTS	All January	Nantucket, MA
Alltel Ice Den	TBD	Scottsdale, AZ	SC of Southern New England	Jan. 25	Norton, MA
ISC of Fresno	All January	Fresno, CA	Stoneham FSC	Jan. 6, 9 11	Stoneham, MA
Peninsula SC	TBD	Paloalto, CA	North East Skating Club	TBD	Swampscott, MA
San Diego FSC	Jan. 17	San Diego, CA	Sheryl Franks Creative Skating Academy	TBD	Waltham, MA
SC of San Francisco	TBD	San Francisco, CA	North Star FSC	TBD	Westboro, MA
St. Mortiz ISC	Jan. 17	San Rafael, CA	Mini Blades of Dedham Basic Skills	Jan. 19	Westwood, MA
Stockton Skating School	Jan 9-15th	Sonoma, CA	SC of Hingham LTS	Jan 10, 19	Weymouth, MA
Stockton FSC	Jan. 17	Stockton, CA	Winthrop Skating Association	Jan 10, 14	Winthrop, MA
Aspen SC	TBD	Aspen, CO	Chesapeake FSC	All January	Abingdon, MD
Aspen Skating School	All January	Aspen, CO	Fredericks FSC	Jan. 17	Frederick, MD
Woodland Park Skating	TBD	Colorado Springs, CO	University of Delaware FSC	TBD	Havie de Grace, MD
University of Denver	TBD	Denver, CO	Rockville Skating Academy	Jan. 3	Rockville, MD
Eagle Pool and Ice Arena	Jan. 17	Eagle, CO	Capital Clubhouse Skating Academy	All January	Waldorf, MD
The SC of Vail	Jan. 15	Edwards, CO	Great Bay FSC	Jan. 25	Eliot, ME
Ice Skating Club of Fort Collins	TBD	Fort Collins, CO	SC Of Maine	Jan. 24	Pittston, ME
Greeley Ice Haus	Jan. 3-4	Greeley, CO	Sk8 Bay FSC	Jan. 14	Bay City, MI
Blazin' Blades Skating Academy	Jan. 10	Peyton, CO	Hazel Park Learn to Skate, LLC	All January	Big Rapids, MI
Pueblo Plaza Ice Arena	Jan. 19	Pueblo, CO	Detroit SC	Jan. 12 -17 19-24	Bloomfield Hills, MI
Steamboat Springs FSC	All January	Steamboat Springs, CO	Gladwin Skating Club	TBD	Coleman, MI
Bridgeport SC	Jan. 3, 10, 14, 24, 31	Bridgeport, CT	Suburban Ice - East Lansing	Jan. 3	East Lansing, MI
Bolton LTS	Jan. 17	Coventry, CT	Farmington Hills LTS	Jan. 10 or 11	Farmington Hills, MI
Northford Ice Pavilion LTS	Jan. 1	Northford, CT	LTS Suburban Ice Farmington Hills	Jan. 4	Farmington Hills, MI
Upper Fairfield Skating Academy	Jan 10, 17	Shelton, CT	Garden City FSC	TBD	Garden City, MI
ISCC Learn to Skate	All January	Simsbury, CT	Lakeview Skating Academy	Jan. 7, 12, 26	Gwin, MI
Springdale FSC	TBD	Stamford, CT	Skaters Edge of West Michigan	Jan. 17	Holland, MI
Milford Ice Inc, LTS	Jan. 1	Stratford, CT	Georgetown Ice Center	Jan. 24-25	Hudsonville, MI
Westport Parks and Recreation	Jan. 19-25	Westport, CT	Kalamazoo FSC	Jan. 19	Kalamazoo, MI
Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena	Jan. 19	Washington, DC	Lapeer SC	TBD	Lapeer, MI
Gardens FSC	Mondays in January	Washington, DC	Suburban Ice - Macomb	TBD	Macomb, MI
Priscilla Hills skating academy	Nationals Week	Newark, DE	Marquette FSC	TBD	Marquette, MI
