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As is tradition, U.S. champions Ilia Malinin, Alexa Knierim and Brandon Frazier, Madison Chock and Evan Bates and Isabeau Levito took a photograph with the coveted U.S. Championships Trophy at the conclusion of the 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships. Complete coverage of the event starts on page 8.



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RECENT OLYMPIANS EXCITED TO HELP NEXT GENERATION OF SKATERS AT CAMP

The National Development Team Camp at the U.S. Championships has taken root in the past few years, with the best of U.S. Figure Skating helping to foster a new generation of competitive skaters.

Many of the same officials, coaches and off-ice professionals who work with Team USA throughout the season gladly make themselves available to help these promising young athletes develop their toolbox of skills at the weeklong camp.

Offered at the camp is a full gamut of resources, from international officials and Olympic coaches, to jump and spin technicians, to mental health specialists and performance professionals.

Justin Dillon, U.S. Figure Skating's director of high performance development, has created an experience that's not only educational but also fun and dynamic for these developing skaters.

In San Jose, Dillon and his team brought in several athletes from recent Olympic Games, who have either retired from competitive skating or are taking a break, to work with the juvenile, intermediate and novice-level athletes who had qualified to be at the camp. Those Olympians included Vincent Zhou, Karen Chen, Polina Edmonds, Ashley Cain and Timothy LeDuc, Chris Knierim, and Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue.

Edmonds, a member of the 2014 Olympic Team in Sochi, Russia, has been part of the National Development Camp faculty for three years.

"I would have loved a camp like this when I was young, so getting to work with so many talents now is amazing," Edmonds said. "I was impressed by the physical capabilities and quick corrections by all the kids I worked with in my off-ice conditioning/jump classes and on-ice jump combo technique classes. I always enjoy sharing stories with the kids during athlete panel Q&As.

"It's been cool to see some of the same kids return and be a little older and a little stronger, and to see their growth throughout the years. The energy these kids bring to skating is contagious, and it's been fantastic to give back to the elite skating community by being faculty at camp. We have such a great new generation of skaters coming up!"

Two-time Olympian Vincent Zhou realizes the impact he can make in a young skater's career, he said.

"I remember being that age, excited to prove myself and hungry for more," Zhou said. "I'm so happy to be able to share what I know with these kids and help them along their journeys to greatness. I am fully committed to developing the next generation of skaters and already in awe of the future they share."

Juvenile ice dance siblings Zoe and Jerry Stone left San Jose with an overwhelming desire to improve after spending time with Hubbell and Donohue.

"I liked them because in our on-ice lesson they made techniques clear," Zoe Stone said. "Zach told us in our spin lesson to pinch our shoulder blades together and down. After he told us that, our spin went really well."

"Working with them helped to reignite my passion and fire for skating, and gave me a new drive toward future achievements," Jerry Stone said. "They helped me to see a goal that I can achieve in the future. I was grateful that they would take the time to come and work with us."

Evelyn VanWagner, mother of novice pairs siblings Tyler and Patrick VanWagner, said her children left San Jose inspired.

"Every one they worked with was absolutely amazing," Evelyn said. "Timothy LeDuc and Chris Knierim made a positive impact on their experience and lent great insight on training."

Dillon said the experience for these recent Olympians gives them a glimpse into what a coaching career path might look like, although several have already launched their coaching journeys.

"I've watched Karen Chen, for example, teach spins," Dillon said. "I've always thought that she has a lot of potential if she would ever explore teaching spins and other areas as a career path.

"The impact that these recent Olympians had at the camp was tremendous and their contributions bode well for future success of Team USA."

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Zoe and Jerry Stone with Olympian Zachary Donohue



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Team USA (l-r) Vincent Zhou, Evan Bates, Madison Chock, Nathan Chen, Karen Chen, Alexa Knierim, Brandon Frazier, Madison Hubbell, Zachary Donohue

TEAM USA DESERVES ITS MEDALS

Imagine the commitment, sacrifice and integrity that drive an Olympian. Years of demanding training, missed family moments and an oath to compete “without doping, without cheating.”

Nine Team USA athletes — Evan Bates, Karen Chen, Nathan Chen, Madison Chock, Zachary Donohue, Brandon Frazier, Madison Hubbell, Alexa Knierim and Vincent Zhou — earned medals in the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022 Team Event. Yet more than a year after their lifetime achievement, they are left with nothing more than empty boxes.

U.S. Figure Skating last month called upon all involved to resolve the ongoing process stemming from a positive doping test of Russian Kamila Valieva:

“U.S. Figure Skating and its athletes are deeply frustrated by the lack of a final decision in the Team Event.

We’re proud of how our Olympic medalists have carried themselves with poise and dignity since earning medals in Beijing. They have long deserved the recognition that has been withheld due to the ongoing process. U.S. Figure Skating calls for a fair and appropriate ruling to rightfully award medals to all clean sport athletes affected by this situation.”

Results remain pending from the Feb 7, 2022, Team Event, in which Russia, Team USA and Japan finished in that order. Should Valieva and her teammates be stripped of the placement, medals would be awarded to Team USA (gold), Japan (silver) and Canada (bronze).

U.S. Figure Skating will continue to support these athletes and work to encourage that a hastened process will produce a fair result that honors the integrity of the Olympic Oath.

ICE THEATRE OF NEW YORK TO HONOR BROWN

Two-time Olympian and 2015 U.S. champion Jason Brown will be honored for his artistry during the Ice Theatre of New York’s Benefit Gala Performance on May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Sky Rink, Chelsea Piers in New York City. The Gala is the culminating event in the ITNY’s 2023 Home Season Performances, which run May 5 at 7 p.m. and May 6 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Chelsea Piers.

“ITNY is proud to honor Jason Brown for his accomplishments and for being a role model in our icy world,” Moira North, founder and artistic director at ITNY, said. “Besides being a renowned World and Olympic competitor, Jason is a very creative and innovative performer.”

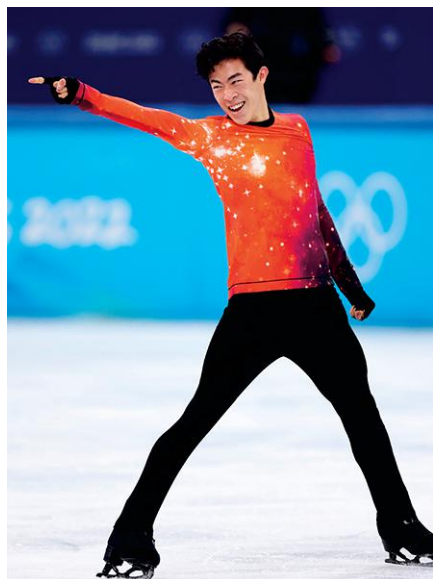
Brown, who in January won the silver medal at the U.S. Championships with two emotional and heartfelt programs, said he’s delighted to be recognized by the ITNY.

“Artistic skating and dancing on ice are what I aspire to and ITNY embodies this,” Brown said.

Brown will join the ITNY Ensemble and special guest artists for the Gala performance.

Brown’s longtime choreographer, Rohene Ward, will receive this year’s Choreography Award. He will perform with the ITNY Company for the full home season.

Marni Halasa will receive the Alumni Award.



Nathan Chen

NATHAN CHEN TO HEADLINE ICE CHIPS 2023

After a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic, The Skating Club of Boston is bringing back their long-running Ice Chips show with a big star. Olympic champion Nathan Chen will headline the “Full Throttle” show on Friday, April 7, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 8, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., at the club’s facility in Norwood, Massachusetts.

The show will also star World Team members Emily Chan and Spencer Howe and Four Continents competitors Maxim Naumov and Jimmy Ma, as well as Theatre on Ice Team Forte of Boston, of which Chan is a member.

“We are thrilled to have the world-renowned Nathan Chen here for Ice Chips,” Doug Zeghibe, club CEO and executive director, said. “We’ve hosted several successful events recently, including Skate America in October. It’s incredibly rewarding to see skating fans from around the world enjoying skating competitions and theatrical shows in our new, state-of-the-art facility.”

Ticket information is at icechips.org.

U.S. SKATERS SECURE FOUR ISU SKATING AWARDS

On Feb. 5, some of the world’s top skaters were honored at the 2023 ISU Skating Awards in Zurich, Switzerland. The event was held in tandem with a special performance of the Art on Ice show and was simulcast on the International Skating Union’s YouTube channel.

The ISU Skating Awards recognize the careers and performances of skaters, coaches and choreographers from across the globe. Nominees were chosen based on their work during the 2022 calendar year.



Madison Chock and Evan Bates

U.S. skaters won four of the seven award categories. Nathan Chen, the 2022 Olympic men’s champion, earned the Most Valuable Skater Award. Newly crowned U.S. men’s gold medalist Ilia Malinin was honored with the first-ever Special Achievement Award. Four-time U.S. ice dance champions Madison Chock and Evan Bates danced away with the Best Costume Award for their “astronaut meets alien” costumes. Isabeau Levito, the 2023 U.S. champion, was the Best Newcomer winner.

To watch the playback of the 2023 ISU Skating Awards event, visit www.youtube.com/SkatingISU.

CHRIS KNIERIM STARTS NEW CHAPTER AS SKATING DIRECTOR

Three-time U.S. pairs champion Chris Knierim has started a new job as the skating director at the Oakton Ice Arena in Park Ridge, Illinois. He’s spent the past three years helping Jenni Meno and Todd Sand with their coaching program in Irvine, California, following his retirement from skating.

He takes the post of fellow Olympian David Santee, who retired late last summer after 23 years at the Park Ridge Park District.

“It’s a big change but it’s a great opportunity,” Knierim said in San Jose. “I’m in charge of the skating department, so I’m teaching and trying to grow the competitive skating area, the Learn to Skate program and doing the administrative stuff. I have a whole new life ahead of me here, but I’m excited to get the ball rolling.

Knierim and wife, Alexa, had talked about potential landing spots for the next chapter of their lives and this position came open in Alexa’s home state.



Alexa Knierim and Chris Knierim

“I heard about it and talked to a few people about it and it was a big draw working for the city,” Knierim said. “It’s going to be great, especially as we move eventually into the next chapter as far as kids and stuff — having that security and dependability of the benefits and things that come with that.”

Plans are also underway for a remodel of the entire facility in 2024, including the addition of a half sheet of ice and an off-ice training facility.

Alexa, who won her fifth U.S. pairs title in San Jose with Brandon Frazier, said she’s excited about this opportunity for her husband, who was part of their coaching team in Irvine.

“I feel like this is his destiny,” said Alexa, who will join him in the Chicago area late in the spring. “I watched him really blossom and grow as a coach in the last three years. I feel like it’s in his nature and blood to really break down the technique, and his connection to the students is kind of unmatched. They love him and he’s pretty hard on them, but they seem to love him more for that. I enjoy watching him thriving in his element, so there’s nothing more for me than to see him be happy. I’m fortunate it’s in the state my family is in.”

LANG STRONG INDUCTED INTO NAIA HALL OF FAME

Naomi Lang Strong, the first Native American woman to compete at the Olympic Winter Games, has been inducted into the North American Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame. Born in Arcata, California, Lang Strong is a member of the Karuk Tribe of Northern California and has Wiyot and Shasta ancestry.

Lang Strong, a 2002 Olympian with ice dance partner Peter Tchernyshev, is a



Naomi Lang Strong

five-time U.S. champion. She competed in five World Championships and is a two-time Four Continents champion. A former professional figure skater, Lang Strong is

now the ice dance director at the Ice Den Chandler in Arizona.

A mother of five children, last year Lang Strong helped organize a roller-skating event for Hoopa, Yurok and Karuk youth in Eureka, California, to help children experience the joys of skating.

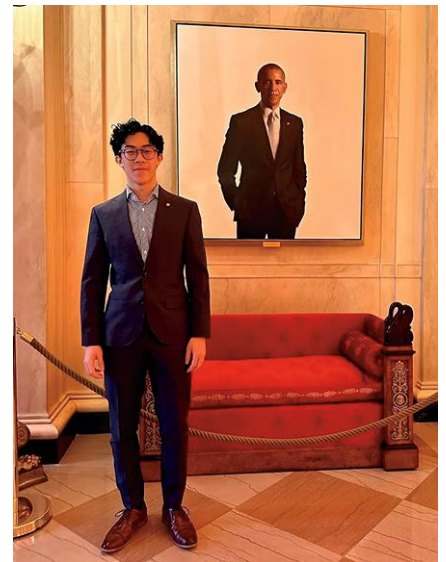
In its second year since being founded, the NAIAHF honors and recognizes the indigenous sport cultures of 27 countries of North America to inspire future generations to follow their dreams in athletics and life.

CHEN TAKES PART IN LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES AT WHITE HOUSE

Nathan Chen joined dozens of other dignitaries Jan. 26 during the White House's first celebration of the Lunar New Year. As he often does, the 2022 Olympic champion stood out in the crowd as one of the few people acknowledged by President Joseph Biden during the event.

Chen smiled broadly as Biden asked him to make his way through the crowd to shake the president's hand.

Chen posted photos online of himself inside the White House, including standing in front of the portraits of former President Barack Obama and former First Lady



Nathan Chen

Michelle Obama in the Grand Foyer at the base of the main White House staircase.

Lunar New Year, which marks the beginning of the lunisolar calendar, is celebrated across the world with festivities often lasting 15 days or more. It's one of the most important Asian holidays of the year as participants honor their ancestors and cultures.

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Fans treated to exciting competition, San Jose hospitality

The skating, the hospitality, the pleasant weather and the presence of Bay Area skating greats walking around inside the venue added up to another memorable Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships, Jan. 23–29.

For the third time in the last 12 years, San Jose rolled out the red carpet for U.S. Figure Skating's premier event. Memorable performances played out across all four disciplines inside the storied SAP Center, where some of the greatest achievements in the sport's history have occurred, such as Rudy Galindo's epic performance and title in 1996 and the launch of Michelle Kwan's record nine U.S. titles that same year.

Fans walked through the turnstiles, occasionally catching glimpses of Bay Area legends, such as Brian Boitano, Kristi Yamaguchi and Mr. Debonair himself, Richard Dwyer, as well as recent stars, such as Olympians Polina Edmunds and Karen Chen.

The Hall of Fame induction of Olympic medalist ice dancers Maia Shibutani and Alex Shibutani, along with longtime contributor Paul E. George, shined an even brighter light on the week's festivities.

Boitano provided former skaters, officials and longtime skating supporters with a place to relax between sessions with Boitano's Lounge.

"The arena did a great job hosting the event and was very responsive," chief referee Alexander Enzmann said. "Our officials showed their professionalism and were there and ready to go and put in 100 percent commitment to the job, which all made for a smoothly run competition. Headquarters event staff was fantastic, too.

"All the events were just tremendous. There were many stellar moments from both the junior and senior competitions."

The juniors kicked things off in style, proving that U.S. Figure Skating's compet-

itive future is in good hands. Soho Lee and Lucas Broussard rose to the top in singles, while Ellie Korytek and Timmy Chapman emerged as the top pairs team, with only months together under their belts. Leah Neset and Artem Markelov breathed in some sea air to clear their heads and rally to defend their ice dance title.

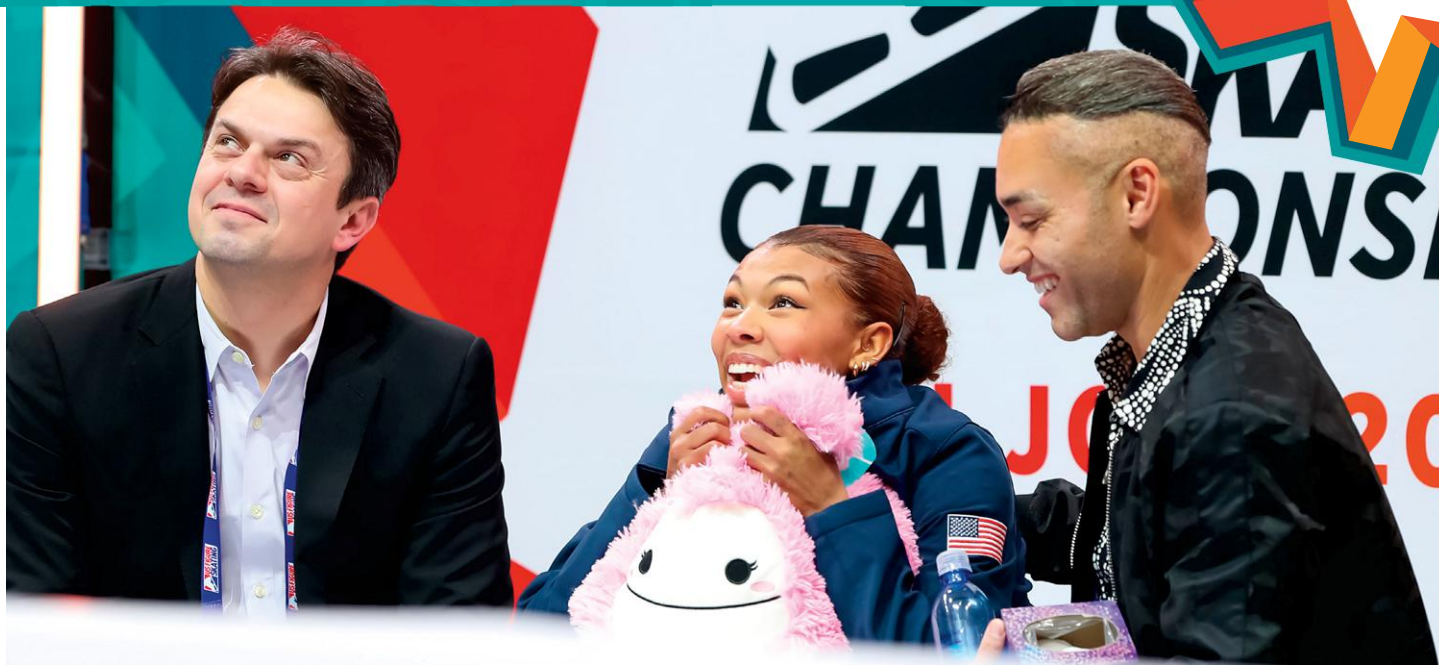
They set the stage for the championship events. Isabeau Levito turned in two superb performances to win her first U.S. title, at just 15 years old. Ilia Malinin, 18, rode a stunning short program to his first U.S. title, while veteran Jason Brown, 28, proved he's like fine wine, getting better with age.

World champion pairs team Alexa Knierim and Brandon Frazier took a walk down memory lane as they fondly reflected on their careers en route to their second U.S. title. And three-time Olympians Madison Chock and Evan Bates showed there's plenty left in

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Alexa Knierim and Brandon Frazier savor the moment in the kiss and cry with their coaches Jenni Meno and Todd Sand.



Starr Andrews and her coaches Derrick Delmore and Ivan Dinev delight in hearing her short program scores.

the tank, with record-breaking scores and a fourth U.S. title.

For those who couldn't make it to San Jose, NBC, USA Network and Peacock Premium brought the action to living rooms nationwide, with the renowned broadcast team of Tara Lipinski, Johnny Weir and Terry Gannon calling the action live on NBC.

On the Fan Zone's Competition Central, people tuned in for live scoring, event recaps and to peruse the event program.

