

The Mid-Western Championships

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THE MID-WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS were held under the auspices of the Cleveland Skating Club at their own rink in Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday and Saturday, January 29 and 30. At this competition there were more clubs represented and more entrants than at any before held in Cleveland. Considering it is a war year, the lists were surprisingly large. However, with the full co-operation of the referees, the judges, the contestants and members of the club committee, the events went off flawlessly and on schedule.

St. Louis, Chicago, and Minneapolis were represented by judges, who, along with those from Cleveland, did an excellent job of judging. The decisions were roundly applauded by a capacity crowd. The Cleveland Skating Club is grateful to William Hickok, Chairman of the USFSA Dance Committee, here as a spectator, for aiding with the judging.

At two o'clock on Friday afternoon the starting whistle got the Senior Ladies' School Figures off, followed by the Men's Senior School Figures and the Ladies' Novice School Figures.

Friday evening saw the Junior Pairs (contents), the Ladies' Novice Free Skating, the Senior Pairs (contents), the Junior Dance and the Senior Dance Eliminations.

The Saturday morning program included the Ladies' Junior School Figures and the Men's Novice School Figures. At 2.30 Saturday afternoon the Men's Junior School Figures opened the session, followed by the Men's Novice Free Skating.

The grand finale on Saturday evening included the Ladies' and Men's Junior Free Skating, the Junior and Senior Pairs (manner of performance), the Ladies' and Men's Senior Free Skating, and the Senior Dance Finals.

The competition was exceptionally keen in all the events, indicating that the best skating talent in the Mid-West was gen-

erously represented. St. Paul's "Didi" Ahrens thrilled the crowd with her breathtaking double jumps. Although hard pressed she deserved and won the Ladies' Senior, and, teamed with Robert Uppgren (making an exceptional combination), went on to win the Senior Pairs. Arthur Preusch and Betty Ann Schalow brought the Junior Pair honors to St. Paul with a magnificent performance. Preusch also became Mid-Western Champion by winning the Men's Singles. John Tuckerman of Cleveland took second in this event and deserved plenty of praise for his splendid display.

Mike McGean of Cleveland was another two-time winner. His free style and easy manner on the ice makes skating look effortless. He beat out Charles Anderson of Chicago in the Men's Junior Singles. Demonstrating perfect rhythm, fluid grace, and precision timing, Mike and Nancy Blair led a field of six couples to win top honors in the Senior Dance event. Cleveland swept the field in the dance division when Betty Davis and Ford Miskel won the Junior event.

A favorite with the crowd was Joan Yocum of Chicago who won the Ladies' Junior from a large field of good skaters. Not only was her skating pleasing, but her expression of satisfaction after successfully completing a difficult jump made the spectators cheer vigorously. Pat Deuring of Cleveland and Einar Jonland of Chicago won the Ladies' and Men's Novice events. Pat is a "natural" on ice, and her smile is a crowd winner. Einar, a handsome lad, is a powerful performer.

Prizes and trophies were awarded on the ice by Mr. Ralph T. McGean, President of the Cleveland Skating Club, and Mr. Henry M. Beatty, Referee and Competition Chairman. A dance in honor of the visiting skaters and their guests, held in the ballroom of the clubhouse, concluded a most successful competition.

MEN'S SENIOR

1. Arthur Preusch, Jr., *St. Paul F. S. C.*
2. John Tuckerman, *Cleveland S. C.*

LADIES' SENIOR

1. Janette Ahrens, *St. Paul F. S. C.*
2. Barbara Raymond, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
3. Janet McGean, *Cleveland S. C.*

MEN'S JUNIOR

1. Michael McGean, *Cleveland S. C.*
2. Charles Anderson, *F. S. C. of Chicago*

LADIES' JUNIOR

1. Joan Yocum, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
2. Carole Gregory, *St. Louis S. C.*
3. Betty Ann Schalow, *St. Paul F. S. C.*
4. Bonita Paterson, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
5. Madelon Olson, *St. Paul F. S. C.*
6. Jeanne Leroux, *Tulsa F. S. C.*
7. Mary Frances Greschke, *Ann Arbor F. S. C.*
8. Betty Jane Courtright, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
9. Joanne Frazier, *Cleveland S. C.*
10. Judy Griffin, *Cleveland S. C.*
11. Beverley Osborn, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
12. Jean Tuckerman, *Cleveland S. C.*
13. Mary Glover, *Cleveland S. C.*

MEN'S NOVICE

1. Einar Jonland, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
2. Robert Knoll, *St. Louis S. C.*
3. Edward Van der Bosch, Jr., *F. S. C. of Chicago*
4. John Lettingarver, *St. Paul F. S. C.*
5. Guy Roy, *Olympia S. C.*