The Pond Learn to Skate	All January	Newark, DE	Midland FSC	TBD	Midland, MI
The Skating Club of Wilmington	Jan. 17	Wilmington, DE	Monroe FSC	Jan. 10, 17	Monroe, MI
Florida Everblades Basic Skills	TBD	Estero, FL	Mt Pleasant FSC	Jan 16	Mt Pleasant, MI
Kendall Ice Arena Basic Skills	Jan. 24	Miami, FL	Lakeshore One Goal Program	Jan. 10, 31, Feb 14	Muskegon, MI
Panthers FSC	All January	Tamarac, FL	Novi Ice Arena	Jan. 3	Novi, MI
Tampa Bay Skating Club	TBD	Tampa, FL	Onyx Suburban Skating Academy	March 11	Rochester, MI
The Cooler SA	Jan. 3-31	Alpharetta, GA	Twin Bays SC	TBD	Suttons Bay, MI
Ice Forum Skating Academy	All January	Duluth, GA	Troy Academy	Dec 13, Jan. 12, 14, 17	Troy, MI
Augusta Ice Sports Center	Jan 3, 10, 17, 24	Waynesboro, GA	Alexandria FSC	Jan. 3	Alexandria, MN
Ames FSC	Jan. 3	Ames, IA	Breezy Point FSC	Jan. 10, 11, 25	Backus, MN
FSC of Quad Cities	Jan. 18	Bettendorf, IA	Bloomington Ice Garden Sk8 School	Jan. 19	Bloomington, MN
Brenton Skating Plaza	TBD	Des Moines, IA	Brooklyn Park FSC	Wed & Sat in January	Brooklyn Park, MN
Five Flags Center	TBD	Dubuque, IA	Chaska FSC	TBD	Chaska, MN
Cedar Rapids Ice Arena	Jan. 10	Marion, IA	Northern Blades	Jan. 25	Ham Lake, MN
All Seasons Center	Jan. 31	Sioux Center, IA	International Falls FSC	Week of Jan. 24	International Falls, MN
Bear Necessities @ IIW	Jan. 3	Boise, ID	Maple Grove Skating School	Jan. 20-24	Maple Grove, MN
Idaho Falls FSC	Jan. 10 or 17	Idaho Falls, ID	FSC of Minneapolis	Jan. 18	Minneapolis, MN
U.S. Ice Sports Complex	All January	Fairview Heights, IL	Red River Valley FSC	TBD	Moorhead, MN
Joliet Park District	Jan. 23, 24, 25	Joliet, IL	Maplewood LTS	All January	Oakdale, MN
Rockford Basic Skills	Jan. 18	Loves Park, IL	Vacationland FSC	TBD	Pequot Lakes, MN
Springfield FSC	Jan. 17th	Springfield, IL	Rochester FSC	TBD	Rochester, MN
Swonder Ice Arena Learn to Skate	Jan. 20, 24	Evansville, IN	Midway Speedskating Club	Jan. 10	Roseville, MN
Sycamore ISC	Jan. 10	Indianapolis, IN	FSC of Bloomington	Jan. 19	Stillwater, MN
Wichita Ice Center	Jan. 3	Wichita, KS	River Lakes FSC	All January	Waite Park, MN
Northern Kentucky SC	Jan. 30	Crestview Hills, KY	Windom Figure Skating	All January	Windom, MN
Louisville Skating Academy	Jan. 10	Louisville, KY	Jefferson City FSC	Jan. 8	Jefferson City, MO
LSA Basic Skills Group	Jan. 10	Louisville, KY	Creve Coeur FSC	Jan. 19	Manchester, MO
FSC of New Orleans	Jan. 3	Carencro, LA	Jordan Valley FSC	All January	Springfield, MO
Burlington Hockey and Skating Assoc.	Jan. 24	BillERICA, MA	Bode Sports Complex LTS	Jan. 17	St Joseph, MO
			Bozeman FSC	Jan. 4	Bozeman, MT