On social media, Bradie Tennell's edgy

quote, "I'm back baby," generated 88,000 impressions on Instagram, while the 2024 U.S. Figure Skating Championships announcement produced 137,000 impressions on Instagram.

"By all accounts, the event was a tremendous success," said James Hamnett, senior director of booking and events, SAP Center at San Jose. "We take great pride in knowing that we hosted an event that provided a world-class experience for the athletes and showcased our city and our venues, SAP

Center at San Jose and Sharks Ice at San Jose, in a way that made our residents proud. We look forward to hosting the U.S. Championships again."

For Enzmann, the event also included some personal highlights. The DJ in the arena played the Beatles' "Birthday" song on his birthday, during the championship men's event, as well as Frankie Goes to Hollywood's "Two Tribes" during the championship pairs event, a song that he and his wife, Wendy, skated to as pairs competitors.



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Left, Jason Brown waves to the crowd after his moving free skate to Josh Groban's "The Impossible Dream." Above, ice dancers Christina Carreira and Anthony Ponomarenko anxiously await their scores, with coaches Scott Moir and Madison Hubbell, in the kiss and cry.

COMPOSED AND FOCUSED

Levito delivers under pressure; Tennell back on podium

BY TROY SCHWINDT

Isabeau Levito (SC of Southern New Jersey) arrived in San Jose with one goal: stay calm.

“My entire goal for both programs was to stay composed and to really try and suppress my nerves as much as possible,” she said.

Last season, the 15-year-old was unflappable when it came to performing under pressure. A bronze medalist at the 2022 U.S. Championships in her senior debut and the World Junior champion, Levito thrived in the spotlight.

This season, though, a mistake or two crept into her programs as she embarked on her first senior-level international season. A few uncharacteristic technical errors, especially in her free skate, manifested during the ISU Grand Prix season and Grand Prix Final. Levito, however, was still good enough to earn two silver medals in the Grand Prix season and another at the Grand Prix Final against the best competition in the world.

Coming to San Jose, the question of how would she perform as the overwhelming favorite to win the title loomed. Would those occasional errors follow her?

In back-to-back nights, Levito showed her mettle by calmly and surely performing two riveting, mistake-free programs that lifted her to the top of the podium with a personal-best total score of 223.33. Skating last in the free skate in a field of 18 women, she showed the mental toughness and fortitude of someone far more experienced.

“(I wanted) to really focus on staying in control and in my zone,” she said at the post-event press conference. “I feel as though I did just that today.

“I feel like this entire season I haven’t been my absolute best in my free skate, and to finally skate my free skate the way I’ve been training and working toward this entire season, it’s hard to find the words to describe it now. I just felt so glad that I finally did it at this competition. I also felt glad that I was able to present everything me and my coaches have been working on, especially these days leading up to nationals. All that work that I put into practice, I was finally able to show it almost as good as it is in practice.”

She received positive GOEs on all 19 of her elements between the short program and free skate. Levito landed 10 triple jumps, seven in combination. Her six spins all received Level 4, as did her step sequences.

MELANIE HEANEY/U.S. FIGURE SKATING



Isabeau Levito shows her passion and talent for presentation during her short program.

Her program components in her free skate averaged almost 9.0.

Expert skating analyst Jackie Wong said that was the best Levito has skated this season, without a doubt.

“I think this was a big step for her, maybe believing again that she’s capable of doing this under pressure,” Wong said. “So today was a good sign she can carry this on the rest of the season.”

Mariah Bell, last year’s U.S. champion,

who was serving in a media role at the event, was thrilled to see Levito handle the magnitude of the moment.

“It’s so fun to watch somebody so young handle nerves and pressure so well because you know she’s feeling it,” Bell said. “She’s a beautiful skater with big, huge, amazing jumps. I’m happy for her.”

No one was more proud of Levito than her coach, Yulia Kuznetsova, who has been directing the young phenom since she was a



Championship women medalists (l-r) Bradie Tennell, Isabeau Levito, Amber Glenn, Starr Andrews



Skating last in the free skate, Levito displays sheer joy as she connects with the audience.

MELANIE HEANEY/US FIGURE SKATING

when asked what her sterling short program showed to everyone watching.

"I'm back baby," said the 24-year-old, who missed the Olympic season with a foot injury and struggled to regain her form early this season.

Tennell, who has won five senior-level medals, placed second in both segments and finished with an overall score of 213.12. Her difficult trek back to competitive skating and the podium, she said, makes the silver medal she earned that much more cherished.

"I would say this one means the most," the Carpentersville, Illinois, native said. "I've said it, I didn't think I was going to be able to do this again. So to be here and to have it and to have achieved it especially after the start of my season and the bumps that I had to overcome, from last year to this year, I'm proud of what I accomplished here."

After last year's disappointing season, Tennell packed her bags and went to Nice, France, to train under Benoit Richaud, whom she's worked with since 2017.

"I love the team around me — Benoit, Cedric [Tour], my trainer — everyone is super supportive. I feel like I'm thriving there," the 2018 Olympian said.

Richaud, who choreographs for many of the world's top skaters, said working with Tennell is easy and comfortable.

"I have a lot of experience working with her," he said. "I know her well. The process is very organic. We don't really have to think or don't have to try or create anything, it just feels natural. So it's working really well. It's a real pleasure because she trusts the process that me and my team has for her. That's the key of how you can change, how you can evolve and how you can progress."

Tennell, he said, seems like someone



Levito celebrates a magnificent performance.

much younger when it comes to her overwhelming desire to learn and grow.

"In many experiences working with skaters, after a while, they really don't want to change, but with Bradie, she wants to change and we've been working over an injury, which was fairly challenging."

Tennell's trajectory upward this season has been noticeable, according to Wong.

"If you asked me four months ago if Bradie would be silver at nationals, I'd say no way," Wong said. "It's been interesting to see. Every competition she's been in — even if it's just a couple of weeks of training, a couple more weeks of recovery — she's shown improvement at every single competition. When I saw her earlier this week in practice, it was like, 'Oh, the old Bradie is back.'"

In the short program, Tennell was nearly flawless and sat just .02 point behind Levito — 73.78–73.76.

"I made a silly mistake on the final spin, got a little excited," she said.

Skating a climate change themed program to Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, Tennell landed a triple Lutz-triple toe loop combination with ease. She was credited with three more clean triple jumps but underrotated the back half of a double Axel-triple toe loop combination and doubled an intended triple Lutz. Like Levito, she earned Level 4 on each of her spins and her step sequence.

Amber Glenn (Dallas FSC), like Tennell, had a lot to overcome heading into this season. But for her, it was more mental than physical.

The 23-year-old watched her Olympic dreams dashed at the 2022 U.S. Championships in Nashville, Tennessee, where she tested positive for COVID after the short program. Getting back on the ice at the 2023 U.S. Championships and exorcising those demons felt like a tall order, she admitted.

But the veteran of seven senior-level U.S. Championships, Glenn once again displayed the talent and fortitude to climb back on the podium, earning the bronze medal with 207.44 points.

"Honestly, it was terrifying being back here after the conclusion of my season last year," Glenn, the U.S. silver medalist in

small child.

"It feels amazing, very proud, very special," she said of the moment. "As a coach, I see every day how beautiful and great a skater she is at home. But I know competition and home are different things. She looks more calm at the practice rink than at the competition rink. When she looks calm, of course, the performance looks more calm, relaxed and controlled. So that is our goal, to transfer what happens at home to here and show it to people. She can be even better. I know she was beautiful today, but I know she can do better."

Two-time U.S. champion Bradie Tennell (Skokie Valley SC) delivered arguably the most entertaining quote of the competition

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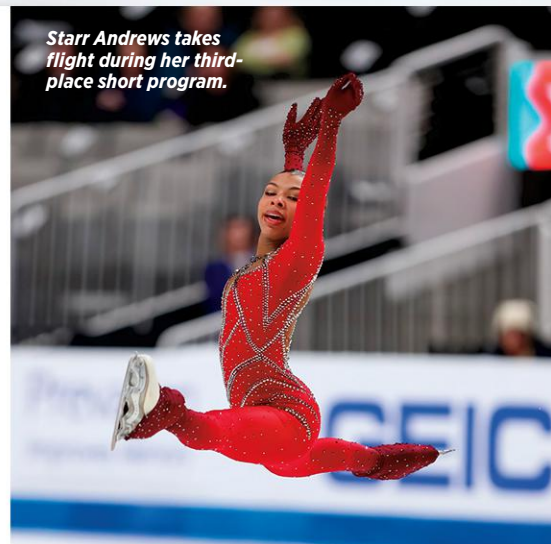


Bradie Tennell leaves no doubt that she's back, with two memorable performances.



Amber Glenn shows that her love for skating has returned.

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Starr Andrews takes flight during her third-place short program.

2021, said. "So, it was just a big mental hurdle for me. I was happy I was actually able to enjoy myself again, enjoy competing, performing for the crowd. It just gave me a sense of relief, and my love of skating has reemerged this year. And at 23, doing that has been very hard but very rewarding."

In her short program to "Hit the Road Jack" by 2Wei, Glenn displayed that love of skating with a dynamic, high-energy performance. Only a small mistake on her triple loop prevented her from breaking 70 points.

"It's definitely the most difficult short program [I've done]," she told reporters. "It takes a lot of energy, a lot of confidence and sometimes it's a little hard when you are nervous and you are at a big event, but when I'm out there I feel really connected to the crowd and draw them in, and it's the first time I've done something like this."

She said the toughest part of the program is finding time to "calm down."

"It's a pretty high-energy, fierce program," Glenn said. "It's kind of hard to find a place to take a breath before my jump, where I'm used to those lyrical pieces when I can breathe whenever, just smile. While this is fierce go, go, go."

Fourth after the short program, the Colorado Springs-based skater began her free skate to "Without You" by Ursine Vulpine and Annaca by attempting a triple Axel. She stepped out of the fully rotated jump, but immediately regained her composure and delivered a triple flip-triple toe loop combin-

ation.

She landed four more triple jumps and earned Level 4 on each of her spins and the step sequence, placing third in the segment.

Starr Andrews (Los Angeles FSC) was gushing after learning she had earned a medal at the U.S. Championships, becoming the first Black woman to finish on the podium in 35 years.

"After I finished the program I thought I messed it up because I popped twice," the 21-year-old said. "I never pop. In practice I may rotate and fall but at least you get the points. When they said 188[.24], I realized that I earned a place on the podium. I was happy that I placed but disappointed that I didn't put out what I know what I can do."

She placed third in the short program and seventh in the free skate.

Earlier this season, Andrews became the first Black U.S. woman to medal at a Grand Prix Series event when she claimed silver at Skate Canada International. Her finish on the podium in San Jose means a lot, she said, for the sport of figure skating and her personally.

"I had no clue it was that long," she said of the legacy. "That is incredible, and to be able to be the next African American woman to stand on the podium is amazing. From where I came from the last couple of nationals to being on the podium is incredible for me. I'm excited to see how the rest of my skating career goes."

The biggest difference, Andrews said, in this season is she's heeding the words of her

coaches to "trust herself."

"My mental [side] has also changed this year and that has changed the way I look at things and the way I train," Andrews said. "Quality over quantity is definitely a big thing for me. I don't have all the hard jumps. I'm working on them. I had two flips tonight and they didn't go as planned. I just need to trust myself, one thing at a time."

2023 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTIONS

Isabeau Levito
 Bradie Tennell
 Amber Glenn

Alternate 1 — Starr Andrews
 Alternate 2 — Lindsay Thorngren
 Alternate 3 — Ava Ziegler

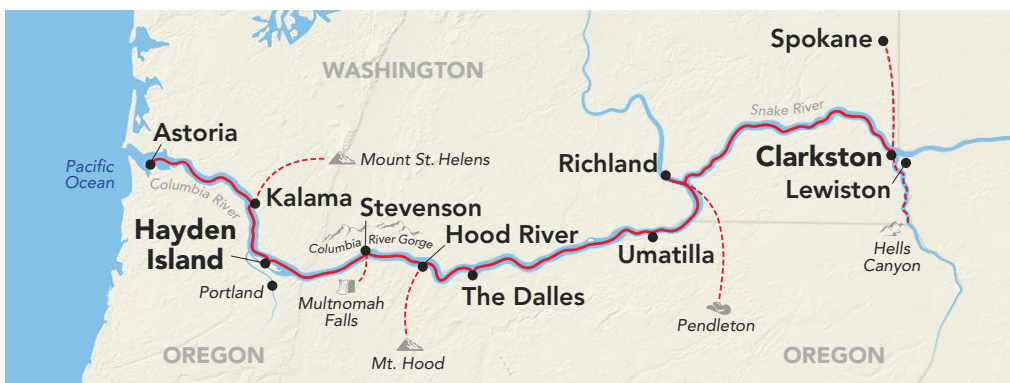


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‘UPS AND DOWNS’

Malinin looks to improve after winning first U.S. gold;
Brown simply sensational

ELVIN WALKER

When 18-year-old Ilia Malinin finished his free skate at the 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships in San Jose, his face told the tale. The overwhelming favorite to capture his first title, Malinin planned six quadruple jumps in the program, but instead had an off day, completing just three. When his scores were announced and he realized that he had won the gold medal, Malinin did not smile or celebrate. He was already focusing on what went wrong and how he could correct his mistakes for future competitions.

“Of course, this wasn’t the skate that I wanted, and I was really looking forward to having a good skate and just trying to show what I’ve been working on these past couple of years,” he said. “There’s always ups and downs and you just have to get over it and move on to the next thing. I’m always looking back at competitions, and I’m going to see what I need to work on a bit more so I can prepare a lot better for Worlds.”

This season Malinin (Washington FSC) established himself as one of the top men on the international circuit, securing titles at Skate America in Norwood, Massachusetts, and Grand Prix Espoo in Finland. As a result, the 2022 World Junior champion earned his first berth in the Grand Prix Final, held in Torino, Italy, where he finished with the bronze medal.

In each of those competitions, Malinin had to play catch up after making mistakes in the short program, but in San Jose, he was determined to break the streak and go clean in his “I Put a Spell on You” routine. He made good on that goal and earned a career-best 110.36 points, which gave the Virginia native a 10-point lead heading into the free skate.

“This season all the short programs have been really tough, and I think that we took every single one of them and thought about where we need to work and what to improve,” he said. “We focused on those points, and I think that it helped out with today’s performance. I’m surprised how I’ve managed to pull it off. It was a very good journey, a long journey, and I think I gave it my shot and it shows.”

With the short program monkey off his back, Malinin seemed destined to put out yet another great free skate and appeared ready to do just that in the event’s six-minute warmup. When he took to the ice for his

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Ilia Malinin demonstrates his showmanship during his career-best short program to “I Put a Spell on You” by Garou.

“Euphoria” (Labrinth) routine, Malinin took his opening position with confidence, and skated into his first element — a signature quadruple Axel, which he approached with ease. When he fell on the element, there was a collective gasp from the audience.

But Malinin was not about to let this

opportunity slip away, and he immediately knocked out three quadruple jumps in rapid succession — first a flip, then a Lutz and finally a Salchow. Later in the program, the high school senior doubled out of an intended quadruple Lutz and downgraded a quadruple toe loop combination into a



Malinin brings his “Euphoria” free skate to life.

double-single. Realizing that he had just one jumping pass left in the program, Malinin spectacularly nailed an ad hoc triple Lutz-triple Axel-triple toe loop sequence, before closing out the routine with two of his three Level 4 spins.

“I think it was mainly just when I was getting on the ice I wasn’t feeling as motivated and had that much energy to try to put it all up today,” he said. “I think I was a little bit sluggish back there and I just wasn’t prepared for what was about to happen, and I think that it was OK. I was still trying to be in that moment just so that everything else wouldn’t be so tough. Overall, it was a very fun experience — the crowd was the best and always cheering me on.”

Following the competition, Malinin was already analyzing his performance and was beginning to think about how he might continue to develop his approach to events in the second half of the season.

“It’s a mental thing,” Malinin said. “I think it’s more not enough preparation for this. We were looking forward to the short and put most of the planning and time into practicing for the short so that it was as good as possible. I think now that the short is sort of developed, I think I’ll put a lot more effort into both programs for Worlds; I’ll have both.”

Malinin generated 177.38 points for his free skate — second best in the event — and logged 287.74 points overall en route to his maiden title. Olympic champion Nathan Chen had won the past six U.S. titles.



Malinin and his coach/father Roman Skorniakov react to his record short program scores in the kiss and cry.

Veteran Jason Brown (Skokie Valley SC) offered words of encouragement to Malinin in the post-event press conference, recognizing that the young skater was fielding some tough questions on the mistakes in his free skate.

“I first just want to tip my hat for what he’s going through,” Brown said. “It’s hard being in this spotlight. Going to every event where all eyes are on you isn’t easy, and he’s doing an incredible job with it. I want you not to lose any confidence, because I know how easily you can take on the questions and let them affect you personally. Just hear it, let it in one ear and out the other. ... [Your performance] was amazing, so if that is a lack of training as you say, all I can say is just keep it up because it’s incredible.”

Finishing the competition with the

silver medal, Brown arrived in San Jose with one main goal — to find a way to overcome the memory of his disappointment five years earlier in this same arena. Brown had aspired to earn a berth to compete in the 2018 Olympic Winter Games that season, but instead he finished in sixth place and was named as an alternate to the team.

“For five years it traumatized me and kept me up at night and there were a lot of times when I would close my eyes and kind of relive that moment again and again and again,” he said. “Just getting back onto the ice, and you know, this is the nationals that I chose to come to — I didn’t have to compete this year. There was no one telling me to compete. My career, in a lot of ways, was coming to an end, and this was my choice to get back out here. To have the courage to

Championship men medalists (l-r) Jason Brown, Ilia Malinin, Andrew Torgashev, Maxim Naumov



CHAMPIONSHIP MEN



Jason Brown lifts up the crowd in San Jose with his emotional skating.



Andrew Torgashev displays his vast talent en route to a bronze-medal finish.

go back into that rink and to perform again and to rewrite my story, that's what I'm most proud of."

Brown was stellar in the competition, skating two emotionally stirring programs. His short program, set to Alexey Kosenko's "Melancholy," told the story of Brown's career from his perspective. He placed second in the segment.

The 2015 U.S. champion's "Impossible Dream" (Josh Groban) program was the picture of perfection until his final jump — a lunge into a triple flip, which resulted in a fall. Brown landed seven beautiful triple jumps and earned near-perfect program component marks. He amassed 177.06 points in the free skate and finished the competition with a score of 277.31.

"I love performing, I love competing, and I hope it showed today," Brown said.

Andrew Torgashev (Panthers FSC), the 2015 U.S. junior men's champion, surprised everyone, including himself, in capturing the bronze medal. In fifth place after the short program, the 21-year-old won the free skate segment with his passionate routine set to Enigma's "Fortuna X (Gravity of Love)."

Fifth in 2020, Torgashev missed last two seasons due to injuries. In his free skate, the bronze medalist was on fire, landing an open-

ing quadruple toe loop and a total of eight rock-solid triple jumps. He also added two Level 4 spins and earned Level 3 on his step sequence and closing combination spin. His winning free skate earned a new personal-best score of 177.78 points as did his competition total of 256.56.