LADIES' NOVICE

1. Patricia Deuring, *Cleveland S. C.*
2. Barbara Jones, *Tulsa F. S. C.*
3. Slavka Kohout, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
4. Virginia Baxter, *Olympia S. C.*
5. Jacqueline Dunne, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
6. Ann McGean, *Cleveland S. C.*
7. Lois Johnson, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
8. Lois McLatchie, *Cleveland S. C.*
9. Patricia Schield, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
10. Margaret Anne Graham, *Tulsa F. S. C.*
11. Nancy Upson, *Ann Arbor F. S. C.*
12. Margaret Anne Greene, *Cleveland S. C.*
13. Dorothy Fortney, *Wichita F. S. C.*
14. Caroline Mc Nerney, *Toledo F. S. C.*

SENIOR PAIRS

1. Janette Ahrens & Robert Uppgren, *St. Paul Figure Skating Club*
2. Sally Blair & Huntington Blair, *Cleveland S. C.*

JUNIOR PAIRS

1. Betty Ann Schalow & Arthur Preusch, Jr., *St. Paul Figure Skating Club*
2. Carole Gregory & Robert Knoll, *St. Louis Skating Club*
3. Gail Sparks & Edward Van der Bosch, Jr., *Figure Skating Club of Chicago*

SENIOR DANCE

1. Nancy Blair & Michael McGean, *Cleveland S. C.*
2. Betty Jane Courtright, *F. S. C. of Chicago*, & Peter Girardot, *Olympia S. C.*
3. Mr. & Mrs. Louis F. Cody, *Cleveland S. C.*
4. Betty Scaife & Guy Roy, *Olympia S. C.*

JUNIOR DANCE

1. Betty Davis & Ford Miskell, *Cleveland S. C.*
2. Carole Gregory & Robert Knoll, *St. Louis S. C.*
3. Paula Krukenberg & Huntington Blair, *Cleveland S. C.*

New Englands

THE FIRST ANNUAL New England Championships were held by The Skating Club of Boston on February 6 and 7. Although there was not much advance notice, most of the classes drew a good entry list and the championships were considered a success.

The rules were drawn up to bar most sectional and national competitors, as the object was to serve as a stepping stone to more advanced competition. Another aim was to give novice judges an opportunity to try some competitive judging. Ben Wright served as a most efficient referee; Annamarie and Bill Junker, Dorothy Glazier, Fay Kirby, and Bill Grinditch were among the newer judges. The presence of Heaton R. Robertson, President of the U.S.F.S.A., who judged several classes, was greatly appreciated by all. The Committee consisted of Mr. Charles M. Rotch, Chairman, Mrs. L. Gordon Glazier, and Mr. P. P. Sharples.

JUVENILE GIRLS

1. Mary Barbara McDonough, *Com. F. S. C.*
2. Florence Newcomb, *Com. F. S. C.*
3. Auberte Boulais, *Newton F. S. C.*
(13 Contestants)

JUVENILE BOYS

1. Dudley Richards, Jr., *The S. C. of Boston*
2. Hillard Welch, *The S. C. of Boston*

NOVICE GIRLS

1. Marlena Peterson, *The S. C. of Boston*
2. Rosemary Clement, *Commonwealth F. S. C.*
3. Barbara Bell, *The S. C. of Boston*
(6 Contestants)

JUNIOR GIRLS

1. Jane Weiss, *Commonwealth F. S. C.*
2. Barbara Littlefield, *The S. C. of Boston*
3. Estelle DeWolf, *Providence F. S. C.*
(5 Contestants)

SENIOR GIRLS

1. Kay Lindstrom, *Commonwealth S. C.*
2. Julie Hyde, *The S. C. of Boston*
3. Leslie Glazier, *The S. C. of Boston*

SENIOR MEN

1. Jackson Richardson, *Commonwealth S. C.*
2. Robert J. Anderson, *The S. C. of Boston*

GIRLS PAIRS

1. Ruth Flint and Fay Kirby, *The S. C. of Boston*
2. Dorothy and Leslie Glazier, *The S. C. of Boston*
3. Betty Ann and Patricia Farrell, *Prov. S. C.*
(4 Contestants)

DANCE

1. Doris N. Schubach and Walter R. Noffke, *Springfield Ice Birds, Inc.*
2. Dorothy Glazier and Lyman Wakefield, Jr., *The S. C. of Boston*
3. Annemarie and Wilhelm Junker, *Com. F. S. C.*
(9 Contestants)