Hi Line Skating Program.....	Jan. 3	Glascow, MT	Arctic Edge Basic Skills	Jan. 24	Oklahoma City, OK
Great Falls FSC	Jan. 11-18	Great Falls, MT	Klamath Ice Sports	Jan. 4	Klamath Falls, OR
Missoula FSC	Jan. 10	Missoula, MT	Beaver County FSC	Jan. 10	Beaver Falls, PA
Whitefish FSC	Jan. 30-Feb. 1	Whitefish, MT	Delaware County Skating Club	TBD	Bryn Mawr, PA
The Pineville Ice House Skating Academy	All January	Charlotte, NC	Old York Road SC	Jan. 24	Elkins Park, PA
Greensboro Ice House	Jan. 10	Greensboro, NC	Hagerstown Edge Skating Academy	Jan. 3, 24	Greencastle, PA
X-Ice Skating	Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Indian Trail, NC	Twin Ponds	Jan. 3	Harrisburg, PA
Ice House Skating School	Jan. 3, 6	Morrisville, NC	FSC of Northeast PA	Jan. 17	Laflin, PA
RecZone Skating School	TBD	Raleigh, NC	Flyers Skate Zone @ Northeast	All January	Philadelphia, PA
Port City Skating Club	Jan 23-25	Wilmington, NC	RMU Island Sports Center FSA	All January	Pittsburgh, PA
Wilmington Ice House	TBD	Wilmington, NC	The Rink @ Lehigh Valley	All January	White Hall, PA
Langdon Figure Skating	Dec. 31	Langdon, ND	Cranston Figure Skating	TBD	North Scituate, RI
Blade & Edge FSC	Jan 17-18, 24-25	Omaha, NE	Skate for Joy	TBD	Providence, RI
FSC of Omaha	All January	Omaha, NE	Palmetto Skate Club	Jan. 24	Irmo, SC
Moylan Ice Plex Skating School	Jan. 11	Omaha, NE	The Pavilion	All January	Taylors, SC
Premier FSC	Jan. 4	Omaha, NE	Music City FSC	Jan. 3	Hendersonville, TN
SC at Dartmouth	Jan. 1	Grantham, NH	Cool Sports Shooting Stars	TBD	Knoxville, TN
Bayonne Blades Skate School	Jan 13, 16-17	Bayonne, NJ	Brazos Valley FSC LTS	Jan Saturdays	College Station, TX
Flyers Skate Zone @ Pennsauken	All January	Pennsauken, NJ	Austin FSC	Jan. 11-19	Georgetown, TX
North Jersey FSC	TBD	River Vale, NJ	Polar Ice Skating School	Jan. 24	Grapevine, TX
Skylands Ice World	TBD	Stockholm, NJ	Starz of Houston FSC Basic Skills	Jan. 17	Houston, TX
Garden State SC	Jan. 3	Tinton Falls, NJ	Lubbock Skating School	All January	Lubbock, TX
Canlan Ice Sports - Vineland Skating Academy	Jan. 10	Vineland, NJ	Texas Gulf Coast FSC	Jan. 26-31	Sugar Land, TX
Flyers Skate Zone at Voorhees	TBD	Voorhees, NJ	Utah FSC	Jan. 15	Centerville, UT
Albuquerque FSC	TBD	Edgewood, NM	Cottonwood Heights FSC	All January	Cottonwood Heights, UT
Blades Multiplex Arenas	TBD	Rio Rancho, NM	Utah Olympic Oval Skate School	Jan. 3	Kearns, UT
Las Vegas Academy of Skating	Jan. 12	North Las Vegas, NV	County Ice Center LTS	All January	Murray, UT
Buffalo Speed Skating/Special Olympics	Jan. 17	Amherst, NY	Park City Ice Arena	Jan. 3	Park City, UT
Skate Great Inc.	TBD	Amherst, NY	Salt Lait Figure Skating	Jan 20-21	Salt Lake City, UT
Syracuse FSC, Inc.	Jan. 19	Baldwinsville, NY	Murray Silver Blades	Jan. 2	West Jordan, UT
Newbridge Arena	TBD	Bellmore, NY	Mt Vernon Recenter	Jan. 18	Alexandria, VA
Cantiage FSC	TBD	Bethpage, NY	Tidewater FSC	All January	Chesapeake, VA
Thomas Creek Ice Rink	Jan. 25	Fairport, NY	Fairfax Ice Arena Skating School	Jan. 10	Fairfax, VA