"It's a little unbelievable," Torgashev said. "It's weird because I do this every day. It's gotten better over the last eight weeks. We've been training so hard. I've tried to dedicate all of myself to coming into the rink, doing my best and improving 1% every day. It's not a surprise that I skated this way. In fact, some of the things could have been even better. But to do it on this stage after so much time is unbelievable. I am still in awe."

Another 21-year-old, Maxim Naumov (SC of Boston), earned the pewter medal. The 2020 U.S. junior champion posted a career-high 171.43 points for his two-quadruple free skate, and finished with 249.14 points, also a career best.

"I can't lie, it was better than I expected, for sure," Naumov said after the free skate.

"I was prepared to go out there and make it happen, and that's exactly what I did. So, yeah I completed my job, I think, for what I set out to do. So great, absolutely."



Maxim Naumov captivates the crowd.

2023 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTIONS

Ilia Malinin
 Jason Brown
 Andrew Torgashev

Alternate 1 — Camden Pulkinen

Alternate 2 — Maxim Naumov

Alternate 3 — Jimmy Ma



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A WEEK OF EMOTIONS

Knierim and Frazier reflect on title, careers

BY TROY SCHWINDT

As anticipated, Alexa Knierim and Brandon Frazier won their second U.S. title together in convincing fashion, finishing ahead of the silver medalists, 227.97–196.86.

But this competition wasn't about the points or medals or titles for these veterans of pairs skating. Instead, each pre- and post-competition interview that they conducted included deep reflection and gratitude for what the sport has given them.

Olympians and World champions in 2022, Knierim (DuPage FSC) and Frazier (All Year FSC) will officially announce their plans in the sport after the season. Knierim, however, has already said she will join her husband, Chris Knierim, later in the spring in Chicago.

Chris, who helped Jenni Meno and Todd Sand coach his wife and Frazier in Irvine, California, following his retirement from skating in 2020, has started a new job as a skating director in his wife's home state of Illinois.

"[The U.S. title] means the world for me and I think I can speak for Alexa, too. Especially after missing last year," Frazier said after the free skate. "To return and to return to the top of the podium, it's a great achievement. But more importantly for us, we've been reflecting a lot throughout the season on our personal journeys and our partnership. This was a week of emotions, and that was all heart tonight."

It's understandable to see why Knierim and Frazier would be so caught up in the sentiment of the week. Both have enjoyed tremendous success in skating, but also have had their share of difficult times.

Knierim, 31, has won five U.S. titles — three with her husband — and a World title, and she has qualified for two Olympic Games, finishing sixth in 2022 and as a silver medalist in the Olympic Team Event. She's endured serious health issues and watched as Chris retired from skating under difficult circumstances in 2020.

Frazier, 30, has three U.S. titles on his resume, including one with Haven Denney (2017), and that World title and those Olympic credentials from 2022. He also experienced a low point when he and Knierim had to withdraw from the 2022 U.S. Championships in Nashville, Tennessee, because of COVID, leaving their Olympic dreams in the hands of a selection committee.

In the short program, Knierim and

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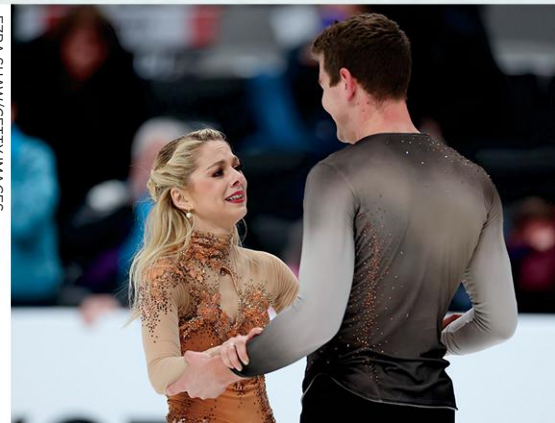


Alexa Knierim and Brandon Frazier perform their short program to "Separate Ways" by Journey. Below, they take an extra moment following their free skate to reflect on their performance, careers and partnership.

Frazier turned in an electric and mistake-free performance to Journey's "Separate Ways," which earned them a 15-point advantage going into the free skate. After the performance, the skaters stood on the ice for a few extra seconds, soaking up the applause.

"I think I was nervous today because I wanted to have that special program," Knierim said. "It wasn't about the score or

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Knierim and Frazier fall into character in their free skate to Harry Styles' "Sign of the Times."

winning, it was more about stepping off the ice feeling accomplished and showing how we skate at home and in practice.

"I wanted to take a little bit longer when the music ended to kind of absorb that moment, because I've learned through this long career that I've had that the most special times are usually the ones that go by too fast. I just want to be totally immersed and embrace the present moment and just be grateful that I'm able to do this."

Except for a mistake on their jump combination, Knierim and Frazier delivered another sterling performance in their free skate to the Harry Styles' song "Sign of the Times."

Level 4 lifts, spins and a death spiral complemented their presentation, lifting the audience to their feet. In the kiss and cry, their coaches helped celebrate their latest accomplishment.

"We are super proud of them because from the first day they stepped on the ice together, when they tried out right before COVID, they have had the same work ethic," Meno said. "They came in every day and worked hard. They always trusted us. They always had a plan and they show a great example for the teams in our camp."

Sand praised Frazier for taking a leap of faith in moving from Florida to California during COVID, changing his life completely.

"It was a huge sacrifice for him," Sand said. "He's improved tremendously in the last few years in the way he skates and presents Alexa. ... He's turned himself into not only a great athlete but a great pairs skater."

While Knierim and Frazier are household names, silver medalists Emily Chan

and Spencer Howe (SC of Boston) are just starting to get noticed. The Boston-based skaters delivered two sound and entertaining performances en route to second-place finishes in both segments of the competition.

"Giving the performance that we did today, it meant a lot to us, and being here on the podium also means a lot to us," Chan said after the free skate. "We've been through a lot this season in terms of getting experience and just going through the ups and downs of training and the challenges together as a team."

They were able to work through a heel injury to Chan and a shoulder injury to Howe during the season.

"We always have to be mindful of our bodies," Howe said. "We are blessed to be in pretty good shape and we have a strong support team to help take care of us."

Chan, 25, and Howe, 26, arrived in San Jose with momentum. After placing fourth at the 2022 U.S. Championships and second at the 2022 Four Continents Championships, the two have stepped up their game this season. They earned a berth in the Grand Prix Final with a pair of silver-medal finishes at Skate Canada International and NHK Trophy.

In San Jose, they got off to a good start with their short program to "Nyah" by CH2, receiving Level 4 for their spins, footwork and death spiral. They had a fall on their triple toe loop.

"We enjoy the high energy that that program brings to us," Howe said. "Having the crowd out there today, cheering us on, it was awesome."

In their free skate to "Unchained

Melody," Chan and Howe again delivered a powerful and well-received program. Their opening double Salchow-double Axel-double Axel generated a program-high 8.89 points. Their only mistake came on a fall on their throw triple loop.

Ellie Kam (Thunderbirds FSC) and Danny O'Shea's (SC of New York) approach of going after "little goals" and taking it one day at a time paid off with a bronze medal in San Jose.

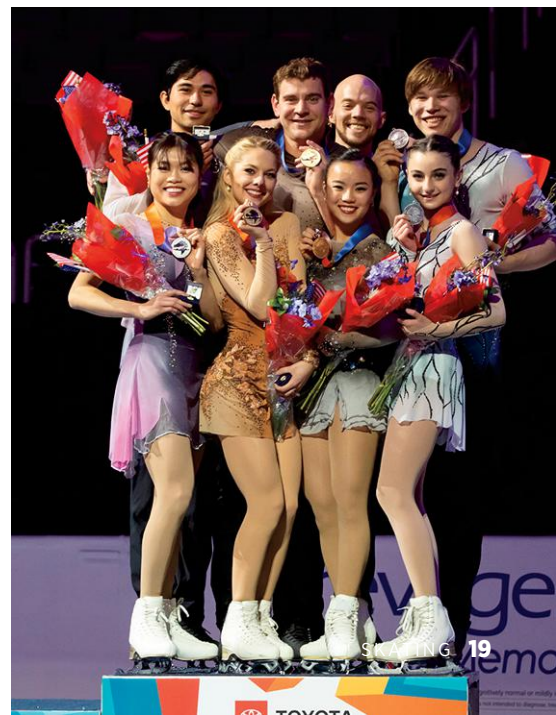
Together for just four months, the Colorado Springs-based team delivered two programs that, while not without errors, were entertaining and held promise for the future. The duo received an invitation for the ISU Four Continents Championships 2023, which took place in early February.

"This whole season has been about each step forward and how can we improve, how can we keep growing," said O'Shea, who won the U.S. pairs title in 2016 with Tarah Kayne. "One of the things that's really held us up all season is our component mark in our performance. I think that here it was another step forward in performance even though we had some more technical mistakes than we had at previous competitions."

Kam, 18, and O'Shea, 31, placed third in both segments and finished with an overall score of 184.01. It was their third competition together. They placed first at the Icechallenge in Graz, Austria, in November and second at Golden Spin of Zagreb in Croatia, in early December.

Right before the competition in Croatia, the team experienced a setback when Kam

Championship pairs medalists (l-r) Emily Chan and Spencer Howe, Alexa Knierim and Brandon Frazier, Ellie Kam and Danny O'Shea, Sonia Baram and Daniel Tiuumentsev



CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS



Emily Chan and Spencer Howe execute a powerful lift in their free skate.

was involved in an automobile accident that wasn't her fault. She was driving back from her dressmaker's home with her mother when her vehicle was struck. The car was totaled and emergency responders had to extricate her from the vehicle.

She was checked out by doctors, including her father, who is a surgeon, and fortunately, was determined to be OK and able to compete.

After the free skate, O'Shea said that he sees a lot of potential for future success with this partnership.

"The thing I keep being wowed at is, while we have a lot to work on technically, there's still a lot of room for us to grow. We have a triple toe that we are going to try and put in the program. We are working on the throw triples, and the twist is still improving. Each competition, there's growth in [the



Ellie Kam and Danny O'Shea cut loose in their free skate to "Nocturnal Animals."

twist]; this one should have been far better than it was. Not a bad twist, just a bad catch on my part. And I think being where we are right now, being able to sit at that table with two amazing teams and knowing that we are in that toddler, exponential growth phase, is something very exciting for me. I think the skating skills and performance quality will continue to grow as well."

Sonia Baram (Los Angeles FSC) and Daniel Tioumentsev (Dallas FSC) also made a big splash in their championship pairs debut, capturing the pewter medal with an overall score of 179.08.

Free skate highlights included a soaring Level 4 triple twist followed by a triple Salchow-double Axel-double Axel sequence to kick off the program.

Finishing on the championship pairs podium follows an outstanding season to date in which Baram and Tioumentsev earned the silver medal at the Junior Grand Prix Final, a gold medal at the U.S. Pairs Final and two

medals on the Junior Grand Prix circuit.

"Today was fun because Sonia and Daniel, they are 14 and 20, and Daniel was so excited because he could be on the podium with Alexa and Brandon. He was jumping up and down," Meno said.

Their successful campaign also garnered them a berth at the 2023 World Junior Figure Skating Championships from Feb. 27–March 5 in Calgary.

2023 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTIONS

Alexa Knierim and Brandon Frazier
 Emily Chan and Spencer Howe
 Ellie Kam and Danny O'Shea

Alternate 1 — Anastasiia Smirnova
 and Danil Siiyanysia

Alternate 2 — Valentina Plazas
 and Maximiliano Fernandez

Alternate 3 — Katie McBeath
 and Nathan Bartholomay

Sonia Baram and Daniel Tioumentsev perform a death spiral in their free skate.



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NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAMP

'BRIGHT TALENT ON THE HORIZON'

Young skaters leave a big impression

The best juvenile, intermediate and novice skaters in the United States worked with recent Olympians, top officials, coaches, choreographers and off-ice professionals at U.S. Figure Skating's National Development Team Camp in San Jose.

A total of 75 singles athletes and 36 pairs and ice dance teams qualified to attend the weeklong camp at Sharks Ice and the SAP Center based on their placements at the sectional singles finals and the U.S. pairs and ice dance finals in November.

"I think we saw such bright talent on the horizon," said Justin Dillon, director of U.S. Figure Skating's high performance development program. "We saw some amazing juvenile girls and boys come to the event, showing off triple jumps that they learned from the sectional finals, and their future is very promising."

"That's always one of the best parts about the camp, to not only celebrate the U.S. Championships and those who win the senior and junior titles, but then to see what's coming up the pipeline and how much depth we have."

The athletes, as at previous National Development camps, participated in a performance final, a consistency drill, a spin session and in numerous off-ice classes. The consistency competition is something that encourages competitiveness outside of a short program or free skate and can be conducted at a skater's home rink, Dillon said.

Skaters demonstrated their mastery of technical elements, program components and skills in progress for the current season and beyond. U.S. Figure Skating officials will use their observations at the camp to inform selection committees for future domestic and international opportunities.



Two-time Olympian Karen Chen conducted spin sessions with groups of athletes.

This camp featured a dynamic coaches program, with nearly twice as many coaches attending as last year. Recent Olympians Vincent Zhou, Karen Chen, Ashley Cain and Timothy LeDuc, and Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue were on hand to help the athletes with their skills.

"For them to have that opportunity to participate in the U.S. Championships in a different form, I think meant a lot for them," Dillon said of the Olympians. "I think it had a lot of meaning for the young athletes, especially to be able to look up to them because they just recently got to watch them on TV. I just think it had an impact all the way around."

Perspective was the buzzword around the coaches track, as coaches heard from a variety of voices, including parents, sports psychologists, off-ice professionals and former coaches.

"We had some really good, deep discussions about coaching initiatives and coaching in the future and the difficulty and challenges," said Heidi Thibert, senior director

of coaching development at the Professional Skaters Association. "Having people like Christy Ness (coach of Olympic champion Kristi Yamaguchi) spend time talking to the coaches helps connect with that generation of coaches and that level of coaches and helps bring them along."

Zhou's mother, Fei Ge, offered a perspective to parents and coaches.

Another upgrade from previous camps was the artwork that dressed up the arena. Former Team USA member Max Settlage used his artistic talent to animate the officials and athletes on posters. The athletes also received yearbooks for the first time, which featured photographs of everyone and autograph pages to keep track of their memories.

"I never want to get to that point of having that sameness," Dillon said of the camp. "Like monoculture — let's do all of this this way. I think always listening to different perspectives and hearing different voices helps you come up with something unique and individual."

Fei Ge, mother of two-time Olympian Vincent Zhou, shared her perspective with parents and coaches at the camp.



Skaters ham it up off the ice.



‘SO GRATEFUL’

Chock and Bates break records, win fourth title

BY POLINA EDMUNDS

Madison Chock (All Year FSC) and Evan Bates (Ann Arbor FSC) clinched their fourth U.S. ice dance title — their third in four years — in the same building that they launched their career together in 2012.

“It’s a great honor to be one of the teams with the most longevity, if you will, in the sport,” Chock said. “As sport in general across the world has evolved, you’ve seen more longevity amongst athletes, and so it’s a great accomplishment for us to be a part of that group of people. It’s something we pride ourselves on.”

Their history of delivering cutting-edge performances continued with their free dance to “Souffrance” by Orange Blossom and “Les Tectoniques” by Jorane, a program that highlights the relationship of air and fire and how they cannot survive without each other.

The couple performed in costumes designed by Chock. Chock’s dress — with its horizontal, fluid sections of brown, yellow, red and purple, right down to her fingertips — mimics fire. Bates’ simple, one-piece black suit is highlighted in waves of lapis blue at the shoulder, neck and sleeves.

On the ice, the recently engaged couple captivated the audience with the program that grew in passion and intensity.

“We’re happy with the way that the program has developed since the beginning of the season, and it’s found its groove,” Chock said. “We’ve let the program speak to us and we’ve evolved with it. We’ve not been afraid to adapt and work with our new material and keep pushing ourselves to create something that we feel is special.”

The champions posted the highest score in U.S. Championships history for the free dance (137.85) and overall (229.75), 20 points more than the silver medalists. They were awarded Level 4 on all but one technical element — the one-foot turns, for which they earned a Level 3 — and also gained near-perfect program component scores.

This season has been different for the Montreal-based team, with their main rivals of the past five years, Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue, officially retired from competition. And at this event, in particular, they also felt the absence of training mates Kaitlin Hawayek and Jean-Luc Baker, who withdrew because of injury. Their approach, through it all, remained as focused as ever.

“I think because these Championships hold such a special place in our hearts, at least

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Madison Chock and Evan Bates channel David Bowie in their rhythm dance to “Let’s Dance.”

I felt nervous today certainly regardless of whatever the outcome may be results wise,” Bates said.

“We felt compelled to skate well because of the significance of what U.S. Championships means to us. And the people who are here are frankly lots of family and friends and U.S. figure skating fans who we’ve gotten to know over the years, having been around as long as we have. The lack of the Hubbell/Donohue back and forth did not diminish any kind of specialness about today.”

Chock added, “Evan and I have made some of the fondest memories of our career

at this event and this one is definitely atop that list as well. We had a wonderful time performing to the audience today, and we are just so grateful.”

Their sterling performance, they said, leaves them in a good place entering the World Championships later this month in Saitama, Japan.

“I believe that we are right on track and exactly where we need to be to accomplish our goals,” Chock said. “We have a good amount of time before the World Championships to do a lot of great work which we look forward to doing.”



The three-time Olympians deliver a passionate and intense free dance.

“We’re motivated people, we’re determined and we love working hard, and that’s something that’s driven us through our career. We’ve had a lot of success because of that, and we’re grateful for all of the opportunities that we’ve had throughout the years to be the best that we can be.”

Caroline Green (Pavilion SC of Cleveland Heights) and Michael Parsons (Washington FSC) performed a stunning free dance to George Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue,” which earned the duo a new personal-best score of 126.06 points. The silver medalists eclipsed their high score in the rhythm dance as well, logging 81.40 points, giving Green and Parsons a career-best competition total of 207.46 points.

From their lightness and quickness on the ice to their beautiful costuming, the duo charmed the audience with their refined choreography and presentation style. They earned Level 4 on each element save for the diagonal steps and a Level 3 by Green on the one-foot turns.

After the free dance, their reaction told a story of their hard work paying off.

“That emotion at the end was just the stress of the season coming out,” Parsons said. “It just felt good to feel the work that we’ve put in, work out. Every national champion-

ship is significant to every team, and this one was especially significant to us just for how we’ve been approaching this season, and how we’ve wanted to redirect ourselves as a team. I don’t think we could have put a better skate out today.”

This is Green and Parsons’ first season with their new coaching team of Olympians



Chock exits the ice with a green snake draped around her neck, a gift from a fan in tribute to the team’s snake charmer free dance during the 2020–21 season.

Tanith and Charlie White and U.S. bronze medalist Greg Zuerlein in Canton, Michigan.

“We had never been in a different environment before, so just that change in and of itself was difficult,” Parsons said. “I think one of the things we really worked on was swallowing our pride and just trusting the process with our new coaches and trusting the process with each other.