Fulton FSC, Inc.	Jan. 7	Fulton, NY	Skate Nation Plus	Jan. 14	Glen Allen, VA
SC of Western New York	Jan. 19	Hamburg, NY	Richmond Skating Stars	Jan. 21	Richmond, VA
Ogdensburg FSC	Jan. 19	Hammond, NY	Vermont Skating Club	Jan 12, 26	Williston, VT
Oswego FSC, Inc.	Jan 3, 10	Hannibal, NY	Bellingham Sportsplex SA	All January	Bellingham, WA
Glens Falls FSC, Inc.	All January	Hudson Falls, NY	Bremerton FSC	TBD	Bremerton, WA
Long Beach New York SA	All January	Long Beach, NY	Comcast Community Ice Rink	TBD	Everett, WA
City Ice Pavilion	All January	Long Island City, NY	Kingsgate Arena	Jan. 2	Kirkland, WA
Great Neck FSC	Jan. 19	Manhasset, NY	Kyro Ice Arena	Jan. 31	Spokane, WA
Hessian Lake FSC, Inc.	Jan. 10-11	New City, NY	Spokane FSC	Jan. 10	Spokane, WA
BC Winter Club	Jan. 11	Newark Valley, NY	Mountain View Skating Academy	TBD	Vancouver, WA
Ice Time Skating Academy	Jan. 17-18	Newburgh, NY	Wenatchee FSC	Jan. 25	Wenatchee, WA
SC of Utica	Jan. 11	Rome, NY	Appleton Ice Skating Academy	Jan. 11	Appleton, WI
Staten Island Pavilion Skating School	Jan. 24, 31	Staten Island, NY	Greater Milwaukee FSC	Nov 23, Jan 3	Cudahy, WI
Iceworks Skating Academy	TBD	Syosset, NY	Greater Milwaukee FSC	Nov 22, Jan. 7	Cudahy, WI
Palisades Center Skating School	Jan 13, 17	Valley Cottage, NY	Greater Green Bay FSC	All January	Green Bay, WI
Amherst SC	TBD	Williamsville, NY	Valley FSC, Inc.	Jan. 4	Greenville, WI
Ohio University LTS	Feb. 19	Athens, OH	The Skaters Edge - McFarland	Jan. 11	Madison, WI
Bowling Green State University Arena	Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25	Bowling Green, OH	The Skaters Edge - Sun Prairie	Jan. 24	Madison, WI
Brooklyn Blades On Ice	Jan. 24	Brooklyn, OH	Capitol Skating School, LLC	Jan. 15	Middleton, WI
Center Ice Skating Club	Jan. 4	Canton, OH	Lakeland FSC	Jan. 18	Minocqua, WI
City of Euclid	TBD	Euclid, OH	Southern Wisconsin FSC	TBD	Muskego, WI
Kent State University	Jan. 24	Kent, OH	The Skating Company - SWFSC - McFarland	TBD	Muskego, WI
City of Kettering	Jan. 23	Kettering, OH	The Skating Company - SWFSC - Sun Prairie	TBD	Muskego, WI
Indian Hill Winter Skate Program	TBD	Mason, OH	Tri-County Arena	Jan. 4	Neenah, WI
City of Mentor	Jan. 24	Mentor, OH	Oshkosh YMCA Figure Skating	All January	Oshkosh, WI
Center Ice Basic Skills	Jan. 4	North Canton, OH	Crystal Ice FSC	Jan. 5	Plover, WI
North Olmsted	Jan. 24	North Olmsted, OH	Dane County LTS	Jan Sundays	Stoughton, WI
Shaker Learn to Skate	Jan. 24	North Olmsted, OH	Superior FSC	TBD	Superior, WI
Ice Land USA Skating Academy	Jan. 3	North Royalton, OH	Waupaca Speed SC	TBD	Waupaca, WI
The Columbus FSC	Dec. 27	Plain City, OH	Swan City Ice Skaters	All January	Waupun, WI
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Bowling Green Skate Club	Mid-Late January	Waterville, OH	All Year Sports Galaxy	TBD	Wheeling, WV
Learn to Skate Cincinnati	Jan. 2	West Chester, OH	Grand Teton Skating Academy	Jan 3, 9	Jackson, WY
Learn to Skate Dayton	Jan. 3	West Chester, OH			