“I think what this coaching change confronted us with was just the amount of growth we needed to do as people, not just skaters, and I think we’re challenging ourselves each day to really show up for each other and to put in the work together, not just on our own. I think our entire approach to training has changed and how we’ve approached competition has evolved, and I think that was evident in this event.”

Christina Carreira (SC of New York)

Championship ice dance medalists (l-r) Caroline Green and Michael Parsons, Madison Chock and Evan Bates, Christina Carreira and Anthony Ponomarenko, Emilea Zingas and Vadym Kolesnik



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Caroline Green and Michael Parsons glide carefree in their free dance to Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

and we're looking to capitalize off that and improve more," Ponomarenko said.

Three-time Olympic champion Scott Moir of Canada helps direct the team in Ontario, with help from other coaches, including Hubbell.

"It's truly an honor. I mean, watching Scott skate for years and being so inspired by his work, [he] really paved the way for modern ice dance," Ponomarenko said.

"[Hubbell's] been the most amazing addition to our team, especially for me having a girl who is there every day is really helpful," Carreira said. "She's the best girl in the world, so it's great to have her help us."

New team Emilea Zingas (St. Clair Shores FSC) and Vadym Kolesnik (SC of New York) came in hot with a third-place finish in the rhythm dance segment and an overall score of 198.13 to claim the pewter medal.

"We're blessed to have the best coaching team [Igor Shpilband's group] that prepared us well for this event," Zingas said. "Yes I'm surprised, but I'm ecstatic."

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Madison Chock and Evan Bates
 Kaitlin Hawayek and Jean-Luc Baker
 Caroline Green and Michael Parsons

Alternate 1 - Christina Carreira
 and Anthony Ponomarenko
 Alternate 2 - Emilea Zingas
 and Vadym Kolesnik

Alternate 3 - Emily Bratti and Ian Somerville

and Anthony Ponomarenko (SC of Francisco) collected the bronze medal with a romantic and beautiful performance of their free dance to George Gershwin's "Summertime."

They rallied after a mistake in the rhythm dance with an elegant free dance created by Hubbell, posting an overall score of 198.45.

"We're honored to be on this podium,"

Carreira said. "U.S. ice dance is so strong, and to be amongst these teams is an honor."

Their medal holds special meaning as it's been a year-long journey to regain their status as a top ice dance team after a disappointing seventh-place finish last year.

"This time last year I was going onto the surgery table, so it was a lot of work from the both of us to get to where we are now,

Christina Carreira and Anthony Ponomarenko perform their spicy Latin rhythm dance.



Emilea Zingas and Vadym Kolesnik cut loose in their rhythm dance.





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SHIBUTANIS, GEORGE CHERISH INDUCTION INTO HALL OF FAME

Two-time Olympic ice dance medalists Maia and Alex Shibutani and outstanding contributor Paul E. George put the class in the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame Class of 2023.

The three were celebrated on Jan. 28 with an on-ice induction ceremony at the SAP Center and later at a sold-out reception at the Westin San Jose. Richard Dalley, Hall of Fame Nominating Committee chair, presided over both events.

"We are extremely honored to be recognized in this way," Alex said. "Joining the incredible athletes and contributors in the Hall of Fame is meaningful to us because we were elected based on our contributions to the sport and community, both on and off the ice."

With many legends of the sport in attendance, Maia said she was humbled to have Kristi Yamaguchi usher them into the hall. Yamaguchi, the first Asian American

Olympic champion (1992), joined their coach, Marina Zoueva, and U.S. Figure Skating High Performance senior director Mitch Moyer in the tribute video shown at the induction. Yamaguchi also introduced the "Shib Sibs" at the reception.

"I've looked up to her since I began skating," Maia said, "and it was thrilling that she helped welcome us to the Hall of Fame."

As the first sibling ice dance team to be inducted into the hall, the Shibutanis thanked their parents, Chris and Naomi, at their press conference and the reception.

"Celebrating this accomplishment, as a family, was very special," Maia said.

George, the longtime U.S. Figure Skating Foundation president, was introduced by 1992 Olympic silver medalist Paul Wylie, who was joined by 1956 Olympic champion Tenley Albright and 1971 U.S. champion and foundation board member John Misha Petkevich in his tribute video.

With a long lens of history, George was honored to take his place in the hall.

"I've had the benefit of viewing the sport, and its talented athletes and volunteers, for more than 60 years," George said. "Their performances and contributions have often been impressive, earning many a place in the Hall of Fame. To join them in the Hall of Fame is a special privilege."

The three new members of the hall also enjoyed spending time with one another.

"We also loved spending time with our fellow inductee, Paul E. George, and hearing some of his stories," Maia said. "Paul's contributions to figure skating, and sport in general, are immense. He was very gracious and a joy to be around."

"[Maia and Alex] are not only superb athletes, but even more importantly, they are wonderful ambassadors for Olympic sport and beyond," George said.



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Paul E. George is surrounded by family (l-r) granddaughter Helen Chase, George, wife Helen George and daughter Laurence Chase.



The Shibutanis share a fun story during their induction speech.

The Class of 2023 (l-r) Alex Shibutani, Maia Shibutani and Paul George



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Olympic champion Brian Boitano hosted Boitano's Lounge at the SAP Center during the U.S. Championships. Also a celebrity chef, Boitano has had his own show on the Food Network and has produced cookbooks of his favorite recipes. Boitano's Lounge originally opened a few years ago in Lincoln, Nebraska, inside the Kindler Hotel. Boitano created both the food and drink menus for the Lounge. In San Jose, Boitano hosted many former skating champions, officials and contributors to the sport inside Boitano's Lounge. Part of the proceeds went to the Memorial Fund. Pictured are former Team USA athletes (l-r) Karen Chen, Ashley Cain, Elliana Pogrebinsky and Polina Edmunds.



Members of the 2023 Scholastic Honors Team are honored in the kiss and cry during the U.S. Championships. Scholastic Honors Team members receive a \$3,000 scholarship and a \$1,000 donation to the charity of their choice. Recipients were chosen based on their academic achievements, community involvement and skating achievements. On hand for the presentation were (l-r) Skylar Weirens, Taira Shinohara, Clara Kim and William Annis. Not pictured are Caroline Stohrer, Chelsea Peng, Yurika Sakai, Jocelyn Xu, Robert Yampolsky and Ava Yip. Those earning honorable mention for the 2023 Scholastic Honors Team are Andrew Bai, Jonathan Hildebrandt, Rena Knysz, Sophie Ryan, Nadia Wang, Kim Early You and Amanda Zhong.

As part of the efforts to extend the U.S. Figure Skating community and increase diverse representation within membership and the fan base, U.S. Figure Skating's marketing, membership, and DEI departments partnered to host 10 groups with nearly 300 participants at the U.S. Championships in San Jose. Organizations such as Black Girls Surf, Kids With A Dream, Girls on the Run and 24 Degrees of Color joined other figure skating fans and members to watch athletes compete at the national level. Participants involved in the outreach initiative were provided special programming aimed at increasing interest and knowledge of the sport, such as an off-ice movement class and interactions with U.S. Figure Skating athletes. Select youth groups will also receive Learn to Skate USA scholarships from Toyota to continue their skating journey.



Championship-level woman Alexa Gasparotto receives the 2023 Mabel Fairbanks Skatingly Yours Elite Athlete Award. "This is an honor, knowing that I share some of the many great characteristics and traits as Mabel Fairbanks; it's something I could've only imagined. This award not only brings out positivity and motivation in me, it also shows me how big of a role model I can be for other kids, teens and even adults who want to skate, are skaters, or who enjoy watching figure skating. It also shows that changes that needed to be made for so long are finally beginning to happen and they can be part of the change, too." Gasparotto is the third recipient of the award, which was established to support the training and development of promising figure skaters of color. On hand for the award presentation were her coach Rohene Ward, left, Gasparotto, and Mabel Fairbanks Committee members Ouida Robins and Randall Lee.

JACKIE WONG'S TOP 8 TAKEAWAYS FROM THE U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Chock and Bates win a fourth

It was a slow start to their season after the Olympic year, but Madison Chock and Evan Bates looked the best they have all season. Eleven years after their U.S. Championships debut together, they now have 11 U.S. medals, four of them gold. They enter the World Championships looking to improve even more as they aim for their first World title.

A surprise at the top

Many expected Ilia Malinin and Jason Brown to finish first and second, but fewer expected it to be as close as it was — with both delivering phenomenal short programs, but Malinin struggling in the free skate. Thanks to the quads that he did hit and his lead after the short, Malinin still won the title, but it was a reminder of how risky his programs are. Brown, on the other hand, finally dispelled his San Jose demons, and in his third appearance in San Jose for the U.S. Championships, he leaves with good memories.

No one could touch Knierim and Frazier

A year ago at the U.S. Championships, Alexa Knierim and Brandon Frazier didn't know what the rest of their year would hold after Frazier tested positive for COVID. An Olympics appearance, a World title and a Grand Prix Final silver medal later, they arrived at the U.S. Championships wanting a second pairs title. They delivered in style, winning by more than 30 points.

Different storylines for the women

The top four women all came in with different

trajectories and left with different positives. Isabeau Levito skated the best that she has all season for her first U.S. title. Bradie Tennell didn't even think she would be back again this time last year, but hard work returned her to the podium and World team. Amber Glenn finally made the World team after coming close a number of times. Starr Andrews put down a memorable short program that earned her the pewter.

Torgashev back in the conversation

Fifth at U.S. Championships three years ago, Andrew Torgashev was on many people's lists as one to watch, but it never materialized after injuries forced him out of two consecutive seasons. In San Jose, he came back stronger than he was three years ago, stunning everyone by winning the free skate and securing the bronze medal. He now has the chance to go to Worlds after being named to the team, dependent on earning the ISU technical minimum score at Challenge Cup in late February.

Ice dance is deep

To no one's surprise, American ice dance continues to have a tremendous amount of depth. Even without Kaitlin Hawayek and Jean-Luc Baker in San Jose, the fight for the podium was intense. The phenomenal debut of Emilea Zingas and Vadym Kolesnik, who finished fourth in their first season together, made that fight for the top spots even more exciting.

An emerging artist

Every once in a while a skater makes such an impression that everyone ends up talking

about him or her. Samuel Mindra, the 2021 U.S. junior bronze medalist, was the talk of the town in San Jose with his phenomenal basics and sense of musicality. He was well rewarded in his component scores, propelling him to a ninth-place finish in his senior U.S. Championships debut.

Debuts to remember

In addition to Mindra and Zingas and Kolesnik, there were other memorable debuts. Josephine Lee found her gear in the free skate after a disappointing short program and ended up fifth overall. She and Clare Seo, who finished seventh, will head to World Juniors after their strong senior debuts. Ellie Kam and Danny O'Shea, and Sonia Baram and Daniel Tioumentsev, showed signs that they have bright futures in pairs after finishing third and fourth. Kam and O'Shea will continue their season at Worlds, while Baram and Tioumentsev head to the World Junior Championships.

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SOHO LEE MAKES STATEMENT EN ROUTE TO GOLD MEDAL

BY ABBY FARRELL

With a unique first name and a dedication to skating that is deeply respected by her coach, Soho Lee, the 2023 U.S. junior women's champion, is already making a name for herself.

Lee (Glacier Falls FSC) finished on top of a field of 19 skaters, winning both segments of the competition with a blend of technical skill and delicate ballet-inspired choreography. All four medalists represented the Pacific Coast Section.

The 13-year-old from Irvine, California, used an attacking strategy on her jumping passes and an in-the-moment approach during the rest of her programs to separate herself from the formidable field. She finished with an overall score of 181.14.

"I missed my first combo [triple Lutz-triple toe loop] so that was a big mistake for me, but I think the rest of the [free skate] program [to *The Nutcracker* by Tchaikovsky] was pretty good," said Lee, who is named after the famed New York City neighborhood known for its art galleries and trendy upscale stores. "The [triple] flip-[double] Axel is one of my last jumps and I've been struggling with it, so I was happy I landed it."

Lee, who landed four clean triples, also delivered three Level 4 spins but lost her hair-clip, which resulted in a one-point deduction.

Her coach Chris Pottenger couldn't be more pleased with how Lee prepares and performs.

"She is impressive and unique in that she's there an hour before every practice every day warming up," Pottenger said. "Her warmup is so thorough, with no stone unturned, and she impresses me with the amount of dedication she puts into injury prevention, being warmed up and all the thought and detail that goes into planning her schedule, dresses and music."

Lee entered the event having finished first in the Pacific Coast Sectional Singles Final and having competed twice on the Junior Grand Prix circuit, all in the fall.

"The JGP experience helped a lot here because in a big arena it can be really overwhelming," she said.

Keira Hilbelink, 12, from Portland, Oregon, also made people take notice; she claimed the silver medal with personal-best scores across the board. As the youngest competitor in the field, Hilbelink qualified for this year's U.S. Championships by finishing second in the novice division at the Pacific

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Josephine Lee
Soho Lee
Clare Seo

Alternate 1 — Ava Ziegler
Alternate 2 — Mia Kalin
Alternate 3 — Elyce Lin-Gracey

Soho Lee





Keira Hilbelink

Coast Sectional Singles Final.

Hilbelink (Portland Ice Skating) landed an opening triple toe loop-triple toe loop combination in her short program and rallied from fifth place to second in the free skate and second overall with combined score of 167.99.

Skating to “What a Wonderful World” by Lexi Walker and The Piano Guys, Hilbelink landed seven clean triple jumps in the program, including a triple loop-double Axel-double Axel sequence. Hilbelink also earned a Level 4 on her combination spin and flying camel spin.

“I feel it was the best I have done this season, and I think that I would like to keep it that way,” Hilbelink, who trains in Irvine, California, said. “The mindset that I had was to just have fun — this is my first Championships, and everyone told me that, too.”

Elyce Lin-Gracey (Pasadena FSC) collected her first U.S. Championships hardware with an overall score of 165.57.

“Last time I missed out on the podium by a few points, so I’m happy to get a medal this year,” Lin-Gracey, 15, said.

Second after the short program, Lin-Gracey was able to hold on for the bronze medal after a few mistakes in her “Moonlight Sonata” free skate. She landed three triple jumps and earned Level 4 on each of her three spins.

“It wasn’t the performance I would have expected today based on how my training has been going,” Lin-Gracey said. “I think I got a bit too up in my legs and I didn’t control my movements as strong as I can.”

Her coach, Naomi Nari Nam, said Lin-Gracey has experienced a steady climb



Elyce Lin-Gracey

throughout the season, which included competing in two Junior Grand Prix events.

“I think she’s made big strides in her training and I’m proud of her that she just went out there and performed as she trained,” Nam said after the short program. “This is just another small step in the process of where we are trying to get to, which is Junior Worlds.”

Sherry Zhang (Glacier Falls FSC) secured the pewter medal in front of hometown



Sherry Zhang

friends and family in San Jose. She posted an overall score of 161.08.

Lee and Zhang, as well as ninth-place finisher Annika Chao, train together in Anaheim.

“We are fortunate to have a really nice and competitive training environment,” Pottenger said. “Every day they are cheering for each other and supporting each other through the hard times, but also trying to be the best they can be.”

Women’s medalists (l-r) Keira Hilbelink, Soho Lee, Elyce Lin-Gracey, Sherry Zhang



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JUNIOR MEN

Lucas Broussard

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Lucas Broussard
Daniel Martynov
Robert Yampolsky

Alternate 1 — Michael Xie
Alternate 2 — Jacob Sanchez
Alternate 3 — Joseph Klein

Men's medalists (l-r) Jacob Sanchez, Lucas Broussard, Robert Yampolsky, Daniil Murzin



BROUSSARD TURNS DISAPPOINTMENT INTO TRIUMPH

BY ELVIN WALKER

It has been a long journey to the top of the junior men's podium for Lucas Broussard at the U.S. Championships. Two years ago, the 16-year-old finished last in the short program before rebounding to finish a respectable sixth. Last season, despite nursing a back injury, Broussard placed first in his qualifying event for the U.S. Championships but was ultimately forced to withdraw from the competition due to a COVID-19 diagnosis.

"Being the U.S. junior men's champion means a lot to me because of how rocky my past two nationals have been," Broussard said. "Last season was especially rough because of COVID-19 and a back injury, so winning nationals sort of shows how I've been able to overcome these challenges."

Fueled by his past disappointments, Broussard (Kraken Skating Academy) entered the competition in San Jose, as the overwhelming favorite. In the fall, the Seattle native lit up the Junior Grand Prix circuit, earning gold medals in both of his events and qualifying for the Final in Torino, Italy, where he placed second.

In San Jose, Broussard hoped to make good on his potential and finally stand on the podium. In the short program, he placed first, generating a personal-best score of 82.03.

In his "The Leftovers" (Max Richter) and "Compassion" (Ilya Besheveli) free skate, Broussard attempted and landed a quadruple toe loop — the first of his career. He landed seven clean triple jumps in the routine, and other than a small mistake on a triple Axel, his performance was nearly flawless.

"I'm happy with how my first quad attempt went," he said. "I've worked hard to try and make it happen in the program, so landing it at nationals is a big confidence boost. I'm also proud of my spin levels in my long program. In Torino, I earned Level 3 on each of my spins, and I worked hard to increase these levels. At nationals, my spins each were judged as a Level 4, which was my goal."

The gold medalist finished the competition with 239.55 points, the highest total for a junior man in U.S. Championships history. Despite all of his accomplishments in San Jose, Broussard analyzed his performances and sees plenty of room for improvement.

"It's exciting that I was able to break the U.S. Championships junior record, and I didn't expect that," he said. "However, as

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Robert Yampolsky



lovely as that is, I'm more concerned with how my scores relate to me and not to other skaters. I would be just as proud with my scores if they didn't break a record, because they show my growth throughout the season. I also know that there are other skaters at my level who are getting higher scores, so there's still plenty of room to grow."

The pewter medalist at the 2021 U.S. Championships, Jacob Sanchez (Hudson Valley FSC) captured the silver medal, redeeming himself after a discouraging ninth-place finish last year. The 15-year-old placed fourth in the short program after losing levels on his spins and forgoing a triple Axel for a double.

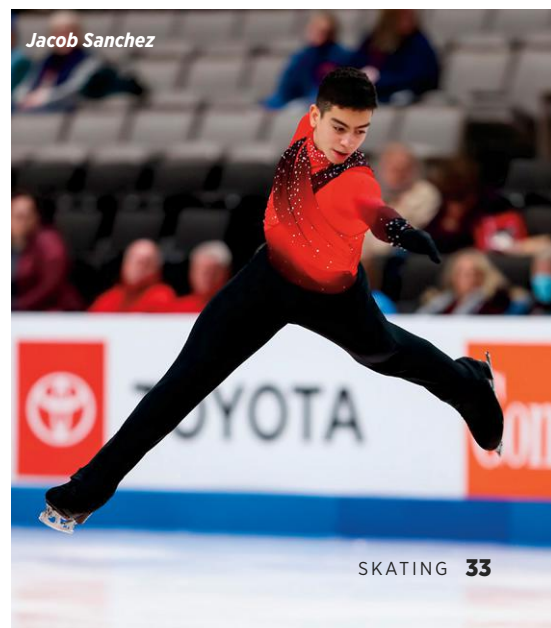
Skating to "Who Wants to Live Forever" (The Tenors), Sanchez electrified the crowd with his enthusiastic presentation and eight-triple free skate. The only mistake was on his opening triple Axel, his first in competition, which was judged underrotated. Sanchez finished with 213.57 points, eclipsing the 200-point barrier for the first time.