JANUARY

- 7** 2009 Michigan High School Figure Skating Team Competition Series sponsored by the Detroit Skating Club at Detroit Skating Club, 888 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. For more information call Michelle Dittmer at 248.288.5771.
- 9** 2009 Michigan High School Figure Skating Team Competition Series at Dearborn Ice Skating Center, 14900 Ford Rd, Dearborn, MI 48126. For more information call Michelle Dittmer at 248.288.5771.
- 10-11** 19th Annual Fox Cities Invitational sponsored by the Valley FSC at Appleton Family Ice Center, 1717 Witzke Blvd., Appleton, WI 54914. For more information call Amy McCann at 920.791.0613.
- 10-11** 20th Annual Magic City International Figure Skating Competition sponsored by the Magic City FSC at MAYSA Arena, 2501 Burdick Expressway, Minot, ND 58701. For more information call Kim Krohn at 701.721.4756.
- 16-17** 2009 Northern Michigan University Intercollegiate Competition – Midwestern Conference Intercollegiate Competition sponsored by Northern Michigan University at Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI. For more information contact Katie Sipper at ksipper@nmu.edu
- 17** Watertown Figure Skating Club's 2009 Basic Skills Competition sponsored by FSC of Watertown at Watertown Ice Skating Arena, Watertown Fairgrounds, 600 William T. Fields Dr., Watertown, NY 13601. For more information call Thomas Beschle at 315.686.3363.
- 17** 2009 Diamond Edge Lakes Area Classic sponsored by Willmar Diamond Edge FSC at Willmar Civic Center, 2707 Arena Dr., Northeast, Willmar, MN 56201. For more information call Jolene Borka at 320.354.4330.
- 17** 2009 Basic Skills Competition sponsored by FSC of Watertown at Watertown Ice Skating Arena, Watertown Fairgrounds, 600 William T. Fields Dr., Watertown, NY 13601. For more information call Thomas Beschle at 315.686.3363.
- 17-18** 2009 TAAF Winter Games of Texas sponsored by Dallas FSC at The Ice at Stonebriar Centre, 2601 Preston Rd, Suite 1235, Frisco, TX 75034. For more information call Carolyn Haman at 972.717.3891.
- 18** 2009 Annual Winter Escapade sponsored by Essex SC of NJ at Richard J. Codey Arena at South Mountain, 560 Northfield Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052. For more information call Jill Mueller at 973.768.1817.
- 18** 2009 Mohawk Valley Classic sponsored by The SC of New Hartford at New Hartford Recreation Center, 1 Mill St., New Hartford, NY 13413. For more information call Elizabeth Hotvedt at 315.723.3974.
- 23-25** 2009 Northern Star International Competition sponsored by Northern Lights FSC at Civic Center and VFW Arenas, 300 15th St. Northwest and 711 3rd St Southeast, East Grand