"That had to be the best performance of my life," he said. "I never thought I would do 213 points. I thought 200 would be great, but when I saw 213, I couldn't believe it."

Robert Yampolsky (North Jersey FSC) claimed bronze with 212.41 points. The 18-year-old finished second in the short program and landed seven triple jumps in his "Prelude" (Havasi) free skate. The lone error was a singled Axel in the program.

"I am satisfied with what I put out this week," he said. "My goal was to put out two clean performances. I tried not to let the popped Axel impact the rest of my program, and I think I did a good job of doing that."

Daniil Murzin (SC of San Francisco) finished in fourth place and earned the pewter medal. The 19-year-old earned a score of 196.20 in his first appearance at the U.S. Championships.



'HAY WAS IN THE BARN' FOR KORYTEK AND CHAPMAN

BY POLINA EDMUNDS

First-year team Ellie Korytek (All Year FSC) and Timmy Chapman (Central Florida FSC) overcame injury challenges this season to clinch the junior pairs title by nearly 12 points.

The California-based team won both segments of the event en route to an overall score of 160.40.

They performed a soaring triple twist, executed high-quality throws, presented beautiful lifts and showcased fully stretched lines in their free skate to *Skyfall* by Adele.

"After the second element [double Axel-single Axel combo], we just let go. It felt good," Korytek said.

"Our connection is our biggest strength," said Chapman, who won the bronze medal in this event with Catherine Rivers in 2022. "We're extremely happy and relieved. Having so many teammates here competing right beside us pushes us even more, and the support that they give us we're thankful for."

Jenni Meno and Todd Sand coach the team in Irvine, California, where they train alongside their role models — World and U.S. champions Alexa Knierim and Brandon Frazier.

"It's amazing to skate at the same rink and on the same ice as Alexa and Brandon," Korytek said. "It's a big inspiration looking at Alexa and seeing how hard she works,

and then seeing her on the ice at the World Championships."

The pair arrived in San Jose having faced recent training challenges; Korytek had dealt with a stress fracture in her foot since just after the U.S. Pairs Final in November.

Hard work and determination, however, prevailed.

"From the moment they started skating together, they've just worked super hard," Meno said. "Independently, and before Ellie had her injury, they had all the hard work behind them, so she was able to come back and do what she did today. She just started jumping and throwing last week."

"I told them before they skated that they have a great working relationship togeth-

Ellie Korytek and Timmy Chapman



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Naomi Williams and Lachlan Lewer



Olivia Flores and Luke Wang



Lilianna Murray and Jordan Gillette

new personal best in both programs, and I'm happy to have this one by my side."

"It's unbelievable to make the podium," Lewer added. "The hard work to make this happen makes it all worth it. It means a lot to get it done."

An energized arena led by young athletes from the National Development Camp cheered on the team as they took the ice.

"When we think of people we watch on TV, we think of Alexa and Brandon, so I guess when [the camp kids] are watching us it makes [them] feel like when I'm watching Alexa and Brandon. It's kind of cool," Williams said.

Lilianna Murray and Jordan Gillette (Skokie Valley SC) claimed the bronze medal with 123.22 points. It's their first U.S. Championships medal.

"It means a lot to me," Gillette said of their podium finish. "I've been competing pairs for five seasons. It validates all the hard work I've been putting into it."

The two were equally delighted with the opportunity to compete in Germany the following week at the Bavarian Open, where they officially got to represent Team USA for the first time while attempting to earn the minimum technical score to become eligible for the World Junior Championships.

"When I moved out to Illinois to pursue pairs at a competitive level, my one goal was to make Team USA, so going to Germany is me achieving that goal," Gillette said.

Olivia Flores (Thunderbirds FSC) and Luke Wang (SC of Wilmington) took home the pewter medal with a score of 123.09.

Flores had also competed in the junior women's short program a few hours before the pairs free skate, and the pair was high-fiving with their podium finish after the chaos of back-to-back events that day.

"The feeling of being out there center stage, just you in a big arena — it's awesome," Wang said.

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Sonia Baram and Daniel Tioumentsev
 Naomi Williams and Lachlan Lewer

Alternate 1 - Lilianna Murray/Jordan Gillette

er," Sand said. "I told them they put the hay in the barn for winter, that they were ready."

Both athletes look forward, they said, to continuing their journey together and improving, including incorporating "more cool lifts."

Another brand new team, Naomi Williams (SC of Boston) and Lachlan Lewer (individual member) secured the silver medal with an overall score of 148.83. They teamed up in August.

"We're happy with it," Williams said. "Obviously not the best we've done but a

Junior medalists (l-r) Naomi Williams and Lachlan Lewer, Ellie Korytek and Timmy Chapman, Lilianna Murray and Jordan Gillette, Olivia Flores and Luke Wang



A DAY AT THE BEACH: NESET AND MARKELOV RALLY TO REPEAT AS CHAMPS

BY ELVIN WALKER

When Leah Neset and Artem Markelov left the ice after their rhythm dance, their faces told the story. The defending U.S. junior ice dance champions struggled on both Argentine Tango sections in the program and Neset fell near the beginning of the diagonal step sequence, losing levels and valuable GOE points. When the competition was over, the two were buried in seventh place, all but erasing any hope to repeat as champions.

The next day, the duo took a trip to nearby Santa Cruz, a beach town about 45 minutes away from San Jose, to decompress from what had happened in the rhythm dance the day before.

"It gave us a chance to step away from skating for a few hours and just enjoy ourselves at the beach," Neset said. "We saw a lot of surfers and adorable sea lions. This

definitely helped us to regroup and come to the free dance with a fresh mind."

When they returned to San Jose, it was time to get ready for the free dance. Refreshed by the sea air and respite from the pressure cooker of competition, Neset and Markelov (Magic City FSC) arrived at the SAP Center with a different attitude. Should they hope to make the leap back to the podium, they knew that they would have to skate without fear and without errors.

"It was definitely mentally challenging since we felt disappointed with our skate the day prior," Markelov said. "We felt extra pressure to skate clean coming into the free dance."

When they took to the ice for their "Pirates of the Caribbean" program, there was a fire in Neset and Markelov's eyes. As the program began, it was evident that the defending champions were ready to fight, and as they

attacked each element with gusto, it appeared as if they were getting faster and more precise without compromising the integrity of the choreography.

"We definitely learned how to fight and how to refocus," Neset said after the performance. "The world does not end on one performance. There is always tomorrow."

And that tomorrow came for Neset and Markelov in the form of a second consecutive junior title at the U.S. Championships.

"We are proud to be two-time junior champions," Markelov said. "There is a lot of preparation and work for all athletes whose goal is to compete at this level, and to be on the top of a field of so many hardworking athletes is an honor."

They finished with 161.75 points.

Leading after the rhythm dance with a career-best score, Helena Carhart and Volodymyr Horovyi (Everblades FSC) made

Leah Neset and Artem Markelov

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Jenna Hauer and Benjamin Starr

Helena Carhart and Volodymyr Horovyi

a major error in their free dance to selections by Tom Odell, relegating them to the silver medal.

“I think we’re just so grateful to have had the opportunity to come and to be able to show everyone what we’ve been working on,” Carhart said. “Obviously we’re so blessed to be able to be on the podium.”

The program was going well until Carhart fell at the beginning of the twizzles, which caused the duo to lose about eight points.

“We’ll improve more next year for sure,” Horovyi said. “We want to be better every day, so we’ll work on it — all of the stuff which we have already, and we’ll make it better.”

Carhart and Horovyi finished with 160.81 points, less than a point behind the champions.

Third after the rhythm dance, Jenna Hauer (All Year FSC) and Benjamin Starr (Charter Oak FSC) held on to win the bronze medal. Skating to music from the soundtrack *Pina*, the duo combined quirky choreography with strong technical skills to earn a personal-best 157.73 points.

“To climb where we were to this year, even from the start of the season, it feels like we’ve totally leveled up,” Hauer said. “It feels like we belong here, and so to earn a medal here, it feels really great.”

Starr added, “It felt good. Again, it felt like a dance. For me personally it was a bit more nerve-racking coming into this one, but I think we skated to the best of our ability.”

Elliana Peal and Ethan Peal (Scott Hamilton SC) finished with the pewter medal with a career-best score of 152.31.

2023 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTIONS

Leah Neset and Artem Markelov
Helena Carhart and Volodymyr Horovyi
Jenna Hauer and Benjamin Starr

Alternate 1 — Vanessa Pham and Jonathan Rogers
Alternate 2 — Elliana Peal and Ethan Peal
Alternate 3 — Kristina Bland and Matthew Sperry

Junior medalists (l-r) Helena Carhart and Volodymyr Horovyi, Leah Neset and Artem Markelov, Jenna Hauer and Benjamin Starr, Elliana Peal and Ethan Peal



Elliana Peal and Ethan Peal





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WORD SEARCH

Hi skaters! Try to find and circle the listed words hidden in the box of letters. The words will appear in a straight line in any direction (up, down, forward, backward or diagonally), and some words may overlap and share letters. Find them all and you'll be on top of the medal podium!

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KIDS SPOTLIGHT

LYDIA SFAMENOS

Age: 8

Hometown: Spring, Texas

Club: SC of Houston

Level: Pre-preliminary

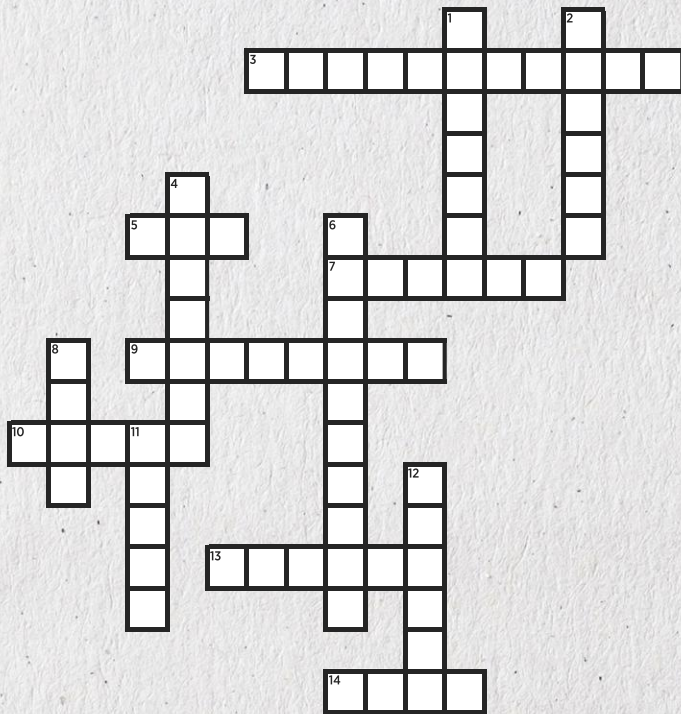
Coach: Taylor Gilmore

How I got started: I watched the 2018 Winter Olympics and then tried my first Learn to Skate lesson the summer of 2018 at 4 years old.

Favorite moves: Loop jump, spread eagle, scratch spin

Favorite skaters: Nathan Chen, my coach, Mariah Bell

Goals: To get into the Olympics one day and skate as the rat queen in the "Nutcracker on Ice."



ACROSS

- 3 The top juvenile, intermediate and novice skaters in the U.S. took part in the National _____ Camp in San Jose, California.
- 5 Skating greats Kristi Yamaguchi, Debi Thomas and Charlie Tickner hail

- 7 Members of the Scholastic _____ Team were recognized in San Jose for their skating, academics and community involvement.
- 9 The 2024 U.S. Championships will take place in _____, Ohio.
- 10 The senior _____ 12 division in synchronized skating is making its official debut this season.
- 13 The World _____ Championships take place this month in Calgary, Canada.
- 14 Judges look for the proper _____ takeoff to determine a successful jump.

DOWN

- 1 Olympic champ Brian _____ has also made a name for himself as a celebrity chef.
- 2 The 2023 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships take place this month in _____, Illinois.
- 4 "Do You Know the Way to _____" is a song made famous in 1968 by Dionne Warwick.
- 6 The 2023 U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame class was led by the _____.
- 8 Madison Chock and Evan Bates secured their fourth _____ medal at the U.S. Championships in San Jose.
- 11 U.S. Figure Skating has hired _____ Marek as its chief executive officer.
- 12 The first day of _____ is March 20.

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KIDS SPOTLIGHT

RILYN PETERS

Age: 10
Hometown: Charleston, South Carolina
Club: FSC of Charleston
Level: Preliminary
Coach: Leslie Chabot
How I got started: I went to a friend's birthday party when I was 5 and fell in love. I then started Learn to Skate, following with private lessons, and now compete with the FSC of Charleston's competitive team.
Favorite moves: Axel, double Salchow, double loop, Biellmann spin, flying camel
Favorite skaters: Mariah Bell, Karen Chen, Bradie Tennell, Alysya Liu, Nathan Chen
Goals: This next season, land my double Lutz and double Axel. Pass juvenile and intermediate moves. Represent the FSCC proud in the upcoming competition season.
Hobbies: Horseback riding, tumbling, singing



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ISU COMPETITIONS PROVIDE EXCITING ADVENTURES, BIG CHALLENGES, MEANINGFUL MEMORIES

BY AVIVA M. CANTOR

The United States has long served as the global leader in adult skating. In 2004, ISU President Ottavio Cinquanta took notice, calling on Rhea Schwartz for some help.

Widely regarded as the pioneer of adult skating domestically and internationally, Schwartz was the original adult skating committee chair and went on to serve in many other roles, including the launch of what is now known as the ISU Adult Group.

"Ottavio asked if I would organize an international adult competition under the auspices of the ISU," Schwartz said. "The first ISU adult competition was held in 2005, with 150 skaters from 11 countries. It was a great time for all, with Ottavio there the entire time, handing out medals and addressing us at the banquet."

The greatest challenge of creating the competition was the establishment of fair rules. To this day, most countries don't have adult-specific guidelines.

"The current system is a modification of the system we created in 2005, tweaked over time as more was learned about the adult skating universe," Schwartz said.

While the competition began as an annual gathering in Oberstdorf, Germany, the demand arose for a North American opportunity.

"We petitioned the ISU to create a second competition," Schwartz said. "The first ISU North American Adult Competition was held in Vancouver in 2016. Five competitions have been held since then."

Additional international opportunities have also emerged, most notably the Winter World Masters Games. Schwartz laid the groundwork and left an impressive legacy, creating a way for adult skaters to share their passion and unite globally.

"Over the years of competing in Oberstdorf, I experienced the growth from a small four-day event of about 250 skaters to a massive six-day event of more than 600 skaters representing 35 countries," said Terryl Lee

Allen, who competed annually from 2006-17. "The participants bring joy, enthusiasm and friendship to Oberstdorf."

Allen is known for her now-iconic tossie medals. Developed under the premise that every athlete should be recognized, the medals are engraved with the following message: "For your passion to skate and your courage to compete."

"I needed tossies that were small enough to fit in an internationally regulated suitcase," Allen said.

While they're no longer designed by Allen herself, they have inspired two iterations. The first is the "Terryl Tossie": a stuffed animal that is gifted when a spectator is moved by a performance, then regifted when the recipient is moved by another. The second iteration just appeared in 2022: a re-created Terryl medal made by an anonymous creator.

Three-time Oberstdorf competitor Abby Graefe agreed with Allen's sentiment.

"When I came back to skating as an adult, I wasn't interested in competing," Graefe said. "Learning about the ISU Oberstdorf competition is what got me interested in competing. I have met the most wonderful people from all over the world. Hearing that you are representing the United States of America is extra special, too."

As a current member of the ISU Adult Group, Beth Delano works to promote skating internationally while also competing herself.

"The common ground of love and joy for the sport transcends borders and language barriers," Delano said. "This is true not only

of the skaters but the officials as well. There is a wonderful camaraderie. The skating is important, yes, but the experience, travel and friendships gained equally so."

Most recently, adult skaters headed to Ottawa, Ontario, for the ISU North American Adult Competition in September 2022. Elizabeth Manley and Donald Jackson were among the skaters who showed up to support the athletes in Ottawa.

"After over two years, four attempts, three cancellations and one venue change in the eleventh hour, the local organizing committee members were so happy to finally host the event, and we are proud of what we were able to achieve," LOC Chair Jan Calnan said. "Our goal was to retain the charm and family feel of the events in Oberstdorf and transplant it here to Ottawa with a few additional elements added into the mix."

The next North American opportunity will mark the first foray of Nashville, Tennessee, into adult competitions. LOC Chair Peter Sasmore has competed in five ISU adult competitions and will use his firsthand athlete experience to help the event succeed.

"The American adult skating community is amazing, but the real magic happens when skaters from all over the planet get together to share their love of the sport," Sasmore said. "Nashville, the Predators organization and Ford Ice Center cannot wait to host this event. See y'all in October!"

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ISU ADULT COMPETITIONS, VISIT:

isu.org/figure-skating/events/adult-figure-skating
Or contact: Beth Delano (delskater@gmail.com)

SAVE THE DATES!

ISU Adult Competition — Oberstdorf, Germany; May 15–20, 2023

ISU North American Adult Competition — Nashville; Oct. 17–21, 2023

Winter World Masters Games — Lombardy Region, Italy; Jan. 12–21, 2024

Left, Abby Graefe stands on top of the podium at the 2022 ISU Adult Competition in Oberstdorf. Center, "Even in last place, joy remains," said Terryl Lee Allen, of her experience at the 2017 ISU Adult Competition in Oberstdorf. Right, A collection of tossie medals designed by Terryl Lee Allen.





Competition	North Star Open 11/19/22 (MA)	Miele Skating Festival 1/14/23 (RI)	Snowflake Open 3/4/23 (ME)	NEICC Series Final 3/26/23 (NH)	2022-2023 Season Total Cumulative Points
Northern Mountains	94	149			243
New Hampshire Seacoast HS	58	73			131
South Burlington VT HS	52	73			125
Southern New Hampshire RHS	59	51			110
Nauset Figure Skating	0	72			72
Triton Regional HS	52	0			52
Southern Maine Regional HS	36	0			36
Capitol Skaters	0	34			34
Hanover HS	24	0			24
Algonquin Regional HS	0	15			15
Winchester HS	4	4			8

NEW ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL SERIES WRAPS UP

New England InterClub Council's second of four high school competitions — the LeeAnn Miele Skating Festival — took place on Jan. 14 at Providence College in Rhode Island. A total of eight high school skating teams from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and Northern Virginia/Washington, D.C., scored points at the event. The series wraps up this month with the Snowflake Open in Maine followed by the NEICC final in New Hampshire at the end of March.

This competition is one of numerous high school team competitions hosted throughout the country. High school team competitions are open to high school teams registered through U.S. Figure Skating. Event offerings include Excel free skate, short program, solo dance, showcase, moves in the field to music, and team maneuvers. At these competitions, teams earn points based on their skaters' placements in their respective events.