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- 24** 2009 Swan City Ice Skaters Basic Skills Competition sponsored by Swan City Ice Skaters at Beaver Dam Family Center, 500 Gould St., Beaver Dam, WI 53916. For more information call Amy Grunst at 920.885.9753.
- 24-25** 19th Annual Great Oaks Invitational sponsored by North Suburban FSC at John Lindell Arena, 1403 Lexington, Blvd., Royal Oak, MI 48073. For more information call Debbie Lyddon at 734.459.2851.
- 25-27** 2008 Flathead Valley Invitational sponsored by Whitefish FSC at Mountain Trails Park, Whitefish, MT 59937. For more information call Elizabeth Sobba at 406.212.4294.
- 29-Feb.1** 2008 Northland Competition with Basic Skills sponsored by Duluth FSC at Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center, 350 South 5th Ave. West, Duluth, MN 55803. For more information call Dan Gilderman at 218.348.5374.
- 30-Feb.1** 2009 Flathead Valley Invitational sponsored by Whitefish FSC at Stumptown Ice Den, 785 Wisconsin Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937. For more information call Elizabeth Sobba at 406.212.4294.
- 31** 2009 Snowflake Classic Skating Competition sponsored by Learn to Skate Cincinnati at Sport Plus, 10765 Reading Rd., Evendale, OH 45241. For more information contact Denise Mackey at dmackey@learntoskatecincinnati.com.

FEBRUARY

- 1** The 2009 Greenwich Town Competition sponsored by Windy Hill SC at Dorothy Hamill Skating Rink, Sherman, Ave., Greenwich, CT 06830. For more information call Rich Eryne at 203.531.8560.
- 6-8** 2009 Bay State Games sponsored by Christmas Brook FSC at Lansing Chapman Rink at Williams College, 76 Latham St., Williamstown, MA 02167. For more information call Gary Brown at 781.932.6555.
- 6-8** 23rd Annual Hiawathaland Open Competition sponsored by Rochester FSC at Olmsted Recreation Center, 21 Elton Hills Drive Northwest, Rochester, MN 55901. For more information call Jimmie Santee at 507.993.1395.
- 6-7** Edith Schoenrock International Competition sponsored by Port Huron FSC at McMorran Place Complex, 701 McMorran, Port Huron, MI 48060. For more information call Ronda Bingham at 810.987.4888.
- 7-8** 2009 New Year's Adult Invitational sponsored by Washington FSC at Ashburn Ice House, 21595 Smiths Switch Rd., Ashburn, VA 20147. For more information call Judith Reiner at 703.536.8239.
- 7-8** 2009 Iowa Games sponsored by Eastern Iowa FSC at Cedar Rapids Ice Arena, 1100 Rockford Rd., Cedar Rapids, IA. For more information call Nancy Krutzfield at 319.356.4054.
- 7** 2009 Irish Snowflake sponsored by Michiana