Meant to serve as a steppingstone into Intercollegiate team skating, high school team skating has grown throughout the past few seasons. For the 2022-23 season, there are 130 registered teams in the country, which is a milestone number registered in one season.

Log on to USFigureSkating.org and go to Skate > Skating Opportunities > High School Skating to learn more about high school team skating, competition opportunities, and how to form your own team.

GRANT HELPED OPEN THE ICE TO INNER-CITY KIDS

BY HARRY THOMPSON

The campus of Andrew Cooke Magnet Elementary School in Waukegan, Illinois, is a 20-minute ride from Top Shelf Ice Arena. For the students who live in north Chicago, it may as well be on the other side of the

world.

While the charter school offers a rigorous academic curriculum, most of these students come from impoverished backgrounds where money is tight and activities such as ice skating are a luxury they cannot afford.

Thanks to the generosity of a U.S. Figure Skating community development grant, one Chicagoland organization was able to offer 325 local youngsters a chance to discover the thrill and fun of skating.

Two local skating enthusiasts, Anne Sieh and Keiko Johnson, spearheaded Project ICE to provide underprivileged youth with an opportunity to learn to skate and help them achieve academic success by teaching life skills.

During the 2021-22 season, Sieh and Johnson made 20 classroom visits to Cooke Elementary School to talk about the basics of skating, including the principles of balance and body awareness, before leading the kids across town to hit the ice at Top Shelf Ice Arena.

"There was really a lot of excitement when we were in the classroom, and I think that really struck a chord," Sieh said. "One of the kids told me it was the happiest day of their life. Others said it was the best day ever. And I feel like the grant really enabled us to tap into the resources that we had."

Afterward, those interested in returning to the ice were given a chance to bring a friend or parent to more learn-to-skate sessions.

Sieh and Johnson were joined in their efforts on the ice by local skating coaches who helped kids overcome the fear that comes with stepping on the ice for the first time.

"For so many of them, this was absolutely terrifying. But then they got over it and everybody left with smiles and was happy," Johnson said.

Over the course of several field trips, some kids picked up the basics of skating quicker than their classmates, and before long, students became the teachers.

"This brings a sense of building community where you saw another kid help another student who just fell. It was really heartwarming to see," Sieh said. "It not only shows the confidence that some kids have but they're also learning to trust in each other the way they might not in a classroom setting."

That spirit of cooperation also took place off the ice as the owners of Top Shelf Ice donated the midday ice and rolled out the welcome mat for what they hope will be the next generation of figure skaters and

hockey players.

"It speaks to the character of the owners of Top Shelf Ice because one of them grew up in the community and has roots in the area and they love community involvement," Johnson said. "That's what it's all about."

Opportunities created by U.S. Figure Skating's community development grant go a long way toward opening the ice up to those who likely would never step foot inside a rink. As the creators of Project ICE look to expand their efforts to other area schools, they continue to look for other donors who can help them break down the barriers to discovering the joy of skating.

As Johnson said, "Whether you find an amazing competitive talent or you've just helped somebody start on a life that's going to be far healthier, either way you're winning."

To learn more about how you can help, email Sieh or Johnson at projectice2021@gmail.com.

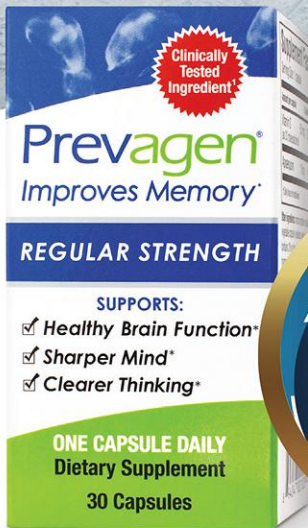


Coach Svetlana Seleznieva teaches a student to get back up after falling on the ice.

Anne Sieh prepares goody bags for distribution to 325 students of Andrew Cooke Magnet School. As a wrap up, each student received a pair of red gloves with Project Ice logo, information on group skating classes and a ticket good for a free skating session and skate rental for two people, all donated by Top Shelf Ice Arena.



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Adrian College synchronized skating teams

'A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY'

Opportunities abound in collegiate skating

BY ELIZABETH HUME

While most high schools don't offer figure skating as a varsity sport, there are many more opportunities at the collegiate level.

More than 140 collegiate figure skating programs offer full-time students enrolled in college, university, or degree programs the chance to compete as part of a synchronized skating team or individually in an intercollegiate team competition series.

Those skaters who have passed their

juvenile moves-in-the-field test are eligible to compete in synchronized skating at the collegiate level, and there is no test requirement for skaters to be eligible to compete at the open collegiate level.

Intercollegiate skating is open to skaters competing in solo dance, singles and team maneuvers, for introductory through senior levels.

The opportunity to continue competing

past high school, student-athletes all agree, is both gratifying and rewarding in multiple ways.

"I would say skating in college is great because I can still do something I loved growing up, but being able to continue to do it more for fun has been wonderful," University of Notre Dame's Lauren Sallay said. "I consider it a big part of my college experience because it's given me an amazing, like-mind-



Trine University collegiate skating members

PHOTO BY TYLER DUMEZ

ed group of girls that I can not only skate with but hang out with on the weekends, take classes with, bump into at the dining hall, and more.”

Adrian College’s program (Adrian, Michigan), headed by coaches Dana Hall and Christine Grajek, is one of many that offers competitive figure skating to skaters of all levels. Adrian has three synchronized skating teams: open collegiate, collegiate and senior, as well as an intercollegiate team.

While all teams at Adrian College follow NCAA guidelines, figure skating at Adrian does not fall under the NCAA four-year eligibility umbrella, therefore allowing skaters to earn multiple degrees while competing for one or more of these teams.

Collegiate figure skating also provides leadership opportunities.

“I have been able to grow so much as a leader, make a lot of connections and learn so much along the way,” said Lianna Feher, president of the Quinnipiac University (Hamden, Connecticut) intercollegiate figure skating program. “Being able to skate in college has always been a dream of mine, and to be able to not only skate but also have a leadership role in managing the team the past three years has been such a great experience.”

The Quinnipiac University figure skating program is a student-run organization in which an elected president, vice president and treasurer work with club sports faculty to plan events for their team and manage travel to competitions.

Megan Crum, a former Team USA synchronized skating athlete, serves as Quinnipiac’s treasurer. She helps determine how much dues will be, plans expenses for competitions and much more.

“Being a part of the Quinnipiac club figure skating team has given me an opportunity to find different ways to find joy in figure skating,” Crum said. “It was definitely a big transition going from competing at the international level to collegiate figure skating, but it has allowed me to create new friend-

2023 CALENDAR OF OPEN COLLEGIATE AND COLLEGIATE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING RECRUITMENT EVENTS

- Adrian College — recruitment and tryouts March 25–26
- Boston University — prospective skaters weekend April 13–15
- Liberty University — college for a weekend events Feb. 23–25, March 30–April 1, Sept. 21–23, Nov. 9–11
- Miami University — tryouts April 15
- Michigan State University — recruitment and tryouts March 24–26
- Northernettes Collegiate — recruitment and tryouts March 11, March 18
- Trine University — spring recruitment March 17–18, 2023–24 season auditions March 17–19; college skating weekend July 16–18
- University of Delaware — recruitment and auditions March 10–11
- University of Illinois — recruitment and tryouts March 25–26
- University of Maryland in College Park — interest meeting March 4, meet the team April 2
- University of Michigan — Wolverine weekend March 18–19
- University of Vermont — spring show April 29
- Western Michigan University — recruitment weekend and tryouts March 23–25

ships in figure skating and try something new.”

Crum competes in solo free dance, a discipline she said she had never competed in before joining the team at Quinnipiac.

“I love the ability to express myself through my skating in a different way than before,” she said.

Trine University (Angola, Indiana), a program founded in 2018 with 10 skaters, has since grown into a fully funded organization that supports 50 athletes across its intercollegiate team and open adult, open

collegiate and collegiate synchronized skating teams.

With a minimal cost to the athletes, Trine’s figure skating program promotes a culture that encourages skaters to grow as athletes and as students and people.

“Choosing to attend Trine University and being a student-athlete on its competitive intercollegiate, open collegiate and collegiate teams has not only allowed me to grow as a skater and student but has provided me with the opportunity to be a part of a family that makes me feel at home. The varsity team’s atmosphere is welcoming to all, which creates a positive and uplifting team dynamic that is a joy to be a part of,” junior Harlow Shepard said.

Sophomore Isabela Malone calls Trine University a “home away from home.”

“There is such a strong sense of community here, and that was something I looked for not just from a skating program, but from a university. I knew I wanted to continue skating after my senior year, and Trine felt like the place for me to pursue my academic and athletic goals.”

Ashley Korn and Erin Donovan, coaches of the University of Michigan program, emphasize the benefits of showing school spirit by both representing an academic institution and participating in campus life.

“Coming to Michigan means you get a true Big 10 experience,” Korn said. “While the school is large, you can make it as big or as small as you want or need it to be. You’ll get a game day with your 100,000 closest friends on Saturday, and then Sunday switch gears to be with your teammates, competing for sectional and national titles. Michigan believes in true school spirit, and the skating program thrives in representing the school, but also takes great pride in the roots of the sport starting right in Ann Arbor.”

To learn more about the opportunities available in collegiate skating, contact Taylor Kay at tkay@usfigureskating.org.

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Editor's note: Throughout 2023, we will celebrate the centennial anniversary of SKATING magazine with stories about individuals, special moments and interesting facts that helped shape the publication.

MARIBEL VINSON FIRST SKATER TO GRACE COVER OF SKATING

SKATING magazine underwent three major changes in 1936.

The most noticeable was that a photograph graced the cover for the first time. From the first issue in December 1923 to issue No. 54 in November 1936, the cover of SKATING magazine featured solely the U.S. Championships "winged victory" medal; the medal did not show a skate or include the words "U.S. Championships."

The new cover, in blue trim, featured a black-and-white photo of Maribel Y. Vinson skating outdoors. She was, at the time, the reigning U.S. champion in singles and pairs, the 1928 World silver medalist and 1932 Olympic bronze medalist.

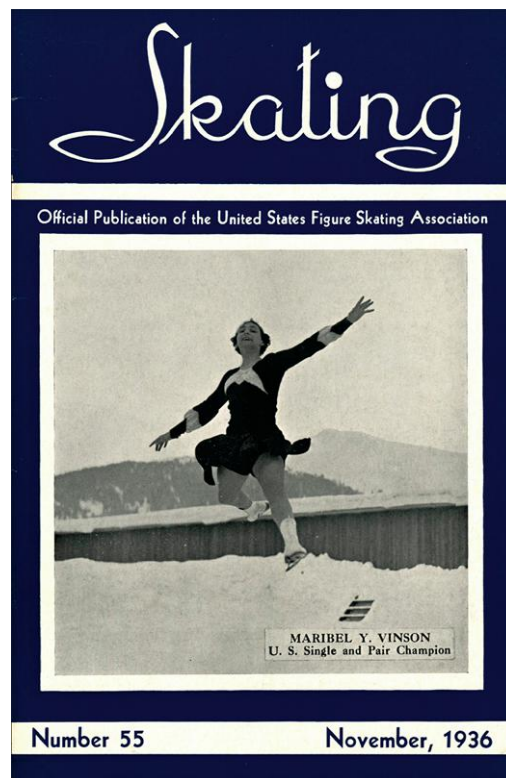
The very next magazine (Dec. 1936) had Maxi Herber and Ernest Baier, World and Olympic pairs champions from Germany, on the cover.

The same year saw the addition of a "personals" column that recorded engagements, marriages, births and deaths within the skating world, as well as a list of skaters who turned pro [or professional]. It was later called "People."

Also in 1936, U.S. Figure Skating "tests passed" were published for the first time, and they have been included in the magazine ever since.

It was also in 1936 that the magazine operation moved out of editor Theresa Weld Blanchard's home in Brookline, Massachusetts, to an office on Huntington Avenue in Boston, which it shared with The Skating Club of Boston. The office became, in effect, the association office, since Blanchard was the "hub" of all that went on in the association at the time.

In the April issue, we'll take a look at SKATING magazine during World War II.



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In this installment of Athlete Corner, members of the Athletes Advisory Committee disclose their pre-competition superstitions, as well as their fondest competitive memories. Enjoy!

LIVVY SHILLING (ICE DANCE)

Skating club/current location: Columbus FSC/Novi, Michigan

Did you have any pre-competition superstitions? I always put on my left then right skate before tying my left then right skate. This came from years in singles where I wanted my landing foot (left) to be tied first and best.

Looking back on your career, what was your fondest memory? Finishing my short program at the 2017 U.S. Championships. That was my first national event at any level, and I was so proud to deliver a clean short program in my debut outing. Even more fun was that the last warmup group all took the ice just before 11 p.m.

RACHAEL FLATT (WOMEN)

Skating club/current location: St. Moritz SC/Durham, North Carolina

Did you have any pre-competition superstitions? I loved watching the late night comedy shows or funny movies while I was doing my hair and makeup to stay relaxed and to keep the mood light.

Looking back on your career, what was your fondest memory? One of my fondest memories was after I finished the last performance of my career at the 2014 U.S. Championships in Boston. Just before I got off the ice, my coach, Justin, turned me around and encouraged me to wave goodbye one last time to the sport, to my competitive experiences and to that chapter of my life. Justin's selflessness and thoughtfulness allowed me to have a brief moment of closure that deeply impacted how I felt about my last performance and my relationship with skating. Despite imperfect performances, I was finally able to compete on my own terms and left the ice having rediscovered my love and passion for skating. That moment of closure and clarity held and still holds a positive influence on how I reflect on my career, and I'm so grateful for that. Although I hadn't announced my retirement at that point, it was clear to me that many members of the audience recognized what was happening and fully embraced the moment with me. I feel incredibly fortunate to have said farewell to my career on my own terms and to now be working toward meaningful change that will allow other skaters to thrive in this community and to have many positive, impactful moments, just like I did!

JENNA LONGO (SYNCHRONIZED SKATING)

Skating club/current location: Hayden Recreation Centre FSC/New York City

Did you have any pre-competition superstitions? I always, and still to this day, put my left skate on first. Sometimes I even find myself putting my left shoe on first. At what point do we say this is habit or superstition?

Looking back on your career, what was your fondest memory? Competing at the 2010 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships, as well as the 2013 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships. Both of these competitions were on home soil, one being in our hometown of Boston. In 2010, the Haydenettes brought home a full set of ISU World Synchronized Championship skating medals, (a first for the Haydenettes) winning bronze overall, silver in the short and bronze in the long. In 2013 we brought home our fourth consecutive bronze overall, but competing in front of the lively home crowd, in front of our closest family and friends, is something I will never forget. The experience was indescribable, I still can feel the energy when we walked out of the tunnel at Agganis Arena; that competition was so unique and truly put into perspective the pride I felt as member of the Haydenettes, Team USA and a competitor of U.S. Figure Skating.



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Editor's note: Women's History Month is celebrated in March. Below is a timeline of the many notable accomplishments of women in the sport of figure skating.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH TIMELINE

COMPILED BY RYAN STEVENS

1801 — A century after the Salem witch trials, a school teacher from Salem was slandered in local newspapers for teaching “her female students the art of skating.”

1863 — A Lafayette, Indiana, man filed for divorce on the grounds of “incompatibility of temper” because his wife disobeyed him and pursued her passion for skating.

1872 — Carrie Augusta Moore toured Europe, performing a series of shows on ice and rollers.

1906 — Chicago’s Isabella Butler was the first woman to submit an application to compete in the Championships of America. This “privilege” was flatly denied, because AAU President James E. Sullivan was a crusader for keeping women out of sporting events.

1915 — German Eisballet star Charlotte Oelschlägel was the first figure skater to perform on Broadway. She went on to star in the first skating-themed silent film, *The Frozen Warning*.

1924 — Beatrix Loughran was the first American woman to win a medal at Worlds. Loughran won three Olympic medals in two disciplines during her career.

1952 — Katherine Miller Sackett was the first American woman to judge at the World Championships.

1953 — Carol Heiss won her first of five World titles. She became the second American woman to win Olympic gold medal in 1960.

1953 — Tenley Albright was the first American woman to win a gold medal at Worlds. In 1956, she became America’s first Olympic champion in women’s figure skating.

1955 — American women swept the podium at the North American Championships for the first time.

1961 — Maribel Vinson Owen coached her two daughters, Maribel and Laurence, to gold medals at the U.S. Championships. It was the first time a mother and two daughters all won U.S. senior titles. Shortly after, all three were tragically killed in the crash of Sabena Flight 548.

1963 — Theresa Weld Blanchard, the first American woman to win an Olympic figure skating medal, the first woman to pass the USFSA’s eighth (gold) test and one of the founders of SKATING magazine, was the first woman to be given an honorary USFSA

membership.

1965 — In Colorado Springs, Jane Vaughn Sullivan served on the first judging panel at Worlds in which women outnumbered men – 5-4.

1968 — Peggy Fleming won America’s only gold medal at the Olympics in Grenoble, captivating millions with her magical performance.

1972 — Janet Lynn was the first American woman to earn a perfect mark of 6.0 at the Olympics.

1976 — Olympic champion Dorothy Hamill was the first singles skater to earn a perfect mark of 6.0 in the short program at the Games.

1976 — Olympic champions Sonja Henie, Tenley Albright, Peggy Fleming, Carol Heiss and Andrée Brunet were the first five women to be inducted into the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame.

1982 — Elaine Zayak “broke the system” by successfully completing an unheard-of six triple jumps in her winning performance at Worlds. Her array of triple toe loops and toe walleys led to the ISU passing a rule popularly referred to as “the Zayak rule,” limiting the repetition of jumps.

1986 — Debi Thomas was the first skater of color to win both a U.S. senior women’s and World title. Two years later, she was the first skater of color to win an Olympic medal in women’s figure skating.

1991 — American women swept the World podium for the first time.

1991 — Tonya Harding was the first woman to land a triple Axel in combination, the first woman to land a triple Axel in the short program and the first woman to complete two triple Axels in one competition.

1992 — Kristi Yamaguchi was the first Asian American skater to win an Olympic gold medal.

1992 — Claire Ferguson was the first woman to serve as USFSA president. She was also the first American woman to serve on the ISU Council.

1995 — Jo Lawless was the first woman to serve as the chief referee at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

1997 — Mabel Fairbanks was the first woman of color to be inducted into the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame.

1998 — Tara Lipinski was the youngest woman ever to win an Olympic gold medal in figure skating.

2000 — Angela Nikodinov was the first American woman to win the Four Continents Championships.

2001 — Two-time Olympic medalist and five-time World champion Michelle Kwan was the first female figure skater to receive the James E. Sullivan Award, given to America’s top amateur athlete in any sport. A figure skater hadn’t won in 53 years.

2002 — Sarah Hughes struck Olympic gold, making history as the first woman to land two triple-triple combinations in her winning performance.

2007 — American women swept the podium at the World Junior Championships for the first time.

2018 — Mirai Nagasu was the first American woman to land a triple Axel at the Olympics.

2021 — Kadari Taylor-Watson was hired as the first Diversity, Equity and Inclusion director at U.S. Figure Skating.

2022 — Starr Andrews was the first African American U.S. skater to earn a Grand Prix Series medal, with silver at Skate Canada International.

2023 — Tracy Marek was hired as the first female chief executive officer at U.S. Figure Skating.

Left, Carrie Augusta Moore. Right, Maribel Vinson (center) with Robin Lee (left) and Erle Reiter (right) en route to the 1936 Olympic Winter Games in Garmisch-Partenkirchen.



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NEUCHATEL TROPHY 2023

JAN. 13-15, NEUCHATEL, SWITZERLAND

Senior**Pl., Team, Country, TS, SP, FS**

1. Team Helsinki, FIN, 234.06, 1, 1
2. Team Marigold IceUnity, FIN, 218.27, 2, 2
3. Team Skyliners, USA, 201.99, 4, 3

4. Teams Elite, USA, 196.11, 3, 5

5. Team Ice on Fire, ITA, 188.69, 5, 4

(10 teams competed)

Junior**Pl., Team, Country, TS, SP, FS**

1. Team Fintastic, 193.57, 2, 1
2. Teams Elite, USA, 191.88, 3, 2
3. Team Dream Edges, 188.77, 1, 3
4. Team Image, USA, 153.12, 4, 4
5. Team Cool Dreams, SUI, 138.13, 5, 5

(10 teams competed)

U.S. officials: Karen Wolanchuk, Colette Nygren**FISU GAMES**

JAN. 13-15, 2023; LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK

Women**Pl., Name, Country, TS**

1. Mai Mihara, JPN, 221.18
2. Kaori Sakamoto, JPN, 217.42
3. Yelim Kim, KOR, 200.16
4. Rion Sumiyoshi, JPN, 191.48
5. Ekaterina Kurakova, POL, 186.73

15. Wren Warne-Jacobsen, USA, 143.75**23. Finley Hawk, USA, 111.53****WD. Ting Cui**

(34 women competed)

Men**Pl., Name, Country, TS**

1. Sota Yamamoto, JPN, 274.86
2. Tatsuya Tsuboi, JPN, 243.82
3. Nikolay Memola, ITA, 231.33
4. Mikhail Shaidorov, KAZ, 231.08
5. Shun Sato, JPN, 230.73

9. Dinh Tran, USA, 198.59**12. Goku Endo, USA, 194.08****23. Nathaniel Chapple, USA, 153.04**

(31 men competed)

Ice dance**Pl., Name, Country, TS**

1. Marie DuPayage/Thomas Nabais, FRA, 176.04
2. Lorraine McNamara/Anton Spiridonov, USA, 175.33
3. Natacha Lagouge/Caffa Arnaud, FRA, 167.35
4. Leia Dozzi/Pietro Papetti, ITA, 163.56
5. Mariia Holubtsova/Kyryl Bielobrov, UKR, 158.85
6. Angela Ling/Caleb Wein, USA, 158.52
7. Raffaella Koncius/Alexey Shchepetov, USA, 154.03

(13 teams competed)

U.S. officials: Laurie Johnson, Elliot Schwartz,

John Cole, Shawn Rettstatt, Peggy Graham

BRITANNIA CUP INTERNATIONAL 2023

JAN. 14-15, 2023; NOTTINGHAM, GREAT BRITAIN

Senior**Pl., Name, Country, TS, SP, FS**

1. Team Icicles, Great Britain, 145.02, 1, 1

Junior**Pl., Name, Country, TS, SP, FS**

1. Team DC Edge, USA, 179.81, 1, 1
2. Team Sun City Swing, FIN, 171.65, 2, 3
3. Team Starlights, USA, 169.23, 3, 2
4. Team Reflections, FIN, 165.02, 4, 4
5. Team Stella Polaris, FIN, 155.70, 5, 5

(8 teams competed)

Advanced Novice**Pl., Name, Country, TS, SP, FS**

1. Team Aurora Borealis, FIN, 74.95

(3 teams competed)

U.S. official: Richard Perez**MOZART CUP 2023**

JAN. 20-21, SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

Senior**Pl., Team, Country, TS, SP, FS**

1. Nexxice, CAN, 222.13, 1, 1
2. Haydenettes, USA, 217.81, 2, 2
3. Dream Edges, FIN, 217.00, 4, 3
4. Unique, FIN, 214.96, 3, 4

5. Miami University, USA, 202.68

(16 teams competed)

Junior**Pl., Team, Country, TS, SP, FS**

1. Skyliners, USA, 186.11, 1, 4
2. Musketeers, FIN, 183.67, 2, 3
3. Mystique, FIN, 183.30, 3, 2
4. Lexettes, USA, 181.21, 4, 1
5. Hot Shivers, ITA, 142.65, 5, 5

(13 teams competed)

Elite 12

1. Lumineers, FIN, 187.89, 2, 1
2. Hayden Select, USA, 185.23, 1, 2
3. Crystallettes, USA, 173.10, 3, 3

U.S. officials: Colette Nygren, Dann Krueger**2023 EASTERN SYNCHRONIZED SKATING SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

JAN. 16-22, NORWOOD MASSACHUSETTS

Officials: Ann Buckley, Martha Buckley, Melissa Christensen, Deveny Deck, Judith Edmunds, Ann Fauver, Caitlin Gallagher, Robin Greenleaf, Susan Haugh, Lisa Insley, Megan Jackson, Cheryl Litman, Alyssa Liverette, Rachael Naphtal, Lauren Neidig, Lauren O'Toole, Matthew O'Toole, Richard Perez, Cathleen Renzi, Elise Requadt, Elliot Schwartz, Gale Tanger, Sharon Watson, Steve Wolkin

Preliminary**Teams Pl. Name, TS**

1. The Colonials, 33.59
2. DC EDGE, 33.32
3. Skyliners Black, 29.77
4. Skyliners Blue, 29.74
5. Team Excel, 29.72
6. Mirror Images, 27.76
7. Ellenton Epic Edge, 26.52
8. Gate City Synchro, 24.81
9. DC EDGE Pre-Preliminary, 24.75
10. Steel City Blades, 24.38
11. Team Ashburn, 23.35
12. Shooting Stars, 22.79
13. National Blades, 21.77
14. IceLiners, 21.75
15. District Synchro, 20.19
16. Team Image, 17.41
17. Palm Beach Blades, 14.38

Juvenile**Teams Pl. Name, TS**

1. Team Image, 55.26
2. Skyliners, 53.92
3. DC EDGE, 46.40
4. Team Excel, 43.85
5. Mini Mates, 40.83

Pre-Juvenile**Teams Pl. Name, TS**

1. Skyliners Black, 42.11
2. Skyliners Blue, 39.03
3. Connecticut Rinkettes, 37.16
4. Munchkins, 36.81
5. Chesapeake Synchro, 36.47
6. Shooting Stars, 36.43
7. DC EDGE, 34.05
8. Team Image, 31.06
9. Synchro Stars, 30.46
10. Shimmers, 30.14
11. CP Ice, 29.44
12. CNY Storm, 28.25
13. National Blades, 27.79
14. Team Rinx, 27.18
15. Philadelphia Symmetry, 25.97
16. District Synchro, 25.08
17. Richmond Synchro, 24.73

18. Formation, 23.83
19. NESC Starlings, 23.29
20. Palm Beach Blades, 16.26

Intermediate**Teams Pl. Name, TS**

1. Skyliners, 72.88
2. Team Image Black, 72.50
3. DC EDGE, 69.00
4. Star Mates, 68.17
5. Team Excel, 65.22
6. Team Image Pink, 63.06
7. The Colonials, 60.93
8. Team Ashburn, 60.64
9. Team Delaware, 56.69
10. Mirror Images, 56.53
11. Synergy, 54.58
12. Steel City Blades, 52.97
13. Formation, 51.62
14. Carolina Ice Synchro, 51.47

Open Juvenile**Teams Pl. Name, TS**

1. DC EDGE, 45.27
2. CNY Blizzard, 45.12
3. Team Excel, 43.51
4. Superettes, 42.32
5. Steel City Blades, 41.37
6. Shadows, 40.55
7. Connecticut Rinkettes, 40.16
8. Synchro Stars, 39.92
9. National Blades, 37.88
10. Chevy Chase, 37.52
11. Richmond Synchro, 34.43
12. Valley Forge Cadettes, 32.90
13. IceLiners Red, 32.76
14. Team Ashburn, 30.20
15. Carolina Ice Synchro, 29.58
16. Mirror Images, 29.32
17. Sparkling Blades, 26.47
18. Winterettes Red, 23.48
19. Tropical Blades, 19.23
20. SunCoast Skating Team, 16.26
21. Paragon Synchro, 9.28

Novice**Teams Pl. Name, TS**

1. Skyliners, 87.64
2. Ice Mates, 79.41
3. Team Image, 78.90
4. DC EDGE, 72.59
5. Formation, 66.89
6. Team Delaware, 53.28

Masters**Teams Pl. Name, TS**

1. DC EDGE, 48.94
2. Esprit de Corps, 47.76
3. Gotham City Synchro, 37.86
4. The Colonials, 36.24

Collegiate**Teams Pl. Name, TS**

1. University of Delaware, 80.05
2. Team Excel, 77.77
3. Boston College Eagles, 54.20
4. University of Massachusetts, 48.11
5. Boston University, 46.54

Adult**Teams Pl. Name, TS**

1. DC EDGE, 59.41
2. Team Excel, 58.87
3. Team Delaware, 55.20
4. The Colonials, 54.17
5. Esprit de Corps, 52.68
6. Mirror Images, 50.17
7. Gotham City Synchro, 47.40
8. Team Tenacity, 44.54

Open Collegiate**Pl, Team, Maj.**

1. Orange Experience at Syracuse University, 4/2
2. University of New Hampshire, 5/3
3. (tie) University of Maryland/Princeton Univ., 4/3
5. Liberty University Flames, 6/4
6. Mirror Images, 7/6

Open Adult

PI, Team, Maj.

1. Cutting Edge, 4/2, TOM 5
2. Gardens Synchronicity, 4/2, TOM 6
3. Ocean Blades, 4/3, TOM 8
4. Gotham City Synchro, 4/3, TOM 10
5. Empire Edge, 4/4
6. Team Rinx, 4/6 TOM 16
7. The Colonials, 4/6, TOM 20
8. Philly Spirit, 6/8
9. Richmond Synchro, 7/9
10. Revolution Ice Unity, 7/10

Open Masters

PI, Team, Maj.

1. Maine Downeaters, 4/1
2. The Colonials, 5/2
3. River Valley Synchro, 4/3
4. Mirror Images, 4/4
5. Essex Blades, 6/5
6. Philadelphia Symmetry, 4/5

LEON LURJE TROPHY SWEDEN

JAN. 27-28, GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN

Senior

Pl., Team, Country, TS, SP, FS

1. Helsinki Rockettes, FIN, 238.35, 1, 1
2. Marigold Ice Unity, FIN, 229.05, 2, 3
3. Les Supremes, CAN, 225.34, 3, 2
4. **Haydenettes, USA, 211.33, 5, 4**
5. Nova, CAN, 210.39, 4, 5
6. Inspire, SWE, 183.87, 6, 6
7. Ice Fire, POL, 154.48, 8, 7
8. Starlight, SUI, 142.49, 7, 8

Junior

Pl., Team, Country, TS, SP, FS

1. Fintastic, FIN, 197.19, 1, 1
2. Supremes, CAN, 187.89, 3, 2
3. **Skyliners, USA, 182.29, 4, 3**
4. Valley Bay, FIN, 180.92, 2, 4
5. **Image, USA, 172.81, 5, 5**
6. Seaside, SWE, 153.89, 7, 6
7. Gold Ice, CAN, 147.26, 6, 7
8. Spirit, SWE, 136.56, 8, 8
9. Cool Dreams, SUI, 133.45, 9, 9
10. Starlight, SUI, 114.38, 11, 10
11. Solway Stars, GBR, 111.25, 10, 11

U.S. officials: Lois Long, Colette Nygren

2023 TOYOTA U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

JAN. 21-29, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Competition Officials: Anthony Bardin, Judy Blumberg, Scott Brown, Barbara Buch, Gregory Cannon, Marcia Chaffee, John Cole, Kathaleen Cutone, Richard Dalley, Deveny Deck, Melissa Dillenbeck, Lori Dunn, Janis Engel, Alexander Enzmann, Wendy Enzmann, Christian Erwin, Dawn Eyerly, Charlotte Heidenreich, Kimberly Heim, Lisa Hernand, Victoria Hildebrand, Jed Hopkins, Steven Hsu, Nancy Iida, Stephanie Jenkins, Linda Leaver, Terri Levine, Whitney Luke, Hal Marron, Jenny Mast, Lisa May, Jessica Melton, John Millier, Mariam Mohajer-Rahbari, Lauren O'Toole, Richard Perez, Karen Terry Perreault, Philipp Rey, Robert Rosenbluth, Goleen Samari, David Santee, Elliot Schwartz, Kanae Tagawa, Dorian Valles, Marc Weitzman, Mary-Elizabeth Wightman, Jacki Wilkicik, Christy Williams, Michelle Zeles-Hahn

Championship Pairs

Pl. Name, TS, FS, SP

1. Alexa Knierim/Brandon Frazier, 227.97, 1, 1
2. Emily Chan/Spencer Howe, 196.86, 2, 2
3. Ellie Kam/Danny O'Shea, 184.01, 3, 3
4. Sonia Baram/Daniel Tioumentsev, 179.08, 4, 5
5. Valentina Plazas/Maximiliano Fernandez, 176.34, 6, 4
6. Katie McBeath/Nathan Bartholomay, 172.74, 5, 6
7. Maria Mokhova/Ivan Mokhov, 148.84, 7, 8
8. Nica Digerness/Mark Sadusky, 137.98, 10, 7
9. Grace Hanns/Danny Neudecker, 135.30, 8, 9
10. Nina Ouellette/Rique Newby-Estrella, 132.07, 9, 11
11. Linzy Fitzpatrick/Keyton Bearinger, 129.80, 11, 10

Championship Ice Dance

Pl. Name, TS, RD, FD

1. Madison Chock/Evan Bates, 229.75, 1, 1
2. Caroline Green/Michael Parsons, 207.46, 2, 2
3. Christina Carreira/Anthony Ponomarenko, 198.45, 4, 3
4. Emilea Zingas/Vadym Kolesnik, 198.13, 3, 4
5. Emily Bratti/Ian Somerville, 189.84, 6, 6
6. Lorraine McNamara/Anton Spiridonov, 189.15, 5, 7
7. Katarina Wolfkostin/Jeffrey Chen, 183.05, 10, 5
8. Eva Pate/Logan Bye, 182.61, 7, 9
9. Oona Brown/Gage Brown, 181.89, 9, 8
10. Isabella Flores/Ivan Desyatov, 177.31, 8, 10
11. Angela Ling/Caleb Wein, 167.87, 11, 11
12. Leah Krauskopf/YuanShi Jin, 133.93, 12, 12
13. Cara Murphy/Joshua Levitt, 129.85, 13, 13
14. Caroline Depietri/TJ Carey, 123.40, 14, 14

Championship Women

Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Isabeau Levito, 223.33, 1, 1
2. Bradie Tennell, 213.12, 2, 2
3. Amber Glenn, 207.44, 4, 3
4. Starr Andrews, 188.24, 3, 7
5. Josephine Lee, 187.68, 11, 4
6. Lindsay Thorngren, 187.19, 6, 5
7. Clare Seo, 175.60, 7, 9
8. Gracie Gold, 173.98, 5, 11
9. Ava Ziegler, 167.70, 8, 10
10. Sonja Hilmer, 166.49, 13, 8
11. Gabriella Izzo, 166.40, 15, 6
12. Ting Cui, 161.27, 10, 12
13. Audrey Shin, 161.12, 9, 14
14. Lindsay Wang, 154.91, 12, 13
15. Michelle Lee, 145.28, 14, 15
16. Elsa Cheng, 138.13, 17, 16
17. Alexa Gasparotto, 129.41, 16, 17
18. Hanna Harrell, 42.84

Championship Men

Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Ilia Malinin, 287.74, 1, 2
2. Jason Brown, 277.31, 2, 3
3. Andrew Torgashev, 256.56, 5, 1
4. Maxim Naumov, 249.14, 6, 4
5. Jimmy Ma, 243.09, 7, 5
6. Liam Kapeikis, 226.85, 4, 10
7. Yaroslav Paniot, 225.99, 10, 6
8. Camden Pulkinen, 223.72, 11, 7
9. Samuel Mindra, 218.74, 9, 9
10. Tomoki Hiwatashi, 217.62, 3, 13
11. Daniel Martynov, 213.67, 14, 8
12. Matthew Nielsen, 202.38, 12, 12
13. Joseph Klein, 194.87, 18, 11
14. Joonsoo Kim, 193.78, 13, 15
15. Will Annis, 188.13, 15, 16
16. Dinh Tran, 187.18, 16, 14
17. Goku Endo, 171.50, 8, 17
18. Mitchell Friess, 151.31, 17, 18

Junior Men

Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Lucas Broussard, 239.55, 1, 1
2. Jacob Sanchez, 213.57, 4, 2
3. Robert Yampolsky, 212.41, 2, 3
4. Daniil Murzin, 196.20, 3, 5
5. Michael Xie, 196.17, 6, 4
6. Beck Strommer, 182.33, 8, 6
7. Kirk Haugeto, 181.35, 9, 7
8. Taira Shinohara, 177.29, 5, 8
9. Jonathan Hildebrandt, 163.50, 7, 11
10. Aleksandr Fegan, 162.03, 12, 9
11. Zachary LoPinto, 153.79, 15, 10
12. Nicholas Brooks, 152.51, 14, 12
13. Alexander Liu, 148.08, 11, 15
14. Lucius Kazanecki, 146.77, 10, 16
15. Vaclav Vasquez, 145.56, 13, 13
16. Nhat-Viet Nguyen, 141.75, 17, 14
17. Lorenzo Elano, 126.19, 18, 17
18. Allan Fisher, 121.51, 16, 18
19. Connor OGrady, 107.25, 19, 19
20. Sergei Evseev, 97.64, 20, 20

Junior Women

Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Soho Lee, 181.14, 1, 1
2. Keira Hilbelink, 167.99, 5, 2
3. Elyce Lin-Gracey, 165.57, 2, 7
4. Sherry Zhang, 161.08, 3, 9
5. Katie Krafchik, 160.52, 6, 3
6. Hannah Herrera, 158.58, 4, 6
7. Jessica Jurka, 151.99, 12, 4
8. Sonia Baram, 151.29, 7, 11
9. Annika Chao, 150.65, 9, 8
10. Logan Higase-Chen, 149.72, 8, 10
11. Ela Cui, 148.39, 13, 5
12. Mia Barghout, 142.19, 10, 12
13. Sarah Everhardt, 137.08, 11, 13
14. Sofia Bezkorovainaya, 130.10, 14, 14
15. Krystal Edwards, 124.58, 16, 15
16. Lilah Gibson, 113.72, 15, 18
17. Olivia Flores, 108.17, 20, 16
18. Melania Bleic, 107.07, 19, 17
19. Rinako Oya, 95.71, 17, 19
20. Phoebe Stubblefield, 38.52