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- 12-15** 2009 Colorado Midwinter Invitational sponsored by Pueblo FSC at Pueblo Plaza Ice Arena, 100 North Grand Ave., Pueblo, CO 81005. For more information call Dalene Perdue at 719.671.5564.
- 14** 2009 I Love to Skate Basic Skills Competition sponsored by Ice Works SC at Islanders Iceworks, 175 Underhill Blvd., Syosset, NY 11791. For more information call Valerie Murray at 516.496.2277.
- 14** 2009 Tri State Synchronized Skating Team Championships sponsored by Dearborn FSC at Dearborn Ice Skating Center, 14900 Ford Road, Dearborn, MI 48126. For more information call Shannon Iatzko at 313.563.5381.
- 14-15** Swan Synchro Skate 2009 sponsored by Swan City Ice Skaters at Beaver Dam Wisconsin Family Center, 609 Gould St., Beaver Dam, WI 53916. For more information call Julie Sena at 920.210.8911.
- 15** 2009 University of Delaware Intercollegiate Competition – Eastern Conference Intercollegiate Competition sponsored by University of Delaware Collegiate SC at the University of Delaware, Newark, DE. For more information contact Melissa Pearl at mpearl@udel.edu.
- 15** 2009 Pueblo Midwinter Invitational at 100 North Grand Ave., Pueblo, CO 81002. For more information call Dalene Perdue at 564.671.5564.
- 19** 2009 Michigan High School Figure Skating Team Competition Series at Melvindale Civic Arena, 4300 South Dearborn, Melvindale, MI 48122. For more information call Michelle Dittmer at 248.288.5771.
- 20-22** 2009 Deborah Burgoyne North American Invitational sponsored by Wyandotte FSC at Benjamin F. Yack Recreation Center, 3131 3rd St., Wyandotte, MI 48192. For more information call Mary Moss at 313.567.8770.
- 20-21** 2009 Ron Carlson Marquette International Open sponsored by Marquette FSC at Lakeview Arena, 401 East Fair Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855. For more information call Rose Young at 906.360.7764.
- 20-22** Southern Eastern Great Lakes 2009 sponsored by The SC of Huntsville at Benton H. Wilcoson, 3185 Leeman Ferry Rd., Huntsville, AL 35801. For more information call Antonio Torres at 256.895.1791.
- 21-22** 2009 Valentine Open sponsored by Tidewater FSC at Hampton Roads Iceplex, 401 Village Ave., Yorktown, VA 23693. For more information dial 757.335.1130.
- 22** 2009 Ohio High School Team Figure Skating Championships sponsored by Shaker FSC at Thornton Park Ice Arena, 3301 Warrensville Center Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122. For more information call Beth Riebe at 216.623.6147.
- 22** 2009 Pioneer Open sponsored by Collegiate

- SC of the University of Denver at Ritchie Center – Magness Arena, 2201 East Asbury Ave., Denver, CO 80208. For more information call Caroline Hoberecht at 720.280.8006.
- 22** 2009 Land of the Lakes Basic Skills Competition sponsored by Star of the North SC at IRA Civic Center, 1401 McKinney LK Rd., Grand Rapids, MN 55744. For more information call Theresa Pavich at 718.259.3907.
- 26** 2009 Michigan High School Figure Skating Competition Series at John Lindell Ice Arena, 1403 Lexington Blvd., Royal Oak, MI 48073. For more information call Michelle Dittmer at

248.288.5771.

- 26-28** 2009 Omaha Winter Festival at Motto McLean Ice Arena, 5015 South 45th St., Omaha, NE 68117. For more information call Paula Turpen at 402.740.9317.

- 27-March 1** 2009 Winter Invitational sponsored by Southport SC at Rinkside Ice Arena, 6152 West Grand Ave., Gurnee, IL 60031. For more information call Valarie Pozen at 847.372.0394.

- 27-March 1** 2009 Skate at the Park Basic Skills Competition sponsored by Spokane FSC at Riverfront Ice Palace, 507 North Howard,

Spokane, WA 99201. For more information call Jennifer Hentges at 509.926.3477.

- 28** 2nd Annual Diamond Classic Synchronized Skating Competition sponsored by Mentor FSC at Mentor Civic Center, 8600 Munson Rd., Mentor, OH 44060. For more information call Suzanne Clemente at 216.978.5072.

- 28** 2009 University of Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Competition – Eastern Conference Intercollegiate Competition at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, Pa. For more information contact Victoria Schwanda at schwanda@seas.upenn.edu.