Junior Pairs

Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Ellie Korytek/Timmy Chapman, 160.40, 1, 1
2. Naomi Williams/Lachlan Lewer, 148.83, 2, 2
3. Lilianna Murray/Jordan Gillette, 123.22, 3, 4
4. Olivia Flores/Luke Wang, 123.09, 4, 3
5. Melania Delis/Jaden Schwab, 108.10, 5, 5
6. Catherine Rivers/Nathan Rensing, 95.40, 6, 6
7. Margaret Church/William Church, 75.55, 7, 7

Junior Ice Dance

Pl. Name, TS, RD, FD

1. Leah Neset/Artem Markelov, 161.75, 7, 1
2. Helena Carhart/Volodymyr Horovyi, 160.81, 1, 2
3. Jenna Hauer/Benjamin Starr, 157.73, 2, 3
4. Elliana Peal/Ethan Peal, 152.31, 3, 5
5. Vanessa Pham/Jonathan Rogers, 149.54, 4, 4
6. Kristina Bland/Matthew Sperry, 132.04, 6, 6
7. Olivia Ilin/Dylan Cain, 130.51, 5, 7
8. Julia Epps/Blake Gilman, 122.82, 8, 8
9. Anabelle Larson/Jonathan Young, 110.52, 9, 9
10. Juliette Shadid/Lucas Shadid, 107.38, 10, 10
11. Emma L'Esperance/Mika Amadou, 106.42, 11, 12
12. Michela Melillo/Sam Chen, 100.22, 12, 11

2023 MIDWESTERN SYNCHRONIZED SKATING SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JAN. 23-29, ROCKFORD ILLINOIS

Competition Officials: Kristen Belcourt, Scheherezade Cleveland, Kristin D'Antonio, Laura Days, Susan Demeniuk, Carolyn Drzewiecki, Lynn Eisenhour, Courtney Fecske, Rebecca Finder, Felicia Haining-Miller, Elizabeth Harty, Devon Hensel, April Zak Hibbert, Audrey Kamm, Richard Kern, Carylyn Landt, Cheryl Litman, Christine Magill, Hannelore Murphy, Summer Nagy, Pamela Pangle, Daren Patterson, Laura Patterson, Mary Ann Wilcox

Preliminary

Pl. Name, TS

1. Fond Du Lac Blades, 33.21
2. Teams Elite, 31.73
3. Cleveland Ice Storm, 30.55
4. Onyx Infinity, 30.23
5. Starlights, 29.35
6. Crystallettes, 28.58
7. Hockettes, 26.55
8. Wisconsin Inspire, 24.92
9. Glenview Blades, 23.97
10. Intensity, 23.07
11. Chicago Skates, 22.76
12. Kalamazoo Kinetic, 22.35
13. Saint Louis Synergy, 21.16
14. Wisconsin Edge, 20.75
15. Starfire, 20.55
16. Kansas City Illusion, 19.06
17. Northernettes, 17.97
18. Sheboygan Lakers, 17.05

Pre-Juvenile

Pl. Name, TS

1. Teams Elite, 44.95
2. Starlights, 41.27
3. Onyx Infinity, 39.30
4. Chicago Skates, 37.35
5. Cleveland Ice Storm, 37.18
6. Capital Ice Crystals, 37.00
7. Northern Lights, 35.47
8. Hamilton Harmonies, 33.45
9. Glenview Blades, 32.86
10. Arctic Edge Unity, 32.66
11. Sapphire Blades, 32.60
12. Dazzlers, 31.53
13. Windjammers, 30.87
14. Wisconsin Edge, 29.89
15. Northernettes, 29.81
16. Hockettes, 28.42
17. Traverse City Northern Lights, 26.99
18. Patriettes, 24.46
19. Synchro St. Louis Ice Gems, 24.37
20. River City Gems- Sapphires, 22.74

Junior

Pl. Name, TS, FS, SP

1. Saint Louis Synergy, 139.22, 1, 1
2. Hockettes, 130.69, 2, 2

Intermediate

Pl. Name, TS

1. Teams Elite, 80.10
2. Capital Ice Chips, 77.07
3. Dazzlers, 63.49
4. Saint Louis Synergy, 62.85
5. Fond Du Lac Blades, 62.41
6. Northernettes, 57.63
7. Chicago Skates, 56.91
8. Hockettes, 56.10
9. Team Precision Edge, 55.56
10. Windjammers, 54.45
11. Arctic Edge Unity, 51.14
12. Intensity, 49.99

Open Juvenile

Pl. Name, TS

1. Capital Ice Chill, 48.64
2. Teams Elite, 45.71
3. Onyx Infinity, 45.13
4. Northern Lights, 45.07
5. Wisconsin Inspire, 43.45
6. Chicago Skates, 42.75
7. Capital Classics, 41.47
8. Traverse City Northern Lights, 41.07
9. Emerald Blades, 39.87
10. Houston Elite, 38.97
11. Kalamazoo Kinetic, 38.34
12. Chicago Radiance, 35.03
13. Dazzlers, 32.31
14. Sheboygan Lakers, 31.60
15. Rhythm and Blades, 30.73
16. Intensity, 30.42
17. Kansas City Illusion, 28.49
18. Arctic Edge, 9.74

Novice

Pl. Name, TS

1. Teams Elite, 90.80
2. Northernettes, 79.78
3. Starlights, 79.28
4. Hockettes, 74.50
5. Crystallettes, 72.93
6. Dazzlers, 72.29
7. Fond du Lac Blades, 68.24
8. Wisconsin Inspire, 66.54
9. Cleveland Ice Storm, 58.44

Juvenile

Pl. Name, TS

1. Starlights, 56.64
2. Teams Elite, 56.00
3. Capital Ice Connection, 52.85
4. Crystallettes, 50.57
5. Wisconsin Inspire, 48.16
6. Cleveland Ice Storm, 47.48
7. Fond Du Lac Blades, 45.89
8. Saint Louis Synergy, 42.99

Adult

Pl. Name, TS

1. Crystallettes, 60.27
2. Michigan Adult, 57.31
3. Starlights, 52.57
4. Saint Louis Synergy, 48.35
5. United Ice, 48.13
6. Kansas City Illusion, 46.26

Masters

Pl. Name, TS

1. Allegro!, 49.47
2. Starlights, 48.00
3. Kansas City Illusion, 45.77
4. Kalamazoo Kinetic, 37.49
5. Goldenettes, 36.59

Collegiate

Pl. Name, TS

1. Miami University, 97.33
2. University of Michigan, 88.99
3. Trine University Varsity, 86.13
4. Western Michigan University, 84.68
5. Adrian College Varsity, 80.60
6. Michigan State University, 80.12
7. University of Illinois, 68.41

Open Collegiate

Pl. Name, TS

1. Miami University, 5/1
2. Adrian College, 5/2
3. Western Michigan University, 4/3
4. Trine University, 5/4
5. University of Michigan, 7/5
6. Michigan State University, 6/6
7. Northwestern University, 5/7
8. University of Missouri, 5/8
9. Ohio University 7/9

Combined Open Adult

Pl. Name, TS

1. Austintatious Stars, 4/2, TO 15
2. Trine University Varsity, 4/2, TO 16
3. Washington Ice Emeralds, 5/3
4. Leather & Laces, 6/4
5. Pacific Edge, 7/6
6. Kansas City Illusion, 7/7
7. Arctic Edge, 7/8

Midwestern Open Adult

Pl. Name, TS

1. Austintatious Star, 7/2
2. Trine University Varsity, 4/2
3. Leather & Laces, 4/3
4. Lake Effect Flurries, 6/4
5. Kansas City Illusion, 7/5
6. Arctic Edge, 7/6

Combined Open Masters

Pl. Name, TS

1. Allegro!
2. Synchro Panache
3. Starlights
4. Cold Fusion
5. Arctic Edge Unity
6. Madison Ice Diamonds
7. Kalamazoo Kinetic
8. Kansas City Illusion

Midwestern Open Masters

Pl. Name, TS

1. Allegro! 7/1
2. Synchro Panache, 5/2
3. Starlights, 4/3
4. Arctic Edge Unity, 6/4
5. Madison Ice Diamonds, 5/5, TOM 22
6. Kalamazoo Kinetic, 5/5, TOM 24
7. Kansas City Illusion, 7/7

2023 PACIFIC COAST SYNCHRONIZED SKATING SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JAN.23-29, ROCKFORD ILLINOIS

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Pre-Juvenile

Pl. Name, TS

1. Shining Blades, 34.80
2. Denver Synchronicity, 29.19
3. Matrix, 26.99
4. Alpine Sparks, 26.56
5. Team Forget-Me-Not, 25.40
6. L.A. Synchro, 23.36
7. Ice Cadettes, 19.02
8. Ice Denettes Harmony, 18.85

Preliminary

Pl. Name, TS

1. Shining Blades, 22.41
2. Tremors of San Francisco, 18.79
3. Matrix, 17.49
4. Denver Synchronicity, 16.16
5. Alpine Sparks, 14.47

Open Juvenile

Pl. Name, TS

1. Tremors of San Francisco, 38.75
2. Pacific Edge, 35.82
3. Rose City Crystals, 33.77
4. Matrix, 32.87
5. Ice Denettes Synergy, 29.59
6. Silver Stars, 23.72
7. Rose City Synchronicity, 21.80

Intermediate

Pl. Name, TS

1. California Gold, 64.01
2. L.A. Synchro, 58.63
3. Ice Denettes Affinity, 53.50
4. Tremors of San Francisco, 52.31
5. Denver Synchronicity, 44.07

Novice

Pl. Name, TS

1. Pacific Edge, 55.86

Juvenile

Pl. Name, TS

1. Pacific Edge, 36.84

Adult

Pl. Name, TS

1. Team Del Sol Adult, 55.96
2. California Gold, 55.82
3. Denver Synchronicity, 48.63
4. Tremors of San Francisco, 47.71
5. Matrix, 46.81
6. Ice Denettes Integrity, 40.92

Masters

Pl. Name, TS

1. Denver Synchronicity, 43.08
2. IceSymmetrics, 41.48
3. Ice Denettes Tenacity, 39.67
4. Matrix, 31.26

Pacific Coast Open Adult

Pl. Name, TS

1. Washington Ice Emeralds, 7/1
2. Pacific Edge, 7/2

Pacific Coast Open Masters

Pl. Name, TS

1. Cold Fusion, 7/1

2023 FRENCH CUP

FEB. 3-4, ROUEN, FRANCE

Senior

Pl., Team, Country, TS, SP, FS

1. Teams Elite, USA, 201.18, 1, 1
2. Nova Senior, CAN, 199.27, 2, 2
3. Les Zoulois, FRA, 170.81, 3, 3
4. Team Ice United, NED, 156.45, 4, 5
5. Team Jeanne Darc, FRA, 154.42, 6, 4
6. Team Illumination, NED, 152.25, 5, 6

Junior

Pl., Team, Country, TS, SP, FS

1. Nova Junior, CAN, 181.25, 1, 1
2. Fond Du Lac Blades, USA, 173.62, 3, 2
3. Ice Steps, FIN, 169.48, 4, 3

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4. DC Edge, USA, 166.31, 2, 5
 5. Ice Ignite, CAN, 153.11, 7, 4
 6. Ice Infinity, FIN, 149.71, 5, 6
 7. Fireblades, FIN, 142.86, 6, 7
 8. Skating Graces, GER, 98.19, 8, 8
 9. Les Flammes, FRA, 93.87, 10, 10
 10. Black Diams, FRA, 87.42, 9, 11
 11. Team Emerald, SUI, 85.77, 11, 9
- Senior Elite 12**
Pl., Team, Country, TS, SP, FS

1. Team Lumineers, FIN, 190.32, 2, 1
2. Haydn Select, USA, 187.16, 1, 3
3. Crystallettes, USA, 183.76, 3, 2
4. Chrysalides, FRA, 108.55, 4, 4

BAVARIAN OPEN 2023 OBERSTDORF, GERMANY, JAN. 31-FEB. 5

- Junior pairs**
Pl., Name, Country, TS, SP, FS
1. Naomi Williams/Lachlan Lewer, USA, 136.23, 1, 2

3. Lilianna Murray/Jordan Gillette, USA, 121.72, 4, 3
- Junior ice dance**
Pl., Name, Country, TS, RD, FD
1. Leah Neset/Artem Markelov, USA, 164.43, 3, 1
- Advanced novice ice dance**
Pl., Name, Country, PD, PD, PD
1. Sylvia Li/Rowan le Coq, USA, 129.12, 1, 1, 1
 2. Julia Epps/Blake Gilman, USA, 126.08, 2, 2, 2
- U.S. officials:** Katherine Specht, Eric Hampton

CALENDAR

MARCH

- 24-25 | Oval Spring Challenge**, held in Salt Lake City, UT, sponsored by Utah Olympic Oval. Contact charismatnickel@gmail.com for more information.
- 25 | 2023 Swan Skate Compete USA**, held in Beaver Dam, WI, sponsored by Swan City Ice Skaters. Contact sportseditor34@yahoo.com for more information.
- 25 | 2023 Sikumi Invitational**, held in Annville, PA, sponsored by On The Ice Skating School. Contact marcelo.stacie@gmail.com for more information.
- 25 | Fiesta Skate In-House**, held in Kirkland, WA, sponsored by Sno-King Ice Arena Kirkland. Contact lisa@snokingkirkland.com for more information.
- 25 | Janice Smith Memorial Basic Skills Competition**, held in Hamburg, NY, sponsored by Skate Great. Contact coachjess51@yahoo.com for more information.
- 26 | 2023 Winner's Circle Competition**, held in Austin, TX, sponsored by Chaparral Ice Learn to Skate. Contact kathy@chaparralice.com for more information.
- 26 | 2023 Spring Fling** held in Laurel, MD, sponsored by Gardens Sports Academy. Contact gmaddalone@

gmail.com for more information.

- 26 | Spring Fever 2023** held in Indian Trail, NC, sponsored by Extreme Ice Center Skating School. Contact jennyng@xicenter.com for more information.

- 26 | Shamrock Skate** held in Pittsburgh, PA, sponsored by RMU Island Sports Center Skating Academy. Contact sutton@rmu.edu for more information.

- 26 | 1st YFSC Compete USA Competition** held in Yonkers, NY, sponsored by Yonkers FSC. Contact aiarriccio@gmail.com for more information.

APRIL

- 02 | Skate Into Spring 2023**, held in San Antonio, TX, sponsored by Northwoods Learn to Skate. Contact bstandifer@northwoodsice.net for more information.

- 02 | Blades of Spring 2023**, held in Woodbridge, VA, sponsored by Prince William Ice Stars. Contact mkhaltourina@innovativesportsva.com for more information.

- 02 | Dreams Begin Here**, held in Antioch, TN, sponsored by Scott Hamilton Ice Skating Academy. Contact: paula@scotthamiltonacademy.com for more information.

- 16 | Freeport Spring Challenge**, held in Freeport, NY,

sponsored by Freeport Skating Academy. Contact freeportskatingacademy@gmail.com for more information.

- 22 | Danbury Arena Skating School 1st Compete USA Competition**, held in Danbury, CT, sponsored by Danbury Ice Arena Skating School. Contact susan@danburyice.com for more information.

- 23 | 2023 Hodag Skate Classic**, held in Rhinelander, WI, sponsored by Rhinelander FSC. Contact cbrunette33@gmail.com for more information.

- 23 | 2023 Compete USA South Florida Basic Skills Series**, held in Miami, FL, sponsored by Kendall Ice Arena. Contact sk8johnson@hotmail.com for more information.

MAY

- 19-21 | 2023 Central Carolina Skating Classic**, held in Hillsborough, NC, sponsored by Central Carolina SC. Contact isk8nyc@yahoo.com for more information.

- 20 | Dogwood Blossom 2023**, held in Reston, VA, sponsored by Reston Skating Academy. Contact SchnebleSk8ing@yahoo.com for more information.

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TESTS PASSED

Senior Moves In The Field

Haiden Augustine — San Diego FSC
 Ivy Baxter — Colonial SC of Pennsylvania
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 Katsiaryna Bobrykava — FSC of Charleston
 Lila Boerner — Philadelphia SC & HS
 Anna Bogdashevsky — Philadelphia SC & HS
 Meghan Bogler — Finer Edge FSC
 Ayah Bouanani — Desert Ice SC of Arizona
 Lindsey Busic — Mentor FSC
 Grace Cao — Washington FSC
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 Sophia Christian — Traverse City FSC
 Veronica Chudoba — Windy City FSC
 Stella Cohen — North Shore SC
 Angelina Coronado — Tampa Bay SC
 Faith Crooks — Moylan Premier SC
 Madeline DeGraeve — Central Illinois FSC
 Azul Diaz — La Jolla FSC
 Henry Dingman — McCall FSC
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 Stephen Huang — Chicago FSC
 Rosemary Jensen — Northern Ice SC
 Wolfe Jin — Washington FSC
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 Dmitrii Jones — Peaks FSC
 Evelyn Jones — Peaks FSC
 Olivia Jones — Central Illinois FSC
 Awstyn Knight — FSC of Park City
 Nessie Krim — SC of New York
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 Grace Langlieb — Cutting Edge FSC
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OBITUARY

COHEN

Martin
 “Marty” Cohen,
 a longtime
 volunteer and
 board member
 with the
 Broadmoor SC,
 died on Dec. 23,
 2022, at his home
 in Castle Rock,
 Colorado.



Marty served as an officer in the

U.S. Navy and later graduated with a bachelor’s of science in mechanical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1953 and a master’s of business administration from Wharton Graduate School of University of Pennsylvania in 1958.

After retiring from a distinguished career in the mining industry that had brought him to Colorado, Marty joined his wife Glennace as a volunteer with U.S. Figure Skating. Glennace has served as a figure skating official for more than

50 years at numerous national and international competitions.

Marty served as a board member of the Broadmoor SC for 15 years and was instrumental in successfully guiding the club’s financial affairs. His knowledge and acumen were invaluable to the club and its future.

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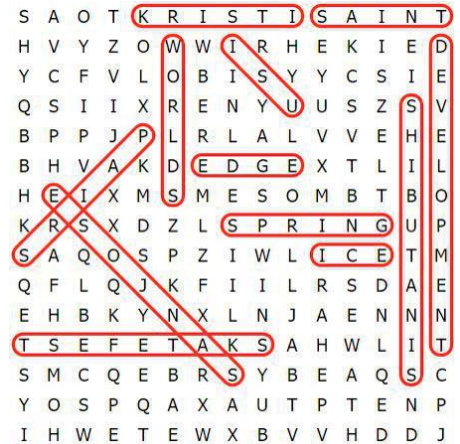
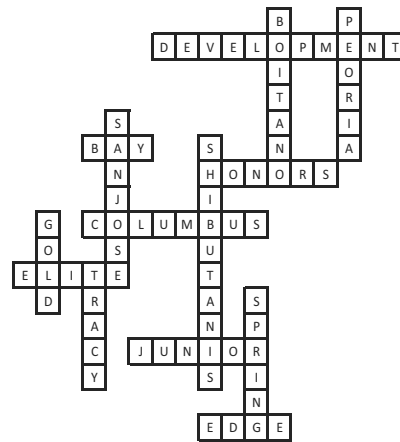
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