TESTS PASSED

Senior Moves In The Field

Vera Barnwell - North Suburban FSC
Megan Beck - The Troy Academy of Figure Skating
Caraline Ann Brockman - Valley FSC
Elizabeth Burke - FSC of Bloomington
Nicole Carlins - Pittsburgh FSC, Inc.
Sarah Dickey - Carolinas FSC
Ivan Dimitrov - Individual Member
Jennifer Du Breuil - SC Of Southern New Jersey
Kaitlyn Elliott - Colonial FSC
David Geist - Burnsville-MN Valley

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Caitlin Henricks - Carolinas FSC
Rachelle Johnson - St. Paul FSC, Inc
Elise Keller - Braemar-City of Lakes FSC
Sarah Koeller - DuPage FSC
Samantha Krejnik - Skokie Valley SC
Tori Look - Arctic FSC
Anjuli Lucas - Kent SC
Erin Lyddon - North Suburban FSC
Taylor Anne May - Braemar-City of Lakes FSC
Hannah Merrill - Springfield FSC

Anna Miller - Denver FSC
Jane Park - Los Angeles FSC
Elizabeth Sandberg - Ann Arbor FSC
Emily Soto - Swan City Ice Skaters
Georgia Todd - Center State FSC
Abby Tomba - FSC of Birmingham, MI
Wicksie Tu - SC of Northern Virginia
Erika Wenson - Skokie Valley SC
Madison Williams - FSC of Charleston
Adult Gold Moves In The Field
Joan Bys - Los Angeles FSC
Cathy Janssen - San Antonio FSC
Jessica Miller - University of

Wisconsin - Eau Claire
James Orlando - The Troy Academy of Figure Skating

Senior Free Skating Test

Jennifer Brunn - Arctic Blades FSC
Andrew Huertas - Los Angeles FSC
Chelsea Ann Maisano - SC of Western New York

Kaitlin McCormick - Detroit SC, Inc.

KayCee Nelson - St. Paul FSC, Inc

Gold Dance Test

Leah Carey - Miami University

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Lisa Ide, Denver, Colo.; Cheryl Litman, Fairfax Station, Va.; Daniel Witt, Brecksville, Ohio; Miho Yoshioka, Atlanta, Ga.;

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Gold Singles/Pairs Test Judge

Gay Book, Smithville, Ontario; Debra Maturi, N. Kingston, R.I.;

Bronze Dance Test Judge

Daniel Witt, Brecksville, Ohio;

Silver Dance Test Judge

Darlene Michael, Oklahoma City, Okla.;

Gold Dance Test Judge

Wilma Walker, Phoenix, Ariz.;

Regional Singles/Pairs Competition Judge

Jacqueline Paytas, Pleasant Hill, Calif.

Sectional Singles/Pairs Competition Judge

Janice Anderson, Maple Grove, Minn.; John Patrick O'Connor, Philadelphia, Pa.

National Dance Competition Judge

Kathaleen Kelly Cutone, Reading, Mass.

Regional Singles/Pairs Referee

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On page 17 of the November issue of SKATING, the senior titlists from the 2000 U.S. Championships were listed. The pairs champions, however, were listed incorrectly. They are Kyoko Ina and John Zimmerman.

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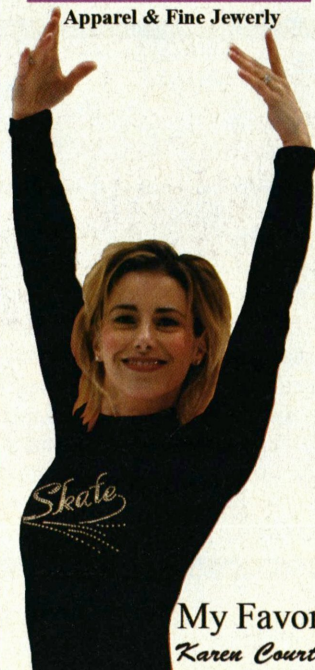
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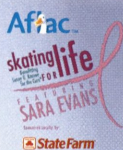
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